

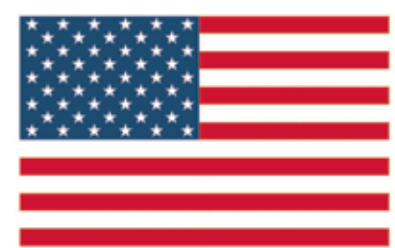
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Coahoma Lions Pancake Supper serves up tasty treats



By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

Hot, fresh pancakes swimming in melted butter and syrup. Crispy bacon and zesty sausage, and drinks to wash it all down. It tasted just as delicious as it sounds.

More than 100 people turned out for the annual Coahoma Lions Club Pancake Supper Monday evening at the Coahoma Schools cafeteria.

"The Coahoma Lions Club is sponsoring the Pancake Supper here at the school in conjunction with Open House," said Coahoma Lions Club Secretary/Treasurer Connie Shaw. "Our Lions Club, with the proceeds we make from the Pancake Supper – and we also have a Trade Day and we also have a Fourth of July Hamburger Cook Off – we give scholarships

to the seniors here at Coahoma High School, we support and sponsor any kids that need to go to the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, Texas; and we help with the vision screenings for the kindergarten and pre-K, having their eyes checked and if they need financial help buying glasses, we do that also."

Although the Pancake Supper has been an annual event, that may be changing, said Shaw.

"This year we're having it this month with Open House," she said. "Usually we have it in February with the open house then, so if this turns out good we may start having it twice a year."

For more information about the Coahoma Lions Club, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Coahomalionsclub or call 432-394-4287.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Members of the Coahoma Lions Club serve up pancakes, bacon and sausage to Kylee and Kade Paige and their mom Kelly at the annual Lions Club Pancake Supper Monday evening. The event is held in conjunction with the Coahoma Schools Open House and raises money to fund Lions Club projects throughout the year.

Community Blood Drives

Two out of every three pints of blood donated are donated at mobile blood drives. If you would like to donate, you can choose from these community mobile blood drives happening here in Big Spring:

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Hawk students raise scholarship dough



HERALD photos/Tyler Schellie

Shown above are just a few of the many Howard College students who helped out by assisting the Pizza Inn staff waiting on and bussing tables, keeping the building clean, greeting customers and serving guests at Pizza Inn on Monday. Students earned 10 percent of all sales, plus tips throughout the entire afternoon. The objective for these students was to raise money for dental hygiene scholarships at Howard College in memory of dental hygienist and well respected former director/leader of the dental hygiene program at Howard College, Dr. Alice B. Haynes.

Dare to enter the Dark Maze of Nightmares?



Courtesy photo

The photo above shows a haunted house crew member dressed as Nightmare on Elm St.'s Freddy Crougar during a previous year's Dark Maze of Nightmares, one of the scariest Halloween events in town hosted by Relay for Life's Cancer Crushers.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

October is a month that you can count on two events to be marked and honored or celebrated: Breast Cancer Awareness; and, of course, Halloween.

Even though the whole month of October is dedicated to breast cancer awareness, it still gets lost in the background of all the costumes, candy, and frights of Halloween. One event in Big Spring, though, has found a way to exploit Halloween for the benefit of cancer awareness.

The Cancer Crushers Relay For Life Team is putting on for the third year

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Happy Day Halloween Fest



HERALD file photo

The Happy Day Humane Society facility is displayed in the photo above, which is also the site for this year's Happy Day Halloween Fest.

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**
 Staff Writer

Big Spring's Happy Day Humane Society wants to remind you of their early Halloween season festival, scheduled for Saturday, October 27, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Costumes are definitely encouraged, so make sure you bring your little super heroes, princesses, goblins and witches, and all of the many other halloween creatures.

The Happy Day Halloween Festival, will not only offer a variety of food, snacks and

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Obituaries

Amelia Mae (Tince) Ory



Amelia Ory, known to her friends as Tince, went to her heavenly father October 21, 2018 in Fredericksburg. Funeral service will be on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Stanton, Reverend David Harp officiating. Interment will be at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, Oct. 23 from 5 until 7 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Tince was born to Grover and Mamie Digby Grifrice March 31, 1918, in Big Spring, Texas. She attended school in Big Spring and Lomax. Tince came to Martin County as the young bride of Dwayne Ory in 1935 and has lived in the county until four years ago when she moved to assisted living in Fredericksburg.

Tince Ory was an active member of First Baptist Church, and the Stanton community for many years. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi and the Martin County Art Club, Friends of the Library, and Martin County Museum Board. Many of her beautiful paintings are treasured by family members.

She loved to travel with friends and family and had a huge collection of scrapbooks and slides of trips and family gatherings.

Tince was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, a nephew, and her husband, Dwayne Ory, in 1993, a great grandson, Pfc. Clayton Welch Henson in 2004.

Left to cherish her memory are her sister, Betty Barnett of Lubbock; three daughters, Yvonne Simpson and husband, Ray of Hereford, Virginia James and husband, Chuck of Stanton, and Mary Polk and husband, Burley of Mason; one son, John Ory of Mason; 13 grandchildren, Randy Henson and wife, Leta of Stanton, Kim Sliney and husband, John of Hereford, Ron Henson of Dallas, Carl Simpson of Hereford, Mel Polk and wife, Lisa of Mason, Janis Artho and husband, David of Canyon, Glee Holcomb of Austin, Rae Beth Polk and wife, Debbie of Mason, DJ Ory and wife, Channy of Terrell, John Ory and wife, Nancy of Tyler,

Chrissy Ory of Dallas, Mike Ory and wife, Kristyn of Houston and Nick Ory and wife, Camille of Terrell; 24 great grandchildren, 17 great-great grandchildren and 1 great-great-great grandchild.

Pallbearers are Randy Henson, Ron Henson, Carl Simpson, Mel Polk, DJ Ory, John Ory, Mike Ory, and Nick Ory.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton, Texas, 79782.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Nasty Montemayor



Nasty Montemayor, 54, of Big Spring, died Saturday, October 13, 2018 at his residence. The family will receive friends from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

He was born June 27, 1964 in Bastrop, Texas to Carmen Rodriguez Montemayor and Frank Albert Montemayor, Sr. He came to Big Spring in 1989 and married Barbara Ann Burnell on October 15, 1995 in Big Spring. He was a Heavy Equipment Operator for Silver Spur Energy Services. He loved riding his motorcycles with his brothers and spending time with his family. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Nasty is survived by his wife Barbara Montemayor of Big

Spring; two sons: Frank Andrew Montemayor and Butch Albert Montemayor, both of Big Spring. His other family members include Carmen Rios, Rachel Castillo, Jeremy Garcias, Stacey Rios, David Rios and "The Brotherhood of the 74". He was preceded in death by his loving parents Teodora and Rev Andres Rodriguez and one brother Mark.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Bea Kelly



Bea Kelly, 91, of Big Spring, passed away Sunday, October 21, 2018 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Private family burial was Monday, October 22, 2018, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Bea was born on May 30, 1927 to Edith Canant Tull and Ervin Tull. She married James Charleston "Charley" Kelly on August 28, 1947 and he preceded her in death on January 22, 2013. Bea had owned Kut & Kurl Beauty Shop. She enjoyed playing cards, reading and volunteering. She was a volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for many years. She and Mr. Kelly volunteered in reading with students at Washington Elementary School. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Bea is survived by two daughters: Janis Edwards and husband Mike of Big Spring and Lisa Van Diemen and husband Rick of Tyler; one son: Jimmy Kelly and wife Laura of Pasadena; two brothers: Charles Stanley Tull and Terry Tull and wife Joy, all of Edgewood; 8 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

A Memorial Service will be planned for a later date at her church.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Ramero Martinez

Ramero Martinez, 43, of Greeley, Colorado, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, October 13, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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.

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.

• 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.

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more information, email francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org, or call 432-268-3003.

Police blotter

- **OSCAR MANUEL MADRID**, of 1511 Princeton Ave. was arrested on warrants from another agency, and a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **RAYNEI FARRELL MCCULLOUGH**, of 1213 17th St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated 2nd offense.
- **RICO ANTHONY MIER**, of 507 E 13th St. was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance PG 1 >= 1G <4G

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported on the 1300 block of S. Scurry St.

• **THEFT** was reported on the 3600 block of W HWY 87, and Guitar Ranch 1-4H Battery.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 1300 block of Mesquite Street.

• **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported on the 2400 block of S Gregg Street.

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• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• 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.

• 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.

• 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.

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

If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 C Scurry Street, directly behind Prosperity Bank.

• 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 Ken Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

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a haunted house to support cancer awareness. This year's haunted house, called "Dark Maze of Nightmares," will have 20 different themed rooms open for to the public. A few of the the themes featured in the "Dark Maze of Nightmares" includes: a cemetery room, a haunted orphanage, a butcher's room; and, of course, what would a haunted house be without a clown room, where Stephen King's Pennywise will be waiting to scare unsuspecting patrons? If that didn't send a shiver up the spine, The Cancer Crushers dare all those brave enough to venture into the maze of "Dark Maze of Nightmares," with dead ends and dark tunnels, who knows what will be lurking around the corners?

The "Dark Maze of Nightmares" is run and set up by Julie Alvarez, who has been apart of The Relay for Life Team for the past 12 years. Alvarez and her two co-captains, Jessica DeLosSantos and Andrea Galvan, work together with numerous volunteers to make this event come together and happen.

"It really is a team effort," said Galvan. "We wouldn't be able to get the haunted house done without all of our volunteers who help and those who sponsor us."

The event not only entertains and caters to the public love for Halloween, but also helps out those with cancer.

"All of the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society," said Alvarez. "We had a really good turn our last year, and it would be a blessing for an even bigger turnout this year to benefit those in the Cancer Society."

This year, "Dark Maze of Nightmares" will be at the Old Senior Center, located at 1901 Simler (next to SWCID). It starts Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday Oct. 27, from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. and Tuesday Oct. 30, and one last time on Wednesday Oct. 31 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will be a \$12 admissions fee to enter the haunted house. For those with younger kids who don't wish to enter the "Dark Maze of Nightmares," there will be a kids' room provided with adult supervision and various sources of entertainment to keep the kiddos busy as the parents get their scare on. Cancer Crushers also provides a concession stand with food and snacks that is open to the public for purchase.

Friday, Oct. 26, KBST will be doing a walk through the "Dark Maze of Nightmares" to give listeners a sneak preview and a chance to listen how others react going through the haunted house, so be sure to tune in that evening. Cancer Crushers has also planned a few contests in the upcoming weeks to help with the haunted house.

"It's not only helping out the Relay for Life team, but it gets people participating while bringing them closer together for awareness," said DeLosSantos. "One of the contests is the scariest doll competition. The winner of scariest doll contest will get to display their doll in the 'Annabelle' room at the haunted house."

For more information about the scariest doll contest, other contests, or to get more information regarding "Dark Maze of Nightmares," visit Cancer Crushers Haunted House's Facebook page, or read their Tweets @DarkMazeofNightmares.

The Cancer Crushers Relay For Life Team wants to thank all those who have helped with the haunted house and the sponsors who donated.

Looking to volunteer? Stay tuned to the Cancer Crusher Haunted House Facebook page for volunteer meetings. Donations are greatly accepted and appreciated by the Relay for Life team. If you are interested in giving a donation or to donate some of your Halloween décor, please call Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

Come celebrate October to the fullest and come support cancer awareness while getting that Halloween fix at "Dark Maze of Nightmares"... you could just have a scary good time.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. ERDOGAN: SAUDI WRITER'S MURDER PLANNED

Turkey's president says Jamal Khashoggi was the victim of a "savagely murder." He added that Saudi authorities must reveal, regardless of rank, who planned the killing and that they must be tried in Turkish courts.

2. ECONOMIC FORUM UNDERWAY IN RIYADH

Saudi Arabia's annual foreign investment gathering has seen many top business leaders and officials drop out over Khashoggi's slaying.

3. WHERE REFUGEE CUTS SLOW RESURGENCE

Trump administration policies are starting to have an effect on struggling, shrinking cities like Buffalo,

New York, which depends on such newcomers to invigorate its economy.

4. MIGRANT CARAVAN DISPUTES TRUMP'S ASSERTION

Many Central Americans trekking toward the U.S. border bristle at suggestions there could be "terrorists" among them.

5. IT'LL BRING US EVEN CLOSER TOGETHER

China opens the world's longest sea-crossing bridge — 34 miles — linking Hong Kong to the mainland, a feat of engineering carrying immense economic and political significance.

6. WILLA CLOSING IN ON MEXICAN COAST

Authorities rush to evacuate low-lying areas and set up shelters as the "extremely dangerous" Category 4 hurricane heads toward Mexico's Pacific coast.

7. WHAT WINNING LOTTERY

COMES DOWN TO

Simple math and very long odds will determine who will capture the \$1.6 billion Mega Millions jackpot and the \$620 million Powerball prize.

8. EXPERTS: SEX AND GENDER AREN'T THE SAME

Variation in gender identity is a normal part of human diversity, doctors and scientists say, outlining how to provide supportive medical care for transgender youth.

9. TWITTER MOVES AGAINST ALEX JONES AGAIN

The microblogging site removes some accounts thought to be used to circumvent a ban on the conspiracy-monger and Infowars.

10. FALL CLASSIC UNDERWAY TONIGHT

Boston's Chris Sale is slated to toss the first pitch of the World Series as the favored Red Sox take on the Dodgers, seeking their first title since 1988.

Early voting in Texas begins with lines, strong turnout

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Early voting opened across Texas on Monday, bringing long lines and record first-day midterm turnout in Houston and complaints about outdated technology slowing people casting ballots elsewhere.

It took Harris County, which includes Houston, less than six hours to set a new opening day of early voting record for midterm elections with more than 36,000 votes cast — exceeding the around 26,000 ballots cast there during the 2010 midterms, County Clerk Stan Stanart told the Houston Chronicle.

Dallas County was also flirting with surpassing the first-day turnout of 2016 — an unusual feat since turnout in presidential election years is typically higher.

President Donald Trump was holding a Houston rally for Sen. Ted Cruz on Monday evening, and the lines to attend that event swelled hours before it started. Cruz is locked in a closer-than-expected re-election battle with Democratic Congressman Beto O'Rourke of El Paso — the cycle's most-watched Texas race.

In Travis County, home to Austin, Tax Assessor Collector Bruce Elfant said on Facebook that more than 36,000 people cast early ballots by 4 p.m. Monday, nearly doubling first-day totals from the last midterms in 2014. Tarrant County, which includes Fort Worth, announced exceeding 37,000 votes — around triple the first-day early voting turnout for 2014.

Approximately 15.8 million people are registered to vote statewide, 4 percent higher than those registered



AP photo People walk into the George L. Allen, Sr. Courts Building in Dallas on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018. Early voting starts Oct. 22 and ends Nov. 2.

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refreshments, there will also be tons of fun brought to Happy Day Humane Society with bounce houses, trick-or-treating, spooky family pictures, hay rides around the facility and much more.

"Bringing your pet is encouraged as well. You can dress them up and enter them in our cutest pet contest during the festivities. Winners will be announced that night," said Andi Cervantez, Kennel Tech and Animal Caregiver at Happy Day Hu-

mane Society.

The event is completely free for anyone to attend, and everyone is invited. Donations will be accepted, and 100% of those proceeds will go towards the care and vetting for the dogs that are housed there at the their facility.

For any additional information regarding the Happy Day Halloween Fest, please contact Andi at Happy Day Humane Society by calling 432-267-7832.

Contact Staff Writer Tyler Schellie at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

Monday afternoon was about 30 minutes.

"I just wanted to come the first day and get it out of the way," said Rahim Sewani, one of those in line. He said the line "was moving pretty fast" and that the election workers "know what they are doing, so it wasn't bad at all."

Democratic U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro of San Antonio held a news conference to complain about a lack of polling station personnel and computer glitches adding to wait times at one or more local voting station. He also complained that voting machines in some areas provide no paper record of ballots cast.

Suresh Nayak said he has lived in Texas for 30 years and Monday was the first vote he has ever cast.

"I was waiting for this. The way things are going, I couldn't wait to vote," Nayak said, though he declined to say for whom he voted.

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Bea Kelly, 91, died Sunday. Private family burial was Monday, October 22, 2018 at Trinity Memorial Park. A Memorial Service will be planned for a future date.

Manuel "Manny" Armendariz, 53, died Friday. Services are pending.

Nasty Montemayor, 54, died Saturday, October 13, 2018. Visitation will be from 10 AM until 11 AM Saturday, November 3, 2018 with a Memorial Service beginning at 11 AM at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Ramero Martinez 43, died Saturday, October 13, 2018. Services are pending.

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Early voting period for midterm elections begins in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Early voting has begun across Texas for approximately 15.8 million people who are registered to vote in the midterm elections. The number of registered voters is a 4 percent increase from those registered to cast a ballot in the March primaries. Texas has added 1.6-plus million registered voters since 2014's midterm

elections, with young voters helping to drive that increase.

Voting began Monday in Texas and the early voting period extends to Nov. 2. Election Day is Nov. 6.

The statewide race receiving the most attention is the challenge Democratic U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke is mounting for the seat held by Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz.

Texas troopers to ride some school buses for safety week

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas troopers will be riding in or following some school buses this week in an effort to make sure other drivers are obeying traffic laws related to transporting students.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says the effort is part of National School Bus Safety Week, which runs Monday through Friday.

The Texas Education Agency reports more than 43,000 buses transport about 1.6 million children to school each day across the state.

It's illegal to pass a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal — either flashing red lights or a stop sign. Violators could face fines of up to \$1,250.

DPS figures show Texas troopers, since 2017, have issued 1,394 citations and 685 warnings for passing a stopped school bus.

Dallas trial begins for man accused in death of dentist

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County jurors are listening to 911 calls and other testimony on the opening day of the capital murder trial of a man accused in the shooting death of a pediatric dentist.

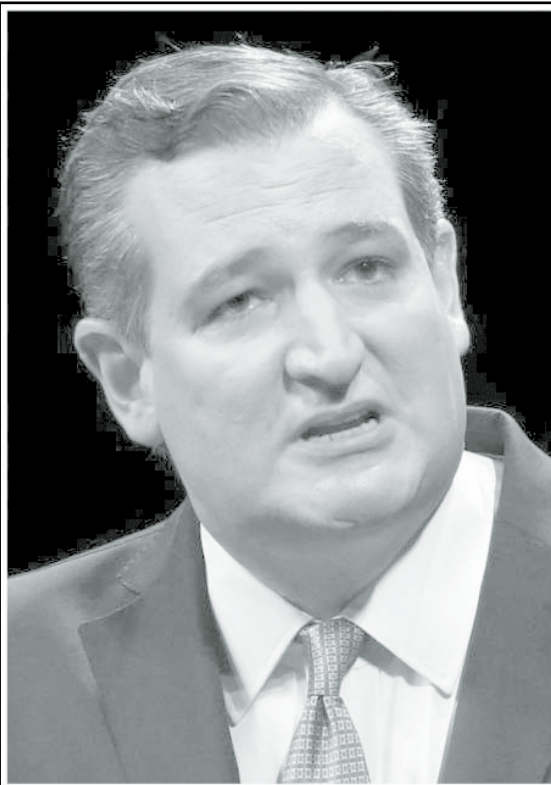
Jurors in the trial of 34-year-old Kristopher Love listened Monday to a 911 recording of a caller saying he saw a Jeep speed away from a Dallas parking garage and then saw the body of 35-year-old Kendra Hatcher on the ground.

Prosecutors say Love was hired to kill Hatcher, who was shot at her Dallas apartment complex in September 2015.

They say Hatcher's death was orchestrated by Brenda Delgado, the former girlfriend of the man Hatcher was dating at the time.

Delgado is charged with capital murder and awaits trial. A third person, the suspected getaway driver, also is being held on a capital murder charge.

Both sides ignoring swing voters in hot Texas Senate race



This combination of Sept. 21, 2018, file photos show Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, left, and Democratic U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, right, during their first Senate debate in Dallas. With Mike Pence and Donald Trump Jr. already visiting Texas and the president himself coming on Monday, Oct. 22, Cruz is convening a veritable parade of Republican powerbrokers to ensure O'Rourke doesn't upset him.

By WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — With Mike Pence and Donald Trump Jr. already visiting the state and the president himself coming Mon-

day, Ted Cruz is convening a veritable parade of Republican powerbrokers in the final weeks of the Texas Senate campaign to ensure Democrat Beto O'Rourke doesn't upset him.

O'Rourke is countering with the opposite. He's blowing off the Democratic Party's political luminaries and instead cranking up the cool — rocking with Willie Nelson, securing shout-outs from star rappers and road-tripping with a 38-year-old Kennedy whose family name still has its mystique.

While their approaches seem divergent, both candidates are opting to sacrifice one goal to accomplish another. They're trying to fire up the loyalists they see as key to victory, even if it means slighting moderates and undecided voters — energizing the right and the left while ignoring the middle.

"There's a common misconception that elections are mostly decided by so-called 'swing

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Caravan of migrants grows ahead of push into Mexico

By MARK STEVENSON

Associated Press

TAPACHULA, Mexico — Thousands of Central American migrants, many with their feet bandaged and blistered, gathered Monday in this southern Mexican town preparing to embark on the arduous 2,000-mile walk to the U.S. border even as President Donald Trump rained more threats on their governments.

Just over two weeks before the U.S. midterm elections, in which Trump has made illegal immigration a rallying call for his

Republican base, Trump again blasted Democrats for what he called "pathetic" immigration laws.

"Every time you see a Caravan, or people illegally coming, or attempting to come, into our Country illegally, think of and blame the Democrats for not giving us the votes to change our pathetic Immigration Laws!" he tweeted Monday.

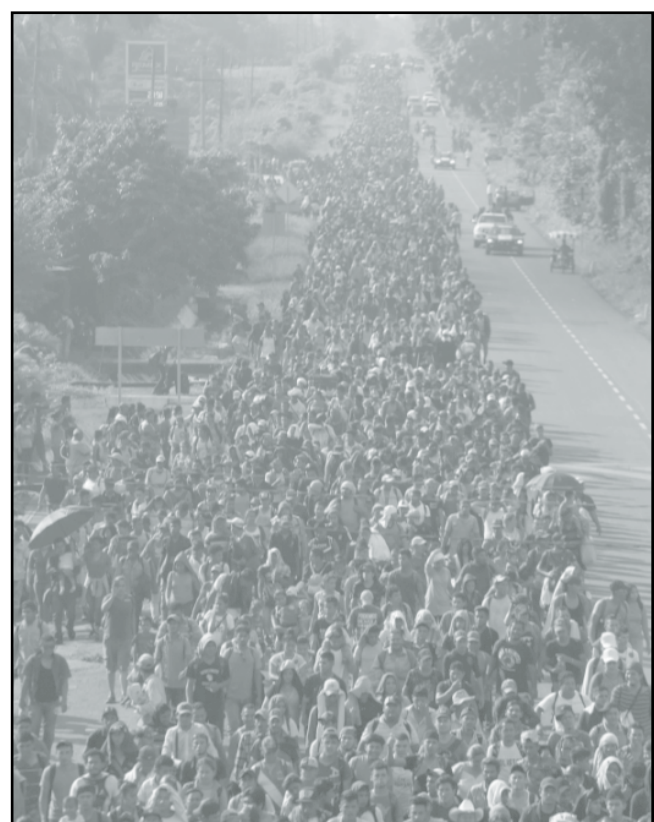
In another tweet, he blamed Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador for not stopping people from leaving their countries. "We will now begin cutting off, or substantially reducing, the massive foreign aid routinely given to them," he wrote.

A team of AP journalists traveling with the caravan for more than a week has spoken with Hondurans, Guatemalans and Salvadorans, but has not met any Middle Easterners, who Trump suggested were "mixed in" with the Central American migrants.

It was clear though that more migrants were continuing to join the caravan.

Denis Omar Contreras, a Honduran-born caravan leader with the organization Pueblo Sin Fronteras — People Without Borders

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AP photo

Central American migrants walking to the U.S. start their day departing Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018. Despite Mexican efforts to stop them at the border, a growing throng of Central American migrants resumed their advance toward the U.S. border early Sunday afternoon in Southern Mexico. Their numbers swelled to about 5,000 overnight.

Texas A&M earns USDA approval for cottonseed genetic process



AP photo

Keerti S. Rathore, professor of soil and crop sciences, talks about cotton in a laboratory greenhouse at Texas A&M University, in College Station, Texas. Scientists at Texas &M University have earned federal approval of a genetic process to unleash cottonseed as possibly one of the world's leading sources of protein-rich food.

ing seed into flour.

Experts say it will take a couple of years before there's enough seed for a commercial-scale run at a cottonseed oil mill. The Express-News reports an agreement will have to be reached with a seed company willing to market the trait for cotton farmers worldwide.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Scientists at Texas &M University have earned federal approval of a genetic process to unleash cottonseed as possibly one of the world's leading sources of protein-rich food.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the patent-pending process is

known as "TAM66274." The process this month won nonregulation status from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service.

Officials with Texas A&M AgriLife Research say cottonseed possibly could become a food source for the world's growing population, such as grind-

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voters," O'Rourke's campaign wrote in its "Plan to Win." Cruz has for months noted that there are more Texas Republicans than Democrats, so if he guards against conservative complacency, he wins.

Both may be onto something. A recent Quinnipiac University poll that showed Cruz leading the race by 9 points also found that, among likely Texas voters who could name a Senate candidate, 96 percent had made up their minds.

"There are many of us who argue there is no middle and there are no swing voters left," said Texas Democratic consultant Colin Strother.

O'Rourke hasn't completely written off non-Democratic voters, trumpeting bipartisanship at rallies. But he hasn't softened a platform of universal health care, gun control, decriminalizing marijuana and offering a \$10,000-per-child federal grant for pre-kindergarten.

"Beto is saying, 'Hey look, you're all welcome here, but this is what I believe,'" Strother said.

After spending months hitting rural corners of the state that other Democrats gave up on decades ago, O'Rourke is now largely sticking to reliably blue venues such as college campuses, a Willie Nelson concert in Austin, a Houston show featuring rapper Bun B, Texas-Mexico border concerts and rallies and a Dallas sunrise jog.

The recent Austin City Limits festival was so choked with "Beto for Texas" T-shirts that it sometimes seemed the lanky Senate hopeful was headlining along with Metallica. And as R&B star Khalid won an American Music Award this month, he declared from the stage, "Shout-out to Beto."

"He's representing everyone and not just a certain group of people," said 18-year-old Anoosha Atdani, who joined a line of students snaking out the door when O'Rourke appeared at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Not on the schedule are ex-Vice President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State John Kerry, though they've pitched in on Democratic campaigns elsewhere. Liberal powerhouses like Sanders, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez also haven't stumped for O'Rourke.

Instead, he's brought in Massachusetts Rep. Joe Kennedy III, who is enough of a greenhorn nationally that Cruz has made fun of him, laughing about how Kennedy drove O'Rourke between events and saying, "It may be the first time in history anyone's ever asked a Kennedy to drive." That raised in peoples' minds the deadly, 1969 car crash on Chappaquiddick Island involving Sen. Ted Kennedy, Joe's great-uncle.

With his party controlling the White House and Congress, Cruz now touts a Republican status quo he attempted to torch as a tea party firebrand. In addition to the Trump administration's top brass, fellow Texan John Cornyn, the Senate's No. 2 Republican, hosted a Washington fundraiser for Cruz despite their past policy clashes. Fox News host Sean Hannity and ex-Texas Gov. Rick Perry, now Trump's secretary of energy, also campaigned for him this weekend.

Still, George W. Bush lives in Dallas but isn't hitting the trail on Cruz's behalf, underscoring how he'd rather have Trump supporters than traditional, country-club Republicans.

A three-term El Paso congressman, O'Rourke has stayed within striking distance despite his party not winning any of Texas' nearly 30 statewide offices for almost 25 years. His crunch-time strategy is to mobilize 5.5 million people who "are very likely to vote for Beto if they vote, but who might not vote unless we contact them." That means prioritizing those who moved to Texas from other states and often settled in urban areas, and millennials who are "the most diverse, most progressive generation in American history," according to his playbook.

Chairman James Dickey said the Republican Party of Texas has been similarly contacting new and past sympathetic voters for months, not just in the race's final weeks.

"We have a very clear process that has worked very well," Dickey said.

Texas added 1.6-plus million registered voters since 2014's midterm elections, with young voters helping to power that surge. But Austin Republican analyst Derek Ryan noted that four years ago, only about 14 percent of the newly registered voters under 20 wound up casting ballots.

Mega Millions players would spend \$1.6B on bills, charity

CHICAGO (AP) — With the Mega Millions lottery jackpot at a record \$1.6 billion, people are snapping up tickets across the U.S.

The Powerball jackpot also has climbed. It's up to an estimated \$620 million for Wednesday's drawing. That would make it the fifth-largest jackpot in U.S. history.

But much of the focus has been on Tuesday's Mega Millions drawing and what would be the largest jackpot prize in U.S. history.

From San Diego to New York, people are dreaming of how they would spend the money should they beat the astronomical odds of winning.

Little Rock, Arkansas, housekeeper LaCrystal White initially said her first order of business would be to pay off bills and student loans, then buy herself a house and car. But the 34-year-old quickly reconsidered.

"Well, first I'm going to give something back to charity. That's what I'm going to do," White said. "I am. I'm going to give back to charity and then I'm going to splurge. Put up college funds for my kids and just set myself up for the rest of my life."

Then she told everyone who was at the gas station where she bought two Mega Millions tickets on Sunday that she would give them \$1 million each if she won. She went on to add that she planned to buy more tickets later.

Arkansas is one of 44 states where the Mega Millions is played. It's also played in Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Nathan Harrell was in downtown Chicago for work Saturday when he stopped in at a 7-Eleven and handed the clerk two \$20 bills — one for 10 Powerball tickets at \$2 each and the other for 10 Mega Millions at \$2 each. It's been a few years since he's spent anything on the lottery.

"It's gotta be in the news for me to think about it," the 36-year-old, who works in finance and lives on the city's North Side, said.

He said he and his wife have talked over the years about what they'd do if they won, and she said she'd keep working. "So she probably wouldn't want me to quit my job," he said.



AP photo

People line up at the Kwik Stop food store at 46th Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard, in Hollywood, Fla., to buy Mega Millions lottery tickets, Friday, Oct. 19, 2018.

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— said Trump should stop accusing the caravan of harboring terrorists.

"There isn't a single terrorist here," he said. "We are all people from Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua. And as far as I know there are no terrorists in these four countries, at least beyond the corrupt governments."

He said the caravan planned to resume its advance later Monday morning, toward the town of Huixtla, some 25 miles (40 kilometers) away.

Caravan leaders have not defined the precise route or decided where on the U.S. border they want to arrive. However, some 200 participants in a much smaller caravan last spring that was organized by Contreras' organization made it to Tijuana, which is about 2,500 miles from Tapachula. Still, that crowd of 1,200 people shrank significantly by the time it reached the U.S. border, with many migrants deciding to stay in Mexico and others splitting away to try crossing on their own.

In recent years, most Central American migrants traveling on their own have opted for a more direct route that took them to Reynosa, across the border from McAllen, Texas, about 1,140 miles from Tapachula.

The caravan is likely to lose its cohesiveness as it gets deeper into Mexico as groups traveling at different rates split off and many decide to take their chances on asylum in Mexico.

It was clear Monday, though, that for now it was still growing as migrants rushed to catch up overnight.

In interviews along the journey, migrants have said they are fleeing widespread violence, poverty and corruption in Honduras. The caravan is unlike previous mass migrations for its unprecedented

ed large numbers and because it largely began spontaneously through word of mouth.

José Anibal Rivera, 52, an unemployed Honduran security guard from San Pedro Sula crossed into Mexico by raft Sunday and walked up to Tapachula from Ciudad Hidalgo to join the caravan.

"There are like 500 more people behind me," he said.

He vowed to reach the U.S. border. "Anything that happens, even if they kill me, is better than going back to Honduras," he said.

Ana Luisa España, a laundress from Chiquimula, Guatemala, joined the caravan as she saw it pass through her country.

Even though the goal is to reach the U.S. border, she said: "We only want to work and if a job turns up in Mexico, I would do it. We would do anything, except bad things."

Isis Ramirez, 32, a mother of three from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, awoke Monday morning on a square of sodden cardboard in Tapachula's town square, her swollen feet stretched out in front of her, wrapped in bandages applied by paramedics. Blisters had formed on her feet from the cheap plastic sandals she wears.

"There are more sick people. It's better that we rest today," she said.

Nearby, Julio Asturias, 27, a migrant from San Juan, El Salvador, charged his cellphone from a dangling wire.

"I want to return to Arizona, and when I heard that the caravan was passing, I joined it," he said, adding that he was deported a couple of months ago after being pulled over for a burned-out tail light.

Mexican President-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador suggested Sunday that the United States, Canada and Mexico work out a joint plan for funding development in poor areas of Central America and southern Mexico.

"In this way we confront the phenomenon of migration, because he who leaves his town does not leave for pleasure but out of necessity,"

said Lopez Obrador, who takes office Dec. 1.

The migrant caravan, which started out more than a week ago with fewer than 200 participants, has drawn additional people along the way and has swelled to an estimated more than 5,000 after many migrants found ways to cross from Guatemala into southern Mexico as police blocked the official crossing point.

Late Sunday, authorities in Guatemala said another group of about 1,000 migrants had entered that country from Honduras.

Migrants received help Sunday from sympathetic Mexicans who offered food, water and clothing. Hundreds of locals driving pickups, vans and cargo trucks stopped to let them clamber aboard.

Civil defense officials for Mexico's southern state of Chiapas said they had offered to take the migrants by bus to a shelter set up by immigration officials about five miles (seven kilometers) outside Tapachula, but the migrants refused, fearing that once they boarded the buses they would be deported.

Ulises Garcia, a Red Cross official, said some migrants with injuries from their hard trek refused to be taken to clinics or hospitals, because they didn't want to leave the caravan.

"We have had people who have ankle or shoulder injuries, from falls during the trip, and even though we have offered to take them somewhere where they can get better care, they have refused, because they fear they'll be detained and deported," Garcia said.

Jesus Valdivia was one of the many who pulled his pickup truck over to let 10 or even 20 migrants hop in at a time, sometimes causing the vehicle's springs to groan under the weight.

"You have to help the next person. Today it's for them, tomorrow for us," Valdivia said.



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Category 5 Hurricane Willa threatens Mexico's Pacific coast

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Hurricane Willa grew into a potentially catastrophic Category 5 storm and swept toward Mexico's Pacific coast with winds of 160 mph (260 kph) Monday, threatening a stretch of high-rise resort hotels, surfing beaches and fishing villages.

The hurricane was expected to pass over or near the Islas Marias — a set of islands about 60 miles offshore that include a nature preserve and a federal prison — early Tuesday, then blow ashore in the afternoon or the evening somewhere along a 140-mile (220-kilometer) section extending from the resort town of Mazatlan to San Blas.

It was projected to weaken somewhat before

hitting land but was still expected to be extremely dangerous.

The governments of Sinaloa and Nayarit states ordered coastal region schools to close and began preparing emergency shelters.

Mazatlan, with a metropolitan-area population of about 500,000, is a popular vacation spot. It is closer to the U.S. than most other Pacific resorts and home to a large number of American and Canadian expatriates.

The hurricane's projected track also included Esquinapa, a town a few miles inland with almost 60,000 people in and around it.

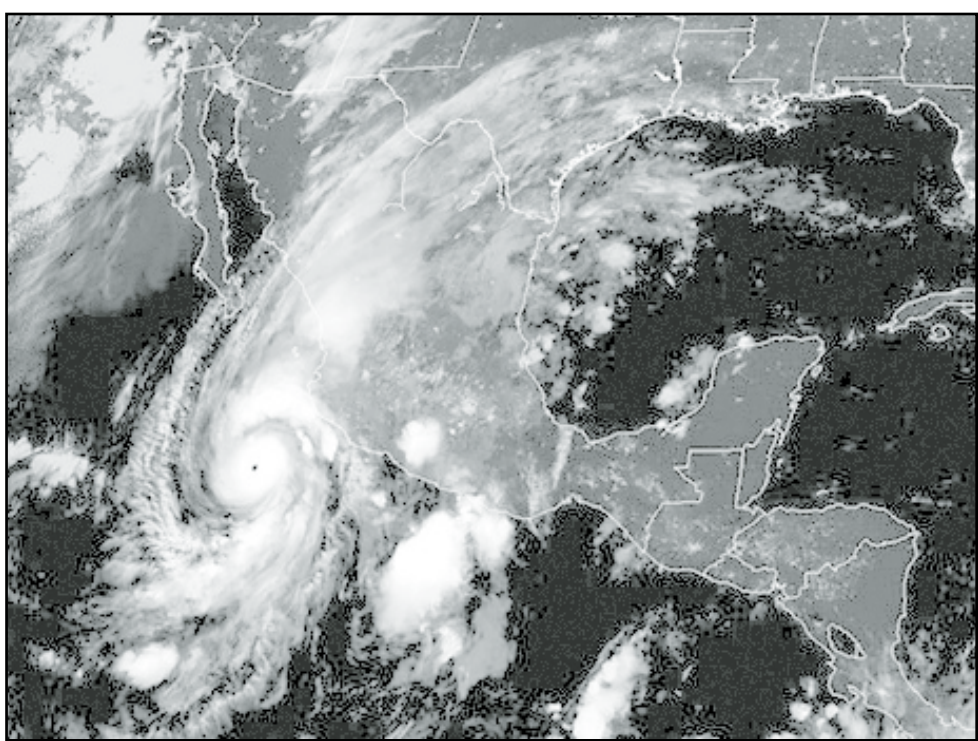
As of midday Monday, Willa was centered about 120 miles (190 kilometers) southwest of Cabo Cor-

rientes and was moving north at 7 mph (11 kph).

Hurricane-force winds extended 30 miles (45 kilometers) from the storm's center, and tropical storm-force winds were up to 105 miles (165 kilometers) out.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center warned that Willa could bring 6 to 12 inches (15 to 30 centimeters) of rain — with up to 18 inches (45 centimeters) in some places — to parts of Jalisco, Nayarit and Sinaloa states, with flash flooding and landslides possible in mountainous areas.

Farther to the south, Tropical Storm Vicente weakened but was still expected to produce heavy rainfall and flooding over parts of southern and southwestern Mexico.



This GOES East satellite image provided by NOAA shows Hurricane Willa in the eastern Pacific, on a path toward Mexico's Pacific coast on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018.

Treaty exits and extensions top Trump adviser's Moscow talks

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MOSCOW — U.S. President Donald Trump's national security adviser met in Moscow with top Russian officials Monday, less than 48 hours after Trump declared he intended to pull the United States out of a 1987 nuclear weapons treaty.

National Security Adviser John Bolton and his Russian counterpart,

Security Council chairman Nikolai Patrushev, discussed arms control agreements, Syria, Iran, North Korea and the fight against terrorism, according to the Security Council.

During the talks, Patrushev emphasized the importance of maintaining the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, the Security Council said in a statement carried by Russian news agencies.

In his announcement about withdrawing from the agreement, Trump

alleged that Russia violated its terms. The treaty prohibits the U.S. and Russia from possessing, producing or test-flying ground-launched nuclear cruise missiles with a range of 500 to 5,500 kilometers (300 to 3,400 miles.)

Patrushev reaffirmed Russia's "readiness for joint work to consider mutual complaints regarding the treaty's implementation," the Security Council said.

"It was underlined that its abrogation would deal a serious blow to

the entire international system of nuclear non-proliferation and arms control," the council's statement said.

Patrushev and Bolton also discussed a possible five-year extension of another pivotal arms control agreement between Russia and the U.S. — the New START Treaty that went into force in 2011 and is set to expire in 2021, the statement said.

Bolton also held talks later in the day with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and

is set to meet with President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday.

Putin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, warned Monday that the U.S. withdrawal from the treaty would "make the world a more dangerous place."

He added that Russia would have to take countermeasures to "restore balance" if the U.S. opts out of the agreement.

Peskov reaffirmed Moscow's strong denial of any treaty violations.

"We categorically disagree with the claim that Russia has violated the INF Treaty," he said. "Russia has fully adhered to the treaty's provisions."

He noted that Russia long has voiced concern about what it sees as U.S. violations of the treaty. Russia has charged that U.S. missile defense facilities in Romania could be modified to house ground-to-ground intermediate-range cruise missiles.

NATO spokeswoman

an Oana Lungescu said Monday that the military alliance has repeatedly expressed concern about Russia's nuclear-capable 9M729 missile.

"In the absence of any credible answer from Russia on this new missile, allies believe that the most plausible assessment would be that Russia is in violation of the INF Treaty," she said.

Lungescu didn't comment on Trump's threat to withdraw from the treaty, saying only that the "allies continue consultations."

The European Union warned Trump to assess the potential impact of abandoning a 40-year-old arms control agreement.

The EU said that along with urging Russia to stick to the treaty, it encouraged "the United States to consider the consequences of its possible withdrawal from the INF on its own security, on the security of its allies and of the whole world."

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Harrell said that as he rode the train to work, he had thought about what else he would do. He figures he'd set up a trust fund for his two children.

"We wouldn't sweat the small stuff anymore," he said. "Nothing crazy, but who knows."

In Phoenix, Tim Masterson, a 41-year-old scientist, ran into Kings Beer & Wine, an upscale convenience store and beer bar, to buy seven Mega Millions tickets while his family waited in the car outside.

Masterson paused when asked what he'd do with the money if he won. After looking at the wide variety of beers and ales on the shelves, he said: "I'd buy a brewery."

Nebraska mom Michelle Connaghan said she had mentioned the huge Mega Millions jackpot to her children, which led to a discussion of what the family would do with all that money.

"Other than paying off bills and taking care of family, I think I'd have the most fun going around and doing surprise good deeds for people," said Connaghan, 48, as she picked up pizza for her family and a Mega Millions lottery ticket at an Omaha convenience store. "I think that would be wonderful, to have the ability to help somebody who really needs it."

"And I'm sure we'd take some pretty awesome vacations while we were going around doing our surprise good deeds."

In New York City's financial district, Juan Ramirez, 69, said he would retire from at least one of his jobs. He works as a school maintenance worker and short order cook.

"I'd spend it carefully. I'd be prepared before I cash in, go see a financial adviser," he said, saying he would invest the money.

"I've got two jobs. I'd retire from one, maybe two. When I win the billion dollars, I will decide which one to quit."

"I would donate some money to charity, think about the homeless, people with less than me. I would help somebody."

Guillermo Carrillo, 42, of San Diego, works as a roofer and as a dishwasher at a restaurant.

Carrillo, who was buying tickets in suburban National City, dreams of buying a house for his mother in his native Guatemala. Then he would give money to each of his five sisters — also in Guatemala — to spend however they like. His five brothers would get nothing, he said.

For himself, he would buy a house in the San Diego area and replace his old pickup with a new one in his preferred color, red. He would also travel. Tops on his list are Paris, Spain, the ruins in Machu Pichu, Peru, and, of course, Guatemala.

"It's a lot of money and I hope we win," he said.

Dan Higgins isn't typically a lottery player, but he decided to give it a try as he grabbed a coffee at a 7-Eleven in the Brighton neighborhood of Boston on Sunday.

"When it gets over a billion dollars it becomes compelling, so for

\$2 to potentially get \$1.6 billion, that would be a pretty nice return on that investment," said Higgins, 51, who lives in nearby Brookline.

First on his agenda, should he win: putting in his two weeks' notice at his sales job. Other than that, he says he would take care of the education of his two kids, who will be entering college soon.

"That's obviously an awful lot of money, so I would really just help out my family in any way I could and probably buy a big house on the ocean somewhere."

At an Exxon store in Nashville, Tennessee, clerk Quin Newsom said nearly everyone who comes in is buying a Mega Millions ticket — including herself.

Asked what she would do if she won, the 22-year-old said, "I would split it with my co-workers. We're going to retire from here. And then I'd go to the Bahamas."

Beyond that: "I would invest in something, to keep the money rolling in. ... You gotta think with it."

Earl Howard, a lifelong New Yorker, said he plays the lottery "anytime it's big," even though he has never won anything. The odds of winning the Mega Millions grand prize are about one in 302 million.

"I'm still gonna do it. It doesn't matter what the odds are. You got to be in it to win it, and if you don't try you won't succeed," Howard said while shopping at a 7-Eleven in Brooklyn.

Asked what he would do with the money, Howard said: "Move out of New York. Take care of my mother and my kids and my wife. That's it. Save the rest. Nobody won't know I won."

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'Halloween' scares up \$77.5 million in ticket sales



AP photo

This image released by Universal Pictures shows Jamie Lee Curtis in a scene from "Halloween," in theaters nationwide on Oct. 19.

By LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES — Forty years after he first appeared in theaters, Michael Myers is still drawing huge audiences for a good scare.

Universal Pictures said Sunday that "Halloween" took in an estimated \$77.5 million in ticket sales from North American theaters.

It captured first place at the box office with the second-highest horror opening of all time, behind last year's "It."

It also marked the second highest October opening ever behind "Venom's" \$80.3 million launch earlier this month.

The studio also says it's the biggest movie opening ever with a female lead over 55, in star Jamie Lee Curtis.

David Gordon Green directed "Halloween," which brings back Curtis as Laurie Strode and Nick Castle as Michael Myers and essentially ignores the events of the other sequels and spinoffs aside from John Carpenter's original.

Reviews have been largely positive for the new installment, with an 80 percent fresh rating on Rotten Tomatoes and a B+ Cinema Score from audiences that were mostly older (59 percent over 25) and male (53 percent). Internationally, "Halloween" earned \$14.3 million from 23 markets.

Blumhouse, the shop behind "Get Out" and numerous other modestly budgeted horror films, co-produced "Halloween" with Miramax. It cost only \$10 million to make.

"You take the nostalgia for 'Halloween,' especially with the return of Jamie Lee Curtis, and you combine that with the Blumhouse brand and its contemporary currency in the genre and it just made for a ridiculously potent combination at the box office this weekend," said Jim Orr, Universal's president of domestic distribution.

With 10 days to go until the holiday, including another weekend, the studio expects "Halloween" to enjoy a much longer life than typical horror films that usually drop off significantly after the first weekend.

"Halloween" was enough to bump the comic-book film "Venom" out of the No. 1 spot and into third place. In its third weekend in theaters, it collected \$18.1 million, bringing its domestic total to \$171.1 million.

Meanwhile "A Star Is Born" held on to second place in its third weekend with \$19.3 million. The Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga drama has grossed \$126.4 million from North American theaters and is cruising to break \$200 million worldwide Sunday.

Damien Chazelle's Neil Armstrong biopic "First Man" tumbled to fifth place in its second weekend earning \$8.6 million, down 46 percent from its launch.

It was a particularly busy week at the box office as critically acclaimed films such as the young adult adaptation "The Hate U Give" and the Robert Redford swan song "The Old Man & The Gun" expanded nationwide after a few weeks in limited release.

"The Hate U Give," now in 2,303 locations, placed sixth with \$7.5 million, and "The Old Man & The Gun" took 10th with \$2.1 million from 802 locations.

A number of well-received indies also made their debuts. At the top

was Jonah Hill's directorial debut "Mid90s," which opened in four theaters with \$249,500 (or a \$62,375 per theater average).

The Melissa McCarthy film "Can You Ever Forgive Me," about the literary forger Lee Israel, grossed \$150,000 in five locations.

October has never been a particularly strong box office month, but 2018 has helped to change that. The weekend was up nearly 72 percent from the same weekend last October and the year to date is up nearly 11 percent.

"The industry is on a major roll right now," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "Audiences are responding to movies big and small right now — You can have your cinematic fast food and fine dining all at once right now. The movie-going experience is as viable and relevant as ever."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Halloween," \$77.5 million (\$14.3 million international).
2. "A Star Is Born," \$19.3 million (\$22.8 million international).
3. "Venom," \$18.1 million (\$32.3 million international).
4. "Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween," \$9.7 million (\$6.2 million international).
5. "First Man," \$8.6 million (\$13.4 million international).
6. "The Hate U Give," \$7.5 million.
7. "Smallfoot," \$6.6 million (\$14 million international).
8. "Night School," \$5 million (\$1.5 million international).
9. "Bad Times At The El Royale," \$3.3 million (\$2.5 million international).
10. "The Old Man & The Gun," \$2 million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

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3. "Project Gutenberg," \$14.7 million.
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5. "Smallfoot," \$14 million.
6. "First Man," \$13.4 million.
7. "Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween," \$6.2 million.
8. "The Spy Who Dumped Me," \$5.7 million.
9. "Lost, Found," \$5.3 million.
10. "Hichki," \$4 million.

Ricky Skaggs, Dottie West enter Country Music Hall of Fame



AP photo

Ricky Skaggs accepts his plaque at the 2018 Medallion Ceremony at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Bluegrass and country star Ricky Skaggs, singer Dottie West and fiddler Johnny Gimble are the newest members of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

The three artists were inducted Sunday at the Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, Tennessee, in a ceremony featuring performances from Garth Brooks, Chris Stapleton, Connie Smith and Dierks Bentley.

It was a night devoted mostly to musicianship in the form of Skaggs, who started his career as a child prodigy on mandolin, and Gimble, who played Western swing fiddle on numerous iconic country records. West was recognized as a trailblazing female singer who helped many others succeed in Nashville.

Fellow Hall of Famer Brenda Lee invited several women on stage to help induct West, including Trisha Yearwood and Emmylou Harris.

"We've waited a long time for this to happen," Lee said.

West was the first woman to receive a Grammy for best female country performance in 1965 for her song "Here Comes My Baby." The McMinnville, Tennessee-born singer was best known for hits like "Country Sunshine," which became a popular advertising jingle for Coca-Cola, and her duets with Kenny Rogers, including "Every Time Two Fools Collide."

West and Rogers won two CMA Awards for duo of the year in the 1970s. She was a member of the Grand Ole Opry and was on her way to a performance there when she was injured in a car wreck in 1991. She later died of her injuries at the age of 58.

The Cordell, Kentucky-born Skaggs first played Bill Monroe's famed and priceless Gibson F-5 mandolin when Skaggs was just 6 years old. He wowed audiences as a child on a syndicated television show hosted by bluegrass legends Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs.

Along with Keith Whitley, he learned under the tutelage of bluegrass patriarch Ralph Stanley. He became a country music star in the 1980s, with several No. 1 hits that mixed his bluegrass influences

with Telecasters and steel guitars, including "Heartbroke" "Highway 40 Blues" and "Country Boy."

He was named entertainer of the year at the CMA Awards in 1985. By the '90s he rededicated himself to bluegrass through his band, Kentucky Thunder, and has earned more than a dozen Grammy Awards.

Skaggs said that he learned about bluegrass from the originators of the genre, artists like Monroe, Flatt and Scruggs and Stanley.

"I am thankful to be a carrier of that original seed," Skaggs said.

In a rare moment, Skaggs was reunited with Monroe's mandolin, an instrument more than 90 years old that is normally kept under glass at the museum. Skaggs kissed the mandolin and played "Will the Circle Be Unbroken."

Gimble, of Tyler, Texas, was a celebrated sideman who played with Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys in the 1950s before coming to Nashville to become an in-demand studio musician. He was a consider a superpicker by Chet Atkins, played in Willie Nelson's touring band and played on records for George Strait, Merle Haggard, Conway Twitty and many more.

He was named instrumentalist of the year five times at the CMA Awards and was awarded a National Heritage Fellowship by the National Endowment for the Arts in 1994. He died in 2015 at the age of 88.

His widow, Barbara Gimble, said it was "a shock and a surprise that they remembered Johnny."



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Cowboys get Amari Cooper from Raiders for 1st-round pick

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

DALLAS — The Dallas Cowboys made a bold move for the present Monday, trading a first-round pick for Oakland receiver Amari Cooper in Raiders coach Jon Gruden's latest play for the future.

The Cowboys gave up their top pick in the next draft in hopes of giving quarterback Dak Prescott another weapon just a few months after releasing franchise touchdown catch leader Dez Bryant in a cost-cutting move.

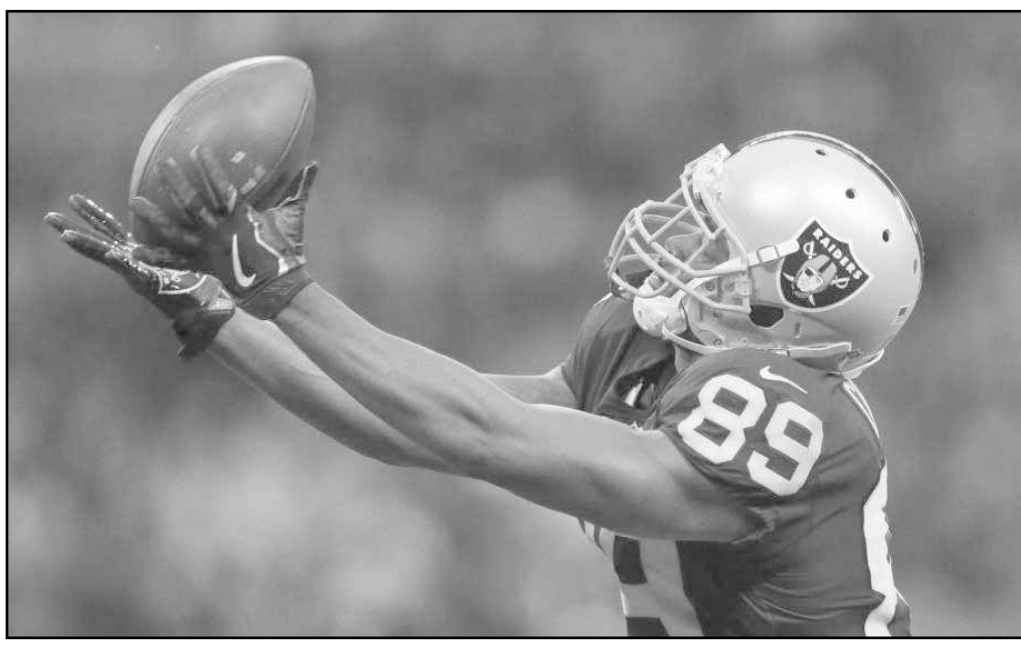
Dallas (3-4) has struggled to score points while losing all four road games, including 20-17 Sunday at Washington. And Cowboys receivers haven't made many big plays in their first season without Bryant and retired tight end Jason Witten, the club leader in catches.

The Cowboys decided Bryant wasn't worth \$12.5 million in 2018 after three subpar seasons since signing a big contract following his only All-Pro year in 2014.

Raiders general manager Reggie McKenzie said Cowboys executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones called last week to say he'd check in on Cooper on Monday and offered the first-round pick that the Raiders were holding out for before making a deal.

Cooper was the fourth overall draft pick by the Raiders out of Alabama three years ago. He started his career with consecutive 1,000-yard seasons and had two 100-yard games this year, but had just two targets and one catch since the second of those games.

The 24-year-old Cooper — five years younger than Bryant — was placed in the concussion protocol after leaving



AP photo

Oakland Raiders wide receiver Amari Cooper (89) catches the ball during the warm-up before an NFL football game against Seattle Seahawks at Wembley stadium in London. The Dallas Cowboys have acquired Oakland receiver Amari Cooper for a first-round draft pick. Raiders general manager Reggie McKenzie said Monday, Oct. 22, 2018, his team will get the pick in the 2019 draft.

Oakland's last game against Seattle on Oct. 14.

Dallas receivers have just one 100-yard game combined through seven games, by Cole Beasley in a Week 6 win over Jacksonville. The Cowboys are going into their bye week, and the Raiders are returning from their break to face Indianapolis at home Sunday.

For Gruden, dealing his most accomplished receiver doesn't compare to the preseason trade that sent two-time All-Pro pass rusher Khalil Mack to Chicago. But it is another example of the Raiders (1-5) looking to the future.

Oakland figures to have a good shot at the No. 1 overall pick in 2019, and now has three first-rounders with the Cooper trade.

"This is where we get a great opportunity," McKenzie said. "We've got pieces now, but we can really rebuild on what we have. With this group, the coaches that I've got here, knowing where we're heading schematically on both sides of the ball and special teams, we're going to build this thing. We've got the ammunition to build this thing really well."

Cooper was the third receiver started his career with back-to-back seasons with 1,000 yards receiving and

70 catches, following Odell Beckham Jr. and Marques Colston but has been unable to build on that success the past two years.

He has just 70 catches for 960 yards since the start of 2016 as his inconsistency has become a bigger problem. Cooper has been held under 30 yards receiving in 13 of his past 26 games. Cooper has 3,183 yards and 19 touchdowns in three-plus seasons.

The Raiders will need two key pieces away from a 12-win team in 2016 and look to be in major rebuilding mode now.

"It's disappointing. Real disappointing," McKenzie said. "It was starting to get that way last year when we somewhat took a nosedive, but I understand the NFL, the system will not allow you to keep them all."

It's not the first time Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones has made a big trade for a former top-10 pick at receiver, and the other two attempts didn't go well.

In 2000, Jones sent two first-round picks to Seattle for Joey Galloway before the first of three straight 5-11 seasons. Galloway, drafted eighth overall by the Seahawks in 1995, didn't have a 1,000-yard season in four years with the Cowboys.

About this time 10 years ago, the Cowboys got Tony Williams from Detroit for three draft picks, including a first-rounder. The former Texas standout's first full season with Dallas was his best, with 596 yards receiving and seven touchdowns.

The Cowboys made the playoffs once in two-plus years with Williams, in 2009, when they won the franchise's first postseason game since the last of five Super Bowl victories following the 1995 season. Williams was drafted seventh overall by the Lions in 2004.

Texans have quick turnaround as they look to stay on a roll



AP photo

Houston Texans free safety Tyrann Mathieu (32) celebrates his interception against the Jacksonville Jaguars with teammates cornerback Johnathan Joseph (24) and linebacker Brennan Scarlett (57) during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018, in Jacksonville, Fla.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans have put their 0-3 start behind them, winning four straight games capped by Sunday's victory over the Jaguars to move into first place in the AFC South.

But they won't have much time to celebrate their recent success with the Dolphins coming to town on Thursday night.

"We got a lot to prove," safety Tyrann Mathieu said. "Anytime you win four games in a row you set a standard for yourself. I think it's a standard that we'll have to live up to, especially since it's a short week."

"Miami is a hot team, so we have big challenge coming Thursday. We have to get over this game. It was a big game and a big win, but we have to get over it quickly."

Coach Bill O'Brien knows that most people wrote his team off after its terrible start, but he insists he never doubted that he had a good team which could turn things around.

"I knew that the team had the resolve to be able to really take the cliché of one day at a time, one play at a time, really take that to heart and make it work," he said. "Those are clichés unless you actually make them work, and this is the type of team we have. We have a mentally tough team."

Quarterback Deshaun Watson agreed with his coach, but was quick to point out that they still have a lot of work to do.

"We were down and out, and everybody was counting us out," Watson said. "The thing is we have guys on this team who understand that early on it doesn't matter. We just put our heads down and kept working and now we have to continue to do the

same thing."

Houston's first three wins in this streak were close games, with two of them coming in overtime. But on Sunday against the Jaguars, the Texans jumped out to a 20-0 lead and came away with a 20-7 win on a day they forced three turnovers.

Another key to Houston's win over Jacksonville was success in the red zone. After struggling in the area all season, the Texans scored a touchdown on two of their three trips inside the 20-yard line on Sunday to roll to the easy win.

Despite Watson's solid play in the win on Sunday, the Texans faced more questions about his health after it was revealed that he made the 800-mile trip from Houston to Jacksonville by bus because they were worried about how air pressure from flying would affect his bruised lung and injured ribs.

O'Brien wouldn't provide any more details on Monday about why he took the bus, but said that he didn't expect his travel to be impacted by his injury in the future.

While Watson continues to grow into his position and hopefully become the franchise quarterback the Texans have long searched for, on Thursday they'll face the player they once thought would fill that role in Brock Osweiler.

Signed before this season to be Ryan Tannehill's backup, Osweiler will start his third straight game on Thursday night with Tannehill still out with a shoulder injury.

It will be an interesting matchup considering Osweiler's history with the Texans. Houston signed him to a \$72 million contract before the 2016 season, but he was benched before the year was over and shipped to Cleveland before the next season.

Falcons go into bye week feeling better about themselves



AP photo

Atlanta Falcons offensive lineman Ryan Schraeder hoists kicker Giorgio Tavecchio in the air after his third field goal against the New York Giants, in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game, Monday, Oct 22, 2018, in Atlanta.

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Falcons head into a bye week feeling a whole lot better about their season.

Sure, they haven't lived up to expectations in an injury plagued campaign.

But two straight wins give them a reason to be hopeful.

Matt Ryan threw for 379 yards while completing his final 18 passes and the Falcons added another chapter to New York's miserable season, beating the Giants 23-20 on Monday night.

"You'd rather go into a bye week on a win than a loss, that's for sure," Ryan said. "We need some rest. We've got different guys brought up. All of us need to rest and refresh for the second half of the season."

The Falcons (3-4) have five starters on injured reserve, which helped send a team with Super Bowl aspirations spiraling to a three-game losing streak. They snapped that skid with a victory over Tampa Bay, and then kept the winning going against the struggling Giants.

Ryan threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Hall, Tevin Coleman broke loose on a 30-yard scoring run and the Falcons sent New York (1-6) to its fourth straight loss.

"I don't feel like we're a 1-6 team," said Giants receiver Odell Beckham Jr. "That's what our record is, but that's not the feeling in the locker room."

It was another dynamic performance by Ryan, who was the league's MVP in 2016 when he led Atlanta to

the Super Bowl.

While these Falcons haven't played to that level, their quarterback is putting up numbers that measure up to what he did two years ago: a 71.1 percent completion rate, 2,335 yards passing, 15 touchdowns and just two interceptions.

Ryan is only focused on the team's performance.

"To inch our way closer to .500 is a positive for us," he said.

Some things to keep an eye on after Atlanta's victory over the Giants:

GIORGIO STEPS UP

While Matt Bryant recovers from a hamstring injury, Atlanta's kicking appears to be in good hands.

Signed a few days before the game, Giorgio Tavecchio booted three field goals, including a career-best 56-yarder that helped seal the victory and was the longest field goal by a kicker in his first game with a new team in 40 years, according to NFL Research.

"That kick was good from about 65 yards," Ryan said. "He did a great job for us coming in on short notice."

Tavecchio also connected from 40 and 50 yards.

Even though Bryant will surely reclaim his job as soon as he's healthy, Tavecchio set himself up to draw attention from other teams when he goes on the open market again. He kicked last season for the Oakland Raiders.

BIG TROUBLE IN THE BIG APPLE

Going up against one of the NFL's worst defenses, the Giants' offense fell short again.

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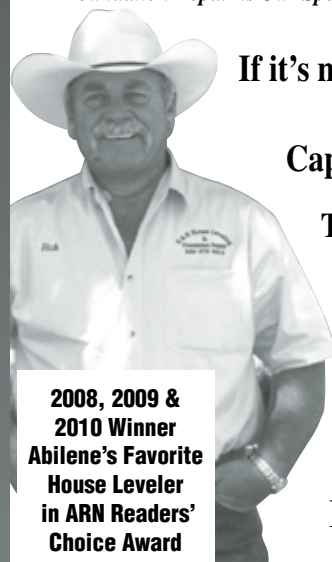
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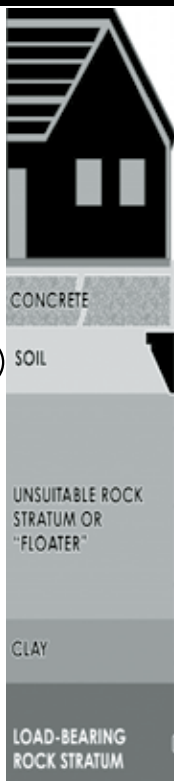
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Reach Out and Annoy Someone

Dear Annie: I own a small service business. We have a business phone number, but I also have a cellphone number. The latter is on my business card, and it is obviously the way people prefer to communicate. My problem is that customers don't hesitate to call me or text me at any hour of the morning or evening and virtually any time over the weekend, as well. It has really gotten out of hand as of late. I find it to be intrusive. I realize they're just getting something off their list, but they should either hold off or do it via email, in my humble opinion. My problem is how

to address this with them without rubbing them the wrong way. -- Professional Etiquette Paradox

Dear Professional Etiquette: In recent years, cellphones have started crossing the wires between professional and personal life. I think that's a shame. Fortunately, this technological problem also has some technological solutions. Consider using a call and text management app, such as Nextiva, GoDaddy SmartLine or Google Voice. Google Voice gives you a separate phone number that connects to multiple lines and allows you to determine where messages and calls go at different times of the day. For in-

stance, you could reset it to route any calls after 6 p.m. to the office answering machine. It can also keep all your work-related text messages contained within the Google Voice app so they're not mixed in with your personal messages. This would require printing up new business cards and informing all your current customers that your number has changed. (Though you'd actually still be using your personal cell number, they don't need to know that.) A small cost and a little hassle for big relief in the long run.

Dear Annie: I read your column every day and want to point out a phrase

that appeared in a recent letter to you that grates my nerves every time I hear or read it. The writer (apparently a man) wrote, "Five years later, my girlfriend got pregnant."

The structure of that sentence makes it sound as if the girlfriend were mysteriously impregnated. The sentence implies the writer doesn't think he had anything to do with this situation -- as if his girlfriend just found herself in this situation or caught a disease of some sort.

People must be held accountable for their actions, and it starts with our words. It would have been far better if the man had written,

"Five years later, I impregnated my girlfriend" or "Five years later, my girlfriend and I were expecting our first baby." Or, if he wasn't the person who participated in the commencement of the pregnancy, then he should have stated it as such. I feel sorry for this woman and their children because he is clearly someone who lacks the "personal responsibility" gene, as his many woes (debt, unsatisfying job, lack of skills) seem to stem from that weird moment when his "girlfriend got pregnant." Thanks for letting me vent. -- It Takes Two to Make Three

Dear It Takes Two: Your letter made me chuck-

le. Good point. I wouldn't be too hard on this one particular person, as that phrasing is prevalent -- though you make a good case for why it shouldn't be.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Scorpio Sun Message

Some memories have a way of plummeting down deep, lodging themselves under other pieces of life and disappearing into the emotional sediment. However, as this fresh Scorpio sun opposes Uranus, something becomes clear about the nature of memory. Just because you have no recollection of an event doesn't mean it isn't affecting you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The group will throw out plenty of ideas, yours being the

best. Now you'll have to convince the others, keeping in mind that it's not the best idea that wins, it's the most popular one. Strategize. It will be worth it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Things still have to change, but some days you get tired of thinking of all the ways they must. It's OK to give yourself a break, to relax and enjoy the transition that's already

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underway.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is difficult, if not impossible, for people to give what they themselves have never received. Consider this when you seek out your next source of love, understanding, wisdom, knowledge and more.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Right now you're curious and open, putting feelers into the world. When you clearly see and deeply feel that a cause is worth fighting for, you'll go all in and find no greater happiness in life than this purposeful sacrifice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Adaptability is one of your many gifts. You can quickly get used to even the most astonishing things when you want to or have to. And yet you're still discerning and cannot be convinced if you're not feeling it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want to let people know you support them and that you care enough to check in and make

sure they're all right. The trick is to do this without crossing any sort of boundary that might classify you as a busybody.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It would be much easier just to handle problems for your people. But then you'll have to do that every time, and when you're not around they'll suffer. So the kind thing is to train them to be self-sufficient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some think being busy is a status symbol. It makes them feel important. Others see leisure as a status symbol. It means they can afford it. The pacing of your day will feel so perfect as to render status rankings moot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Unexpressed wishes and desires can be like submarines: invisible below the waves though still carrying the potential to torpedo your mood. Bring your aspirations to the surface where they will no longer be a threat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If someone is trying to bring you down, it's because that person perceives you as being high above him or her. You might take it as a compliment. Even so, step out of range.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you want for inspiration, you'll miss out on all the delicious creativity that starts to trickle in once you get working. And inspiration is only one of the many things not

worth waiting for today. Get moving and see what happens.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your growing power will impact those around you, though they'll try to hide it. It's wise to be humble and quiet about your success, if not out of modesty, then out of strategy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 23). You're in charge and you'll feel it, enjoying the power of being able to steer your life where you want it to go. Highlights of this solar return include teaching a group and changing lives, conducting and receiving the warmth of community and a win for your family that makes life easier for those you love the most. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 38, 22 and 45.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION: "I have questions about my loved ones who have died. I also sometimes feel lost in relationships and would like insight. But I'm not going to run to a psychic every time I have a question. How can I fine tune my own skills to answer my own questions or to become more aware?"

Everyone is born with extrasensory abilities. Unfortunately, many are taught at an early age to ignore inklings and feelings that don't make complete logical sense given societal norms and beliefs on the nature of reality. The first step in fine-tuning your skills is believing that you have

them. Trust yourself. Next, get comfortable in the land of imagination. Much of what's in the physical world was born in the imagination. That is the realm where information flows freely. In regard to relationships, it can be very healing and effective to communicate through imagination to those who have passed on as well as to those who are currently alive. The key is knowing what you want to say. Work it out deliberately. Write it. And then go into your imagination and say what you need to say to the one you want to hear it. Though the concept is simple, it does take practice to hold your concentration and to follow through. Perhaps that is the real psychic gift -- the will to follow through.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Ryan Reynolds is busy filming "6 Underground," an action picture with a plot that's so secret it's not being teased on the film's marketing materials. What more do you expect from a superstar with his sun, moon, Mars and Uranus all in epically mysterious Scorpio? Reynolds has lived up Scorpio's love of privacy with a secret wedding, and a truly private family life.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Preparing for the unexpected

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 7 6 2
♥ Q 7 5
♦ A
♣ A Q J 8 3

WEST
♠ 10 5 3
♥ 3
♦ Q 10 6 2
♣ 10 9 7 4 2

EAST
♠ Q 9 8 4
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ 6

SOUTH
♠ A K
♥ A K 6 4 2
♦ J 9 4 3
♣ K 5

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♥ Pass 6 ♥

Opening lead — two of diamonds.
When five cards of a suit are missing, they will divide 3-2 68 percent of the time, 4-1 28 percent of the time, and 5-0 4 percent of the time. These figures are worth remembering, because the best way to play a hand frequently depends on how the missing cards are likely to be distributed.

South was defeated in this deal because he failed to guard against a 4-1 trump division. He won the diamond lead and cashed the Q-K of

trump, disclosing the bad trump break. He then ruffed a diamond in dummy and attempted to run the clubs. But East ruffed the second club and played the king and another diamond, and the slam went down two.

Declarer should have considered the possibility of a 4-1 trump break and taken steps to guard against it if it existed. Had South been thinking along these lines, he might have seen that there was a simple way to protect against either opponent holding four trumps.

The winning play is to lead a low heart from dummy at trick two and allow the opponents to win the trick! This would leave the defenders without recourse.

In the actual deal, East would win and, let's say, return a spade. South would take the ace, ruff a diamond, cash the queen of hearts, lead a club to the king, draw East's trumps and easily make the rest. In all, he would score two spades, four hearts, a diamond, a diamond ruff in dummy, and four club tricks.

It is true that South would lose a trump trick unnecessarily if the hearts turned out to be divided 3-2. But the loss of 30 points would be trivial compared with the 1,430 points South could score by making the slam.

Tomorrow: The most difficult play of all.

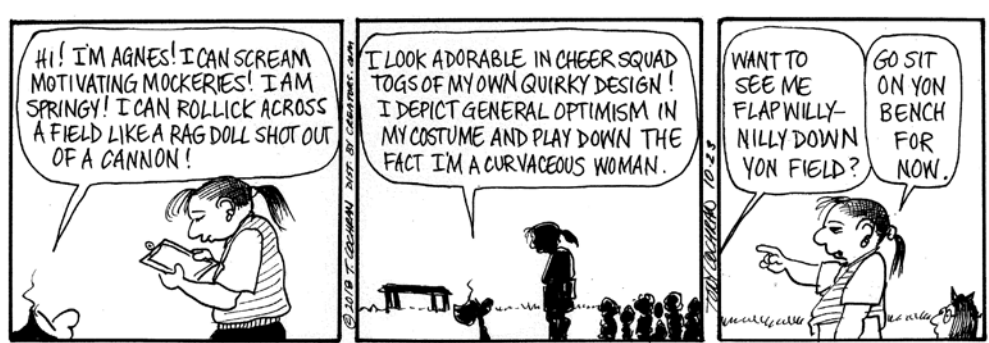
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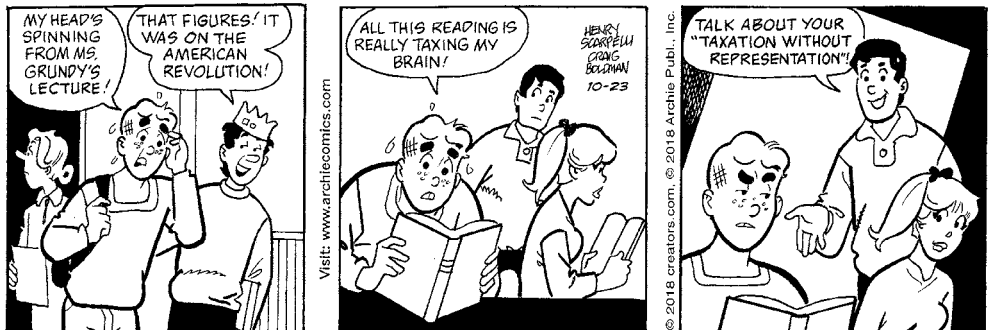
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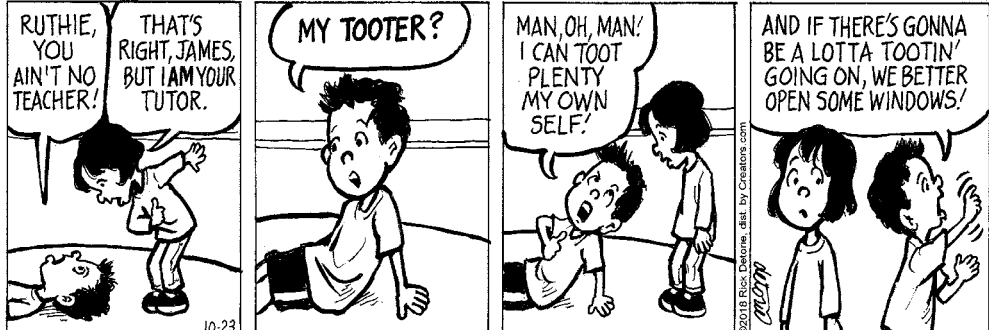
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 23, the 296th day of 2018. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 23, 1983, 241 U.S. service members, most of them Marines, were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport in Lebanon; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers.

On this date: In 1707, the first Parliament of Great Britain, created by the Acts of Union between England and Scotland, held its first meeting.

In 1915, tens of thousands of women paraded up Fifth Avenue in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

In 1942, during World War II, Britain launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein (el ah-lah-MAYN) in Egypt, resulting in an Allied victory.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte (LAY'-tee) Gulf began, resulting in a major Allied victory against Japanese forces.

In 1956, a student-sparked revolt against Hungary's Communist rule began; as the revolution spread, Soviet forces started entering the country, and the uprising was put down within weeks.

In 1958, Boris Pasternak was named winner of the Nobel Prize in literature. (However, Soviet authorities pressured Pasternak into relinquishing the award.)

In 1973, President Richard Nixon agreed to turn over White House tape recordings subpoenaed by the Watergate special prosecutor to Judge John J. Sirica.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate rejected, 58-42, the Supreme Court nomination of Robert H. Bork.

In 1991, Cambodia's warring factions and representatives of 18 other nations signed a peace treaty in Paris.

In 1995, a jury in Houston convicted Yolanda Saldívar of murdering Tejano singing star Selena. (Saldívar is serving a life prison sentence.)

In 2001, the nation's anthrax scare hit the White House with the discovery of a small concentration of spores at an offsite mail processing center.

In 2006, former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling was sentenced by a federal judge in Houston to 24 years, four months for his role in the company's collapse. Eventually 10 years was cut off Skilling's prison sentence, and he was released to a halfway house in Aug. 2018.

Ten years ago: Badgered by lawmakers on the House Oversight Committee, former Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan denied the nation's economic crisis was his fault but conceded the meltdown had revealed a flaw in a lifetime of economic thinking and left him in a "state of shocked disbelief." The Tampa Bay Rays evened the World Series at one game apiece by beating the Philadelphia Phillies, 4-2.

Five years ago: A defensive Obama administration acknowledged its problem-plagued health insurance website didn't get enough testing before going live; it said technicians were deep into the job of fixing major computer snags, but provided no timetable. German Chancellor Angela Merkel called President Barack Obama to complain about allegations U.S. intelligence had targeted her cellphone. (The White House said it wasn't monitoring and wouldn't monitor Merkel's communications, but conspicuously didn't say they had never been monitored.) The Boston Red Sox took the World Series opener, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 8-1.

One year ago: New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced a civil rights investigation into the Weinstein Co., amid sexual harassment and assault allegations against its founder, Harvey Weinstein. As Republicans searched for ways to finance tax cuts, President Donald Trump promised that the popular 401(k) retirement savings program would not be touched. Sen. John McCain said he didn't consider Donald Trump to be a draft-dodger, but told ABC's "The View" that the system that allowed Trump and other wealthy Americans to use medical deferments to avoid military service during the Vietnam War was wrong.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director Philip Kaufman is 82. Soccer great Pele (pay-lay) is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Barbara Ann Hawkins (The Dixie Cups) is 75. Former ABC News investigative reporter Brian Ross is 70. Actor Michael Rupert is 67. Movie director

Ang Lee is 64. Jazz singer Dianne Reeves is 62. Country singer Dwight Yoakam is 62. Community activist Martin Luther King III is 61. Movie director Sam Raimi is 59. Parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic is 59. Rock musician Robert Trujillo (Metallica) is 54. Christian/jazz singer David Thomas (Take 6) is 52. Rock musician Brian Nevin (Big Head Todd and the Monsters)

is 52. Country singer-musician Junior Bryant is 50. Actor Jon Huertas is 49. Movie director Chris Weitz is 49. CNN medical reporter Dr. Sanjay Gupta is 49. Bluegrass musician Eric Gibson (The Gibson Brothers) is 48. Country singer Jimmy Wayne is 46. Actress Vivian Bang is 45. Rock musician Eric Bass (Shinedown) is 44. TV personality and host Cat Deeley is 42. Actor Ryan Reynolds is 42.

Rock singer Matthew Shultz (Cage the Elephant) is 35. TV personality Meghan McCain ("The View") is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Miguel is 33. Actress Masiela Lusha (MAH'-see-ella loo-SHA) is 33. Actress Emilia Clarke is 32. Actress Briana Evigan is 32. Actress Inbar Lavi is 32. Actress Jessica Stroup is 32. Neo-soul musician Allen Branstetter (St. Paul & the Broken Bones) is 28.

Thought for Today:

"Be content with what you are, and wish not change; nor dread your last day, nor long for it."

Marcus Aurelius
Roman emperor
(CE 121-CE 180).

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Places to be pampered

5 Stares foolishly

10 "Toodle-oo!"

14 Make simpler

15 To no ___ (useless)

16 Throw hard

17 Nabisco cracker brand

18 Amble

19 Much-admired celebrity

20 Rhode Island's Ivy League school

23 Sizzling

24 Beam of light

25 Wide tie

28 This mo.

31 Doled (out)

35 Spelling competition

36 African desert

39 "Airy" prefix for sphere

40 Route in *The Wizard of Oz*

43 Farm tower

44 "I'd be delighted"

45 Boar or sow

46 Keep available for sale

48 "That's correct"

49 Airplane walkway

51 ___ Royal Majesty (queenly title)

53 Each and every

54 Citrus-flavored bread spread

63 Finished

64 Hop out of bed

65 "Be that ___ may . . ."

DOWN

66 Partners of dashes in Morse code

67 How sardines are often packed

68 River sediment

69 Slides downhill on snow

70 ___-side up (egg order)

71 Curly-leafed cabbage

8 Capital of Ukraine

9 More devious

10 By December 31

11 German auto

12 Easy run

13 Friend in war

21 "Untrue!"

22 Lamb's father

25 Bottomless pit

26 "Now you __, now you don't"

27 Large stringed instrument

28 "I can't wait!"

29 Slice, as a turkey

30 Takes a taste of

32 Sporty car roofs

33 Computer message

34 Sidestep

37 Leatherworking tool

38 Play a part

41 Supposed home of a water monster

42 Aussie bearlike beast

47 Beer barrel

50 "Let me find out"

52 Philbin of TV

53 More than sufficiently

54 Bet-payoff numbers

55 Corner chess piece

56 Prefix for freeze

57 Restaurant list

58 "This weighs ___!"

59 Totally destroy

60 Largest continent

61 Pickle flavoring

62 Ending for kitchen

Answer to previous puzzle

HERO MESH SCALP
ATON AXLE UTTER
NCAA NEON BRAVE
SILICONVALLEY
ASTRAL PAIR LIES
SOP SAC SUV
PLOTS ANTI EGO
CARBONFOOTPRINT
ARKS FETA LANCE
PAL DOE GUM
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Spurs rally to keep Lakers winless with LeBron, 143-142

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer
LOS ANGELES — LeBron James hit the tying 3-pointer late in regulation. He led a Lakers lineup of three second-year pros and a rookie making his NBA debut to a 142-136 lead with 55 seconds left overtime.

James was then reminded in spectacular fashion that nothing will be easy in this West Coast chapter of his career.

Patty Mills hit a go-ahead jumper with 6.8 seconds left and the San Antonio Spurs kept the Lakers winless with LeBron, rallying from a six-point deficit in the final minute of OT for a wild 143-142 victory Monday night.

James tied it on a magisterial 3 with 2.4 seconds left in regulation, and he finished his second Lakers home game with 32 points, 14 assists and eight rebounds.

But the superstar missed two free throws with 12.8 seconds to play before Mills coolly put the Spurs ahead. James then missed a step-back 3-pointer at the buzzer, thoroughly deflating Staples Center as the Lakers fell to the first 0-3 start in James' career since his second season with Cleveland in 2004-05.

After cooling down, LeBron did not seem discouraged by the Lakers' last-minute failure against a quality opponent — and while Los Angeles was

missing suspended starters Rajon Rondo and Brandon Ingram.

"It's not" discouraging, James said.

"I know what I got myself into," he added. "It's a process. I get it, and we'll be fine. I didn't come here thinking we were going to be blazing, storming right out of the gate. It's a process, and I understand that."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 37 points and 10 rebounds, and DeMar DeRozan added 32 points and 14 assists before Mills made the biggest shot. The Australian guard did it while playing Tony Parker's traditional role on a familiar San Antonio play.

"It's always good when you make shots or make an impact," Mills said. "Other than that shot, it was a team victory. It was a gutsy win. Everyone participated."

Kyle Kuzma had 37 points and eight rebounds for the Lakers, and Josh Hart added 20 points and 10 rebounds.

James' dramatic 3 from a full step beyond the arc capped the Lakers' improbable rally from an eight-point deficit in the final 1:04 of regulation. The Lakers then took a 142-136 lead late in overtime with huge contributions from unsung rookie big man Johnathan Williams, who played important minutes in his NBA debut after JaVale McGee fouled out.

But the Lakers sputtered and the Spurs

rallied. Rudy Gay's 3-pointer cut the Lakers' lead to 142-141, and James missed his free throws before the jumper by Mills, who had 12 points.

"It's always fun to play close games and have them be that type of atmosphere, and overly competitive," Aldridge said. "It was nice to get a close win. It just builds character and makes guys be more confident."

TIP-INS

Spurs: Dante Cunningham had three points and 12 rebounds in 29 minutes as a starter. Jakob Poeltl, who started the first two games, didn't play. ... Marco Belinelli scored 15 points in a reserve role for the Spurs, and Rudy Gay had 16 points.

Lakers: Svi Mykhailiuk and Williams made their NBA debuts in the shortened rotation. Mykhailiuk went scoreless in 17 minutes, but he got an assist on Williams' dunk for his first NBA bucket. Williams finished with eight points.

NO CALLS

Lakers coach Luke Walton was infuriated by the officiating which gave 38 free throws to the Spurs and just 26 to Los Angeles, even though the Lakers outscored San Antonio 74-50 in the paint. Walton got a technical foul in the second quarter for protesting a no-call on contact with James, but his postgame complaints were multifold. McGee was fouled out after scoring 16

points, and Ivica Zubac was called for five fouls in less than five minutes. Hart, an aggressive driver to the hoop, wasn't given a free throw in nearly 39 minutes of action. "I know they're young, I get that," an animated Walton said. "But if we're going to play a certain way, let's not reward people for flopping 30 feet from the hole on plays that have nothing to do with that possession ... and then not reward players that are physically going to the basket and getting hit. It's not right."

BANNED BALLERS

Ingram and Rondo began their suspensions stemming from their brawl with the Houston Rockets last Saturday. Ingram got a four-game ban for confronting an official and throwing punches, while Rondo got three games for punching and spitting on Chris Paul.

THE REPLACEMENTS

Kuzma and Lonzo Ball were in the starting lineup in their teammates' absence, and both second-year pros excelled. Kuzma finished one point shy of his career high, while Ball had 14 points, six assists and six rebounds.

"We've just got to get over the hump," Kuzma said. "It'll be a breath of fresh air when we get our first win. The three teams we've played, they've all been together for quite some time. That means something."

NFL Standings

American Football Conference

AFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Patriots	5	2	0	214	179
Dolphins	4	3	0	151	177
Jets	3	4	0	182	176
Bills	2	4	0	81	175

AFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Chief	6	1	0	260	182
Chargers	5	2	0	195	163
Broncos	3	4	0	165	164
Raiders	1	5	0	110	176

AFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Steelers	3	2	1	171	154
Bengals	4	3	0	184	203
Ravens	4	3	0	176	101
Browns	2	4	1	151	177

AFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Texans	4	3	0	155	144
Titans	3	4	0	106	127
Jaguars	3	3	0	116	146
Colts	1	5	0	189	185

National Football Conference

NFC East	W	L	T	PF	PA
Redskins	4	2	0	126	121
Eagles	3	4	0	154	138
Cowboys	3	4	0	140	123
Giants	1	6	0	137	185

NFC West	W	L	T	PF	PA
Rams	7	0	0	235	128
Seahawks	3	3	0	143	117
Cardinals	1	6	0	92	184
49ers	1	6	0	158	218

NFC North	W	L	T	PF	PA
Vikings	4	2	1	177	165
Packers	3	2	1	148	144
Lions	3	3	0	157	158
Bears	3	3	0	170	134

NFC South	W	L	T	PF	PA
Saints	5	1	0	204	163
Panthers	4	2	0	142	131
Buccaneers	3	3	0	167	196
Falcons	3	4	0	190	212

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New York was held to two field goals through three quarters and squandered another scoring chance when Eli Manning's pass on fourth-and-goal from the 1 was swatted away. Two fourth-quarter touchdowns were surely not enough to persuade anyone in the locker room that they've figured out their season-long scoring woes.

"We know we have talent," tight end Evan Engram said. "We're doing things. We're just not putting the big picture together. That is what's frustrating."

The Giants have been held to 20 points or less in five of seven games.

"I can't give you the answer," rookie running back Saquon Barkley said. "We're not executing. We're not finishing drives. That's the gist of our season."

BIG PLAY HALL

While he doesn't get targeted a lot in Atlanta's passing game, Hall sure has a knack of coming up with huge plays.

Last season, the diminutive re-

ceiver hauled in a 40-yard touchdown pass with his first career reception.

Against the Giants, Hall broke free down the middle of the field to score Atlanta's first TD on a perfectly thrown ball from Ryan.

Hall finished with three catches for 63 yards, giving him 10 career receptions. Of those, four have gone for at least 20 yards.

"He's put in a lot of hard work, and it's showing up," Ryan said. "He's making lot of good plays for us."

BANGED-UP LINE

The Falcons have more injury concerns on their offensive line.

Right guard Brandon Fusco went down late in the first half with a right ankle injury. He was helped off the field by a pair of trainers and quickly taken to the locker room on a cart.

The bye week will give Fusco extra time to recover before a Nov. 4 game at Washington. The Falcons will be eager to

get him back since they already lost another starting guard, Andy Levitre, to a season-ending injury.

BEN GARLAND TOOK FUSCO'S SPOT. BECKHAM'S MILESTONE

On an otherwise forgettable night, Beckham could at least relish a piece of history.

With eight catches for 143 yards, he went past 5,000 yards in his 54th career game.

That makes him the fastest player to reach the milestone in the Super Bowl era. He surpassed Atlanta's Julio Jones, who did it in 56 games.

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