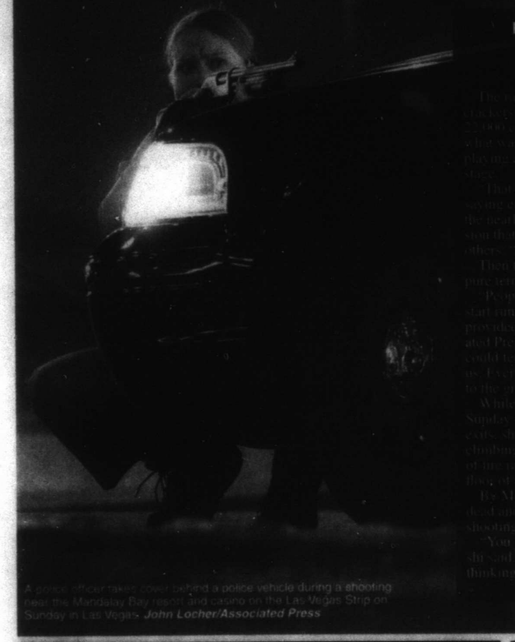
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'I'm going to die': fear grips Vegas strip; gunman kills 59

By Sally Ho and Regina Garcia Cano
Associated Press



A police officer takes cover behind a police vehicle during a shooting near the Mandalay Bay resort and casino on the Las Vegas Strip on Sunday in Las Vegas. *John Locher/Associated Press*

The rapid-fire popping sounded like firecrackers at first and many in the crowd of 22,000 country music fans didn't understand what was happening when the band stopped playing and singer Jason Aldean hustled off the stage.

Then gunshots could be heard — one emphatically on cellphone video in the eerie half-minute of silence and confusion that followed. A woman pleaded with others: "Get down! Get down! Stay down!"

Then the pop-pop-pop noise resumed. And pure terror set in.

"People are screaming and yelling and we start running," said Andrew Alvoshi, who provided the cellphone video to The Associated Press. "You could feel the panic. You could feel like the bullets were flying above us. Everybody is ducking down, running low to the ground."

While some concertgoers hit the ground Sunday night, others pushed for the crowded exits, shoving through narrow gates and climbing over fences as 30- to 50-round bursts of gunfire rained down on them from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay casino hotel.

By Monday afternoon, 59 victims were dead and 527 injured in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

"You just didn't know what to do," Akiyoshi said. "Your heart is racing and you're thinking, 'I'm going to die.'"

The gunman, identified as Stephen Craig Paddock, a 64-year-old retired accountant from Mesquite, Nevada, killed himself before officers stormed Room 135 in the gold-colored glass skyscraper.

The avid gambler who according to his brother made a small fortune investing in real estate had been staying there since Thursday and had busted out windows to create his sniper's perch roughly 500 yards from the concert grounds.

The motive for the attack remained a mystery, with Sheriff Joseph Lombardo saying: "I can't get into the mind of a psychopath at this point."

Paddock had 23 guns — some with scopes — in his hotel room, authorities said. They found two gun stocks that allow the shooter to replicate fully automatic fire, and are investigating whether weapons used in the massacre had those modifications, according to a U.S. official briefed by law enforcement who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is still unfolding.

At Paddock's home, authorities found 19 more guns, explosives and thousands of rounds of ammunition. Also, several pounds of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer that can be turned into explosives such as those used in the 1995 Oklahoma bombing, were in his car, the sheriff said.

The FBI said it found nothing so far to suggest the attack was connected to international terrorism, despite a claim of responsibility from the Islamic State group, which said Paddock was a "soldier" who had recently converted to Islam.

Trump sticks to somber script, refuses to join gun debate

By Jonathan Lemire and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump stuck to a somber script Monday after at least 58 people were shot dead in Las Vegas, condemning the largest mass shooting in modern U.S. history as an "act of pure evil" and declaring the nation would unite behind the survivors. He refused to get into a new debate over gun control.

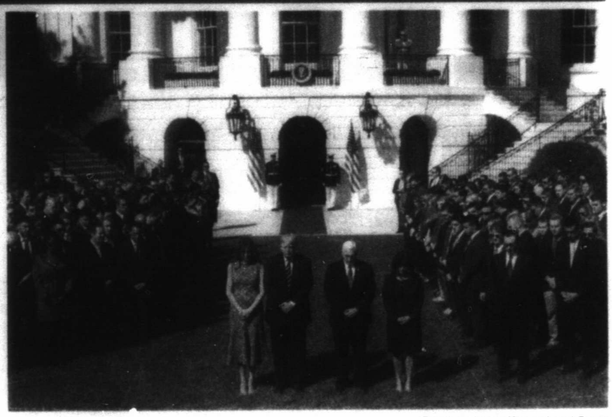
Faced with the sad and familiar ritual of a president offering consolation after horrific violence, Trump spoke slowly and carefully from the White House Diplomatic Room, focusing not on the identity or possible motive of the shooter but on the nation's efforts to heal.

"Our unity cannot be shattered by evil, our bonds cannot be broken by violence," the president said. "We call upon the bonds that unite us: our faith, our family, and our shared values. We call upon the bonds of citizenship, the ties of community, and the comfort of our common humanity."

Trump spoke hours after a gunman on the 32nd floor of a Vegas Strip casino opened fire on people at an outdoor country music festival below. The gunman, 64-year-old Stephen Craig Paddock, killed at least 58 people as tens of thousands of concertgoers screamed and ran for their lives. More than 500 people were hurt.

In a measured statement that was revised by aides until moments before he spoke, Trump did not describe the gunman in any way or suggest what might have been behind his actions. He praised the first responders who he said prevented further loss of life and said he would visit Las Vegas on Wednesday. He offered condolences to the families

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President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump stand with Vice President Mike Pence, his wife Karen, and members of the White House staff during a moment of silence to remember the victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas, on the South Lawn of the White House on Monday in Washington.

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Odessa man is charged with intoxication manslaughter

■ Local woman is 28th person to die on roads in Midland County this year after her car is hit by a pickup

From staff reports

An Odessa man is being held on a $100,000 bond on a charge of intoxication manslaughter after a two-vehicle crash led to the death of a Midland County woman on Sunday morning, the city's spokeswoman said.

Brenda Vasquez, 24, was driving a Chevy Cruz eastbound on Illinois Avenue at the intersection of Midland Drive and proceeded through the intersection when the light turned green. Juan Lujan Galindo Jr., 21, was driving a Chevy Silverado southbound on Midland Drive and proceeded through the intersection at a "high speed," according to a press release from spokeswoman Elana Ladd. The pickup hit Vasquez's car and ultimately crashed into a cinderblock fence that is in the rear of a business at the intersection.

Vasquez is the 28th person to die in wrecks on Midland County roads this year, according to Reporter-Telegram records. She died at the scene. Galindo was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital and was treated and released, Ladd said.

Galindo also is being charged with reckless driving, a Class B misdemeanor. A $500 bond has been set on the misdemeanor, according to the Midland County website.

A passenger in the pickup, a 21-year-old male, also is being held in connection with the wreck. He has been charged with public intoxication, a Class C misdemeanor, and failure to report a felony, a Class A misdemeanor.

Police were called out to the scene at about 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Investigation into the accident continues.

Sunday morning's crash was the third this year in which alcohol was a factor, according

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MDC approves three donation agreements with TxDOT

By Trevor Hawes
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The Midland Development Corp. on Monday approved a trio of donation agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation that will help major roads projects in Midland move forward. The economic group is also looking to work closely with the city to get more infrastructure improved.

At its meeting Monday, the board voted 4-0 to approve three separate donation agreements with the state's transportation agency.

The first is $3 million toward the construction of a Loop 250 overpass at County Road 1140. The total project cost is $19.2 million, according to the Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization's latest Master Transportation Plan. The MPO is a federally mandated agency whose board programs federal and state transportation funding within its boundaries, which include portions of Midland, Ector and Martin counties.

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The second agreement is $2 million for the reconstruction of the interchange at Interstate 20 at Midkiff Road. The MTP lists the cost at $25.52 million.

The third agreement is $2 million toward the ramp reconfiguration project at Loop 250 and State Highway 191, which is listed at $10 million.

The MDC is looking to leverage funds to get transportation projects finished faster, particularly converting the eastern portion of Loop 250 into freeway-grade highway like its western counterpart. Chairman Brent Hilliard calls it "turning small dollars into large dollars," and it seems to be working.

The economic development group has chipped in on several projects, which have moved higher on the MTP's "fiscally

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P&Z Commission approves plan for affordable housing

■ Midland Visions 2000 proposes triplex and duplex

By Trevor Hawes
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Midland Visions 2000 is looking to expand its mission to provide affordable housing in Midland, and the nonprofit on Monday got a bit closer to building a facility.

At its first meeting of the month, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted 6-1 to approve a site plan that includes the construction of a triplex and duplex at 500 S. Calhoun St. The property is the combination of two lots.

The triplex will have two three-bedroom units and one two-bedroom unit, and the duplex will have two two-bedroom units, according to Arlene Love of Midland Visions 2000. She told the Reporter-Telegram that the nonprofit will work to keep rents reasonable.

"Because our goal is to provide affordable housing, we're hoping for the two-bedrooms to be about $950 per month. For the three-bedrooms, no more than $1,100."

The site, which is on the corner of East Washington Avenue and Calhoun Street, will have 11 parking spaces, one more than the minimum required. It will be set back 20 feet from Calhoun and 10 feet from Washington.

A concerned neighbor inquired about several issues but Love, the commission and city staff took time to make sure all questions were answered. Among the responses:

■ Midland Visions 2000 hopes to start building in 60 to 90 days but there isn't a set timeframe; construction should take between six and nine months to complete.

■ Upkeep is the responsibility of the owner, so concerns should be brought to the city's code compliance officer.

■ Sidewalks must be constructed, and an alley approach to the west of the property might need to be built.

■ There haven't been any safety issues at other Midland Visions 2000 properties, including a pair of houses across from the site.

The Planning & Zoning commission's recommendations now go to City Council for approval.

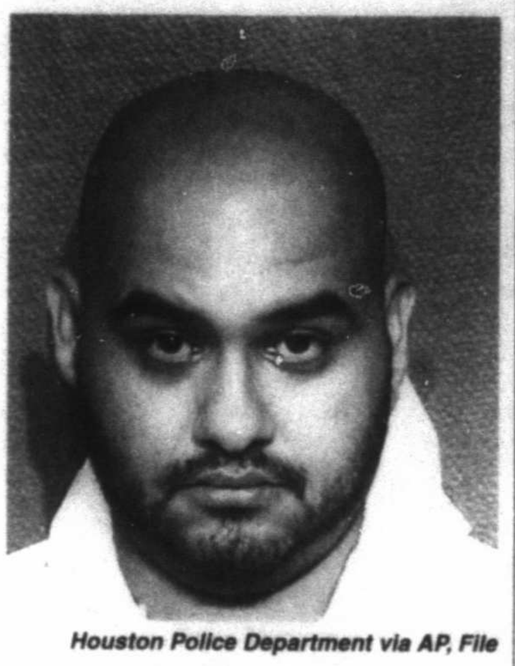
In other business, the commission saw changes in its membership. Former alternate Diane Williams is now a full-fledged commissioner after Jay Norris met his term limit. Planning & Zoning commissioners can serve two three-year terms.

Justin Nichols of Double Eagle Development is a new alternate.

Other commission members are Brad Bullock, Chase Gardaphe, Warren Ivey, Reggie Lawrence, Josh Sparks and Kevin Wilton. Terry Gammage is an alternate.

Houston man accused of decapitating mother

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press



Houston Police Department via AP, File

This undated photo provided by the Houston Police Department shows Kyriakos Savvas Georghiou. Investigators say the 27-year-old Houston man is accused of decapitating his mother and wounding his father in a stabbing attack. Harris County court records show Kyriakos Savvas Georghiou was being held without bond Monday on charges of murder and aggravated assault of a family member in the Friday night attack. Houston police say the suspect came out of the home carrying two knives and surrendered to officers who were responding to a domestic disturbance call.

HOUSTON — A Houston man who authorities say had repeatedly assaulted his mother remained in jail Monday after prosecutors allege he decapitated her and inflicted several nonfatal stab wounds on his father at their home, where he was barred from being.

Kyriakos Savvas Georghiou's mother had a protective order in place and he wasn't supposed to be at the parents' house, prosecutors said. He had been accused of punching the 76-year-old woman in the face in April.

His attorney, Jeffrey Wilner, said Georghiou's parents posted his $10,000 bail in the assault case last month and were getting him mental health treatment at a facility in Houston. Georghiou had been in jail since June for the alleged assault.

"The mother loved him. His dad loved him. ... I'm just in shock," Wilner said Monday, adding that he "would have called the police and told his dad not to bond him out" if he had any idea that Georghiou would be a danger to his family.

Georghiou, 27, allegedly went to his parents' house on Friday and started stabbing Jane Georghiou, said Carvana Cloud, a prosecutor with the district attorney's office in Harris County, Texas.

When Costas Georghiou tried to protect his wife, he was stabbed several times in the face and chest, Cloud said.

Kyriakos Georghiou left his parents' home and his father went to get help. But Georghiou came back with a second knife while the father was away, the prosecutor said.

"He continues to stab his mother to the point where he kills her and her head is severed from her body," Cloud said.

Georghiou's father was hospitalized in critical condition after the attack. His condition has been upgraded to fair, hospital officials said Monday.

Georghiou is being held without bond on charges of murder and aggravated assault on a family member. He has a court appearance scheduled for Thursday.

At the time of the stabbing attack, Georghiou's bond had been revoked by a judge after he missed a court hearing last week in the assault case in which he faced a charge of injury to an elderly individual for allegedly punching his mother inside his car in April and knocking out one of her front teeth.

It was the second time that Georghiou had been arrested for an assault on his mother. In 2014, he was sentenced to three years in state prison after pleading guilty to a charge of injury to an elderly individual for punching his mother, leaving her with broken teeth and a swollen left eye. He also had prior arrests for drug possession and aggravated robbery.

Wilner said Georghiou "loved his mother" and that his parents had struggled for years to get him help for his mental health issues.

"They tried everything they could for him," the attorney said.

Georghiou's parents bailed him out of jail on Sept. 6.

"I thought everything was OK when he bonded out," Wilner said.

Cloud said investigators are still determining a motive for the stabbing attack.

Obituaries



Juanita Case Eudy

Juanita Case Eudy, 98, of Midland, Texas, passed away on September 30, 2017.

Juanita was born in Claude, Texas, on July 10, 1919, to Harvey S. Case and Vera Thrasher Case.

One of nine children, Juanita attended schools in Umbarger, Estelline, Parnell, Weatherly, Gasoline, and Quitaque, Texas.

When she was a senior in high school, her dad suddenly passed away, leaving her Mom with seven children at home. Juanita dropped out of school and worked as many as three jobs at a time as this was during the Depression. Her night job was selling tickets at the Gem Theatre in Turkey, Texas, where she met a local farm boy, Hugh Eudy. They were married on June 29, 1941 and were married 66 years before Hugh's passing in 2007. Six months after their marriage, Pearl Harbor occurred and Hugh joined the United States Navy. He was overseas for almost four years, only getting to come home twice in that time.

Juanita was mostly a housewife and mom to three sons, but later in life worked as a secretary and at the Van Horn school cafeteria.

Juanita and Hugh farmed in Turkey, Texas for a number of years before moving to Van Horn, Texas in 1955. They farmed there for 36 years before retiring and moving to Midland.

Juanita is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Hugh Eudy; son, Ken Eudy; grandson, John Eudy; granddaughter, Jana Graves; brothers, Renois Case, Oles Case, Jack Case, and Bob Case; and sisters, Ruby Dell Case, Wilmuth Tutor, Frances Mullin, and Martha Darling.

Juanita is survived by sons, Don Eudy and wife Linda of Midland and Larry Eudy and wife Jeannie of Midland; grandchildren, Dona Retzlaff (Dirk) of Eagle River, Alaska, Amy Eudy of Houston, Tracey Reiter(Karl) of Midland, Lindsey Neagle (Michael) of Midland, and James Eudy (Polanco) of Progreso, Mexico; great-grandchildren, Sterling, Steely, and Stefan Retzlaff, Kaiden Reiter, Jade and Kylee Neagle, Kenley Seaborn, Falyn, Duke, and Sophie Graves, and Noah Eudy; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at the Turkey, Texas Church of Christ at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, with burial following at Dreamland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey, Texas, Turkey Church of Christ, or a favorite charity.

The family of Juanita wishes to thank the caregivers at Brookdale Senior Living and Legacy Ranch for their care.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Linden Rand Boch

Linden Rand Boch, 63, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Linden was born on May 24, 1954 in Abilene, Texas to Linden and Mary (Aday) Boch.

In 1976, he graduated from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. On September 10, 1977, in a pecan orchard in Comanche, Texas, he married his best friend, Debra Strickland.

Lin and Debra lived in Comanche, Ranger, and moved to Midland in 1980. Their son, Adam Ross Boch, was born on March 31, 1983. Lin loved camping, fishing, hiking, and had a great interest in native plants. Lin courageously lived with kidney disease for many years.

Lin is survived by his wife, Debra; son, Adam; sister, Charlotte and husband Pete Wadleigh; sisters-in-law, Daphne Blevins and Donna and husband Jack Richardson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Linden and Mary Boch.

Family would like to appreciate everyone at Midland Dialysis Center. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Texas Kidney Foundation or West Texas Food Bank.

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

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Death Notices

Brenda Monicke Vazquez

Funeral services for Brenda Monicke Vazquez will be Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland, Texas.

Brenda passed away on October 1, 2017.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Midland, Texas.

Survivors include her mother, Gloria Suchil; father, Rogelio Vazquez; and four sisters and two brothers.

Margarito Mata Garcia

Margarito Mata Garcia, 98, of Midland, passed away Saturday, September 30, 2017.

He is survived by one son, Girard Garcia; two daughters, Joan Garcia and Adalita Garcia; and two daughters-in-law, Ann Marie Garcia and Anita Garcia.

Family will be receiving friends on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home.

Graveside Service will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Fairview Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.

Maria Pilar (Pachita) Villa

Maria Pilar (Pachita) Villa, of Midland, Texas, passed away Sunday, October 1, 2017.

Viewing will be Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel and Wednesday, October 4, 2017 from 9:00 am to 9:00pm at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel.

An evening service will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 and Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Catholic Church. Burial will follow to Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her father, Angel Navarrete; husband, Efren Villa; son, Efren Villa, Jr.; daughters, Isabel Gutierrez and Yasmin Villa; and by one brother and four sisters.

H-E-B recalls Mi Tienda product because of mislabeling

From staff reports

H-E-B is recalling its Mi Tienda Pollo Cesaro because the packaging ingredient list was mislabeled as Mi Tienda Al Pastor Pork and because it did not declare a wheat allergen, according to a company press release.

The items have a freeze-by or sell-by date of Oct. 12, 2017, and UPC number 23841700000.

The companies warn that people with an allergy or severe sensitivity to wheat run the risk of serious allergic reaction if they consume these products. There haven't been any illnesses reported, according to a press release from H-E-B.

Purchases can be taken to the store for a full refund. Questions can be directed to H-E-B customer service at 855-432-4438.

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constrained" list. Projects on this list have complete funding planned. The MPO board worked for several months in determining how to rearrange the MTP. It opted to give greater priority to projects with contributions.

The MDC committed $2 million toward the overpass at Loop 250 and county roads 1150 and 60, a complex curvilinear interchange that has a price of $21.5 million. It now sits fourth on the MTP list and is scheduled to begin in 2019, though steps in the process already are underway.

TxDOT will hold a public meeting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 24 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave., to provide information about the project and to get feedback.

The interchange reconfiguration at Loop 250 and SH 191 sits sixth and has a target year of 2021. The I-20 and Midkiff Road interchange is seventh and also is slated for 2021. In the ninth spot is the overpass at Loop 250 and CR 1140. Its target year is 2022.

The MDC has worked since November with the Odessa Development Corp., the cities and the counties to come together and commit money to improve the region's blighted transportation networks. Last month, the ODC announced its commitments:

■ An overpass at Yukon Road and Loop 338: $2 million.

■ An overpass at Faudree Road and I-20: $2 million.

■ Improvements to U.S. Highway 385 and South Loop 338: $2 million.

■ Improvements at Business 20 and Faudree Road: $2 million.

■ Improvements to West Loop 338 and Eighth Street: $2 million.

■ Upgrades to the intersection of Loop 338 and 52nd and 56th streets: $500,000.

■ Improvements at Faudree Road from SH 191 to Yukon Road: $500,000.

■ Interchange work at U.S. 385 and Loop 338: $500,000.

In total, the MDC has committed this year to nine infrastructure projects totaling $13,698,767.34, according to data received from the economic development group. Since 2010, the MDC has committed $40,037,916.18 toward 28 projects — and it's looking to do more.

On Monday, the board voted to allow the chairman to negotiate and execute an economic development agreement with the city for the purpose of combining funds for future infrastructure improvements. Projects the city and the MDC will team up on are yet to be determined.

In other business

■ Over budget: The board voted 4-0 to amend its budget because the MDC has gone over. The budget was at $7,190,088 for fiscal year 2016-17. The amended budget is $8,118,670.50. The amount of sales tax collected this year was $9,368,827.23, a 4.3 percent increase over last year. Collections in September were up 40.92 percent.

■ Developing Mims: The board approved allowing the chairman to negotiate an agreement for a road at David Mims Business Park. Weir Oil and Gas has agreed to build a $30 million facility on a 20-acre portion of the business park, and the road will help support its operations and those of future companies. The road is expected to cost about $500,000, though it could be more.

■ It's good to know somebody: The board approved the purchase of a new server from Atlas Business Solutions in the amount of $6,884.68 and authorized future purchases from Atlas so long as they're under $5,000 per transaction. Hilliard owns Atlas and said he can get servers cheaper than the city can, so the MDC is getting them through him at cost.

■ Baby on the way: The board voted 4-0 to allow the chairman to hire an advertising firm for one year to replace a staffer who soon will be out on maternity leave.

■ A little more time: The MDC has given Basin PBS until June to complete its renovation of the Ritz Theater as its new headquarters. The MDC has offered $300,000 toward the cost of the project when Basin PBS secures $2.7 million.

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ing to previous Reporter-Telegram articles.

A Grand Prairie woman died July 5 after being hit by a car on LaSalle Circle. The driver, a 25-year-old Midland man, has been charged with intoxication manslaughter, according to a previous article.

A month later, on Aug. 4, a 41-year-old Midland man died after his Toyota pickup was hit by a Nissan pickup at the intersection of Business 20 service road and North County Road 1140.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers said alcohol was a factor and charges "likely" would be filed against the Nissan driver, a 22-year-old Abilene man, according to a previous article.

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11. HS VOLLEYBALL: Lady Dawgs down Lady Rebs in 5 frames 3,999
12. Sports 3,617
13. HS FOOTBALL: Rebels' ground game helps to dominate MHS 3,256
14. Academic 180: Milam Elementary sets bar for other campuses 2,545
15. SWOTT offers chance for oil professionals to enjoy tennis 2,252
16. Small Bites: Hibachi Express to open, Basin Burger House extends hours 2,092
17. Inky Johnson found strength in faith after life-changing accident 2,015
18. Stonegate pastor: Midland, Odessa will rise together 1,916
19. Crime 1,909
20. Photos: "An Evening with Jimmy Johnson" 1,888
21. Man arrested on sexual abuse charge 1,845
22. MCS INSTITUTION 1,783
23. HS Volleyball: MHS vs. Amarillo Tascosa 1,715
24. Heat Index: St. Ann's fair, Dwight Yoakam highlight weekend of music, festivals 1,681
25. OUT & ABOUT: KMB hosts Trashion Show, UPS reaches out to community 1,670

Things to do

■ Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. palettesclubmidland.com.

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Building Bots: Robotics and Engineering Fun Lab for children grades K-2., 5:30 p.m., The Petroleum Museum, 1500 W I-20 West. pbpetro.org.

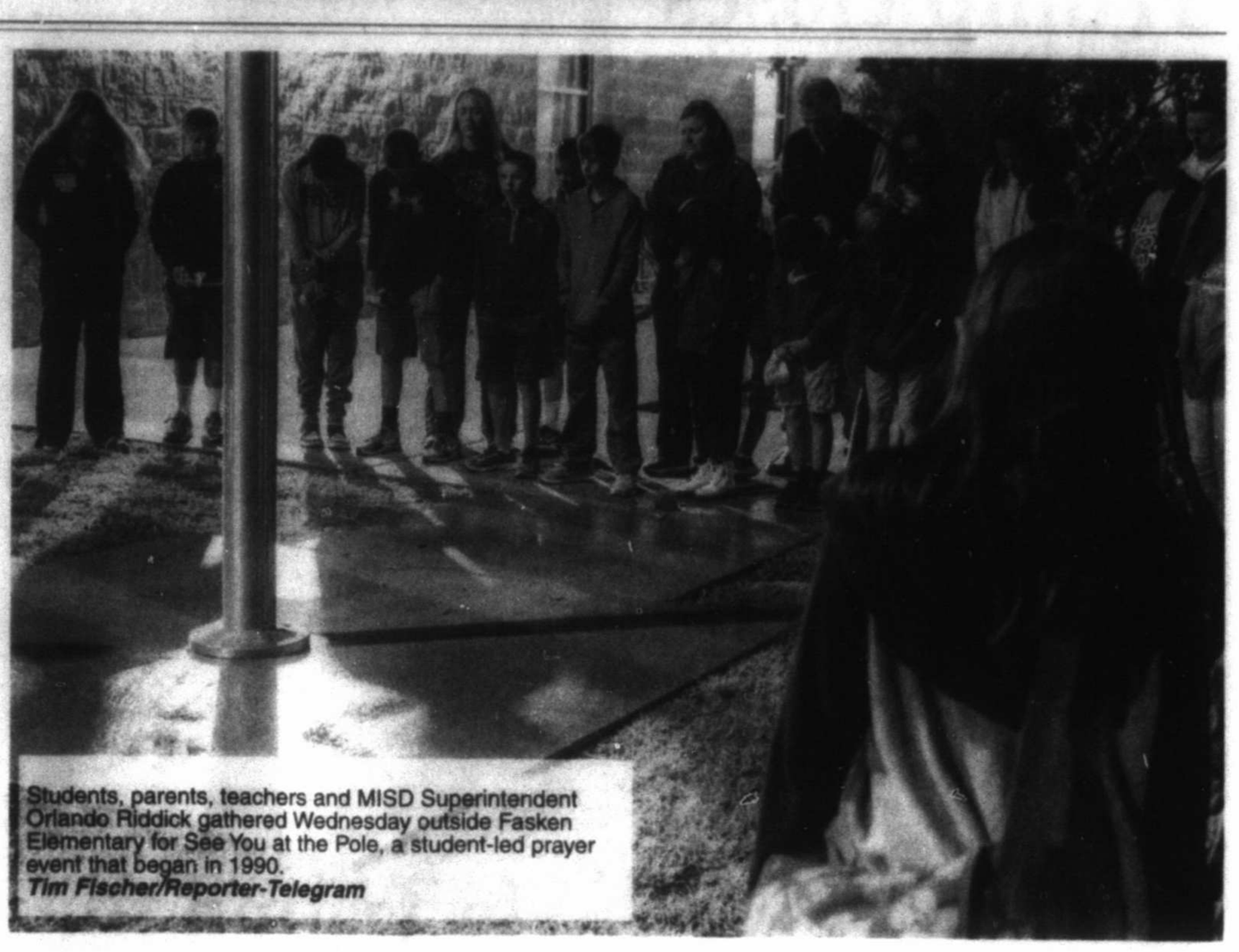
■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ Take Me to the River: A Memphis Soul and Rhythm and Blues Revue with Charlie Musselwhite, Bobby Rush and William Bell. 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35 to $65. wagnernoel.com.

■ Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

■ Karaoke and pool tournament at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.



Students, parents, teachers and MISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick gathered Wednesday outside Fasken Elementary for See You at the Pole, a student-led prayer event that began in 1990.
Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

September weather report

Average high: 88.5 degrees
Average low: 66.2 degrees
Average temperature: 77.3 degrees
Typical average for September: 74.5 degrees
Days of 100-degree weather: three
Warmest day: Sept. 14 (104 degrees)
Coolest night: Sept. 8, 27 and 30 (60 degrees)
Rainfall: 4.07 inches
Average rainfall for September: 1.86 inches

Source: National Weather Service

Correction

The 10th annual Blue Ribbon Run, which is organized by the Midland County Child Welfare Board, is planned for April.

An item on the event was mistakenly included in "Today in Midland" in Monday's edition.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 3, the 276th day of 2017. There are 89 days left in the year.

On this date

In 1932, Iraq became independent of British administration.

In 1941, Adolf Hitler declared in a speech in Berlin that Russia had been "broken" and would "never rise again."

In 1962, astronaut Wally Schirra became the fifth American to fly in space as he blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard the Sigma 7 on a 9-hour flight.

In 1992, Barack Obama married Michelle Robinson at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago.

In 1995, the jury in the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles found the former football star not guilty of the 1994 slayings of his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman (however, Simpson was later found liable for damages in a civil trial).

In 2008, O.J. Simpson was found guilty of robbing two sports-memorabilia dealers at gunpoint in a Las Vegas hotel room. (Simpson was sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison; he was granted parole in July 2017 and released from prison on Sunday.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama and actor Leonardo DiCaprio teamed up on the White House South Lawn for the "South by South Lawn" festival of technology and music to sound a call for urgent action to combat climate change.

Today's birthdays: Rock and roll star Chubby Checker is 76. Singer Lindsey Buckingham is 68. Civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton is 63.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 3-9-0
Pick 3 day: 6-5-2
Pick 3 evening: 4-6-1
Pick 3 night: 5-9-7
Daily 4 morning: 9-5-9-6
Daily 4 day: 9-6-4-1
Daily 4 evening: 7-5-5-5
Daily 4 night: 6-8-7-1
Cash Five: 19-26-27-34-35
Triple Chance: 2-9-15-16-20 28-33-37-39-51

Texas Two Step: 13-15-18-31 BB: 5
All or Nothing morning: 3-5-6-7-10-12-13-14-15-17-21-24
All or Nothing day: 1-3-7-10-11-14-15-16-17-20-22-24
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All or Nothing night: 2-4-6-9-10-11-12-13-14-17-18-22

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Weather

Monday's temperatures
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Normal low 57

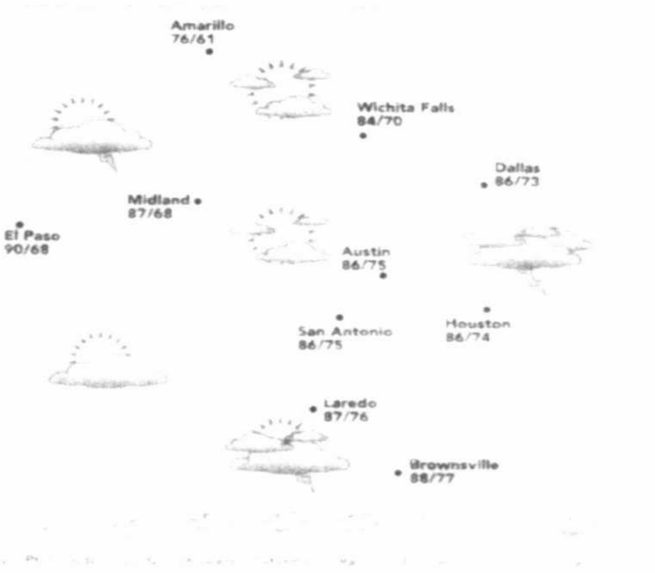
Oct. 2's records
Record high: 101 set in 2000
Record low: 42 set in 1965

Precipitation
Sunday ..... 0.00 in
Monday ..... 0.00 in
Month total ..... 0.00 in
Year total ..... 16.81 in
Normal total (year to date) ..... 11.71 in

Winds
Average: 16.8 mph
Highest sustained: 23 mph
Highest gust: 35 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Tuesday, October 3, 2017



High: 82
Low: 57
Conditions: Mostly cloudy during the day and night
Winds: 15 mph during the day/ 10 mph at night
Chance of rain: 30 percent tonight
Sunrise ..... 7:23 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:16 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

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

***Note:** Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.*

A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017:

This year you have an opportunity to make a dream a reality. You often go through some dramatic changes in your domestic life. Avoid power plays of any kind. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Carefully check out anyone you have an interest in, as he or she could be emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, the two of you will develop a mutual hobby or pastime. This activity will bring you closer together. PISCES always pitches in and helps you with your work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might not recognize or claim your power. Your instincts encourage you to go within and self-evaluate. You could feel an intensity that is difficult to explain. Someone else's motives seem to revolve around control. Maintain a healthy distance. **Tonight:** Get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You know what you are doing, though you could be inspired by a friend or a dream. Keep your goal and your good intentions in mind. Excesses could occur out of the blue, perhaps over a meal that suddenly turns into a party. Curb a tendency to be angry or frustrated. **Tonight:** Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You feel an intense connection between you and an older person. Your imagination seems to know no boundaries. One-on-one relating proves to be intense, and it also encourages you to gain a fresh perspective. Avoid power plays at all costs. **Tonight:** A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to defer to someone who seems more in control of the situation and knows what he or she needs from others. Listen carefully, and be receptive to what this person has to say. Don't push so hard to achieve your long-term goals. **Tonight:** Note what is being said.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Reach out to someone with whom you often have significant conversations. A discussion might touch on a power play. Use caution with spending, and don't go overboard. You might be tempted to break the budget, but try to resist. **Tonight:** Indulge a little. Enjoy those around you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to try a different approach or allow someone else's suggestions to open a door. Avoid a power play, especially if a loved one is involved. Recognize your limits with a key person; allow him or her to run the show, while you detach. **Tonight:** Go along for the ride.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to move forward, but first rethink a personal matter more carefully. On some level, you could feel as if you are sitting on top of Mt. Vesuvius. Be careful not to trigger the volcano. Use care around a volatile person. **Tonight:** Choose an effective stress-buster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be very sorry if you don't continue on your chosen path. Distractions seems to surround you. Do you really want to get more involved in a control game? Allow your ingenuity to point to another method of handling this situation. **Tonight:** Start having more fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Emphasis is on home and family. Some of you might want to check out an investment that involves property or other family members. You long to become more independent and be your own person. Discuss, consider and debate the possibilities here. **Tonight:** Happiest at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance whom you care about. Your ability to read between the lines allows you to come out on top. Without intending to, you often find yourself in all-or-nothing situations. Others might feel as if you have power over them. **Tonight:** Hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You will enjoy what comes down the path toward you. Be willing to indulge a little when choosing a gift for a loved one. You will discover the power of giving. A partner initially could express some anger. Be aware of a difference in how you view money. **Tonight:** Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ The Moon in your sign highlights your possibilities. You might feel that with a friend's help, you could make something you desire possible. In your desire to achieve this goal, be careful not to move over someone else or ignore his or her needs. **Tonight:** Wish upon a star.

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Trump closes WH event to highlight deregulation

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has set out to upend some of President Barack Obama's regulations, which the White House says circumvented Congress in the first place and cost American businesses and the economy billions of dollars.

Without any major legislative accomplishments to point to despite the advantage of a Republican-controlled Congress, Trump on Monday was to give a speech in the White House East Room highlighting his own directives to agencies. The White House said the president is no longer attending the event following the mass killing of at least 50 people Sunday in Las Vegas. Vice President Mike Pence will lead it, but the White House closed the event to press coverage, an official there said.

There was no sign whether Pence will talk about gun regulations. During the presidential campaign, Trump cast himself as an ardent protector of the Second Amendment and proclaimed that if more "good guys" were armed with firearms there would be fewer gun tragedies. After the Orlando nightclub shooting, he suggested that if the club hadn't been a gun-free zone, someone would have been able to stop the bloodshed.

Executive orders are less enduring than legislation because a president can overturn a predecessor's policy. Obama reversed some of President George W. Bush's executive orders, and Trump's will be reviewed by his successor.

Neomi Rao, administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, estimated that Trump's regulations will save about $300 million annually, but she did not explain how Office of Management and Budget analysts came up with that number.

Critics of the effort say regulations exist to ensure safety and fairness in the workplace and elsewhere. Public Citizen, a watchdog group, says the rollback of government guidelines are Trump and the Republican Party's "craven attempt at self-enrichment and payback to corporate donors. In fact, robust regulation and enforcement are essential to economic prosperity."

Some of the major changes Trump has made since taking office in January:

Young immigrants

The latest Obama policy to fall is the program shielding from deportation hundreds of thousands of young people brought into the country as children and living here illegally. The Trump administration in September said the government would stop issuing new work permits while lawmakers debate whether the protections should be enshrined in law. In explaining his decision, Trump accused Obama of making "an end run around Congress" to protect those commonly referred to as "Dreamers." Obama retorted that Trump's action was a "cruel" and "self-defeating" decision tinged with politics. Democratic leaders and Trump said they have reached a deal to protect the immigrants, but Congress has since turned its focus to overhauling the tax code.

Climate and environment

Trump has vowed to pull the United States out of the landmark Paris climate agreement through which nearly 200 countries have committed to combat global warming by reducing polluting emissions. He's scrapped an Obama administration policy that let national parks ban the sale of bottled water to fight littering. He's moved to rip up Obama's Clean Power Plan, regulations that sought to reduce emissions from coal-fired power plants. His executive order on regulatory reform has been cited by EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as a reason to delay or roll back a raft of Obama-era environmental regulations, from cleaning up water pollution from coal mines to blunting limits on emissions of toxic mercury from power plant smokestacks. The EPA is not among the 10 agencies expected to hold public briefings after Trump's speech on Monday.



Andy Wong, Pool/Associated Press

U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, left, chats with China's President Xi Jinping during a meeting at the Great Hall of the People on Saturday in Beijing.

Is Trump the 'bad cop' with NKorea? It may not be working

By Matthew Pennington and Matthew Lee
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If President Donald Trump and his top diplomat are playing "good cop, bad cop" with North Korea, it doesn't appear to be working: Entreaties of diplomacy aren't yielding meaningful talks, and military threats aren't scaring Pyongyang into halting its nuclear advance.

Instead, America's mixed messaging may be increasing the risk of miscalculation by the isolated, communist government, which lacks insight into the Trump administration's thinking and could mistake brinkmanship for an overt threat of war.

Although American military action could invite devastating consequences for its South Korean ally, Trump has threatened to use military options and offered sometimes apocalyptic visions of the North unless it ends its nuclear and missile testing. North Korea has launched intercontinental ballistic missiles that can potentially strike the U.S. mainland and a month ago conducted its largest ever underground nuclear explosion. It has threatened to explode another nuclear bomb above the Pacific.

Amid all the threats, however, some level of U.S.-North Korean diplomacy has survived.

Speaking last weekend in China, which wants Washington to resume a full dialogue with Pyongyang, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson fueled speculation of a new diplomatic effort, acknowledging open channels of communications between the two countries.

Hours later, Trump chimed in.

"I told Rex Tillerson, our wonderful Secretary of State, that he is wasting his time trying to negotiate with Little Rocket Man," Trump tweeted Sunday, once again deploying his pet name for North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. "Save your energy Rex, we'll do what has to be done!"

The jarring tweet fueled a narrative that Trump was undermining his chief interlocutor with the world. But officials close to Tillerson insisted that the pair were on the same page, and that Trump was merely sending a message to North Korea that it would have to show up in serious negotiating mood to any diplomatic talks.

Whatever the intent, confusion was the result.

And on Monday, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders compounded the impression that the White House views diplomacy as a dead end.

The only conversations the U.S. is willing to have with North Korea are about the fate of the three Americans being held there, she said. Back-channel talks in the spring led to the release of college student Otto Warmbier, who returned home with brain damage and died days later.

"Beyond that there will be no conversations with North Korea at this time," Sanders said.

While the episode represents the latest example of the president appearing to step on his top diplomat's toes, even if advertently, perhaps more concerning for the United States is the lack of results Trump's hardnosed approach or Tillerson's softer tack have produced.

Trump's "bad cop" may have galvanized action by China, the North's traditional diplomatic protector and main trading partner, which has agreed to tough new U.N. sanctions on its ally's primary sources of revenue for weapons development. The measures include banning imports of North Korean coal, iron ore and textiles, and new limits on crucial oil and petroleum supplies.

But none of the economic pressure has forced Kim's government to even slow down a nuclear acceleration that could soon put the entire United States within range.

Tillerson's "good cop" has hardly fared better. The North professes to not even be interested in diplomacy unless the U.S. abandons its "hostile policy."

During his meetings in Beijing, the Chinese assured Tillerson they would implement the U.N. sanctions and press their local authorities near North Korea's border to stamp out banned activity, according to a State Department official familiar with the talks. China wants the North to halt its nuclear and missile tests, however remote the goal, and is eyeing the winter months when there are no U.S.-South Korean military exercises that often exacerbate tensions on the divided Korean Peninsula. The official wasn't authorized to speak publicly on the matter and demanded anonymity.

Even that appears a remote possibility. Analysts and even governments in between say Trump is making it increasingly difficult for the North to have confidence in any diplomatic effort with the United States, given his threats to demolish a 2-year-old arms control pact with Iran.

And back-channel diplomacy between senior U.S. and North Korean diplomats — primarily aimed at freeing detained Americans — hasn't helped repair any trust. In fact, the two sides have barely communicated for the last couple of weeks and there is no sign North Korean wants to re-engage, according to officials with knowledge of the discussions.

The "good cop, bad cop" ploy is unlikely to work, said Evans Revere, a former State Department official who took part in unofficial talks in Switzerland with North Korean officials last month. The North, he said, wants only to speak to Washington as "one nuclear power to another."

Facebook says estimated 10 million saw Russia-linked ads

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facebook says ads that ran on the company's social media platform and have been linked to a Russian internet agency were seen by an estimated 10 million people before and after the 2016 election.

The company turned 3,000 ads over to three congressional committees Monday as part of their investigations into Russian influence in the 2016 election. In a new company blog post, Facebook's Elliot Schrage said the ads appeared to focus on divisive social and political messages, including LGBT issues, immigration and gun rights. In many cases, the ads encouraged people to follow pages on those issues.

Fewer than half of the ads — which ran between 2015 and 2017 — were seen before the election, with 56 percent of them seen after the election. Some of the ads were paid for in Russian currency.

Congressional investigators have recently focused on the spread of false news stories and propaganda on social media and have pressured Facebook, along with Twitter and Google, to release any Russia-linked ads. Facebook's ads were turned over to the House and Senate intelligence committees and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The company already has given similar material to Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into the Russian meddling.

Facebook said last month that the ads appear to have come from accounts associated with a Russian entity called the Internet Research Agency. The company said it found 450 accounts and about $100,000 was spent on the ads.

Schrage, Facebook vice president for policy and communications, said in the blog post that the ads included "political messages across the ideological spectrum." He said for 99 percent of the ads, less than $1,000 was spent.

The company said some of the ads were paid for in Russian currency, but that isn't always a way of identifying suspicious activity. Schrage defended the site's ability to target certain demographic groups, but said "ads containing certain types of targeting will now require additional human review and approval."

The company is also making clear that it takes the right to free speech seriously and will never be able to remove all objectionable content.

"Even when we have taken all steps to control abuse, there will be political and social content that will appear on our platform that people will find objectionable, and that we will find objectionable," Schrage writes.

Another Facebook official, Joel Kaplan, the company's vice president of global policy, said in a blog post Monday morning that the company is planning to hire more than 1,000 people to staff teams that review advertisements globally. Facebook will also update its policies to require better documentation from advertisers who want to run ads related to the U.S. election, including a requirement that the advertisers will have to confirm the business or organization they represent.

Kaplan said the company's policies already prohibit "shocking" content, direct threats and the promotion of the sale or use of weapons, but said "going forward, we are expanding these policies to prevent ads that use even more subtle expressions of violence."

Google spikes free-article requirements on publishers

By Tali Arbel
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Google is ending a decade-old policy that required publishers to provide some free stories to Google users —though it's not clear how many readers will even notice, at least for the moment.

Publishers had been required to provide at least three free stories a day under the search engine's previous policy, called "first click free." Now they have the power to choose how many free articles they want to offer readers via Google before charging a fee, Richard Gingras, vice president of news at Google Inc., wrote Monday in a company blog post .

The goal is to help publishers build up digital subscriptions, an imperative for many media outlets that pay large sums for news production but are starved for advertising revenue.

Google's previous approach had let readers skirt paywall policies by typing a headline into Google and getting access to a story without having it count against a monthly free article limit, said Kinsey Wilson, an adviser to New York Times Co. CEO Mark Thompson.

Impact on readers

Many online readers may not notice a change overnight unless they visit a particular site several times a month without subscribing. And not every publication blocks users from reading stories with a paywall. Newer digital-only outfits tend not to.

Newspaper companies that do cut off readers tend to do so after a certain monthly allotment of free stories. The Times offers 10 free articles, for example; the Boston Globe, two.

Newspaper companies are trying to cope with steep declines in print-ad revenues as advertising has moved online. Google and social media companies like Facebook and Twitter are powerful drivers of traffic for publishers. But mandated freebie articles can complicate publishers' attempts to bolster their paid-subscriber base.

News Corp.'s Wall Street Journal had turned off "first click free" for its four main sections in January. It then lost half its Google traffic to articles, said spokesman Steve Severinghaus. Google would demote a publisher's content if they didn't use first click free, but now says that won't happen anymore.

Jason Kint, the head of the Digital Content Next media trade group, said he expects Google's change will lead to news sites enabling more subscription models, making it harder down the road for web users to gorge themselves on stories from a particular outlet without paying for it.

Turning to subscriptions

Subscription revenue is increasingly important for newspaper publishers. Print-ad revenue continues to shrink, and Facebook and Google are gobbling up most digital ad revenue. Research firm eMarketer says the two companies will take in 63 percent of U.S. digital ad dollars this year.

Facebook, too, is working on a way for news articles to charge readers for articles they share and read on the social network.

News outlets have become more aggressive at challenging the Silicon Valley giants.

In July, news outlets sought permission from Congress for the right to negotiate jointly with Google and Facebook, given the duo's dominance in online advertising and online news traffic.

Bodyguard gives account of Benghazi attack

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press



Dana Verkouteren via AP, File

This June 28, 2014, file courtroom sketch, United States Magistrate, Judge John Facciola, swearing in the defendant, Libyan militant Ahmed Abu Khattala, wearing a headphone, as his attorney Michelle Peterson watches during a hearing at the federal U.S. District Court in Washington. The trial of Khattala, the Libyan militant accused of being the mastermind of the 2012 Benghazi attacks began Monday.

WASHINGTON — A diplomatic security agent testified Monday that after militants stormed the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, he turned to U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, who was hiding in a safe room, and said, "When I die, you need to pick up my gun and keep fighting."

Agent Scott Wickland was the government's first witness at a trial of Ahmed Abu Khattala, a Libyan suspected of orchestrating the attack that killed the ambassador and three other Americans. Wickland took the stand and gave a harrowing account of how he tried without success to save the ambassador and Sean Patrick Smith, a State Department information management officer.

The smoke from weapons' fire and explosions was so thick and black that it blinded the three. They dropped to the floor and crawled on their bellies, gasping for air. Wickland said he was trying to lead them to a bathroom where he could close the door and open a window.

"I was breathing through the last centimeter of air on the ground," Wickland said. "I'm yelling, 'Come on. We can make it. We're going to the bathroom.' Within 8 meters, they disappeared."

Wickland kept yelling for them. He was feeling around on the floor through the toxic smoke, which made the lighted room darker than night.

"To this day, I don't even know where they went. I was right next to them, and then that's it," Wickland said. "I had my hand on Ambassador Stevens. I could hear Sean shuffling."

Twelve jurors and three alternates assembled for the opening day of one of the most significant terrorism prosecutions in recent years. Abu Khattala is being tried in U.S. District Court, a civilian court, at a time when the Trump administration has said terror suspects are better sent to the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

During Wickland's testimony, Abu Khattala hung an arm over his chair and held his chin, covered in a long, grayish white beard. He listened through earphones to an Arabic translation of the proceedings.

The opening testimony was aimed at turning the jury against the defendant, but his name was never mentioned throughout Wickland's nearly three hours on the stand. He is expected to retake the stand on Tuesday.

An 18-count indictment against Abu Khattala arises from a burst of violence that began the night of Sept. 11, 2012. Stevens and Smith were killed in the first attack at the U.S. mission. Nearly eight hours later, two more Americans, contract security officers Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty, died in a mortar attack on a CIA complex nearby

Abu Khattala, who appeared in court wearing a white shirt and dark pants, has pleaded not guilty to his charges, including murder of an internationally protected person, providing material support to terrorists and destroying U.S. property while causing death.

In his opening statement, defense attorney Jeffrey Robinson called Abu Khattala a "Libyan patriot" who fought on America's side in the war against Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. He said Abu Khattala didn't mastermind the attack. The lawyer said the defendant simply went to the attack site because he heard there was a protest and wanted to see what was happening.

"He didn't shoot anyone. He didn't set any fires. He did not participate in the attacks," Robinson said.

Robinson also said Abu Khattala was a deeply religious man who believes in conservative sharia law as outlined in the Quran. He reminded jurors that in America, people are not prosecuted because of their religious beliefs.

The prosecution gave a starkly different portrayal of the defendant. Assistant U.S. Attorney John Crabb said that when Abu Khattala's hatred of America boiled over, he orchestrated the attacks and then triumphantly strode around the attack site carrying an AK-47.

AP sources: US spies in Havana hit by bizarre health attacks

By Michael Weissenstein, Josh Lederman and Matthew Lee
Associated Press

HAVANA — Frightening attacks on U.S. personnel in Havana struck the heart of America's spy network in Cuba, with intelligence operatives among the first and most severely affected victims, The Associated Press has learned.

It wasn't until U.S. spies, posted to the embassy under diplomatic cover, reported hearing bizarre sounds and experiencing even stranger physical effects that the United States realized something was wrong, individuals familiar with the situation said.

While the attacks started within days of President Donald Trump's surprise election in November, the precise timeline remains unclear, including whether intelligence officers were the first victims hit or merely the first victims to report it. The U.S. has called the situation "ongoing."

To date, the Trump administration largely has described the 21 victims as U.S. embassy personnel or "members of the diplomatic community." That description suggested only bona fide diplomats and their family members were struck, with no logical motivation beyond disrupting U.S.-Cuban relations.

Behind the scenes, though, investigators immediately started searching for explanations in the darker, rougher world of spycraft and counterespionage, given that so many of the first reported cases involved intelligence workers posted to the U.S. embassy. That revelation, confirmed to the AP by a half-dozen officials, adds yet another element of mystery to a year-long saga that the Trump administration says may not be over.

The State Department and the CIA declined to comment for this story.

The first disturbing reports of piercing, high-pitched noises and inexplicable ailments pointed to someone deliberately targeting the U.S. government's intelligence network on the communist-run island, in what seemed like a bone-chilling escalation of the tit-for-tat spy games that Washington and Havana have waged over the last half century.

But the U.S. soon discovered that actual diplomats at the embassy had also been hit by similar attacks, officials said, further confounding the search for a culprit and a motive.

Of the 21 confirmed cases, American spies suffered some of the most acute damage, including brain injury and hearing loss that has not healed, said several U.S. officials who weren't authorized to speak publicly on the investigation and demanded anonymity. They heard an unsettling sound inside and in some cases outside their Havana homes, described as similar to loud crickets. Then they fell ill.

Over time, the attacks seemed to evolve.

In many of the more recent cases, victims didn't hear noises and weren't aware an attack was occurring, identifying the symptoms only later. That has raised concerns among investigators that the attacks may be getting more sophisticated and harder to detect, individuals briefed on the investigation said.

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OPINION

There is right, wrong way to politicize shootings

■ The difficulty with debating gun violence in the context of mass shootings is that we lose focus on the much broader day-to-day carnage of gun deaths in America



GREG SARGENT
Washington Post

Another day, another mass shooting in America. Except this time, the horrific slaughter that unfolded Sunday night at a concert in Las Vegas is being widely described as the deadliest one in modern U.S. history. More than 50 people are dead, and more than 200 wounded, after the shooter opened fire on a crowd on the Las Vegas Strip from a 32nd-story hotel window.

The shooter has been identified as 64-year-old Stephen Paddock, who is dead and is believed to have taken his own life. He lived in Mesquite, Nevada, which is 80 miles northeast of Las Vegas. At least 10 rifles were found in his hotel room.

There is still an enormous amount we don't know, yet speculation is raging out of control, as always. Here are a few suggestions for the debate that is already underway:

There is a right way to "politicize" mass shootings, and a wrong way to politicize them. As of now, the Clark County sheriff says of the shooter: "We have no idea what his belief system was." Social media is awash in efforts to associate the shooter with one political worldview or another. Please, let's not do this — even if and when that worldview becomes known. Such mass killings have all kinds of motives, from mental illness to a desire to emulate and outdo previous rampages. (There is also a related debate over whether ascribing mass shootings to mental illness is sometimes done in ways that end up scapegoating the mentally ill.)

There's nothing wrong with trying to discern the belief system of mass killers, provided that this is part of a broader effort to learn all we can about the killer; provided that this belief system itself is not reflexively tagged as the cause of the shooting; provided that other causes are given due weight; and provided we don't use those shootings to tar our ideological opponents and their worldviews. We all know what that latter tactic looks like. Let's not do it.

That said, there is nothing wrong with politicizing mass shootings in a different sense: They are the right occasions for intense arguments over how to prevent them in the future. After all, if we aren't going to talk about what to do about mass slaughter when it happens, when are we going to talk about it? Treating these massacres as inevitable or beyond the capacity for human problem solving — something that becomes easier when they recede in the news — isn't an option. However, a major caveat here: We need to keep focused on the crucial distinction between mass shootings and the broader problem of gun violence.

Let's debate mass shootings and the broader scourge of gun violence as separate but related problems. The difficulty with debating gun violence in the context of mass shootings is that we lose focus on the much broader day-to-day slow burn carnage of gun deaths in America. Mass shootings constitute only a tiny fraction of the gun-violence problem, and if we are going to discuss mass shootings, they raise their own set of distinct issues. They don't just occasion an argument over how to prevent mass shooters from getting lethal weaponry. They also encompass arguments over whether we need increased funding into the multiple causes of mass shootings; over how to improve law enforcement efforts to spot would be mass shooters in advance; and over the substandard response to mental illness in this country.

The broader scourge of gun violence encompasses a host of different, though related, problems, shading into debates about suicide, domestic violence and questions about how to reasonably regulate day-to-day access to guns that have little overlap with the mass shootings debate. It is perhaps inevitable, and in some ways desirable, that we will argue over these issues when a horrifyingly traumatic event grips the public attention — something that has served as an impetus to reform repeatedly throughout our history. But we have to take enormous care not to let mass shootings dominate and define the larger debate over gun violence, precisely because we need to do a lot more to respond to that latter problem, and to make strong, evidenced-based arguments for such a response. This conflation is counterproductive and destructive.

Let's decouple the argument over the individual gun right from the argument over gun violence. My personal preference is for liberals to acknowledge the individual gun right, while making the case that reasonable reforms — such as expanded background checks — can be implemented in ways that are not incompatible with respecting that right. As gun-debate historian Adam Winkler has noted, the Second Amendment is not necessarily an obstacle to some of the reforms that are regularly discussed and would probably not be invalidated by the courts on those grounds.

The point is, even if you want gun reforms, that demand does not have to immediately devolve into an insistence that the individual gun right is the problem. Obviously some will often argue, when a given reform is proposed, that it does run afoul of the Second Amendment. But the argument that this is wrong as a substantive matter — that the reform in question does not do this — is one that gun reformers need to be prepared to make. It's a debate they should want to have.

OUR VIEW — CORRECTION

County isn't affiliated with annual fair

In an editorial in Monday's edition, the Reporter-Telegram inaccurately reported that Midland County asked for hotel-motel funding for the Midland County Fair.

As County Commissioner Robin Donnelly said Monday, the Midland County Fair is its own entity and is run independent of the county. Donnelly also said there is "no affiliation" between Midland County and the Midland County Fair.

Donnelly agreed that the county would not ask the city for hotel-motel funding for its projects. He said the county gives the Midland County Fair $25,000.

Donnelly said Bo Zertuche is chairman of the fair's board of directors, and while Horseshoe operator Tammy Dooley is active in the operations of the fair, she does so as a member of the Midland County Fair's board of directors, not in her position with the Horseshoe complex.

The Reporter-Telegram apologizes for its inaccuracies in the editorial. Any questions or comments can be directed to Editor Stewart Doreen (687-8856 or sdoreen@mrt.com).

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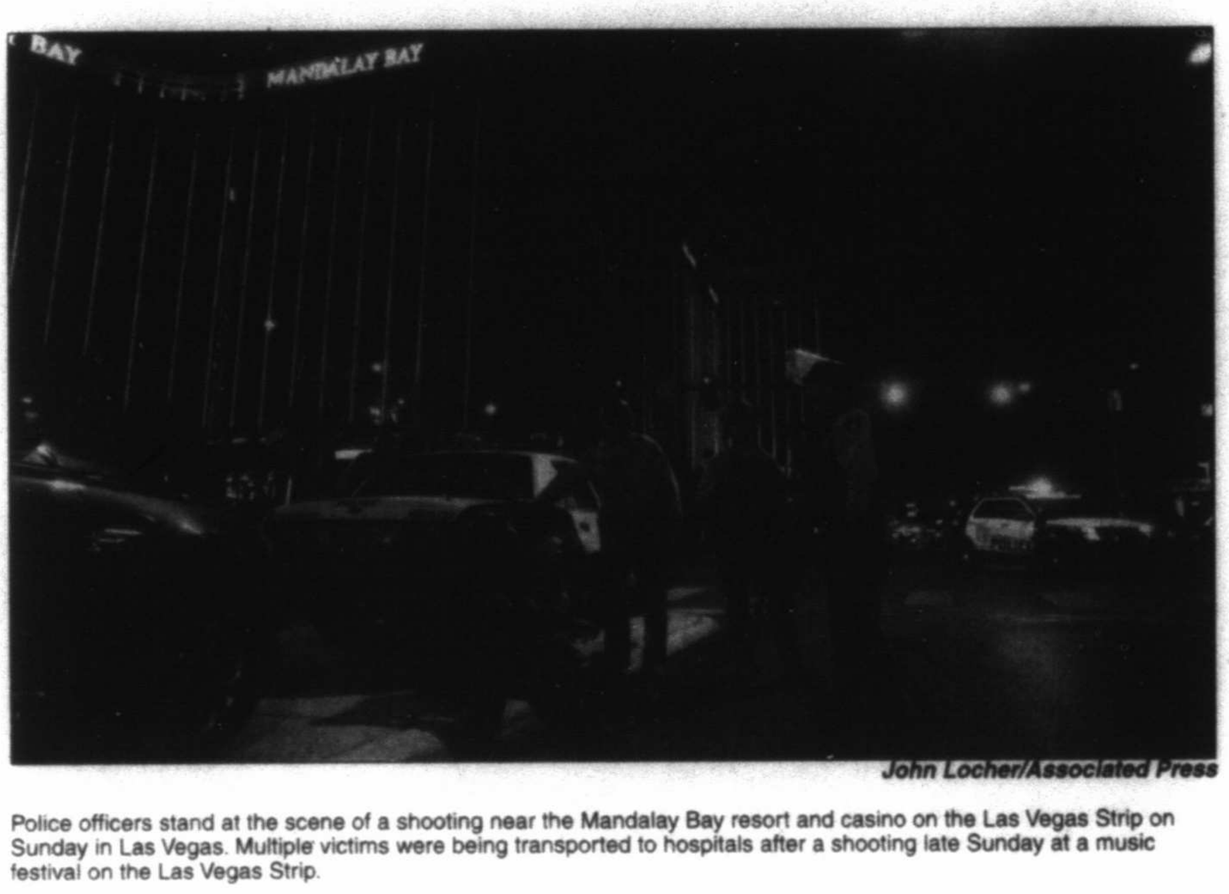
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Police officers stand at the scene of a shooting near the Mandalay Bay resort and casino on the Las Vegas Strip on Sunday in Las Vegas. Multiple victims were being transported to hospitals after a shooting late Sunday at a music festival on the Las Vegas Strip.

Killings at cultural events won't stop

■ Mass violence aimed at cultural events targets spaces where people can put aside elements of their identities that divide them and experience what they have in common



ALYSSA ROSENBERG
Washington Post

By my count, this is the sixth time I've written a version of this column. I wrote it for the first time in 2012 after James Holmes shot and killed 12 people at a screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora, Colorado. Until today, I'd actually forgotten that I'd written it for the second time in 2015 when John Russell Houser carried out a similar, though less deadly, attack at a showing of the romantic comedy "Trainwreck," which tells you how terrifyingly often I have had to conjure up these same sentiments. I wrote this column for the third time later that year when terrorists affiliated with the Islamic State murdered 130 people, 89 of them at a concert at the Bataclan theater, in Paris. In disgust and despair, I wrote, but didn't publish, another lament in this vein after Omar Mateen killed 49 people at the Pulse nightclub in Orland, Florida. And I wrote the fifth iteration of these sentiments in May after an Ariana Grande concert was bombed in the United Kingdom.

I'm sickened that, once again, I have to write about an act of mass murder perpetrated at a cultural event: this time, the deadliest mass shooting in modern American history, carried out at a country music festival in Las Vegas. But I can't stop, not least because I never want us to accept these shootings as routine. Every time this happens, I believe it is vital to articulate the nature of the crime. A mass shooting at the movies or a bombing at a concert isn't just a deadly offense against the people who are killed and wounded. It's an attempted murder of our collective cultural experiences.

There are many things that make cultural events such powerfully tempting targets. The lights are low. The crowd is dense. No one's watching for trouble. And by killing a dozen people, or two dozen, or 50, you can make countless more afraid to surrender themselves in the same way.

Like anyone who came of age in the post-9/11 world, I'm sharply aware of just how easy and cheap it is to suggest that the normal business of living life is some sort of blow against terrorism. When President George W. Bush told Americans less than two weeks after the 2001 attacks that "I ask your continued participation and confidence in the American economy," his request — if a reasonable attempt to head off an economic panic — felt bizarrely removed from the specific and spectacular nature of the strikes.

But when people launch deadly attacks on cultural spaces and cultural events, the message is many steps clearer, and the response is, too. If Mateen wanted his attack on Pulse to make lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people afraid to congregate and celebrate together, the only possible response is unity and solidarity. If the Islamic State attacks Grande in part to send a message about the women who make music and the girls who enjoy it in public, it's vital to make sure that it's possible for women to continue performing and for their young female fans to continue seeing them in safety. And if lone, violent men want to make it seem more dangerous to go anywhere with strangers, we can only reply by reaffirming our trust in one another. Anything else gives in to their deadly logic.

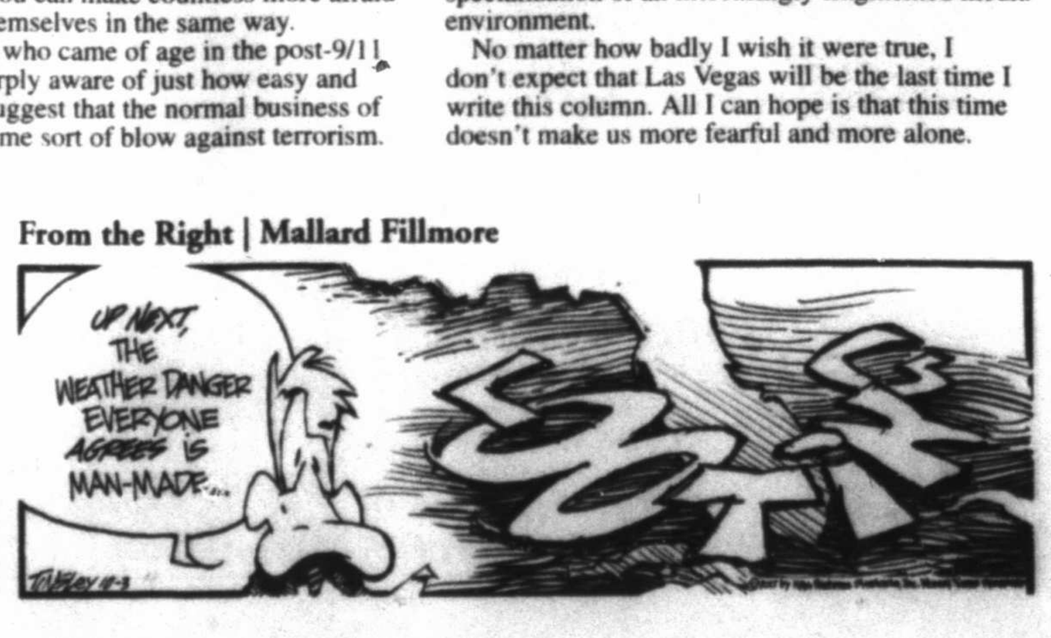
All mass violence makes us shy away from one another. Mass violence aimed at cultural events is particularly pernicious, because it targets spaces where we can often put aside the elements of our identities that divide us and have an experience that reminds us what we have in common. If we give up on that, we're giving up on something larger, too: the idea that there are some things that are better to do together, in a crowd, rather than in the isolation of our living rooms and the specialization of an increasingly fragmented media environment.

No matter how badly I wish it were true, I don't expect that Las Vegas will be the last time I write this column. All I can hope is that this time doesn't make us more fearful and more alone.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



LAS VEGAS SHOOTINGS AFTERMATH



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A woman sits on a curb at the scene of a shooting outside of a music festival along the Las Vegas Strip, Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, in Las Vegas. Multiple victims were being transported to hospitals after a shooting late Sunday at a music festival on the Las Vegas Strip. (AP Photo/John Locher

HE 'SAVED MY LIFE AND LOST HIS:' LAS VEGAS SHOOTING VICTIMS

By Jason Dearen
Associated Press

A registered nurse from Tennessee who died shielding his wife, a doctor, from gunfire. The only son of a Canadian couple who is now left childless. A popular secretary at a New Mexico High School.

All were among the at least 58 people killed in the mass shooting at a country music festival in Las Vegas.

Details began to emerge Monday about some of those slain and the hundreds more who were injured after a gunman opened fire on festivalgoers.

Commercial fisherman **ADRIAN MURFITT**, 35, of Anchorage, Alaska, was also among the slain, a family member said Monday.

His sister, Shannon Gothard, said the family heard from one of Murfitt's friends who was with him when he died, though they haven't received official confirmation about his death.

Asked if the family was holding out hope that he made it after all, she said, "No. No."

Gothard described her brother as a man with a hearty laugh, a former competitive hockey player who still dabbled in the game.

"His whole life was always around hockey," she said.

After graduating from high school, he became a fisherman, picking up odd jobs in the offseason

He had just come off an extremely successful fishing season when he made the trip to Las Vegas with some good friends, Gothard said.

Her brother "was happy to pay some things off and had made some really good money and decided to go out and celebrate and go to the concert and treat himself to something nice and fun," she said.

While the sun was still shining Sunday at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas, **DENISE BURDITUS** posted a photo on Facebook of herself and her husband standing in front of the stage, smiling broadly.

Later, after news of the massacre spread, a friend asked simply: "Are you two ok????"

Burditus never replied.

The Martinsburg, West Virginia, woman was among dozens of people killed when a gunman opened fire from a hotel overlooking the festival. MetroNews, a West Virginia-based radio network, reported that Tony Burditus wrote on his Facebook page that his wife was among the victims.

"It saddens me to say that I lost my wife of 32 years, a mother of two, soon to be grandmother of five this evening in the Las Vegas shooting," Tony Burditus wrote. "Denise passed in my arms. I LOVE YOU BABE."

Denise Burditus' Facebook page includes a photo of her and her husband at the same festival last year. Mandalay Bay, the hotel where the gunman opened fire, is shown in the background.

SONNY MELTON, a registered nurse, died in the shooting, according to The Henry County Medical Center in Paris, Tennessee, where he worked.

His wife, Dr. Heather Melton, an orthopedic surgeon who was with him when shots were fired, survived, the medical center said.

Heather Melton told WZTV in Nashville, Tennessee that her husband "saved my life and lost his." She says her husband was the most kind-hearted, loving man she ever met.

Friend Jeremy Butler told the Paris (Tennessee) Post-Intelligencer that Melton was shielding Heather Melton from gunfire when he was fatally shot.

DANAE GIBBS has always been a huge fan of country music concerts, said her friend, Jennifer Draper of Cedar Park, Texas, and she was thrilled to be at the concert.

Draper wrote in an email to The Associated Press that Gibbs, 23, who recently graduated from Texas Tech University of Lubbock, was shot at the concert in Las Vegas and is recovering.

Draper started a GoFundMe page to help Gibbs and her family with the medical expenses. On the page is a photo of Gibbs wearing a graduation cap and red Converse sneakers, jumping in the air with a huge smile in front of her university.

"Danae is a strong young woman and I firmly believe she will make it through this long road to recovery!" Draper wrote. "She is a woman of strong Faith and has hundreds of people praying for her! We love Danae and cannot wait to see her!"

Real estate agent and father of three older children **ROB MCINTOSH**, 52, of North Pole, Alaska, was near the front of the stage with friends when the shooting began, according to friend and real estate broker Mike Vansickle. He was hit repeatedly but survived, Vansickle said.

"From just getting off the phone with the family, he took three bullets to his body," said Vansickle. "He just came out of surgery, and he's going to make it."

In a personal note on his real estate website, McIntosh describes himself as enjoying the outdoors in Alaska, where he also operates a business called Santa's Fireworks.

"Whether I'm fishing, snow machining, hunting, steel welding or building my own home or cabin; I stay active all year round," McIntosh wrote.

Vansickle described McIntosh as being strong.

"He's been though lots of adversity," said Vansickle. "He'll get through all this and come out with some stories to tell."

LISA ROMERO, a high school secretary from Gallup, New Mexico, was an "incredible loving and sincere friend, mentor and advocate for students," the Gallup-McKinley County Public Schools interim superintendent said Monday.

District officials confirmed to reporters on Monday that Romero, 48, died sometime after a 64-year-old man fired multiple weapons.

"Last night during the mass shooting in Las Vegas we lost one of our staff members," interim superintendent Mike Hyatt wrote to employees. "Lisa Romero, discipline secretary at Miyamura (High School), was a victim in the shooting. Our prayers go out to her family during this tragic time."

Survivors included Romero-Muniz's husband, children and grandchildren, Hyatt said. Officials announced a candlelight vigil in honor of Romero-Muniz set for Monday night.

SUSAN SMITH, 53, a resident of Simi Valley, California, near Los Angeles, had worked for the local school district since 2001 as the office manager at Vista Elementary School.

"Susan was wonderful with the kids and the staff and was an integral part of the school community here," said Jake Finch, the public information officer for the district. "She was the hub of everything that happened at the school. If a kid is sick, she's the one calling the parents and no matter how chaotic things got here, she was always smiling."

Finch said the school district learned about Smith's death from friends who had been with her at the music festival. She said when teachers and other staff members in the district and at the school arrived early Monday morning, most of them had not yet heard that Smith was among those who were killed.

She said counselors were dispatched to the school to talk to both staff members and students and when students were told, they took part in activities such as writing letters and making cards for Smith.

"It doesn't sound like much but it gives kids something to latch on to, to make sure they felt like they were able to help in some way," she said.

She said Smith was married with two adult children, adding that Smith's love for country music was well-known.

A four-year veteran of the Ontario, California police department was shot in the head during Sunday's shooting, Ontario Police Sgt. Jeff Higbee said.

Officer Michael Gracia was injured, as was his girlfriend.

"He's always real personable, upbeat, a real friendly guy," Higbee said.

RACHAEL PARKER, a police records technician, was shot and ultimately died in the hospital, the Manhattan Beach Police Department said.

Parker was among four department employees who were attending the Route 91 Harvest Festival while off-duty. Another suffered minor injuries.

"She was employed with the Manhattan Beach Police Department for 10 years and will be greatly missed," the department said in a statement.

NICK ROBONE, an assistant hockey coach at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, was shot in the chest, the school said.

The Rebels men's ice hockey team said in a statement Monday that Robone had surgery to remove a bullet.

General Manager Zee Khan says Robone is breathing with help from a ventilator and is in stable condition.

The team says the bullet missed Robone's lung, and he is expected to fully recover. The team says he will be hospitalized "for the near future."

Two Canadians, a mother of four and a man just days away from his 24th birthday, were among dozens of people killed in Las Vegas when a gunman opened fire from a 32nd- floor hotel room on a large crowd gathered across the road at an outdoor country music festival Sunday night.

JESSICA KLYMCHUK, of Valleyview, Alberta and **JORDAN MCILDOON**, 23, of Maple Ridge, British Columbia, were those who died Sunday night in Las Vegas.

Klymchuk, 28, was an educational assistant, librarian and bus driver for St. Stephen's School, said the Holy Family Catholic Regional Division.

"The scope of this tragedy is worldwide and we are feeling its impact here at home," the division's superintendent, Betty Turpin, said in a statement.

A post on Klymchuk's Facebook page says she got engaged in April, and was in Vegas with her fiance.

British Columbia Premier John Horgan said in a statement Tuesday Jordan McIldoon, a 23-year-old mechanic's apprentice from Maple, Ridge, British Columbia was among those killed.

"We only had one child," Al and Angela McIldoon, told the CBC. "We just don't know what to do."

Horgan offered condolences and says flags will be dropped to half-mast on the province's Parliament buildings and on government buildings in Maple Ridge.

SANDY CASEY, a middle school special education teacher from Manhattan Beach, California, was killed in Sunday night's attack, the school district said.

"This is unbelievably tragic and sad," Mike Matthews, superintendent of the Manhattan Beach School District, wrote in a Monday morning letter to the district. "This loss is impacting many of our staff members deeply."

Casey is a 2004 alumna of the College of St. Joseph in Rutland, Vermont, according to a Facebook post in the college's alumni page.

KRISTIN BABIK, a law student at the University of Florida in Las Vegas for an internship at the Clark County district attorney's office, suffered broken ribs and a collapsed lung in the shooting, the school said.

"Kristin is on bed rest for now," an email from the law school's dean said. "We look forward to welcoming her back to Gainesville as soon as she recovers."

TRUMP

From 1A

fathom their pain. We cannot imagine their loss."

Trump, who owns a hotel in Las Vegas, told associates that he feels deep ties to the city. He said in public that his visit would be "a very, very sad moment for me ... for everybody no matter where you are, no matter what your thought process."

The president was informed of the shooting early Monday by chief of staff John Kelly, according to White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders. He received periodic briefings from Kelly and homeland security adviser Tom Bossert while also monitoring the coverage on cable news. On Twitter, he avoided the kind of inflammatory statements he has issued after some previous tragedies, such as last year's Orlando nightclub shooting, instead offering "warmest condolences" to victims and their families.

"There's a difference between being a candidate and being the president," Sanders said when asked to explain the change in tone.

The weight of the violence hung heavy at the White House. Conversations were hushed throughout the West Wing, and Sanders choked up during the press briefing as she read news accounts of heroism displayed at the scene.

Like presidents before him, Trump marked the events by ordering the American flags at all public buildings across the nation flown at half-staff, and he observed a moment of silence on the White House lawn. Unlike his predecessor, Barack Obama, who responded to mass shootings by calling for stricter gun control measures, Trump made no mention of firearms restrictions.

Sanders repeatedly rebuffed questions about whether laws need to be stricter, saying the day after the mass shooting was not the "time and place for a political debate."

But the familiar discourse did ignite Monday, once again breaking along party lines.

Democratic Sen. Chris Murphy of Connecticut said it was time for Congress to end the inaction that followed other major shootings, including the one in Orlando and the 2012 school shooting in his home state. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi called for the creation of a committee on gun violence and increased background checks. Rep. Seth Moulton, D-Mass., said he would not participate in a moment of silence for those lost because it "becomes an excuse for inaction."

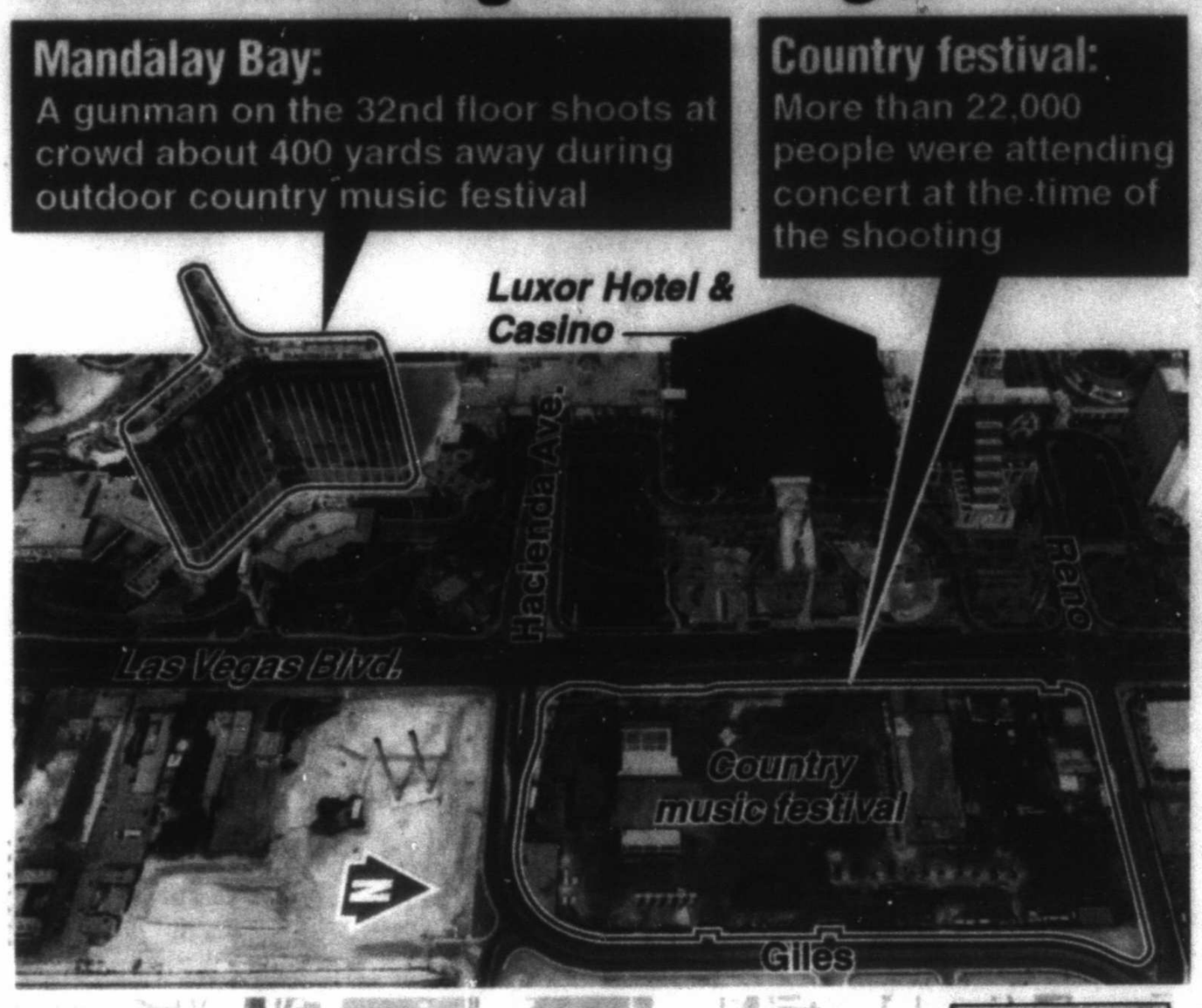
Former Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was critically wounded in an assassination attempt six years ago, appeared at the Capitol and said she knew "this feeling of heartbreak and horror too well." She called for Congress to pass stricter gun control laws, turning to the Capitol building, raising her fist and saying, "The nation is counting on you."

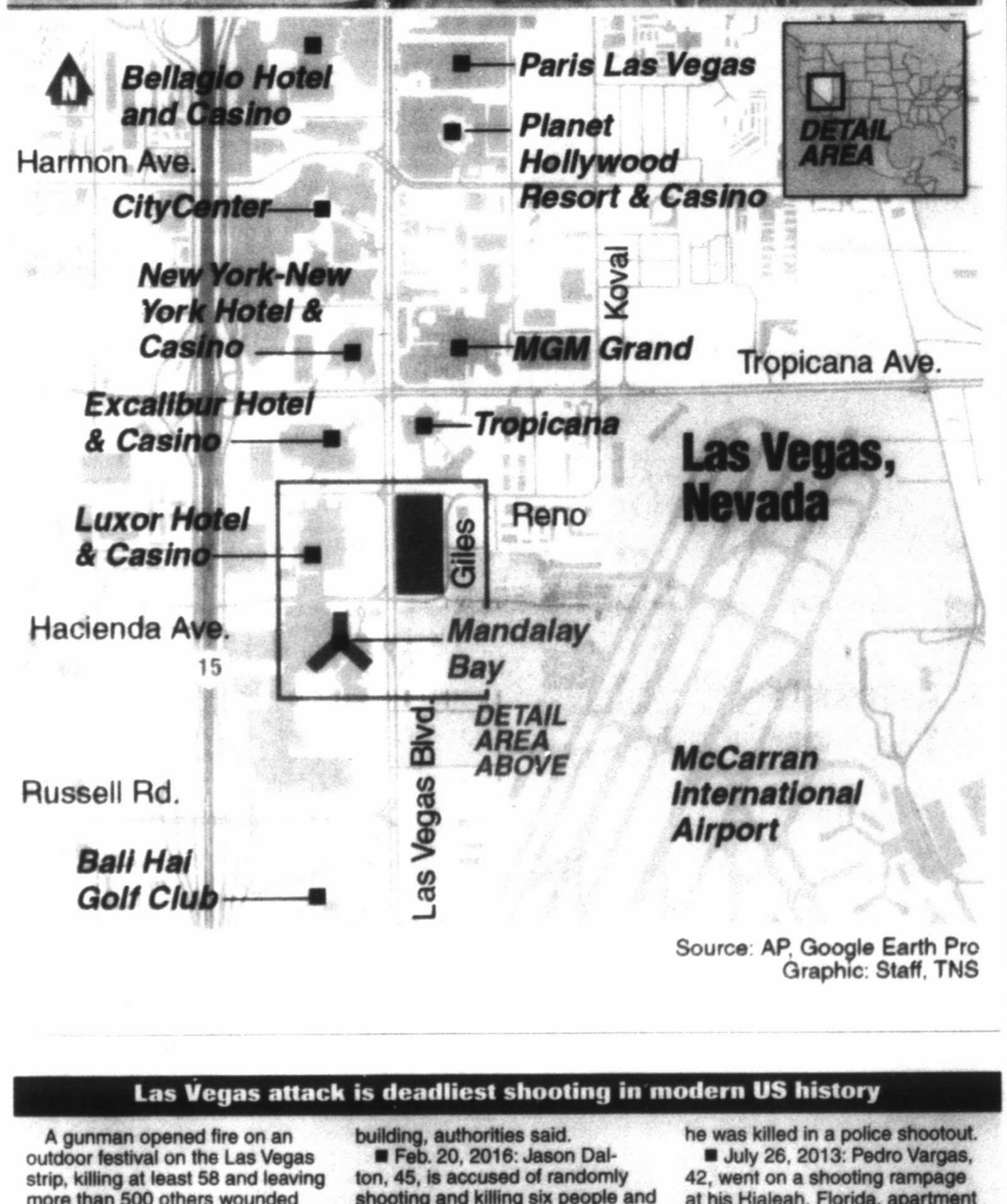
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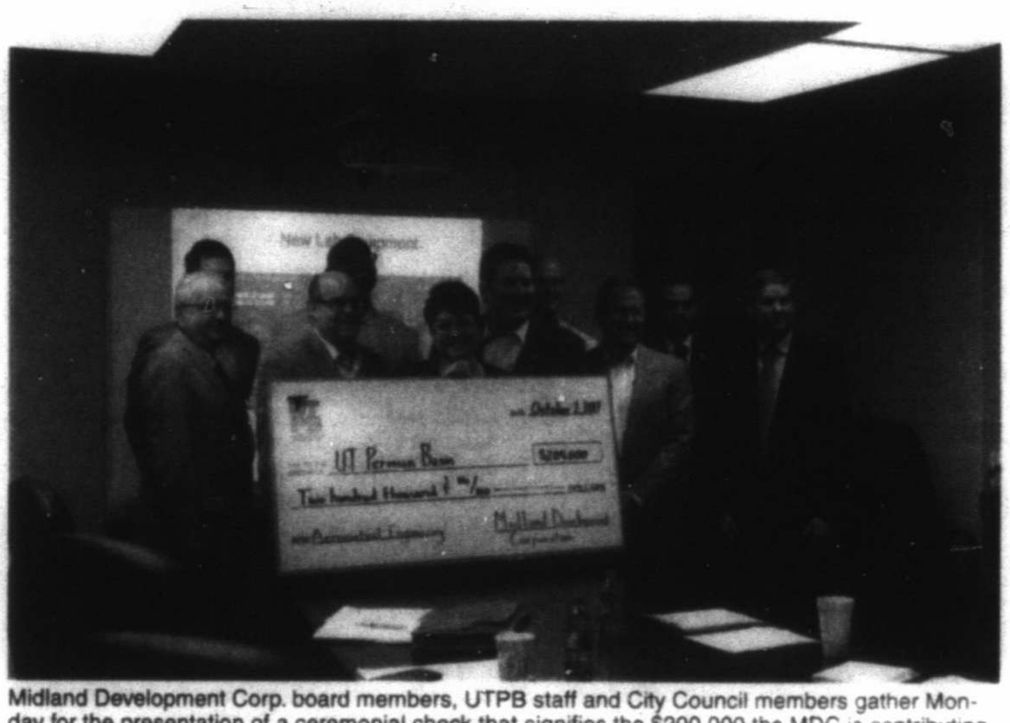
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By Trevor Hawes
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Midland Development Corp. board members, UTPB staff and City Council members gather Monday for the presentation of a ceremonial check that signifies the $200,000 the MDC is contributing toward UTPB's aeronautical engineering program.

The Midland Development Corp. completed two big steps in its mission to improve education Monday after it voted to approve a pair of measures affecting the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

At its monthly meeting, MDC board members unanimously greenlighted contributing $5 million toward the construction of UTPB's engineering building, which will be built near the Center for Energy and Economic Development (CEED) in the city of Midland, and for the development of a business incubator and makerspace at the CEED.

The economic development group is "building the third floor" of the engineering school, which will enable UTPB to expand its offerings to include chemical and electrical engineering. The MDC will contribute $3 million toward the engineering building and its programs, and it will put $2 million toward the business incubator and makerspace.

"I just want to have a moment to say thank you for your willingness to partner with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin," UTPB President Sandra Woodley said. "We have big plans for the College of Engineering. ... We're about to do a national search for an engineering dean to help us grow all of our programs."

This isn't the first deal the MDC has struck with UTPB. As the city looks to diversify the economy with the aerospace industry, the MDC funded the establishment of an aeronautical engineering program. Its contribution of $200,000, which was celebrated Monday with an oversized check, has helped hire Redha Wahidi and construct a research lab. Aerospace engineering isn't its own program; rather, it is integrated with the mechanical engineering track.

Wahidi, who has a Ph.D. in aeronautical engineering from Mississippi State University, thanked the MDC and said the money will help produce graduates that serve the economy and that being active in research builds the reputation of UTPB. He also received a University of Texas Rising STAR grant, which is available for the recruitment of promising faculty members who are recruited in a tenure track position, according to UT's website.

Earlier this year, the MDC partnered with the university's Small Business Development Center to start an entrepreneurial challenge in which small companies compete for money to grow their businesses and get guidance along the way. Each business receives between $50,000 $75,000 and has to meet a number of goals.

UTPB will not receive the funding approved Monday in one lump sum. Rather, it will be paid in equal installments of $1 million. The first payment is due by the end of 2017.

MDC Vice Chairman Keith Stretcher said the development group, which is funded by the quarter-cent Type A sales tax, is looking to establish a long-term relationship with the university.

Woodley reiterated her thanks and said, "You'll hear from us again."

District 4 City Councilman and UTPB graduate J.Ross Lacy had kind words for Woodley. "We have a rock star for a president at our university," he said, adding that she will grow the school beyond our imagination.

Fellow UTPB graduate and District 2 City Councilman John B. Love III summarized his delight about the deals tersely: "Go Falcons!"

MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

Older residents stay 'relevant' through College Classics

■ Midland College program topics range from classical movies to politics to dancing

Jimmy Stallings was born and raised in the Permian Basin; Jodi McLane moved here from Oklahoma City about a year ago because her son lives in Midland; Jacque Wise first came to Midland in 1969 and has intermittently called the Tall City home ever since. No matter how long they've been in West Texas, or their reasons for moving here, they all have one thing in common: they love taking College Classics courses at Midland College.

"It keeps us relevant," Wise said.

MC administration initiated College Classics, a series of courses designed especially for local residents who are 50 and older, in 1989. Since that time, more than 2,000 Midlanders have taken courses ranging from in-depth analysis of classical movies to lively discussions centering around politics, U.S. presidents and art history.

Want to know more?

For more information on College Classics, call the Midland College department of Community Programs Continuing Education at 685-4518.

The courses are taught by MC faculty and community members who volunteer their time to teach. Students pay $25 each semester and take as many courses as they desire. Courses are offered once a week for four weeks. Two four-week terms are offered in the fall, and three four-week terms are offered in the spring.

One of the most popular courses, Political Geography, is taught by MC government professor, Terry Gilmour. While most of the courses are held on the main MC campus, Gilmour's class is taught on Monday mornings at the Margaret Cowden Clubhouse at Manor Park.

"We have a lot of fun, and I think I learn as much as the students do," Gilmour said. "Each semester, the students and I pick a country to study, and then we discuss the politics of the country, geography, history and culture. The students are a very lively, knowledgeable group, and I look forward to meeting with the class each week."

"I've traveled to over 86 countries," said Richard Jensen, who is originally from Calgary, Canada. "I retired early from the oil industry in Calgary, and my wife and I moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, where we lived for 28 years. During that time, my daughter married a Midlander and moved

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AMBER KELLY

Howard College

Teachers should try to inspire students as coaches do

Before I talk about education, I want to talk about a staple of football training, two-a-days, or those days when boys push their bodies to the limits hoping to obtain a starting spot under the lights.

I've never experienced these myself but I have heard horror stories from my friends who are football survivors. They talk about those days with a mixture of exhaustion and pride. This rite of passage is part of their shared experience, something that seems to hold more stake than the games that are won or lost.

I once asked my students how they would respond if I yelled at them like a football coach. They laughed at the idea, so I promptly told them to run suicides until they had an answer. Joking aside, there is something fascinating about the coaching mentality. Why do young athletes push themselves to the brink with only a slim hope of high school greatness, let alone anything beyond? What motivates them to get knocked down, yelled at and challenged at every turn, yet still come back day after day, game after game?

I ask these questions because I wonder

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New SAT scores sow confusion over how to interpret results

■ College Board discourages comparisons between the revised test and the old test

By Nick Anderson
Washington Post

The perfect score of yore — 1600 — is back and just as impressive as ever. But many students could be forgiven these days for puzzling over whether their own SAT scores are good, great or merely OK.

The first national report on the revised SAT shows the confusion that results when a familiar device for sorting college-bound students is recalibrated and scores on the admission test suddenly look a bit better than they actually are.

The average score for the high school class of 2017 was a combined 1060 out of 1600: 533 for reading and writing, and 527 for math, according to data the College Board released last week.

The averages for previous classes, going back a decade, hovered closer to the midpoint of 500 on each portion of the test. But those results came from a different test in a different era, with three separate sections for reading, writing and math, and a maximum score of 2400.

Last year, the College Board eliminated the notorious guessing penalty on the SAT, jettisoned some tricky vocabulary and took other steps, hoping to make the test a more straightforward measure of achievement. The board also returned the top score to the iconic number parents and grandparents remember: 1600.

What resulted were apparently higher marks. But that doesn't necessarily mean students are smarter. This year's high school graduates were subjected to the ensuing SAT-score whiplash.

Brian Keyes, 18, who graduated in June from Wilson High School in Washington, D.C., said he took the old SAT in fall 2015 and got a combined 1990 on the three sections. He said he took the new version when it debuted in March 2016 and scored 1410.

So which was better — his first score, averaging roughly 660 per section? Or the second, averaging about 40 points higher?

The College Board has published a conversion chart allowing for comparisons. It shows that the scores Keyes obtained were almost equivalent. Keyes, who learned that after asking around, said he tried not to stress about it. His attitude: "I'll try my best. I'm a good student, a hard worker. I'll be fine wherever I go." He wound up at the prestigious University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Inevitably, some students and parents misinterpret the new scores. They forget that a 1300 now doesn't mean what it once did. (The conversion chart suggests that a comparable "old SAT" score on a 1600-point scale would be 1230.)

"I try to politely explain that the goal posts have moved," said Steven Roy Goodman, a college admission consultant in Washington. He said he compliments students when they tell him about a seemingly high score. But he points out that the scale has changed.

"My job is also to put that score in context with what is likely to be the national competition and the international competition that student is about to face," Goodman said. "I call it encouragement and reality at the same time."

The College Board discourages comparisons, calling this year's results a new baseline.

David Coleman, president of the College Board, acknowledged that the transition has caused misunderstandings. "By next year, we'll turn the page and this period of some confusion will be over," he said.

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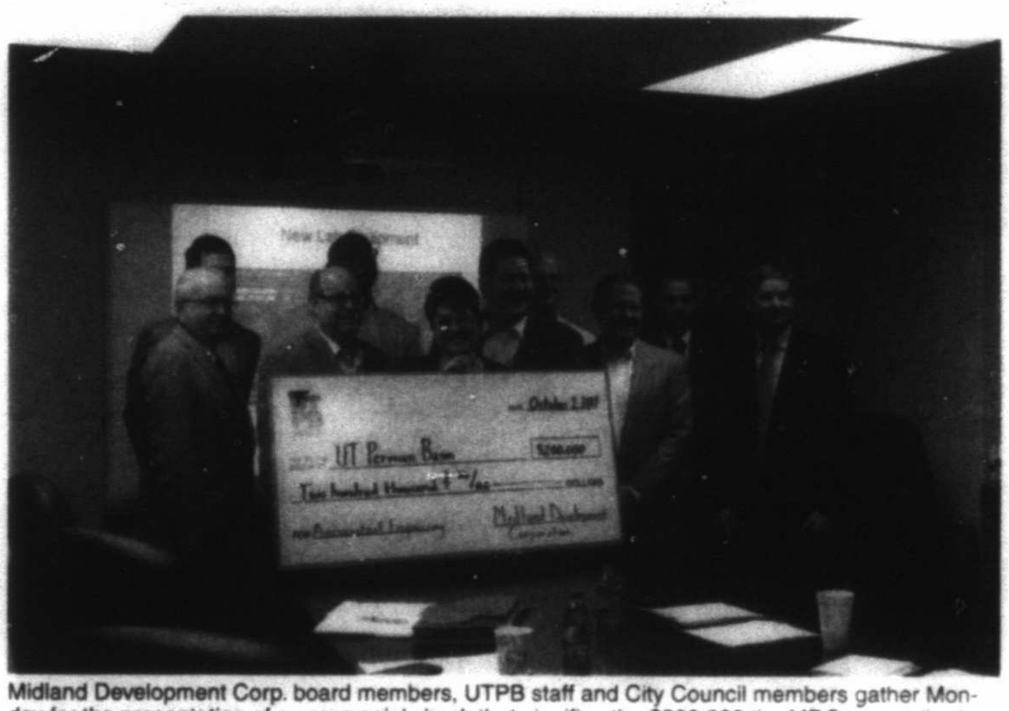
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City Councilman Jeff Sparks, from left, University of Texas of the Permian Basin President Sandra Woodley, Midland Development Corp. Chairman Brent Hilliard and City Councilman John B. Love III take a moment to pose with the real check to be used toward UTPB's aeronautical engineering program.

MDC OKs $5M for UTPB engineering building

■ Economic development group also approves creating business incubator and makerspace at CEED

By Trevor Hawes
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Midland Development Corp. board members, UTPB staff and City Council members gather Monday for the presentation of a ceremonial check that signifies the $200,000 the MDC is contributing toward UTPB's aeronautical engineering program.

The Midland Development Corp. completed two big steps in its mission to improve education Monday after it voted to approve a pair of measures affecting the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

At its monthly meeting, MDC board members unanimously greenlighted contributing $5 million toward the construction of UTPB's engineering building, which will be built near the Center for Energy and Economic Development (CEED) in the city of Midland, and for the development of a business incubator and makerspace at the CEED.

The economic development group is "building the third floor" of the engineering school, which will enable UTPB to expand its offerings to include chemical and electrical engineering. The MDC will contribute $3 million toward the engineering building and its programs, and it will put $2 million toward the business incubator and makerspace.

"I just want to have a moment to say thank you for your willingness to partner with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin," UTPB President Sandra Woodley said. "We have big plans for the College of Engineering. ... We're about to do a national search for an engineering dean to help us grow all of our programs."

This isn't the first deal the MDC has struck with UTPB. As the city looks to diversify the economy with the aerospace industry, the MDC funded the establishment of an aeronautical engineering program. Its contribution of $200,000, which was celebrated Monday with an oversized check, has helped hire Redha Wahidi and construct a research lab. Aerospace engineering isn't its own program; rather, it is integrated with the mechanical engineering track.

Wahidi, who has a Ph.D. in aeronautical engineering from Mississippi State University, thanked the MDC and said the money will help produce graduates that serve the economy and that being active in research builds the reputation of UTPB. He also received a University of Texas Rising STAR grant, which is available for the recruitment of promising faculty members who are recruited in a tenure track position, according to UT's website.

Earlier this year, the MDC partnered with the university's Small Business Development Center to start an entrepreneurial challenge in which small companies compete for money to grow their businesses and get guidance along the way. Each business receives between $50,000 $75,000 and has to meet a number of goals.

UTPB will not receive the funding approved Monday in one lump sum. Rather, it will be paid in equal installments of $1 million. The first payment is due by the end of 2017.

MDC Vice Chairman Keith Stretcher said the development group, which is funded by the quarter-cent Type A sales tax, is looking to establish a long-term relationship with the university.

Woodley reiterated her thanks and said, "You'll hear from us again."

District 4 City Councilman and UTPB graduate J. Ross Lacy had kind words for Woodley. "We have a rock star for a president at our university," he said, adding that she will grow the school beyond our imagination.

Fellow UTPB graduate and District 2 City Councilman John B. Love III summarized his delight about the deals tersely: "Go Falcons!"

New SAT scores sow confusion over how to interpret results

■ College Board discourages comparisons between the revised test and the old test

By Nick Anderson
Washington Post

The perfect score of yore — 1600 — is back and just as impressive as ever. But many students could be forgiven these days for puzzling over whether their own SAT scores are good, great or merely OK.

The first national report on the revised SAT shows the confusion that results when a familiar device for sorting college-bound students is recalibrated and scores on the admission test suddenly look a bit better than they actually are.

The average score for the high school class of 2017 was a combined 1060 out of 1600: 533 for reading and writing, and 527 for math, according to data the College Board released last week.

The averages for previous classes, going back a decade, hovered closer to the midpoint of 500 on each portion of the test. But those results came from a different test in a different era, with three separate sections for reading, writing and math, and a maximum score of 2400.

Last year, the College Board eliminated the notorious guessing penalty on the SAT, jettisoned some tricky vocabulary and took other steps, hoping to make the test a more straightforward measure of achievement. The board also returned the top score to the iconic number parents and grandparents remember: 1600.

What resulted were apparently higher marks. But that doesn't necessarily mean students are smarter. This year's high school graduates were subjected to the ensuing SAT-score whiplash.

Brian Keyes, 18, who graduated in June from Wilson High School in Washington, D.C., said he took the old SAT in fall 2015 and got a combined 1990 on the three sections. He said he took the new version when it debuted in March 2016 and scored 1410.

So which was better — his first score, averaging roughly 660 per section? Or the second, averaging about 40 points higher?

The College Board has published a conversion chart allowing for comparisons. It shows that the scores Keyes obtained were almost equivalent. Keyes, who learned that after asking around, said he tried not to stress about it. His attitude: "I'll try my best. I'm a good student, a hard worker. I'll be fine wherever I go." He wound up at the prestigious University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Inevitably, some students and parents misinterpret the new scores. They forget that a 1300 now doesn't mean what it once did. (The conversion chart suggests that a comparable "old SAT" score on a 1600-point scale would be 1230.)

"I try to politely explain that the goal posts have moved," said Steven Roy Goodman, a college admission consultant in Washington. He said he compliments students when they tell him about a seemingly high score. But he points out that the scale has changed.

"My job is also to put that score in context with what is likely to be the national competition and the international competition that student is about to face," Goodman said. "I call it encouragement and reality at the same time."

The College Board discourages comparisons, calling this year's results a new baseline.

David Coleman, president of the College Board, acknowledged that the transition has caused misunderstandings. "By next year, we'll turn the page and this period of some confusion will be over," he said.

The New York nonprofit is in fierce competition for leadership in testing with Iowa-based ACT. In 2012, the ACT surpassed the SAT for the first

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MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

Older residents stay 'relevant' through College Classics

■ Midland College program topics range from classical movies to politics to dancing

Jimmy Stallings was born and raised in the Permian Basin; Jodi McLane moved here from Oklahoma City about a year ago because her son lives in Midland; Jacque Wise first came to Midland in 1969 and has intermittently called the Tall City home ever since. No matter how long they've been in West Texas, or their reasons for moving here, they all have one thing in common: they love taking College Classics courses at Midland College.

"It keeps us relevant," Wise said.

MC administration initiated College Classics, a series of courses designed especially for local residents who are 50 and older, in 1989. Since that time, more than 2,000 Midlanders have taken courses ranging from in-depth analysis of classical movies to lively discussions centering around politics, U.S. presidents and art history.

Want to know more?

For more information on College Classics, call the Midland College department of Community Programs Continuing Education at 685-4518.

The courses are taught by MC faculty and community members who volunteer their time to teach. Students pay $25 each semester and take as many courses as they desire. Courses are offered once a week for four weeks. Two four-week terms are offered in the fall, and three four-week terms are offered in the spring.

One of the most popular courses, Political Geography, is taught by MC government professor, Terry Gilmour. While most of the courses are held on the main MC campus, Gilmour's class is taught on Monday mornings at the Margaret Cowden Clubhouse at Manor Park.

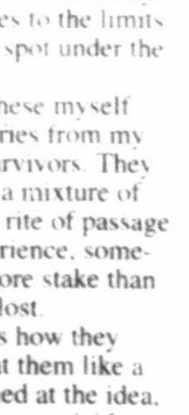
"We have a lot of fun, and I think I learn as much as the students do," Gilmour said. "Each semester, the students and I pick a country to study, and then we discuss the politics of the country, geography, history and culture. The students are a very bright, knowledgeable group, and I look forward to meeting with the class each week."

"I've traveled to over 66 countries," said Richard Jensen, who is originally from Calgary, Canada. "I retired early from the oil industry in Calgary, and my wife and I moved to Scottsdale, Arizona, where we lived for 28 years. During that time, my daughter married a Midlander and moved

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AMBER KELLY

Howard College



Teachers should try to inspire students as coaches do

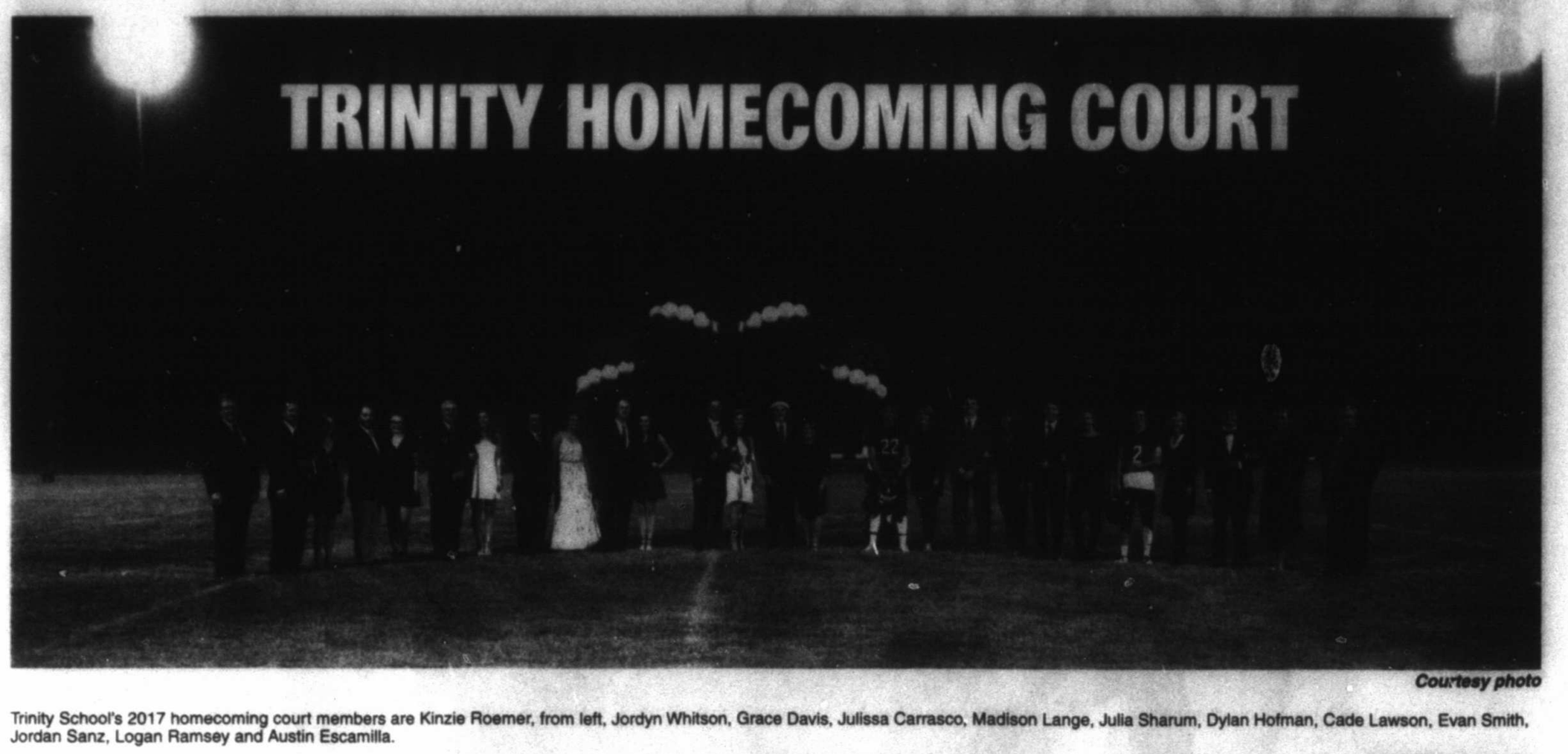
Before I talk about education, I want to talk about a staple of football training: two-a-days, or those days when boys push their bodies to the limits hoping to obtain a starting spot under the lights.

I've never experienced these myself but I have heard horror stories from my friends who are football survivors. They talk about those days with a mixture of exhaustion and pride. This rite of passage is part of their shared experience, something that seems to hold more stake than the games that are won or lost.

I once asked my students how they would respond if I yelled at them like a football coach. They laughed at the idea, so I promptly told them to run suicides until they had an answer. Joking aside, there is something fascinating about the coaching mentality. Why do young athletes push themselves to the brink with only a slim hope of high school greatness, let alone anything beyond? What motivates them to get knocked down, yelled at and challenged at every turn, yet still come back day after day, game after game?

I ask these questions because I wonder

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Trinity School's 2017 homecoming court members are Kinzie Roemer, from left, Jordyn Whitson, Grace Davis, Julissa Carrasco, Madison Lange, Julia Sharum, Dylan Hofman, Cade Lawson, Evan Smith, Jordan Sanz, Logan Ramsey and Austin Escamilla.

Liberal arts degree can lead to careers in many fields

By Jeffrey J. Selingo
Washington Post

■ COMMENTARY

When American universities were founded in the Colonial days, they didn't have majors. They were designed for a small slice of the population, namely statesmen, lawyers and clergy who studied a subject a day, from morning into the early evening. The prevailing teaching method was recitation and debate.

Higher education was never intended in those days to be a route into the job market. But that is exactly what it has become, especially over the last four decades as more college-going students choose majors designed to prepare them for a job, such as health care, communications and the most popular undergraduate major, business. The proportion of undergraduates in the liberal arts has fallen by almost 50 percent since 1970. Even on elite campuses, some of the most popular majors are the newest ones that are riding the wave of job market trends. At Yale University, one of the hottest majors this year is statistics/data science.

The flight away from the liberal arts has left English, history and philosophy departments, among others in the humanities, searching for a purpose. Small colleges that offer nothing but such majors are fighting for survival as they try to justify their existence and large price tag. The well-worn arguments in favor of the liberal arts — that they teach you how to problem solve, communicate effectively and train you for jobs not yet imagined — has largely failed to win over students and their parents these days.

Even Mark Cuban, the outspoken owner of the Dallas Mavericks, has advocated for the humanities, telling technology leaders at a conference earlier this year that "free thinking" liberal arts majors will be needed as automation replaces computer programmers and engineers. "What looks like a great job graduating from college today may be not be a great job graduating from college five or 10 years from now," Cuban said.

The job market is certainly in a state of flux. Entire careers are expanding and contracting at an alarming rate. Law, accounting, even medicine are no longer the steady career paths they once were. So there is no such thing as a "safe major," said George Anders, a business journalist and author of a new book, "You Can Do Anything," about the usefulness of the liberal arts.

As Anders points out in the book, about 10 million jobs have been added to the U.S. economy since 2012, but only 6 percent were in areas related to software, computers and information technology. "That means there are a lot more jobs out there for graduates in non-tech fields than we are led to believe," Anders told me.

The book is a quick read for students and their anxious parents who fear choosing a humanities major means they'll end up working as a Starbucks barista after graduation. He has plenty of examples, useful data and lengthy stories of recent graduates who have found success with liberal arts degrees. But rather than just lay out the same tired arguments for the liberal arts, Anders outlines in detail fast-growing fields in which skills from the liberal arts are required, such as project management, market research and fundraising.

"Those jobs require people who can think on their feet, improvise, work through ambiguity, write clearly, speak persuasively and connect with other people," Anders said. "A liberal arts education tends to be a great place to get prepared for a career in what I call the empathy sector or the rapport economy."

Too many students think their major equals a specific career. They only look for jobs with certain titles or in particular sectors. The one advantage of a liberal arts degree, Anders said, is that it doesn't train students for a clear-cut job, so searching for employment can be as broad as graduates want it to be.

"The biggest surprise for me is how far the liberal arts skill set could travel," Anders said. Classics majors are popular among Wall Street banks, he said, because of their ability to closely read texts. Anthropology majors are hot hires for technology companies expanding their user-research efforts.

SAT

From 1B

time to become the most widely used college admission test. But in the Washington region and in many cities and states, the SAT remains dominant.

The College Board points to its popular PSAT/NMSQT and Advanced Placement testing programs, as well as a partnership with the Khan Academy to provide free online tutoring, as it seeks to rejuvenate the SAT brand.

About 1.8 million students in this year's class took the SAT, the vast majority using the new version. Male students averaged 22 points higher in math on the new test (538) than females (516), following a historic pattern. Female students averaged 2 points higher in reading and writing than males (534 to 532). Students whose parents hold a bachelor's degree fared better (1118 average combined) than those whose parents had only a high school diploma (1003 average).

James Murphy, director of national outreach for the test preparation company Princeton Review, said an analysis using the College Board's conversion chart shows that this year's SAT scores actually slid slightly. He said that probably reflects a broader testing pool. "It means that more students are taking the steps needed to get into a four-year college," Murphy said.

Critics of standardized testing call the SAT and the ACT overrated. They say grades and course rigor are a better guide to student potential. The new SAT is "a marketing ploy designed to sell more tests," said Bob Schaeffer of the nonprofit National Center for Fair & Open Testing, "not a better tool for tracking college readiness."

In recent years, numerous universities have dropped or scaled back testing requirements, including Wake Forest, Brandeis, American and George Washington. "The best predictor of success for our students was their performance in high school," Laurie Koehler, vice provost for enrollment management and retention at GWU, said recently at a college admission conference in Boston. "It's not rocket science." Going test-optional in 2015, she said, enabled the university to diversify its applicant pool without sacrificing quality.

But most highly selective schools continue to require an ACT or SAT score. Admission chiefs at those schools say they find the scores useful as they look at the entirety of an applicant's record.

Knowing this, generations of high school juniors and seniors have sweated over their scores.

"I was definitely nervous at first," said Alex Davis, 18, who graduated this year from Washington Latin Public Charter School in Washington, D.C. He took the new SAT for the first time in March 2016. "We were kind of the guinea pigs and didn't know what to expect."

He said he was not satisfied with the result: 1180.

The next time, he took a test-preparation class through his school. Davis said he took the SAT again in October and got a 1220. He fretted about that score, too.

"Test scores can have a dramatic effect on how you view yourself academically," Davis said. He had gotten straight A's in high school and believed he could have or should have scored 100 or 200 points higher.

His mother worried, too. "It just is a tremendous amount of stress," said Shan Davis. "If you don't do well at taking tests, but you're an A student, then where does that leave you?"

But she and her son had faith that what really defined him was his academic record and his participation in activities such as lacrosse, the school newspaper and Model United Nations. He applied to and got into excellent schools.

Davis is now a freshman at Cornell University, aiming for a double major in classics and government.

PROFILE

From 1B

to Midland. So, about 2 1/2 years ago, we decided it was time to be closer to her, and we moved to Manor Park.

"Right after we moved here, I started taking Dr. Gilmour's Political Geography class, and I've never missed a semester. I enjoy geography and history, and this course combines both of those things in an interesting format."

"I haven't traveled as extensively as Richard," said Stallings, who owned an accounting and financial services company in Stanton for more than 55 years. "However, I did just return from Switzerland, Germany and France where I celebrated my 89th birthday on the Rhine River. I'm one of the original Political Geography students; I've been in the class since it started."

"I began taking Political Geography last year," said Carol Beckett, who moved to Manor Park 21/2 years ago from Alamagordo, New Mexico, to be closer to her daughters and grandchildren. "Manor Park is perfect for us, and this class is very convenient. However, I also take classes on the Midland College campus. In addition to Political Geography this semester, I'm taking The Conquerors and The Constitution and Supreme Court. The instructors are phenomenal, and the classes are fun."

"The first College Classics course I ever took was taught by Dr. Will Morris, who is now retired," Wise said. "He taught a class every semester that covered various history subjects. One semester, he even led a College Classics tour to the King Tut exhibit in Dallas."

While one can be as young as 50 to take College Classics courses, most of the students are between 65 and 90. Two of Gilmour's Political Geography students are under 70 and two are over 90. The remainder fall in the age range of 70 to 90.

The College Classics instructors are as varied as the students, but all agree that volunteering as an instructor has proven to be one of the most rewarding and enjoyable things that they do.

Bob Barndt, pastor of Midland Lutheran Church, is teaching a College Classics course this semester on The Reformation.

Nancy Hart has been teaching College Classics courses since she retired from her full-time administrative and faculty position at Midland College. Now she is an adjunct government professor and teaches The U.S. Constitution and Supreme Court for College Classics. She claims to have tremendous assistance while at home prepping for her courses from her group of canine teaching assistants.

David Hopkins has taught history at Midland College since 2015 and is the newly appointed Henry Chair of History bu this is his first semester to teach College Classics. He said that he is looking forward to teaching The History of the Vietnam War during the second four-week term, which begins Oct. 16.

Not all College Classics courses are held at desks and tables in a classroom. The College Classics course catalog also includes dance classes.

Mona Milam teaches Let's Dance, which is a low-impact choreographed cardio dance class that includes music from various genres with easy-to-follow moves. In addition to her College Classics course, Milam also teaches classes at COM Aquatics.

Nine years ago, Tori Baca began teaching tap dancing in the College Classics program as a fun way for students to exercise. The class has evolved into clogging, and now Baca teaches two sections of the popular dance course. Students in her advanced clogging class perform at various locations and events throughout West Texas.

"I love sharing my dance experience with others," Baca said. "I find joy in teaching when dancing becomes a part of my students' lives."

Rebecca C. Bell is dean of Community Relations, at Midland College.

KELLY

From 1B

how, as a teacher, I can instill the same work ethic in my students as athletic coaches. In my down time, I have taken to reading books by famous coaches. Here are some takeaways from those readings for teachers to ponder:

"Good teams become great ones when the members trust each other enough to surrender the 'me' for the 'we.'"
Phil Jackson, former NBA coach

You can't just focus on the strongest players. You have to figure out how to challenge the superstars and elevate the bench-warmers. Ignore your superstars, and they'll get frustrated; ignore everyone else, and your team falls apart.

Second, the value of your learning community should not be underestimated. Build your classroom like a team with an opportunity to grow and learn together. That team extends to parents as well— trust between parents and teachers helps build a support team to benefit the child. After all, if your offensive and defensive coordinators are working together, the whole team benefits.

"Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better."
Pat Riley, former NBA coach

The word "gradual" is so important and something we need to emphasize to our students. The learning process does not lead to perfection; it leads to being better. And like any sport, it requires constant work and evaluation to meet that goal of being better.

"I'm no miracle man. I guarantee nothing but hard work."
the late Bear Bryant, college football coach

There is no miracle cure for sports or education. Learning is hard work. Teaching is hard work. You can bring in gimmicks and "best practices," but if you don't want to put in the effort to teach the easy stuff and the hard stuff, your students won't put in the effort to learn.

That hard work includes fundamentals. Playing football is not all touchdowns — it is form running drills and pop ups, running plays and hard training. There must be a balance of fundamentals to get to the touchdowns.

"Transformational coaches ... see their role as a transformer of lives who helps each team member become the best version of him or herself."
Mike Smith, NFL coach

If you haven't read "You Win in the Locker Room First" by Jon Gordon and NFL coach Mike Smith, order a copy. The pair discuss excellent team-building strategies that all center on the attitude of the coach.

Our job as teachers is not to make doctors, lawyers, nurses or engineers. Our job is to make each student the best he or she can be so they can have the option to pursue whatever they wish.

While education may not be the place for two-a-days, it is a place where we can attempt to inspire and challenge our students in new and meaningful ways.

Amber Kelly teaches English and history at Howard College and is dean of General Studies.

EDUCATIONINBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Downtown Lions Club to hold Read-A-Thon

The Midland Downtown Lions Club will host its annual Read-A-Thon event for kindergarteners through sixth-graders 5:30-8:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at the clubhouse, 200 Plaza St.

This year's event will feature skits performed by the Midland Christian School Drama Club and an appearance by children's book author Mark Parker. Each child will receive a free book, which is made possible by donations received through the Barnes & Noble's annual holiday book drive.

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BRAVO		65	76		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck		Watch	Below Deck		H.Wives
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Adventure Cap (N)		Adventure "Desert"		Adventure "Ocean"	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	(5:00) Strangle (N)		Street Justice		Street Justice (N)		48 Hours		Street Justice		Killing Fields	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Underc.	Raven's.	StuckMid	Bizaard.	Raven's.	I...Mad	Underc.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	StuckMid	Bunk'd
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	Baseball T. (L)		MLB Baseball American League Wild Card (L)						SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	NFL Live		30 for 30 "The U"				30 for 30 "The U Part 2"				NFL Live	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson		Hannity	
FOOD		64	•0	27	68	54	Chopped Junior		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(:20) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 Daniel Radcliffe.								The 700 Club		★ The Flintstone...	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars				NHL Hockey Classics Dallas Stars vs. Calgary Flames November 14, 2013				NHL Hockey Classics Minnesota Wild vs Dallas Stars March 8, 2014			
FX		31	56	59	64	69	Movie		★★★ Jurassic World ('15, Adv) Chris Pratt.				Cult "Holes" (N)		Cult "Holes"		Cult "11/9"	
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	Fixer Upper	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Forged "Talwar"		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Count.	Count.	(:05) Forged in Fire		(:05) Forged in Fire	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Dance Moms: Chat (N)		Dance Moms (N)		DanceMom (N)	7(:15) DanceMom	(:45) Chloe	(:25) Chloe/ DanceM.	Dance Moms: Dance and Chat	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		RachelMaddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				Adventure Racing		CarMatch	CarMatch	CarMatch	CarMatch	CarMatch	CarMatch	CarMatch	CarMatch	CarMatch	CarMatch
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master (N)		Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★ The Exorcism of Emily Rose				Game Face (N)		★ Seventh Son ('14, Adv) Jeff Bridges.				★ The Mothman ...	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	The Big Bang	Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	Conan (N)	Minnie Driver	Seinfeld	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Welcome t...		★★★★ Frankenstein				★ Bride of Frankenstein		★★★ The Mummy			Movie
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera (N)		Sin senos (N)		El señor (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Si Hay	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	7 Little Johnstons		Little Couple "Hold On Everybody"		Little Couple "He peed! He peed!" (N)		7 Little Johnstons (N)		(:05) Little C. "He peed! He peed!"		(:05) 7 Little Johnstons	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	(4:15) ★★★ Man of Steel				★ Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back Luke seeks out a Jedi master while his friends are relentlessly pursued by Darth Vader.				(:45) ★ Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back Luke seeks out a Jedi master while his friends are relentlessly pursued by Darth Vader.			
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Ray	Ray	Ray	Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	WWE Super Smackdown				Chrisley (N)	Chrisley (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

Millionaire boyfriend proves stingy with airline rewards

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I am in a long-distance relationship with a man who lives halfway across the country. Because he's very wealthy, he arranges for all the airfare. I am a single mother and I have limited finances.

"Bruce" owns a successful business and, through his business, racks up millions of credit card points. He never pays out of pocket for any vacation expenses — hotels, car, airfare, cruises, etc.

Because I have been flying so often to see him, I have been bumped several times from my flights and received travel credits on the airlines, which I was excited to get because now I have the ability to fly with my children somewhere.

The problem is, Bruce insists I use the vouchers only to see him because they were obtained on his points. I argued that they were my vouchers for giving up my seats. He says, yes, the seats HE "bought."

Getting airfare is absolutely no skin off his nose — he has millions of dollars and millions of points! Am I out of line here? — BUMPED IN KANSAS

DEAR BUMPED: I don't think so. However, you are getting an insight into Bruce — who appears to be unwilling to subsidize any travel that includes your children. If you haven't already noticed, that should be a big red flag if you're considering a future with this millionaire.

DEAR ABBY: My three best friends over the last four years recently decided to start a business together. They said I was more than welcome to join them, but financially, I wasn't able to swing it. I work part-time, so I have been helping them when I can.

When we get together for dinner once a month, most of their conversation focuses on their business. But recently, they discussed a shopping trip they took together. They went on a day I could have gone, but I was not invited. Should I take this — and other similar incidents — as a hint that our friendship has run its course? — FEELING LEFT OUT

DEAR FEELING LEFT OUT: Talking about the shopping trip in front of you was insensitive. However, you may not have been invited because your friends were afraid you might be embarrassed it you could not participate in the shopping. You mentioned that their business arrangement is recent. They may be discussing business because that's what is on their minds.

Don't write them off or withdraw just yet. You can always do that. Wait to see how things play out.

DEAR ABBY: Help! I'm a 67-year-old man being relentlessly chased by a 68-year-old woman. I have told her I want to date other women and will be moving out of the country at the end of the year. Despite this, she is constantly trying to maneuver me into an exclusive relationship, probably ending in living together. I don't want to hurt her, but I'm at a loss as to how to get her to back off. — HAPPILY UNCOMMITTED

DEAR UNCOMMITTED: Here's how. Tell her you can't handle the pressure she's putting on you and end the relationship NOW.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Wise choice

Neither vulnerable. West deals

NORTH
♠ Void
♥ A Q 8 7 3
♦ A Q 10 8 3
♣ 6 5 4

WEST
♠ A J 7 2
♥ 4 2
♦ K 9
♣ A Q 10 8 3

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

SOUTH
♠ K Q 8 6 5 4 3
♥ K J
♦ J 2
♣ K 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	2NT*	Pass	3♣
Pass	4	Pass	4♡

All pass

*Two lowest unbid suits

Opening lead: Two of

The Unusual no-trump convention has been popular in the tournament world for about 50 years. Should an opponent open one of a major, a jump to two no-trump shows both minors, at least 5-5. Over a minor suit opening, the same bid shows the other minor plus hearts. The jury is still out on what to do when holding the other minor and spades.

South gave his spade suit a try, but North wasn't buying it with his void in spades. South did well by supporting hearts at the four level rather than bidding his spades again. That was a wise choice suggested by his two heart honors. South won the opening trump lead in his hand with the king and paused for thought.

West needed the important missing honors for his opening bid. That meant that the ace of clubs was offside, but the king of diamonds should be well placed. Having only one entry remaining to his hand, the jack of hearts, South made the most of it. He led the king of spades, covered by West with the ace. Instead of ruffing, South simply discarded a low club from dummy and let West hold the trick. West continued with another heart to South's jack.

Declarer cashed the queen of spades, shedding another club from dummy, and led the jack of diamonds. This was covered by West with the king and won by dummy's ace. South drew the outstanding trumps and cashed the queen of diamonds. He claimed 11 tricks when the nine of diamonds fell from West.

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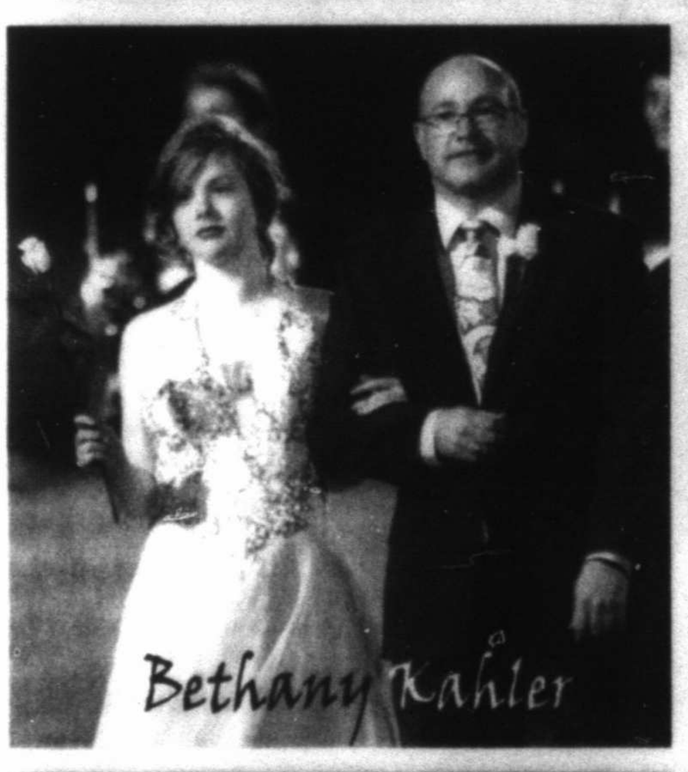


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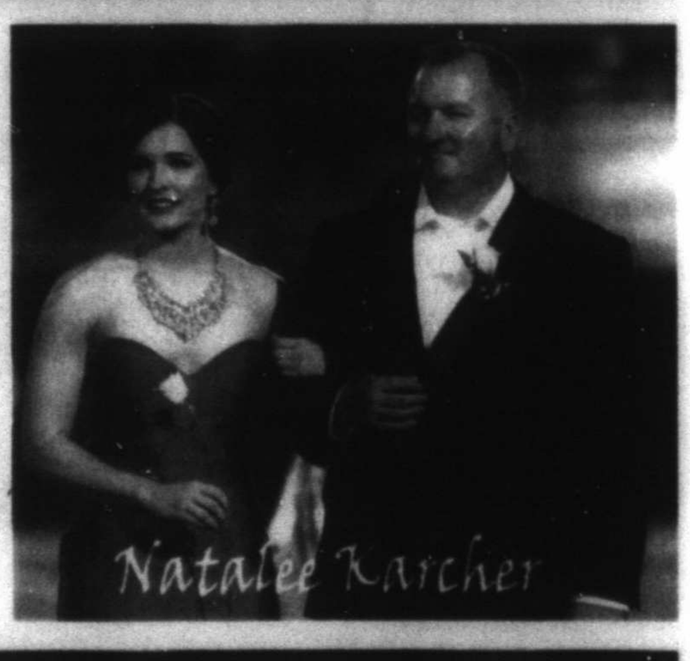
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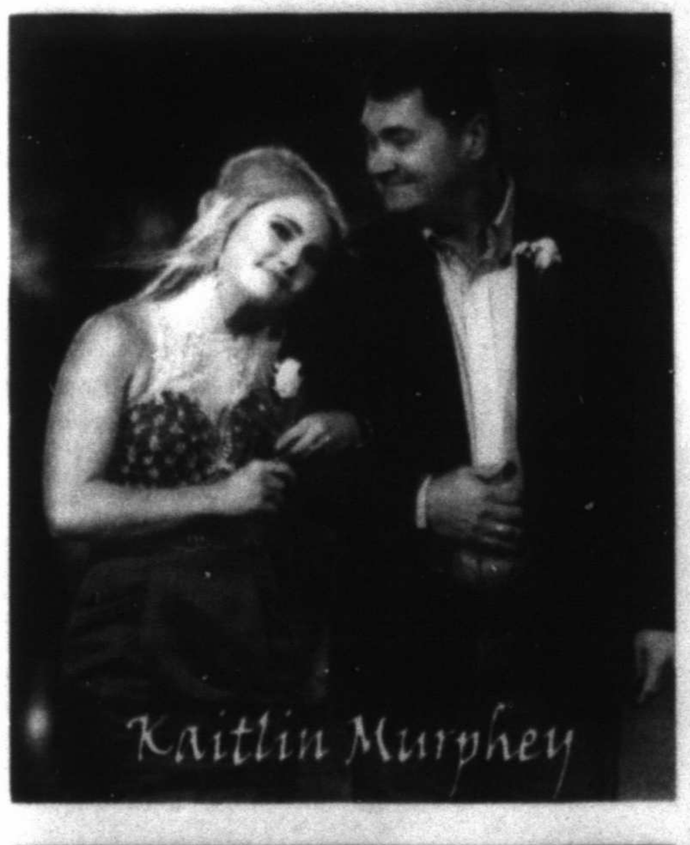
















PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

MCS confident after going 4-1 in tough stretch

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland Christian head coach Greg McClendon says his players expect to win and that confidence has been reflected in their play.

The Mustangs head into their open date this week with a 4-1 record after taking on an early schedule that McClendon called the toughest stretch of non-district games in program history.

MCS' wins have come against Class 3A No. 7 Brock, two Class 6A schools in El Paso Eastwood and El Paso Americas, and Alvin Shadow Creek, a fledgling and talented Class 5A program.

Their lone loss was to Fort Worth All-Saints, ranked by Dave Campbell's Texas Football as the No. 1-ranked 11-man private school in the state.

"I'm proud of these kids," McClendon said. "They've got the resolve. They've got the work ethic. They've got the culture and the attitude. But I think the one thing that might be the most important is they have the expectation (to win). I felt like we had the expectation of stepping out on the field every Friday and winning."

In Friday's 36-24 win over Shadow Creek, Mustangs quarterback Peyton Powell put on a splendid performance, which is becoming routine for the junior.

Powell combined on 446 total yards of offense and accounted for all five of MCS' TDs.

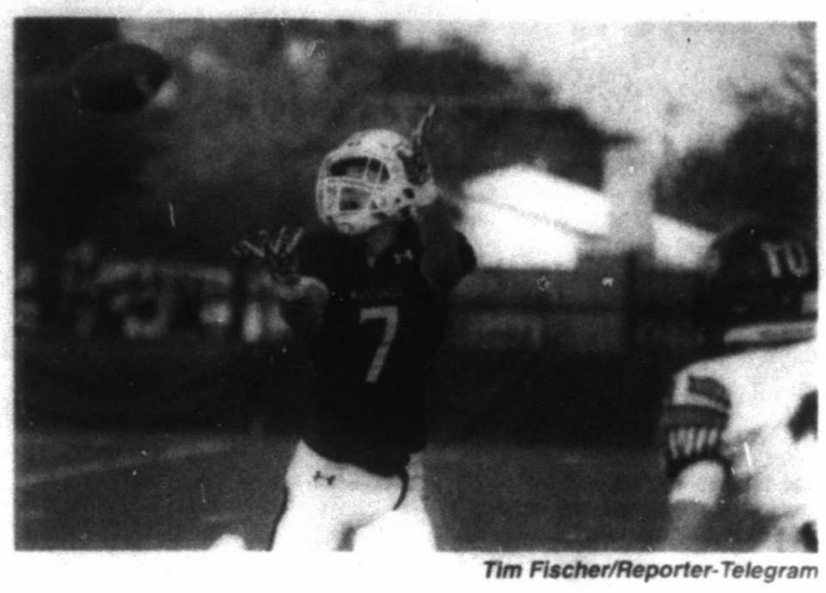
On the ground, Powell rushed for 184 yards and three scores, while completing 19 of 36 passes for 262 yards and 2 TD passes through the air.

"What makes it even more special for Peyton is every team we play is trying to stop him," McClendon said. "They are gunning to stop him. They feel like to stop him is their chance to beat us. But Peyton does such a good job of getting his teammates involved."

One of Powell's involved teammates was wide receiver Josh Brown, who had six catches for 123 yards and a touchdown against the Sharks (2-1).

Brown's big game included a 77-yard TD reception from Powell and a fumble recovery on defense.

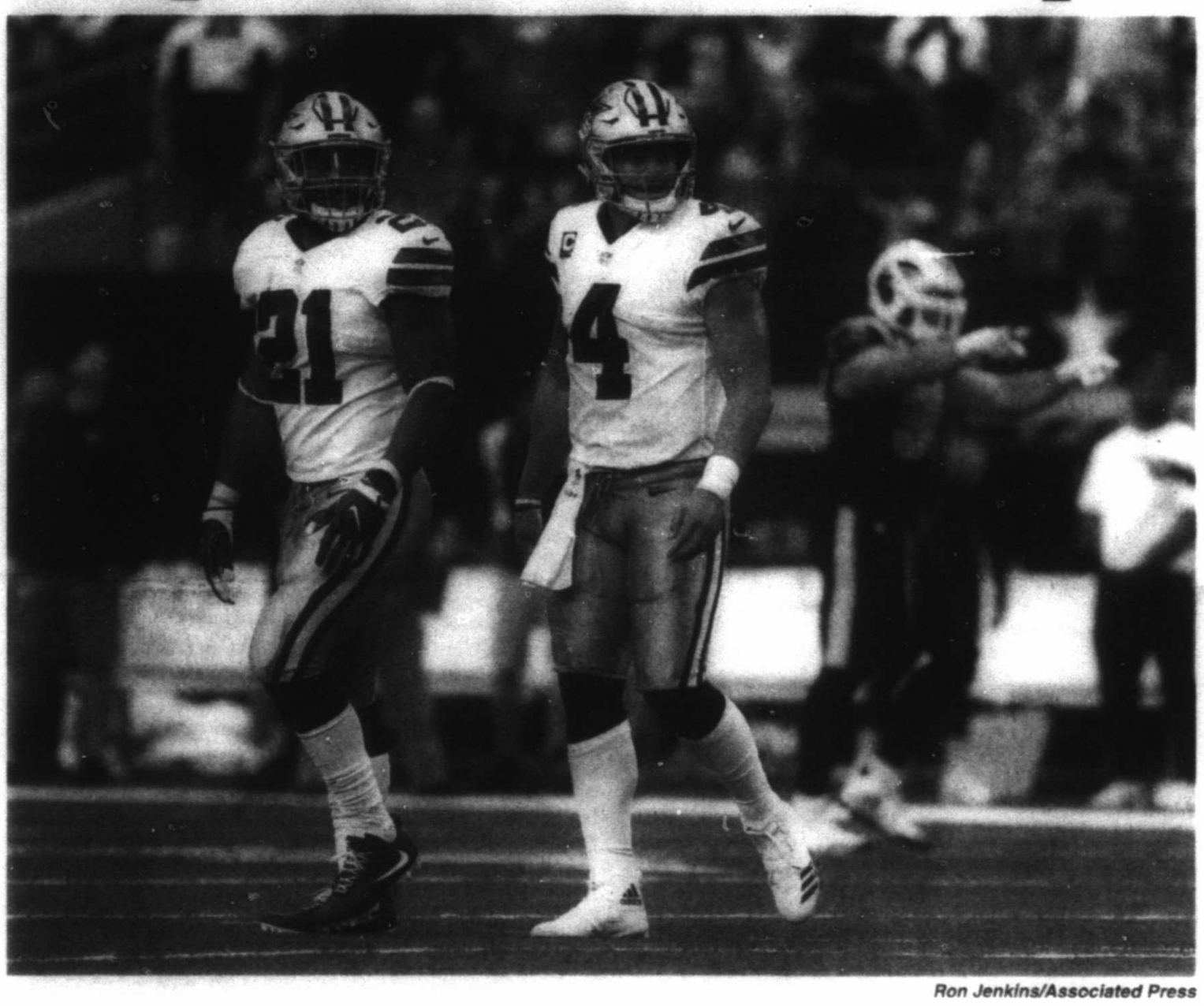
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MCS' Coy Stewart looks to make a reception for a touchdown but can not bring in the ball as EP Americas' Paul Morales defends September 15 at Gordon Awtry Field.

Sophomore slump?



Ron Jenkins/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) and quarterback Dak Prescott (4) walk off the field after an unsuccessful two-point conversion attempt on a pass to wide receiver Terrance Williams in the second half against the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday in Arlington.

Prescott, Elliott get Packers next in uneven year 2

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Dak Prescott and Ezekiel Elliott lost two games when both played during a remarkable rookie year for the Dallas Cowboys.

The star quarterback and running back have already matched that a quarter of the way through what's been an uneven second season. They face Green Bay on Sunday less than nine months after the Packers (3-1) spoiled the duo's first playoff appearance as the NFC's top seed at home.

The Cowboys (2-2) solved the problem of slow starts in two straight games, but created a new one by letting an 11-point lead slip away in a surprising 35-30 loss to the Los Angeles Rams.

Prescott, last year's NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year, was off-target as the Cowboys punted three straight times in the third quarter after scoring on all four first-half drives Sunday. The fourth possession after halftime ended with his third interception of the season. Prescott threw four his entire rookie year.

"I think I missed some throws in the second half that I didn't miss in the first half or that I can't miss, simply," Prescott said. "Going along with that, it is just knowing where I am going with the ball so that my feet can be in tune with my body."

Prescott was 20 of 36 for 252 yards and three touchdowns with his third sub-100 passer rating in four games. He had five such games last season, when he set an NFL rookie record with a 104.9 rating as the Cowboys went 13-3. They lost their finale when Prescott played only briefly and Elliott sat with a first-round playoff bye clinched.

There were bright moments for Prescott against the Rams, such as his duck-and-spin out of what looked like a sure sack for All-Pro defensive tackle Aaron Donald before an 18-yard throw to Dez Bryant, who had a season-high 98 yards receiving.

"He made a lot of plays for us, in the pocket, out of the pocket, throughout the game," coach Jason Garrett said. "He stood in there under some duress and made some throws. Having said that, the standard is high. And he did miss some throws."

Elliott matched the longest drought from his rookie season with his third straight game of less than 100 yards rushing. Last year's NFL rushing leader scored two touchdowns in the first half.

Please see **COWBOYS**/2C

Appeals court latest stop in running back's suspension case

By Kevin Mcgill
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A federal appeals court in New Orleans could rule as early as today on whether Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott must begin serving a six-game suspension because of domestic violence allegations.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Elliott in August after the league concluded a yearlong investigation that found Elliott had several physical confrontations with his then-girlfriend in Ohio.

Prosecutors didn't pursue the case, citing conflicting evidence. Elliott has denied the allegations under oath.

Elliott has been allowed to play, however, because a federal district judge blocked the suspension pending appeals.

The league said the lawsuit filed by the players union, representing Elliott, should be thrown out because it was improperly filed before an arbitrator ruled in the case.

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments Monday and they were to review more documents Tuesday morning. They could rule any time after that but offered no timetable.

The union argues the lawsuit could be pursued because the arbitration proceedings were complete, except for the final ruling, which went against Elliott.

NFL attorney Pratik Shah said the arbitration proceedings, called for in the NFL Players Association collective bargaining agreement with the league, had not been exhausted, so U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant lacked jurisdiction when he blocked the suspension.

Questioned closely by the appeals panel, players association attorney Jeffrey Kessler insisted that the suit was properly before Mazzant, with all but the ruling pending.

"You don't have to wait to be run over," he told the judges.

Also at issue was whether the NFL would be "irreparably harmed" by a court-imposed delay in its disciplinary decision, or whether it would be Elliott who would suffer irreparable harm if forced to immediately serve the suspension.

Elliott led the NFL with 1,631 yards rushing. He has 277 yards through four games this season. He has another 118 yards receiving and three touchdowns.

AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Andrews' Lujan has career night vs. Steers

By Oscar LeRoy
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Noah Lujan is used to having the defense focus on him.

It's no secret that the senior wide receiver is the top target for quarterback Jace Keesee and the Andrews offense, so it would only make sense for opposing defenses to try to double team Lujan in order to stop him.

None of that seemed to matter on Friday as Lujan helped the Mustangs bounced back from their first loss of the season with a 55-8 victory over rival Big Spring.

Lujan finished with a career night with six receptions for 195 yards and four touchdowns, and he also started the game at safety and returned a punt for seven yards.

For his efforts, Lujan is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

Lujan admits that up until Friday's game, he and Keesee were getting frustrated that the double teams were working against Lujan, who only had three touchdowns coming into the game. But against Big Spring, the two were able to connect with great success as Lujan helped Keesee have a big night of his own with 336 yards passing and five touchdowns.

"They tried manning me up but we were able to find the open holes and we ended up having success," Lujan said. "I just took every opportunity I had and made the best of it."

Andrews coach Ralph Mason wasn't surprised to see Lujan had a big night. After an outstanding performance during last summer's run to the 7-on-7 state tournament, Lujan seemed poised to have a stellar senior season.

"He's a playmaker," Mason said. "The thing is, he's always going to draw the most attention and he gets double-teamed a lot. Very few people are going to leave him out there by himself with just one defender. He's such a competitor too. He's excited about the game and he really works hard."

Mason added that it didn't take long for Lujan to make an impact against the Steers as they threw him a screen pass on the first offensive drive and

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Andrews' Noah Lujan fields kickoffs during drills August 10 at practice.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Major League Baseball
AL Wild Card: Minnesota at NY Yankees, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
National Basketball Association
Houston at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., NBAtv
Phoenix at Portland, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv
Toronto vs. LA Clippers, 12 a.m., NBAtv
Tennis
WTA: China Open, 6:30 a.m., beIN
ATP: Tokyo, ATP: Beijing, 10 p.m., TENNIS
WTA: China Open, 11:30 p.m., beIN

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Tennis
MHS vs. Lee, 4:30 p.m., Bush Tennis Center
HS Volleyball
San Angelo Central at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Big Spring, 6 p.m.
Lubbock Titans at Midland Christian, 5 p.m.
Lubbock Trinity at Trinity, 6 p.m.

LATE HS CROSS COUNTRY

MHS' MITCHELL WINS IN ALPINE

ALPINE — Midland High junior Jenia Mitchell won the girls race of the Big Bend Mountain Ramble with a time of 20 minutes, 53.43 seconds Saturday.

Mitchell's Lady Bulldogs finished second to team winner Odessa High.

Big Bend Mountain Ramble
A nine
Saturday
Boys

Top 3 team standings — 1. Odessa High 34. 2 Presidio 68. 3. Midland High 103. Other: 7 Midland Christian 211.

Area results

Midland High — 8. Joeandy Lujan 18:00.40 9. Jake Phiffer 18:02.17. 11. Nathaniel Muniz 18:09.81. 37. Nathan Millehsky 19:24.52. 38. Alex Webb 19:25.96; 43. Jackson Martin 19:38.81; 44. Cole Carriger 19:40.36; 51. Michael Webb 20:29.18; 54. Caden Carsyn 20:44.21; 59. Quinton Nethery 21:14.05; 77. Nick Guebara 22:39.72; 79. Michael Flower 23:07.90; 84. Chaz Torres 24:05.12; 89. Logan Rutledge 24:56.84; 94. Sam Leverett 26:58.81

Midland Christian — 23. Jace Mitchell 18:43.87; 33. Caden Norris 19:12.59; 39. Cole Little 19:27.93; 49. Sam Beckett 20:22.93; 57. Austin Battles 21:08.68; 67. Christian Olivas 21:48.75; 87. Logan Cook 24:12.91

Midland Classical — 56. Jaxson Bayley 20:56.52; 95. Colbie Coleman 27:02.93; 96. Nate McQueen 27:11.46; 99. Will Klemme 28:53.81

Girls

Top 3 standings — 1. Odessa High 36. 2. Midland High 76. 3. Alpine 100

Area results

Midland High — 1. Jenia Mitchell 20:51.43. 4. Kandus Box 21:32.94. 14. Shelby Shepherd 23:08.28. 24. Maggie Burkhart 24:10.59. 32. Chloe Douglas 25:01.87; 41. Serena Gonzales 26:16.12; 43. Nicole Ruiz 26:29.62. 50. Lauren Wilkins 27:08.12; 55. Arceli Sanchez 28:17.09; 56. Maria Benavidez 28:19.34. 60. Natali Sanchez 30:04.52

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Announced the contracts of pitching coach Dave Eiland and bench coach Don Wakamatsu will not be renewed for the 2018 season.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Announced the resignation of general manager John Coppolella. Named president John Hart interim general manager.
American Association
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Exercised the 2018 contract option on OF Ty Morrison
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed LB Markus Golden on injured reserve. Signed OT-G Earl Watford. Released OT-G Vinston Painter.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed WR Tre McBride from the practice squad. Signed LB Jason Thompson to the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Waived TE Alan Cross. Released RB Doug Martin from suspension.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Activated RB Doug Martin. Waived TE Alan Cross.
Canadian Football League
EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Acquired RB C.J. Gable from Hamilton for two players from the club's negotiation list.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Assigned LW Giovanni Fiore, C Kalle Kossila, D Jacob Larsson and RW Scott Sabourin to San Diego (AHL).
CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned D Rasmus Andersson and G Jon Gillies to Stockton (AHL). Waived Fs Garnet Hathaway and Luke Gazdic.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned Fs Lucas Wallmark and Phil Di Giuseppe to Charlotte (AHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Placed D Michal Rozsival on long term injured reserve. Assigned F Vinnie Hinostroza to Rockford (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Loaned C Jason Dickinson and LWs Remo Elle and Roope Hintz to Texas (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed LW David Booth to a one-year contract. Assigned Fs Matt Lorito and Ben Street, D Brian Lashoff and Dylan McIlrath, and G Jared Coreau to Grand Rapids (AHL). Assigned D Libor Sulak to Lahti (SM-liga Finland). Placed Fs Tyler Bertuzzi, Evgeny Svechnikov and Eric Tangrad on injured reserve.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with D Brandon Crawley on an entry-level contract.
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Signed F Tanner Kaspick to a three-year, entry-level contract.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Assigned F Cory Conacher to Syracuse (AHL).
American Hockey League
BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Agreed to terms with F Casey Bailey on a one-year contract.
HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Reassigned G Brandon Halverson and Fs Adam Chaple and Dawson Leedahl to Greenville (ECHL) and D Sean Day to Windsor (OHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Reassigned C Justin Selman and D Tommy Vannelli and Dmitri Sergeev to Tulsa (ECHL).
STOCKTON HEAT — Released RW Mark Cooper. Cs Carson Dubchak and Cliff Watson, LWs J.T. Barnett and Joel Lowry and D Troy Donahay and Tyson Strachan from tryout agreements
RUGBY
USA RUGBY — Named Gary Gold coach of the men's Eagles on the 15s side.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Named Diego A. Morattoni general manager, MLS Canada.
National Women's Soccer League
SKY BLUE FC — Loaned M Daphne Corboz to FC Fleury 91 (France).
COLLEGE
BARUCH — Promoted Tammer Farid to associate head men's basketball coach.
TENNESSEE — OL Venzell Boulware announced he's leaving the football team and intends to transfer

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through Sept. 24
All-around

1. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $211,927
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $174,045
3. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $151,990
4. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $139,658
5. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil $136,430
6. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $128,764
7. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $112,795
8. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $105,470
9. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $104,200
10. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $97,022
11. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas $89,284
12. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. $89,029
13. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $78,241
14. Trell Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $75,671
15. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $74,931
16. Seth Hall, Albuquerque, N.M. $57,721
17. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $56,733
18. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $55,931
19. Josh Pros, Verdi, Utah $55,111
20. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $54,641

Bareback Riding

1. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $196,900
2. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $135,149
3. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. $123,281
4. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $112,094
5. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev. $109,353
6. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $104,473
7. Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas $102,290
8. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $102,181
9. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas $97,775
10. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, Texas $96,039
11. Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba $95,296
12. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $89,039
13. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. $87,066
14. R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif. $86,245
15. Mason Clements, Santaquin, Utah $83,895
16. Justin Miller, Billings, Mont. $81,366
17. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $80,762
18. Jessy Davis, Power, Mont. $66,029
19. Shane O'Connell, Rapid City, S.D. $64,757
20. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $62,612

Steer Wrestling

1. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $157,464
2. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $105,975
3. Olin Hannum, Maxsel, Idaho $106,789
4. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $103,944
5. Scott Guenthner, Provost, Alberta $99,501
6. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah $97,136
7. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $92,245
8. Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alberta $84,073
9. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $82,968
10. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $80,053
11. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $79,684
12. Jon Ragatz, Beetown, Wis. $76,581
13. J.D. Struxness, Appleton, Minn. $74,934
14. Rowdy Parrott, Manitou, La. $72,399
15. Chason Floyd, Buffalo, S.D. $71,192
16. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $71,105
17. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $67,529
18. Jacob Talley, Keatchie, La. $66,601
19. Will Lummus, West Point, Miss. $66,526
20. Jason Thomas, Benton, Ark. $64,758

Team Roping (header)

1. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $133,633
2. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $129,106
3. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. $112,223
4. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas $106,596
5. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $95,079
6. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $91,073
7. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $84,391
8. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $81,356
9. Tom Richards, Humboldt, Ariz. $80,985
10. Jr Dees, Aurora, S.D. $78,964
11. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $76,288
12. Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif. $76,145
13. Dustin Egusquiza, Mariana, Fla. $75,986
14. Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore. $75,614
15. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $74,146
16. Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta $65,336
17. Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz. $61,983
18. Hayes Smith, Central Point, Ore. $61,949
19. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. $59,915
20. Lane Ivy, Adrian, Texas $56,501

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $133,633
2. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil $129,605
3. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $117,212
4. Billie Jack Saebens, Nowata, Okla. $103,970
5. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $99,774
6. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. $98,089
7. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $95,079
8. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $91,300
9. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $91,266
10. Tyler McKnight, Wells, Texas $79,374
11. Joseph Harrison, Overbrook, Okla. $78,387
12. Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, Texas $77,360
13. Jake Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $75,614
14. Kory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas $73,201
15. Jeremy Buhler, Arrowwood, Alberta $65,338
16. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $65,136
17. Kyle Lockett, Visalia, Calif. $61,745
18. John Robertson, Polson, Mont. $52,238
19. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $49,836
20. Clint Summers, Lake City, Fla. $48,264

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas $180,304
2. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $168,600
3. Colburn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah $120,171
4. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $119,657
5. Layton Green, Meeting Creek, Alberta $110,613
6. Hardy Braden, Welch, Okla. $102,774
7. Brody Cress, Hillsdale, Wyo. $98,916
8. Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah $93,509
9. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $87,746
10. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas $90,852
11. Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta $89,332
12. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La. $87,105
13. Tace Muncy Cronna, N.M. $85,486
14. Audy Reed, Spearman, Texas $75,270
15. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $74,745
16. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $71,822
17. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $65,952
18. Allen Boore, Axtell, Utah $64,322
19. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, Texas $60,203
20. Bradley Harter, Loranger, La. $54,401

Tie-down Roping

Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $188,256
2. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $142,194
3. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $120,554
4. Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas $119,466
5. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, Texas $102,771
6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $97,489
7. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas $97,173
8. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $92,112
9. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $92,010
10. J.C. Mitchell, Perry City, Utah $86,299
11. Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas $85,962
12. Randall Carlisle, Athens, La. $85,570
13. Cory Solomon, Sanger, Texas $84,814
14. Cooper Martin, Alma, Kan. $83,457
15. Cade Swor, Winnie, Texas $83,256
16. Blaine Cox, Cameron, Texas $77,055
17. Ace Slone, Cuero, Texas $75,356
18. Cody Quarney, Cheney, Kan. $75,004
19. Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville, Texas $73,367
20. Bryson Sechrist, Apache, Okla. $68,779

Steer Roping

Jason Evans, Glen Rose, Texas $84,156
2. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $78,834
3. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $72,976
4. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas $68,064
5. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $64,266
6. **J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, Texas $56,868**
7. Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas $50,109
8. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $49,347
9. **Jade Lockhorst, Andrews, Texas $49,309**
10. John Bland, Turkey, Texas $48,184
11. **Shay Good, Midland, Texas $47,061**
12. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas $45,082
13. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $44,217
14. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $42,848
15. Bryce Davis, Ovalo, Texas $41,913
16. Chris Glover, Kennedy, Colo. $40,615
17. J.P.Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $39,780
18. Garrett Hale, Snyder, Texas $32,565
19. Brian Garr, Belle Fourche, S.D. $32,545
20. Roger Branch, Wellston, Okla. $31,185

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $234,136
2. Garrett Smith, Pasburg, Idaho $201,192
3. Ty Wallace, Collbran, Colo. $152,283
4. Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. $130,495
5. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $120,935
6. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $106,188
7. Roscoe Jarboe, New Plymouth, Idaho $102,855
8. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, Texas $102,534
9. Cole Melancon, Liberty, Texas $100,859
10. Trevor Reiste, Linden, Iowa $97,121
11. Dustin Bowen, Waller, Texas $94,128
12. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $92,991
13. Jordan Hansen, Okotoks, Alberta $92,660
14. Guthrie Murray, Miami, Okla. $87,288
15. Tristan Mize, Bryan, Texas $83,601
16. Boudreaux Campbell, Crockett, Texas $82,314
17. Brady Portenier, Caldwell, Idaho $81,708
18. Tyler Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $79,921
19. Natlie Miller, Cottonwood, Calif. $130,537
4. Amberleigh Moore, Salem, Ore. $120,852
5. Kassie Mowry, Dublin, Texas $115,163
6. Kathy Grimes, Medical Lake, Wash. $111,758
7. Hailey Kinsel, Cotulla, Texas $97,779
8. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $83,439
9. Tad Bettis, Round Top, Texas $69,222
10. Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M. $91,377

DISTRICT 2-6A VOLLEYBALL TODAY

BY WILL KORN

SAN ANGELO CENTRAL AT MIDLAND HIGH
When/where: 6 p.m. today, MHS gym
Records: Central 23-6, 4-2 in District 2-6A; MHS 24-12, 6-0 in District 2-6A
Last match: Central 3, Permian 0, Friday; MHS 3, Lee 2, Friday
Three things to watch:

■ After an emotional home win in five sets over rival Lee Friday, MHS has solidified a grip on first place in District 2-6A with a 6-0 mark. MHS will remain in first place regardless of today's result.

■ MHS defeated Central, 3-1 in San Angelo on Sept. 12 and picking up the season sweep over the Lady Bobcats would go a long way toward securing optimal playoff position.

■ The Lady Bobcats are on a bit of a roll themselves over the last two weeks. Central has swept its last three district opponents to move into third place, one loss in the loss column behind second-place Lee. Today will be a momentum-swinging match for the victor.

Next: San Angelo Central at Odessa High, 5 p.m. Friday; MHS at Wolfforth Frenship, 5 p.m. Friday

District 2-6A Volleyball Standings

	District	Overall
Midland High	6-0	24-12
Lee	4-1	23-13
San Angelo Central	4-2	23-6
Amarillo Tascosa	3-3	20-15
Odessa Permian	2-4	17-13
Wolfforth Frenship	2-4	12-19
Odessa High	0-5	6-22

Friday's Scores
Midland High 3, Lee 2; Odessa Permian 3, Wolfforth Frenship 0; Amarillo Tascosa 3, Odessa High 0. San Angelo Central was open.

Today's matches
Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; San Angelo Central at Midland High; Odessa High at Odessa Permian; Amarillo Tascosa is open. All matches at 6 p.m.

LEE AT WOLFFORTH FRENSHIP
When/where: 6 p.m. today, Frenship High School gym
Records: Lee 23-13, 4-1 in District 2-6A; Frenship 12-19, 2-4 in District 2-6A
Last match: MHS 3, Lee 2; Permian 3, Frenship 0
Three things to watch:

■ The Lady Rebels will look to rebound from Friday's loss to MHS, a match in which they held a one-set lead twice. This will be Lee's fourth consecutive road contest since Sept. 15.

■ Lee head coach Robert Blakley said his players will be ready to compete today in a difficult road environment. He added Friday's difficult loss was just another match for his team and there shouldn't be any lingering effects against Frenship.

■ Lee bested the Lady Tigers in five sets in their district opener at home back on Sept. 12. A win today would clinch the season sweep over Frenship and also keep the Lady Rebels in second place.

Next: Amarillo Tascosa at Lee, 5 p.m. Friday; Frenship at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13

Texans look to improve after scoring 57 points on Sunday

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans scored a franchise-record 57 points in a win over the Titans on Sunday.

If you ask the players, the best part about that big win is that they believe the team can get much better.

The biggest reason for Houston's success on Sunday was the dynamic play of rookie quarterback Deshaun Watson. The 12th overall pick in this year's draft threw four touchdowns passes and ran for another in his third NFL start.

Watson became the first rookie to throw four touchdown passes and run for another one since Fran Tarkenton in 1961 and he tied an NFL record for most TDs by a rookie quarterback.

He's one of many who think this team has only scratched the surface of how good it can be.

"I have a long way to go," Watson said. "And it's still early in my career and just hope to build on it."

His big performance was helped by the return of receiver Will Fuller, who missed the first three games after breaking his collarbone early in training camp. The pair connected for two touchdowns as the Texans scored the most points in the NFL since Seattle scored 58 on Dec. 9, 2012, against Arizona.

"That was just our first time playing together," Fuller said. "It's only going to get better, and I'm looking forward to that."

The Texans not only believe they can get better, but that they must do so with a Sunday night game against Kansas City coming up this week. The Chiefs were the NFL's only undefeated team heading into their Monday night matchup against Washington.

"There were a lot of good things that happened (Sunday), quite obviously," coach Bill O'Brien said. "But there were some things that we need to clean up, and we need to get going on that and clean those things up and have a really good week of practice because Kansas City's one of the best teams in football."

O'Brien was unhappy at a couple of false start penalties in the red zone on Sunday and is looking for the team to improve on punt and kick return coverage after allowing some longer runs in that area against the Titans.

A big change in Houston's offense this season has come from the confidence of Watson, who won a national championship at Clemson last season.

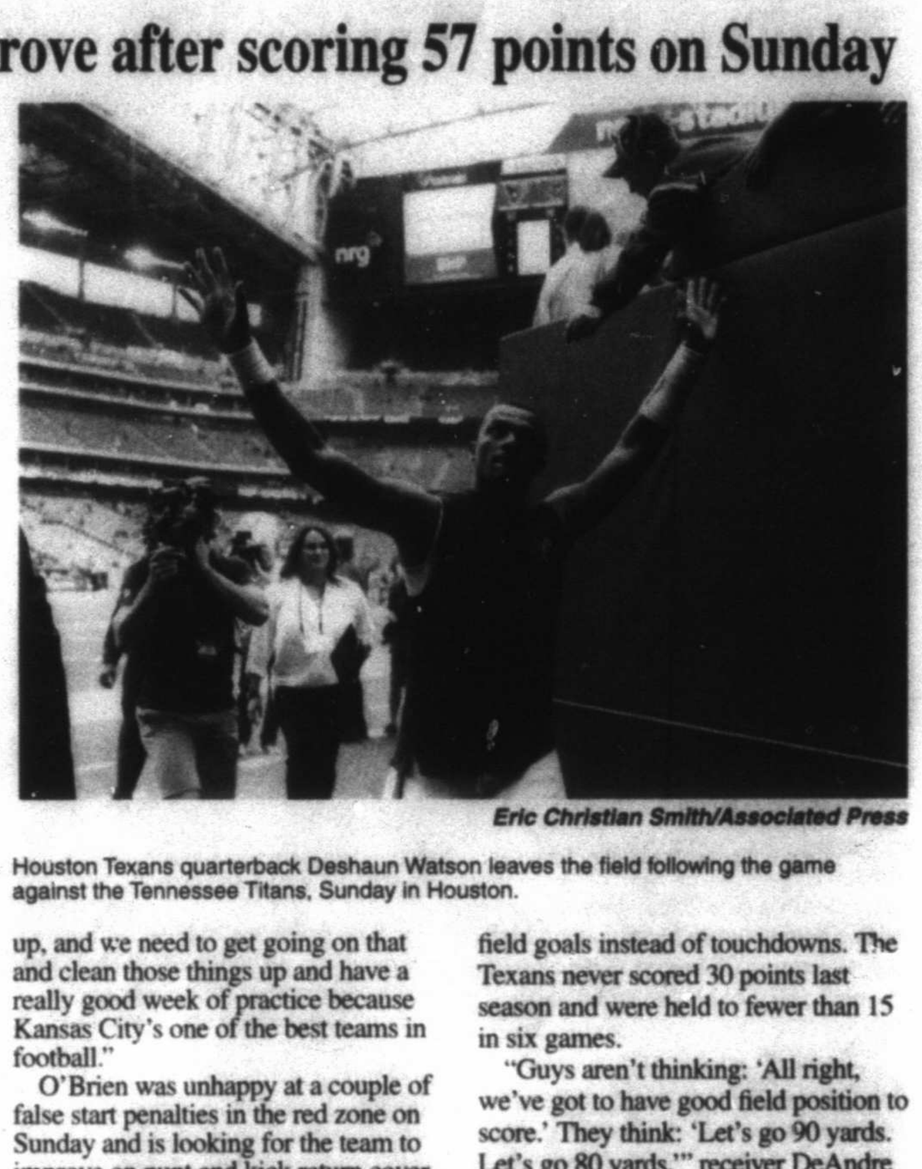
The Texans have had problems at quarterback for years, and believe Watson could finally be the player to provide stability there and run O'Brien's offense the way he's always envisioned.

In years past and particularly last season, the Texans often settled for field goals instead of touchdowns. The Texans never scored 30 points last season and were held to fewer than 15 in six games.

"Guys aren't thinking: 'All right, we've got to have good field position to score.' They think: 'Let's go 90 yards. Let's go 80 yards,'" receiver DeAndre Hopkins said.

"Every time we touch the ball we're trying to score it. We're not happy with three. We need seven. So just that mentality that we have, and obviously it helped having a quarterback in the backfield that can keep the plays alive."

Houston has won the AFC South the past two years in large part because of its solid defense. The unit has continued to play well this season and forced five turnovers on Sunday to provide a boost to the offense.



Eric Christian Smith/Associated Press

Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson leaves the field following the game against the Tennessee Titans, Sunday in Houston.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	1	0	.750	73	54
N.Y. Jets	2	2	0	.500	75	92
New England	2	2	0	.500	129	128
Miami	1	2	0	.333	25	57
South						
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	109	74
Houston	2	2	0	.500	110	88
Tennessee	2	2	0	.500	100	126
Indianapolis	1	3	0	.250	71	136
North						
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	90	59
Baltimore	2	2	0	.500	80	80
Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250	64	67
Cleveland	0	4	0	.000	63	107
West						
Kansas City	4	0	0	1.000	122	77
Denver	3	1	0	.750	98	74
Oakland	2	2	0	.500	91	79
L.A. Chargers	0	4	0	.000	72	93

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	1	0	.750	103	92
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	94	97
Washington	2	2	0	.500	91	89
N.Y. Giants	0	4	0	.000	60	95
South						
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	104	89
Carolina	3	1	0	.750	78	70
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	71	64
New Orleans	2	2	0	.500	93	78
North						
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	99	70
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	102	81
Minnesota	2	2	0	.500	79	76
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	61	104
West						
L.A. Rams	3	1	0	.750	142	105
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	94	77
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	74	91
San Francisco	0	4	0	.000	66	94

Schedule

Thursday's Score
Green Bay 35, Chicago 14

Sunday's Scores
New Orleans 20, Miami 0
Cincinnati 31, Cleveland 7
Houston 57, Tennessee 14
Buffalo 25, Atlanta 17
Carolina 33, New England 30
Detroit 14, Minnesota 7
Pittsburgh 26, Baltimore 9
L.A. Rams 35, Dallas 30
N.Y. Jets 23, Jacksonville 20, OT
Philadelphia 26, L.A. Chargers 24
Tampa Bay 25, N.Y. Giants 23
Denver 16, Oakland 10
Arizona 18, San Francisco 15, OT
Seattle 46, Indianapolis 18

Monday's Score
Kansas City 29, Washington 20

COWBOYS

From 1C

against the Rams and had 97 total yards at halftime: 56 rushing and 41 receiving.

But Elliott had just nine touches and 42 total yards after halftime the day before a federal appeals court heard arguments over the NFL's emergency request to lift an injunction that blocked the league's six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations in Ohio.

"I think we have an identity in what we want to do," tight end Jason Witten said. "Just stay with the run game and what we're trying to do. Just overall, we have to be better at it. It's a team that understands it, what we're trying to get accomplished."

Even though Prescott and Elliott had won three straight games on the way to a franchise-record 11-game winning streak this time last year, the Cowboys were coming off a less-than-impressive showing against a San Francisco team headed for a 2-14 finish.

But two things are already different for Dallas. The Cowboys were never blown out last season like they were in Week 2 at Denver. And they never let leads get away without finding a way to win, which is what happened against the Rams.

"I think when people look at a team like ourselves and the success we had last year, they have obviously decided that, hey, we're going to make Dak beat us and we're going to stop their running game," executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones said on his radio show Monday. "I think Dak will execute better as we move forward, not that he hasn't played really well. And I think as the season goes, we'll execute better. As that happens, I think you'll see some of the strength of our offense again. I have a lot of confidence that it's going to happen.

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As calendar flips to October, the MLB postseason from A to Z

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

All those home runs by Aaron Judge, all those wins by the Los Angeles Dodgers, nicely done. Except none of that matters now — a sinker that bounces to the backstop, a liner that hooks barely foul, the whole script flips.

October has a way of doing that.

The Major League Baseball playoffs start Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium when New York hosts the Minnesota Twins in the AL wild-card game. A look at the 2017 postseason, from A to Z:

A: ALTUVE'S ASTROS — Generously listed at 5-foot-6, Jose Altuve is baseball's little big man. The do-everything second baseman won his third AL batting title and aims to lead the Astros to their first World Series crown. With the Houston area recovering from Hurricane Harvey, they're the sentimental favorites.

B: BULLPENS — Kenley Jansen and Aroldis Chapman going long, Andrew Miller entering early, Clayton Kershaw as a closer. The old rules were out last October when it came to relief roles. We'll see what pops up in the 'pens this year.

C: CUBS VS. CLEVELAND — Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo, Corey Kluber & Crew, once more? It's been a while since a World Series rematch, when Reggie Jackson led the Yanks over the Dodgers in 1977-78. But, it's already been a ripe year for repeats — Warriors vs. Cavaliers, Alabama vs. Clemson.

D: DEBUTS — Strikeout king Chris Sale makes his first playoff appearance when Boston starts at Houston on Thursday in the best-of-five AL Division Series. Rockies bopper Nolan Arenado and Twins slugger Brian Dozier are postseason newbies, too. So is Nationals backup Adam Lind, after 12 years and more than 1,300 games.

E: EXTRA — Hmmm, anyone remember the last time a postseason game went to extra innings? Hard to top the Cubs' 10-inning, rain-delayed, 8-7 thriller over Cleveland in Game 7. The Red Sox are the experts of extras this year — they're 15-3, including seven straight wins.

F: FREE AGENTS — Sure, 20 teams are done. But their fans can always dream. Cubs righty Jake Arrieta, Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas and Rays thumper Logan Morrison are on the list of who'll soon be available. The most intriguing possibility might be Shohei Otani, a star pitcher and hitter in Japan.



Michael Dwyer/Associated Press

Houston Astros' Jose Altuve lines out during the first inning against the Boston Red Sox in Boston, Saturday.

G: GOOD TO SEE YA — Rockies outfielder Carlos Gonzalez returns to the playoffs for the first time since 2009, when he was 10 for 17. Twins star Joe Mauer has been absent since 2010. And Nationals ace Stephen Strasburg has pitched just once in Washington's three trips, heading into this matchup with the Cubs.

H: HOME FIELD — World Series home-field advantages goes to the team with the best record. Thankfully, it's no longer based on who wins the All-Star Game. That means the Dodgers (104 wins) get first dibs, followed by Cleveland (102), Houston (101), Washington (97), Boston (93) and the Cubs (92).

I: INJURIES — Nationals ace Max Scherzer tweaked his hamstring, teammate Bryce Harper is getting over a bad knee. Banged-up All-Stars Miguel Sano of the Twins and Michael Brantley of the Indians might be able contribute this week. Might not.

J: JOE MADDON — A cool cat, he keeps his Cubs loose. He reveled in last year's rallying cry: "Try Not to Suck." The skipper became the toast of Chicago, ending that century-old drought. Funny, all those warm-and-fuzzy Wrigley Field feelings are gone now, at least beyond the Friendly Confines.

K: KERSHAW — He tied for the major league lead in wins and won his fifth ERA title. He's a three-time Cy Young Award winner and seven-time All-Star. But will anyone get more scrutiny in the postseason than Clayton Kershaw? Probably not, because the LA lefty is 4-7 with a 4.55 ERA in the postseason.

L: LOUSY WEATHER — Too bad, the temperature is often better suited for snowballs than baseballs. It was in the low 40s at Wrigley last year, and just imagine how it might feel in Denver or Minneapolis. If you want clear conditions, root for Arizona vs. Houston and their retractable roofs.

M: MANAGERS — Twin Cities native Paul Molitor, Torey Lovullo of the Diamondbacks and Bud Black of the Rockies are first-time skippers in the playoffs. Washington's Dusty Baker is back for his ninth try, still seeking that elusive first World Series championship.

N: NETTING — Fan safety has drawn special focus ever since a 1-year-old girl was recently hit by Todd Frazier's 105 mph foul ball at Yankee Stadium. Of the teams in these playoffs, three already had extended the netting to screen spectators: Houston, Washington and Minnesota. The Yankees say they'll have it next year.

O: OCTOBER — Of course. But if the World Series goes to Game 7, they'll go beyond Halloween and play on Nov. 1.

P: PUERTO RICO — Carlos Beltran, Francisco Lindor and Carlos Correa are among the many players from Puerto Rico trying to raise money and awareness for the damage done to their island by Hurricane Maria. Look for messages on caps and shoes over the next few weeks.

Q: QUICK? — Extra mound conferences, longer TV commercials, more pitching changes, they all contribute to slowing down the pace in the playoffs. MLB wants to speed up the action and avoid a repeat from last year, when postseason games averaged almost 3 1/2 hours. Not a good sign that regular-season games this year took more than 3 hours, 5 minutes on average, the longest ever.

R: ROOKIES — Yankees behemoth Aaron Judge broke the major league record with 52 home runs by a rookie. Dodgers surprise Cody Bellinger set the NL mark with 39. Other newcomers who could make an impact: Red Sox outfielder Andrew Benintendi, Cubs outfielder/infielder Ian Happ and 33-year-old Astros first baseman Yuli Gurriel.

S: STREAKS — Jose Ramirez and the Indians set an AL record by winning 22 straight, the Dodgers dropped 11 in a row for their worst skid since moving from Brooklyn. A year after winning its first six postseason games, and in this season of streaks, Cleveland hopes to do it again.

T: TRADES — Justin Verlander (5-0, 1.06 ERA for Houston), J.D. Martinez (29 homers in 62 games for Arizona) and Jose Quintana (7-3, 3.74 for the Cubs) are some of the stars who were acquired in midseason trades. Yu Darvish, David Robertson and Eduardo Nunez also gave their new teams a boost.

U: UMPIRES — It won't be long before some team is hollering about an ump's strike zone. Those calls can't be contested, but others can. Some teams are very good at getting them overturned (Joe Girardi and the Yankees won 72 percent of their challenges). Others, not so much (the Nationals were right only 36 percent).

V: VOTING — All ballots for MVP, Cy Young and other major awards must be sent before the playoffs begin. These honors will generate plenty of debate before the winners are announced in November. Altuve or Judge, Kluber or Sale?

W: WILD CARDS — Madison Bumgarner and the 2014 Giants are the only wild-card team to win the World Series since MLB went to a one-and-done format in 2012. Before that, five wild cards took the title: Cardinals (2011), Red Sox (2004), Marlins (2003, 1997) and Angels (2002).

X: XANDER BOGAERTS — Perhaps the Boston shortstop might be the next infielder to really break out in postseason. Think Javier Baez, Daniel Murphy, Ben Zobrist and Alcides Escobar in recent years.

Y: YANKEE STADIUM — The playoffs begin the Bronx, with Yankees youngster Luis Severino starting the AL wild-card game, taking on Ervin Santana and the Twins.

Z: ZACK GREINKE — The Arizona ace is set to throw the first pitch in Wednesday's NL wild-card game at home against a familiar opponent. He's 2-1 in five starts vs. Colorado this year.

After 3K, Beltre wants 2018 in Texas to another ring chance

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Adrian Beltre is signed through next season with Texas, and wants his 21st major league season to be with the Rangers.

The third baseman who joined the 3,000-hit club this season also wants another chance to win a World Series.

And there lies a possible conundrum for the Rangers (78-84) coming off only their second losing season in nine years. While Beltre and Elvis Andrus provide solid leadership and offense, and there are young sluggers like Joey Gallo and Rougned Odor, the starting rotation is thin going into the offseason and the bullpen needs a boost.

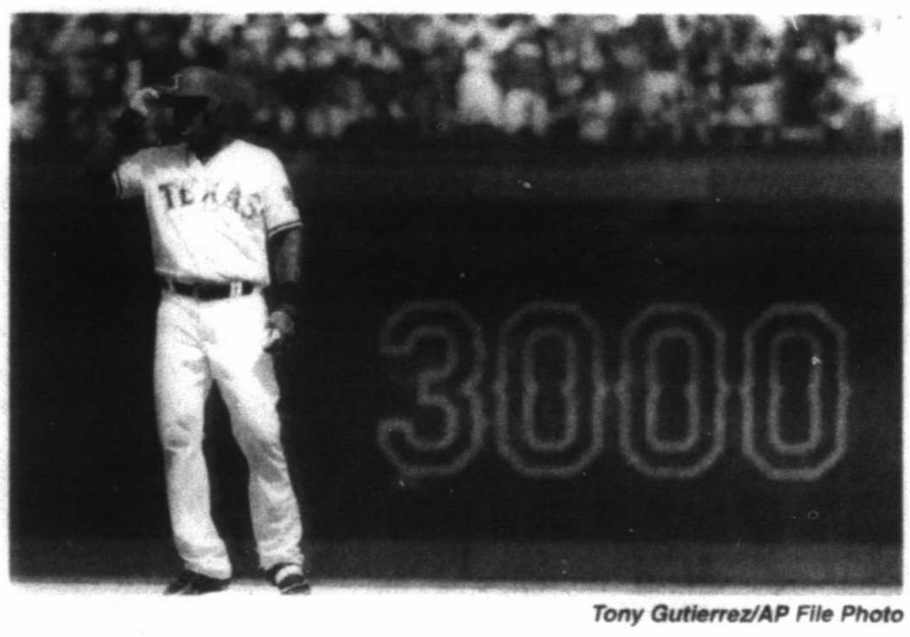
"There's no doubt that we have a lot of questions to be answered," said Beltre, who will turn 39 early next season.

Beltre wants to know that the Rangers are still trying to win, and not planning a rebuild, and has spoken with general manager Jon Daniels about that.

"It doesn't matter what stage (of his career) he's at, that's always where his head is. ... He wants to win," Daniels said. "That's a lot of what he brings to the table, that winning mindset. I wouldn't expect anything less."

Beltre finally got to play in the World Series in 2011, his first season with the Rangers. They won the AL West the past two seasons, then lost to Toronto in the AL Division Series. He hit .312 this season, starting 51 games late because of calf issues and ending the year with a strained left hamstring.

Ace pitcher Yu Darvish, near the end of his six-year contract after leaving Japan, was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers for three prospects on July 31. That was the day after Beltre got his 3,000th career hit.



Tony Gutierrez/AP File Photo

Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre tips his helmet as he acknowledges cheers after hitting a double for his 3,000th career hit, that came off a pitch from Baltimore Orioles' Wade Miley in the fourth inning July 30 in Arlington.

With Andrew Cashner (11-11, 3.40 ERA) set to become a free agent, the remaining starters set for the rotation are left-handers Cole Hamels (11-6) and Martin Perez (13-12).

After a single in Sunday's finale for his 3,048th hit, Beltre was lifted for a pinch-runner and got an extended rousing ovation. He was asked after the curtain call if he thought it might his last in Texas.

"You never know obviously," Beltre said. "The future is always up in the air, and obviously I don't want that to be the case. But it's out of my control right now." Some other things to know after the Rangers missed the playoffs for the first time in manager Jeff Banister's three seasons:

Healthy Hamels

Hamels ended the season healthy after missing more than seven weeks with a right oblique strain. He threw only 148 innings after seven consecutive years of at least 200 innings.

"You want to finish the season healthy. I think that's the case, and it's good to build off of that," Hamels said.

Some notable numbers

Odor was the first Ranger to play all 162 games since Michael Young and Mark Teixeira in 2006. Odor hit only .204 but had 30 home runs ... Nomar Mazara's two-run single in his final at-bat gave him 101 RBIs. Juan Gonzalez and Ruben Sierra are the only other Rangers with 100-RBI seasons at age 22 or younger ... Andrus had career highs with 191 hits, 100 runs, 44 doubles, 20 homers and 88 RBIs.

Yankees, Twins renew one-sided rivalry in AL wild-card game

By Jake Seiner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Twins star Joe Mauer remembers well all those October losses to the Yankees. So, too, surely, do Minnesota's fans.

Around the rest of the Twins clubhouse, though, it may as well be ancient history.

Back in the playoffs for the first time in seven years, Mauer and upstart Minnesota will face New York in the AL wild-card game Tuesday night hoping to turn around what has been a one-sided postseason rivalry.

New York eliminated the small-market Twins in the Division Series four times from 2003-10, repeatedly dashing the World Series aspirations of a largely homegrown lineup.

"Somebody asked me earlier, 'Does it feel like seven years?'" Mauer said. "I said, 'Yes, and all of that.'"

Mauer is the only holdover from that era. Minnesota now has a new batch of budding young stars, and it's a group that's already wrecked some history. Powered by Miguel Sano and Byron Buxton, these Twins became the first team ever to go from 100 losses one year to the playoffs the next.

"I'm really excited for this group to experience this," Mauer said. "There's a lot of guys in our clubhouse that this is their first go-round. I was just real happy. It's been a special year to see these guys kind of grow."

This time, Minnesota won't be running into playoff-proven Yankee greats like Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera.

Like the Twins, New York has been fueled by its burgeoning big leaguers. AL MVP hopeful Aaron Judge headlines the crew, which also includes Tuesday's starter Luis Severino and catcher Gary Sanchez. Only Brett Gardner, Greg Bird, Didi Gregorius and Chase Headley started for New York in their previous wild-card appearance, a 3-0 loss to Dallas Keuchel and the Astros in 2015.

"The faces have changed so much," said Yankees manager Joe Girardi, who managed New York past Minnesota in the 2009 and '10 ALDS.

The 6-foot-7 Judge set a rookie record with 52 homers this year and has become the new face of the franchise. He even has his own cheering section at Yankee Stadium — The Judge's Chambers in right field, which will host a group of Bronx school kids Tuesday.

Limiting Judge may be the most pivotal task for Twins starter Ervin Santana.

"Have to be careful with him," Santana said. "Don't try to leave any cookies right there."

Here's some more to chew on before New York and Minnesota vie to face the reigning AL champion Indians in an ALDS.

As of Monday afternoon, Twins manager Paul Molitor hadn't decided on Sano's status for the game, although he was optimistic Sano would play. The slugger has been recovering from a stress reaction in his left shin.

Sano missed 38 games before returning to action Friday, and then he was pinch hit for Sunday after feeling some discomfort in the leg.

MLB POSTSEASON GLANCE

WILD CARD
Today: Minnesota (Santana 18-8) at New York (Severino 14-8), 8:09 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Oct. 4: Colorado (Gray 10-4) at Arizona (Greinke 17-7), 8:08 p.m. (TBS)

DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)
American League
Boston vs. Houston
Thursday, Oct. 5: Boston at Houston, 4:08 p.m. (FS1 or MLB)
Friday, Oct. 6: Boston at Houston, 2:05 p.m. (FS1 or MLB)
Sunday, Oct. 8: Houston at Boston, TBD (FS1 or MLB)
x-Monday, Oct. 9: Houston at Boston, TBD (FS1 or MLB)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 11: Boston at Houston, TBD (FS1 or MLB)
Minnesota-New York winner vs. Cleveland
Thursday, Oct. 5: Minnesota-New York winner at Cleveland, 7:38 p.m. (FS1 or MLB)
Friday, Oct. 6: Minnesota-New York winner at Cleveland, 5:08 p.m. (FS1 or MLB)
Sunday, Oct. 8: Cleveland at Minnesota-New York winner, TBD (FS1 or MLB)
x-Monday, Oct. 9: Cleveland at Minnesota-New York winner, TBD (FS1 or MLB)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 11: Minnesota-New York winner at Cleveland, TBD (FS1 or MLB)
National League
Chicago vs. Washington
Friday, Oct. 6: Chicago at Washington, 7:31 p.m. (TBS)
Saturday, Oct. 7: Chicago at Washington, 5:38 p.m. (TBS)
Monday, Oct. 9: Washington at Chicago, TBD (TBS)
x-Tuesday, Oct. 10: Washington at Chicago, TBD (TBS)
x-Thursday, Oct. 12: Chicago at Washington, TBD (TBS)
Colorado-Arizona winner vs. Los Angeles
Friday, Oct. 6: Colorado-Arizona winner at Los Angeles, 10:31 p.m. (TBS)
Saturday, Oct. 7: Colorado-Arizona winner at Los Angeles, 9:38 p.m. (TBS)
Monday, Oct. 9: Los Angeles at Colorado-Arizona winner, TBD (TBS)
x-Tuesday, Oct. 10: Los Angeles at Colorado-Arizona winner, TBD (TBS)
x-Thursday, Oct. 12: Colorado-Arizona winner at Los Angeles, TBD (TBS)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
American League
Game 1: Friday, Oct. 13 (Fox or FS1)
Game 2: Saturday, Oct. 14 (Fox or FS1)
Game 3: Monday, Oct. 16 (Fox or FS1)
Game 4: Tuesday, Oct. 17 (Fox or FS1)
Game 5: x-Wednesday, Oct. 18 (Fox or FS1)
Game 6: x-Friday, Oct. 20 (Fox or FS1)
Game 7: x-Saturday, Oct. 21 (Fox or FS1)
National League
Game 1: Saturday, Oct. 14 (TBS)
Game 2: Sunday, Oct. 15 (TBS)
Game 3: Tuesday, Oct. 17 (TBS)
Game 4: Wednesday, Oct. 18 (TBS)
Game 5: x-Thursday, Oct. 19 (TBS)
Game 6: x-Saturday, Oct. 21 (TBS)
Game 7: x-Sunday, Oct. 22 (TBS)

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All Games Televised by Fox
Game 1: Tuesday, Oct. 24
Game 2: Wednesday, Oct. 25
Game 3: Friday, Oct. 27
Game 4: Saturday, Oct. 28
Game 5: x-Sunday, Oct. 29
Game 6: x-Tuesday, Oct. 31
Game 7: x-Wednesday, Nov. 1

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Presidents Cup needs more than just time to improve

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — The banner posted on the side of the grandstand at the first tee loudly proclaimed the Presidents Cup as "The U.S. versus The World." That sounded like a compelling competition except for one small problem.

When did Europe move to another planet?

The PGA Tour has pleaded for patience in letting the Presidents Cup mature into a must-see event, referring to a Ryder Cup that once was even more one-sided. During a 50-year stretch, the Americans captured the Ryder Cup 20 out of 21 times.

Then again, they were beating up on a Britain and Ireland team trying to recover from World War II, the worst kind of home game. The turning point was in 1979 when all of Europe became eligible, which included Seve Ballesteros, perhaps the most important figure in Ryder Cup history.

The International team comes from every country outside Europe. What else can it add?

It's difficult enough playing under a flag with no significance except for one week every two years at the Presidents Cup. And it doesn't help that the International team takes its direction from the PGA Tour, which also oversees the American team. Imagine a World Series between two baseball teams with the same owner.

Worse yet was looking across at a U.S. team that is loaded with so much young talent that some of those stars at Liberty National might not be on the charter flight to France for the Ryder Cup next September.

The record will show a 19-11 victory for the Americans.

The memory from this Presidents Cup will be the Americans being one match away from ending it on Saturday.

A blowout typically leads to knee-jerk reactions. Those were hard to find two years ago in South Korea when the International team came within two putts in one match from winning — Chris Kirk making his putt from 15 feet, Anirban Lahiri missing his putt from 4 feet.

The big picture suggests a deeper problem.

The Americans are now 10-1-1. Their only loss was in 1998 in Australia, when the matches were held two weeks before Christmas, and most of the Americans spent more time shopping online than studying potential pairings.

The matches return to Australia for a third time in 2019, this time ending on Dec. 15. So there's hope for the International team.

Nothing would have helped this year. International captain Nick Price referred to this U.S. team as a juggernaut, and that might have been an understatement. The Americans usually field strong teams. What's different about this team was that all of them were playing great. That's an unbeatable combination.

"None of this is about making it easier for us," said Geoff Ogilvy, one of Price's assistant captains. "It's about making the event better. Everyone who leaves on Monday morning says, 'It's the most fun I've ever had.' But they're (ticked) off because they're not in the mix. We watch it lovingly every two years and we get jealous because the Europeans and the U.S. have that. We haven't had that. That's what the boys want.

"Anything we can do to help that situation happen more often is going to make this tournament better."

Playing better would help, but even that might not be enough.

This was the first time in 10 years that every player on the International team was a full PGA Tour member. But their road to America is always longer, and more difficult, when it starts in places like India, Argentina and perhaps China for the next team.

What has to change is autonomy for the International team.

The modern Ryder Cup, which dates to 1979, essentially is the PGA Tour against the European Tour, no matter where the Europeans live or play. There is pride, and from that comes passion and spirit. That can't be manufactured.

Ernie Els is the logical choice as the next International captain. That decision will come from the PGA Tour, which also will select the American captain. Any change in format is decided by the PGA Tour. The tour isn't rigging the competition in American favor. That does no one any good.

Even so, separate teams require separate leadership.

"It's gotten to the stage now where we have to do whatever we can to try and benefit our team," Els said. "Whether that's logistics, scheduling, golf course setup, I think we have to be more in control."

■ Analysis

Texas offense sputtering into Big 12 play

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Touchdowns are rare, the running game is going nowhere and a patchwork offensive line has the quarterback on the run when he's not wearing a protective boot on his sprained ankle.

The Texas offense is in a serious funk. And in a touchdown-crazy league like the Big 12, that could lead to some serious trouble for the Longhorns.

"The way our defense has played the last few weeks, they have played at a level we can win with," Longhorns coach Tom Herman said Monday.

On offense?

"It's back to the drawing board," Herman said.

In a league known for dizzying scoring, the Texas offense has just four touchdowns in the last two games — a loss at Southern California and a win at Iowa State — and averaged barely more than 300 yards.

Herman, who desperately wants the Longhorns to develop a punishing run game behind big tailbacks like 250-pound Chris Warren III, said his team is still searching for an identity on offense.

The running has averaged less than 3 yards per carry last week and Herman on Monday lamented that his backs aren't breaking tackles. Warren averaged just 2.8 yards on 16 carries in last week's 17-7 win at Iowa State.

"We are not making very many people miss. The great backs, if it's blocked for four (yards) they give you eight," Herman said.

Texas (2-2, 1-0 Big 12) is likely to find itself in another grind-it-out sort of game Saturday at home against Kansas State (3-1, 1-0) but the Longhorns will soon face the league's best offenses, starting with consecutive games against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

After sitting out two games with a sore throwing shoulder, quarterback Shane Buechele returned to start against Iowa State. He passed for 171 yards with one touchdown and one interception. But he also sprained an ankle against Iowa State, and Herman said Buechele would wear a protective boot in practice part of this week. Freshman Sam Ehlinger, who started against USC, did not play last week. Herman suggested the ankle problem wouldn't keep Buechele off the field, even if he's not 100 percent by game time.

AREA HS FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 2-6A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Amarillo Tascosa	5	0	225	82	1.000
Lee	**5**	**0**	**235**	**100**	**1.000**
Odessa Permian	4	0	175	79	1.000
San Angelo Central	4	0	187	86	1.000
Odessa High	3	3	106	133	.500
Midland High	**0**	**5**	**129**	**232**	**.000**
Wolfforth Frenship	0	5	88	294	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Amarillo Tascosa	1	0	36	09	1.000
Lee	**1**	**0**	**49**	**14**	**1.000**
Odessa Permian	1	0	49	14	1.000
San Angelo Central	0	0	00	00	.000
Midland High	**0**	**1**	**14**	**49**	**.000**
Odessa High	0	1	09	36	.000
Wolfforth Frenship	0	1	14	86	.000

Last week's scores
Lee 49, Midland High 14; Amarillo Tascosa 36, Odessa High 9; Odessa Permian 66, Wolfforth Frenship 14; San Angelo Central was open

Friday's games
Amarillo Tascosa at Lee; Midland High at Wolfforth Frenship; San Angelo Central at Odessa High. All games at 7:30 p.m. Odessa Permian is open

District 2-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Clint	4	0	141	62	1.000
Andrews	**4**	**1**	**273**	**129**	**.800**
Fabens	2	3	77	155	.400
Mountain View	2	3	126	117	.400
San Elizario	0	5	39	216	.000

Last week's scores
Andrews 55, Big Spring 8; Clint 50, Tornillo 8; Denver City 20, Clint Mountain View 14; El Paso Cathedral 20, Fabens 14; Anthony 30, San Elizario 0

This week's games
Andrews at Lubbock Coronado; Silver City (N.M.) at Clint; Fabens at Anthony; Tornillo at San Elizario; Clint Moutain View is open

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stephenville	4	1	183	104	.800
Ab. Wylie	3	2	167	110	.600
Brownwood	3	2	199	165	.600
Snyder	1	4	72	159	2500
Big Spring	**0**	**5**	**73**	**229**	**.000**

Last week's scores
Andrews 55, Big Spring 8; Abilene Wylie 50, Brownfield 7; Brownwood 20, Giddings 14; Levelland 26, Snyder 21; Graham 30, Stephenville 14

This week's games
Graham at Big Spring; Snyder at Perryton; Lubbock Monterey at Stephenville; Abilene Wylie and Brownwood are open

District 2-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	5	0	251	85	1.000
Greenwood	**4**	**1**	**188**	**102**	**.800**
Pecos	4	1	145	140	.800
Lamesa	3	1	154	100	.750
Seminole	1	4	179	43	.800
Monahans	3	2	135	158	.600
Fort Stockton	2	3	90	139	.400

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Greenwood	**1**	**0**	**38**	**00**	**1.000**
Seminole	1	0	30	13	1.000
Sweetwater	1	0	63	30	1.000
Lamesa	0	0	00	00	.000
Fort Stockton	0	1	00	38	.000
Monahans	0	1	30	30	.000
Pecos	0	1	30	63	.000

Last week's scores
Greenwood 38, Fort Stockton 0; Seminole 30, Monahans 13; Sweetwater 63, Pecos 30; Lamesa is open

This week's games
Greenwood at Seminole; Pecos at Fort Stockton; Lamesa at Sweetwater; Monahans is open

District 2-3A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Colorado City	4	1	123	64	.800
Coahoma	**3**	**2**	**154**	**145**	**.600**
Idalou	1	4	71	162	.200
Stanton	**1**	**4**	**101**	**173**	**.200**
Lub. Roosevelt	0	5	70	254	.000

Last week's scores
Coahoma 35, San Angelo Grape Creek 12; Menkel 48, Stanton 22; Muleshoe 33, Idalou 3; Colorado City 34, Iraan 14; Floydada 51, Lubbock Roosevelt 6

This week's games
San Angelo TLCA at Coahoma; Stanton at Alpine; Idalou at Denver City; Colorado City at Reagan County; Lubbock Roosevelt at Abernathy

District 4-2A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Post	4	1	179	46	.800
Anson	3	2	154	188	.600
Forsan	**3**	**2**	**159**	**100**	**.600**
Hawley	3	2	109	118	.600
Stamford	3	2	142	116	.600

Last week's scores
Forsan 28, Amarillo High JV 14; Anson 43, Roscoe 40; Mason 51, Hawley 6; Post 39, Slaton 6; Hamlin 27, Stamford 21; 2OT

This week's games
Forsan at Wink; Windthorst at Anson; Seymour at Hawley; Farwell at Post; Olney at Stamford

District 6-1A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	**3**	**1**	**226**	**95**	**.750**
Robert Lee	3	2	249	221	.600
Sterling City	3	2	252	190	.600
Westbrook	3	2	189	135	.600

Last week's scores
Garden City 50, Rankin 0; Robert Lee 36, Highland 34; Sterling City 54, Hermleigh 50; Westbrook 66, Grady 31

This week's games
Garden City at Imperial Buena Vista; Rankin at Robert Lee; Richland Springs at Sterling City; Westbrook at Dawson

District 7-1A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Buena Vista	4	0	192	40	1.000
Marfa	4	0	191	73	1.000
Rankin	**3**	**2**	**212**	**152**	**.600**
Fort Davis	3	2	194	168	.600

Last week's scores
Garden City 50, Rankin 0; Fort Davis 54, West Texas Homeschool 6; Imperial Buena Vista at Sanderson, ccd; Marfa 2, Dell City 0 (forfeit)

This week's games
Rankin at Robert Lee; Fort David at Grandfalls-Royalty; Garden City at Imperial Buena Vista; Marfa at Fort Hancock

District 6-1A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sands	4	1	242	162	.800
Wellman-Union	3	2	186	141	.600
Dawson	1	1	70	105	.500
Loop	1	4	78	220	.200
Grady	**0**	**5**	**103**	**311**	**.000**

Last week's scores
Westbrook 66, Grady 31; Wellman-Union 54, Hart 7; Meadow 70, Sands 26; Mullin 56, Loop 8; Dawson was open

This week's games
Grady at New Home; Wellman-Union at Ropes; Ira at Sands; Westbrook at Dawson; Loop is open

TAPPS Division II, District 1
Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Christian	5	0	187	53	.800
FWSW Christian	4	1	192	66	.800
Midland Christian	**4**	**1**	**178**	**113**	**.800**
Grapevine Faith	2	2	108	101	.500
Legacy Christian	1	3	110	70	.250

Last week's scores
MCS 36, Alvin Shadow Creek 24; Fort Worth Christian 55, Whitesboro 10; Colleyville Covenant 22, Frisco Legacy 18; Fort Worth Temple Christian at Fort Worth Southwest Christian 55; Fort Worth Temple Christian 14; Grapevine Faith was open

This week's games
Fort Worth Christian at Dallas TACA; Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Colleyville Covenant; Dallas Gateway at Grapevine Faith; Frisco Legacy at Austin St. Dominic Savio; MCS is open

TAPPS Division III, District 1
Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Calvary	5	0	172	49	1.000
WP Trinity	5	0	216	22	1.000
Lubbock Chr.	4	1	172	60	.800
Lubbock Trinity	3	1	98	57	.750
Sacred Heart	3	2	161	96	.600
Lake Country	2	3	130	146	.400
Trinity	**0**	**3**	**26**	**82**	**.000**

District standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Calvary	1	0	18	12	1.000
Lubbock Chr.	1	0	31	17	1.000
WP Trinity	1	0	48	12	1.000
Sacred Heart	0	0	00	00	.000
Lake Country	0	1	12	48	.000
Lubbock Trinity	0	1	17	31	.000
Trinity	**0**	**1**	**12**	**18**	**.000**

Last week's scores
Fort Worth Calvary Christian 18, Trinity 12; Lubbock Christian 31, Lubbock Trinity 17; Willow Park Trinity 48, Fort Worth Lake Country 12; Muenster Sacred Heart 34, Dallas First Baptist 27

This week's games
Trinity at Blooming Grove; Lubbock Christian at Fort Worth Calvary Christian; Lubbock Trinity at Willow Park Trinity; Fort Worth Lake Country at Muenster Sacred Heart

TEXAS AP HS FOOTBALL POLL

Here is The Associated Press high school poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in last week's poll:

Class 6A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Allen (16)	(4-0)	237	1
2. Converse Judson (4)	(5-0)	213	2
3. Katy (2)	(3-0)	206	3
4. DeSoto (3)	(4-0)	177	4
5. Austin Westlake	(5-0)	152	5
6. Lake Travis	(4-1)	101	6
7. Garland Sachse	(4-0)	91	7
8. Waco Midway	(5-0)	70	8
9. The Woodlands	(1-1)	51	9
10. Klein Collins	(3-0)	26	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Spring Westfield 18, 12. Smithson Valley 12, 13. Odessa Permian 4, 13. Beaumont West Brook 4, 13. Amarillo Tascosa 4, 13. Arlington Martin 4, 17. San Benito 3, 18. SA Northside O'Connor 2.

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (16)	(4-0)	238	1
2. Manvel (8)	(3-0)	230	2
3. Denton Ryan (1)	(5-0)	202	3
4. CC Calallen	(4-0)	189	4
5. Cedar Park	(4-1)	120	6
(tie) Dallas Highland Park	(4-1)	120	5
7. Angleton	(4-0)	95	7
8. Mansfield Legacy	(4-1)	54	8
9. Dripping Springs	(5-0)	34	10
10. Frisco Lone Star	(3-1)	33	9

Others receiving votes: 11, A&M Consolidated 16, 12. West Mesquite 11, 13. Hutto 10, 14. Fort Bend Marshall 9, 15. Temple 6, 16. College Station 5, 16. Colleyville Heritage 5, 18. Lubbock Coronado 4, 18. Port Neches-Groves 4, 20. Richmond Foster 3, 21. Port Arthur Memorial 2, 21. Tomball 2, 21. Mansfield Lake Ridge 2, 24. N. Richland Hills 1.

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Carthage (20)	(4-0)	244	1
2. West Orange-Stark (3)	(3-0)	204	2
3. Argyle	(5-0)	193	3
4. Waco La Vega	(5-0)	171	4
5. Cuero (1)	(4-0)	148	5
6. Kennedale (1)	(4-0)	135	6
7. Midlothian Heritage	(5-0)	79	8
8. Gilmer	(4-1)	77	7
9. Van	(5-0)	53	9
10. Sweetwater	(5-0)	26	10

Others receiving votes: 11, China Spring 11, 12. Texarkana Pleasant Grove 8, 13. Graham 7, 13. Henderson 7, 15. Wimberley 5, 16. Kilgore 3, 17. Lubbock Estacado 2, 18. Boerne 1, 18. Raymondville 1.

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Gunter (17)	(5-0)	241	1
2. Lexington (3)	(5-0)	198	3
3. Wall (3)	(4-0)	187	4
4. Newton (2)	(4-0)	178	5
5. Malakoff	(4-0)	126	6
6. Canadian	(4-0)	103	9
7. Brock	(4-1)	100	7
8. Hallettsville	(3-1)	63	2
9. New London West Rusk	(3-0)	49	10
10. Yoakum	(4-1)	45	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Jefferson 27. 12. Grandview 15. 12. Sonora 15. 14. 15. Big Sandy Harmony 7. 16. Mount Vernon 4. 17. East Bernard 3. 17. Goliad 3. 17. Woodville 3. 20. George West 2. 20. Childress 2. 20. Kemp 2. 23. Bishop 1. 23. Cameron Yoe 1.

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Tenaha (15)	(4-0)	220	2
2. Mason (6)	(5-0)	217	3
3. Muenster	(5-0)	181	4
4. Mart (2)	(4-1)	150	5
5. Albany	(5-0)	144	6
6. Refugio (2)	(2-1)	143	7
7. Abernathy	(4-0)	108	7
8. De Leon	(5-0)	72	10
9. Bremond	(4-1)	61	8
10. Milano	(5-0)	32	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, San Augustine 15. 12. Price Carlisle 12. 13, Wellington 9. 14, Post 3. 14, Burton 3. 14, Joaquin 3. 17, Crawford 2.

Private

From 1C

McClendon said Brown, who primarily plays safety, has been playing more at wide receiver because of injuries. The senior missed almost the entire 2016 season due to a knee injury.

"He's just one of the best kids that you will ever want to meet," McClendon said. "He's going to give you everything that he's got. He is listening when you say stuff and he's going to try to carry it out to the best of his ability. When you correct him, he says 'yes sir.'"

MCS will have two weeks to prepare for Grapevine Faith (2-2), the defending TAPPS Division II state champion, in both teams' TAPPS Division II, District 1 opener on Oct. 13 at Grapevine Ford Field.

"It's time to regroup," McClendon said. "It's not time to take a week off. It's time to go back and focus on fundamentals and conditioning. As coaches, we sat down and looked at things that we needed to get better at and we're going to attack those things.

"Hopefully we come out of the open date, not as a team that took a week off, but as a team that got better in a few things that we really needed to get better at."

Trinity falls in waning seconds

Teshaun Manning scored on a go-ahead 8-yard TD run with 12 seconds left to push Fort Worth Calvary Christian to an 18-12 victory over Trinity in both teams' TAPPS Division III, District 1 opener Friday at Coombes Field.

It was a heartbreaking loss for the Chargers (0-3, 0-1 in TAPPS Division III, District 1), who led 12-6 with 9:14 in the fourth quarter following an 8-yard TD run by quarterback Daniel Webb.

Trinity head coach Antwan Alexander said his team had an apparent touchdown at the end of the first half get marked just short of the goal line as time expired.

But overall, Alexander is pleased how his Chargers have improved in their jump up to 11-man football this season.

Trinity has had an opportunity to win its last two games in the second half after being on the wrong end of a 42-12 rout to Denver City in its season opener. Alexander says the Chargers' roster size hasn't matched up to their foes but his players are competing.

"That is the biggest thing that I am loving about the team is our consistency and the fight that is in them," Alexander said. "It's very intimidating for a group of young men to go into games and see they're out-numbered. But once the game gets underway, we believe that we condition at a high level that doubles our roster size. So if we can just hang in there for the fourth quarter, then we know that the conditioning is going to help us throughout the process of the game."

Trinity sophomore Jonathan Duke rushed 26 times for 106 yards against Calvary Christian.

Duke has emerged as the Chargers' primary ball carrier in the last couple of games.

"He's a very special individual," Alexander said of Duke. "Jonathan has become a student of the game. He's understanding how to read blocks and his ability to step through a hole that is very small is something that can't be coached. His running back vision is huge.

"We tell the offensive linemen if you can just stay on your blocks for a couple of seconds, Jonathan will find the hole. At 145 pounds, that kid puts his nose down and runs well behind his pads."

Trinity visits Blooming Grove (2-2) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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2017 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS
(4-1, 0-0)

Opponents	17	31	37	28—113
MCS	49	57	35	39—178

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Peyton Powell	109	880	8.1	10
Luke Sheppard	58	223	4.0	3
Bryson Harper	11	99	9.0	1
J.T. McCollum	1	5	5.0	0
Rhett Clark	2	5	2.5	0
Silas Crews	1	0	0.0	0
Josh Keeling	2	-1	-0.5	0
Totals	**181**	**1,211**	**6.7**	**14**

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Peyton Powell	68	133	1	775	8
Luke Sheppard	1	1	0	4	1
J.T. McCollum	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	**89**	**135**	**1**	**777**	**9**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Silas Crews	16	180	11.3	4
Josh Brown	10	164	16.4	1
Joe Rawicki	13	138	10.6	0
Randall Blanscett	10	112	11.2	1
Luke Sheppard	8	83	10.4	0
Coy Stewart	7	75	10.7	1
Bryson Harper	3	20	6.7	1
Peyton Powell	2	5	2.5	1
Totals	**89**	**777**	**11.3**	**9**

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Peyton Powell	11	0	0	0	66
Silas Crews	4	0	0	0	24
Joe Rawicki	0	16	0	2	22
Luke Sheppard	3	0	0	0	18
Bryson Harper	3	0	0	0	18
Josh Brown	2	0	0	0	12
Randall Blanscett	1	0	2	0	10
Coy Stewart	1	0	0	0	6
Micah Strahan	0	0	1	0	2
Totals	**25**	**16**	**3**	**2**	**178**

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	S	FC	FR	INT	PD
Thrdgll	42	24	66	0	0	2	1	1	0
Esan	20	28	48	2	1	0	1	0	0
Harper	25	16	41	3	0	1	0	0	0
Breeding	20	9	29	0	0	3	0	1	1
Loftis	17	8	26	2	2	0	1	0	0
Crews	19	5	24	1	1	1	0	0	2
Brown	15	3	18	0	0	0	2	0	2
Gilbreath	10	8	18	3	2	1	0	0	0
Murdock	12	5	17	0	0	1	1	0	0
Strahan	12	2	14	0	0	1	2	0	0
Brunson	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gower	7	4	11	0	1	0	0	0	1
Z. Lujan	6	1	7	0	0	0	0	1	2
Thomason	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Graniczny	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bailey	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carter	3	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gibbs	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
Fisher	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stewart	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. Lujan	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlisle	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibson	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schmaler	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rawicki	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Powell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackles, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss, FC - fumble caused, FR - fumble recovery, INT- interception, PD - pass defended.

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,211	242.2	777	155.4	1,988	397.6

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
925	185.0	1,079	215.8	2,004	400.8

Lujan

From 1C

Lujan did the rest on a 21-yard touchdown catch and run.

"We were hopeful he would get six, seven yards," Mason said. "He got bottled up, got another four or five and he kept fighting until he got to the end zone."

It's hard to believe that Lujan almost quit playing football as a freshman because he said he wasn't having as much fun. Luckily for the Mustangs, he was talked out of it and now he has developed into one of the most dangerous receivers in the Permian Basin.

Lujan said having some great receivers such as Keegan Thompson, Eddie Gabaldon, Devon Fitzgerald and Tadarius Ridge set an example that helped him develop into the receiver he is today.

"I've just been behind a bunch of great athletes and I've learned from all of them," he said. "I was one of the smaller kids as freshman but hard work has gotten me where I am."

Lujan also credits the chemistry he and Keesee have on and off the field for the success.

"Jace and I both love football," Lujan said. "We did as much as we could all summer and he would throw it to me all the time. Now all he has to do is look to me and we both know what's going to happen. It's a real comfortable relationship."

Lujan and the Mustangs (4-1) look to keep the momentum rolling but it won't be easy as they travel to face Class 5A Lubbock Coronado (5-0) on Friday.

"We're ready to play Coronado," he said "We feel like it will be our biggest challenge and it might be the toughest game we play until the playoffs. We played them last year, so we've got an idea of what it's going to be like. We're fired up for another Friday night. We're making memories, having fun and we're hoping we come out with a win."

Other notable performances from last week:

■ Midland Christian junior QB **Peyton Powell** had another great game in a 36-24 win over Alvin Shadow Creek as he was 20-of-37 passing for 271 yards, two touchdowns and no interceptions, to go with 184 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 23 carries.

■ Coahoma's **Zack Schneider** had his second stellar game for the Bulldogs in a 35-12 win over San Angelo Grape Creek as he rushed for 201 yards and three touchdowns on 20 carries and caught two passes for 19 yards.

■ Big Spring's **Jeremiah Cooley** had six catches for 113 yards and Big Spring's lone touchdown in a 55-8 loss to rival Andrews.

■ Forsan senior QB **Bryce Hergert** completed 10 of 12 passes for 153 yards and one touchdown and also rushed for 49 yards and another score in the Buffaloes' 28-14 win over Amarillo High JV.

■ In Garden City's 50-0 win over Rankin, **Josue Gutierrez** rushed for 134 yards and three touchdowns on just 12 carries for the Bearkats.

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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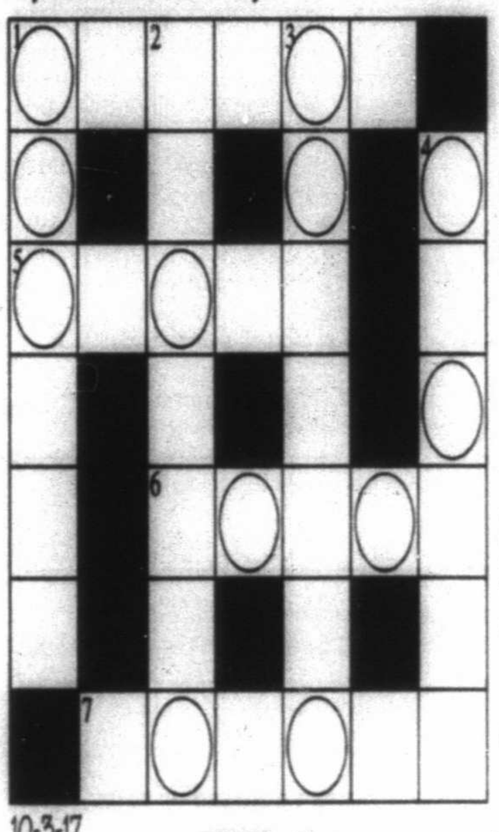
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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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2	8	1	6	3	7	5	9	4

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Aromatic seed	MUNGTE
5. Construct	BLDUI
6. Chasm	REGGO
7. Hard feelings	REDGGU

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Not any person	BOOYND
2. Cause to happen	GRRETIG
3. Withstood	DUNDREE
4. ___ key	TEDEEL

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Yesterday's Jumbles: KAYAK CABLE CEMENT GROGGY
Answer: The railroad hired a new CEO to help get its business — BACK ON TRACK

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Carpet thickness
5 Crowbar, basically
10 Vanishing ski lift
14 Preemptive rescue op
15 Wear down
16 MasterCard rival
17 "Boot camp newbie
19 Not fer
20 Slap in the face
21 Play the hand you were dealt
23 Smooth engine sound
25 __-Locka, Florida
26 Aetna's bus.
27 Michelin product
31 Ancient vase in a museum, say
33 Fuel-efficient Chevy
34 Physics work unit
36 Starts the kitty
39 Truth stretcher
40 Nebula Award genre
43 Undiluted
44 Untrue
46 Acquired
47 __ Minor: Little Bear
48 Chinese menu promise
51 Company co-founded by J.P. Morgan
53 "The Simpsons" disco guy
55 Sport-__: 4 x 4
56 90 deg. at the North Pole, e.g.
57 Overly long and generally unproductive activity
60 One of Santa's reindeer
65 "SOS" pop group
66 "Defensible alibi
68 Baked desserts
69 Latest craze
70 Ointment additive
71 Tortoise racer
72 Spiritual guardian
73 Identity hider

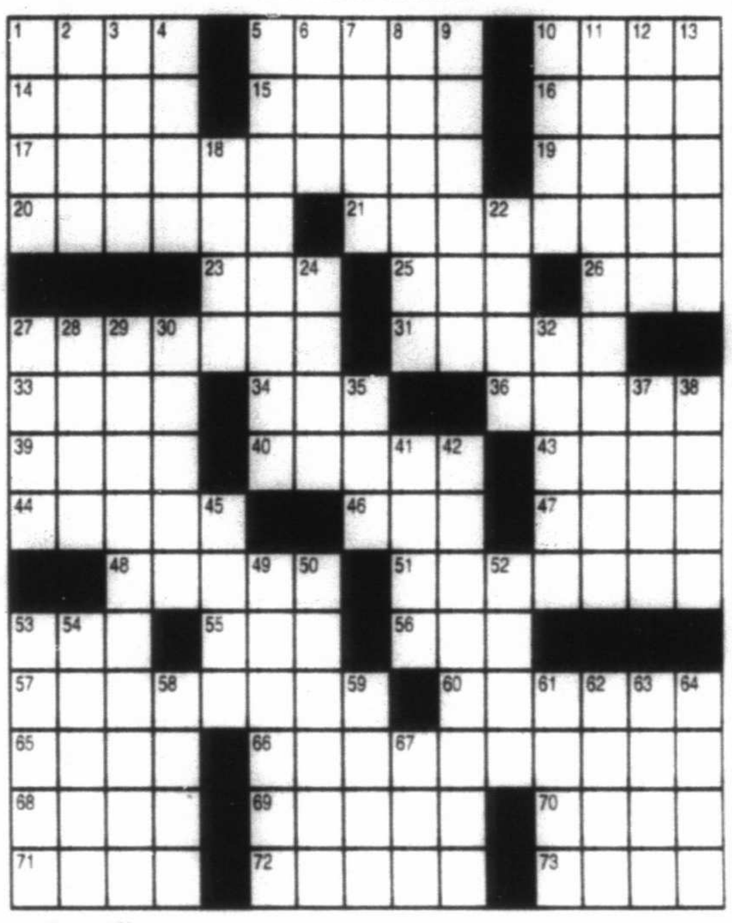
DOWN

1 Prefix with scope
2 Hall of Fame catcher Rodriguez
3 Newton's motion trio
4 Color of raw silk
5 Professors' talks
6 Boot the ball
7 "Parlez-français?"
8 Manuscript fixer
9 Make another recording of
10 Promo on the tube
11 "Grand scheme of things
12 From China, say
13 Tirades
18 Pre-college, briefly
22 Simba's playmate
24 Defunct Ford division, for short
27 Baby whale
28 Sports shoe brand
29 "It may be rational, in math
30 Sculptor's subject
32 Data to be processed
35 Band tour booking
37 Highland tongue
38 Close tightly
41 Basketball transgression
42 "Agreed!" ... and what can be said about the start of the answers to starred clues
45 Grounded Aussie birds
49 Mark of disgrace
50 Columbus, by birth
52 Lay's chips-in-a-can brand
53 Dangerous bacterium
54 Knee-to-ankle bone
58 Lessen, as pain
59 Skull Island ape
61 Rip-off
62 Island dance
63 Those, in Mexico
64 Cause serious nose-wrinkling
67 Stop working, as an engine

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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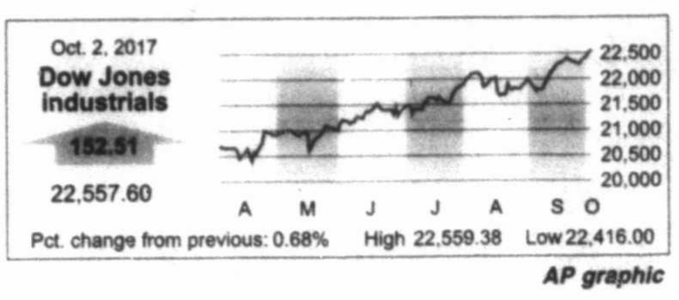
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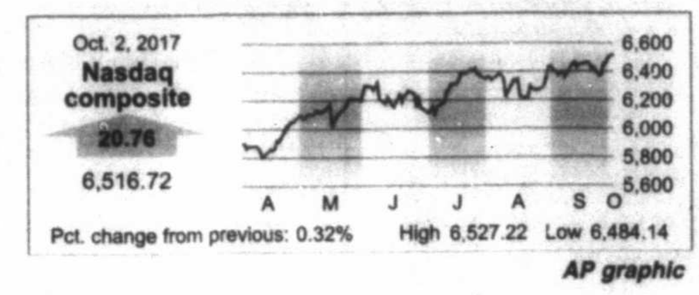
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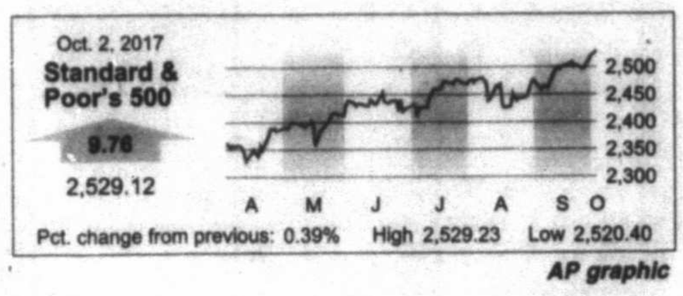
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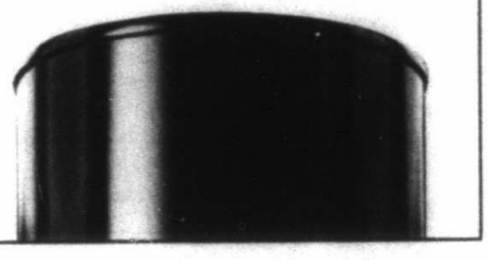
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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iSHEMkts	633189	44.82	+.01
BkofAm	530254	25.62	+.28
SPDR Fncl	503068	26.08	+.22
RiteAid	472190	2.05	+.09
S&P500ETF	449275	252.32	-1.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Jupai n	15.02	+1.99	+15.3
Och-Ziff	3.69	+.47	+14.6
Lannett	20.50	+2.05	+11.1
MetaRoyl	17.15	+1.70	+11.0
Trinity	35.31	+3.41	+10.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NACCO	32.65	-53.15	-61.9
Genworth	3.37	-.48	-12.5
Celadon	6.00	-.75	-11.1
CSVLgNG rs	10.55	-1.04	-9.0
PrecDrill	2.89	-.23	-7.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,853
Declined	1,042
Unchanged	126
Total issues	3,021
New Highs	264
New Lows	19
Volume	3,044,836,264

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TherapMD	48591	5.16	-.13
CFCda g	36678	13.07	+.40
VimetX	35007	5.55	+1.65
SRC Eng	33979	9.62	-.05
iShIndia bt	33303	32.68	-.12

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VimetX	5.55	+1.65	+42.3
NetwrkTch	4.10	+.25	+6.5
BioMedAd	3.59	+.21	+6.2
IntelliChk	3.05	+.17	+5.9
AsteriasBio	3.60	+.20	+5.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Compx	14.10	-1.15	-7.5
SanchzM rs	10.65	-.60	-5.3
GeeGroup	2.80	-.15	-5.1
Gastar pfA	16.90	-.77	-4.4
Myomo n	5.77	-.23	-3.8

DIARY

Advanced	183
Declined	151
Unchanged	24
Total issues	358
New Highs	10
New Lows	5
Volume	102,626,077

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	525204	40.01	+.68
Endocyte	522124	3.63	+2.22
Intel	364718	39.04	+.96
PwShs QQQ	252946	145.58	+.13
JD.com	185100	39.10	+.90

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Endocyte	3.63	+2.22	+157.4
Alphatc rs	3.22	+.96	+42.5
TDH Hld n	22.82	+6.02	+35.8
RigelPh	3.37	+.83	+32.7
Biopty hrs	5.45	+1.29	+24.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CytrxOpt	11.85	-4.40	-27.1
SeresTh n	12.30	-3.74	-23.3
FulingGbl n	4.70	-1.15	-19.7
Appian A n	24.01	-4.45	-15.6
Veru Inc	2.27	-.38	-14.3

DIARY

Advanced	2,039
Declined	875
Unchanged	182
Total issues	3,096
New Highs	340
New Lows	27
Volume	1,866,452,721

GM to offer 2 more electric vehicles in next 18 months

Bloomberg

DETROIT — Even though gasoline-powered SUVs are what people are buying now, General Motors is betting that electric vehicles will be all the rage in the not-too-distant future.

The Detroit automaker is promising two new EVs loosely based on the Chevrolet Bolt in the next 1 1/2 years and more than 20 electric or hydrogen fuel cell vehicles by 2023. The company sees its entire model lineup running on electricity in the future, whether the source is a big battery or a tank full of hydrogen.

"We are far along in our plan to lead the way into that future world," product development chief Mark Reuss said Monday at a news conference at the GM technical center north of Detroit.

The event was billed as a "sneak peek" into GM's electric future. The company also pledged to start producing hydrogen fuel cell vehicles for commercial or military use in 2020. And it promised an increase in the number of electric fast-charging stations in the U.S., which now total 1,100 from companies and governments, taking a shot at electric competitor Tesla Inc. by saying the system would not be "walled off" from electric vehicles made by other manufacturers.

Tesla has 951 fast-charging stations globally that can only be used by Tesla owners.

The news helped push GM's stock up 4.4 percent to a record closing price of $42.16 on Monday, besting the old high of $40.99 set on Dec. 20, 2013.

The hastily called event was short on specifics, and it came just a day before the CEO of Ford Motor Co., GM's prime competitor, was to announce its business plan that likely will include electric and autonomous vehicles as priorities.

The two new GM electrics in the immediate future likely will be SUVs or a sportier car designed to compete with Tesla's upcoming Model 3 sedan, Reuss said. The Model 3, which is now in the early stages of production, will go hood-to-hood with the Bolt, starting around $35,000 (excluding a $7,500 federal tax credit) with a range of over 200 miles. The Bolt starts at $37,495 excluding the credit.

Behind Reuss and other executives were nine vehicles covered with tarps that the company said were among the 20 to be unveiled by 2023. GM pulled away the tarps on three of them, clay models of low-slung Buick and Cadillac SUVs and a futuristic version of the Bolt that looked like half of an airport control tower glued to the top of a car body. The rest remained covered.

The company wouldn't allow photographs of the vehicles, and it wouldn't say if any of the vehicles it showed were the ones coming in the next 18 months.

Reuss said the new vehicles that aren't built on the Bolt platform will have GM's next-generation electric architecture, which he said will be more efficient with longer range than the Bolt's 238 miles. Through August, GM has sold 11,670 Bolts, which is less than 1 percent of GM's total U.S. sales so far this year.

Reuss promised that the new vehicles will be profitable as people become more accustomed to the advancing technology. "We can't just flip a switch and make the world go all-electric," he said.

Wells CEO to face Congress, a year since sales scandal broke

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wells Fargo's chief executive will face Congress saying the bank remains "deeply sorry" for its previous sales practices, and that in the year since the scandal over them exploded it has substantially changed for the better.

The prepared comments from Tim Sloan come ahead of his scheduled appearance in front of the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday, about a year since his predecessor did the same and was grilled about the sales practices.

Wells Fargo has said that 3.5 million accounts were potentially opened without customers' permission between 2009 and 2016, as employees tried to meet ambitious sales targets. People may have had different kinds of accounts in their names, so the number of customers affected may differ from the account total.

The scandal was the biggest in Wells Fargo's history. Sloan's predecessor, John Stumpf, testified twice in front of Congress last fall. His poor performance was widely chastised, and the scandal led to his ouster. The bank's once-sterling industry reputation was in tatters, and it ended up paying $185 million to regulators and settled a class-action suit for $142 million.

"I apologize for the damage done to all the people who work and bank at this important American institution," Sloan said in his prepared comments.

Most of the questioning is likely to be focused on the ways that Wells Fargo has amended its sales culture.

Small companies make biggest gains as US stocks rise

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks set more records Monday as health care companies and banks continued to surge as investors grew more optimistic about the recovery in manufacturers.

Stocks got a boost after the Institute for Supply Management said U.S. factory activity hit a 13-year high in August as hurricanes disrupted supplies but drove up demand for manufactured goods. Investors snapped up shares of companies that are linked to more rapid economic growth, like banks and health care and industrial companies as well as smaller, U.S.-focused companies. High-dividend stocks, which are traditionally considered safer and more cautious investments, lagged the rest of the market. Energy companies missed out on the gains as investors worried that oil supplies are rising.

In the last few weeks, stocks have returned to the pattern they followed from the November presidential election to President Donald Trump's inauguration in January: growth-oriented stocks have risen while the dollar has gotten stronger and bond yields have increased.

Metal prices mix

Gold lost $9 to $1,275.80 an ounce. Silver fell 2 cents to $16.65 an ounce. Copper remained at $2.96 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $135.32 Up 3.60

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.49 Down 0.04

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $100.00 Up 2.04

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.56 Up 0.04

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.65 Up 0.20

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.95 Up 0.55

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $14.45 Up 0.20

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.90 Up 0.31

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $14.41 Down 0.10

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.81 Up 0.17

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		14	5.71	+.12	-44.1
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	39.11	-.06	-8.0
Abraxas		49	1.95	+.07	-24.1
AdaDvsEq	92e	...	15.30	+.09	+20.4
AMD			12.71	-.04	-12.1
Alibaba		49	173.61	+.90	+97.7
Ambev	.06e	6	6.51	.08	+32.6
Amgen	4.60	17	187.17	+.72	+28.0
Anadarko	.20	...	49.38	+.53	-29.2
Apache	1.00	...	45.72	-.08	-28.0
Apple Inc	2.52	18	153.81	.31	+32.8
ApldMatl	.40	18	52.08	.01	+61.4
Archrock	.48		12.80	+.25	-3.0
ATMOS	1.80	24	84.67	+.83	+14.2
AutoData	2.28	30	109.32		+6.4
BP PLC	2.38	29	38.39	.04	+2.7
BkofAm	.48f	15	25.62	+.28	+15.9
B IPVxST rs			38.39	.80	
BaringsCp s	1.20		15.94	+.15	+3.0
BasicEnS			45		
BerkHa A	...		18278010.03	+3270.02	+13.9
BlkHillsCp	1.78	20	68.62	-.25	+11.9
BlackBerry		14	11.34	+.16	+64.6
BrlfyBq	1.56	26	64.56	+.82	+10.5
BrownFA s	...	32	55.24	-.45	+19.4
BrownFB s	...	...	53.66	-.64	+19.5
CVS Health	2.00	14	80.77	-.55	+2.4
CallonPet	...	36	11.41	+.17	-25.8
Calpine			14.80	+.05	+29.5
Capricor			3.45	+.42	+29.7
Caterpillar	3.12	32	124.72	+.01	+34.5
Celestic g		9	12.58	+.20	+6.2
CntryLink	2.16	9	19.32	+.42	-18.8
ChesEng		10	4.35	+.05	-38.0
Chevron	4.32	67	117.43	-.07	-.2
Chicos	.33	12	8.92	-.03	-38.0
Cimarex	.32	37	116.00	+2.33	-14.6
Cisco	1.16	18	33.75	+.12	+11.7
Citigroup	1.28	15	73.80	+1.06	+24.2
ClawCliffs	...	6	7.39	+.24	-12.1
CocaCola	1.48	27	44.80	-.21	+8.1
ColgPalm	1.60	25	72.95	+.10	+11.5
Comcast s	.83	21	37.97	-.51	+10.0
ConAgra	.85	19	33.34	-.40	-15.7
ConchoRes	...		135.32	+3.60	+2.1
ConocoPhill	1.06	40	50.31	+.26	+.3
CrackerB	4.80	24	153.90	+2.28	-7.8
CSVixSh rs			10.84	.49	-88.6
CSVLgNG rs			10.55	-1.04	-77.2
CrosTim	1.10e	14	14.66	+.06	-18.4
DCP Mid	3.12	18	34.80	+.16	-9.3
DTE	3.30	22	107.37	+.01	+9.0
DevonE	.24	...	36.60	-.11	-19.9
Disney	1.56	17	99.86	+1.29	-4.2
EOG Resrcs	.67	...	97.18	+.44	-3.9
Endocyte			3.63	+2.22	+42.4
Energen		08	54.91	+.23	-4.8
EgyTrEq s	1.14	22	17.20	.18	-10.9
EnPro	.88	55	81.13	+.60	+20.4
ENSCO	.04	2	5.81	-.16	-40.2
EntProdPt	1.68f	20	26.08	+.01	-3.6
Encsson	.11e		5.76	+.01	-1.2
ExxonMbil	3.08	31	81.63	-.35	-9.6
Facebook		35	169.47	-1.40	+47.3
FordM	.60a	13	12.09	+.12	-.3
FrptMcM			14.34	+.30	+8.7
GATX	1.68	11	62.25	+.69	+1.1
GabMultT	.94e	...	9.67	-.01	+33.6
GAInv	1.15e	...	36.10	+.08	+15.8
GenElec	.96	23	34.57	+.39	-22.2
GenMotors	1.52	6	42.15	+1.77	+21.0
Genworth			3.37	-.48	-11.5
GtPlainEn	1.10	20	30.89	+.39	+12.2
Hallibrtn	.72	...	45.53	-.50	-15.8
HP Ent n	.26	21	14.97	+.26	+11.3
iShGold			12.21	-.10	+10.2
iShBrazil	.67e		41.72	+.03	+25.1
iShChinaLC	.87e		44.18	+.14	+27.3
iShEMkts	.59e		44.82	+.01	+28.0
iS Eafe	1.66e		68.42	-.06	+18.5
iShBdHYB	5.09		88.35	-.41	+2.1
iShR2K	1.77e		150.00	+1.82	+11.2
iShREst	2.76e		79.72	-.16	+3.6
Intel	1.09	17	39.04	+.96	+7.5
InterDig	1.40f	9	74.75	+1.00	-18.2
JD.com	...	...	39.10	+.90	+53.7
JPMorgCh	2.24f	15	96.84	+1.33	+12.2
JaguarHlth	...	...	.24	+.04	-06.6
JohnJn	3.36	20	131.22	+1.21	+13.9
Keycorp	.38	17	18.90	+.08	+3.4
KimbClk	3.88	19	116.97	-.71	+2.5
Kroger s	.50	10	19.96	-.10	-42.2
LaredoPet		16	12.25	.68	-13.4
LegacyRes			1.56	+.04	-26.4
Lubys	...	...	2.68	+.03	-37.4
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WealthIntl			4.43	-.15	-11.2
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WhitingPet			5.39	-.07	-55.2
WmsCos	1.20	43	30.05	+.04	-3.5
XcelEngy	1.44	21	47.36	+.04	+16.4
Xerox rs	.25p	12	33.46	+.17	+45.5
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22,419.51	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	22,557.60	+152.51	+.68	+14.14	+23.58
9,934.81	7,880.34	Dow Jones Transportation	9,907.83	-6.52	-.07	+9.55	+22.33
755.37	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	725.47	+1.87	+.26	+9.98	+10.04
12,209.45	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	12,264.66	+55.51	+.45	+10.92	+14.72
6,497.98	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,516.72	+20.76	+.32	+21.06	+22.94
2,519.44	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,529.12	+9.76	+.39	+12.97	+17.02
1,799.04	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,811.01	+15.07	+.84	+9.05	+17.44
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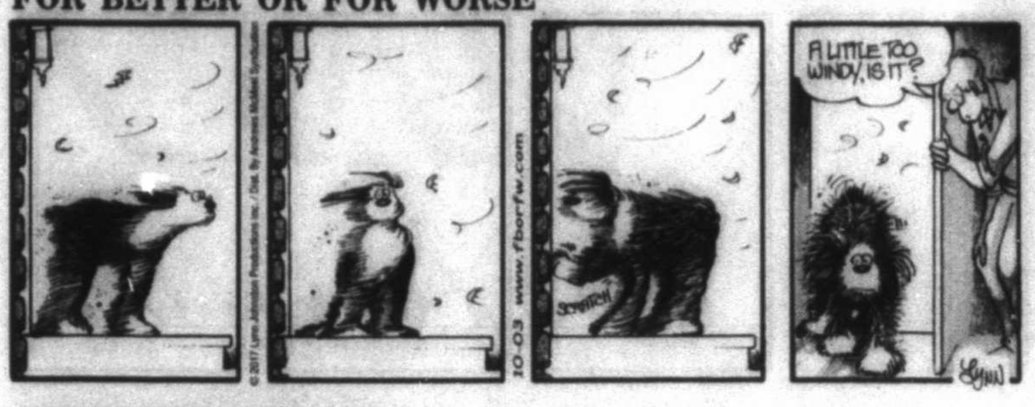
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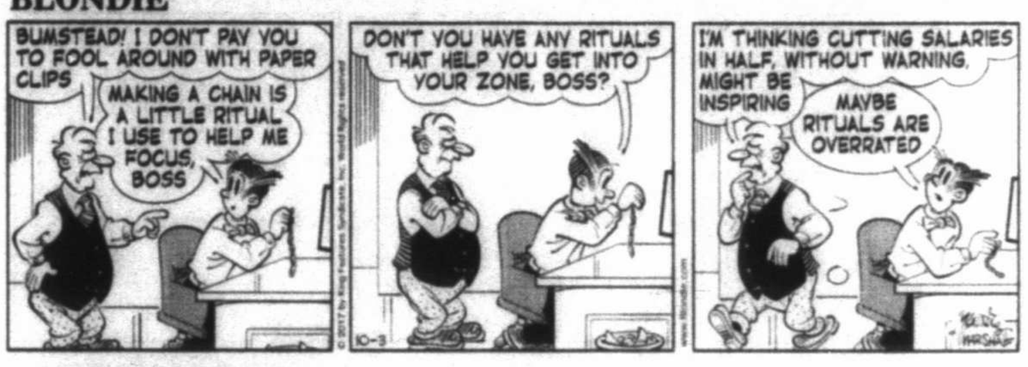
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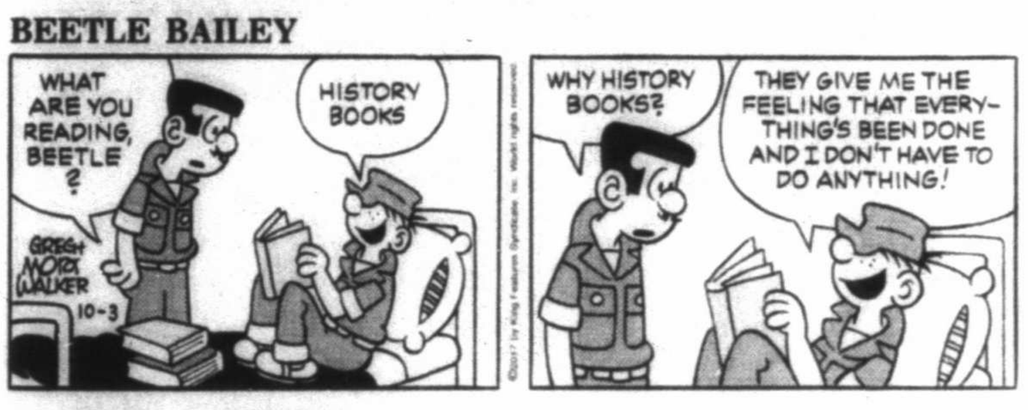
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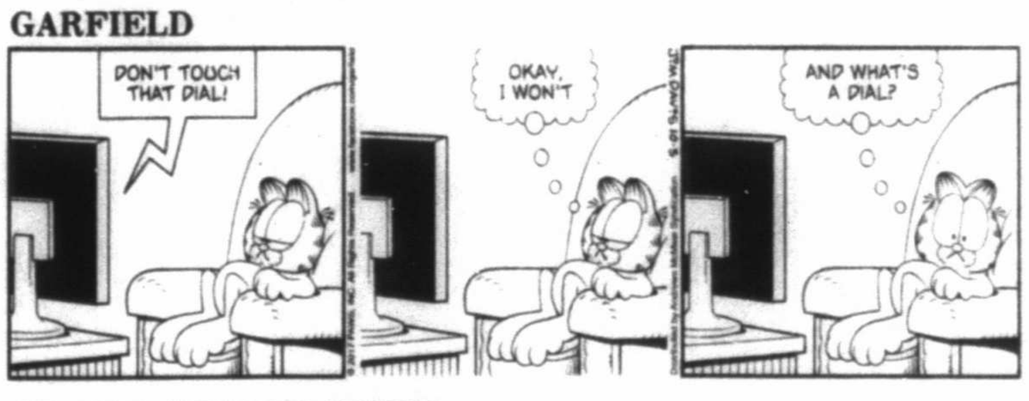
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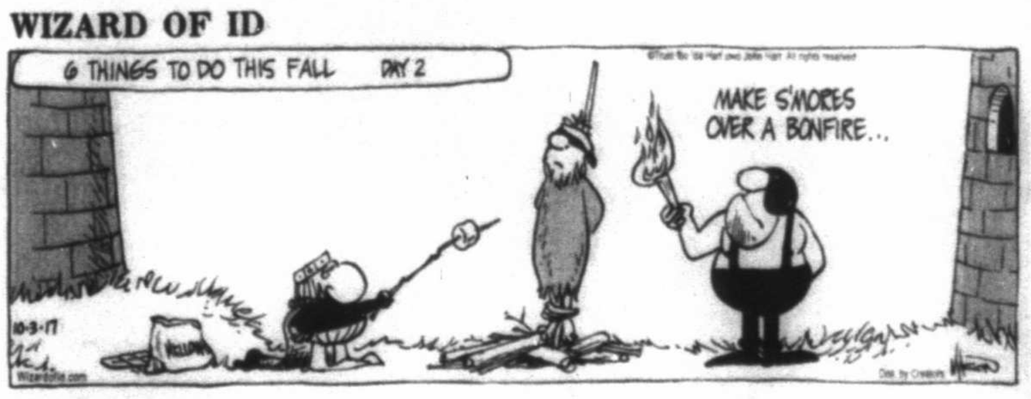
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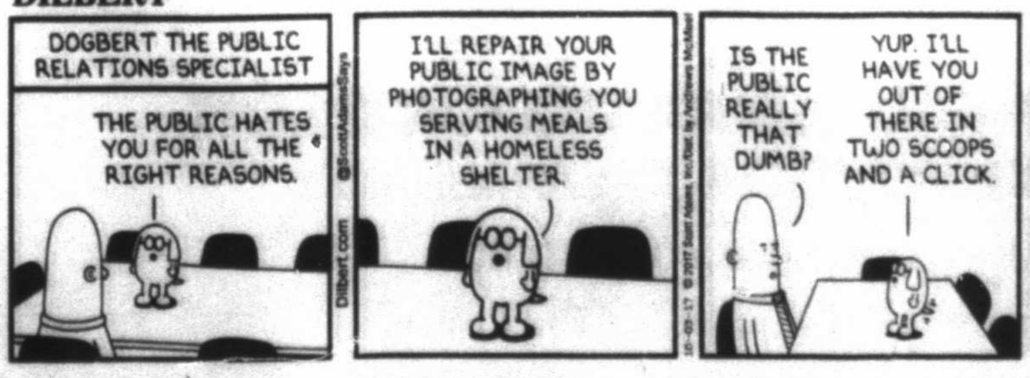
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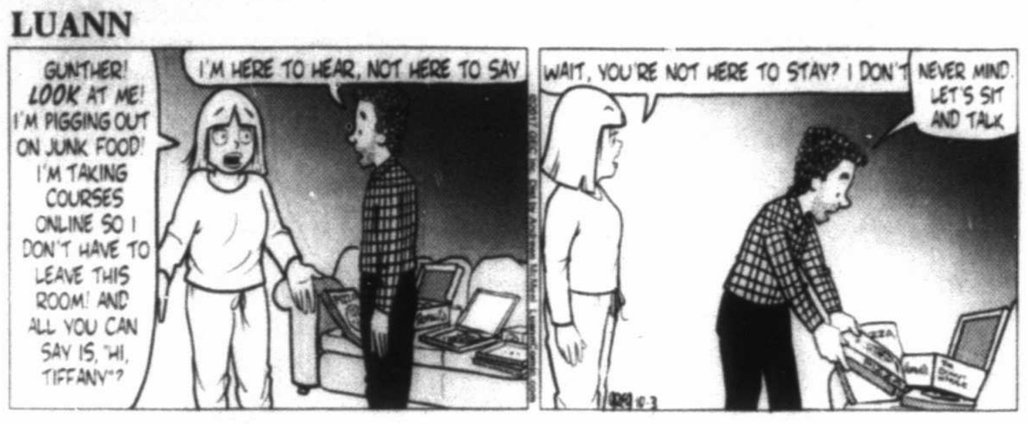
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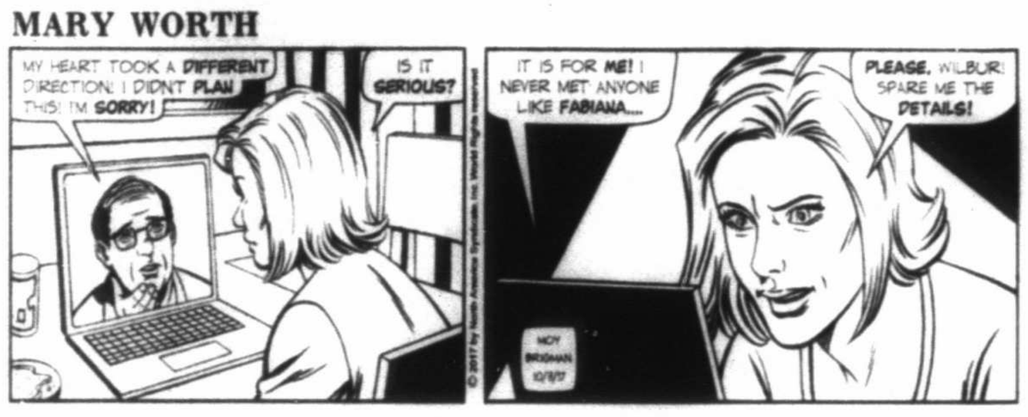
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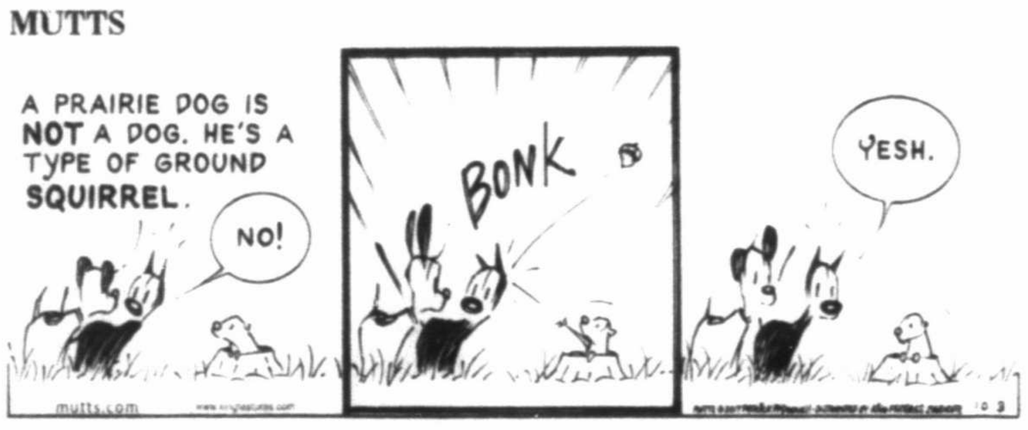
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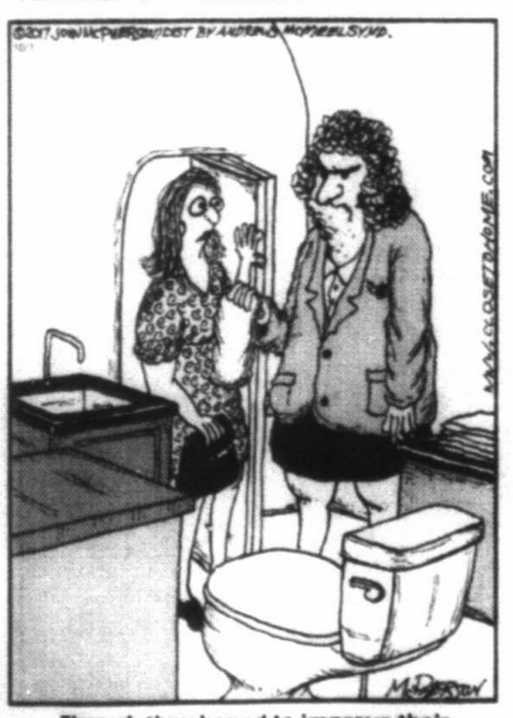
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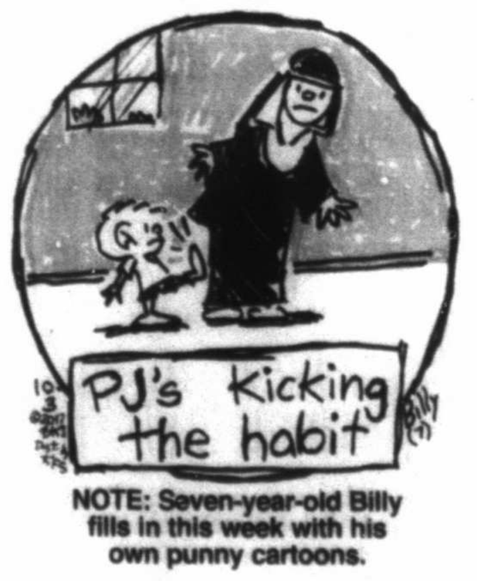


Though they hoped to improve their passenger approval ratings, Phoenix Airways goofed by adding restroom attendants.

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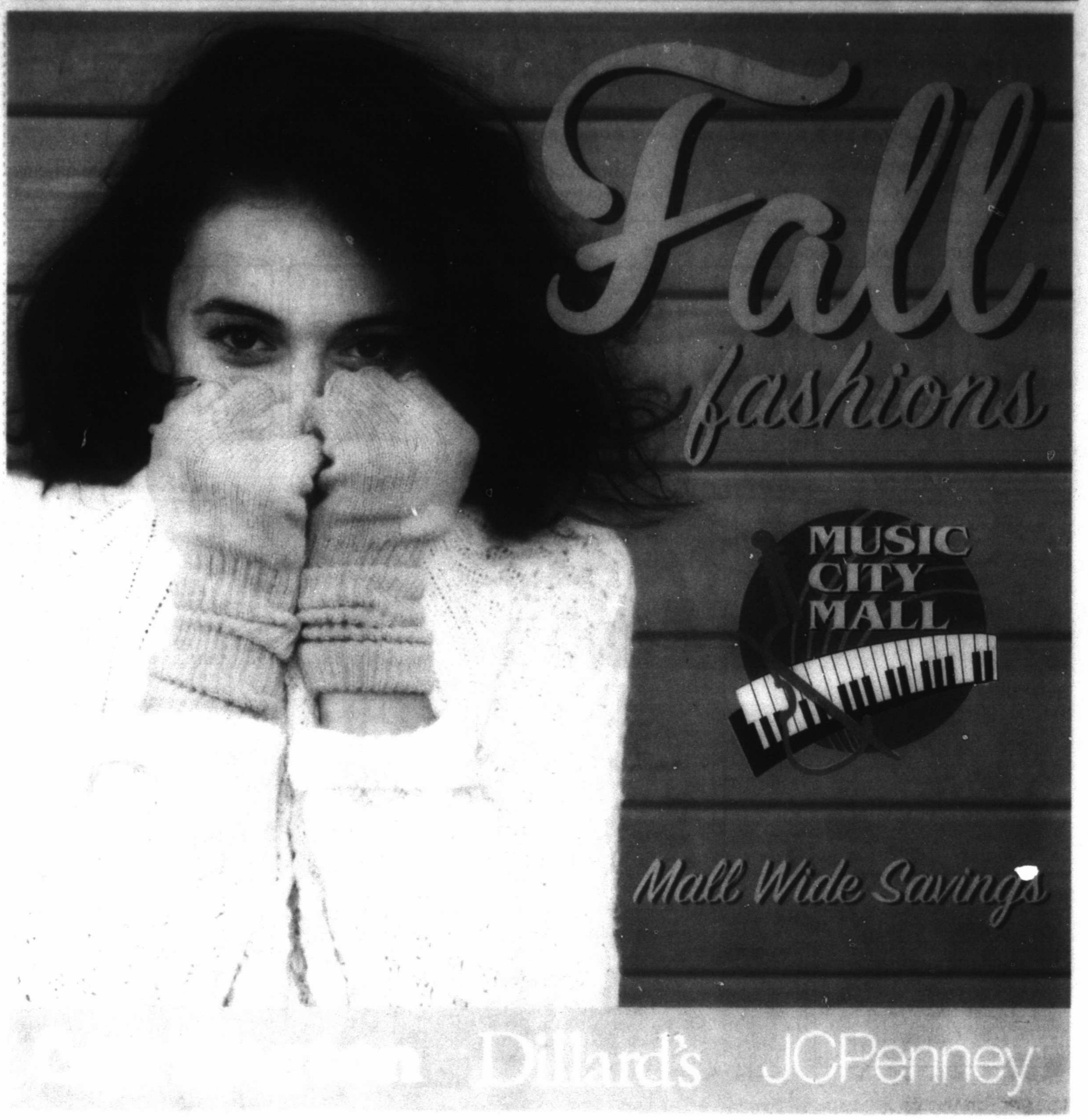


NOTE: Seven-year-old Billy fills in this week with his own punny cartoons.

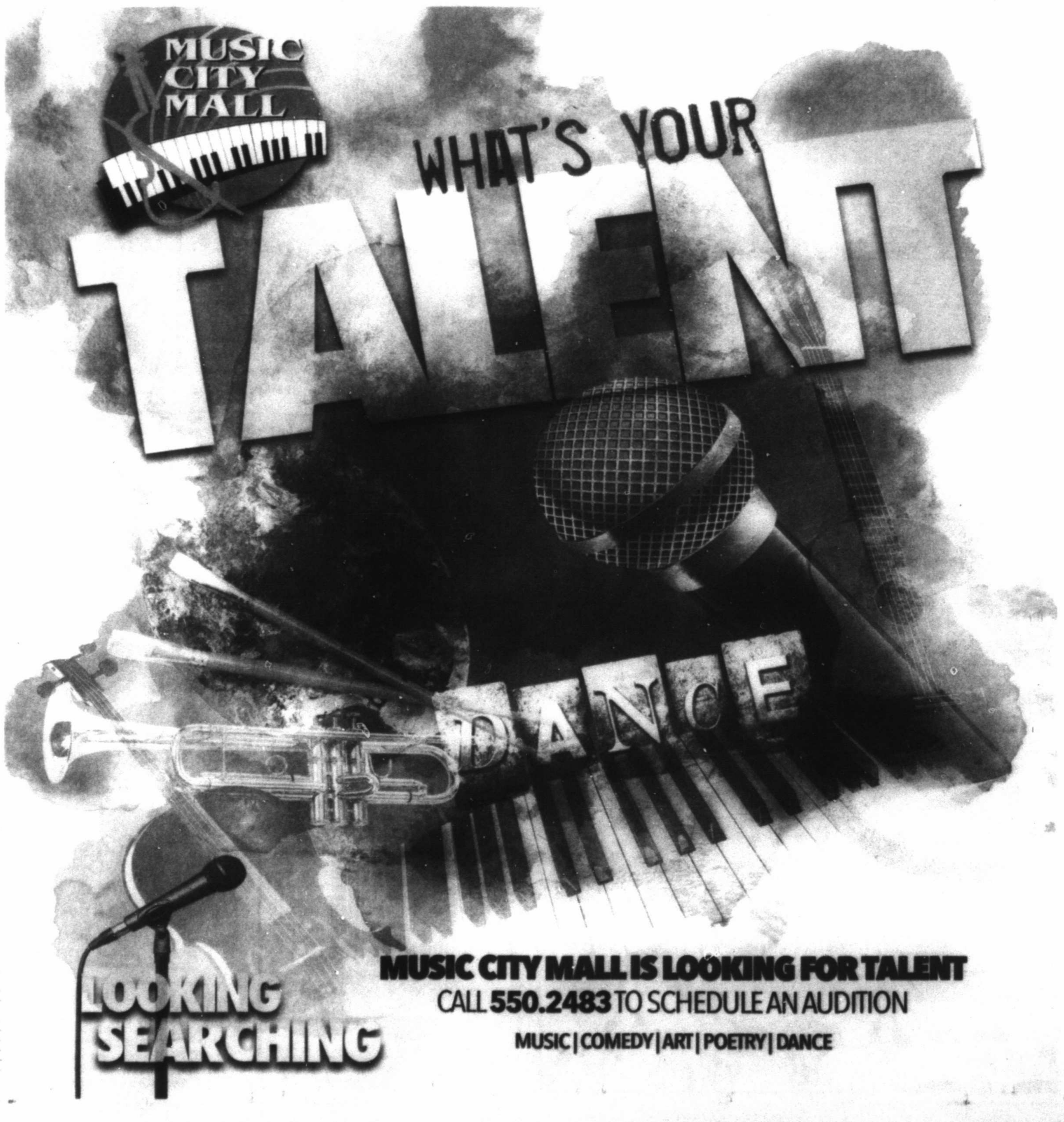
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The Midland Reporter-Telegram
The MRT has an opening for a Circulation District Manager. This individual would be responsible for overseeing a delivery force of independent contractors/carriers, as well as performing other duties involved with the delivery and distribution of our newspaper, other contracted products, and niche publications.

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The MRT has an opening for a Field Service Representative. The individual would be responsible for assisting with the delivery and distribution of our newspaper, other contracted products, and niche publications.

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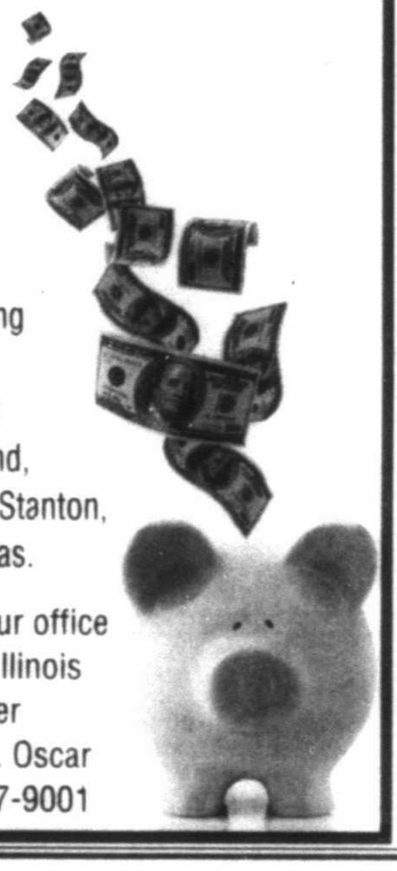
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DISTRICT 7C
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Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0306683
Status/Permit No. 830481

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COG OPERATING LLC, [RRC Operator No. 166150] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the density requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 58, Blk. C, CCSD&RGNG Survey, A-<N/A>, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 19.8 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Oct 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	NEAL RANCH 57 UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.	5701BH
Lease/Unit Acres	230.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	101.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	330.0
Lease Lines	310.0 F NORTH L, 2600.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines	310.0 F NORTH L, 2600.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 310.0 F NORTH L, 2600.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location:
BH County: UPTON
Section: 41 Block: 40 Abstract:
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 10.0 F NORTH L, 48.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 2652.0 F SOUTH L, 2310.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tammy Aylesworth, at (432) 683-7443.

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Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0306648
Status/Permit No. 830479

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COG OPERATING LLC, [RRC Operator No. 166150] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 58, Blk. C, CCSD&RGNG Survey, A-<N/A>, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)Field, UPTON County, being 19.8 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	NEAL RANCH 57 UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.	5702BH
Lease/Unit Acres	230.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	101.0
Lease Lines	310.0 F NORTH L, 2602.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines	310.0 F NORTH L, 2602.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 310.0 F NORTH L, 2602.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location:
BH County: UPTON
Section: 41 Block: 40
Abstract: Survey: CCSD&RGNG
Lease Lines: 11.0 F NORTH L, 48.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 2652.0 F SOUTH L, 2257.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tammy Aylesworth, at (432) 683-7443.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0306649
Status/Permit No. 830480

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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Lease/Unit Name	NEAL RANCH 57 UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.	5728AH
Lease/Unit Acres	230.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	101.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	330.0
Lease Lines	310.0 F NORTH L, 2645.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines	310.0 F NORTH L, 2645.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 310.0 F NORTH L, 2645.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location:
BH County: UPTON
Section: 41 Block: 40
Abstract: Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 11.0 F NORTH L, 378.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 2652.0 F SOUTH L, 2587.0 F EAST L

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Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 310.0 F NORTH L, 2645.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location:
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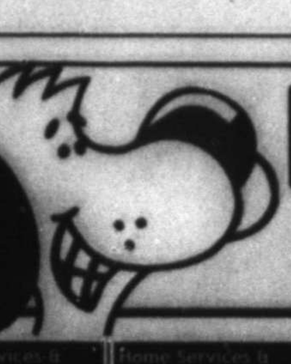
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION - DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP

The State of Texas § **KRISTI FRANKLIN HYATT**, Applicant's Attorney
County of Midland § **PO BOX 2776**
§ **MIDLAND, TX 79702**

To all persons interested in the estate of

RICHARD DEAN HOADLEY SR, Deceased
Cause No. **P19106**
in COUNTY COURT, Midland County, Texas

The alleged heir(s) at law in the above-numbered and entitled estate filed an Application to Determine Heirship in this estate on 6/01/2017, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of **RICHARD DEAN HOADLEY SR**, Deceased. and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

The court may act on this application at any call of the docket on or after 10:00 a.m. 10/02/2017, which is the first Monday next after the expiration of 10 days from the date of posting this citation, at the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to this Application should they desire to do so. **To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any objection, intervention, or response in writing** with the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas **on or before the above-noted date and time.**

Given under by hand and seal of the COUNTY COURT of Midland County, Texas at the office of the Midland County Clerk in Midland, Texas on September 18th 2017.

Alison Haley
County Clerk, Midland County, Texas
Box 1350, Midland, Texas 79702

By: SHON BRENT, Deputy

Legal and Public Notices

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Chevron USA, Inc., 6301 Deauville Blvd, Midland, TX 79706 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Grayburg/San Andres formation, in the following well:

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - Telephone (512) 463-6792.

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Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Chelsea Carpenter, Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.'s representative at (720) 876-5173

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Leonard Leo Riley, Deceased, were issued on September 12, 2017, in Cause No. P19153, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Alice Riley.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Representative, Estate of
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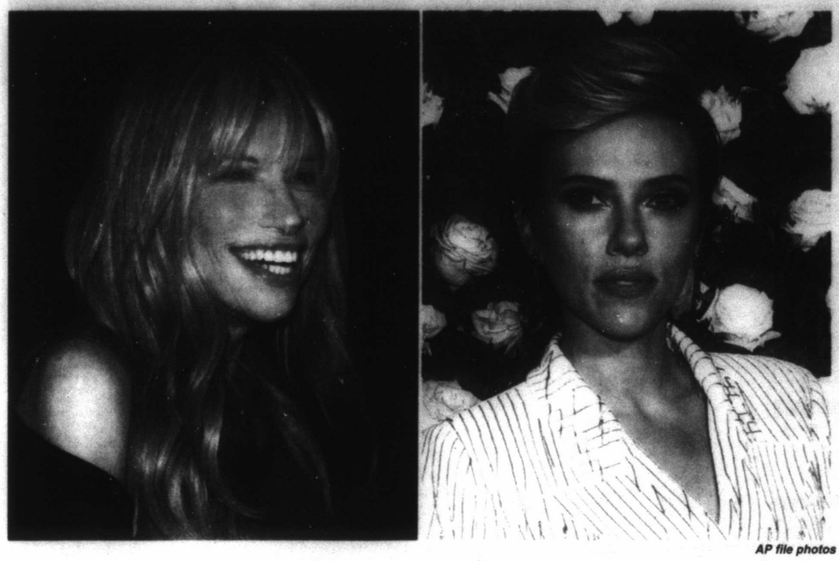
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This combination photo shows Carly Simon, left, at the Oceana's Partners Award Gala on Oct. 30 in Beverly Hills, Calif. and Scarlett Johansson at the 71st annual Tony Awards in New York on June 11. Simon and Johansson are among the celebrities whose family histories are explored on PBS' "Finding Your Roots."

Genealogy show unlocks family secrets for Carly Simon, more

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — If there's a bigger cheerleader for genealogy research than Henry Louis Gates Jr. it's unlikely they're nearly as well-connected.

The prominent Harvard professor once again lures the famous and celebrated to PBS' "Finding Your Roots," which shares their ancestry and family stories as uncovered by impressive research and science.

In the fourth season beginning Tuesday (check local listings for time), the three dozen subjects include Scarlett Johansson, Lupita Nyong'o, Sean Combs, Amy Schumer, Garrison Keillor, Aziz Ansari, filmmaker Ava DuVernay, author Ta-Nehisi Coates and Christopher Walken.

Larry David, whom Gates said he'd "bugged" for three years to go under the "Roots" microscope, finally agreed and discovered that he's related to Bernie Sanders, whom David memorably impersonated on "Saturday Night Live." Their separate family stories are on the season opener.

David said he was reluctant to have personal details disclosed on TV but was glad he finally took part, lauding the "incredible job" done by researchers.

There were other revelations that took him aback, he said. David learned of ancestors who settled in Birmingham, Alabama, in the 1840s, owned two slaves and fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War. A hundred years later, many aunts, uncles and cousins on the maternal side of his family died in Nazi Germany's Holocaust.

But "Finding Your Roots" is aimed at more than satisfying individual curiosity and telling an engrossing story, said Gates, an executive producer and writer as well as host of the series: It carries a message of shared origins that he argues can benefit society.

The science of DNA proves that "there aren't four or five biologically distinct races. We're all from one race, the human race, genetically," Gates said. "And we know that genetically we all ... descended from common ancestors that left the African continent 50,000 years ago. That's a fact."

Detailing how different ethnic groups contributed to world history and how their experiences "merged or conflicted" with those of other groups is also of immense value, he said.

"It's part of a larger education process to make us all realize we're fully human," Gates said.

Advances in DNA testing and the increased digitization of records benefited those who participated this year, he said, while some searches required plain old shoe leather as well.

Among the stars with standout stories:

■ Carly Simon, who was eager to find out whether her maternal grandmother, who came to the United States from Cuba, had her lineage right: She claimed to be the offspring of the king of Spain and a Moroccan slave.

Researchers traveled to Cuba to search out Catholic church records unavailable online and found "an amazing family tree," Gates said, one different than expected. Simon's grandmother was found to be 40 percent black, making the singer-songwriter 10 percent black.

Her grandmother "invented this crazy story, this fabrication, because she knew she was from a mixed-race heritage, and that was very unpopular in the 1950s and '60s," Gates said.

■ Tea Leoni, who asked the show to focus on finding the family of her mother, Emily Patterson, an adoptee who never knew the names of her biological parents.

Over a period of months, Patterson's DNA was run through databases that hold DNA results for some 6 million people, Gates said. A match would show they had a common ancestor.

The candidates were narrowed to a pair of sisters, one of whom proved to be Patterson's mother and who, at 96, was still alive, Gates said. A private meeting was arranged with her for Leoni, Patterson and Leoni's daughter.

Research also revealed Leoni's biological mother's father, and traced his family back to her seventh great-grandfather, born around 1690, and his Virginia-born son who at one point lived near George Washington.

■ Questlove, the musician, producer and writer born Ahmir Khalib Thompson, found his family has an extraordinary place in U.S. history.

In 1860, five decades after the slave trade to the United States was abolished, a ship commissioned by a Southern planter illegally brought about 110 slaves to Mobile Bay, Alabama, from a port now located in the Republic of Benin, Gates recounted.

It was the last known slave ship to arrive in the United States, Gates said. Aboard was a couple who would take the names Charlie and Maggie Lewis and who were recorded on the 1880 census as African-born.

As freed people, they settled in an Alabama town largely made up of others on the ship, and Questlove's distant cousins who live in the area shared with him a photo of Charlie Lewis, Gates said.

Biological clock discoveries by 3 Americans earn Nobel prize

By Malcolm Ritter and Jim Heintz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Three Americans won a Nobel Prize on Monday for discovering key genetic "gears" of the body's 24-hour biological clock, the mechanism best known for causing jet lag when it falls out of sync.

Problems with our body clock have also been linked to such disorders as sleep problems, depression, heart disease, diabetes and obesity. Researchers are now trying to find ways to tinker with the clock to improve human health, the Nobel committee said in Stockholm.

It awarded the $1.1 million (9 million kronor) Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine to Jeffrey C. Hall and Michael Rosbash, who worked together at Brandeis University in Massachusetts, and Michael W. Young of Rockefeller University in New York.

They "were able to peek inside our biological clock" and discover details of its inner workings, the Nobel citation said.

The work, done in fruit flies and dating back to 1934, identified genes and proteins that work together in people and other animals to synchronize internal activities throughout the day and night. Various clocks in the brain and elsewhere in the body, working together, regulate things like sleep patterns, eating habits and the release of hormones and blood pressure. Such 24-hour patterns are called circadian rhythms.

At age 72, the retired Hall wryly noted that he was already awake when the call about the prize came around 5 a.m., because of age-related changes in his own circadian rhythms.

"I said 'Is this a prank'?" he told The Associated Press by telephone from his home in Cambridge, Maine.

Rosbash, a 73-year-old professor at Brandeis, told the AP that he and his two colleagues worked to understand "the watch ... that keeps time in our brains."

"You recognize circadian rhythms by the fact that you get sleepy at 10 or 11 at night, you wake up automatically at 7 in the morning, you have a dip in your alertness in the midday, maybe at 3 or 4 in the afternoon when you need a cup of coffee, so that is the clock," he explained.

"The fact that you go to the bathroom at a particular time of day, the fact if you travel over multiple time zones your body is screwed up for several days until you readjust — all that is a manifestation of your circadian clock."

Jay Dunlap, who studies biological clocks in bread mold at Dartmouth College's medical school, called the Nobel-winning work "beautiful." It helped expose the molecular details behind daily rhythms, he said. Such knowledge can be important in telling when to deliver drugs for maximum effect, and perhaps for developing new ones, he said.

Type of data accessed makes Equifax breach particularly nasty

Dear PropellerHeads: So that Equifax thing was kind of a big deal. Please tell me I have nothing to worry about.

A: I'll answer with one of my favorite quotes from a Bond movie: "Our world is not more transparent now, it's more opaque! It's in the shadows. That's where we must do battle. So before you declare us irrelevant, ask yourselves, how safe do you feel?"

Well, how safe do you feel?

Unless you've been in a bunker worrying about a missile from North Korea for the past month (actually, some of you may have been doing just that, https://bloom.bg/2uSWkrf), you've probably heard about the substantial data breach that occurred at Equifax (equifax.com) between May and July of this year (http://cnnmon.ie/2f7F88i).

As many as 143 million records are estimated to be out in the wild now. Large, yes, but not the billions that Yahoo or River City Media let loose. Information is Beautiful offers a very nice visualization of all data breaches since 2004 (bit.ly/19xscQO). Some you will certainly remember, but I guarantee there are others that have occurred at well-known companies that you had no idea about.

What makes the Equifax breach significant is the type of data accessed: names, addresses, birth dates, and the coup de grâce, Social Security numbers. I just made a doctor's appointment over the phone. The only questions they asked to verify I was who I said I was, was my name, address and birth date. Other companies may ask for the last four digits of your SSN. Better ones will ask you to answer a security question that you previously setup.

The point is, the core details of what a criminal needs to start stealing your identity are out there now. That is what makes this breach particularly nasty. Also, Equifax is one of the three main credit reporting agencies that are used to verify your credit when opening up new accounts. They also provide services to help thwart identify theft. Who protects us when the protectors are hacked? How safe do you feel?

What I find interesting is what the experts are predicting will happen as a result of the hack. One of the more fascinating things I found was a predicted uptick in fake tax returns. I didn't even know that was a thing, but last year the IRS thwarted nearly a million attempts at fake tax returns totaling more than $4 billion (bit.ly/2hlUSIL).

The way this scam works is that by knowing your name, address, birthdate, and SSN, a thief knows enough about you to file a completely bogus tax return in your name in order to get a tax refund. If they file after you do, nothing bad happens, but if they file before you do, you better hope there is no government shutdown in effect because you'll get to know the IRS on a first name basis. Keep in mind their first name is Internal. I don't like the sound of that one bit.

Oh, and those products the credit agencies offer, like credit freezing and identify theft protection, don't do squat when it comes to taxes, so don't think that having one of those gets you completely off the hook. How safe do you feel?

Not much, I'm guessing. So what can you do? First, find out if you were affected. Visit equifaxsecurity2017.com/potential-impact to find out. If you are affected, you have the option to enroll in their TrustedID Premier program for free for one year. The significant benefits of this program are credit monitoring (looking for changes to your credit reports), SSN trolling (looking for your SSN on the dark web) and a $1 million identity theft insurance policy.

If you no longer trust Equifax (can't blame you), you can also look into the identity theft protection products offered by the other two credit agencies, Experian (experian.com) and TransUnion (transunion.com). Depending upon the level of protection, these plans vary from $5-30/month. The TrustedID Premier features cost about $20/month. As one whose identity has yet to be stolen, that seems like money wasted. I suspect I'll feel differently when my life turns upside down. Notice I said when, not if.

Other companies outside of the three credit agencies offer similar services for similar prices. I'm sure you've seen a Credit Karma (creditkarma.com) ad by now. Credit Sesame (creditsesame.com) is one of their better-known competitors. Another thing to consider is that credit monitoring and insurance is often included with other services you may already have. The best example is AAA (bit.ly/2ya3HN6).

At the very least, if you don't take advantage of your free annual credit report, now might be a good time to do so. Check out annualcreditreport.com. Don't go to any other website for this. I do this every year and every year I'm amazed at what shows up on these. Most of the time they are what I'm expecting, but every once in a while it reminds me to really close an account that I thought was already closed.

And if all else fails, you can head back to the bunker because as my grandma told me, "Money don't matter when it's 100,000,000 degrees out!" How safe do you feel?

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