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TEXAS TRIUMPHS

Dak Prescott sparked the previously punchless Dallas passing game and celebrated Conor McGregor-style. In Houston, on a day QB Deshaun Watson wasn't at his best, the defense helped the Texans pull out another win.

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Trump's foreign policy shifts oil flows

Consultant: 'US is becoming a great energy power'

By Alex Longley
Bloomberg

President Donald Trump is redirecting global oil flows.

West African and Latin American producers are sending ever-growing volumes of crude to China. America's exports to the Asian country have slumped in favor of its neighbors. There's an urgent global need to find replacement barrels for Iran's, whose exports might just collapse next month.

The thing that connects the shifting flows is Trump's foreign policy. China's slumping purchases of American crude — and its extra buying from elsewhere — have coincided with a trade war between the U.S. and the Asian country. Likewise, reimposed sanctions on Iran, which start Nov. 4, have increased the need for the type of heavy, sour crude that the Persian Gulf state sells.

"If you combine the impact of U.S. sanctions on Iran and the U.S. trade war with China, it is Trump's foreign policy which is reshaping oil flows," said Olivier Jakob, managing director of consultancy Petromatrix. "The U.S. is becoming a great energy power, and they will use that. We are starting to see the implementation of that in different parts of the energy scene, part of that is being seen today in the oil flows."

Oil markets are also grappling with record U.S. output, fueled by shale production, and America's removal in late 2015 of longstanding crude-export limits. Those shipments — just a few hundred thousand barrels a day a few years ago — now consistently top an average of 2 million barrels a day each month. American crude increasingly flows to markets in Asia, Europe and Latin America, data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration show.

But there have been recent changes in precisely where those barrels are going.

China, the world's largest energy consumer, in August didn't import any U.S. crude for the first time since September 2016, according to the most recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau. That compares with almost 12 million barrels in July, when China was the second-largest recipient.

Shipments to South Korea soared to a record 267,000 barrels a day in August — a 313 percent year-on-year increase, according to Bloomberg calculations from Census data. Volumes to Japan and India rose by 198 percent and 165 percent, respectively. Exports to the U.K., Italy and the Netherlands have also surged this year.

"The pattern of trade does look as though it's going to ebb away from a focus on China to other Asian countries, and Europe," said Caroline Bain, chief commodities economist at Capital Economics.

China is also increasingly turning to other regions. Colombian exports to the Asian nation rose fivefold in September.

while Brazilian shipments hit their highest level this year. Chinese refiners bought 1.71 million barrels of crude a day from West Africa for October loading, the most since at least August 2011.

It's not yet clear to what extent, if any, China will curb shipments of Iranian crude due to U.S. sanctions. However, buyers in India, Japan and South Korea are reducing purchases from the Persian Gulf state. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman said that the kingdom and other OPEC producers are making up for lost supply from Iran.

The demand for replacement crudes is apparent. Exports from Oman last month rose to their highest levels this year on healthy demand from China, Bloomberg tanker-tracking showed. Kuwait is directing more flows to Asia, while its shipments to the U.S. by late September all but dried

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SAVING TRUE PAIRS



Saving True Pairs clay shoot for Pink the Basin was Friday at Jake's Clays. The annual event is a major fundraiser for the local nonprofit that provides mammograms for women who can't afford them. LEFT: Lynn Talley with Halliburton shoots a stage during the Saving True Pairs clay shoot on Friday at Jake's Clays. See more photos on Page 2A and at mrt.com.

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Reporter-Telegram

Immigrants face hurdles to prove abuse by US agents

By Nomaan Merchant and Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Within hours of being booked at a Border Patrol station in far West Texas, two teenage sisters from Guatemala came forward to allege that an agent conducted an improper strip search.

The agent in question denied the allegations, including the sisters' claims that he touched their genitals. He insisted he had only fingerprinted the sisters before taking them back to their cell.

Investigating the case came down to the sisters' word versus the agent's. And as in dozens of similar cases, government investigators sided with the agent.

Advocates say the case — outlined in a report compiled by internal investigators — shows the kinds of hurdles detained immigrants face when they make claims of misconduct, even when they come forward immediately, as the sisters did.

"These women were actually, for lack of a better word, lucky that their case was investigated," said Christina Mansfield, co-founder of the advocacy group Freedom for Immigrants. "They are in the extreme minority in that regard."

The sisters, ages 17 and 19, entered the U.S. without legal permission in July 2016, several days after leaving their home village in Guatemala. They were detained by Border Patrol agents shortly after crossing the border.

The Associated Press received a redacted copy of the investigative report through the Freedom of Information Act. It shows that investigators determined that the sisters' allegations could not be substantiated due to a lack of physical evidence.

The station where the sisters were detained did not have cameras in the booking area. The room where the sisters say they were taken, later described as a supply room or

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Did you know?

President Trump is holding rallies across the country to bolster GOP for Election Day. Page 4A

The big number

At a child's birthday party in Tall, 4 men were killed when an argument escalated into a shooting. Page 4A

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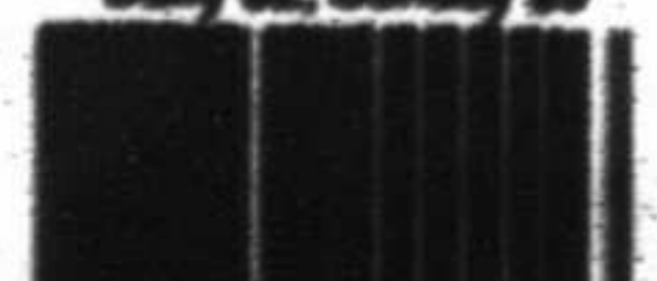
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Christ Brown, president of the Pink the Basin board, presents an award to Peggy Floyd of Jake's Clays Friday during Saving True Pairs. The day shoot is an annual fundraiser for the local nonprofit.

SHOOT FOR SKILL

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Lunch is served during Saving True Pairs on Friday at Jake's Clays.



Saving True Pairs is an annual fundraiser for Pink the Basin.



Participants mingle at Jake's Clays.



Participants chat in the gazebo at Jake's Clays.

Facebook poster may not be favorite celebrity

Permian Basin Better Business Bureau

Fans of Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson are the newest target of a scam on Facebook that cons people out of money and personal information. The Rock himself has posted a video on social media warning fans to be vigilant and not engage with the people behind this scam.

HOW THE SCAM WORKS

You log into your Facebook account and spot a post in your News Feed it looks like Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson shared an image of piles of cash, high-end cars, and/or other valuables. The photo has a caption promising you a chance to win these things if you come from The Rock's real profile, it uses his name and has a photo of the actor.

There is, of course, one small catch: To win, you must pay an entry fee or click a specific link and create an account. However, none of the prizes actually exist. If you follow the scammers' instructions, they either make off with your money or steal personal information by asking you to click a link and "validate your account information."

Johnson is only one of many celebrities to be impersonated by scammers on Facebook and other social media. Even fake accounts for Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's founder, routinely pop up, so be wary of any offer that looks suspicious.

Better Business Bureau offers the following tips to avoid this scam:

- Be wary of offers that are too good to be true.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Don't believe everything you read on social media. If contests or "giveaways" seem too good to be true, they probably are.

Don't give money or personal information to strangers. This is especially true if you are asked to pay a fee or provide your credit or debit card information in exchange for "free" services.

Be selective with your "likes" and "follows."

Don't spread scammers' posts by liking everything that pops up on your feed. One way to detect fraudulent pages is to look for

odd page naming (such as a period added to a celebrity's name) or a recent page creation date.

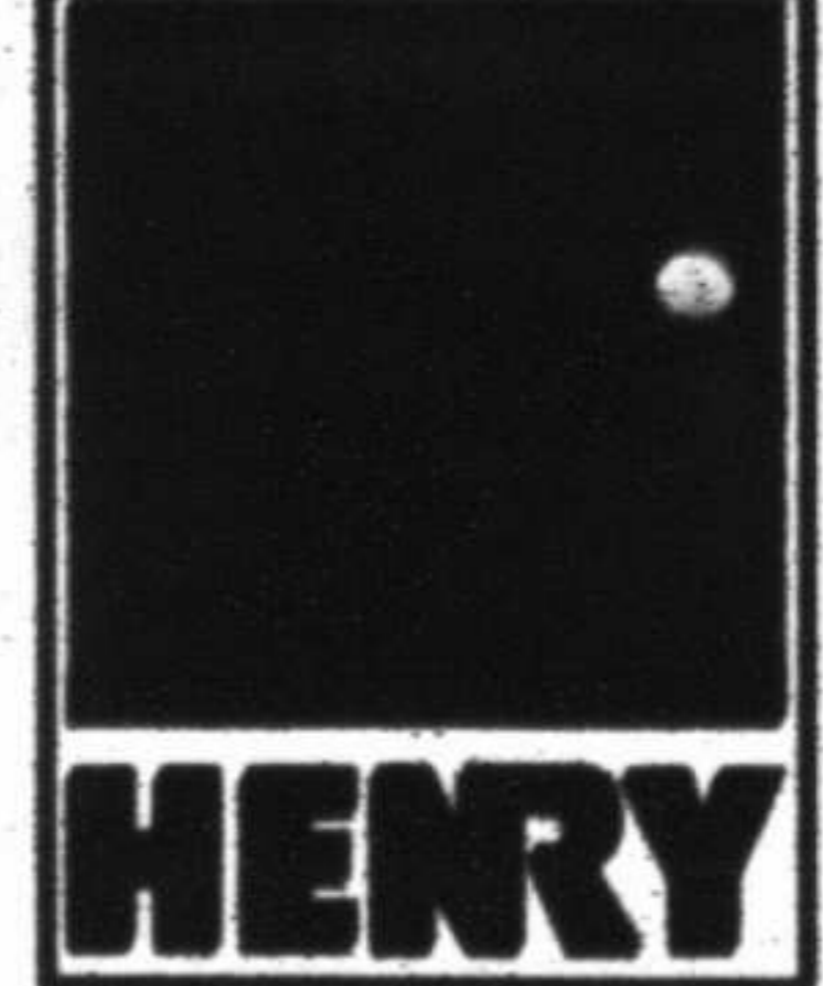
Report an impostor account to Facebook. For more about scams, go to bbb.org/ScamTips. If you have been scammed or targeted for a scam, help us warn others by filing a report at bbb.org/ScamTracker.

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Proverbs 3:5-6

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ABUSE

From IA

a closet, wasn't processed for fingerprints because the sisters said they didn't touch anything. And the agent in question said he was alone with the sisters due to manpower shortages, the report says.

Immigration advocates say the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General, which reviewed the sisters' case, rarely recommends action against officers. A study by Freedom for Immigrants found that between January 2010 and July 2016, the inspector general received 84 complaints of coerced sexual contact against U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which includes Border Patrol. The inspector general opened just seven investigations, none of which are known to have led to charges, according to the study, which was conducted by examining government records.

The study found a similarly low number of cases were investigated by the inspector general for detention facilities operated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

CBP would not directly address the sisters' case or whether it disciplined the agent involved. The agency said it was committed to treating detainees with "professionalism and courtesy."

Immigration authorities detain and process thousands of people every month who cross the U.S. border without permission. Border Patrol chief Carla Provost said in a recent interview that her agency takes any allegations against any of its 19,000 agents "very, very seriously." Provost previously led CBP's internal affairs division, which also investigates allegations of employee wrongdoing and that the agency has taken steps to strengthen in recent years.

"They are very few and far between," she said, speaking generally about misconduct complaints.

The sisters were taken by agents to the Presidio Border Patrol station and booked into the same holding cell. The agents who detained them went out on another call.

According to the report, a third agent then took the

elder sister out of the cell. He told investigators that he processed and fingerprinted each of them before returning them to their cell.

The elder sister told a different story. She said the agent took her into a back room that had a table filled with snacks and drinks.

There, she says, the agent told her to lift her sweater and dress. The woman said that after a small photograph fell out of her bra, the agent pulled up her bra. Then, she said, he told her to remove her pants and underwear, then touched her genitals with the outer part of his hand.

The younger sister would accuse the agent of conducting a similar search.

Border Patrol guidelines prohibit male agents to strip-search female detainees "except in exigent circumstances," and only then with another agent present to observe. Under the guidelines, a vaginal cavity search must be done by a medical professional at a medical facility.

When the agent later heard one of the sisters accusing him of misconduct, the report says, he "became upset and told the girl he didn't make her do that."

According to the investigators' report, one agent said that "this is exactly the reason cameras are needed in the processing area."

The accused agent would speak to investigators three times. The last time, an investigator noted the agent "appeared to be nervous and removed," and he "had to constantly review a prepared statement" from his initial interview. But a month after the last interview, investigators took their case to a federal prosecutor, James Miller, who agreed with their conclusion that there was a "lack of evidence."

Miller declined to comment on why he didn't pursue a prosecution. The agent did not return phone messages from The Associated Press, nor did his attorney, Raymond Martinez.

The sisters were eventually released and went to live with their mother in California. One of the sisters has since sued the U.S. government. Court filings show both sides are now discussing a settlement.

Flow

From IA

up the first time that's happened since the Gulf War of 1990-91.

The curbs on Iran are having an effect on oil prices, with global benchmark Brent trading now trading near its highest level in four years. Oman was the talk of one of the oil market's biggest gatherings last month, as its crude surged past \$90 a barrel. Super tankers, which often benefit when trade flows are disrupted, are earning the most since early 2017.

Flows from Iran could drop by 2 million barrels a day, to below 1 million barrels

per day in November and possibly December, Energy Aspects Ltd. said in a report dated Oct. 1.

Whether it's the need he's created for replacement supplies from Iran, or other actions by the U.S. president, Trump's policies are now having a direct impact on where oil is flowing, said Eugene Lindell, an analyst at JBC Energy in Vienna.

"What you can say beyond doubt is that it's creating lots of exotic trade flows that hadn't been in the market before," he said. "It's been a major influence that has forced a change in trade flows."

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Dance with Spike



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A Midland High School cheerleader dances with Spike, MHS mascot, during the game against Amarillo Tascosa on Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

U.S. Supreme Court, 52-48

On this date: In 1783, the first manned balloon flight took place in Paris as Jean-Francois Pilatre de Rozier ascended in a basket attached to a tethered Montgolfier hot-air balloon, rising to about 75 feet.

In 1860, 11-year-old Grace Bedell of Westfield, N.Y., wrote a letter to presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln, suggesting he could improve his appearance by growing a beard.

In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.

In 1976, in the first debate of its kind between vice-presidential nominees, Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in Houston.

In 1997, British Royal Air Force pilot Andy Green twice drove a jet-powered car in the Nevada desert faster than the speed of sound, officially shattering the world's land-speed record.

Ten years ago, Republican John McCain repeatedly assailed Democrat Barack Obama's character and campaign positions on taxes, abortion and more in a debate at Hofstra University.

Five years ago, President Barack Obama presented the Medal of Honor to William D. Swenson, a former Army captain whose heroic actions in a deadly Afghan battle were captured on video.

How sick are you? Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program '66-NURSE'.

Today in history Today is Monday, Oct. 15, the 288th day of 2018. There are 77 days left in the year.

Today's highlight: On Oct. 15, 1991, despite sexual harassment allegations by Anita Hill, the Senate narrowly confirmed the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the

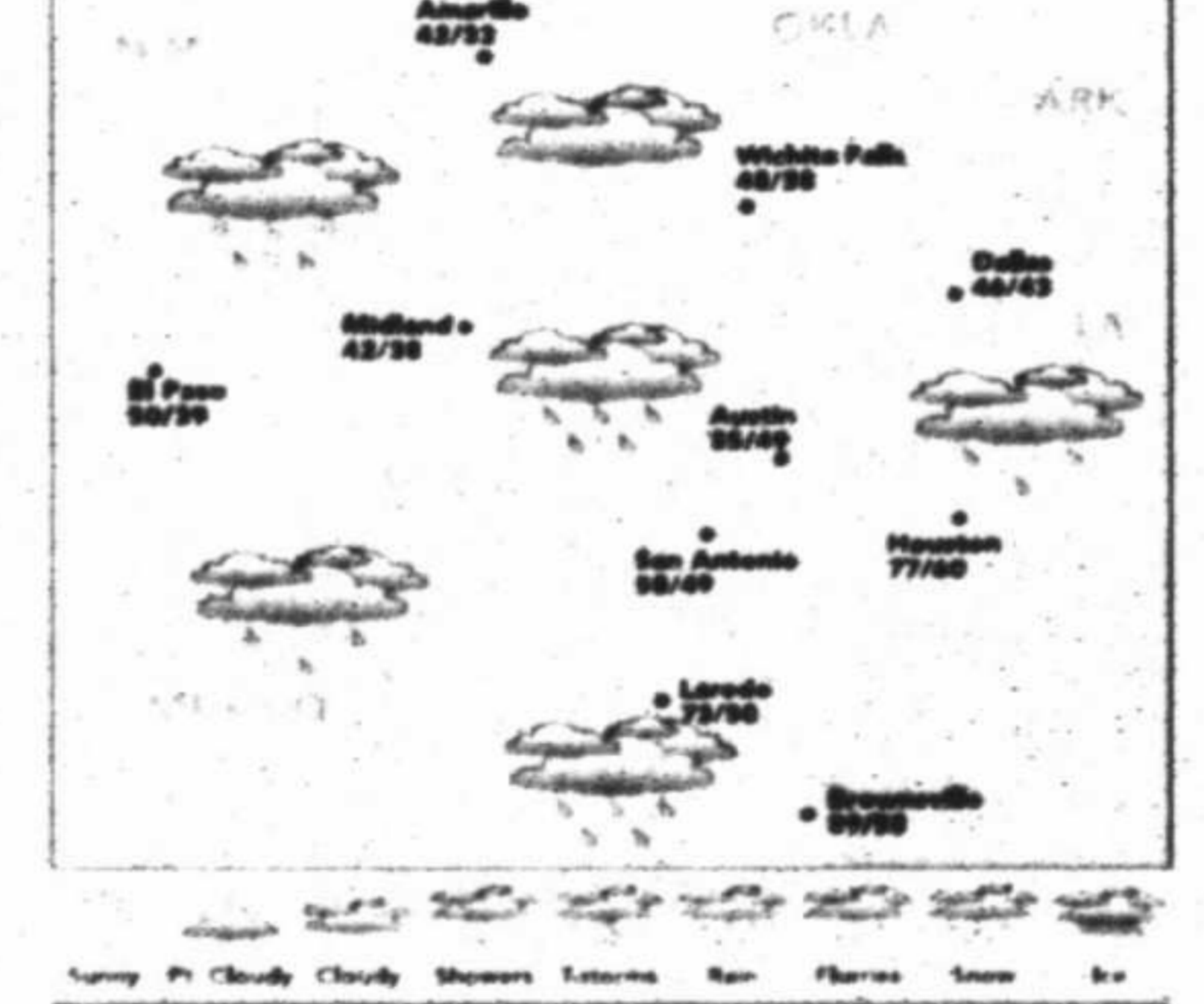
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Weather

Sunday's temperatures High: 83, Low: 60, Normal high: 79, Normal low: 53. Oct. 14 records High: 93, set in 2009, Low: 39, set in 1969.

Forecast for Monday, October 15, 2018



WORD OF THE DAY brought to you daily by Jumburrto biography (bahy-og-ruh-fee, bee-) noun 1. a written account of another person's life.

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- League of Women Voters League of Women Voters candidate forum with candidates for MISD school board Districts 5 and 6 and City Council 2 at-large candidates. 7-8:30 p.m. today, Carrasco Room at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St.
Things to do STEAM Sprouts is a hands-on, interactive program for children 4 and 5, 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West \$60 members, \$100 non-members. ppetro.org
Give Back Day benefiting Basin Dream Center for Orphans, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Club Burger Bar, 4400 N. Midland Drive. Tell the cashier you are there for BDCO to donate a portion of your cost to the organization.
Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer. Led by Anne Lucero 5:30 p.m. Mondays at Yoga Sanctuary, 4202 Down Circle. Free 575-537-3099
Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women's 2018 Woman of Achievement awards dinner. This year's honoree is Cathy Eastham, owner of Cathy Eastham Fine Jewelry, 6 p.m., Petroleum Club of Midland, 501 W. Wall St. midlandpbcw.com
Bingo 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 6:30-9 p.m., 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org
Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-6595.
Pearl Duo presented by Odessa College Music Masters Series, 7 p.m., Globe of the Great Southwest, 2308 Shakespeare Road, Odessa. Free odessa.edu
Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for \$14.99 with free shoe rentals after 6 p.m. Bowlers, 5320 W. Loop 290 N. bowlers.com

Planning and Zoning Commission, 3:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall 300 N. Loraine Ave.
Permian Basin MPO, 5 p.m. Wright Office Complex Suite 1, 9601 Wright Drive
MSD, 5:30 p.m. Bowie Fine Arts Academy 805 Elk Ave

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have. 5-dynamic, 4-positive, 3-average, 2-so-so, 1-difficult

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Before you can make plans, someone appears with a request. You suddenly might find that your plans are put on the back burner as you respond to this person's needs. Try to stop putting yourself last. Support yourself in receiving more of what you want. Tonight: Choose a fun option.
LED (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You have a lot of ground to cover. You could be tired of trying over and over again to reach a certain point of understanding with another person. You are likely to be more verbal with a loved one than you have been in the recent past. Tonight: Pace yourself, as you have a lot to do.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Where others hit a roadblock, you see a different path to the same end. Think outside the box, and you'll come out on top of what's happening. Figure out how to avoid this obstacle. Others follow your lead and admire your ingenuity. Tonight: Let the fun and games begin.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You could be more in touch with your feelings than you have been as of late. You are generally uncomfortable dealing with difficult people. Refuse to stand on ceremony, and make peace. Respect your differences and learn from them. Tonight: Choose a favorite stress-buster.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Keep conversations flowing. Someone could reveal an important piece of information. You could feel hurt at first, but given a little time you will grasp the significance of what you've heard. Remember, it's only hearsay until you verify the facts. Tonight: Meet a friend out.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Embrace some fun

inspired. Your ability to manifest your desires emerges quickly. Know what it is that you want from a situation. Tonight: As you like it.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Take a step back, especially if you feel out of sorts. Your ability to tune in to others and get past problems is emphasized. Try not to make any decisions right now, and gather more information. Nix any money agreements today. Tonight: Get some much-needed personal time.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Others seek you out because you seem relaxed and positive. You might hear some news that surprises you but also gives you reason to feel

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You could be trying to clear up an issue with a friend or loved one, but there seems to be an element of confusion around you. Even if you're sure a conversation went well, you'll need to verify the facts. Don't be surprised if you have to repeat this talk. Tonight: Follow your whims.
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JUNCTION 3rd person found dead days after raging Texas floodwaters

Searchers have located the remains of a third person several days after raging floodwaters overtook a small city in West Texas.

A news release from Texas A&M Forest Service spokeswoman Christi Powers says the remains were found Saturday evening near Yates Crossing in Junction, a small city alongside the South Llano River. The floodwaters had prompted dramatic rescues by water and air on Monday.

Crews have been looking specifically for four people who went missing when an RV park in Junction was washed away. Two of their bodies were found Thursday, miles downriver from the RV park. It was not immediately clear whether the remains found Saturday belonged to one of the other two missing people.

DALLAS 4 men killed in shooting at child's birthday party

An argument at a toddler's birthday party in South Texas escalated into a shooting that left four men dead and a fifth man wounded, authorities said Sunday.

The shooting happened at a child's first birthday party Saturday afternoon in Taft, 12 miles north of Corpus Christi, the Texas Department of Public Safety said. Sgt. Nathan Brandley said those involved were distant relatives. Authorities did not say what the men were arguing about.

A 20-year-old man was in custody Sunday, Brandley said. The man's 37-year-old father was also a suspect, but he had not yet been arrested, Brandley said.

He identified those killed as 62-year-old Juan Espinoza Sr., 20-year-old Juan Sandoval III, 22-year-old Jeremy Sandoval, and 25-year-old Nicky Sandoval. He said the three younger men are grandsons to Juan Espinoza Sr.

The wounded man, 43-year-old Juan Espinoza Jr., was airlifted to a Corpus Christi hospital. Brandley said he's expected to survive.

AUSTIN Stores selling cannabis extract cannabidiol popping up

Some stores around Texas have begun selling the cannabis extract known as CBD, despite the lack of any state law specifically legalizing the sale.

The Austin American-Statesman reports the sale of products containing CBD, or cannabidiol, is occurring in a legal grey area. Law enforcement officials, prosecutors and pro-cannabis activists disagreeing among themselves whether the sales are legal.

CBD is a non-intoxicating derivative of marijuana and hemp that has been marketed as therapy for many afflictions, from chronic pain to insomnia. Texas lawmakers approved a restrictive medical cannabis law in 2015 that allows dispensaries licensed by the state to make and sell products containing CBD in greater concentrations than what some are now freely retailing.

If unlicensed sales are illegal, the sale could be punishable by up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$4,000. If possession is illegal, it could be punishable by up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000.

FLORIDA 4 days after storm, large swath of Panhandle suffering

MEXICO BEACH — Crews with backhoes and other heavy equipment scooped up splintered boards, broken glass, chunks of asphalt and other debris in hurricane-flattened Mexico Beach on Sunday as the mayor held out hope for the 250 or so residents who may have

tried to ride out the storm.

The death toll from Michael's destructive march from Florida to Virginia stood at 17, with just one confirmed death so far in this Florida Panhandle town of about 1,000 people that took a direct hit from the hurricane and its 155 mph winds last week.

Crews worked to clear

building debris along with

the rubble from a collapsed

section of the beachfront

highway.

WASHINGTON Trump on rally blitz as he tries to stave off Dem gains

President Donald Trump gazes out over his rally crowd and looses a stream of insults with a theatrical flourish and playful grin. He jabs at Cory Booker the "disaster" mayor, Elizabeth Warren the "Pocahontas" pretender and "sleepy" Joe Biden.

"I want to be careful," Trump tells the crowd, feigning a confession. He doesn't want to hit his potential challengers too badly, he says, because then the Democrats may find "somebody that's actually good to run against me. That would not be good."

The venue may be Council Bluffs, Iowa, or Erie, Pennsylvania, or Topeka, Kansas, but the formula is largely the same.

Start with a few derisive nicknames, mix in some dreamy-eyed reminiscences of Election Day 2016, spice things up with an unexpected quip or zinger out of left field and you've got Trump's recipe for a successful campaign rally.

Trump's rallies once were the cornerstone of an unconventional, star-powered presidential campaign that eschewed traditional organizing and defied every expectation. Now they're being deployed with gusto as Trump and his team work frantically to defy polls and precedent and save his Republican majority in Congress in November's midterm elections.

The rallies — more than two dozen so far to boost GOP candidates — never fail to delight Trump's supporters.

"Look at this," says Brenda McDonald, 58, of Woodbury, Minnesota, gesturing to the thousands of people standing ahead of and behind her in a line that wound around buildings and snaked through alleys for at least a mile when Trump's rally tour stopped in her state on Oct. 4.

"Have you ever seen rallies like this before?" she asked.

Trump has been aggressively campaigning across the country to try to boost vulnerable Republicans before the Nov. 6 elections, when the stakes couldn't be higher. A Democratic takeover of Congress would stymie his agenda and mire his administration in endless investigations, including possible impeachment proceedings. Trump's team believes his appear-

ances fire up his loyal base, countering the wave of Democratic enthusiasm that polls suggest will lead to significant Democratic gains, especially in the House.

But after more than 350 rallies since he first began his presidential run, some things have changed.

Trump's supporters remain as enthusiastic as ever, standing for hours in hot sun or driving rain and exploding into thundering applause when he takes the stage. They wave the same signs, wear the same hats, and chant the same "Build that wall!" and "Lock her up!" refrains that they did during the early days of Trump's campaign.

But the once insurgent candidate, who told his supporters the system was rigged against them, is now president. And he's been delivering on many of his campaign promises, in spite of lackluster approval ratings.

NEW YORK Calls for regulation mount as limo crash victims mourned

AMSTERDAM — The day after a mourning community said last goodbyes to eight of 20 victims of a limousine crash — four sisters and four other relatives — the Senate's top Democrat called on federal regulators to formulate new safety standards for the vehicles.

Sen. Chuck Schumer on Sunday pointed to glaring gaps in safety data and singled out the National Transportation Safety Board, which he said hasn't thoroughly investigated a limousine crash in three years.

His criticism comes a week after the stretch limo loaded with 18 people on their way to a birthday party for one of the occupants ran a stop sign and crashed at the bottom of a hill in the town of Schoharie. Everyone in the limo died, including the four sisters, along with two pedestrians.

"The sad fact here is that right now everyone is talking about limo safety when we could have been studying it for the past few years," Schumer said. "The NTSB knows they need to fix this situation so we can have as much information as possible available."

At a news conference, he called on the NTSB to investigate every stretch limo crash that has occurred in the U.S. and use the data to make recommendations for safety standards that would then have to be implemented by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

The NTSB — charged by Congress to conduct independent probes and make safety recommendations — agreed to investigate limo crashes on a case-by-case basis after a 2015 wreck that killed four women on New York's Long Island.

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OPINION

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Rapper gives Trump head-swiveling soliloquy

Amid hurricanes, a vanished journalist, the recent Supreme Court hearings, midterms and "mobs," it is little wonder that Americans are drinking more than ever.

Factually, this is so. More than 70 percent of Americans imbibe each year, and about 40 percent drink excessively, according to two separate studies last year. A comparison to 2014 data showed a 10 percent increase in the number of heavy drinkers.

I mention these sotted stats for context. Lately, at least from my perch on the porch, the evening cocktail has become less an aperitif than a medicinal slug made necessary by the alternative of ripping off my face. To bear witness to These Times in Which We Live is to go insane, join a cult or pour your favorite poison.

Please, if you're one of the roughly 30 percent who haven't strayed from the wagon, do not feel compelled to share. We've had enough scolding from Democrats lately, which is another point of cognitive dissonance. In our topsy-turvy world, the Democratic Party, once a haven for working-class Americans, has become a green room of shaggy intellectuals who lecture the nation about the decline in morality and civility.

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The Republican Party, the erstwhile home to the Moral Majority, is now wedded to a porn-star-linked president, who last week was made to look like a somber adult seated across from a stentorian Kanye West, who seemed to have (a) lost his mind or (b) emptied a bottle of Adderall into his coffee before arriving at the White House for lunch with the president.

Ostensibly, the purpose of his visit was to discuss prison reform and plead for clemency for Larry Hoover, a convicted murderer and gang kingpin. Instead, the rapper embarked on a wildly disjointed, stream-of-consciousness lecture with such rapid-fire madness that one half-expected he might suddenly start crawling up the wall and across the ceiling — or, forgetting that his "Make America Great Again" cap wasn't really the Superman cape he thought it was, plunge through the win-

dow fully expecting to fly. Here's a taste of his soliloquy about Larry Hoover: "So there's theories that there's infinite amounts of universe and there's alternate universe so it's very important for me to get Hoover out, because in an alternate universe, I am him. And I have to go and get him free."

Among other topical points, West mentioned that Hillary Clinton and her "I'm With Her" slogan didn't do it for him in 2016 because he was a child of separated parents and didn't get enough father time. (This is perhaps the most interesting and true thing he said.) Thus, West went with Big Daddy Trump and is proud to be an African-American supporter of the president. He said he loves Trump and threw down some choice expletives for emphasis.

His performance was, shall we say, head-swiveling and definitely alternate-universe-ish. This writer can do no better than the expression on ABC News' Jonathan Karl's face during the screed. It was the look of a man who has just realized that he's the last rational being on the planet.

Throughout the 10-minute speech, Trump remained nearly mute and interchangeably bemused and, just possibly,

terrified. Toward the end, his arms folded tightly across his chest, he nodded and said, "Really very interesting." Meanwhile, serious news of enormous import loitered in the vestibule awaiting the president's attention. Hurricane Michael had recently finished decimating the Florida panhandle and, on the very day of this epic confab, was drenching the Carolinas, which were still foundering from Hurricane Florence. Reports were also coming in that a Washington Post columnist who had disappeared into the Saudi consulate in Istanbul may have been tortured, murdered and dismembered on orders from Saudi Crown Prince and Jared Kushner buddy Mohammed bin Salman. Speaking of the incident Thursday evening, Trump said dismissively: "It's in Turkey, and it's not a citizen."

When the world has gone barking mad, when high-school yearbook jottings can nearly take a good man down, when a hip-hop artist and the president convene a surreality show in the Oval Office, when millions are suffering the aftermath of a killer storm and Trump seems chillingly unmoved by a reporter's alleged murder — well, you'd best make mine a triple. Cheers.

OPINION EXTRA

Liberals have no one to blame but themselves

Most of the liberal anger about the confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh has been directed, naturally enough, at Republicans. Some of it has, however, been aimed at Democrats (whom some liberals think have been insufficiently ruthless) and at the structure of our political system (which they consider rigged against them).

Liberals who are indulging these sentiments should reflect on the fact that conservatives, when they are frustrated about politics, have parallel beliefs. Unhappy Republicans blame defeats on Republicans who were too nice for their own good. One popular theory on the right holds that President Donald Trump won his election while Mitt Romney lost his because the latter never went for the jugular. (The differing results probably had more to do with the opponent each man faced.)

Conservatives say that the system is stacked against them, too, albeit in different ways than liberals allege. The media, the universities, Hollywood and, now, the "deep state" are what thwart conservative victories, while gerrymandering, the Koch brothers and outdated constitutional structures are what stymie liberals.

The existence of mirror-image thinking among conservatives doesn't prove that the progressives' complaints are wrong. But there are two mistakes that dissatisfied Democrats should avoid making.

The first is to assume that they speak for most of the country. Once you've made that assumption — as both liberals and conservatives often do — setbacks become proof of a nefarious plot to foil the people's will. At the same time, persuasion of people who aren't already in your camp becomes unnecessary.

The popular-vote plurality for Hillary Clinton has helped to feed this illusion on the left. So have polls in which majorities, sometimes large ones, appear to agree with liberal positions.

The truth is, though, that Clinton won a lot of votes from people who distrusted her but were more repelled by Trump (just as a lot of his voters had major reservations about him). And polls can be misleading. While it is true that most Americans favor certain new regulations on guns, for example, it doesn't mean that they share liberals' passion for them.

Another mistake is to underestimate how political actors would adapt to new rules.

Let's say liberal activists succeeded in abolishing the Electoral College and the equal representation of states in the Senate. All else equal, you'd expect government policies significantly to the left of the ones you have under the current arrangements, which boost the political power of rural and exurban conservatives. But I would not necessarily expect Democrats to become an enduring majority party as a result.

At least as likely is that Republicans would move a little bit left and stay competitive. They would still be able to win presidential and Senate elections, and to appoint justices of the Supreme Court who would infuriate millions of people on the port side of the (newly re-centered) political spectrum. Liberals might not even be any happier, since their sense of the victories to which they are entitled would also adjust to the new rules.

Speaking of adaptation, liberals have it within their power to do better under the current arrangements, too.

If Clinton had made the minimal efforts that previous Democrats had made to signal that she respected voters' concerns about illegal immigration or religious freedom she might well have won the 2016 election. She didn't, in large part, because a lot of Democrats had convinced themselves they represented a "coalition of the ascendant." And when you already have the people on your side, you don't have to persuade the people you don't.

Many progressives have ideological objections to the federal structure of our government, and when principle and interest line up political movements will follow. But it wasn't the constitutional rules or Democrats' manners that put them in the political wilderness. It was their own choices.

— Ramesh Ponnuru, Bloomberg News
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Economy is crushing it — like in 2008

■ Trump's economic advisor's Pollyanna performance didn't play well on Wall Street.

After the Dow Jones industrials plunged 832 points on Wednesday, Larry Kudlow, President Trump's chief economic adviser, walked up the White House driveway and proclaimed that there was no cause for concern. Not about the stock market, or turmoil in China's economy, or American casualties of Trump's trade fights, or the president's attempt to bully the Federal Reserve into an easy-money stance.

"Our economy and the people and the workers and entrepreneurs, they're killing it. We're the hottest in the world," Kudlow proclaimed in front of the CNBC camera. "We're crushing it right now, and I think that's going to continue regardless of China."

Kudlow, standing outside the West Wing, offered versions of this happy talk — "I don't think this is anything resembling a sugar high ... America is on a tear" — to any other reporter who would listen.

But the Pollyanna performance didn't play well on Wall Street. The Dow lost another 546 points Thursday. The index had a partial recovery Friday but finished the week down 4.2 percent, the third straight weekly decline.

Maybe that's because investors had heard Kudlow say such words once before.

Ten months before the crash of 2008: "There's no recession coming."

Seven months before the crash: "The economy will be rebounding sometime this summer, if not sooner."

Six weeks before the crash: "An awful lot of very good news news."

Markets rise and markets fall, and this last week's volatility doesn't necessarily mean the economy will tank. But it does show the limits of Trump's hucksterism.

Though Trump called the stock market a "bubble" during the campaign, he has boasted scores of times about new records it has set during his presidency. On Saturday, he told a crowd: "Your 401(k)s, you all look like a bunch of geniuses — thank you, Donald, very much." So far, that has worked, because economic growth has continued under Trump, and indeed accelerated after the massive stimulus of a tax cut and spending increase. Republicans would otherwise be facing bigger losses in next month's midterms.

But now come scattered signs of trouble. The Fed has been raising interest rates — in part because Trump's massive stimulus during an expansion threatens to set off inflation. China's economy has been unstable, in part because of Trump's trade dispute.

And though the trade deficit with China hit a record in September, Trump's tariffs have hurt many

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U.S. producers, Ford, claiming the tariffs cost it \$1 billion, is planning workforce cuts.

No amount of fact-checker Pinocchio will stop his followers from accepting Trump's word that Robert S. Mueller III is on a witch hunt, global warming is a hoax, North Korea no longer is a nuclear threat and Democrats are a dangerous mob. But they can feel the economy personally. When the downturn comes, huge deficits, which Trump widened, will leave the federal government with little power to cushion the fall. If this happens on his watch, even Trump's ardent supporters would see it's not fake news — and that would be the end of him.

Trump needs reassurance — and Kudlow, the former TV business pundit, now plays the carnival barker's carnival barker.

With cameras in the room for a prescription-drug bill signing Wednesday, Trump introduced "the great Larry Kudlow, whose voice is so beautiful ... The economy, Larry, how is it doing?"

"Couldn't be better," replied Kudlow.

And Kudlow's message couldn't be otherwise: Oct. 7: "Right now, the American economy is crushing it."

Sept. 28: "We're crushing it, we're absolutely crushing it."

Sept. 17: "We're crushing it."

Sept. 6: "We're crushing it."

Aug. 28: "America today is just crushing it everywhere."

Aug. 17: "We are crushing it. And people say this is not sustainable, it's a one-quarter blip? It's just nonsense."

In Thursday's interview, Jim Cramer, Kudlow's former partner on CNBC, tried to temper Kudlow's mania. Cramer cautioned about a slowdown in business in key economic sectors, a peak in real estate, slower lending, declining demand for luxury goods — "a pastiche that I'm concerned about."

Kudlow brushed off the worries. "I'm just saying there's so much good news out there that we shouldn't just try to find a couple of numbers that don't look great, OK?" he said. "This is a heck of a story. Let's embrace it."

Sound familiar? "The Bush boom is alive and well," Kudlow said before the 2008 crash, calling the soon-to-collapse economy "still the greatest story." Until it wasn't.

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Price, Red Sox bounce back, beat Astros 7-5

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

BOSTON — David Price was good enough, the Red Sox bullpen was even better, and Jackie Bradley Jr. delivered a go-ahead, three-run double off the Green Monster on Sunday night to lead Boston to a 7-5 victory over the Houston Astros and tie the AL Championship Series at one game apiece.

Price fell one out short of his first career postseason win as a starter but still went back to the winning clubhouse for the first time in 11 playoff starts.

Red Sox closer Craig Kimbrel gave up an RBI single to Jose Altuve with two outs in the ninth before Alex Bregman hit a flyball that was caught on the warning track in left field to end it, handing Houston its first loss in five playoff games this year.

Game 3 is Tuesday in Houston, followed by two more at Minute Maid Park and a chance for the defending World Series champion Astros to clinch a second straight AL pennant at home.

Price was spotted a two-run lead in the first inning and then fell behind 4-2 before Bradley clanged one off the Monster that Astros left fielder Marwin Gonzalez helplessly chased as it bounced back toward the infield.

Price left with a 5-4 lead after walking Tyler White on four pitches with two out in the fifth, his second walk of the inning; in all, the Red Sox left-hander was charged with four runs on five hits and four walks, striking out four.

Matt Barnes struck out Gonzalez to end the inning and then pitched a perfect sixth to earn the victory. Ryan Brasier pitched a scoreless inning and erstwhile starter Rick Porcello set the

Astros down 1-2-3 in the eighth.

Kimbrel retired the first two batters in the ninth, then George Springer hit his second double of the game. Altuve followed with a drive off the left-field wall, stopping at first when he slipped rounding the bag.

Bregman launched a high fly to left that Andrew Benintendi caught a step in front of the Monster.

Gerrit Cole, who was so dominant in his Division Series start against Cleveland, gave up a double to Mookie Betts — the first batter of the game — as Boston sent eight batters to the plate in the first. Benintendi singled to score Betts and scored himself on a single by Rafael Devers, who was making his first appearance of the series.

The AL Central champs tied it in the second on Springer's two-run

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Karen Warren/Houston Chronicle

Houston Astros relief pitcher Tony Sipp (29) pitches during the eighth inning of Game 2 of the American League Championship Series on Sunday at Fenway Park in Boston.

DOMINATING PERFORMANCE



Ron Jenkins/AP

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) celebrates after a touchdown in the first half of a game against the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday in Arlington.

Prescott, Cowboys rout Jaguars 40-7

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Dak Prescott sparked the previously punchless Dallas passing game and celebrated Connor McGregor's star.

So did his Dallas teammates with the UFC star watching after some pregame pumping up.

Prescott threw two touchdown passes to Cole Beasley for a big halftime lead and rushed for a career-high 82 yards with another score in the Cowboys' 40-7 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday.

"It's definitely the best we've played from executing on offense and taking advantage of when the defense is giving us turnovers and good field position."

Prescott said. "We were just feeding off each other. We felt it early. I don't know if it was Connor McGregor or whatever it was."

McGregor mingled before the game with the Cowboys, offering some fist-pumping encouragement before they rolled to a 24-0 halftime lead. Beasley recorded his first two touchdowns of the season for the NFL's 30th-ranked passing offense that was facing the league's No. 1 pass defense.

Prescott had 151 of his 183 yards passing in the first half because Dallas (3-3) didn't need to throw while coasting during a second-half blowout.

The 2016 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year already had his personal best in rushing for a game when he spun out of a sack for the longest run of his career, a 28-yard

run. He scored Dallas' first touchdown on a 17-yard run while almost doubling his previous high of 45 yards, in Week 2.

Trailing by at least 20 at halftime for the second straight week, the Jaguars (3-3) had to abandon their preferred running attack again. They also were without Leonard Fournette for the fourth time with a hamstring injury, and have a banged-up offensive line on its third left tackle.

Blake Bortles, who established a career high in yards passing in consecutive weeks and had a chance to become the fifth NFL quarterback with three straight games of at least 375 yards, was 15 of 26 for 149 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

"Tough to describe, just pretty much a waste of a day, and a trip," Bortles said.

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Scott Kingsley/Houston Chronicle

Houston Texans wide receiver Will Fuller (15) falls in the end zone as Buffalo Bills defensive back Phillip Gaines (28) defends late Sunday during the fourth quarter in Houston. Pass interference was called on the play.

Joseph's INT return for TD lifts Texans over Bills 20-13

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Johnathan Joseph's 28-yard interception return for a touchdown with 1:23 remaining lifted the Houston Texans to a 20-13 victory over the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

The Texans trailed by three when Phillip Gaines was called pass interference on Will Fuller in the end zone with two minutes remaining, moving the Texans 41 yards to the 1-yard line.

But the Texans (3-3) lost seven yards on three plays, capped by an incomplete pass intended for Ryan Griffin that Matt Milano knocked down to force Houston to kick.

A 27-yard field goal by Ka'imi Fairbairn tied it with 1:34 remaining. Two plays later Joseph stepped in front of a pass from backup Nathan Peterman that was intended for Kelvin Benjamin and dashed untouched into the end zone to put the Texans on top and help them avoid their third straight overtime game.

The Bills had a chance to tie after that, but Kareem Jackson intercepted Peterman with 35 seconds left to secure the victory.

Joseph's late-game heroics helped Houston to its third straight win on a day that quarterback Deshaun Watson committed three turnovers.

The Bills hurried and harassed Watson all day, sacking him seven times and hitting him 12 more times. Watson, who was questionable this week with a chest injury, was slow to get up several times and didn't seem to be moving as well as he normally does.

Watson was 15 of 25 for 177 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. He also lost a fumble.

Peterman threw for 61 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions for the Bills (2-4) after taking over for rookie Josh Allen, who left the game with an elbow injury late in the third quarter. Allen threw for 84 yards and ran for 20.

The Bills took their first lead of the game when Peterman found Zay Jones in the corner of the end zone on a 16-yard touchdown pass that made it 13-10 early in the fourth quarter.

Lorenzo Alexander tipped a pass by Watson at the line and intercepted it on the first drive of the second half. The Bills had a first down at the 8-yard line before their offense stalled and they kicked a 22-yard field goal to cut the lead to 10-3.

Peterman's first pass after taking over was incomplete and his second one was short of the first down, and the Bills added a 52-yard field goal to get within 10-6.

Watson was sacked on Houston's next drive and Harrison Phillips recovered his fumble at the Houston 32 near the end of the third quarter.

The Texans pointed on their first

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MHS ready for the intensity of the playoffs

By Christopher Haddon
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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The Midland High tennis team appears to be well equipped to handle the pressure and intensity of postseason play. The Bulldogs (7-7, 3-2 in District 2-6A) meet El Paso Franklin in today's 9 a.m. MDT Class 6A bi-district playoff match at Hobbs High School in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Boys players Tyler Stewart and Cole Carriger and girls players Shaquila Sarapua, Camille Courtney and Laynie Gorden got significant playing time during MHS' run to the regional semifinals in 2017. "A lot of the kids were involved in those matches, so that experience and the senior leadership will definitely play a factor," Bulldogs tennis coach Tom Heiting said.

Heiting said district play served as good preparation for the postseason. Many Midland High players experienced grinding three-set matches in district.

"They've shown a lot of mental toughness and

resiliency especially when it comes down to the third set, 10-point tiebreaker," Heiting said. "We've just been getting better and better as the season progressed. We were taking care of business at that point I definitely like that."

This will be Heiting's first experience with the new playoff format first instituted in 2017 after

he returned as MHS coach this year following a stint in administration. Team tennis used to settle state tournament berths with a single location regional tournament when Heiting coached MHS from 1992-2009.

In 2017, MHS defeated El Paso Franklin, 13-6, in the regional quarterfinals.

But earlier this season, Franklin beat the Bulldogs,

10-8, at the Hasan Brawl Tournament. "During that time, I was getting to know the kids and we were experimenting with a few of our positions and now we feel like our chances are pretty good because our lineup is solidified and we will have a couple of key players back in there," Heiting said of the early-season loss to Franklin.

Today's winner faces the winner of Arlington Martin and Fules Trinity in the area round. Franklin is the runner-up out of District 1-6A, while MHS is the third seed out of District 2-6A. The Bulldogs have been idle since the end of district Sept. 29, while Franklin just lost to District 1-6A champion El Paso Coronado Saturday.

Heiting says his players are ready despite the time off. "We've been prepping for it since the end of district," Heiting said. "Everybody knows that it's win or go home."

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Dodgers next up for Brewers' lights-out 'pen

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Build an early lead, get five good innings out of the starter and bring in the bullpen. The Milwaukee Brewers used that formula to win 11 straight games going into the NL Championship Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Clayton Kershaw could be the ace that finally puts a stop to the streak. The three-time NL Cy Young Award winner will start for Los Angeles in Game 1 on Friday night at Miller Park.

"We know we're not going to get a ton of opportunities" against Kershaw and Dodgers starting pitching, outfielder Ryan Braun said. "So we've talked about the importance of cashing in on the opportunities we do get."

Once the Brewers take a lead, they're hard to beat. Good luck getting to their lights-out bullpen.

Milwaukee's 3.47 ERA in relief was second in the NL only to the Chicago Cubs. The bullpen went 2-0 with a save and a 1.17 ERA in the three-game Division Series sweep Colorado.

Corey Knebel can come in as soon as the fifth, usually lights-out left-hander Josh Hader in just about situation and Jeremy Jeffress in the late innings. All three relievers are capable of closing.

Knebel and Hader are making their postseason debuts, while Jeffress' playoff experience before this year was limited to just one inning in 2016 with Texas.

"I thought it was going to be a lot different," Knebel said Thursday of the playoffs. "The first time I came in, I felt the same surprisingly. ... Hey, it's just another game. That's all it is. You just want to keep playing ball."

The spotlight probably won't fade the Dodgers, who are in a third straight NLCS for the first time in

franchise history. The strategy at the plate doesn't change, either, just because Milwaukee's relievers are so good.

Knebel, Hader and Jeffress, along with righty Joakim Soria, appeared in all three games against Colorado spread out over four days.

The NLCS is best-of-seven, with the first four games over five days, so bullpen usage could differ.

"When you're talking about a seven-game series," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said, "having those guys go to their 'pen and taxing them and beating the starter, there's still a lot of value in that."

Chasing the starter will require building an early lead that might require the Brewers to dip into his bullpen earlier or more often than planned.

"If they go bullpen game, like they did against the Rockies, it's a seven-game set," Dodgers infielder Max Muncy said. "It's more games you're putting stress on the bullpen."

Other notes and things to watch.

Unfinished business
Pressure in the NLCS? Maybe not for the Dodgers, who lost Game 7 of the World Series to the Houston Astros a year ago. Now that's pressure.

"We want to finish off what we didn't finish off last year. That's been their focus since after that Game 7," Roberts said. "We're in a position right now where we can give ourselves an opportunity to get back there."

MVP watch
Outfielder Christian Yelich, making his postseason debut, hit .250 with a homer and two RBIs with two steals in the NLDS. The smooth-hitting left-hander went on a tear in the second half, hitting .367 after the All-Star break with 25 homers to help lift the

Brewers to the NL Central crown.

When the series shifts to Dodger Stadium next week, the southern California native will be playing in a park where he used to watch games as a child.

Start it up
No bullpen day to open up the series for the Brewers. Milwaukee is going with left-hander Gio Gonzalez to oppose Kershaw in Game 1 on Friday night. For Gonzalez, it has been quite a rebound since being acquired in a deal with the Washington Nationals, going 3-0 with a 2.13 ERA in five starts with Milwaukee.

"So to sit here, and I'm pitching Game 1 of the second round, I think it's remarkable, pretty incredible," Gonzalez said, "and hopefully I get to tell my kids about this one day."

An 11-year veteran, Gonzalez is 4-1 with a 1.89 ERA in six career starts against the Dodgers.

CV heroism
One of the toughest left-handers in baseball, Kershaw (9-5, 2.73) hasn't been quite as good in his career in the NLCS. He is 2-4 with a 4.65 ERA in five career starts in this round.

Back where it started
The NLCS will begin in the park where All-Star Manny Machado made his Dodgers' debut. After Machado was acquired at the All-Star break from the Orioles, the Dodgers opened up the second half of the season at Miller Park.

Machado has hit .273 with 13 homers and 42 RBIs in 66 games with the Dodgers.

"It made it a lot easier knowing I was just another piece to this ballclub," Machado said. "This ballclub could have made it just as easily without me."

ALCS

From 1B

double down the right-field line. And when Gonzalez cleared the Monster — and the seats above them — with a two-run homer in the third, it looked like Price was headed for his 10th straight loss as a playoff starter (he has won two postseason games in relief.)

But Boston, which won the AL East and a franchise-record 10th game, came back in the bottom half, starting with

Xander Bogaerts' one-out single and then a double that sent Gonzalez crashing back-first into the metal scoreboard on the left-field wall. He fell to the warning track, but after the training staff and manager AJ Hinch went out to check on him he stayed in the game.

Cole walked Devers on four pitches to load the bases and struck out Ian Kinsler on three pitches before Bradley lofted one down the left-field line and off the Monster. As the ball

bounced back toward the infield, it hopped on the padding along the side wall, just out of Gonzalez's reach.

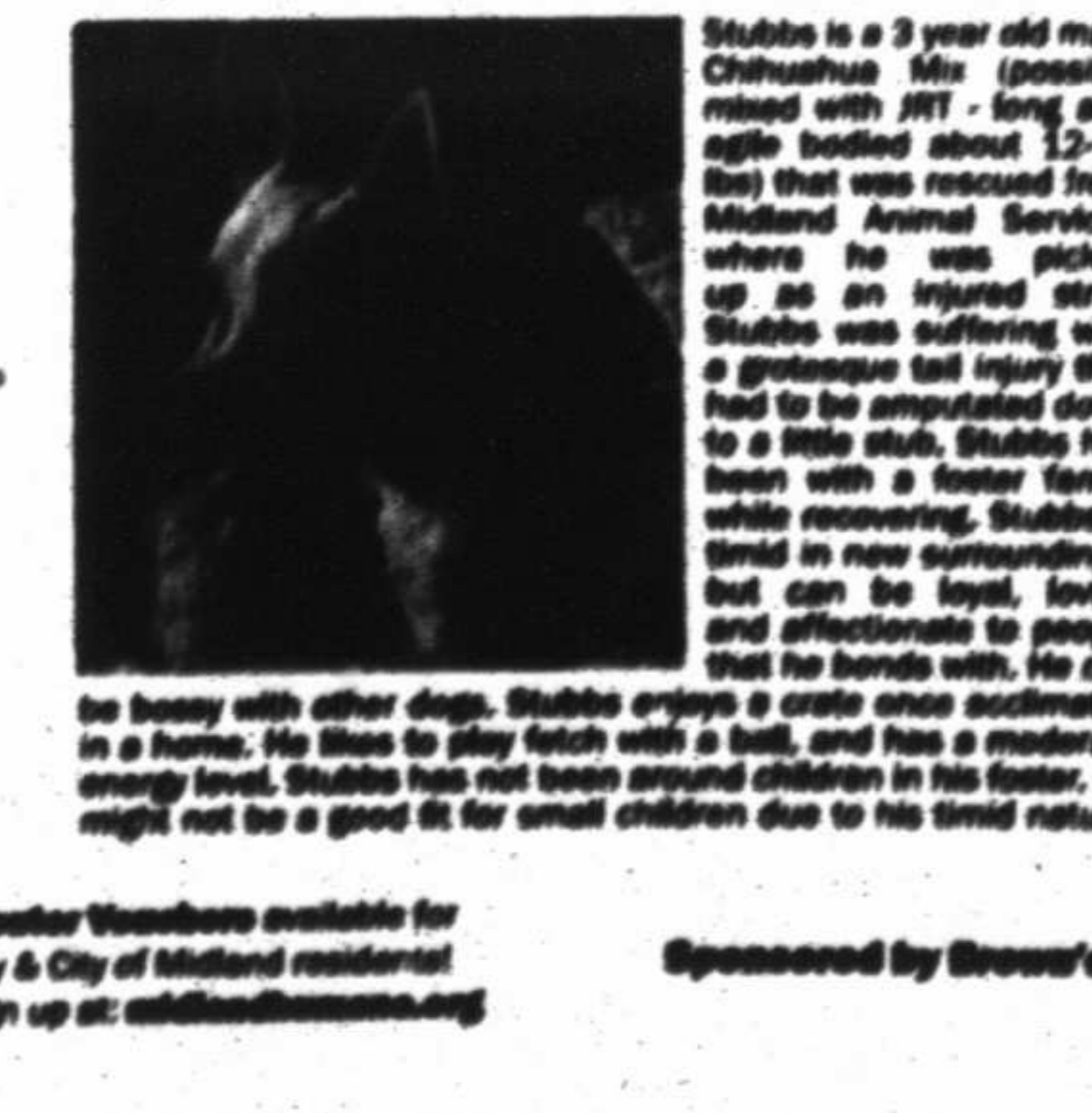
Betts scored an insurance run in the seventh, walking to lead off the inning and coming around to make it 6-4 on a wild pitch and a pair of passed balls. He gave Boston a 7-4 lead with an RBI double in the eighth.

Cole shoulder

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Military husband returns home only to ship out with his mom

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "John," recently returned from his fourth Middle East tour after having been gone for a year. As soon as he got back, his mother invited him and his two sisters on a vacation cruise for a week. He said yes, and they'll be leaving in a couple of weeks. The downside is — no spouses allowed.

John and I are in our mid-40s. We have been married 25 years. I feel slighted, left out and, frankly, disrespected. I'm not sure how to bring this up to him or to his mom. I don't want to cause my husband, who is currently going through a difficult reintegration process, any stress. And I don't want to cause drama with his mother, who will regard my speaking up as an offense to her gesture for her children. Please help. Do I just keep my hurting mouth shut? — **HURTING IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR HURTING: Because your husband is having a difficult time reintegrating, I do think you should keep your mouth closed. The reason you and the other spouses weren't invited may have been the cost involved. If it wasn't, then Mama may have wanted her "brood" around her and no one else.

You say you and your husband have been married 25

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years. That would make you a military wife. By definition, military wives are resilient and independent. If you feel you will be at loose ends while your husband is with his mother and siblings, I suggest you and the other "excluded spouses" plan some activities together to pass the time. If you all like each other, you could have a ball.

Later, when the time is right, you and your husband could plan a private getaway just for the two of you.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for almost a year to an amazing man who surprised me with a stunning, large engagement ring. I'm a modest, humble person and often find myself hiding the ring because — although I love it — I don't like the attention it brings. My proud mother-in-law often brags about the ring to others. She recently started working at the same place I do and has been showing off the ring (on my finger) to my co-workers. It makes me very uncomfortable

because I like to stay as professional as possible.

My mother-in-law is so sweet that I don't want to hurt her feelings. I also don't want to stop wearing my ring to work because it is so special to me. What do I do? — **SPARKLES PLENTY IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR SPARKLES PLENTY: It's a little late to do anything now because most of your co-workers have probably seen your ring. What you should have done when your mother-in-law first drew attention to it was take her aside and ask her privately to stop because you are a humble person and also concerned it might incite jealousy.

DEAR ABBY: Is there such thing as love at first sight? — **A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS**

DEAR PENNY: There is such a thing as strong mutual attraction at first sight. But love doesn't happen in an instant. Love requires actually getting to know someone.

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Bidding Quiz

Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South. you hold: ♠104♥AK63♦K6♣AJ1087

Partner opens INT, 15-17. What is your plan?

A — Bid 2C in case you have a heart fit, then 3C if you don't find one. This bid is natural and forcing. 3NT would be a poor choice.

Q2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠A965♥AJ9♦K64♣964

Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent overcalls 1S. What call would you make?

A — Be conservative with 4-3-3 distribution. Bid 2NT, invitational.

Q3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠J4♥AK72♦J108754♣Q

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

10 Pass 10 Pass

2NT Pass ?

What call would you make?


A — Some methods for this situation: 3C should be check-back asking about major-suit information, and 3D should be game forcing with a fit in opener's minor, regardless of which minor he opened. Bid 3D with that agreement.

Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠7654♥8♦AQJ108♣943

Partner passes and so does right-hand opponent. What call would you make?


A — Even if you NEVER open a weak two-bid on a five-card suit, you should do it with this hand in third seat. Bid 2D.

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