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Recent DPS operation gives parents reason to worry.

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The Dallas Cowboys triumped over the Arizona Cardinals in the Hall of Fame preseason game Thursday in Ohio after being down 15-0.

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Midland rents jump from last summer

Survey shows rents increasing 9.4 to 20 percent in past year

By Simone Jasper
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Rents in the Midland market have increased compared to last year, according to a Permian Basin Apartment Association survey. Although the rents could relate to job growth, the change has also prompted some people to seek services from local nonprofits.

Rents ranged from $1.85 to $2.25 per square foot, about a 20 percent increase from July 2016, according to PBAA survey results provided to the Reporter-Telegram last month.

The PBAA has 96 members in Midland, and information came from 39 property representatives' responses to a market survey.

Another source, Midland's August report from Apartment List, found rents increased 9.4 percent over the past year. The report also finds rents increasing for six straight months and lists median one- and two-bedroom prices at $970 and $1,220, respectively.

Chris Salviati, housing economist at Apartment List, said Midland's economy could play a role in increasing rents.

"If an area has jobs, that creates demand for new housing," Salviati said in a phone interview last month. "And if housing stock isn't increasing to meet that demand, it results in prices rising."

The average occupancy rate in Midland is 98 percent, compared to 89 percent in July 2016, according to the PBAA survey. Occupancy rates previously averaged 90-92 percent, according to a Reporter-Telegram report from April.

Some local nonprofits have noticed impacts from the Midland housing market. People coming to the Salvation Army have recently made comments about rents, according to Marsia

Please see **RENT**/2A

HARDCORE FAITH

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Devil Wears Prada performs during the Rock The Desert Christian music festival Thursday. The annual festival continues today and Saturday at the RTD grounds on Farm-to-Market Road 1788. For more coverage, **see Page 3A and 6B.**

Oxy ties compensation to plan to break even

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Occidental Petroleum Corp. has tied company-wide compensation to a plan to bring costs low enough to break even at $40 a barrel oil, CEO Vicki Hollub said Thursday.

After reshuffling its oil properties and pouring cash into the Permian Basin, the Houston oil company now has the most lucrative assets it has ever owned in its 100-year history, she said.

In its efforts to boost profit margins, the firm has added 400 drilling locations in West Texas that break even under $50 a barrel. And some of the properties it acquired in the Permian during the second quarter can pump oil for longer than the average shale well, and would boost its bottom line by $80 million in 2019 — no additional spending required.

Breaking even at $40 a barrel would mean the company would cover shareholder dividends and capital expenditures with the cash flowing from its oil and gas operations. And if crude prices hovered around $50 a barrel, the company could boost its oil production by up to 8 percent.

"Our entire organization is laser-focused on our break-even plan," Hollub said, adding executives introduced the plan as "a key compensation metric across the organization."

Occidental banked a $507 million profit in the second quarter, compared to a loss of $139 million in the same period the year before. Revenue increased from $2.6 billion to $3.6 billion.

Oilman's bid to tap water for drilling wins OK

■ West Texas conservation board unanimously approves proposal to use aquifer to supply Permian Basin hydraulic fracturing operations

By David Dunn
Hosuton Chronicle

A West Texas board unanimously approved a contentious project to drill into a desert aquifer near Van Horn, build a 60-mile pipeline and ship 5.4 million gallons of water a day from the Apache Mountains to the heart of the nation's most prolific oil field, the Permian Basin, to feed thirsty hydraulic fracturing operations.

The Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District voted on Wednesday to allow oilman and land baron Dan Allen Hughes to proceed with his multimillion dollar project, called Agua Grande.

"We've dug our heels in for six months," said Blaine Saathoff, the effort's chief operations officer and a petroleum engineer for Dan A. Hughes Co. "We're very excited."

Ranchers, farmers, residents and environmentalists have protested the application vigorously, packing a June hearing, sending the district dozens of letters and again arguing on Wednesday that the project could steal water from cattle and crops, or dry up the famous spring-fed pool at nearby Balmorhea State Park.

"This is a big deal," said Mark Brown, a local landowner and land attorney from San Angelo who attended the meeting. "You're making decisions that affect millions of dollars."

Others have promised to file suit to stop Hughes.

"The precedent that is set is dangerous. We probably can't let that stand," said local rancher and conservationist Bill Addington. "We're looking at options."

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Price of oil
$45.50 ▼ $0.50
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The big number
15 months in jail
was the sentence for a young woman who urged her boyfriend to commit suicide over text. Page 5A

Word of the Day: harmonious
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Midland Magazine's 20 UNDER 40 2017
Presented by My Community Credit Union

Midland Magazine's 20 Under 40, presented by My Community Federal Credit Union, is an annual recognition program for Midland's emerging leaders. The program showcases young, dynamic leaders living or working in Midland County who are under the age of 40. The program recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in the community.

To nominate a deserving Midlander, visit www.mrt.com/20under40

The 20 individuals selected for the 20 Under 40 honor will be featured in Midland Magazine's Nov. 19, 2017 edition.

*20 Under 40 nominees must be 39 years or under as of Dec. 31, 2017 and may not be nominated by a family member.

WATER

From 1A

Agua Grande is likely just the start of the fight over West Texas water. Several companies see a new market in the Permian, where water use in hydraulic fracturing operations has risen six-fold since the start of the shale oil revolution — from more than 5 billion gallons in 2011 to almost 30 billion last year. Energy research firm IHS Markit predicts that demand will double again by the end of this year.

Hughes, based in San Antonio, runs his father's oil company, Dan A. Hughes Co., which operates all over the world, but largely in South Texas. He is also one of the country's largest landowners, with 390,000 acres in Texas and Montana, including the 140,000-acre Apache Ranch, near Van Horn.

Hughes knew he had vast water reserves in the Capitan Reef aquifer under the desert mountains there and, not long ago, asked his staff to investigate ways to make money off the water.

In March, Hughes submitted an application to the Culberson County Groundwater Conservation District, asking to drill seven wells on the ranch. Such activity would not have required a permit just to drill. But Hughes also wants to build a 60-mile pipeline northeast, to the heart of the Permian's Delaware Basin.

Twenty oil and gas companies are interested, the application said, including some of the biggest names in the play: Anadarko Petroleum Corp., EOG Resources and Concho Resources.

Agua Grande argued to the district board that the Capitan Reef did not provide a significant quantity of water to the San Solomon Springs, which feed the Balmorhea State Park pool, and that the company's pumping would not deplete ranchers' and farmers' wells.

On Wednesday, the company also promised it would begin a voluntary well-monitoring program, to watch aquifer levels.

About 50 concerned residents packed the meeting, Saathoff said, and spoke for about an hour. The board deliberated for about an hour and a half.

Saathoff said construction will start by year's end, and Agua Grande should be selling water by the second quarter of next year.

"We shared concerns of the citizens as well," he said. "We're confident in our hydrology study. What we're planning to withdraw will not adversely affect surrounding landowners. Hopes are high."

Michael Ciaglo/Houston Chronicle via AP

In a July 18 photo, ranch manager Will Hughes walks past a tank holding water pumped from a well on the Apache Ranch in Van Horn. Landowner Dan Hughes hopes to drill for and pump as much as 6,000 acre feet of water per year from his property for use in hydraulic fracturing operations. But Hughes has run into a wall of opposition from West Texas farmers, ranchers, residents and environmentalists.

US Rep. Will Hurd gets first major Democratic challenger for 2018

■ Gina Ortiz Jones, a former Air Force intelligence officer, is launching a bid against U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, who is widely viewed as the most vulnerable Republican member of Congress from Texas.

By Patrick Svitek
Texas Tribune

U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, is getting his first major Democratic challenger for re-election in Texas' swing 23rd Congressional District.

Gina Ortiz Jones, a former Air Force intelligence officer, is entering the race Wednesday, wading into a potentially crowded primary field for a shot at Hurd, who is widely viewed as the most vulnerable Republican member of Congress from Texas.

Jones said she was inspired to come home to San Antonio and run for Congress after witnessing up close the opening months of Donald Trump's presidency as a director in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, which operates from within the Executive Office of the President.

"These policies were directly threatening the opportunities" I had growing up, said Jones, a first-generation American. "To me, it was quite clear that I needed to serve my country and my community in a different way."

A graduate of John Jay High School in San Antonio, Jones attended Boston University on a ROTC scholarship and served in the Air Force from 2003-2006, deploying to Iraq. After a stint in the private sector, she went to work for the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency in 2008, ultimately becoming a special adviser to the deputy director. In November, she moved to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, where she worked until June.

CD-23 stretches from San Antonio to El Paso and is the most competitive in the state, a regular target of both national Democrats and Republicans. When Hurd, a former CIA officer, won re-election last year, it was the first time an incumbent held on to the seat for a second term in eight years.

Although Jones is the first major Democrat to launch a challenge against Hurd for 2018, at least three others are considering a run. They include Judy Canales, a former Obama and Clinton appointee; Jay Hulings, a federal prosecutor from San Antonio; and former U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego, the Alpine Democrat who represented the district from 2013-15 and unsuccessfully challenged Hurd last year.

"I don't know the man, but I know his voting record, and I know his voting record would affect families like mine growing up," Jones said of Hurd, welcoming the potentially crowded primary field as a way to shine more light on Hurd's record. "I think the fact you can take a selfie with somebody one day and vote against their interests the next day needs more attention."

Hurd's campaign dismissed the Democratic opposition.

"Will Hurd is focused on building upon his record of being the most effective member of Congress since 2014," Hurd campaign manager Justin Hollis said in a statement responding to Jones' candidacy. "He delivers for the district while the Democratic challengers only deliver tired talking points."

In the interview, Jones was particularly critical of Hurd for waiting until moments before the vote earlier this year to announce his opposition to the House bill to repeal Obamacare, which narrowly passed out of the chamber. "When I don't know what that is until the last minute, that is concerning," she said, noting that one of the top concerns people in the district share with her is the uncertainty surrounding health care.

In a statement at the time, Hurd said he could not support the House GOP's American Health Care Act because it did not "address the concerns of many of my constituents, including adequate protections for those with pre-existing conditions and the challenges faced by rural healthcare providers."

Man charged with aggravated assault

From Staff Reports

A Louisiana man was arrested Monday after he allegedly pulled a knife on another man, according to court documents.

Nickey John Broussard, 37, was being held Thursday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police were dispatched to a hotel at about 9:20 p.m. Monday in reference to a disturbance.

A man was at the front desk when Broussard asked for a room, according to his arrest affidavit.

Broussard

Broussard later pulled out a pocketknife and made a statement to the man, who was in fear of serious bodily injury or death, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Broussard could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Senate confirms Hutchison as NATO ambassador

By Abby Livingston
Texas Tribune

WASHINGTON — Members of the U.S. Senate confirmed a former colleague, Kay Bailey Hutchison, as its new ambassador to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Hutchison

In this role, Hutchison will represent the United States at NATO headquarters in Belgium.

"Kay has always been known for tireless advocacy on behalf of Texans and her ability to work across the aisle to get things done," U.S. Sen. John Cornyn said in a statement. "She has the experience, determination, and poise to strengthen our relationships on the world stage, and I'm confident she'll make Texas — and our country — proud."

NATO was created after World War II to counter Soviet influence in Europe. Hutchison will assume this position at an increasingly tense period in the United States' relationship with Russia.

Just last week, Congress passed sanctions against Russia for interfering in the 2016 election. President Donald Trump, who appointed Hutchison, signed the sanctions bill — but had he not, he likely would have faced a veto override. Trump has actively cultivated a friendly relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin, and a special counsel is investigating whether members of his campaign colluded with Russian intelligence during the 2016 campaign.

Hutchison, who represented Texas in the U.S. Senate from 1993 until 2013, reassured senators in her confirmation hearing that she would counter Russian aggression in this new role.

In other business, the Senate confirmed Dallas businessman Ray Washburne, a longtime GOP fundraiser, to serve as president of the Overseas Private Investment Corp., a government agency that directs private capital into the developing world.

The Senate moved these nominations as the final votes of the summer as members were heading home for the August recess.

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CORSICANA

3 killed in Interstate 45 wreck caused by wrong-way driver

Investigators south of Dallas are trying to determine what led a motorist to drive into oncoming traffic on Interstate 45, trigging a five-vehicle wreck that killed three people.

The interstate was closed for hours following the collision Wednesday evening north of Corsicana near the town of Rice.

The Texas Department of Public Safety says a Ford Explorer was traveling south in the northbound lanes of I-45 and collided with a Nissan Rogue. Three other vehicles then struck the wreckage.

The driver of the Nissan and a passenger were taken to a hospital where they died. A second passenger died at the scene.

The driver of the Explorer and a passenger were taken to hospitals with serious injuries.

Authorities have not released the names of those involved in the wreck.

HOUSTON

Texas may move 'heat-sensitive' inmates to cooler prisons

Texas prison officials are proposing that they move hundreds of inmates from sweltering prisons to cooler facilities temporarily.

The proposal is part of the state's 12-page response to a federal judge's order for a plan to spare "heat sensitive" inmates from sweltering conditions inside a Southeast Texas prison. The response was filed Thursday in federal court in Houston.

U.S. District Judge Keith Ellison's preliminary injunction last month didn't require the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to install air conditioning in areas where heat-sensitive inmates are housed at the Pack Unit, about 65 miles northwest of Houston. He said, however, that those inmates needed to reside where temperatures are no higher than 88 degrees.

EDMOND, OKLA.

Central Oklahoma earthquake leaves hundreds in the dark

An earthquake registering a 4.2 magnitude in central Oklahoma disrupted electric power to hundreds of customers.

The U.S. Geological Survey initially reported the 4.4-magnitude tremor was detected at 9:56 p.m. Wednesday about 4 miles east-northeast of Edmond, Oklahoma — about 15 miles northeast of Oklahoma City. The USGS later revised the earthquake down to a magnitude 4.2.

Edmond officials said two electric substations were knocked out, darkening the northeastern part of the city and leaving about 1,900 customers without power. Electricity was later restored to both substations, and the city said all customers should have their power back.

The police department said on its Twitter page that no significant damage was reported.

The quake was the sharpest of six tremors detected in the Edmond area over a 24-hour period.

Scientists have linked some oil and gas production in Oklahoma to an uptick in earthquakes, but the frequency of earthquakes had dropped recently as the state imposed restrictions on the injection of wastewater into underground disposal wells.

RENT

From 1A

Galindo, lead monitor for the shelter.

"People that come to work say they can't afford a place right now, so they stay here… until they get a full check and go and find something," Galindo said last month.

Another organization, Family Promise of Midland, helps homeless families gain independence. Tom Miller, executive director, said the nonprofit has a waiting list for its services.

Miller said families' requests for interviews about its offerings usually pick up by the spring and summer months — after people have spent tax returns and while children are out of school. He said many recent inquiries are related to rents.

"That's the major reason," Miller said. "We see a lot of families double or triple up with relatives."

The nonprofit examined Midland-Odessa market figures from ALN Apartment Data, which found the average effective rent for a two-bedroom apartment was $1,090 in June.

Families spending more than 30 percent of their incomes on housing are considered "cost burdened," according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Locally, Miller said it's difficult for low-income families to afford a place to live independently, and some have to sacrifice health care or transportation.

"To have two-bedroom apartments in Midland, Texas, [they would] have to make $20.50 an hour," Miller said. "That's really tough for some families, especially if they're not working in the oil industry."

WORD OF THE DAY
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Harmonious
[hahr-moh-nee-uh s]
adjective
1. marked by agreement in feeling, attitude, or action.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Rock the Desert

Rock the Desert Festival 2017 at RTD grounds, 2000 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $30 general admission, $50-$850 VIP packages. rockthedesert.com.

Today's acts:
Main stage
1 p.m. | Gates open
4 p.m. | Stars Go Dim
5:15 p.m. | Set for the Fall
6:30 p.m. | Zach Williams
8:30 p.m. | Andy Mineo
10:15 p.m. | Passion
11:30 p.m. | Jesus Loves Electro

NGEN Teen Tent
3 p.m. | Adam Cappa
4:30 p.m. | Mosaic MSC
6 p.m. | Carrollton
7:15 p.m. | Shonlock
7:45 p.m. | Shawn McDonald

Things to do

■ One Nite Stand, 5 p.m., The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.
■ Hot Summer Nights: A Tribute to Soul with Mark Lyon and the L.A. All-Stars, 6 p.m., Noel Heritage Plaza, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa. Odessaarts.org.
■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.
■ Kevin Fowler, 7 p.m., Dos Amigos, 4700 Golder Ave. dosamigos.com.
■ Jay Statham and the Tokie Show, Bryce Dicus, 8 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.
■ Old 97's, Shooter Jennings, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.
■ Traviezoz de la Tierra, Los Huracanes del Norte y Re, 8 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 SH 191. $55. Extremetix.com.
■ DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.
■ The 69th Season of Summer Mummers: "Psychedelic Trip to the Summer of '69" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$25. MCTmidland.org.

A pleasure to serve

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland's fourth Chick-fil-A, at the corner of Loop 250 and Highway 191, opened Thursday. The 5,300-square-foot restaurant can accommodate 142 patrons in the dining room and 52 outside. It also has designated parking spaces for Chick-fil-A One App mobile order pick-ups.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 6-1-8
Pick 3 day: 2-8-1
Pick 3 evening: 6-1-4
Pick 3 night: 5-6-7
Daily 4 morning: 9-1-8-9
Daily 4 day: 1-5-5-3
Daily 4 evening: 6-1-6-6
Daily 4 night: 5-9-8-0
Cash Five: 3-6-12-24-27
Triple Chance: 2-5-10-16-17-25-32-35-46-47

Texas Two Step: 9-26-29-33 BB: 5
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-5-6-7-11-13-14-19-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 3-4-5-7-8-9-12-14-15-18-20-21
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-5-7-8-9-10-12-13-15-19-24
All or Nothing night: 1-6-7-11-12-14-16-17-19-21-22-23

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Weather

Thursday's temperatures
High 88
Low 68
Normal high 95
Normal low 70

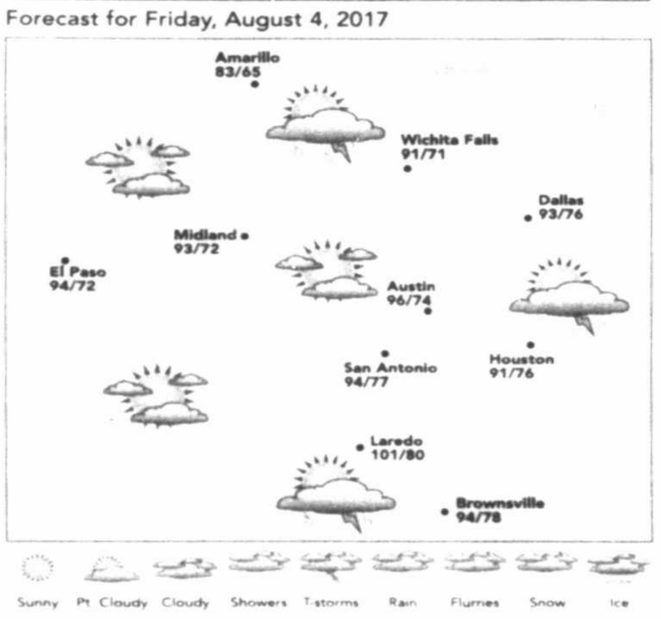
August 3's records
Record high: 106 set in 1944 and equaled in 1953
Record low: 60 set in 1971

Precipitation
Wednesday ..... 0.04 in.
Thursday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 1.48 in.
Year total ..... 11.70 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 8.06 in.

Winds
Average: 4.4 mph
Highest sustained: 9 mph

August 4 forecast
High: 97
Low: 74
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:06 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:43 p.m.

Forecast for Friday, August 4, 2017



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 Leo and a Moon in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 4, 2017
This year you are more receptive to input, lively exchanges and better communication.
You often can be found in the midst of an intense discussion or playing devil's advocate to someone else's ideas. If you are single, you easily could meet someone in your day-to-day travels. You will know when you encounter this person, as you'll notice a special interaction between you. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other's company more than ever. You sense what your sweetie wants and thinks before he or she can verbalize it. CAPRICORN enjoys letting go.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Extremes mark the next few days. Conversations have a vivid quality to them. People might go to excess when discussing certain details. Your sixth sense comes through, and as a result, you'll need to pay more attention to it. Test out your ideas. **Tonight:** A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You will have a meeting of the minds, as long as you remain open. Optimism defines your interactions. You might want to make a major purchase, but you'll want to weigh the pros and cons first. **Tonight:** Follow a friend's lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You enjoy relating to others on a one-on-one basis whenever you can, whether it be in business or in your personal life. You will see a big difference once you get through a change that you have been fighting. You appreciate having others' support. **Tonight:** Say "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your conversations are likely to reveal various possibilities that until now have not been thought of. Feedback might be more important than you realize. The more discussions you have, the better the results will be. Ask a friend for his or her input. **Tonight:** Launch into the weekend

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ At the last minute, you could wind up completing someone else's work. Try not to take on too much responsibility. Communication flourishes, and you seem to have unusual ease working through the details. Return calls and confirm weekend plans. **Tonight:** Put up your feet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your imagination and practicality merge together. Allow your work to speak for itself. Others receive your messages and prove to be highly responsive to any matter that you present. Use care when making purchases, as you could go overboard. **Tonight:** Paint the town red.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Stay centered, and know that you can't go wrong if you remain true to yourself. Your words seem to carry a certain type of seductiveness with them. Opportunities emerge from out of the blue. As a result, you might opt to head in a new direction. **Tonight:** Stay close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out for more information. You might be excited to learn that you have more options than you originally had anticipated. Know that everything will fall into place, despite any obstacles you encounter. A new friend might serve as your muse. **Tonight:** Catch up with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be aware of the costs of continuing on your present path. If you are not comfortable, let others know, and veer off. You will want to stay in close communication with those around you. Avoid obsessing over another issue in your mind. **Tonight:** Treat a friend to a fun night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Go for more of what you want. When you notice that you're on a roll, don't hesitate to pursue a long-term wish. A parent or higher-up appreciates your attention. You might not be aware of how important your communication is to this person. **Tonight:** In the limelight

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You sense a whirlwind of activity happening around you. Some things you can't change, and others you can't define. Try not to get stuck in what you think you should say as opposed to what you want to say. Relax and go with the flow. **Tonight:** Follow through on plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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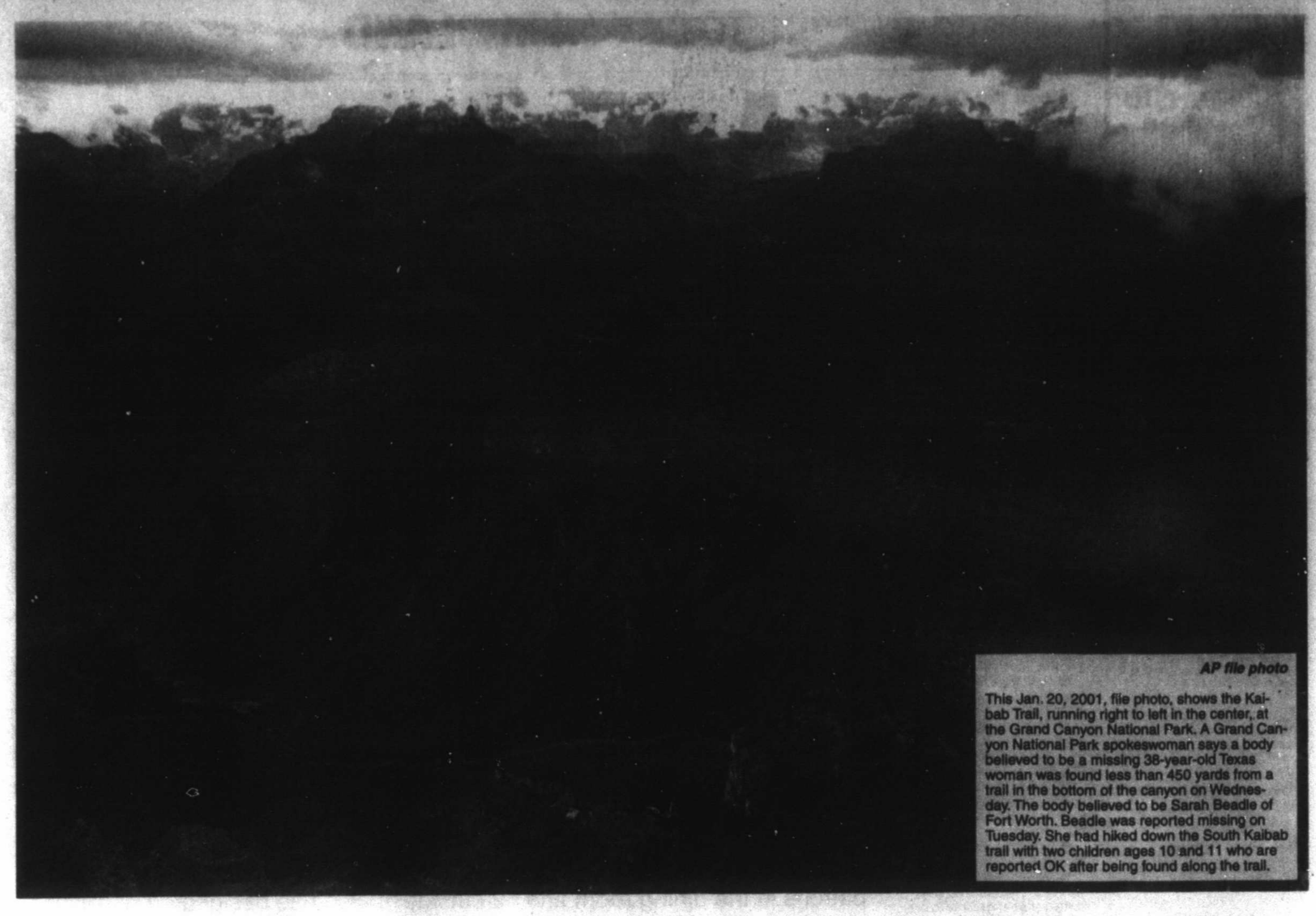

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This Jan. 20, 2001, file photo, shows the Kaibab Trail, running right to left in the center, at the Grand Canyon National Park. A Grand Canyon National Park spokeswoman says a body believed to be a missing 38-year-old Texas woman was found less than 450 yards from a trail in the bottom of the canyon on Wednesday. The body believed to be Sarah Beadle of Fort Worth. Beadle was reported missing on Tuesday. She had hiked down the South Kaibab trail with two children ages 10 and 11 who are reported OK after being found along the trail.

Body found in Grand Canyon may be Texas woman

By Anita Snow and Paul Davenport
Associated Press

The husband of a Texas doctor said Thursday that she died at the bottom of the Grand Canyon after she ran out of water and grew dizzy from heat exhaustion on a hike with their daughter and a nephew.

Scott Beadle said in a Facebook post that Dr. Sarah Beadle, 38, died Wednesday afternoon while hiking with the two school-aged children who were later found safe. He said authorities contacted him early Thursday to report the discovery of the body in an area of 100-degree heat and no drinking water.

The body was discovered on the north side of the Colorado River, about three-quarters of a mile from the Phantom Ranch lodge at the bottom of the canyon, said park spokeswoman Emily Davis. The cause of death was not immediately known but there was no indication of foul play, she added.

Sarah Beadle, of Fort Worth, was reported missing on Tuesday after she hiked into the canyon along South Kaibab Trail with the two children, ages 10 and 11.

Davis said circumstances of the incident, including how the woman and the children were separated, is being investigated by the National Park Service and the Coconino County Medical Examiner.

Sarah Beadle left the children in a safe place "while she went ahead to get water and some help," wrote her husband, who is a pilot for an emergency rescue service. "Somewhere along the trail she made a wrong turn and got lost. The park rangers suspect she died of heat exhaustion."

The husband said another hiker found the children, gave them water and took them to a camp. He said the kids were unharmed.

"Sarah loved traveling with her family and sharing so many wonderful experiences with all of us," he wrote. "I thank you all for your continued prayers and support."

Hundreds of co-workers, friends and relatives of the couple responded to Scott Beadle's post with prayers and condolences, and shared their memories of the emergency room physician who worked at Baylor Emergency Medical Center in Keller, a Fort Worth suburb.

Sarah Beadle was described repeatedly as a loving mother, as well as an adventurer who enjoyed hiking, camping and exploring caves.

Her older brother Charles Lawrence Springer told The Associated Press in a telephone interview his sister had been on a trip to take the children to several national parks and they had also visited Yellowstone in Wyoming.

Her husband's post included a link to her Facebook page, which showed her skydiving.

Park officials described Sarah Beadle as an experienced hiker who had trekked in the Grand Canyon previously.

But hiking there can be dangerous, with high temperatures at the canyon bottom routinely topping 100 degrees during the summer. There is no potable water available along the South Kaibab Trail between the South Rim trailhead and Phantom Ranch or even creek water to use for cooling, said Jeff Schwartz, a ranger who works in the inner canyon.

Schwartz said rangers advise hikers to hike in the morning or evening when temperatures are milder and there's more shade.

Still, it's not uncommon to have one or two deaths a year primarily due to heat or dehydration, said Schwartz.

"The environment down there is much less forgiving during the summertime," he said.

Trump hedges as military presents new Afghanistan war strategy

By Vivian Salama and Lolita Baldor
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Gen. John Nicholson, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington on Feb. 9. Frustrated by his options, President Donald Trump is withholding approval of a long-delayed Afghanistan war strategy and even mulling a radical shakeup in his national security team as he searches for a "game changer" after 16 years of indecisive conflict. In a recent Situation Room meeting that turned explosive, Trump raised the idea of firing Nicholson, according to two officials with knowledge of the discussion.

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In a recent Situation Room meeting that turned explosive, Trump raised the idea of firing Army Gen. John Nicholson, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, according to two officials with knowledge of the discussion. And he suggested installing his national security adviser, Gen. H.R. McMaster, to oversee the mission, said the officials, who weren't authorized to talk publicly and requested anonymity.

The drastic suggestions point to the desperation shared by many in Washington as military and other leaders look for a blueprint for "winning" the Afghan conflict. Trump has been frustrated by what he views as a stalemate. He wants a plan that will allow American forces to pull out once and for all.

At a White House lunch with military brass last week, Trump publicly aired his misgivings, saying, "I want to find out why we've been there for 17 years."

The Pentagon wants to send almost 4,000 more American forces to expand training of Afghan military forces and beef up U.S. counterterrorism operations against al-Qaida, a growing Islamic State affiliate and other extremist groups. But the troop deployment, which would augment an already existing U.S. force of at least 8,400 troops, has been held up amid broader strategy questions, including how to engage regional powers in an effort to stabilize the fractured nation.

These powers include U.S. friends and foes, from Pakistan and India to China, Russia and Iran. Pentagon plans aren't calling for a radical departure from the limited approach endorsed by former President Barack Obama, and several officials have credited Trump with rightly asking tough questions, such as how the prescribed approach might lead to success.

Trump hasn't welcomed the military's recommendations with "high-five enthusiasm," a senior White House official said. Several meetings involving Trump's National Security Council have been tense as the president demanded answers from top advisers about why American forces needed to be in Afghanistan.

Another U.S. official with knowledge of the conversation reported Trump being less interested in hearing about how to restore Afghanistan to long-term stability, and more concerned about dealing a swift and definitive blow to militant groups in the country.

The White House has even offered its own, outside-the-box thinking.

Officials said Trump's chief strategist, Steve Bannon, and his son-in-law and adviser, Jared Kushner, have been pushing a plan to have contractors fight the war in Afghanistan instead of U.S. troops. Blackwater Worldwide founder Erik Prince, the brother of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, was approached by Trump's top advisers to develop proposals to gradually swap out U.S. troops and put military contractors in their place, a military official said.

The military has frowned on such proposals. It believes boosting troop levels will accelerate progress in training Afghan troops and its air force, and help counterterrorism teams pursue targets even more aggressively. They point to improvements among Afghan forces and in anti-corruption efforts. Military leaders — including McMaster, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Gen. Joseph Dunford, the Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman, are all said to be on the same page, as is Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

Military officials also have defended Nicholson, saying any punishment of him would be unfair because he hasn't been given the forces he says he needs. His possible firing was first reported by NBC News.

The White House, which declined multiple requests to comment, may shift itself on Afghanistan now that retired Marine Gen. John Kelly is Trump's new chief of staff. Kelly hasn't spoken about Afghanistan, however, since his appointment this week.

Lawmakers are growing weary. In June, Mattis faced tough questions from Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John McCain, who told him, "It makes it hard for us to support you when we don't have a strategy." Mattis conceded, "We are not winning in Afghanistan right now" and vowed to "correct this as soon as possible."

Doing so requires the president on board. While Trump has been keen to give military officials carte blanche on troop levels and other military affairs, his approach to Afghanistan has grown increasingly assertive. In some ways, his scrutiny of military plans has evoked that of Obama, whom Trump derided as a candidate for not heeding his generals' advice.

Republican lawmakers Thursday urged Trump to listen to his national security advisers on Afghanistan.

"Every soldier over there is an insurance policy against our homeland being attacked," Sen. Lindsey Graham, a leading hawk, told reporters.

AP source: Mueller using grand jury in DC in Russia probe

By Chad Day and Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Special Counsel Robert Mueller is using a grand jury in Washington as part of an investigation into potential coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia, according to a person familiar with the probe.

The use of a grand jury, a standard prosecution tool in criminal investigations, suggests that Mueller and his team of investigators are likely to hear from witnesses and demand documents in the coming weeks. The person who confirmed to The Associated Press that Mueller had turned to a grand jury was not authorized to discuss the investigation by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Wall Street Journal first reported the grand jury.

Grand juries are common vehicles to subpoena witnesses and records, though they do not suggest any criminal charges are near. It was not immediately clear how or whether the Washington grand jury was connected to the work of a separate one in Alexandria, Virginia. That panel has been used to gather information on Michael Flynn, Trump's former national security adviser.

Mueller was a former federal prosecutor in Washington before becoming FBI director, where he spent 12 years before stepping down in 2013. Meanwhile, lawyers for President Donald Trump said they were unaware of the existence of a grand jury and had no information to suggest the president himself was under federal investigation.

"With respect to the news of the federal grand jury, I have no reason to believe that the president is under investigation," defense attorney John Dowd told the AP.

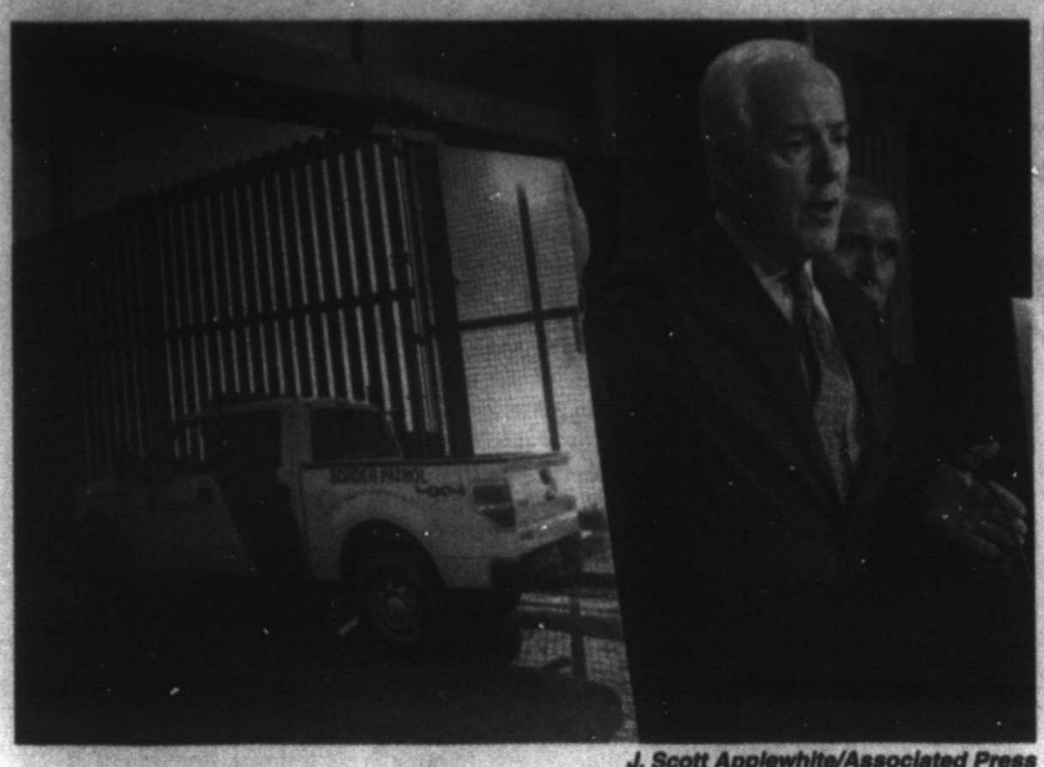
Ty Cobb, special counsel to the president, said he wasn't aware Mueller had started using a new grand jury.

"Grand jury matters are typically secret," Cobb said. "The White House favors anything that accelerates the conclusion of his work fairly. ... The White House is committed to fully cooperating with Mr. Mueller."

Mueller was appointed special counsel in May by the Justice Department following the firing by Trump of FBI Director James Comey. He has since assembled a team of more than a dozen investigators, including current and former Justice Department prosecutors with experience in international bribery, organized crime and financial fraud. That team has been working at an undisclosed location in Washington, so presenting evidence inside a federal courthouse in Washington could be more convenient for the group of investigators than working out of Alexandria.

News of the grand jury came as senators introduced two bipartisan bills aimed at protecting Mueller from being fired by Trump, with both parties signaling resistance to any White House effort to derail the investigation into Russian meddling in last year's election.

Trump's defense team has been looking into potential conflicts of interest among members of Mueller's team, such as past political contributions to Democrats including Hillary Clinton, and Trump has warned that any effort by Mueller to look into his finances would fall outside the scope of Mueller's appointment.



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Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn, joined by Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., points to a poster with an image of barrier on the Texas-Mexico border as he talks to reporters about border security on Thursday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Congress recessing, leaving much undone, Trump tensions

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers scattered for their summer recess Thursday, leaving behind a slim record of achievements and a steaming President Donald Trump.

The president is angry about what the Republican-led Congress couldn't do — repeal Obamacare — as well as one of the few things it did: approve a Russia sanctions bill he detests.

So Republican senators leave Washington with simmering tensions between them and the White House now out in public for all to see.

They'll face voters back home who have cause for frustration about an unproductive Congress led by a party given over to infighting.

Lamenting poor relations with Russia, Trump sniped over Twitter on Thursday, "You can thank Congress, the same people that can't even give us HCare!"

"I was shocked by that," responded Pennsylvania Republican Sen. Pat Toomey, who is not one for criticizing Trump publicly. "Relations with Russia are in a bad place, and it's entirely because of Vladimir Putin, it's not because of Congress."

Overall, as Republicans took stock of the past seven months of control of the House and Senate under the Trump administration, the mood was glum. The House began its summer recess last week, but as senators rushed for the exits Thursday they were still pointing to the confirmation of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court as their signal success, even though that happened back in April.

Last week's failure of their Obamacare repeal efforts after seven years of ardent campaign promises still stung. And Republicans have also failed to make much progress on other marquee agenda items, like a tax overhaul or an infrastructure bill, while falling behind on the annual spending bills needed to keep the lights on in government. A fight on that looms this fall or winter, along with the threat of a government shutdown if Trump presses for money for his border wall that Democrats are certain to reject.

"We've got to do better," said Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin.

In a final burst of action Thursday, the Senate overwhelmingly approved a Food and Drug Administration funding bill, and agreed to more than 60 Trump administration nominees, more executive branch nominations in a single day than the Senate had approved all year to date.

Republicans have bitterly blamed Democrats' foot-dragging on nominees for many of their problems, and Majority Leader Mitch McConnell heralded the actions as "an important step towards filling critical roles throughout the administration."

Indeed GOP lawmakers have complained all year that they're not getting enough credit for the things they are doing, as opposed to criticism for what they are not.

"We have not done well on the big events," said Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina. "But the run of the mill, the bipartisan legislation, that never gets actual media attention. I think we've had a fairly robust six months."

Like other Republicans, Scott cited the GOP's success in overturning a series of Obama administration regulations, employing the little-used Congressional Review Act.

Yet what lawmakers left undone promises to make for an ugly September on Capitol Hill.

Two must-do items will dominate the agenda: increasing the government's debt limit to prevent a catastrophic default on U.S. obligations like interest payments and Social Security checks; and passing a temporary spending bill to keep government agencies up and running.

The debt limit increase is particularly nettlesome and many Republicans in Congress simply can't bring themselves to vote for it. But with a Republican in the White House and the party controlling both the House and the Senate, it's the GOP's responsibility to deliver the votes.

The White House and congressional Republicans are also promising action early this fall to change the loophole-choked tax code and lower rates for both corporations and individuals.

After their meltdown on health care, Republicans are particularly determined to succeed with a tax overhaul, with some arguing that if they succeed in giving voters a tax break, the Obamacare repeal failure will be forgiven and forgotten.

But core tax overhaul principles — such as whether the effort would add to the budget deficit — haven't been ironed out, much less the devilish details.

And a wild card element is whether Trump will press to pay for the U.S.-Mexico border wall as part of the spending bill. That could spark a confrontation with Democrats, and even threaten a shutdown. Cooler heads may counsel the White House to put off that confrontation until later.

Still, after the past rocky months, Republicans are hoping against hope that with all the work ahead, relations with the White House will improve. They're hanging on to one cause for optimism: the appointment of John Kelly as White House chief of staff, which several GOP senators said they hope will calm the chaos on the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue.

"I think how the president moves now into the next issues we deal with is really important," said Sen. Roy Blunt of Missouri. "And we're hopeful about the new staff structure and I think we're going to see things begin to happen in different ways."

Girlfriend whose texts urged suicide gets 15 months in jail

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

TAUNTON, Mass. — A young woman who as a teenager encouraged her suicidal boyfriend to kill himself in dozens of text messages and told him to "get back in" a truck filled with toxic gas was sentenced Thursday to 15 months in jail for involuntary manslaughter.

Michelle Carter was convicted in June by a judge who said her final instruction to Conrad Roy III caused his death. Carter was 17 when Roy, who was 18, was found dead of carbon monoxide poisoning in July 2014.

Juvenile Court Judge Lawrence Moniz gave Carter, now 20, a 2 1/2-year jail sentence but said she had to serve only 15 months of that. He also sentenced her to five years of probation. He granted a defense motion that will keep Carter out of jail until her appeals in state courts are exhausted.

The judge called the case, which has garnered international attention, "a tragedy for two families."

Carter's lawyer, Joseph Cataldo, asked the judge to spare her any jail time and instead give her five years of probation and require her to receive mental health counseling. He said she was struggling with mental health issues — bulimia, anorexia and depression — during the time she urged Roy to kill himself.

"Miss Carter will have to live with the consequences of this for the rest of her life," Cataldo said. "This was a horrible circumstance that she completely regrets."

Prosecutor Maryclare Flynn called probation "just not reasonable punishment" for Carter's role in Roy's death. She asked the judge to send Carter to state prison for seven to 12 years.

Flynn said Carter "undertook a deliberate, well-thought-out campaign" to cause Roy's death in a "quest for attention" and sympathy from her friends. She said after Roy's death, Carter put on a charade as "the grieving girlfriend" for Roy's family and friends, even though she had repeatedly pressured him to act on his suicidal thoughts.

Flynn said Carter could have stopped Roy because the two teenagers were on the phone together as Roy succumbed to carbon monoxide inside his truck.

"All she had to do was say, 'Get out of the car,' 'Get out of the truck,' and none of us would be here right now," Flynn said.

In dozens of text messages, Carter had urged Roy to follow through on his talk of taking his own life.

"The time is right and you are ready ... just do it babe," Carter wrote in a text the day he killed himself.

The sensational trial was closely watched on social media, in part because of the insistent tone of Carter's text messages.

"You can't think about it. You just have to do it," Carter wrote in one text. "You said you were gonna do it. Like I don't get why you aren't."

Cataldo argued Roy was determined to kill himself and nothing Carter did could change that. He said Carter initially tried to talk Roy out of it and urged him to get professional help but eventually went along with his plan. He also argued Carter's words amounted to free speech protected by the First Amendment.

In convicting Carter, the judge focused his ruling on Carter telling Roy to "get back in" after he climbed out of his truck as it was filling with carbon monoxide and told her he was afraid. The judge said those words constituted "wanton and reckless conduct" under the manslaughter statute.

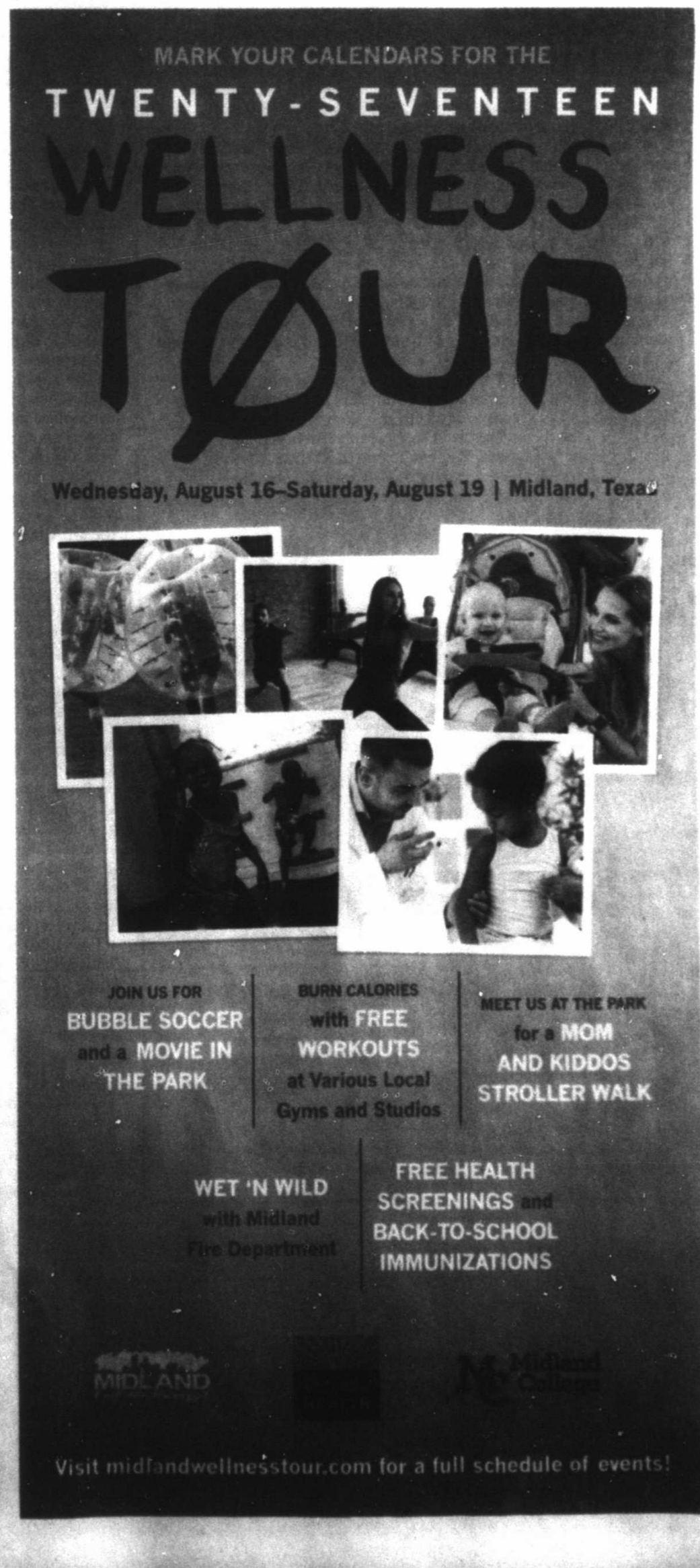
Roy's relatives told the court they were devastated by his death. His father, Conrad Roy Jr., said it inflicted the "worst emotional pain" he has ever experienced.

"I am heartbroken," he said.

A teenage sister, Camden Roy, recalled her 13 years with her older brother and said she's "haunted" by the realization she'll never see him wed or be an aunt to his children.

Carter and Roy met in Florida in 2012 while both were on vacation with their families. After that, they only met in person a handful of times. Their relationship consisted mainly of texting.

Cataldo said he's confident Carter eventually will be vindicated. He said his appeal will be based on several grounds, including his argument Carter's text messages and conversations with Roy amounted to free speech protected by the Constitution. He said he will also argue Carter didn't break any laws because Massachusetts doesn't have a law against assisting or encouraging suicide.



Democracy can handle latest Trump 'stress test'

■ The president's worst week proved a particularly fine hour for American democracy

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A future trivia question and historical footnote, the spectacular 10-day flameout of Anthony Scaramucci qualifies as the most entertaining episode yet of the ongoing reality show that is the Trump presidency. (Working title: "The Pompadours of 1600 Pennsylvania.") But even as the cocksure sycophant's gobsmacking spectacle stole the show, something of real importance took place a bit lower on the radar.

At five separate junctures, the sinews of our democracy held against the careening recklessness of this presidency. Consequently, Donald Trump's worst week proved a particularly fine hour for American democracy:

(1) The military says no to Trump on the transgender ban.

Well, not directly — that's insubordination — but with rather elegant circumspection. The president tweeted out a total ban on transgender people serving in the military. It came practically out of nowhere. The military brass, not consulted, was not amused. Defense Secretary James Mattis, in the middle of a six-month review of the issue, was reportedly appalled.

What was done? Nothing. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs simply declared that a tweet is not an order. Until he receives a formal command and develops new guidelines, the tweet will be ignored.

In other words, the military told the commander in chief to go jump in a lake. Generally speaking, this is not a healthy state of affairs in a nation of civilian control. It does carry a whiff of insubordination. But under a president so uniquely impulsive and chronically irrational, a certain vigilance, even prickliness, on the part of the military is to be welcomed.

The brass framed their inaction as a matter of procedure. But the refusal carried with it a reminder of institutional prerogatives. In this case, the military offered resistance to mere whimsy. Next time, it could be resistance to unlawfulness.

(2) The Senate saves Sessions.

Trump's relentless public humiliation of Attorney General Jeff Sessions was clearly intended to get him to resign. He didn't, in part because of increasing support from Congress. Sessions' former colleagues came out strongly in his defense and some openly criticized the president's shabby treatment of his first and most fervent senatorial supporter.

Indeed, Chuck Grassley, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, warned Trump not to fire Sessions because he wouldn't get another attorney general — the committee's entire 2017 schedule was set and there would be no hearings to approve a new AG. That was a finger to the eye of the president. Every once in a while, the Senate seems to remember that it is a coequal branch.

(3) Senate Republicans reject the Obamacare repeal.

The causes here are multiple, most having nothing to do with Trump. Republicans are deeply divided on the proper role of government in health care. This division is compounded by the sea change in public opinion as, over seven years, Obamacare has become part of the fabric of American medicine, and health care has come to be seen as a right rather than a commodity.

Nonetheless, the stunning Senate rejection of repeal was also a pointed rejection of Trump's health care hectoring. And the rejection is a show of senatorial disdain for Trump craving a personal legislative "win" on an issue about whose policy choices he knew nothing and cared less.

(4) The Boy Scouts protest.

In a rebuke not as earthshaking but still telling, the chief executive of the Boy Scouts found it necessary to apologize for the president's speech last week to their quadrennial jamboree. It was a wildly inappropriate confection, at once whining, self-referential, partisan and political.

How do you blow a speech to Boy Scouts? No merit badge for the big guy.

(5) The police chiefs chide.

In an address to law enforcement officials, Trump gave a wink and a nod to cops roughing up suspects. Several police chiefs subsequently reprimanded Trump for encouraging police brutality — a mild form, perhaps, but brutality still.

Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said it was all a joke. Nonsense. It was an ugly sentiment, expressed coyly enough to be waved away as humor but with the thuggish undertone of a man who, heckled at a campaign rally, once said approvingly that in the old days "guys like that" would "be carried out on a stretcher."

Whatever your substantive position on the various issues involved above, we should all be grateful that from the generals to the Scouts, from the senators to the cops, the institutions of both political and civil society are holding up well.

Trump is a systemic stress test. The results are good, thus far.

OUR VIEW

Human trafficking operation shows online problem for parents

Thank you to DPS Criminal Investigations Division for its work in a recent human trafficking operation in Midland County.

After working with the Midland County District Attorney's Office, FBI, Homeland Security Investigations and Midland Police Department, DPS officials announced the arrests of 37 people. The charges included online solicitation of a minor, prostitution — solicit person under 18 years of age, prostitution, promotion of prostitution, sexual performance by a minor and distribution of harmful material to a minor, according to a press release. It was "To Catch a Predator" in our own backyard.

And the arena for this investigation was the internet. Officials, as the Reporter-Telegram's Simone Jasper reported, "put into the spotlight the shifting nature of law enforcement in the digital age." They sought out predators looking to commit crimes using their digital devices. After the justice system plays itself out, many of those arrested could spend time in prison.

Midland County District Attorney Laura A. Nodolf said, "We certainly hope that individuals out there in Midland County who think that they want to commit this crime here in this community — we hope this deters them from even contemplating doing this in the future because we are out there."

But for each person arrested, many more are going about the business of soliciting persons under 18 years of age, and they are trying to attract minors — someone's son or daughter — by going online where our children are spending more and more of their time. If you are a parent, we urge you to go to the internet and research those websites that will bring you up to speed on the latest technology and strategies to protect your kids.

We urge you to have those tough conversations with your children about the proper use of their computers and mobile devices and the potential of connecting with people who want to harm them. We hope the end result of that parental involvement is the need for fewer operations such as the one in Midland County.

Thinking the dangerous among us will stop threatening our children is naive, so we hope this type of interagency work continues to rein in the bad guys.

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Is Kelly coming to Trump's rescue?

■ The president was wise to pick Gen. John Kelly as his chief of staff

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It has recently seemed to be going crazy, this White House crew of ours, although one creator of the problems, President Donald Trump, grew sufficiently wise to appoint Gen. John Kelly as his chief of staff.

This former secretary of Homeland Security quickly got rid of Anthony Scaramucci, a wild-eyed goofus who used his first days as communications director to communicate foul-mouthed claptrap.

The question is whether Kelly, a tough ex-Marine who is able, knowledgeable, smart and an exemplary manager, can also get rid of blustery tweets about such things as firing an attorney general. Can he assure focus on such mighty matters as North Korea, tax reform, spending, debt and a health care system that is currently falling apart? Will he somehow straighten things out and keep the left from obtaining enough power to practice ruination?

The recent past has been an awful past. First, there were Trump's pointless tweet-screeches about getting rid of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, an excellent public servant who was not fired. Scaramucci, financier to the point of riches, was chosen to head up PR operations and began with firing Sean Spicer, a press secretary actually not that bad in often defending the indefensible.

Scaramucci was incompetent enough to indulge in a curse-a-minute tirade about co-workers with a New Yorker reporter who would obviously print every outrageous word of it. The Mooch, as Scaramucci is called, made it clear he would toss out Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, an upright administrator perhaps not fitted to guiding a ship in a hurricane. Trump OK'd the firing but, as Senate Republicans were flubbing Obamacare fixes, turned to Kelly for a rescue that will only work if Trump lets it and that one hopes is not too late.

For all his problems of style, understanding and leadership, Trump has a saving grace. He is not Hillary Clinton. A Bloomberg poll not so long ago showed his approval ratings above hers, and for good reason _ she is contemptuous of millions of Americans, she is in the spend-us-to-chaos camp, her integrity is a question mark in boldface and she has been closing in on Bernie Sanders-style socialism.

She's an excellent representative of leftists who more and more worship big, incompetent government that does such things as redefine insurance so that it can only work when 1) people are forced by penalties to buy it, 2) it is subsidized and 3) it demands excruciating deductibles and premiums.

We're talking about Obamacare, typical of leftist solutions that rely ever more on coercion, pseudo-intellectual reinventions of institutions and fiscal insanity that can maybe achieve some goals for a short while but then combusts.

The Trump administration has far-from-perfect answers for some problems but remains more cautious than the Democrats, does have good answers on a number of policies and has first-rate national security officials in place. On a number of fronts, the nation has made real progress under Trump.

A problem, however, is Trump himself messing up even a Boy Scouts address and tweeting sentiments you'd expect a confused adolescent to avoid. We then have too many news outlets, Democrats and felonious bureaucratic leakers outdoing him by treating everyday standards as nothing more than an obstruction to their goal of disposing of him.

At issue is whether our president will sufficiently empower Kelly and heed him. That does not mean Kelly should be the only voice, just that he affixes order and dignity to an administration otherwise in deep trouble.

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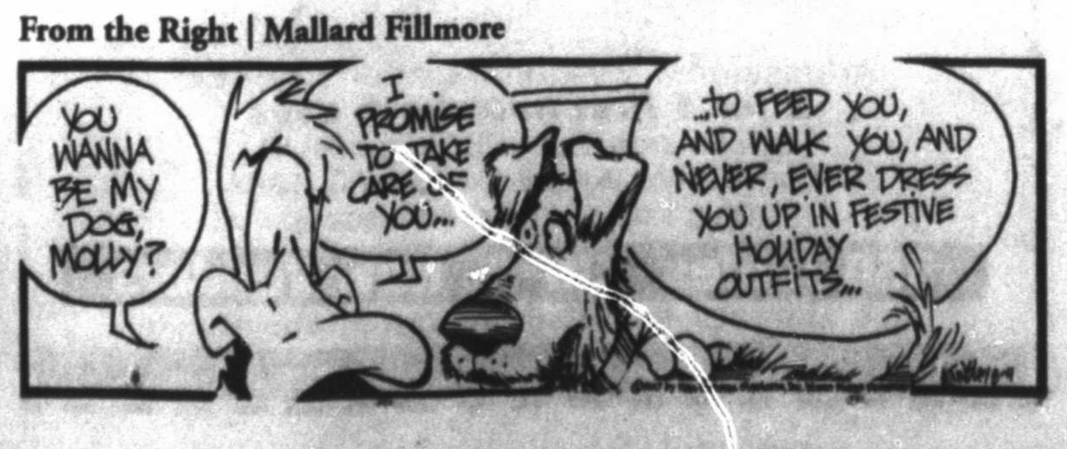

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WASHINGTON

Trump lawyer: No reason to think Trump's under investigation

A lawyer for President Donald Trump said he has no information to suggest the president is under federal investigation amid a report that Special Counsel Robert Mueller is using a grand jury as part of his probe into potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign.

The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that Mueller, who was appointed as special counsel in May, was using a grand jury in Washington. Grand juries are common vehicles to subpoena witnesses and records, though they do not suggest any criminal charges are near. A grand jury in Virginia has been used to gather information on Michael Flynn, Trump's former national security adviser.

Ty Cobb, special counsel to the president, said he wasn't aware that Mueller had started using a new grand jury.

"Grand jury matters are typically secret," Cobb said. "The White House favors anything that accelerates the conclusion of his work fairly. ... The White House is committed to fully cooperating with Mr. Mueller."

John Dowd, another lawyer for Trump, said in a statement to The Associated Press, "With respect to the news of the federal grand jury, I have no reason to believe that the president is under investigation."

He did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, the top Democrat on the House oversight committee asked a business partner of Flynn for documents detailing Flynn's foreign contacts and security clearance, according to a letter released Thursday.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said in a letter to businessman Bijan Kian that he also wants Kian to produce documents relating to Flynn's travels and ties to foreign businesses. Cummings said Kian told military security clearance investigators in 2016 that Flynn had work relationships with foreign businesses. But Cummings has said Flynn failed to report those ties.

Cummings' two-page letter provides new details about Flynn's possible legal vulnerability over his disclosures to the government after he was forced out of his post as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency in August 2014. The letter also underscores Kian's importance in federal and congressional inquiries into Flynn, both because of his deep business ties to the retired U.S. Army lieutenant general and their years-long personal friendship.

Flynn's foreign connections are under scrutiny by Mueller and congressional committees probing Russia's alleged interference in the 2016 election. Separately, the Pentagon's inspector general is investigating foreign payments Flynn accepted, and the House oversight committee has been looking into the security clearance issued to Flynn in early 2016.

Reached Thursday, Kian's attorney, Robert Trout, declined to comment on the letter. Flynn attorney Robert Kelner also declined comment.

According to Cummings' letter, Flynn listed Kian in January 2016 as a personal reference on his application for a renewed security clearance, which would provide him with the ability to review classified material even though he was no longer with the military. In his interview with investigators, Kian said he had been friends with Flynn since 2008 and he was aware of Flynn's business travels and contacts.

By Chad Day and Stephen Braun
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H.

New Hampshire is no 'drug-infested den,' state leaders say

New Hampshice political leaders and others said Thursday that President Donald Trump was both inaccurate and insulting in describing their state as a "drug-infested den."

The remarks emerged in transcripts of a Jan. 27 call between Trump and Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto that were published by the Washington Post on Thursday.

During the campaign, Trump called for building a wall along the Mexican border to help keep out illegal drugs and promised that Mexico would pay for it. In his conversation with Pena Nieto, Trump urged the Mexican president to stop saying his country won't pay for the wall, and said "kids are becoming addicted to drugs because the drugs are being sold for less money than candy."

"I won New Hampshire because New Hampshire is a drug-infested den," he said, according to the transcripts.

Although Trump won New Hampshire's Republican primary, the state picked Democrat Hillary Clinton in the general election.

New Hampshire's four-member, all-Democratic Congressional delegation expressed outrage at Trump's comments, as did Republican Gov. Chris Sununu. The governor said the state is making progress in addressing its heroin and opioid crisis on multiple fronts, including greater resources for law enforcement and drug abuse prevention, treatment and recovery.

"The President is wrong. It's disappointing his mischaracterization of this epidemic ignores the great things this state has to offer," he said in a statement.

U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan called Trump's words "disgusting" and said his administration has proposed policies that would hurt the state's efforts to reverse the problem.

Ryan Thomas, a 32-year-old tattoo artist who voted for Libertarian Gary Johnson for president, said he doesn't take anything Trump says seriously.

"I really don't agree with that. We have a problem with heroin and fentanyl, and our citizens are really concerned about the well-being of the communities here," he said. "We're a really good state to live in. We want to keep it that way."

The rate of death due to synthetic opioids, mainly fentanyl, increased by nearly 1,600 percent from 2010 to 2015 in New Hampshire. In 2015, the most recent year for which federal data is available, there were 24 such deaths per 100,000 residents, the highest rate in the nation and double what it was the previous year.

In a recent report, Dartmouth College researchers said the state's disproportionately high rate of opioid overdoses is the result of prescription practices, underfunded and scarce treatment options and the state's proximity to the drug supply chain.

"The description of New Hampshire as "a drug-infested den" is not only inaccurate, but it is an insult to the first responders, substance use providers, prevention specialists, people in recovery, policymakers, and advocates who are working tirelessly to stem the tide of substance misuse in our state," said Linda Saunders Paquette, president of New Futures, a health and wellness advocacy group.

Evelyn Cayer, 80, was waiting for a bus in Concord on Thursday afternoon. She said New Hampshire has its problems with drugs, like many other states, but has good leadership to address the problem.

"Comments coming from Trump that are negative like that are not helpful across the country, let alone a smear in New Hampshire. He's our leader, he's our president, he's our man to go to, but he's undermining the real democracy we're fighting for here in the country," she said. "I can only say I pray for him daily. That's my answer."

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press

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THIS WEEK

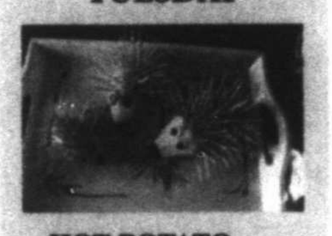
TODAY

SING OUT LOUD
Fall registration begins for all the children's choirs at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. There is no cost and first rehearsal is Sept. 6. Register by calling 683-4207 or online at holytrinity.org.

MONDAY

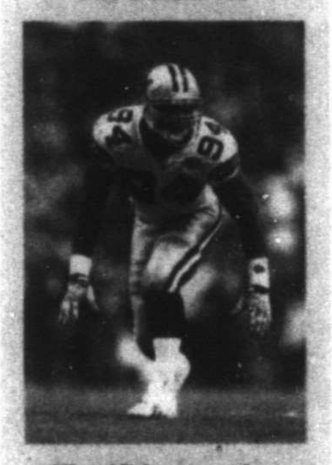
GIVE BACK
The Blue Door's Give Back Mondays will donate proceeds from drink sales this month to Freedom Service Dogs, a nonprofit that rescues dogs and trains them to provide assistance to children, veterans, active duty soldiers and those with disabilities. 4 p.m.

TUESDAY



HOT POTATO
"Super Kids Save the World:" Potato Porcupine Class is a craft class that also teaches about composting in this collaborative exhibition by Keep Midland Beautiful and the library. 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Centennial branch.

THURSDAY



The 17th annual
"An Evening with ..." will benefit Centers for Children and Families at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Former Dallas Cowboy DeMarcus Ware will headline with a VIP reception and special presentation. -5:30 p.m.

See more calendar items on **Page 4B.**

ONLINE

See this month's special events and fundraisers in **The Datebook** at mrt.com.

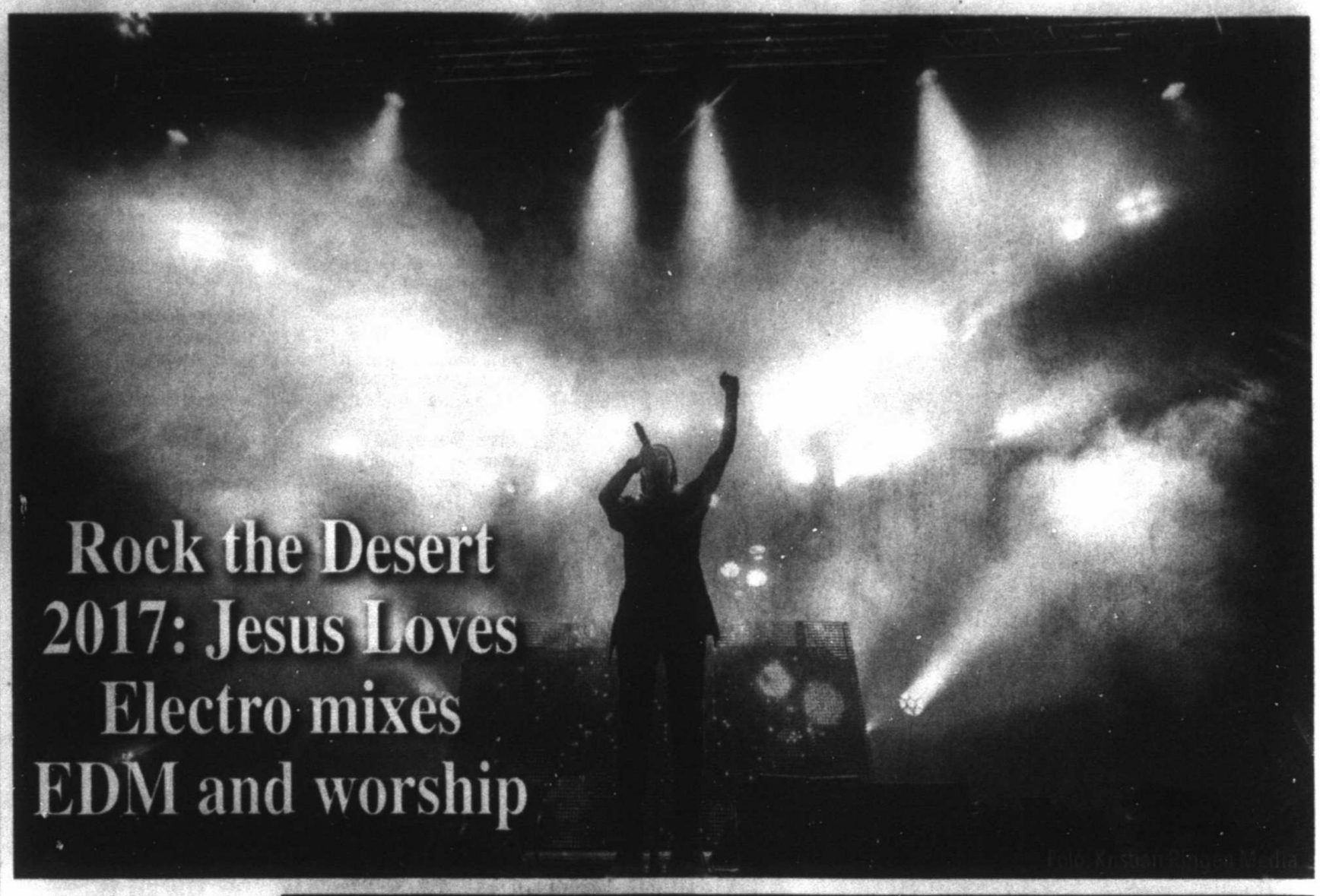
IN NEED

MEALS ON WHEELS
Volunteers are needed for summer deliveries Monday through Friday from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 432-689-6693.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Midland Volunteer Connections offers an online list of opportunities at midlandvolunteerconnections.com for current needs by area nonprofits.

HOSPICE HELP
Volunteer opportunities for two to four hours a shift. Call 432-682-2855 for more information.

RETAIL SKILLS
Habitat Restore is in need of people who enjoy decorating and setting up displays to help set up the ReStore for maximum customer appeal. Must be at least 16 years old.



Rock the Desert 2017: Jesus Loves Electro mixes EDM and worship

By Rich Lopez
jrlopez@mrt.com

Electronica music isn't often associated with praise and worship, but Norway group Jesus Loves Electro has changed that.

The group has flipped the switch on the music genre by mixing techno sounds with both millennial nightlife and Christian music. The result is a powerhouse of sound that is as much a party as it is a message.

Before tonight's appearance, JLE's Casper Vasbotten talked about the group's headway into music.

MRT: What was the catalyst for starting Jesus Loves Electro?

Vasbotten: Back in 2010, we were four guys who met in our local church in Oslo. When we started out, all of us didn't even know each other.

I'd grown up in this church and met two of the other guys through through a friend who I used to go out clubbing with. We started out just wanting throw club nights in church where the youth could gather and party together.

MRT: Did you sense something then that you would become JLE?

Vasbotten: We saw this vacuum in the Christian music scene. Having been to all of the major Christian music festivals in Scandinavia throughout the 2000s, we saw there weren't really any DJs or EDM acts at all, even though this was starting to be one of the most influential genres in popular music with F.EX. David Guetta and Avicii starting to take over the charts. This was the stuff we and our friends listened to. No artists like this existed in the Christian realm, so we just wanted to do something about it.

MRT: How did you do that?

Vasbotten: At first, Jesus Loves Electro wasn't an artist, it was a DJ collective. We started throwing club nights in our own church and at church camps. Combining this sound resonated strongly with our peers and with worship. From there, it grew into this dream we strongly felt was shaped by God.

MRT: Do you feel like EDM and praise is catching on?

Vasbotten: Absolutely. This has pretty much worked everywhere we go whether it is Scandinavia, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Latin America or the United Kingdom. The genre has already caught on, so it's more about discovering it.

MRT: Have you received American response to your music?

Vasbotten: As for the US audience, we're excited to see. I believe we bring something new and fresh to the worship scene, with a sound that resonates with people. Just look at what's been happening with festivals like Ultra and Tomorrowland — they've grown into some of the biggest festivals. We're just tapping into that with a level of worship on top of it.

In Central and South America, this is already a huge movement that we've been lucky to be a part of. In particular, a pure Christian EDM (CEDM) festival called Illumination gathers more than 30,000 people in Guatemala and Mexico.

MRT: You truly are an example that worship and

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Today	Saturday
Main stage	**Main stage**
1 p.m. | Gates open	1 p.m. | Gates open
4 p.m. | Stars Go Dim	4 p.m. | Shonlock
5:15 p.m. | Set for the Fall	5:15 p.m. | Hollyn
6:30 p.m. | Zach Williams	6:30 p.m. | KB
8:30 p.m. | Andy Mineo	8:30 p.m. | Rend Collective
10:15 p.m. | Passion	9:30 p.m. | Compassion
11:30 p.m. | Jesus Loves Electro	10:15 p.m. | For King and Country
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4:30 p.m. | Mosaic MSC	4:30 p.m. | V. Rose
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7:45 p.m. | Shawn McDonald	7:45 p.m. | Dee-1

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Good Neighbors: Southwest Heritage raises money for Make-A-Wish with golf tournament

From staff reports

Southwest Heritage Credit Union hosted the 10th Annual Wish Upon A Par Golf Tournament at Ratliff Ranch Golf Links in Odessa.

The event raised $36,732.78 which was donated to the Make-A-Wish foundation. This will allow the organization to grant up to four wishes for children battling critical illness in Midland and Odessa communities.

Correu helped make city more accessible for those with disabilities

By Mary Mills Heidbrink
San Antonio Express-News

Making the decision to become a minister at an early age, Lawrence McNeil "Larry" Correu later discovered a second calling — advocating for people with disabilities.

Hired as the executive director of San Antonio Independent Living Services, or SAILS, in 1986, Correu helped increase accessibility at the local and state levels.

"It wasn't something that he planned," said his daughter, Lori Crownover. But "he was made for the job ... had good leadership qualities. It was very successful time for SAILS and for him."

Correu died July 17 at 86.

Born with a genetic condition that impaired his hearing and got worse when he was 10, Correu learned sign language and wore a hearing aid throughout his life, later receiving cochlear implants.

Earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy at Austin College in 1952, Correu went on to obtain a Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1955.

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Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

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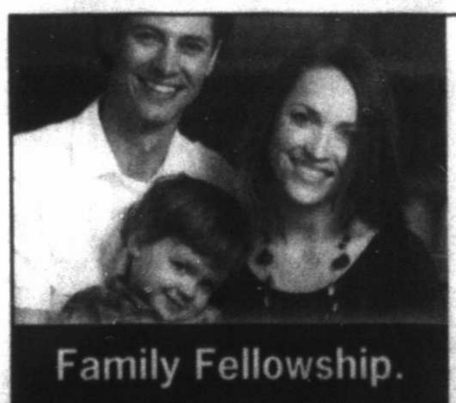
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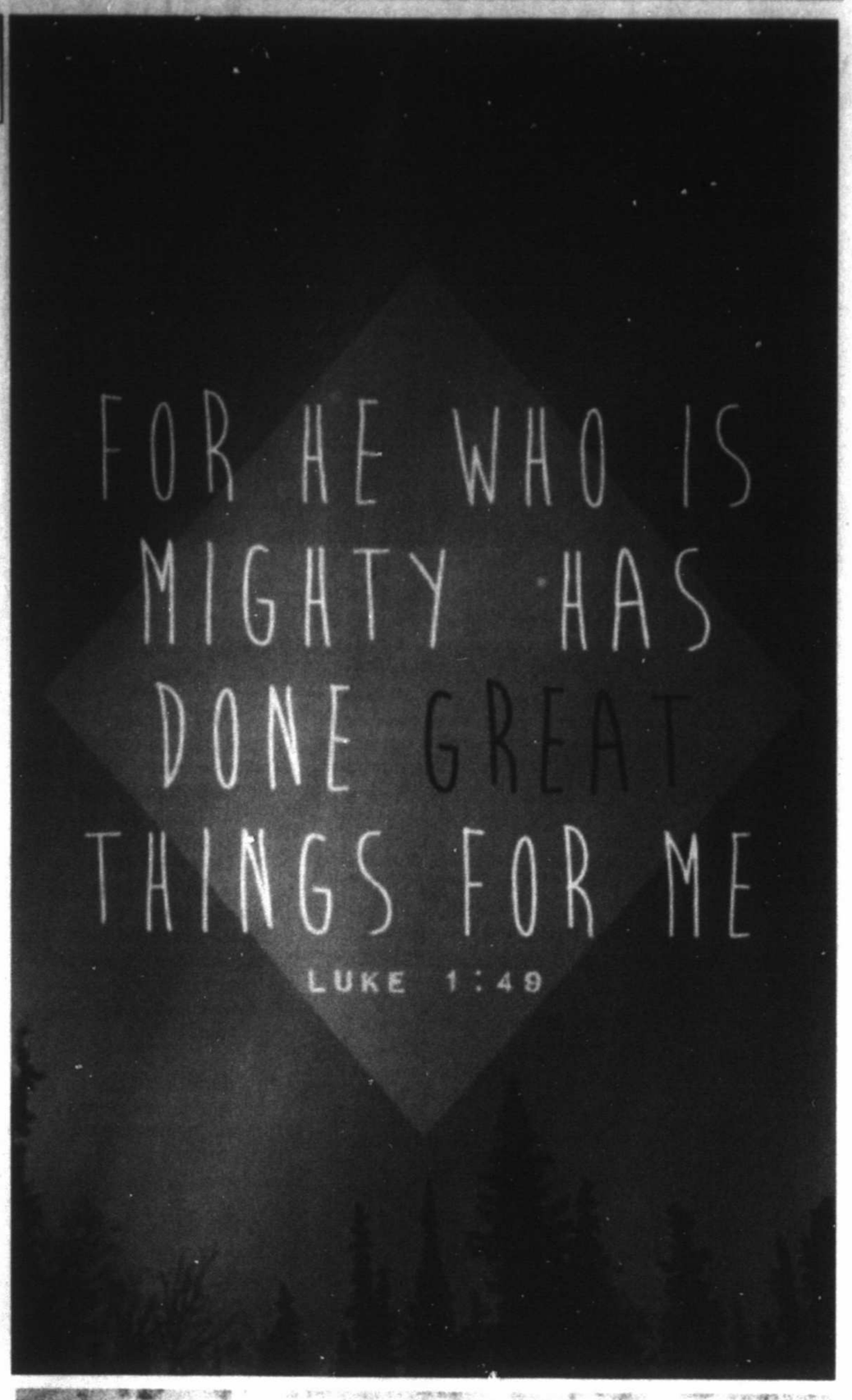

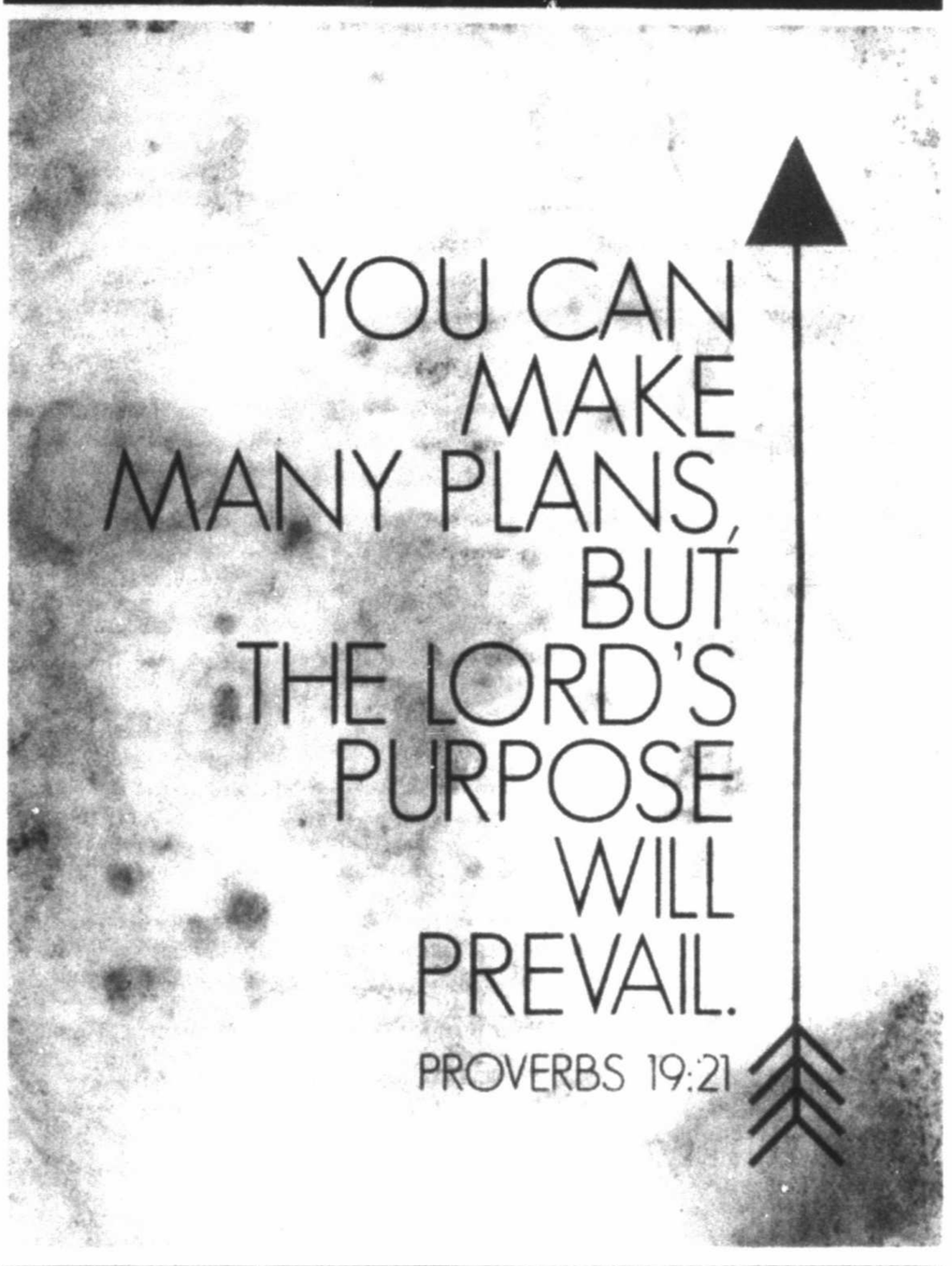

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praise can come from any voice. Much like the way hip-hop and Christianity became a big trend a few years ago. Have you had to deal with naysayers or critics of what you do?

Vasbotten: Surprisingly little. I think we've had one "semi public" debate back in Norway on a Christian online forum, but that was a small incident five years ago. Apart from that, there are maybe a couple messages in our Facebook inbox a year.

The criticism we get, we often feel, comes from a point of not understanding what we do and an overall negative perception of a music genre as a whole. With that, there is a fear that we with this impose the perceived values of EDM genre onto our audience.

MRT: How did you respond to any criticism that?

Vasbotten: We politely hear them out, explain our point of view. We believe God created music as a tool to unlock our hearts and different genres are keys that unlock different hearts.

MRT: EDM can often be without lyrics and just be a strong dance beat. How do you portray your message through those pieces?

Vasbotten: God can touch us through music without there having to be any worship lyrics or even a person of faith behind the song. I've had countless experiences of His presence listening to all kinds of music like jazz, pop, classical and techno.

Art can touch us, and it's beauty can be a witness of God's beauty. My God is so much bigger than the people who've made a certain piece of music, so I solely believe he can touch us through all great music — or great art for that matter.

MRT: What are your expectations for tonight's show or even Texas?

Vasbotten: We hope it will be an amazing experience for both the audience and ourselves and open doors into the United States for us.

But most of all, we hope that what we deliver, will touch or move someone a step closer to God. That's our mission.

MRT: Rock the Desert is a big festival in a somewhat small city. What will people see who have never experienced an EDM show?

Vasbotten: We are a high-energy show and an audio-visual experience. So it's not just the music, but the whole show. And of course, a new and different way of worshipping.

On Philanthropy: Reap benefits of donor-advised funds

By Bruce DeBoskey
Tribune News Service

In the philanthropic universe, there are many ways to give. The challenge becomes selecting the tool that best helps donors meet their unique philanthropic goals.

The fastest-growing tool in this arena is the widely acclaimed donor-advised fund. More than 270,000 DAFs have been created, with an estimated $79 billion now under management, making over $15 billion in grants each year.

DAFs are 501(c)(3) philanthropic accounts established at a public charity. They allow donors to make donations to the DAF and receive immediate tax deductions, usually larger than those available for donations to private foundations.

At that point, the DAF legally controls the money. At any later time, donors can advise the DAF regarding which specific charities should receive donations. The DAF usually follows the donor's advice about where donations should be made. DAFs offer the option of donating with complete anonymity. Many private foundations also utilize DAFs as an additional part of their giving strategy.

Contributed funds are held in the DAF account and invested for growth and stability. Under present law, there is no requirement that the funds be contributed to another charity within any particular time frame. The tax advantages of DAF contributions can be considerable and should be explored with your tax adviser.

DAFs can be found at national sponsoring organizations that are often associated with financial investment firms, such as Fidelity Charitable or Schwab Charitable, or at independent entities like the National Philanthropic Trust or the American Endowment Foundation. Your own financial advisor may maintain one. DAFs are also housed at many of the more than 700 community foundations across the United States.

All DAFs are not alike. They differ from each other in ways that depend on the provider. Before opening a DAF, ask several questions:

■ How much does it take to open a DAF? To open an account, DAFs typically require a range of $5,000 to $25,000. The minimums for subsequent donations are in much smaller increments.

■ What kind of assets may I contribute? All DAFs accept cash or publicly traded securities. Some DAFs are now accepting other assets — such as restricted or privately held stock, real estate, life insurance proceeds and tangible personal property such as art or other collectibles.

■ To what kinds of nonprofits can I direct my money? DAFs almost always accept donors' advice to contribute any amount to any 501(c)(3) charity approved by the IRS (although they are not required to). Some DAFs also honor requests for donations to international charities, scholarship funds and other charities.

■ Can my investment adviser manage my DAF investments? Not typically. However, some DAFs allow donors to select from different investment pools as a "home" for their funds, including some with social screens. Some DAFs allow donors to have their funds separately managed by their own investment advisers.

■ Can my DAF persist for future generations? DAFs differ in the number of subsequent generations to which their control may be passed. In many cases, this is a significant difference from private foundations.

■ Can my DAF make program- or mission-related investments? Some DAFs allow "impact investments" in their accounts, including low-interest loans to help nonprofits.

■ What fees are charged to manage my DAF? The fees for DAFs vary widely, with financial firms usually offering lower fees and community foundations charging more. The latter, however, often bring to the donor more community knowledge and philanthropy expertise.

■ Have the laws regarding DAFs changed? Today, there is no DAF payout requirement. However, proposals currently being discussed in Congress may result in a number of potential changes, including one requiring that contributions to DAFs be donated within five years.

■ Can my philanthropic adviser be involved with my DAF? Although some philanthropic consulting services may be offered by the DAF, they are usually limited in scope. Most DAFs are happy to include your philanthropic adviser in any discussions about your unique granting strategy including help with governance, multi-generational engagement, mission development, nonprofit research, impact evaluation and much more.

Establishing a DAF is a cost-effective way for donors to reap maximum tax benefits while supporting the causes they care about. Consider this popular option as a part of your overall philanthropic strategy.

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'Pope's choir' begins first US tour in 30 years

By Trisha Thomas
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican's Sistine Chapel Choir is embarking on its first U.S. tour in 30 years, hoping to show audiences in New York, Washington and Detroit that it has abandoned the habits that earned it a reputation as the "Sistine Screamers."

The Pontifical Musical Chapel Sistina, colloquially known as the "Pope's Choir," bills itself as the world's oldest choir, part of the tradition of liturgical choirs that have sung for pontiffs since the first centuries of the Roman Catholic Church..

Today, the group of 20 adults and 30 boys performs regularly in the Sistine Chapel below Michelangelo's masterpieces, at Masses the pope celebrates in St. Peter's Basilica and for international concert appearances.

Hearing the singers' dulcet tones today, it's hard to imagine they earned the nickname the "Sistine Screamers" a few years back for their habit of belting out their numbers operatically, relying on volume instead of technique.

"Truly, they were singing in a manner that had no relation to the old music," choir master Monsignor Massimo Palombella said.

To return the choir to its early glory in the 16th century, when the group attracted the best singers in Europe, Palombella did extensive research. He sifted through the Vatican archives, studying music manuscripts and analyzing the handwriting of Renaissance composers.

Obituaries

Darlene Kay White

Darlene Kay White, 61, of Midland, Texas, passed away early Sunday morning on July 30, 2017.

Darlene was born in Midland, Texas on December 15, 1955 to Henry and Carrie Bailey. She was married to James White, Sr. on August 6, 1984. They were married for almost 33 years.

Darlene was a long-time member of West Kentucky Baptist Church. We rejoice with her because we know that she had trusted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior, and we plan to be reunited with her someday in Heaven.

Darlene is preceded in death by her parents, Henry & Carrie Bailey; and her brother, Malley Bailey.

Darlene is survived by her husband, James White, Sr.; her children, Jason White, Rachel Gregory, and James White, Jr. She is also survived by her son-in-law, Marty; her grandchildren Jacob and Emily; and her brothers, Daryl and Richard and her sisters, Charlotte and Arlene. She is also survived by numerous other family and friends.

A closed-casket visitation will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery with Bro. Bob Porterfield officiating.

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

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All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Willie A. Long

Willie Alvin Long (Sam) passed away at the age of 71 on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at Midland Memorial West Campus from a lengthy illness.

He was born in Waco, Texas November 10, 1945. He was the only child to Mary Childers and Willie Long, Sr. He attended Booker T. Washington Elementary and Carver Junior Senior High School in Midland, Texas. He played football at Carver High as a running back. He was such a good football player his teammates and coaches gave him the nickname "Buffalo." He played softball for 15 years on various teams and he earned numerous trophies for most valuable player and the most home run hits.

He was an auto mechanic for Mid-Tex parts and service for 31 years and was named the Best African American auto mechanic in Midland in 1984. His hobby was working on his hot rods.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 53 years, Mary Long; his children, Lenny Long, Willie Long II,(Teresa) Cassandra Merchant, and Beverly Penn(Billy); 15 grandchildren, 25 great-grandkids, and a host of relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Willie Long; mother, Mary; stepfather, Richard Henderson; and daughter, Lasaundria Long.

Viewing will be Friday, August 4, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home.

Family will be receiving friends for visitation on Friday, August 4, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Funeral service is set for Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church with Reverend Bill Palmer officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.*

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Death Notices

Estanislado "Stan" Natividad

Estanislado "Stan" Natividad, 76, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, August 2, 2017.

Viewing will be from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Friday, August 4, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory in Midland.

Funeral service will be 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Midland.

Michael Carlton King

Michael Carlton King, 47, of Midland, Texas passed away July 27, 2017 in Midland. He was born November 8, 1969 in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Services will be held at a later date by the family.

Local arrangements entrusted to Distinctive Funeral Choices, 1506 N. Grandview, Odessa, TX 79761.

CALENDAR

Aug. 4-10

Today

Rock the Desert Festival 2017 through Saturday at RTD grounds, 2000 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $30 general admission, $50-$850 VIP packages. rockthedesert.com.

Saturday

Midland Downtown Farmers Market: Dog Days of Summer. Dog day at the market will feature a best dressed pup contest. Sara Rachel performs. The market is open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Aug. 5. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Yoga classes are offered weekly. 9 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. Free. uumidland.org.

Sunday

"Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God" for children in pre-K through sixth grade. 6. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Online registration available. St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1701 N. Main St. Stmumc.com.

Monday

"Super Kids Save the World:" Trashion Show. Children create eco-friendly clothes and jewelry. "Super Kids" is a collaborative exhibition with Keep Midland Beautiful and the library. 1 p.m. Aug. 7 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. To register, email asizemore@keepmidlandbeautiful.org. Free.

Give Back Mondays benefiting Freedom Service Dogs, a nonprofit that rescues dogs and trains them to provide assistance to children, veterans, active duty soldiers and those with disabilities. Proceeds from drink sales will be donated to the organization's adult literacy program. 4 p.m. at The Blue Door, 4610 N. Garfield Road. 21 and older.

Grief Support six-week session, 6:30-8 p.m. Hospice Midland. hospiceofmidland.org.

Belly Dancing Class, 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. uumidland.org.

Tuesday

"Super Kids Save the World:" Potato Porcupine Class is a craft class that also teaches about composting. "Super Kids" is a collaborative exhibition with Keep Midland Beautiful and the library. 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. To register, email asizemore@keepmidlandbeautiful.org. Free.

Teach On! Continuing Education for Teachers: Arts and Music explores how fine arts teachers can combine music, visual arts and other Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) into warm-ups, games, and projects for their classrooms. Content is geared toward elementary fine arts educators and can be adapted to a wide range of age groups and provides five hours CPE credit. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $20. museumsw.org.

Wednesday

Caregiver Support group, noon-1 p.m. at Hospice Midland, 911 W Texas Ave.. hospiceofmidland.org.

"Wednesday Night Live: Walk with Jesus" for ages 3 to sixth grade. 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug.16. Online registration available. Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Road. ccofm.com

Thursday

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

Teach On! Continuing Education for Teachers: Creative Writing uses resources from the Museum of the Southwest to enhance writing programs in both the fine arts and general classrooms in grades K through fifth. Learn how to engage students through warm-ups, games, activities and lessons that use works of art to enhance observational skills, vocabulary and imagination. Workshop participants will use poetry, expository writing, persuasive writing, and narrative writing to respond to works of art and will use the creation of art to visualize and analyze text.and provides four hours CPE credit. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $20. museumsw.org.

The 17th annual "An Evening with ..." features former Dallas Cowboy DeMarcus Ware. The benefits Centers for Children and Families and will also features live and silent auctions, a cork pull, live music and dancing. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a reception; dinner is at 7 p.m. at the Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. centerstx.org.

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at jrlopez@mrt.com

CORREU

From 1B

Ministering at churches in Houston, Silsbee and Navasota from the late 1950s into the late 1960s, Correu "was a bit of a trailblazer about civil rights," his daughter said. "He was very open-minded and wanted everyone to be included."

Moving to Richmond, Virginia, in 1968, Correu worked for the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education and attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in the summer, receiving a master's degree in deaf education in 1973 while doing work with hearing-impaired children in the public school system.

Moving back to Texas in 1974, Correu was the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Ballinger for almost 10 years, learning to play tennis while he was there.

"He was in his 40s when he discovered tennis," Crownover said. "It became a passion for him."

Correu was ministering at First Presbyterian Church in Del Rio when he was invited to apply for the executive director position at SAILS.

"It was a complete shift in his career," his daughter said. "It was such a passion he had, working for people with all sorts of disabilities."

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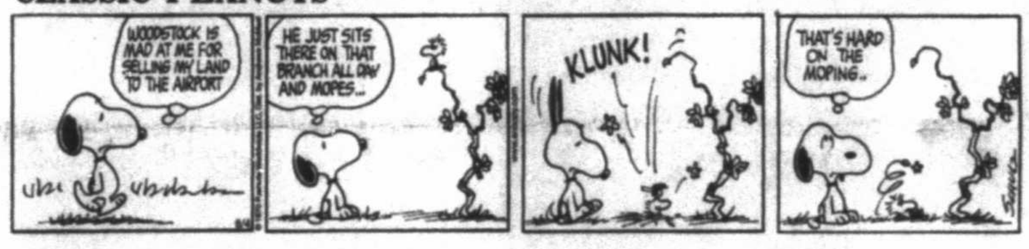

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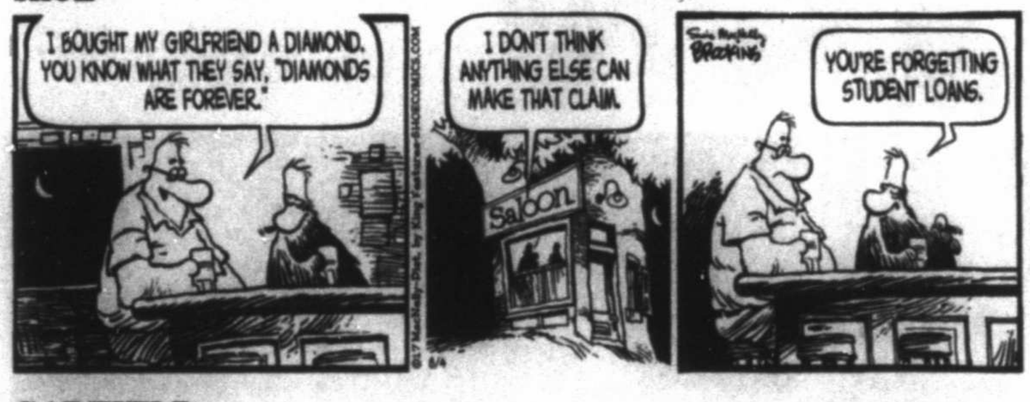

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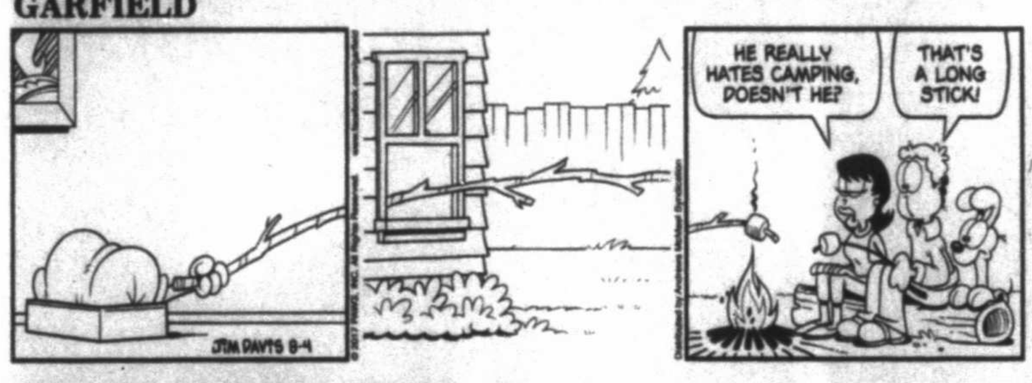

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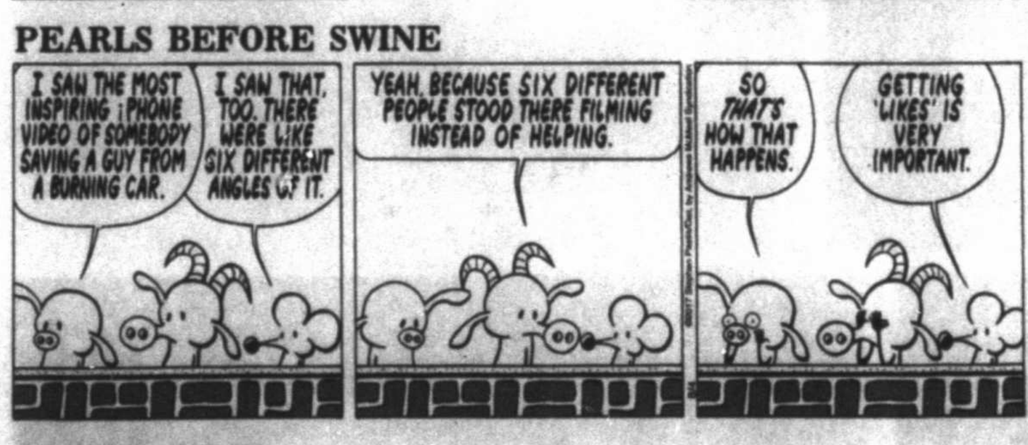

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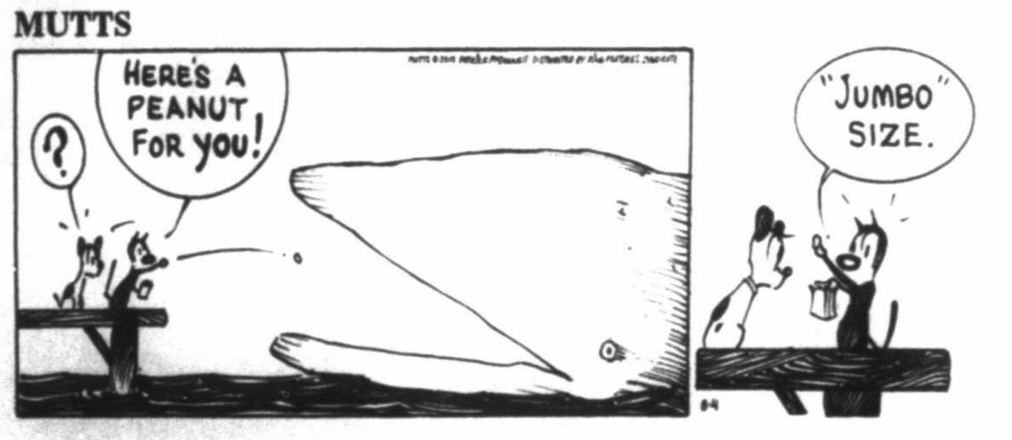


CLOSE TO HOME

"The dishes? Oh yeah, I got 'em all cleaned up."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"THEY SAY TO 'LOVE THY NEIGHBOR,' BUT IT DOESN'T SAY IT CAN'T BE TOUGH LOVE!"

LOCKHORNS

"HELLO, MURRAY? IT'S LEROY FROM NEXT DOOR... CAN YOU CALL OVER HERE AND ASK LORETTA TO KEEP IT DOWN?"

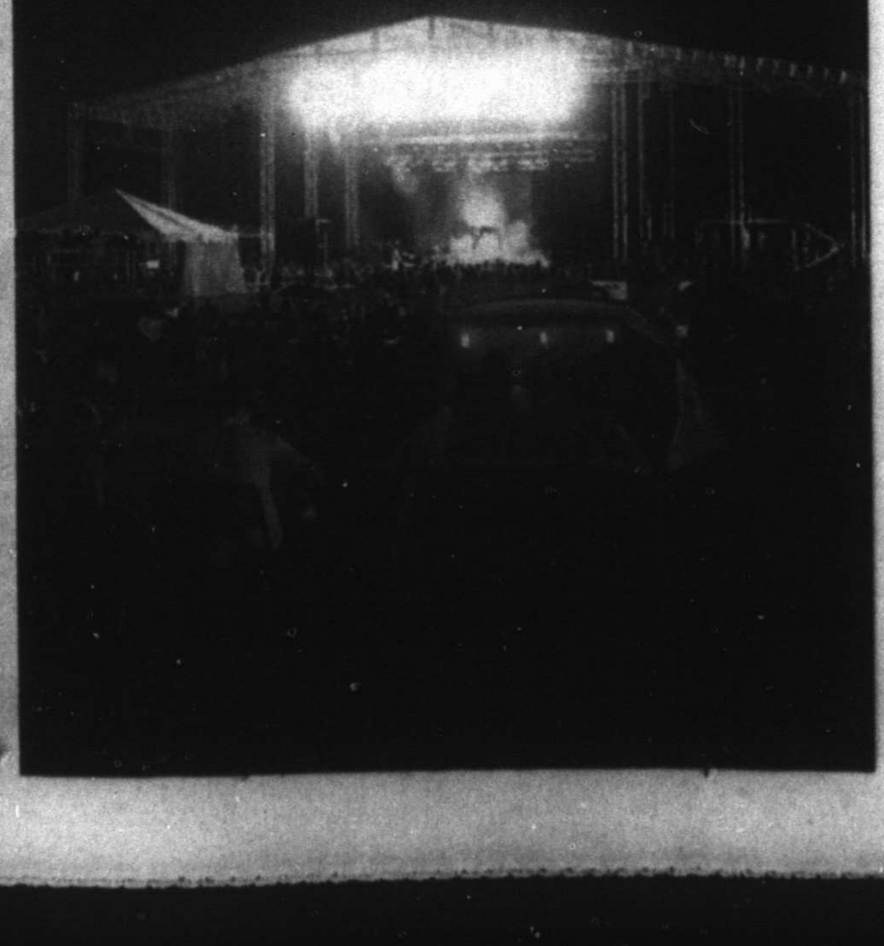
FAMILY CIRCUS

"We're gonna play inside till the rain warms up."

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

ROCK THE DESERT

The Devil Wears Prada performs Thursday during Rock The Desert, a Christian music festival.



Past champions vie for Men's City Championship

By Christopher Hadorn
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There will be a new champion of the Star Electric Midland Men's City Golf Championship this year.

Jay McHugh, the 2015 and 2016 champion of the tournament, won't be back to defend his crown today through Sunday at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Despite McHugh's absence, the championship flight field will still have its share of past champions at the 58th annual tournament that will be played on both the Roadrunner and Quail Courses at Hogan Park.

Rick Houston and Omar Sanchez highlight a field of 22 championship flight golfers that will vie to become the 2017 champion when the tournament tees off at 1:15 p.m. today on Roadrunner.

Houston and Sanchez are both three-time city champions and each have won in consecutive years in the past.

Sanchez, a former Midland College golfer, will be playing for the first time since 2012 when he won.

Sanchez, who graduated from Lee in 2001, also claimed tournament titles in 2002 and 2003.

"I like it for one because I just grew up out there," Sanchez said. "That is where I learned to play golf. Two, it's just a good individual tournament."

Sanchez says he has scaled back his competitive tournaments in recent years, as the Tall City native played at Columbus State in Georgia under coach Mark Immelman, the brother of 2008 Masters champion Trevor Immelman.

"I'm in town and I haven't played in very many tournaments, so I thought I would give it a chance," Sanchez said. "I like the individual part of it because I don't play in that many individual tournaments anymore. I also like the camaraderie of the guys, being back at my old stomping grounds."

Meanwhile, Houston won the tournament in 2009, 2010 and 2013.

Houston will be joined in the championship flight by his son Coleman Houston, who just completed his sophomore season at Midland College.

"He doesn't hit it off-line very often," Hogan Park pro and tournament director Greg Sikes said of Rick Houston. "He's just solid. He works hard at his game."

In addition to Sanchez and

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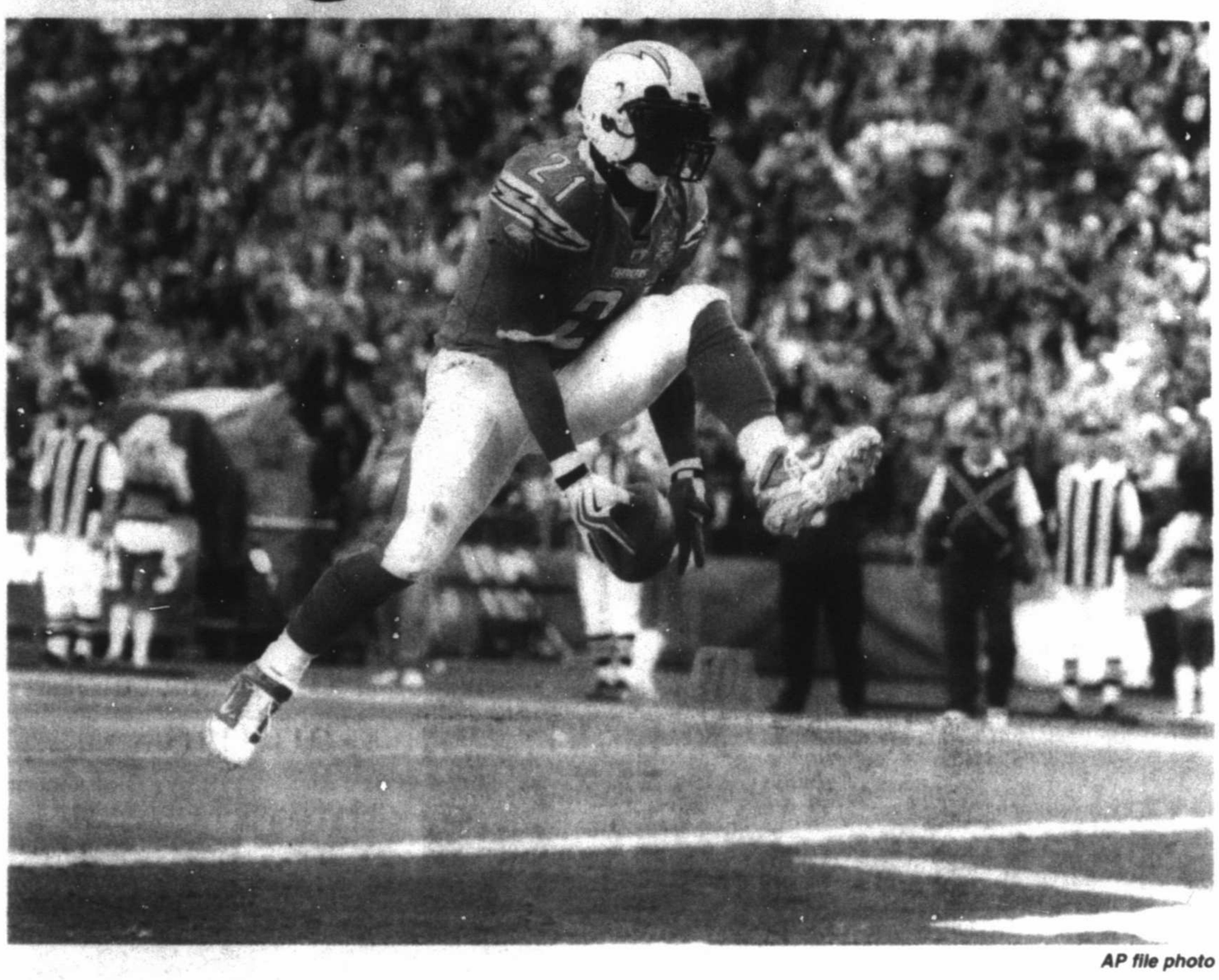
MRT file photo

Omar Sanchez lines up a putt during the final round of the Midland Men's City Championship in 2012 at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Charger until the end



AP file photo

San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson celebrates his second touchdown during the third quarter of a game against the Kansas City Chiefs in 2009 in San Diego, Calif. Tomlinson will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday.

HOF Series: Tomlinson loyal to his old team despite LA area move

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — One of the greatest moments in San Diego Chargers history came on Dec. 10, 2006, when LaDainian Tomlinson swept left and into the record book.

With the capacity crowd at Qualcomm Stadium on its feet, Tomlinson scored his third touchdown of the day and his 29th of the season, breaking the NFL's single-season record.

He was engulfed by his massive offensive linemen, hoisted onto their shoulders and carried toward the sideline. Tomlinson held the ball high in his right hand while waving his left index finger as the crowd chanted "L.T.! L.T.!" and "MVP! MVP!"

Tomlinson finished with 31 touchdowns, 28 rushing, in one of the greatest seasons in NFL history. He also ran away with the Most Valuable Player Award.

Those magical days are long gone, as are the San Diego Chargers. They officially ceased to exist on Jan. 12, when chairman Dean Spanos announced he was moving the team to a Los Angeles suburb.

The San Diego Chargers will live on, though, through players such as Tomlinson, who will be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Many fans are still angry at Spanos for bailing for Los Angeles, where the Chargers will play in a 30,000-seat soccer stadium before moving into a stadium being built by Rams owner Stan Kroenke. Some have been further incensed because Tomlinson, once universally beloved in San Diego, has taken a job as a special assistant to Spanos.

Tomlinson said he isn't conflicted in the slightest as he prepares to accept his Hall of Fame bust.

"I'm going in as a San Diego Charger because that's who I played for," Tomlinson said. "And I recognize that you cannot erase the history of 56 years in San Diego. However, I do realize that I now work for Dean Spanos and the L.A. Chargers, and so there's no conflict there. I know who I played for, but now in my retirement I now work for the L.A. Chargers, who, in my mind they're

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Cowboys beat Cardinals 20-18 in Hall of Fame game

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — The NFL is back, sort of.

With no stars and few starters on the field Thursday night, the Dallas Cowboys edged the Arizona Cardinals 20-18 in the Hall of Fame game.

At least the turf held up — unlike a year ago, when the game was canceled for safety reasons. The new field passed NFL operations directors' approval, and the footing was steady.

Rookie Sam Irwin-Hill, unlikely to beat out Dallas veteran Dan Bailey for the placekicking job, made field goals of 23 and 43 yards, the latter providing the winning points in the fourth quarter.

The opening half featured a handful of big plays, with Arizona's third-string quarterback, Blaine Gabbert, consistently finding open receivers down the middle.

"There were a couple specific plays by the defense on those first couple of drives," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "Blown assignments on a big third-down conversion, and it wasn't physical enough. It wasn't aggressive enough."

Dallas' Kellen Moore, who missed last season with an ankle injury, had some success passing down the sidelines, but his second-quarter interception by Brandon Williams in the end zone ruined a drive.

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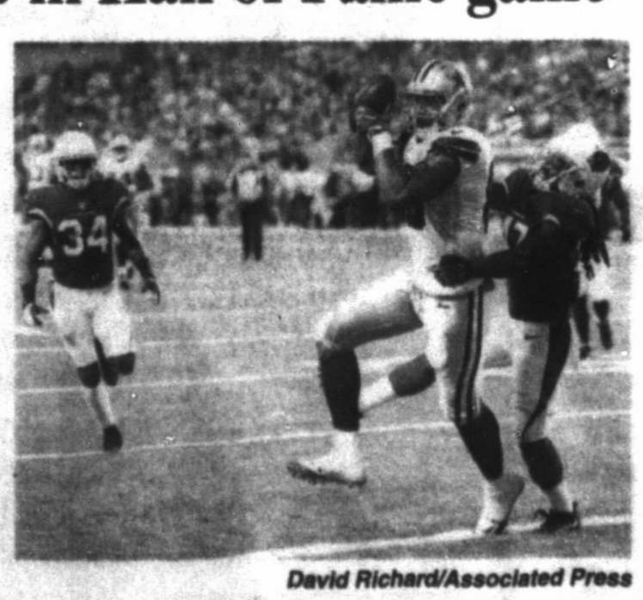

David Richard/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys tight end Rico Gathers (80) catches a 26-yard touchdown pass while defended by Arizona Cardinals safety Ironhead Gallon during the first half of the Hall of Fame game Thursday in Canton, Ohio.

Dolphins QB Ryan Tannehill reinjures left knee in practice

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins quarterback and Big Spring grad Ryan Tannehill reinjured his left knee in practice Thursday when it buckled as he scrambled and fell without being hit.

Tannehill walked slowly off the field accompanied by trainers. He underwent an MRI, and the Dolphins were awaiting results.

Tannehill

"You see your quarterback go down, you think the worst," tight end MarQueis Gray said. "He's in all of our prayers, and we hope he's back on the field."

Tannehill missed last season's final four games, including a playoff loss at Pittsburgh, after spraining two ligaments in his left knee. He decided against surgery and took part in all offseason drills.

He was wearing a brace when his knee seemed to give out near the right sideline while running full speed to escape tackle Ndamukong Suh. Tannehill stayed on the ground at least 15 seconds surrounded by teammates before rising and leaving the field.

"I saw him buckle and go down. There was no contact on the play," offensive coordinator Clyde Christensen said. "The initial reaction is, 'OK, next man up.' That's football. It's going to happen somewhere in this season. The game doesn't stop. You go on to the next play. And then obviously my personal thing is, 'Boy, I sure hope it isn't serious.'"

The injury occurred during the seventh practice of training camp.

Matt Moore, an 11th-year veteran, went 2-2 as a starter replacing Tannehill last year and remains the backup.

"There's a reason we have Matt Moore here," Christensen said. "We hope he never has to play, and if he does he'll be ready."

The Dolphins were already without 1,000-yard rusher Jay Ajayi, sidelined since Monday by a concussion. Their top lineman, center Mike Pouncey, has seen extremely limited activity as he returns from hip surgery.

The Dolphins spent several weeks after last season assessing the extent of Tannehill's ACL and MCL sprains before ruling out surgery, which could have jeopardized his availability for the start of this season. Tannehill rehabilitated the partially torn ligaments, underwent stem cell treatments and has been saying since May he felt 100 percent.

"Dealing with an injury like that for the first time, it was a tough process for me," Tannehill said last week after the first practice of training camp. "But the building, everyone around me, really supported me throughout that whole process. I'm glad to be back out here and feeling really healthy again."

If Tannehill's injury leaves the Dolphins in the market to sign another quarterback for depth, candidates include Colin Kaepernick, who parted ways with the San Francisco 49ers in March and remains unsigned. His decision last season to kneel during the national anthem to protest police brutality prompted national debate.

Last week, Dolphins owner Stephen Ross said he hoped Kaepernick wasn't being punished by teams for his politics.

"I know that a lot has been written about it, but you know owners or coaches — they'll do anything it takes to win," Ross said. "And if they think he can help them win, I would hope they would sign him."

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THURSDAY'S SCORE
San Antonio 5, Midland 3

TODAY'S GAME
San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.

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San Antonio 5, Midland 3	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 2 p.m.	Midland at NW Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Essendon vs. Carlton, 11 p.m., FS2

BOXING
Mauricio Herrera vs. Jesus Soto Karass, 8 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Hamilton at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

CYCLING
Tour of Utah, Stage 5: Layton to Bountiful, 1 p.m., FS2

GOLF
PGA: WGC Bridgestone Invitational, 2nd Round, 3 p.m., GOLF
PGA: Barracuda Championship, 2nd Round, 5:30 p.m., GOLF
Champions: 3M Championship, 1st Round, 8 p.m., GOLF

HOCKEY
Sweden vs. Canada, Noon, NHL
Finland vs. USA, 3 p.m., NHL

HORSE RACING
Saratoga Live: National Museum of Racing Stakes, 3 p.m., FS2
Little League World Series
Colorado/Texas East loser vs. Texas West/Mississippi loser, 5 p.m., LHN
Louisiana/Oklahoma loser vs. Arkansas/New Mexico loser, 8 p.m., LHN

MLB
Washington at Chicago Cubs, 1 p.m., MLB
NY Yankees at Cleveland, 6 p.m., MLB
Texas at Minnesota, 7 p.m., FSSW
Toronto at Houston, 7 p.m., AT&T

MEN'S SOCCER
Ligue 1: AS Monaco FC vs. Toulouse FC, 1:40 p.m., beIN, beIN2
Liga MX: CF Monarcas Morelia vs. Santos Laguna, 6:30 p.m., UDN
Ascenso MX: Venados FC vs. CS y D Dorados de Sinaloa, 8:30 p.m., GolTV
Liga MX: Tijuana vs. Monterrey, 8:40 p.m., UDN

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
Legacy Fighting Alliance 18, 8 p.m., AXS

MOTORSPORTS
NHRA: Northwest Nationals, Qualifying, 8 p.m., FS1

RUGBY
Super League: Leeds vs. Wigan, 1:30 p.m., FSP
NRL: Gold Coast vs. Brisbane, 2:30 a.m., FSP
NRL: Cronulla-Sutherland vs. Canberra, 4:30 a.m., FSP

TENNIS
ATP: Citi Open, Quarterfinals, 1 p.m., TENNIS
ATP: Abierto Mexicano Mifel, Semifinals, 8:30 p.m., beIN, beIN2

TRACK AND FIELD
IAAF World Championships: London, Night 1, 12:30 p.m., OLYHD
IAAF World Championships: London, Morning 2, 4 a.m., NBCSN

VOLLEYBALL
FIVB Women's World Grand Prix: China vs. Netherlands, 6:30 a.m., OLYHD

WNBA
Washington at San Antonio, 7 p.m., NBAtv
New York at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

ON RADIO

MLB
Texas at Minnesota, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/1400 AM (Lamesa)
Toronto at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

Golf

Midland Men's City Golf Championship, Hogan Park

TOP 25 COACHES POLL

The preseason Amway Top 25 football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, final 2016 records, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and last season's final ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (49)	14-1	1603	2
2. Ohio State (5)	11-2	1512	6
3. Florida State (4)	10-3	1434	8
4. Southern Cal	10-3	1415	5
5. Clemson (7)	14-1	1367	1
6. Penn State	11-3	1257	7
7. Washington	12-2	1245	4
8. Oklahoma	11-2	1237	3
9. Michigan	10-3	959	10
10. Wisconsin	11-3	936	9
11. Oklahoma State	10-3	912	11
12. LSU	8-4	834	14
13. Auburn	8-5	819	22
14. Stanford	10-3	732	12
15. Georgia	8-5	701	NR
16. Florida	9-4	681	13
17. Louisville	9-4	676	20
18. Miami	9-4	472	23
19. Kansas State	9-4	339	NR
20. West Virginia	10-3	319	17
21. South Florida	11-2	247	19
22. Virginia Tech	10-4	235	16
23. Texas	5-7	193	NR
24. Tennessee	9-4	155	24
25. Utah	9-4	109	21

Others receiving votes: Washington State 99, Colorado 72, TCU 58, Boise State 49, Notre Dame 49, Texas A&M 46, Pittsburgh 45, N.C. State 39, Oregon 37, Northwestern 25, Nebraska 23, Memphis 22, Arkansas 22, Mississippi State 19, San Diego State 18, Appalachian State 11, BYU 10, Georgia Tech 10, Tulsa 10, Wyoming 9, Western Michigan 8, Temple 8, North Carolina 8, Houston 7, Troy 6, Minnesota 6, Iowa 5, Louisiana Tech 4, Syracuse 3, Arizona 2, Army 1, Colorado State 1, Michigan State 1, Maryland 1, Toledo 1, UCLA 1.

LOCAL CONNECTION

BAWCOM SIGNS WITH A'S ORGANIZATION

Greenwood grad and former Midland College standout Logan Bawcom has signed a minor league contract with the Oakland A's and has joined Triple-A Nashville.

Bawcom, a 28-year-old right-handed relief pitcher, was released by the San Diego Padres organization earlier this week despite having a solid year with the El Paso Chihuahuas. Bawcom was 1-3 with a 2.70 ERA with two saves in 36 game appearances in El Paso.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

DETROIT TIGERS — Placed RHP Michael Fulmer on the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of RHP Edward Mujica from Toledo (IL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent OF Aaron Hicks to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) for a rehab assignment.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Reinstated RHP Kendall Graveman from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Daniel Gossett to Nashville (PCL).

SEATTLE MARINERS — Assigned RHP Evan Marshall outright to Tacoma (PCL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent 2B Daniel Robertson to Durham (IL) for a rehab assignment.

TEXAS RANGERS — Activated RHP A.J. Griffin from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Clayton Blackburn to Round Rock (PCL).

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned RHP Leonel Campos to Buffalo (IL).

National League

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Paolo Espino and LHP Wei-Chung Wang to Colorado Springs (PCL). Assigned RHP Wily Peralta and OF Kirk Nieuwenhuis outright to Colorado Springs. Reinstated RHP Matt Garza from the 10-day DL.

NEW YORK METS — Assigned LHP Josh Edgin outright to Las Vegas (PCL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP Drew Anderson to Reading (EL) and OF Cameron Perkins to Lehigh Valley (IL). Reinstated OF Daniel Nava from the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Edubray Ramos from Lehigh Valley.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned 3B Jae-Gyun Hwang to Sacramento (PCL). Designated 3B Conor Gillaspie for assignment. Recalled 3B Ryder Jones from Sacramento. Reinstated OF Jarrett Parker from the 60-day DL.

American Association

CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Signed C Mitch Abeita.

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released RHP Cody McPartland.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Signed RHP Gavin Pittore.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Sent INF Jake McGuiggan to New Britain to complete an earlier trade.

Can-Am League

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed RHP Kevin Kelleher.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BOARD OF GOVERNORS — Approved the relocation of the Detroit Pistons from The Palace of Auburn Hills to Little Caesars Arena in downtown Detroit.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Waived/injured RB Joel Bouagnon. Signed RB Joshua Rounds.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Waived DE T.J. Daniel. Placed WR Deante Gray on injured reserve. Removed LB Dayon Pratt from the PUP list.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Placed LS Carson Tinker on injured reserve. Waived/injured RB I'Tavius Mathers. Signed LS Matt Overton and G Malcolm Bunche.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Signed CB Justin Thomas and WR C.J. Germany. Waived FB Zach Laskey. Placed DL Dominique Easley on injured reserve.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Agreed to terms with S Corey Graham on a one-year.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Waived WR Bruce Ellington.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Released Ss Josh Evans and Earl Wolff IV. Waived-injured DB Lou Young III. Signed Ss Stefan McClure and Tim Scott.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Announced the retirement of F Mike Fisher.

American Hockey League

STOCKTON HEAT — Signed coach Ryan Huska to a contract extension. Named Cail MacLean assistant coach, James Borrelli trainer, Kohl Schultz video analyst and Mitch MacLeod assistant equipment manager.

ECHL

ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Agreed to terms with F Alex Garcek and D Ben Danford on one-year contracts.

READING ROYALS — Acquired the rights to D Nolan Zajac from Wichita for the rights to F Justin Crandall.

SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Traded F Steven McFarland to Idaho for D Travis Walsh.

COLLEGE

ALBANY (NY) — Named Amy Nicklin assistant field hockey coach.

CLEMSON — Named Terrell McIntyre director of men's basketball player development.

COKER — Named Austin Wise and Jessica Biggers assistant directors of athletics media relations.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Named Kyle Bailey associate head men's tennis coach.

MEMPHIS — Named Alex Winchell director of women's basketball operations and Tyler Kopatich women's basketball video coordinator.

PENN STATE — Named Dr. Carl Ohlson assistant athletic director for performance psychology services.

Former heavyweight world champion Wladimir Klitschko retires

By Geir Moulson and James Ellingworth
Associated Press

BERLIN — Former heavyweight world champion Wladimir Klitschko announced his immediate retirement from boxing on Thursday.

The decision ends an era when the Klitschko name alone could guarantee one of the biggest fights of the year. At their peak, Klitschko and his brother Vitali held all of the major heavyweight titles between them.

Klitschko

Klitschko, who retired with a 64-5 record, lost his titles to Tyson Fury in 2015 and failed to regain the WBA and IBF belts in April, when Anthony Joshua beat him by an 11th-round technical knockout.

Klitschko had been lined up for a rematch against Joshua, who will now likely face mandatory challenger Kubrat Pulev.

"As an amateur and a professional boxer, I have achieved everything I dreamed of, and now I want to start my second career after sports," Klitschko said in a statement released by his management.

He said that he had deliberately taken a few weeks to reach a decision "to make sure I had enough distance from the (first Joshua) fight at Wembley Stadium."

An amateur boxing star in his youth, Klitschko turned pro in 1996 after he won the Olympic gold in Atlanta.

His early professional career passed in a blur, with 16 victories in 13 months. He won his first world title in 2000, beating Chris Byrd on points for the WBO belt six months after Byrd had taken the title from Klitschko's brother Vitali.

Defeats to Corrie Sanders in 2003 and Lamon Brewster in 2004 raised doubts whether Klitschko had the resilience to box at the top level. He answered the doubters with an 11-year unbeaten run from that defeat to Brewster, beating contenders such as Ruslan Chagaev and David Haye along the way with a methodical, tactical style.

He never fought his brother Vitali, saying that would break a promise to their mother.

The brothers' hard-hitting style inside the ring and relaxed, multilingual approach outside it made them famous beyond boxing. Wladimir Klitschko even made a cameo appearance in a 2007 romantic comedy movie in the brothers' adopted home of Germany.

Showing the international approach that helped make him such a marketable athlete, Klitschko released his farewell video Thursday in three languages — English, German and Russian.

He helped out when his older brother went into politics, addressing crowds alongside Wladimir Klitschko's fiancee, the U.S. actress Hayden Panettiere, during anti-government protests in Ukraine in 2013. Vitali Klitschko has since become mayor of the Ukrainian capital Kiev.

Wladimir Klitschko's departure opens up the heavyweight scene, with Joshua now likely to face Bulgarian Pulev in the coming months. Pulev's only loss in 26 fights was against Klitschko in 2014.

"It may not be the fan favorite fight, but it's one we need to get through to get to better things," Joshua said Thursday.

COWBOYS

From 1C

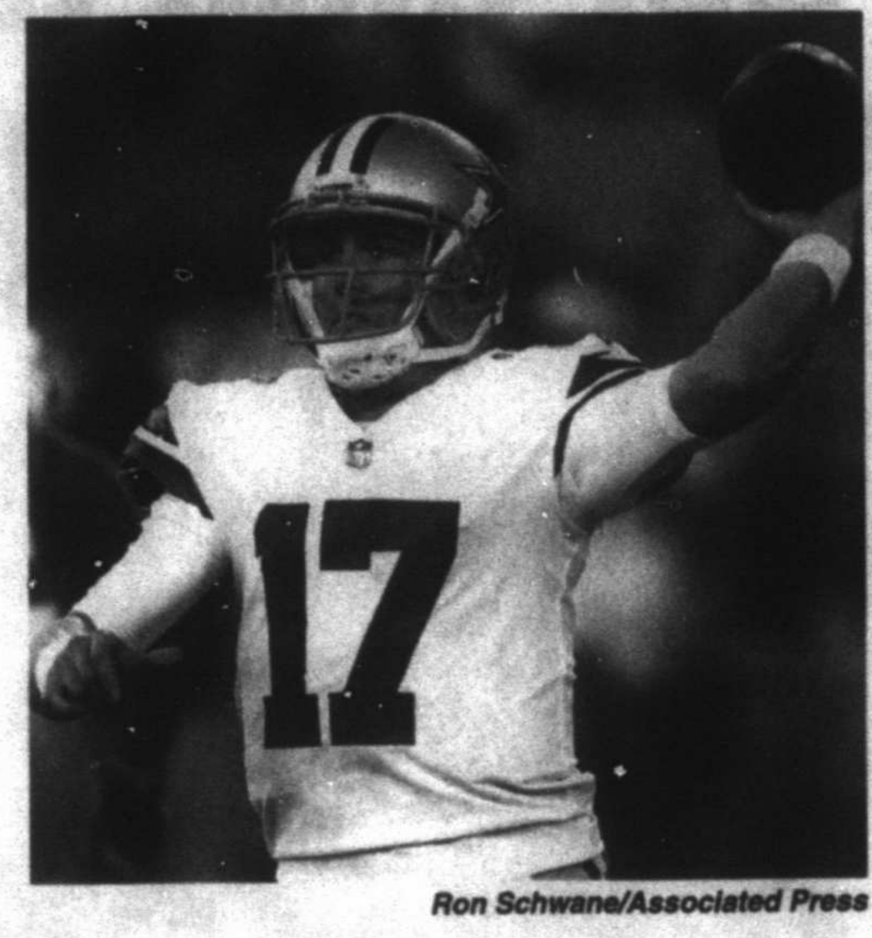
With the likes of Carson Palmer, Larry Fitzgerald, David Johnson, Patrick Peterson and Tyrann Mathieu sitting it out, Arizona could be pleased with the work of backup running backs Kerwynn Williams and Andre Ellington, who both scored on short runs.

"It was great to see the offense move the ball and get touchdowns on those first two drives," Fitzgerald said. "O-line, running game, passing the ball, that was impressive and I'm happy for every one of those guys."

And with Dak Prescott, Ezekiel Elliott, Jason Witten, Sean Lee and their strong offensive line pretty much inactive, the Cowboys could point to veteran RB Alfred Morris and receivers Brice Butler and Rico Gathers.

Morris showed off a spin move worthy of Elliott on a 25-yard run, Butler had 78 yards on two catches in the first half , and Gathers, a hoops starter at Baylor, made a 26-yard touchdown catch.

Gathers also made a diving reception and slipped a pair of tackles on a 17-yard play early in the third period . That led to Uzoma Nwachukwu's 14-yard TD catch from fourth-string rookie Cooper Rush. The former rebounding standout had three catches for 59 yards.


Ron Schwane/Associated Press
Dallas Cowboys quarterback Kellen Moore (17) throws against the Arizona Cardinals during the first half of the Hall of Fame game Thursday in Canton, Ohio.

Generally, though, it was a sloppy exercise befitting the lack of star power.

PREGAME INTROS: Owner Jerry Jones drew the loudest cheers — no surprise considering the overwhelmingly pro-Cowboys crowd of 21,126 at the renovated Hall of Fame Stadium — in pregame introductions of the seven men who will be inducted into the shrine Saturday night.

Jones, Terrell Davis, Kurt Warner, Kenny Easley, LaDainian Tomlinson, Jason Taylor and Morten Andersen walked along midfield between the competing teams, often shaking hands with current players.

Hall of Famer Jackie Smith, who played tight end for both the Cowboys and Cardinals, performed a rousing national anthem.

TAKE A TABLET: Referee Jerome Boger was the first to use a Microsoft Surface tablet to handle replay reviews under a new NFL system. Final say on calls is being made by the officiating staff in New York, in consultation with the referee.

Dallas challenged a down-by-contact call in the third quarter that negated a Cardinals fumble. The verdict came quickly and the call was confirmed.

GO FOR 2: Arizona kicked the extra point after its second touchdown, but Dallas lined up illegally. So the half-the-distance penalty brought the ball inside the 2-yard line. Gabbert threw incomplete, but another flag was thrown for interference. Then Gabbert sneaked in from about the 1 to make it 15-0.

UP NEXT: Dallas hosts Indianapolis in the first full week of preseason games on Aug. 19. Arizona hosts Chicago that night.

TOMLINSON

From 1C

the Chargers.

"To me it's always been about the lightning bolt. And that's my thought about conflict and what not."

But Tomlinson, inspired in his youth by watching Walter Payton and Emmitt Smith, said it hasn't been easy.

"It's been a lot of, I won't say sleepless nights, but tossing and turning sometimes at night wondering if I'm making the right decision," Tomlinson said. "But at the end of the day, I love both. I have the bolt tattoo on my calf, there's no secret about that. There's a part of me that always will be. But the same goes with the community. I came were as a 21-year-old kid and I left a 30-year-old man. So I learned how to be a man in this community. So I'm kind of torn. I can't have one without the other. The Chargers were here for 56 years and it's hard to just get over that.

"I completely understand how people are feeling. My hope is that one day they can start to forgive. People want me to choose a side, but that's not who I am at the core of my soul and spirit. I can't chose either side. I want to be on both sides. But I understand how people are feeling right now. My hope is they can forgive me because I feel like I'm doing something right."

According to the Hall of Fame, the only other person to be enshrined the same year that the team he played for relocated was Orlando Pace from the class of 2016. His St. Louis Rams moved back to L.A. last season.

Tomlinson played nine mostly brilliant seasons for the Chargers (2001-2009) before being released for salary cap reasons and because his role had decreased. He played two seasons with the New York Jets before retiring.

Tomlinson rushed for 12,490 yards and 138 touchdowns with the Chargers, club records by far. He won NFL rushing titles in 2006 and '07.

He said he still gets nostalgic when he's in San Diego, "especially when I pass by Qualcomm. It's something you can never forget. Those old feelings that I have, they're still there. The interesting thing about it when I'm here, I have a certain smell. It's really weird. There's a certain smell like when I used to go to the game, it was game day. I had a certain smell in the air that told me it's time to play ball.

"I still have that same feeling, that smell, sometimes when I come here. It's like I'm getting ready for a game but I'm not. There's so much history here that I can never erase."

Tomlinson helped the Chargers rebuild after the nightmarish Ryan Leaf years and a 1-15 finish in 2000. The Chargers took Tomlinson with the fifth pick overall in the 2001 draft after trading the top pick to Atlanta, which used it on Michael Vick.

Tomlinson finished his career with 13,684 yards rushing, fifth all-time, on 3,174 carries. His 145 rushing touchdowns rank second and his 163 total TDs are third, behind Jerry Rice (208) and Emmitt Smith (175).

Hall of Fame numbers for sure.

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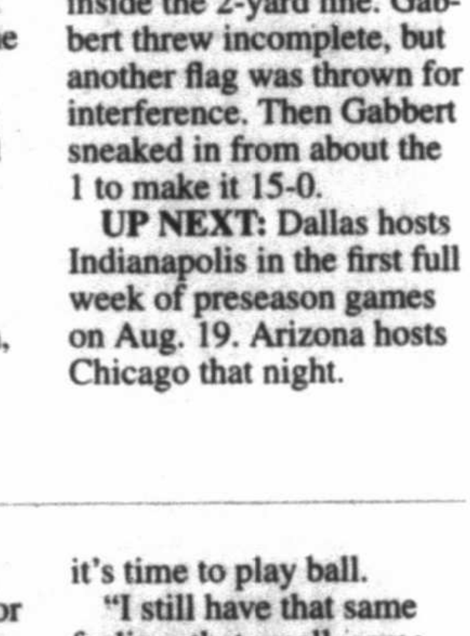
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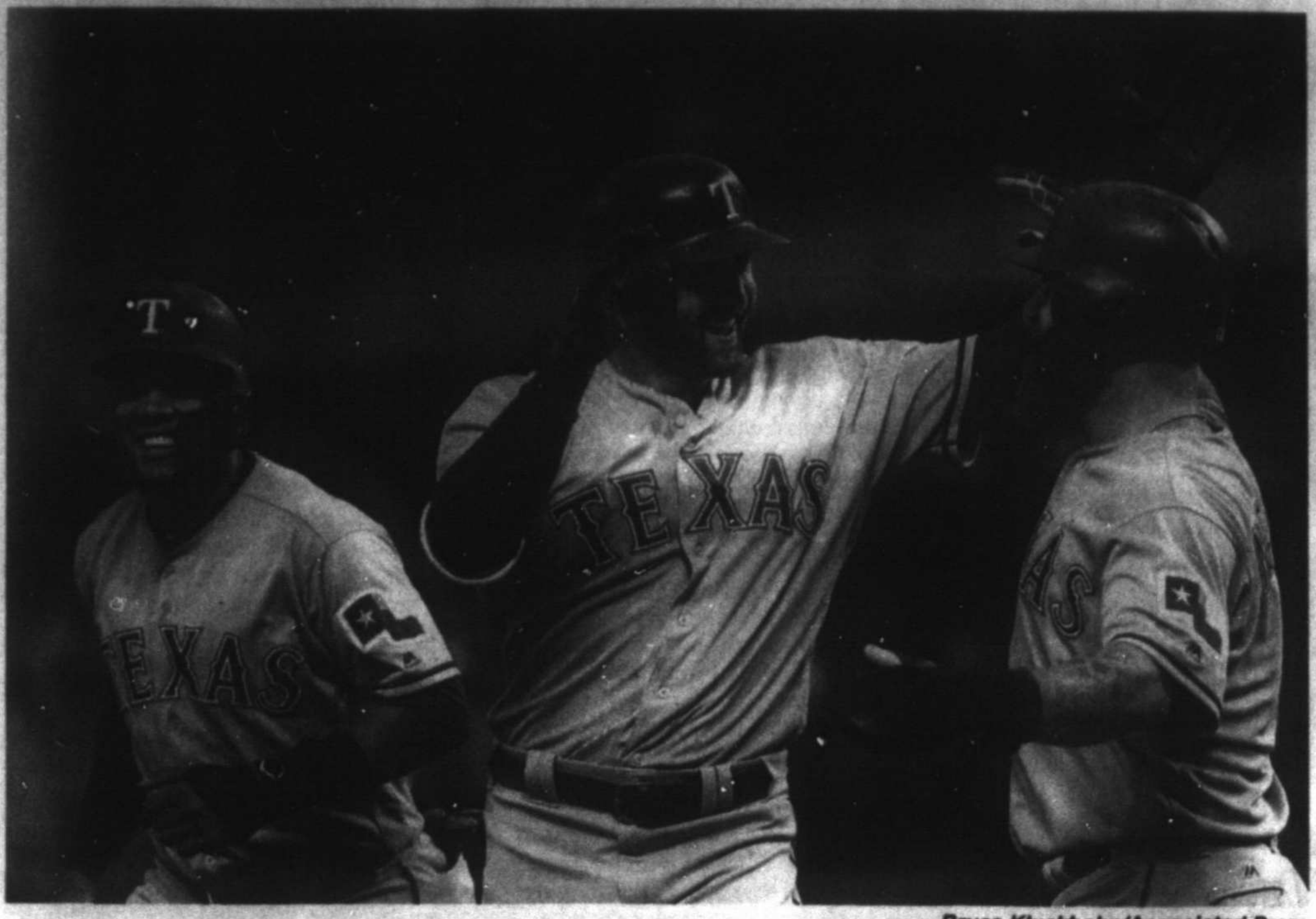

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Texas Rangers third baseman Joey Gallo celebrates his three-run homer with Mike Napoli, right, and Carlos Gomez against the Minnesota Twins in the fourth inning of a baseball game Thursday in Minneapolis.

Rangers top Twins 4-1 to start series

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Joey Gallo hit another massive homer, a three-run shot in the fourth inning on Thursday night that spurred the Texas Rangers on to a 4-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

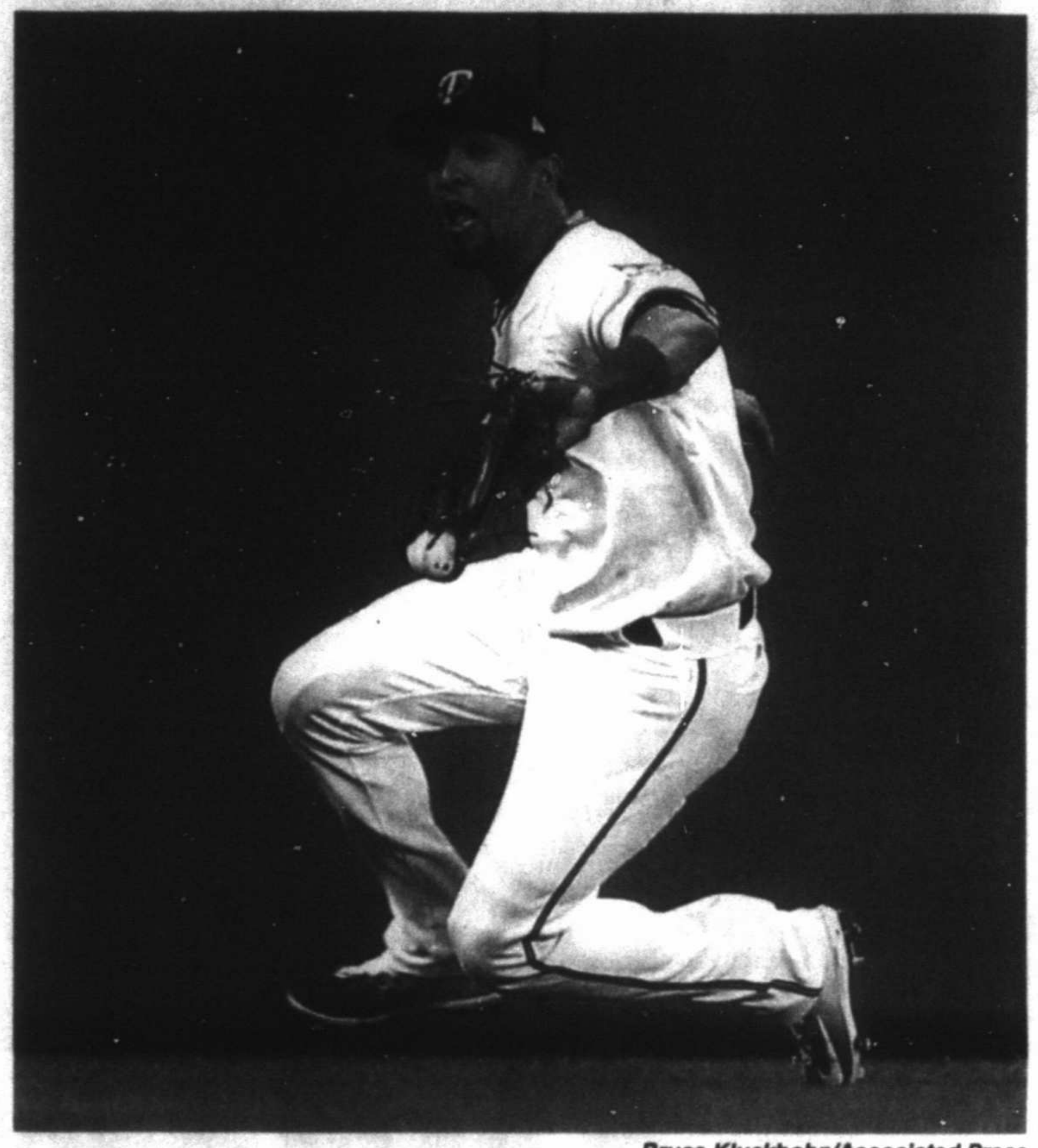
A.J. Griffin (5-2) made his first start in more than two months, giving up one run on two hits over six innings in a resounding return from a muscle strain around his chest. He last started on May 26 and last won on May 9.

Gallo has 29 home runs this season, with four long balls in the last three games. After swinging and missing twice at sliders from Twins starter Adalberto Mejia (4-5), Gallo let one go in the dirt. Then he drove the next one into the front of the second deck above right-center field with two outs to break the tie.

Twins center fielder Byron Buxton just turned around and stared straight up as the ball soared over his head, estimated by Major League Baseball's Statcast tracking system at a distance of 430 feet and a velocity of 108 mph.

Though still prone to extended slumps and voluminous strikeouts, the 23-year-old Gallo has capably settled in after two seasons of back-and-forth to the minor leagues. Only Josh Hamilton in 2012 hit more home runs at this point in the season in Rangers history.

This was Gallo's first major league game at Target Field, where he put on a show three years ago at the All-Star Futures game with a long home run and a batting practice bop that broke a window on a truck parked on the plaza beyond right field for a promotional purpose.



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Minnesota Twins left fielder Eddie Rosario cannot quite hold on to a fly ball by Texas Rangers' Mike Napoli during the fourth inning of a baseball game Thursday in Minneapolis. Napoli ended up with a double.

Mejia let the first three Rangers batters reach base, with Nomar Mazara driving in a run with a single, but the rookie lefty rebounded to not only strike out the side but fan the first two hitters of the second inning too. Mejia was one strike away from escaping the fateful fourth, too, until Gallo made him pay for the slider that caught too much of the plate.

Trainer's room

Rangers: Griffin came off the 60-day DL, where he went with what was diagnosed as a strained left intercostal muscle. RHP Clayton Blackburn, who was on the roster for three days but did not pitch, was sent to Triple-A Round Rock to make room on the roster.

Twins: RHP Trevor May played catch for the first time since having Tommy John elbow ligament replacement surgery on March 22.

Up next

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (5-9, 5.13 ERA) pitches on Friday night, after a season-most eight runs allowed in 4 1/3 innings against Baltimore in his last turn. He has lost three straight starts.

Twins: RHP Bartolo Colon (2-9, 7.70 ERA) takes the mound for the fourth time since joining the team following his release by Atlanta. The 44-year-old has given up 10 earned runs in 15 1/3 innings, without a victory. Manager Paul Molitor also announced RHP Kyle Gibson would start on Saturday, his first turn in two weeks.

Souza, Dickerson lift Rays over Astros 5-3

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Steven Souza Jr. homered and drove in three runs, Corey Dickerson added three hits and made a dazzling defensive play to preserve the lead, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Houston Astros 5-3 on Thursday night.

The Rays have won three in a row since dropping the series opener 14-7, and it's the first time Houston has lost three in a row since June 11-13.

The Astros led by one entering the seventh when Francisco Liriano (6-6) took over for starter Collin McHugh to make his Houston debut after a trade from Toronto on Monday. Liriano retired Adeiny Hechavarria before a single by Dickerson. The left-hander then walked Lucas Duda and was lifted for Chris Devenski.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

MISSIONS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 3
at Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: The Missions' River Stephens went 2-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored, while teammate Stephen McGee was 1-for-4 with a home run. ... Max Schrock led the RockHounds by going 2-for-3 with a home run, two RBI, two runs scored and a walk.

TOP PITCHERS: San Antonio starter Cal Quantrill allowed three runs on seven hits over six innings. He struck out three and walked one for his first career Double-A win. ... RockHounds starter A.J. Puk fanned 13 batters over 6 2/3 innings, while yielding three runs on three hits in a no-decision. ... The Missions' bullpen combined to allow one hit and strike out five over three innings of work.

HIGHLIGHTS: Schrock belted a solo home run to give Midland a 1-0 lead in the second. ... The RockHounds added a second run in the fifth on a single by Jorge Mateo and took a 3-0 lead in the sixth on a bases-loaded walk by Schrock. ... San Antonio seized a 4-3 lead in the seventh on a groundout, singles by Stevens and Webster Rivas and a triple by Noah Perio. ... McGee homered in the eighth to cap the night's scoring.

NOTES: Midland's Jermaine Curtis extended his on-base streak to 35 games on Thursday, the longest such streak in the Texas League this season. ... Schrock has now recorded a hit in 14 of his last 16 games and has reached base in 23 of his last 25 contests. ... Puk's 13 strikeouts was a professional career high, shattering his previous record of 12 he set in a start for Single-A Advanced Stockton on June 3. ... With the loss, the RockHounds lead over the Corpus Christi Hooks for the TL South wild card spot shrunk to a half game. The Hooks defeated Frisco, 4-1, on Thursday.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: San Antonio — RHP Jacob Nix (0-0, 0.00); Midland — RHP Grant Holmes (8-10, 4.38)

TL standings

Second Half

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	27	14	.659	—
Springfield	25	16	.610	2
Arkansas	17	24	.415	10
Northwest Arkansas	16	25	.390	11
South Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
San Antonio	24	16	.600	—
Corpus Christi	19	21	.475	5
Midland	19	22	.463	5½
Frisco	16	25	.390	8½

Thursday's Scores
San Antonio 5, Midland 3
Corpus Christi 4, Frisco 1
Springfield 5, Northwest Arkansas 3
Tulsa 8, Arkansas 3

Today's Games
San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.
Tulsa at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

MISSIONS 5, ROCKHOUNDS 3

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Bousfield cf	4	0	0	0	Mateo ss	4	0	1	1
Guerra ss	3	1	0	0	Boyd cf	4	0	0	0
McGee c	4	1	1	1	Curtis 1b	3	1	1	0
Reyes rf	4	1	1	0	Rosa dh	4	0	1	0
France 3b	4	0	1	1	Sportman rf	4	0	1	0
Stevens 2b	4	1	2	1	Schrock 2b	3	2	2	2
Torres dh	1	0	0	0	Ramirez lf	4	0	0	0
Rivas ph-dh	3	1	1	1	Murphy c	4	0	0	0
Perio 1b	4	0	1	1	Tarsovich 3b	4	0	2	0
Martinez lf	3	0	0	0					
Totals	34	5	7	5	Totals	34	3	8	3

San Antonio .... 000 000 410 —5
Midland .... 010 011 000 —3

LOB — San Antonio 3, Midland 6. 2B — Reyes (25). 3B — Perio (3). HR — McGee (7), Schrock (7). SB — Tarsovich (12).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Antonio						
Quantrill W, 1-2	6.0	7	3	3	2	3
Vargas	1.0	1	0	0	0	3
Wieck	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Wingenter S, 15	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Midland						
Puk	6.2	3	3	3	1	13
Navas L, 2-4	2.1	4	2	2	0	3

WP — Puk.
T — 2:29. A — 3,868.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

INDIANS 5
YANKEES 1

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber upstaged Sonny Gray's debut for New York by pitching a three-hitter and leading the Cleveland Indians to a 5-1 win over the sloppy Yankees on Thursday night.

Kluber (9-3) struck out 11 and Cleveland's ace threw his third complete game this season as the defending AL champions won the opener of a four-game series with a potential playoff opponent, ending their losing streak at three.

For five innings, Gray (6-6) was nearly as good as Kluber, but New York made three errors in the first behind the right-hander, who was acquired at Monday's trade deadline from Oakland to help the Yankees return to the postseason.

Yan Gomes broke an 0-for-13 slide by hitting a two-run double to put Cleveland up 4-0.

RED SOX 9
WHITE SOX 5

BOSTON — Rafael Devers hit a three-run homer and Rick Porcello ended a four-game losing streak with his first win since June as the Boston Red Sox beat the Chicago White Sox 9-5 on Thursday night.

Mookie Betts hit a two-run homer and Andrew Benintendi went 3 for 3, scoring twice and driving in a run as the Red Sox won their third straight. Benintendi reached base all five times he batted, getting hit by a pitch and walking once to go along with two doubles and a single.

Hanley Ramirez drove in two runs for Boston.

National League

DIAMONDBACKS 10
CUBS 8

CHICAGO — Paul Goldschmidt hit his third long homer of the game to snap a ninth-inning tie, and Arizona pulled out a rain-delayed victory over Chicago.

Goldschmidt drove a 3-2 pitch from Wade Davis (2-1) deep into the right-center bleachers with one out. J.D. Martinez followed with another solo drive off the All-Star closer.

Goldschmidt's first career three-homer game gave him 25 for the season, and his six RBIs matched a career high.

Brandon Drury also homered for the Diamondbacks, who remained percentage points ahead of Colorado for the top NL wild card.

Willson Contreras hit two home runs and had a career-high six RBIs for the Cubs, who lost consecutive games for the first time since the All-Star break. Their NL Central lead over Milwaukee slipped to 1½ games.

Jake Barrett (1-0) got two outs in the eighth. Fernando Rodney worked around two walks in the ninth to earn his 24th save in 29 chances.

Jose Quintana was hit hard in his fourth start with the Cubs.

ROCKIES 5
METS 4

DENVER — Nolan Arenado walked with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Colorado a win over New York.

Charlie Blackmon and Mark Reynolds homered for the Rockies, who maintained a 5 1/2-game lead over Milwaukee for the second NL wild card.

Mets reliever Hansel Robles (6-3) began the ninth by hitting Jonathan Lucroy with a pitch. After a sacrifice by Pat Valaika, Blackmon was intentionally walked and DJ LeMahieu loaded the bases with another walk.

Robles got Arenado down 0-2 but the All-Star third baseman worked the count full. Robles sent his last pitch to the backstop behind home plate, bringing in Lucroy with the winning run.

BREWERS 2
CARDINALS 1

MILWAUKEE — Keon Broxton drove in the go-ahead run and saved one with a leaping catch, Matt Garza made a strong start in his return from the disabled list, and Milwaukee edged St. Louis.

Broxton, who robbed Jose Martinez of a homer in the second inning, gave the Brewers a 2-1 lead with a single in the fifth off reliever Brett Cecil (1-4).

Garza (5-5), making his first start since July 21 because of a right leg strain, allowed one run and four hits in 5 2/3 innings to give Milwaukee its first home series win over St. Louis since July 2012. The Brewers won for just the fifth time in their last 17 games.

Corey Knebel worked the ninth and struck out Greg Garcia with two on for his 20th save in 25 opportunities.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	60	49	.550	—
New York	57	50	.533	2
Tampa Bay	57	53	.518	3½
Baltimore	53	54	.495	6
Toronto	51	57	.472	8½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	58	48	.547	—
Kansas City	56	51	.523	2½
Minnesota	51	55	.481	7
Detroit	49	57	.462	9
Chicago	41	65	.387	17
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Houston	69	39	.639	—
Seattle	55	55	.500	15
Los Angeles	53	55	.491	16
Texas	52	56	.481	17
Oakland	48	60	.444	21

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	63	43	.594	—
Miami	51	55	.481	12
New York	49	57	.462	14
Atlanta	49	58	.458	14½
Philadelphia	39	66	.371	23½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	57	50	.533	—
Milwaukee	57	53	.518	1½
St. Louis	53	55	.491	4½
Pittsburgh	52	56	.481	5½
Cincinnati	44	64	.407	13½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Los Angeles	76	32	.704	—
Arizona	62	46	.574	14
Colorado	62	47	.569	14½
San Diego	48	59	.449	27½
San Francisco	41	68	.376	35½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Thursday's Scores
Boston 9, Chicago White Sox 5
Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
Tampa Bay 5, Houston 3
Texas 4, Minnesota 1
Kansas City 6, Seattle 4
Detroit at Baltimore, late
Philadelphia at L.A. Angels, late
Oakland at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Detroit (Verlander 6-7) at Baltimore (Gausman 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-4) at Boston (Rodriguez 4-3), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Davies 12-5) at Tampa Bay (Faria 5-1), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Garcia 5-7) at Cleveland (Bauer 9-8), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (Perez 5-9) at Minnesota (Colon 2-9), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Valdez 1-0) at Houston (Peacock 9-1), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 11-3) at Kansas City (Hammel 5-8), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Cotton 5-8) at L.A. Angels (Chavez 5-10), 9:07 p.m.

National League
Thursday's Scores
Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 1
Arizona 10, Chicago Cubs 8
Colorado 5, N.Y. Mets 4
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 0
L.A. Dodgers 7, Atlanta 4
Philadelphia at L.A. Angels, late
Oakland at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Washington (Strasburg 10-3) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-3), 1:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Leake 7-9) at Cincinnati (Wojciechowski 1-1), 5:40 p.m.
San Diego (Wood 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Nova 10-8), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Darvish 6-9) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 12-4), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Davies 12-5) at Tampa Bay (Faria 5-1), 6:10 p.m.
Miami (Conley 4-3) at Atlanta (Dickey 6-7), 6:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-6) at Colorado (Gray 3-2), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Walker 6-5) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 1-4), 9:15 p.m.

Texas boxes

RANGERS 4, TWINS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi
DShelds lf	3	1	1	0	B.Dzier 2b	4	0	0	0
Choo ph-rf	1	0	0	0	Kepler rf	3	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	0	2	0	Adranza ph	1	0	0	0
Mazara rf-lf	5	0	1	1	Sano 3b	4	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	5	0	0	0	Mauer 1b	4	0	0	0
Napoli dh	4	1	1	0	E.Escbr ss	2	0	0	0
Odor 2b	4	0	1	0	E.Rsrio lf	3	0	1	0
Gomez cf	3	1	1	0	Grssman dh	2	1	0	0
Gallo 1b	3	1	1	3	J.Cstro c	3	0	1	0
Chrinos c	3	0	1	0	Buxton cf	3	0	1	1
Totals	35	4	9	4	Totals	29	1	3	1

Texas .... 100 300 000—4
Minnesota .... 001 000 000—1

E—Mauer (1). DP—Texas 1, Minnesota 1. LOB—Texas 9, Minnesota 3. 2B—Napoli (10), Buxton (8). HR—Gallo (29).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Griffin W,5-2	6	2	1	1	1	4
Kela H,9	1	0	0	0	1	1
Bush H,4	1	1	0	0	0	2
Claudio S,5-7	1	0	0	0	0	1
Minnesota						
Mejia L,4-5	4	7	4	4	3	6
Gee	3	2	0	0	1	4
Boshers	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Pressly	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	0

Gee pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by Gee (Chirinos).
T—3:04. A—22,903 (39,021).

RAYS 5, ASTROS 3

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Dckrson lf	5	1	3	1	Altuve 2b	4	1	3	1
Duda 1b	4	1	0	0	Bregman ss	4	1	3	1
Lngoria 3b	4	1	1	1	Y.Grrel 3b	4	0	2	1
Mrrison dh	4	0	1	0	Gattis c	4	0	0	0
Sza Jr. rf	4	1	2	3	Mg.Gnza lf	4	0	0	0
Bourjos pr-cf	0	0	0	0	Fisher rf	4	0	1	0
B.Mller 2b	4	1	0	0	White 1b	3	0	0	0
W.Ramos c	3	0	0	0	Reddick ph	1	0	0	0
M.Smith cf-rf	4	0	1	0	A.Reed dh	4	0	0	0
Hchvrra ss	4	0	0	0	Mrsnick cf	2	1	0	0
Beltran ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	36	5	8	5	Totals	35	3	9	3

Tampa Bay .... 010 001 300—5
Houston .... 101 010 000—3

E—Bregman (8), Gattis (7), Fisher (1). DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 10, Houston 6. 2B—Longoria (28), Morrison (17), Souza Jr. (18), M.Smith (6), Bregman (27), Y.Gurriel (29). HR—Souza Jr. (23), Altuve (16). SB—Altuve (24), Bregman 2 (12).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Snell	4	7	3	3	1	5
Boxberger W,3-3	2	0	0	0	0	3
Romo	1	2	0	0	0	1
Hunter	1	0	0	0	0	1
Colome S,33-38	1	0	0	0	0	0
Houston						
McHugh	6	5	2	1	2	6
Liriano L,6-6	1-3	1	2	1	1	0
Devenski	2-3	1	1	0	0	1
Martes	2	1	0	0	2	1

Snell pitched to 3 batters in the 5th.
WP—Devenski.
T—3:23. A—23,404 (42,060).

Thursday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

INDIANS 5, YANKEES 1
New York .... 000 000 100 —1 3 3
Cleveland .... 200 002 10x —5 5 0
Gray, Shreve (7) and Romine; Kluber and Gomes. W—Kluber 9-3. L—Gray 6-6. HRs—New York, Sanchez. Cleveland, Lindor.

RED SOX 9, WHITE SOX 5
Chicago .... 023 000 000 —5 7 1
Boston .... 430 011 00x —9 15 1
M.Gonzalez, Infante (2), Holmberg (4), Goldberg (5), Bummer (7), Clippard (8) and Narvaez; Porcello, Abad (6), Hembree (6), Reed (7), M.Barnes (8), Workman (9) and Vazquez. W—Porcello 5-14. L—M.Gonzalez 5-10. HRs—Chicago, Delmonico. Boston, Betts, Devers.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BREWERS 2, CARDINALS 1
St. Louis .... 000 010 000 —1 6 0
Milwaukee .... 001 010 00x —2 9 0
Wacha, Cecil (5), Siegrist (7), Oh (8) and Molina; Garza, J.Barnes (6), Swarzak (8), Knebel (9) and Bandy, Pina. W—Garza 5-5. L—Cecil 1-4. Sv—Knebel (20). HRs—Milwaukee, Aguilar.

ROCKIES 5, METS 4
New York .... 000 111 100 —4 9 0
Colorado .... 002 011 001 —5 12 0
Montero, Smoker (6), Goeddel (7), Blevins (7), Robles (8) and Rivera, d'Arnaud; Marquez, Neshek (7), Ottavino (8), Dunn (8), Holland (9) and Lucroy. W—Holland 2-1. L—Robles 6-3. HRs—New York, Cespedes. Colorado, Blackmon, Reynolds.

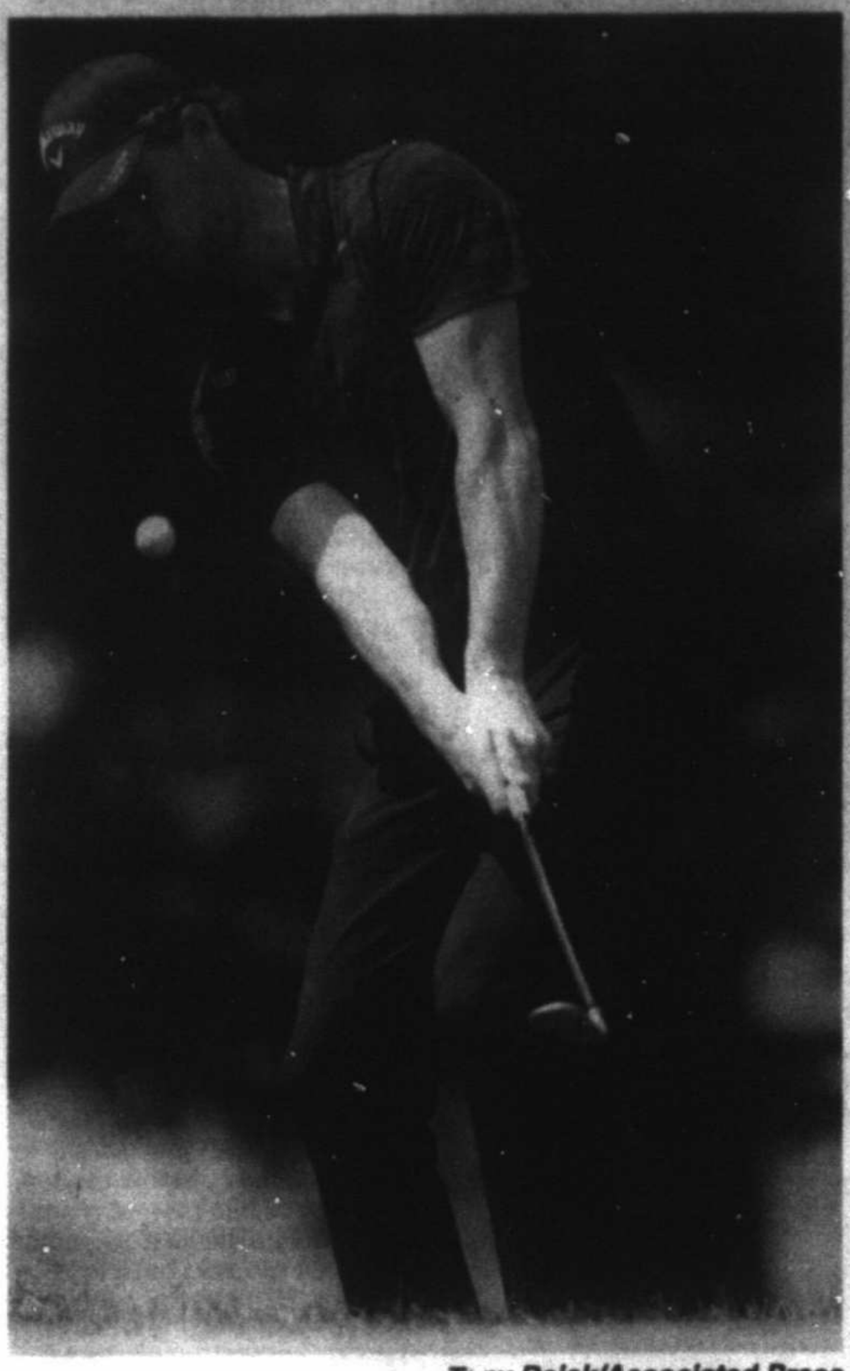
DIAMONDBACKS 10, CUBS 8
Arizona .... 400 020 022—10 13 0
Chicago .... 010 013 210 —8 11 1
Greinke, Hernandez (7), Chafin (7), Bradley (7), De La Rosa (8), Barrett (8), Rodney (9) and Mathis; Quintana, Duensing (6), Strop (7), Edwards (8), Wilson (8), Davis (9) and Contreras. W—Barrett 1-0. L—Davis 2-1. Sv—Rodney (24). HRs—Arizona, Drury, Goldschmidt 3, Martinez. Chicago, Contreras 2.

PIRATES 6, REDS 0
Cincinnati .... 000 000 000 —0 4 1
Pittsburgh .... 202 000 20x —6 13 0
Romano, Shackelford (7), Peralta (7), B.Wood (8) and Barnhart; Kuhl, Schugel (8), Neverauskas (9) and Stewart. W—Kuhl 4-7. L—Romano 2-3.

DODGERS 7, BRAVES 4
Los Angeles .... 001 201 201 —7 9 1
Atlanta .... 100 000 003 —4 11 0
A.Wood, Morrow (7), Fields (8), Cingrani (9) and A.Barnes; Newcomb, Jackson (5), Hursh (6), Krol (8) and Flowers. W—A.Wood 13-1. L—Newcomb 1-6. HRs—Los Angeles, Taylor. Atlanta, Albies.

Thomas Pieters takes 1-shot lead at Firestone

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press



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Thomas Pieters, from Belgium, chips to the 4th green during the first round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament Thursday at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.

AKRON, Ohio — Rory McIlroy had his best friend on the bag and his best start on American soil in 18 months. For Jordan Spieth, it was more of the same with two long putts and another comment filled with bravado directed at his caddie.

Both of them opened with a 3-under 67 at the Bridgestone Invitational, leaving them two shots behind Thomas Pieters of Belgium.

Pieters, playing only for the sixth time since he challenged briefly at the Masters this year, holed a 30-foot birdie putt on his final hole at Firestone to finish a day of good scoring with a one-shot lead over Russell Knox.

The opening two rounds were moved up to the morning because of a forecast of thunderstorms in the afternoon.

McIlroy split with J.P. Fitzgerald, his caddie of nine years, after the British Open. He decided to use Harry Diamond, who played amateur golf for Ireland and was the best man at McIlroy's wedding, for the Bridgestone Invitational and the PGA Championship next week.

It didn't have much bearing on McIlroy's game, which was fine. McIlroy won at Firestone the last time he played it in 2014.

"We both did the numbers and I sort of consulted him a couple of times. Yeah, it was good," McIlroy said. "There was a couple of shots that I hit or a couple of clubs that I pulled that I maybe should have just thought a little bit more about. It's been a while since I've paced yardages off and written notes in my book."

One of them was at No. 9, his last hole, when he went some 50 feet long on his approach and three-putted for bogey. Even so, it was a solid start, and that's what has held back McIlroy in recent months when he missed three cuts in four tournaments, and then started poorly at the British Open.

Spieth has no such concerns, having won two straight events going into this World Golf Championship with an eye toward next week at the PGA Championship and his shot at becoming the youngest player to complete the Grand Slam.

Winning a major turned this into a great year for Spieth, regardless of what happens at the PGA Championship. He is feeling as good as ever about his game, particularly the way he finished off Royal Birkdale with the amazing escape on the 13th hole and the birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie stretch that followed. The biggest putt was the eagle from 50 feet on the par-5 15th at the Open, now famous for Spieth playfully barking at his caddie, "Go get that!" when it dropped in.

Thursday brought another such moment.

Spieth got back into range of the lead with a 30-foot birdie putt on No. 5 and a 50-foot birdie putt on the next hole that got him to 3 under. But he was in trouble at No. 8, well right of the fairway with trees blocking his view of the green. He couldn't punch under them because he had too much rough to cover with a punch shot beneath the branches. But he did see about a 3-foot gap way up in the trees. And he was feeling it.

His caddie, Michael Greller, got the yardage and came over to see what Spieth had in mind.

"I said, 'Michael, just put the bag over there, stand over there and watch this,'" Spieth said.

Spieth rehearsed his swing with a pitching wedge and pulled it off.

"I split a hole that was 60 yards in front of me and cut it to get onto the green," Spieth said. "It was really a cool shot. I was shocked I pulled it off."

Greller smiled, bumped fists with his boss and handed him the putter.

The opening round was no place to lose ground in such good scoring conditions. Dustin Johnson did his part with a 68. He hasn't won since the Match Play just two weeks before his staircase injury that knocked him out of the Masters. Johnson only wants to give himself a chance to win, and he says all the parts are in working order for that.

Bubba Watson, also showing signs of getting his game turned around, was also in the group at 67 that included Kevin Kisner and Jon Rahm.

The surprise might have been Knox, who has missed his last three cuts and is in danger of falling out of the top 50 in the world for the first time since he won the HSBC Champions in Shanghai in the fall of 2015. The difference was a change in the shafts of his irons, and a change back to the putter he used when he won in Shanghai.

Neymar signs 5-year deal with PSG in world-record transfer

Associated Press

PARIS — Six years after taking over perennial underachiever Paris Saint-Germain, the French club's wealthy owners finally got what they wanted by hiring Neymar — a player they believe will bring them Champions League glory.

The Brazil star became the most expensive player in soccer history after completing his blockbuster transfer from Barcelona for 222 million euros ($262 million) on Thursday. By paying the release clause in his contract, PSG shattered the world transfer record to sign arguably one of the top three best attacking players in the game, alongside Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

The previous transfer record had been set a year ago when Manchester United paid 105 million euros (then $116 million) to bring Paul Pogba back from Juventus.

Ironically, the 25-year-old Neymar signed a five-year contract with the French league side just five months after playing a decisive role as Barcelona produced a comeback that made Champions League history - at PSG's expense.

Having lost their first leg match 4-0 in France, Barcelona was trailing 5-3 on aggregate in the 88th minute in Spain, only for Neymar to score twice in the final minutes before Sergi Roberto's winner in added time sealed a humiliating exit from the Round of 16 for PSG.

Next season, it will be different.

"Paris Saint-Germain's ambition attracted me to the club, along with the passion and the energy this brings," Neymar said in comments released by PSG. "I played four seasons in Europe and I feel ready to take the challenge. From today, I will do everything I can to help my new teammates, to open up new horizons for my club and to bring happiness to its millions of supporters around the world."

PSG would certainly welcome the kind of success that Neymar enjoyed in Spain.

In his four seasons there, Neymar scored 105 goals as Barcelona won the Champions League, Club World Cup, two Spanish league titles and Copa del Rey three times.

CHAMPIONS

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Houston, Zarek Crowder, Chris Hubbard and Taylor Scribner are expected to be some of the top contenders in the championship flight.

The championship flight also includes Trinity senior Austin Escamilla, who was the medalist when the Chargers won the 2017 TAPPS 4A state title.

Jared Arras, a recent Lee grad, is also part of the field as he recently set a course record of 64 at Nueva Vista Golf Club.

Sikes said this year's tournament will feature the first-ever senior flight, which is open to players age 60 and older. Wally Brown, who known to be competitive in regular tournaments, is expected to be a top contender for the inaugural senior flight title.

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Star Electric Midland Men's City Golf Championship
Hogan Park Golf Course, Quail and Roadrunner Courses
Friday-Sunday

Friday tee times
Championship flight – Roadrunner Course
1:15 p.m. – Casey McBride, Mike Baughn, Chesley McDonald
1:22 p.m. – Austin Escamilla, Terry Rice, Coleman Houston
1:30 p.m. – Jared Arras, Doug Aylor, Chris Nolen
1:37 p.m. – Rob Rushton, Brett Douglas, Frank Soto
1:45 p.m. – Taylor Scribner, Randall Henry, Jarrett Owens
1:52 p.m. – Braxton Dunaway, Kevin Thornton, Omar Sanchez
2 p.m. – Zarek Crowder, Chris Hubbard, Rick Houston, Jason Hewett
President's flight – Roadrunner Course
12:07 p.m. – Michael Sullivan, Tim Jebsen, Paymon Kamali, Bill Kirby
12:15 p.m. – Jeremy Stallings, Jim Pannell, Lance Wood, Larry Schulz
12:22 p.m. – George Poteet, Cameron Cole, Press Gill
12:30 p.m. – Tommy Fioretti, Leland Adams, Dee Goebel
First flight – Roadrunner Course
11 a.m. – Alan Roman, Damon Vanley, Wayne Johnson
11:07 a.m. – Travis White, Jorge Olivas, Joe O'Hara
11:15 a.m. – Greg Hicks, Jaime Gonzales, David Nanez
11:22 a.m. – Randy Quiroz, Choyr Gilbret, Michael Powell
11:30 a.m. – Dirk Parks, Shawn Flesher, Randy Taylor
Second flight – Quail Course
11:52 a.m. – Jerrod Stallings, Ronny Nichols, Jimmy Estrada
Noon – Jesse Reyes, Ronny Flores, Lonnie Lasater
12:07 p.m. – Daniel Arguello, Joseph Jensen, Bret Rogers
Senior flight - Quail Course
11 a.m. – Wally Brown, David Adams, Martin Aldridge
11:07 a.m. – Matt Manulik, LeRoy Miller, Pete Fischer
11:15 a.m. – Joe Hernandez, Gary Hams, E.J. Raschke

Men's Past Champions
1953: Bob Wortman
1954: Bob Wortman
1955: Charlie Suttles
1956-1962: No tournament
1963: Johnny Warren
1964: Dean Strack
1965: Dean Chancellor
1966: Tim Nesbitt
1967: Tim Nesbitt
1968: Tim Nesbitt
1969: Bill Baker
1970: Tim Nesbitt
1971: Garry Littlejohn
1972: Royce Woolard
1973: Bill Baker
1974: John Adams
1975: Steve Cromwell
1976: Steve Whiteside
1977: Chris Brown
1978: Billy Sitton
1979: Chris Brown
1980: Bill Sitton
1981: Kelly Eng
1982: Royce Woolard
1983: Bill Baker
1984: C.E. Boyd
1985: Ed Barnes
1986: C.E. Boyd
1987: Bobby Gee
1988: Steve Whiteside
1989: Bobby Gee
1990: Larry Bryan Jr.
1991: Larry Bryan Jr.
1992: Steve Whiteside
1993: Jeff Moses
1994: Tim Phillips
1995: J.B. Luttrell
1996: Ronnie Jumper
1997: Ronnie Jumper
1998: Jon Christian
1999: Ben Clark
2000: Charlie Prince
2001: Mac McGee
2002: Omar Sanchez
2003: Omar Sanchez
2004: Lane Branum
2005: John Ironside
2006: Lane Branum
2007: Tommy Sikes
2008: Tommy Sikes
2009: Rick Houston
2010: Rick Houston
2011: Jon Mark Peterson
2012: Omar Sanchez
2013: Rick Houston
2014: Craig Feuer
2015: Jay McHugh
2016: Jay McHugh

GOLF SCORES

Bridgestone Invitational

Thursday
At Firestone Country Club (South Course)
Akron, Ohio
Purse: $9.75 million
Yardage: 7,400; Par: 70 (35-35)
First Round

Thomas Pieters	32-33—65
Russell Knox	32-34—66
Kevin Kisner	35-32—67
Ross Fisher	31-36—67
Bubba Watson	35-32—67
Jordan Spieth	34-33—67
Rory McIlroy	33-34—67
Jon Rahm	34-33—67
Jimmy Walker	35-33—68
Andres Romero	36-32—68
Dustin Johnson	36-32—68
Charley Hoffman	33-35—68
Adam Hadwin	33-35—68
Adam Scott	31-37—68
Kyle Stanley	36-33—69
Jhonattan Vegas	35-34—69
Hideki Matsuyama	37-32—69
Alex Noren	34-35—69
J.B. Holmes	32-37—69
Paul Lawrie	36-33—69
Zach Johnson	35-34—69
Bernd Wiesberger	38-32—70
Brian Harman	36-34—70
Scott Hend	37-33—70
Hudson Swafford	35-35—70
Xander Schauffele	33-37—70
Paul Casey	33-37—70
Harold Varner III	39-31—70
Charl Schwartzel	36-34—70
Bill Haas	34-36—70
Rickie Fowler	38-32—70
Tommy Fleetwood	35-35—70
Francesco Molinari	37-34—71
Shaun Norris	35-36—71
Branden Grace	36-35—71
Renato Paratore	35-36—71
Jason Day	37-34—71
Brooks Koepka	35-36—71
Phil Mickelson	35-36—71
Matt Kuchar	35-36—71
Thongchai Jaidee	35-36—71
Daniel Berger	35-36—71
Lee Westwood	37-35—72
Wesley Bryan	38-34—72
Emiliano Grillo	35-37—72
Pat Perez	37-35—72
Tyrrell Hatton	36-36—72
Henrik Stenson	36-36—72
Justin Rose	37-35—72
Sergio Garcia	36-36—72
Kevin Chappell	39-33—72
Andy Sullivan	38-34—72
Brendan Steele	34-39—73
Thorbjorn Olesen	35-38—73
Si Woo Kim	38-35—73
Ryan Moore	37-36—73
Rod Pampling	36-37—73
Matthew Fitzpatrick	37-36—73
Justin Thomas	35-38—73
Satoshi Kodaira	39-34—73
Marc Leishman	38-35—73
Jeunghun Wang	37-37—74
Sam Brazel	36-38—74
Gary Woodland	40-34—74
Louis Oosthuizen	36-38—74
Hideto Tanihara	35-39—74
Fabrizio Zanotti	39-35—74
Mackenzie Hughes	38-36—74
Bryson DeChambeau	37-38—75
Chris Wood	36-39—75
Russell Henley	38-37—75
Patrick Reed	40-35—75
Danny Willett	39-37—76
Billy Horschel	39-37—76
Rafa Cabrera Bello	38-38—76
Jason Dufner	41-35—76

British Women's Open

Thursday
At Kingsbarns Golf Links
St. Andrews, Scotland
Purse: $3.25 million
Yardage: 6,697; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round
a-amateur

Michelle Wie	34-30—64
In-Kyung Kim	31-34—65
Lindy Duncan	31-35—66
Marissa L Steen	33-34—67
Jodi Ewart Shadoff	34-33—67
Lexi Thompson	33-34—67
Anne Van Dam	33-34—67
Chella Choi	33-34—67
Mel Reid	32-35—67
Charley Hull	33-35—68
Georgia Hall	32-36—68
Laura Davies	31-37—68
Jaye Marie Green	33-35—68
Anna Nordqvist	35-33—68
Morgan Pressel	34-34—68
Ally McDonald	32-36—68
Jennifer Song	34-35—69
Megan Khang	34-35—69
Gerina Piller	33-36—69
Caroline Masson	33-36—69
Lizette Salas	34-35—69
Ha Na Jang	34-35—69
Eun-Hee Ji	35-34—69
Pernilla Lindberg	33-36—69
Brittany Altomare	34-35—69
Ashleigh Buhai	34-35—69
Jane Park	34-35—69
a-Sophie Lamb	34-35—69
Azahara Munoz	35-34—69
Cristie Kerr	33-36—69
In Gee Chun	35-34—69
a-Leona Maguire	34-35—69
Nicole Broch Larsen	35-35—70
Tiffany Joh	36-34—70
Mi Jung Hur	35-35—70
Karine Icher	34-36—70
Stacy Lewis	34-36—70
Amy Yang	33-37—70
Mo Martin	35-35—70
Jenny Shin	34-36—70
Jeong Eun Lee	33-37—70
Mi Hyang Lee	33-37—70
Hyo Joo Kim	35-35—70
Ayako Uehara	35-35—70
Yukari Nishiyama	34-36—70
Moriya Jutanugarn	35-35—70
Brooke M. Henderson	36-34—70
Sei Young Kim	35-35—70
Cydney Clanton	35-35—70
Wei-Ling Hsu	37-34—71
a-My Leander	36-35—71
Sun Young Yoo	37-34—71
Whitney Hillier	35-36—71
Laura Gonzalez Escallon	37-34—71
Thidapa Suwannapura	34-37—71
Laura Diaz	34-37—71
Kelly W Shon	35-36—71
Ai Suzuki	33-38—71
Klara Spilkova	37-34—71
Haru Nomura	36-35—71
Shanshan Feng	34-37—71
Ariya Jutanugarn	36-35—71
So Yeon Ryu	35-36—71
Ryann O'Toole	35-36—71
Alena Sharp	34-37—71
Yani Tseng	35-36—71
Gaby Lopez	35-36—71
Emily K. Pedersen	36-35—71
Prima Thammaraks	35-36—71
Alison Lee	34-37—71
Paula Creamer	34-37—71
Brittany Lincicome	33-38—71
Jenny Haglund	37-35—72
Marianne Skarpnord	37-35—72
Min-Young Lee	34-38—72
Jing Yan	36-36—72
Minjee Lee	35-37—72
Pamela Pretswell	36-36—72
Inbee Park	36-36—72
Sandra Gal	38-34—72
Danielle Kang	36-36—72
a-Olivia Mehaffey	35-37—72
Angel Yin	37-35—72
Candie Kung	33-39—72
Amelia Lewis	33-39—72
Heather MacRae	33-39—72
Jacqui Concolino	37-35—72
Peiyun Chien	32-40—72
Hee-Kyung Bae	36-36—72
Sung Hyun Park	36-36—72
Ai Miyazato	36-36—72
Sally Watson	37-35—72
Christine Wolf	36-36—72
Noora Tamminen	38-35—73
Madelene Sagstrom	37-36—73
Katherine Kirk	35-38—73
Leticia Ras-Anderica	34-39—73
Karolin Lampert	36-37—73
Fumika Kawagishi	37-36—73
Lina Boqvist	37-36—73
Isi Gabsa	35-38—73
Lee-Anne Pace	36-37—73
a-Eun Jeong Seong	36-37—73
Suzann Pettersen	37-36—73
Lydia Ko	37-36—73
Brittany Lang	34-39—73
Angela Stanford	37-36—73
Austin Ernst	37-36—73
Su Oh	37-37—74
Stacey Peters	36-38—74
Min Lee	37-37—74
Marina Alex	38-36—74
Pornanong Phatlum	37-37—74
Nelly Korda	35-39—74
Carlota Ciganda	34-40—74
Simin Feng	37-37—74
Becky Morgan	36-38—74
Camilla Lennarth	35-39—74
a-Atthaya Thitikul	36-38—74
Kotone Hori	36-38—74
Felicity Johnson	37-37—74
Nicole Garcia	37-38—75
Joanna Klatten	36-39—75
Olafia Kristinsdottir	36-39—75
Kylie Henry	37-38—75
Sarah Jane Smith	38-37—75
Ursula Wikstrom	37-38—75
Vikki Laing	37-38—75
Beth Allen	38-37—75
Karrie Webb	38-37—75
Florentyna Parker	38-38—76
Annabel Dimmock	38-38—76
Carly Booth	36-40—76
Jessica Korda	39-37—76
Catriona Matthew	40-36—76
Aditi Ashok	36-40—76
Lydia Hall	37-40—77
Nuria Iturrios	37-40—77
Holly Clyburn	36-41—77
Kim Kaufman	39-39—78
Olivia Cowan	38-40—78
Mirim Lee	39-39—78
Hannah Burke	34-44—78
Tonje Daffinrud	37-43—80

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		G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank		What Would You Do?		20/20		Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	We Day (N)		Hawaii Five-0		Blue Bloods "Good Cop Bad Cop"		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	F. Mason "The Case of the Silent Partner"		Twilight "The Gift"
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "Holy Cannoli"		Beat Shazam		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Hidden in Sight	Zola Levitt Presents	Update News	HaYesod	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Shepherd's Heart		Dr. Brad Young
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	America's Got Talent Cox is today's guest judge.		"Judge Cuts 3" Laverne		Dateline NBC (N)		NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Wash. Week (N)	On Story	Great British Baking "Patisserie" (N)		Great British Baking "The Final" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Jose de Egipto		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		Rosario Tijeras		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) ★★★ Crash		★★ Premonition				[:40] ★★★ The Illusionist Edward Norton.			★★★ The Prowler		
	HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	VICE (N)	★ Almost Christmas Kimberly Elise.				Bill Maher (N)		VICE	Room 104	Bill Maher	
	HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:35) ★ The Blair W...		Ballers		★ Loving ('16, Bio) Ruth Negga, Joel Edgerton.		[:45] ★★★ Watchmen ('09, Act) Malin Akerman.					
	HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:10) ★★★ Mystic River			LastWeek	★ Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Ch...		(:10) ★ Mike & Dave Need Wedding Dates					
	MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:20) ★★★ The Green Mile		★ Incarnate Aaron Eckhart.				★ Master of the Drunken Fis...		[:40] ★ Warcraft Travis Fimmel.			
	MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:20) ★ Mechanic: Resurrection						★★★ Die Hard ('88, Act) Bruce Willis.		(:15) ★★★ I Am Legend Will Smith.			
	PLEX			96			(5:25) ★ A Good W...		★ Autumn in New York		[:40] ★★★ Meet Joe Black ('98, Dra) Brad Pitt.					Movie		
	SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:30) ★ I Am Number Four				(:25) ★ Max Steel Ben Winchell.		Acc. (N)		ShoBox Boxers date it out for supremacy in the ring.			
	TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) ★★ The Gift		★ Three Men and a Baby				[:45] ★ Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles			★ Larry the Cable Guy: Heal...		
CABLE	ABE	27	58	28	35	47	(4:00) Live PD (L)		Live PD "Rewind"		Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces and the communities they patrol. (L) (N)					Live PD		
	AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★★ Twister		★★ The Lone Ranger ('13, Act) Armie Hammer, William Fichtner, Johnny Depp.							★★★ Alice in Wonderland		
	BET	58	-		40		(4:00) ★ Blue Streak		★★ Stomp the Yard ('06, Drama) Meagan Good, Columbus Short.						Being Mary Jane		Martin	Martin
	BRAVO	65	76		41		Sinner "Part I" (P) (N)		★★★ Sex and the City 2 ('10, Com) Sarah Jessica Parker.						★★★ Sex and the City 2			
	CNBC	46	52		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		Secrets of Mexico's	
	CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360	
	DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Sea Gold "Hello Heartache/ Goodbye Nome"				Bering Sea Gold (N)		Bush People (N)		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People	
	DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Andi M.	Raven's.	Raven's.	Underc.	Bizaard.	Andi M.	StuckMid	Raven's.	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Andi M.
	ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)				Boxing Golden Boy (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
	ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NFL Live		Arm Wrestling		Featured	CFL Football	Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Edmonton Eskimos (L)					J & J
	FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five				Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTon	The Five
	FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
	FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:40) ★ The Addams Family				(:50) ★★ Addams Family Values Anjelica Huston.				The 700 Club		★ The Sandlot	
	FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Rangers Insider	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Minnesota Twins Site: Target Field -- Minneapolis, Minn. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	CBCamp (L) Insider	UCI Cycling Tour of Utah	
	FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ 21 Jump St...		★★ White House Down ('13, Act) Jamie Foxx, Channing Tatum.						★★★ Selma ('14, Hist) David Oyelowo.			
	HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Home I.	Home I.	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Bargain	Bargain	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	Dream H.	Hunters	Hunters	House (N)	House	Dream H.	Dream H.
	HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens (N)		UFOFiles /(:15) Aliens		(:15) Ancient Aliens		(:05) Ancient Aliens	
	LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(4:00) ★★★ Black Swan Natalie Portman.		★★★ Taken (2008, Thriller) Famke Janssen, Leland Orser, Liam Neeson.				★★★ Gone (2012, Drama) Daniel Sunjata, Jennifer Carpenter, Amanda Seyfried.			★★★ Taken ('08, Thril) Liam Neeson.		
	MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	43				IAAF Track & Field World Championships				FIVB Beach Volleyball		World Championship		American Ninja (N)		American Ninja (N)	
	NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	Nicky "Go Hollywood"		F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Movie		★★★ Rush Hour ('98, Act) Chris Tucker, Jackie Chan.				★★★ Bad Boys ('95, Act) Martin Lawrence, Téa Leoni, Will Smith.					
	SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Lake Placid		Killjoys (N)		Dark Matter (N)		Wynonna Earp (N)		★ Sharktopus ('10, SCI-FI) Eric Roberts.			
	TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Money"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	ELeague (N)		★★★★ The LEGO Movie ('14, Ani) Voices of Will Ferrell, Chris Pratt.			
	TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Johnny Angel		★★★ Born To Kill Lawrence Tierney.				★★★ Murder, My Sweet Dick Powell.			★★★ Crack-Up		
	TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Sin Senos Sí Hay (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Sí Hay Par	
	TLC	51	61	32	38	52	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
	TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★★★ The Help ('11, Dra) Emma Stone. Tension and surprises abound as three women struggle against prejudice in a small town.						★★★ Law Abiding Citizen (2009, Crime Story) Gerard Butler, Colm Meaney, Jamie Foxx.			★★★ The Help ('11, Dra) Emma Stone.		
	TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern "Integrity"	Modern Family	Modern Family
	WGN	19	85				M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	MASH "Cowboy"	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	MASH "Edwina"	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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Woman feels steamrolled by in-laws in her own house

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws live in an apartment above our garage. It wasn't my idea. It was a compromise with my husband.

They now want to move Grandma into a trailer in our backyard! I am totally against it, and have voiced my opinion loudly.

My husband is stressed out and isn't capable of saying no to his parents. I have a feeling they are going to move forward with this plan regardless of my objections. I feel completely disrespected in my own home. Any advice? — DISRESPECTED IN OHIO

DEAR DISRESPECTED: You have a right to be respected in your home. If you don't want it turned into a "family compound," that's your prerogative. Put your foot down and tell your husband that his parents living there was all the compromise you are willing to make. If he can't summon the strength to tell his parents "NO!" then you will have to do it for him. If that doesn't put a stop to it, ask a respected friend or religious adviser to mediate.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I endured months of trying and multiple trips to a specialist before we finally conceived our daughter. My due date was Dec. 23, and I worried throughout my pregnancy that she would be born on Christmas Day. Lo and behold, on Christmas Eve I went into labor and our precious baby girl joined us early Christmas morning.

Looking back now, I wouldn't change a thing. I know it's silly to worry because we have a happy, healthy baby girl and feel very blessed and lucky. But how can I respond to people — strangers included — when they say how "sad" it is that my daughter was born on Christmas and that she will get stiffed on presents, and maybe I should have timed my pregnancy better? — BLESSED IN NEW YORK

DEAR BLESSED: If anyone is so insensitive as to imply that you should have timed your pregnancy differently, perhaps you could put them in their place by responding that you feel lucky to have gotten pregnant at all. Then tell them you wouldn't change a thing because being born on Christmas Day puts her in good company.

And as to her being "stiffed" when it comes to receiving presents, consider doing what other parents have done: Choose a date in June and celebrate her HALF-birthday.

DEAR ABBY: I am a gay man. My friend "Brian" and I have known each other for 10 years. We dated for a while, but realized we are better off as friends. We have lived together for the past several years and are now considering getting married because my job has better benefits. My question is, is a marriage of convenience legal? — GOING TO THE CHAPEL?

DEAR GOING: Marriages of convenience have been happening since the institution of marriage was invented. That said, however, this is a question you should address to a lawyer to make sure that if you decide to marry Brian, you'll be going to the chapel instead of going to the hoosegow for insurance fraud.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Get rid of it

Neither vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ Q J 9 2
♡ 10
◇ A J 8 7 5
♣ 9 7 4

WEST
♠ 8
♡ Q 9 7 6
◇ K 6
♣ K Q J 8 6 3

EAST
♠ 10 7 3
♡ J 5 3 2
◇ Q 10 9
♣ 10 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 6 5 4
♡ A K 8 4
◇ 4 3 2
♣ A

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	3♣	4♠	Pass
5♣	Pass	5◇	Pass
6♠	All pass		

Opening lead: King of ♣

North's jump to four spades was strictly limited. North would have cue bid four clubs with a good hand. Despite this, South couldn't bring himself to pass with such a lovely hand.

He cue bid his club control and jumped to slam when partner showed a diamond control.

South won the opening club lead in hand perforce. The diamond suit was the obvious problem. West, who had pre-empted in the auction, was most unlikely to hold both the king and queen of diamonds. Declarer led a diamond to the ace at trick two. This was followed by the ace and king of hearts, discarding a club from dummy, and then a heart ruff. Declarer crossed back to his hand with a club ruff and then ruffed his last heart in dummy.

West had followed suit to all four rounds of hearts and was known to have at least six clubs from the auction. South cashed one high spade in dummy and exited with a low diamond. His silent prayers were answered when West won this trick with the king. Holding nothing but clubs, West was forced to lead one of them. South ruffed this in dummy while discarding his last diamond. Making six!

South showed good imagination in the play of this deal, but the defense could have prevailed. Can you spot how? West could have played his king of diamonds at trick two. Declarer would have had no answer. Would you have found that play?

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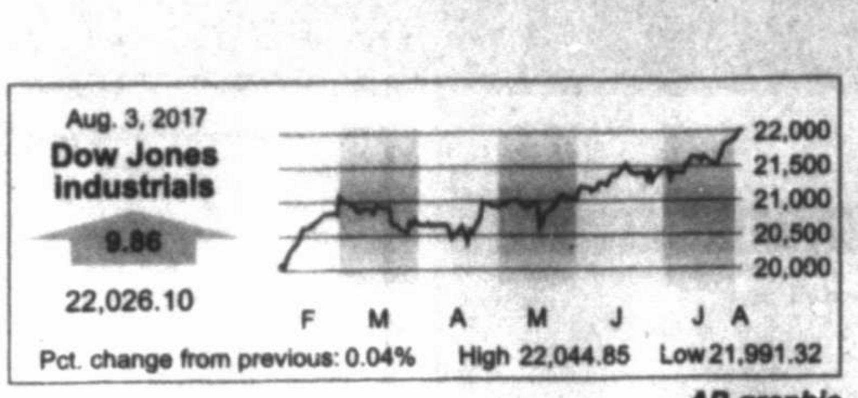
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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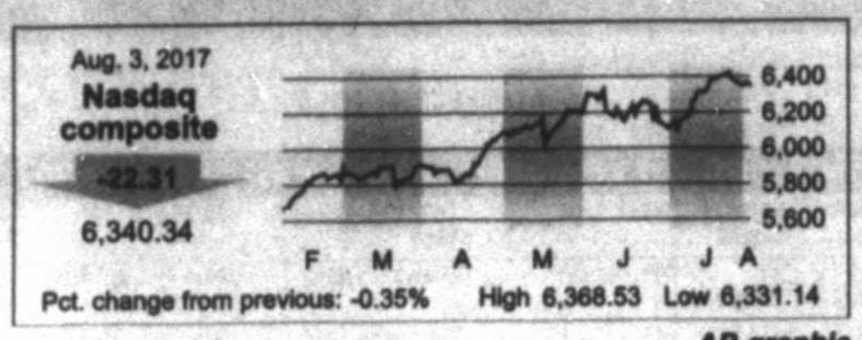

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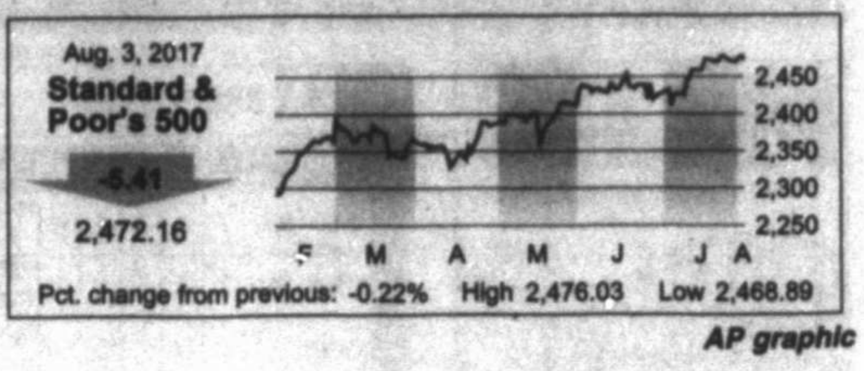

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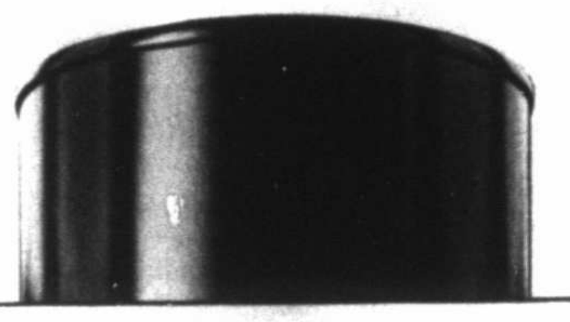
OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Thursday: $49.03
Previous: $49.59

POSTED
Thursday: $45.50
Previous: $46.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Thursday: $42.00
Previous: $42.50

NATURAL GAS
Thursday: $2.800
Previous: $2.811



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TevaPhrm	940176	23.75	-7.50
ChesEng	617551	4.50	-.12
SnapInc A n	606954	12.93	+.28
BkofAm	505338	24.37	-.22
B iPVxST rs	418742	11.27	+.14

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ION Geo rs	4.30	+.75	+21.1
AAC Hldgs	7.29	+1.23	+20.3
Alteryx n	21.97	+2.91	+15.3
Fitbit n	5.84	+.77	+15.2
Vonage	7.36	+.82	+12.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AerohiveN	3.12	-1.49	-32.3
TevaPhrm	23.75	-7.50	-24.0
ContainStr	4.32	-1.19	-21.6
3D Sys	13.39	-3.62	-21.3
NGL EnPt	9.80	-2.45	-20.0

Diary

Advanced	1,230
Declined	1,655
Unchanged	129
Total issues	3,014
New Highs	125
New Lows	72
Volume	3,505,731,956

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	58024	3.41	+.06
22ndCentry	37507	1.98	+.05
BarcGSOil	34819	5.13	-.09
SRC Eng	34146	7.81	-.54
TherapMD	33184	5.26	-.31

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ErinEn rs	2.00	+.26	+15.2
CoreMold	22.50	+2.61	+13.1
NTN Buzz rs	7.00	+.80	+12.9
BioTime	2.82	+.25	+9.7
Cel-Sci rs	2.35	+.18	+8.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CRH Med	2.85	-.80	-21.9
StneEn wt	2.17	-.58	-21.1
Contango	5.29	-.52	-9.0
GoldResrc	3.82	-.29	-7.1
IncOpR	9.54	-.72	-7.0

Diary

Advanced	142
Declined	191
Unchanged	32
Total issues	365
New Highs	3
New Lows	14
Volume	84,206,389

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	288865	27.83	-.80
BrcdeCm	283587	12.43	-.16
Zynga	281036	3.69	+.11
Intel	261290	36.49	+.12
PwShs QQQ	255300	143.39	-.56

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Stamps.cm	205.60	+54.30	+35.9
IntriCon	9.07	+2.02	+28.7
LegcyR pf	6.21	+1.37	+28.3
LegcyR pfB	6.35	+1.38	+27.8
OncoMed	3.73	+.65	+21.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TOP Shi rs	2.30	-4.96	-68.3
Windstm rs	2.38	-1.34	-36.0
AgileThera	3.30	-1.27	-27.8
CentAl	13.33	-3.41	-20.4
SierraWr	23.40	-6.00	-20.4

Diary

Advanced	1,167
Declined	1,698
Unchanged	232
Total issues	3,097
New Highs	85
New Lows	91
Volume	2,039,498,399

Americans continue to crush it with their 401(k)s

Bloomberg

It's happened again: Retirement savings account balances have hit all-time highs.

A string of record 401(k) and IRA account totals now stretches across three consecutive quarters, according to second-quarter data from Fidelity Investments. The data covers 22,155 companies and 15.1 million 401(k) plan participants, as well as 8.8 million IRA accounts.

The performance reflects the impressive display of endurance training by a stock market that just keeps on running, as well as increased employee and employer contributions to retirement accounts.

The average 401(k) account balance stands at $97,700 as of June 30. That's a 9.6 percent gain from the $89,100 average of a year ago, and a big leap from the $73,300 average of five years ago. Average IRA totals, meanwhile, rose to $100,200 from $89,600 a year ago and $73,100 in 2012. For the 12 months ending June 30, market gains accounted for 72 percent of the rise in retirement account balances at Fidelity.

Employees put a record average of $5,850 into their 401(k)s over the past 12 months, a 4 percent increase from a year ago. Ninety-five percent of active employees contribute to their 401(k)s, and many defer enough of their pre-tax salary to get the average company match, which is 4.5 percent. But about 21 percent of employees can't, or aren't, contributing enough to get the full match.

The bit of good news is that many savers don't have that far to go before getting the full match: 53 percent are 1 or 2 percentage points away.

Competing financial priorities may mean saving another 1 or 2 percent of salary isn't feasible until a raise or bonus comes into play. But if extra cash flow exists, a relatively small increase in savings rates can make a big difference over a long career. One way companies are trying to get employees to save more is by rejiggering the company match, said Jeanne Thompson, a senior vice president at Fidelity. For example, instead of giving a 100 percent match on the first three percent of salary put into the plan, a company may match 50 percent of contributions up to 6 percent, so employees need to contribute 6 percent to get the full match.

In addition to tracking accounts quarterly, Fidelity looks at workers with long histories in 401(k) accounts. Workers with 10 straight years in the same 401(k) also enjoyed a record quarter, with the average balance rising to $266,100. Ten years ago, the average was about a third of that amount, $78,800.

The long run-up in stocks has Fidelity urging retirement savers to make sure they don't have too much of their nest egg in equities. That's not an issue for all generations of savers-two-thirds of millennials in Fidelity's database are 100 percent invested in target-date funds (TDFs). (The funds automatically adjust asset allocations over time, based on your years to retirement; Fidelity assumes you'll retire at age 67.)

Millennial accounts hold 87.4 percent in stocks on average. That's where they should be, according to the equity allocation in a Fidelity TDF for someone who wants to retire in about 30 years.

US stocks slip

Losses for energy and technology companies left most U.S. stocks lower on Thursday. Smaller companies fared worse as the dollar remained at 15-month lows.

Energy companies weakened as the price of oil turned lower, and technology companies declined as Apple gave up a piece of its big gain from the day before. Investors bought government bonds after some shaky economic news in the U.S. and the U.K. That sent bond yields down, which hurt financial companies.

Small companies, which surged in November and December, have slumped this week. Firearms maker Sturm Ruger tumbled Thursday after it said sales fell in the second quarter, and sporting goods companies like Big 5 and Vista Outdoor also sank.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index shed 5.41 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,472.16. The Dow Jones industrial average notched its eighth gain in a row and added 9.86 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 22,026.10. The Nasdaq composite lost 22.30 points, or 0.4 percent, to 6,340.34. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies sank 7.67 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,405.23 after a sharp loss a day ago.

Metal prices drop

Gold dipped $4 to $1,274.40 an ounce. Silver fell 10 cents to $16.63 an ounce. Copper lost less than 1 cent to $2.88 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $117.46 Down 11.20

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.20 Up 0.24

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $89.69 Down 6.15

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.40 Up 0.12

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.50 Down 0.05

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.25 Up 0.95

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $12.78 Down 0.06

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $29.91 Down 2.81

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.91 Up 0.21

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.52 Down 0.08

FedEx, in online pivot, backs away from holiday surcharges

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — FedEx will skip special charges for most packages shipped during the holiday season this year as it seeks to undercut rival UPS in a fight for a larger share of the millions of items now bought online.

FedEx Corp. said Thursday that it won't charge extra for peak-season residential deliveries unless the package requires extra handling, such as for very large items.

On an average day, FedEx delivers more than 12 million packages to businesses and homes, but that can jump to 25 million on peak days in December.

Residential shipments represent a much smaller share of the company's revenue, but they are growing faster because of the rise of online shopping. Residential deliveries are relatively inefficient because homes are so spread out and a driver might take one package to a house instead of several to a business — that raises costs for FedEx.

The shipper, based in Memphis, Tennessee, said that from Nov. 20 through Dec. 24 it will add surcharges of $3 for packages needing special handling, $25 for oversized items, and $300 for unauthorized shipments.

FedEx's announcement comes two months after UPS announced new surcharges that will impact shipments in some weeks near Black Friday and Christmas.

United Parcel Service Inc. said that it would add 27 cents for residential deliveries from Nov. 19 to Dec. 2 and Dec. 17-23. It will add a fee of between 81 and 97 cents to overnight, second- or third-day deliveries for residential deliveries Dec. 17-23. There are other charges for oversized packages.

In addition, UPS will charge a peak surcharge on some international air-shipping routes.

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	38.28	+.01	-10.0
Abraxas	...	...	1.59	-.09	-38.1
ActivsBliz	.30f	53	63.97	+2.52	+77.2
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.83	-.01	+16.7
AMD			13.24	-.13	+16.8
Alibaba		44	153.32	+1.41	+74.6
Altria	2.44	22	65.54	-.01	-3.1
Ambev	.06e	6	6.15	-.04	+25.3
Amgen	4.60	15	174.18	-.28	+19.1
Anadarko	.20	...	43.77	-.89	-37.2
Apache	1.00	...	44.06	-3.85	-30.6
Apple Inc	2.52	18	155.57	-1.57	+34.3
ApldMatl	.40	17	42.70	-.03	+32.3
Archrock	.48		10.60	+.10	-19.7
ATMOS	1.80	25	87.41	-1.28	+17.9
AutoData	2.28	30	111.77	-3.48	+8.7
Avon			3.00	-.36	-40.5
BP PLC	2.38	27	36.14	-.26	-3.3
BkofAm	.48f	15	24.37	-.22	+10.3
B iPVxST rs			11.27	+.14	-55.8
BaringsCp s	1.20		15.32	+.01	-1.0
BasicEnS			.45		
BerkHa A	...	18	268370.19	+1640.19	+9.9
BlkHillsCp	1.78	21	69.68	+.12	+13.6
BrMySq	1.56	22	55.50	+.27	-5.0
BrcdeCm	.22	46	12.43	-.16	-.5
BrownFA s	...	30	51.05	-.45	+10.4
BrownFB s	...	...	48.52	-.42	+8.0
CVS Health	2.00	13	78.60	-1.15	-.4
CallonPet	...	31	9.93	-.91	-35.4
Caterpillar	3.12	30	113.56	+.47	+22.4
Celestic g	...	8	11.88	-.05	+.3
CentAl	...	...	13.33	-3.41	+55.7
CntryLink	2.16	10	22.44	-1.30	-5.6
ChesEng	...	41	4.50	-.12	-35.9
Chevron	4.32	62	109.43	-1.03	-7.0
Chicos	.33	12	9.01	-.04	-37.4
Cimarex	.32	44	92.89	-5.28	-31.6
Cisco	1.16	16	31.56	+.04	+4.4
Citigroup	1.28	14	68.13	-.97	+14.6
CocaCola	1.48	28	45.67	+.08	+10.2
ColgPalm	1.60	24	71.60	-.02	+9.4
Comcast s	.63	22	39.70	-.31	+15.0
CommScpe	...	27	33.54	-3.62	-9.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConAgra	.85f	19	34.31	+.10	-13.2
ConchoRes	...	...	117.46	-11.20	-11.4
ConocoPhil	1.06	36	44.91	-.70	-10.4
CrackerB	4.80f	24	153.24	-2.51	-8.2
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	10.57	-.23	-77.1
CrosTim	1.10e	15	14.97	-.13	-16.7
CytRx h	...	...	.67	-.12	+80.6
DCP Mid	3.12	20	34.49	-.33	-10.1
DTE	3.30	23	108.87	+1.27	+10.5
Delcath rs	...	...	.12	+.05	-87.3
DevonE	.24	98	32.27	-1.13	-29.3
Disney	1.56	19	109.12	+.45	+4.7
DowChm	1.84	20	63.43	-.87	+10.9
DryShips s	...	1	1.23	-.11	-100.0
EOG Rescs	.67	...	88.90	-3.42	-12.1
EldorGld g	.02e	23	1.85	-.14	-42.5
EnCana g	.06	18	9.38	-.43	-20.1
Energen	.08	...	48.25	-3.25	-16.3
EnPro	.88	51	75.01	+.13	+11.4
ENSCO	.04	2	5.54	+.24	-43.0
EntProdPt	1.68f	21	26.84	-.40	-.7
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.28	-.05	+7.7
ExxonMbl	3.08	31	80.49	-.11	-10.8
FairmSant	...	...	2.65	-.02	-77.5
FstBcpPR	...	12	5.82	-.12	-12.0
Fitbit n	...	...	5.84	+.77	-20.2
FordM	.60a	12	10.93	-.07	-9.9
FrptMcM	...	...	14.37	...	+8.9
GATX	1.68	11	61.62	-.41	+.1
GabMultT	.94e	...	9.50	-.09	+31.2
GAinv	1.15e	...	34.91	-.10	+12.0
GenElec	.96	24	25.76	+.24	-18.5
GtPlainEn	1.10	19	31.07	+.16	+13.6
HP Inc	.53	12	19.36	+.26	+30.5
Hallibrtn	.72	...	42.03	-.82	-22.3
Hologic	...	13	39.91	-3.76	-.5
HuntBncsh	.32	19	13.16	-.16	-.5
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	9.25	-.20	+35.8
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	38.43	-.11	+15.3
iShEMkts	.84e	...	43.79	-.18	+25.1
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	67.37	+.04	+16.7
iShR2K	1.77e	...	139.53	-.70	+3.5
Intel	1.09	16	36.49	+.12	+.6
InterDig	1.20	8	71.80	-.85	-21.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	12.42	-.04	+20.9
JohnJn	3.36	20	133.35	+1.19	+15.7
KimbClk	3.88	20	121.68	+.32	+6.6
Kinross g	...	62	4.32	+.20	+38.9
Kroger s	.50f	12	24.06	-.57	-30.3
L Brands	2.40	11	41.60	-2.71	-36.8
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.40	+.12	-34.0
Lubys	...	...	2.85	-.01	-33.4
MarathnO	.20	...	12.51	+.47	-27.7
Mattel	.60	25	18.98	-.64	-31.1
McDnlds	3.76	26	154.72	-1.87	+27.1
Merck	1.88	16	63.52	+.08	+7.9
MeritMed	...	52	41.30	-.20	+55.8
MexcoEn	...	...	5.50	-.05	+10.0
MicronT	...	10	27.83	-.80	+27.0
Microsoft	1.56	25	72.15	-.11	+16.1
Mylan NV	...	7	34.70	-2.22	-9.0
Nabors	.24	...	7.46	-.23	-54.5
NOilVarco	.20	78	32.62	+.01	-12.9
NSTFI3	.55a	...	15.01	-.01	+5.9
NTXQI	.65	...	14.79	-.02	+7.8
Nvidia	.56	53	166.48	+2.09	+56.0
OasisPet	...	...	7.23	-.13	-52.2
OcciPet	3.08f	...	61.55	+.18	-13.6
Oclaro	...	...	9.49	+.36	+6.0
PDC Engy	...	...	43.39	-2.23	-40.2
ParTech	...	22	8.97	-.07	+60.8
ParkDrl	...	...	1.25	+.10	-51.9
ParsleyEn	...	90	25.30	-2.09	-28.2
PattUTI	.08	...	19.22	-.46	-28.6
PennaRE	.84	8	11.06	-.24	-41.7
Prmian	.63e	24	8.77	-.22	+13.7
Petrobras	...	...	8.87	-.14	-12.3
Pfizer	1.28	14	33.43	+.51	+2.9
PioNtrl	.08	...	135.12	-10.56	-25.0
PlainsAAP	2.20	28	25.61	-.88	-20.7
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	143.39	-.56	+21.0
Praxair	3.15	23	130.32	-.28	+11.2
PrmEgy	...	...	48.15	+1.15	-10.8
PUVixST rs	...	...	30.02	+.74	...
ProctGam	2.76f	23	90.86	-.18	+8.1
RangeRs	.08	19	17.78	-.12	-48.3
RegionsFn	.36	16	14.90	+.07	+3.8
RiteAid	...	40	2.39	-.01	-71.0
Rowan	.40	6	11.66	+.32	-38.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
RoyDShllA	3.76	86	57.04	-.34	+4.9
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	220.06	+.17	+11.4
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	246.96	-.48	+10.5
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	30.55	-1.11	-26.2
SabnR	2.24e	18	38.70	-.30	+10.1
SanderFm	.96	14	132.13	-.79	+40.2
Schlmbrg	2.00	61	68.22	-.91	-18.7
SiriusXM	.04	38	5.64	-.04	+26.7
Smucker	3.12f	16	121.17	+.36	-5.4
SnapInc A n	...	...	12.93	+.28	-47.2
SwstnEngy	...	...	5.22	-.15	-51.8
SpiritRltC	.72	10	8.08	+.15	-25.6
Square n	...	...	25.22	-1.24	+85.0
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	55.17	-.05	+6.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	65.43	-.93	-13.1
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	25.22	-.09	+8.5
Staples	.48	...	10.18	+.04	+12.5
Starbucks s	1.00	28	55.68	+.25	+.3
Symantec	.30	8	30.27	-.64	+26.7
TTM Tch	...	14	14.02	-3.19	+2.9
TakeTwo	...	...	89.09	+9.70	+80.7
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	11.29	-.03	+22.7
TerraVia	...	...	.07	+.01	-94.3
Tesla Inc	...	...	347.09	+21.20	+62.4
TevaPhrm	1.36e	11	23.75	-7.50	-34.5
3D Sys	...	...	13.39	-3.62	+.8

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3M Co	4.70	24	207.62	+2.21	+16.3
Torchmark	.60	17	78.84	-.09	+6.9
Transocn	...	9	9.25	+.62	-37.2
TriContl	.98e	...	25.02	+.03	+13.5
Twitter	...	...	16.18	+.11	-.7
TylerTech	...	54	169.65	-.62	+18.8
UBSI	1.32	18	34.55	-.25	-25.3
US OilFd	...	...	10.02	-.12	-14.5
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.82	-.08	+28.9
ValeantPh	...	3	15.45	-.97	+6.4
ValeroE	2.80	22	68.50	...	+.3
VanEGold	.12e	...	22.70	-.07	+8.5
VerizonCm	2.31	10	48.61	+.40	-8.9
VulcanM	1.00	38	120.15	-2.97	-4.0
WEC Engy	2.08	22	64.11	+.47	+9.3
WPX Engy	...	...	9.67	-.93	-33.6
WalgBoots	1.60f	17	81.05	+.02	-2.1
Weathfintl	...	...	4.40	-.08	-11.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	53.40	-.22	-3.1
WhitingPet	...	...	5.00	-.05	-58.4
WmsCos	1.20	44	31.06	-.58	-.3
Windstm rs	.60	...	2.38	-1.34	-67.5
XcelEngy	1.44f	22	48.11	+.40	+18.2
Xerox rs	.25p	11	32.10	-.45	+39.6
Zynga	...	...	3.69	+.11	+43.6

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,036.10	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	22,026.10	+9.86	+.04	+11.45	+20.02
9,763.66	7,622.92	Dow Jones Transportation	9,202.40	+27.41	+.30	+1.75	+19.20
738.82	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	734.11	+2.18	+.30	+11.29	+4.70
12,012.65	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	11,956.52	-22.85	-.19	+8.14	+11.67
6,460.84	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,340.34	-22.31	-.35	+17.78	+22.73
2,484.04	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,472.16	-5.41	-.22	+10.42	+14.23
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25,845.72	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	25,652.83	-79.10	-.31	+9.51	+14.32
1,452.09	1,156.08	Russell 2000	1,405.23	-7.67	-.54	+3.54	+15.78

SUDOKU

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

								9
	4					5	6	8
6			3		9			
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7								

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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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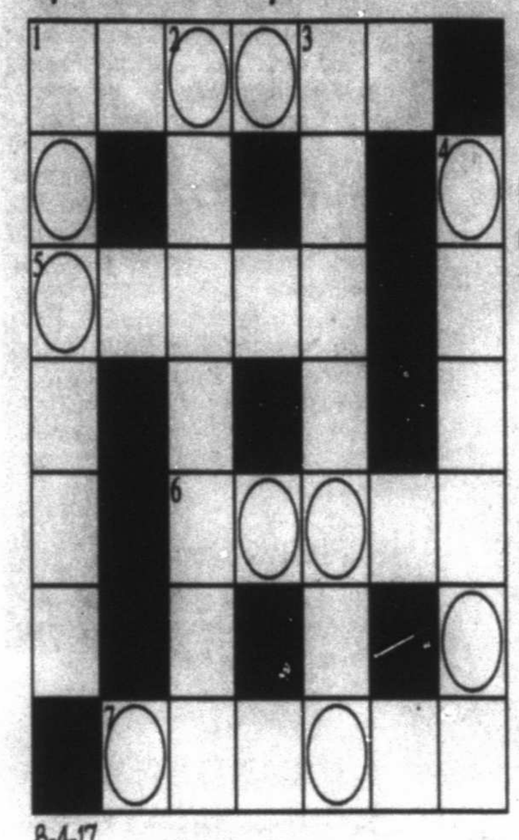

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Spa visitor	HARBTE
5. Climbing marsupial	LAAOK
6. ___ weave	NSAIT
7. Remained	YADSET

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Cake shop	ABEKRY
2. ___ system	SARTTIN
3. To a T	YACLTXE
4. Incinerated	NREDUB

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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CLUE: This actress was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2016.

BONUS

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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STFIH

VATDEN

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- (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: VALET IGLOO SEESAW PEACHY
Answer: When not one person bid in the charity auction, the host thought — WHAT GIVES?

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Enjoy deeply
6 Verne voyager
10 Campus hangout
14 "Things are never quite as scary when you've got __ friend": Bill Watterson
15 Old Roman poet
16 "Once more __ the breach": Shak.
17 Why St. Peter owns daming needles?
20 Actor Idris __
21 "Take this"
22 Naturally lit indoor spaces
23 CV inclusion
24 Not as good-looking?
25 Minimalist beachwear
26 "Ah, Wilderness!" mother
28 Future D.A.'s hurdle
30 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.
31 Museum of Home Security exhibits?
35 Peanut product
36 Fraser or Douglas
37 What a shepherd sees after a snowstorm?
44 Appreciative cry
46 Sol precede
47 "Not possible"
48 Frigga portrayer in "Thor"
51 Prefix in makeup product names
53 Feel sorry about
54 Perfumer's ingredient
55 Red-coated security force: Abbr.
56 Diplomacy result
57 Consumer reactions to big price hikes for brownies?
60 Pointer's cry
61 O or Jay
62 Author Calvino
63 Coastal raptors
64 Cutlass, e.g.
65 City on the Ruhr

DOWN

1 It's in the bag
2 Void
3 Like a motormouth
4 Org. concerned with ladder safety
5 GPS datum
6 "An ill-defined and disreputable literary banana republic": Stephen King
7 High point of Hillary's career
8 __ spring
9 "__ bodkins!": old oath
10 "The Raven" verb
11 Straighten, as one's legs
12 Diet doctor
13 Pharmacist's concern
18 "Now it's clear!"
19 Didn't rise
24 Dental procedure, for short
27 Composer Stravinsky
29 Devonshire dandy
32 "Born Free" lioness
33 Paramecium movers
34 McDonald's founder
37 Bit of suspended decoration
38 Controversial political cartoonist
39 Put up
40 Projecting architectural features
41 Capital NE of Bogotá
42 Get to work, with "down"
43 Big hat
44 Ancient prophet
45 Comics villain since 1940
49 Gives the heave-ho
50 Conquistador's treasure
52 Speed meas.
56 "Chopped" array
58 Southeast Asian tongue
59 Move it, quaintly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	L	T	A	R		O	H	M	S		F	O	X	X
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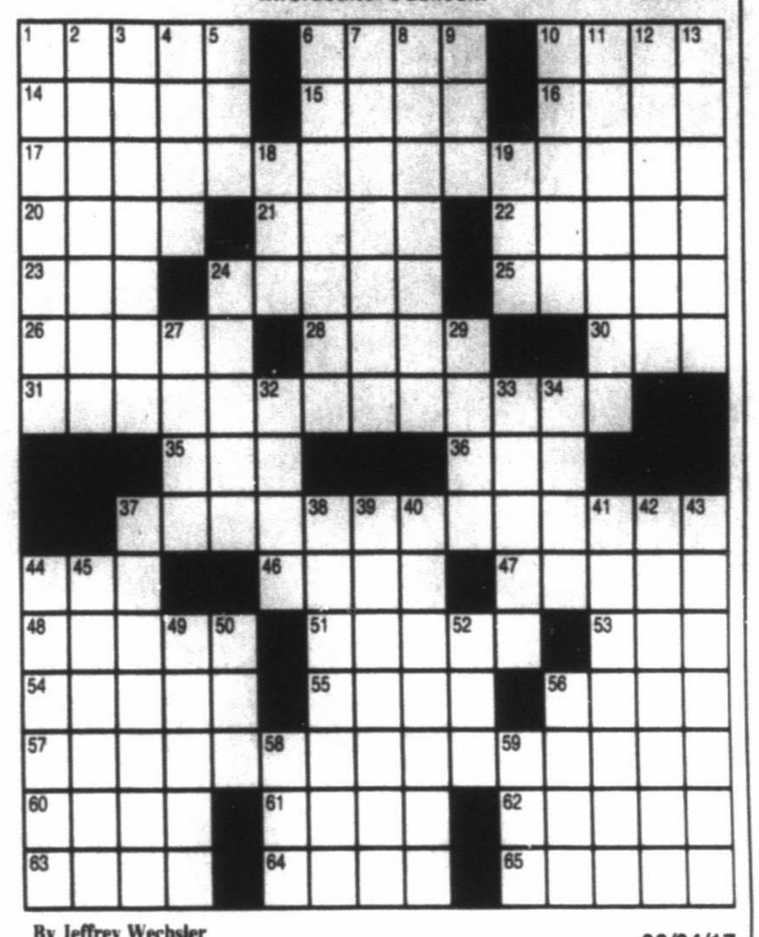

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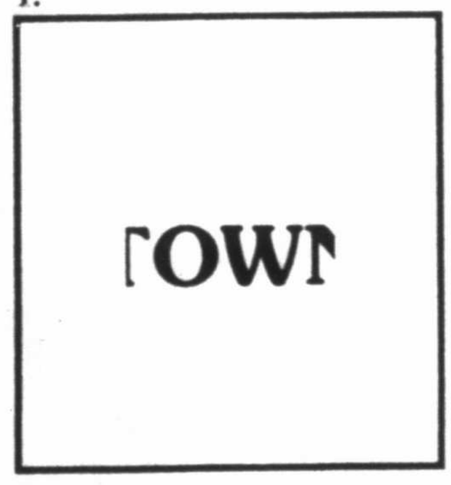

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1. The middle (or center) of town
2. A flowery smell

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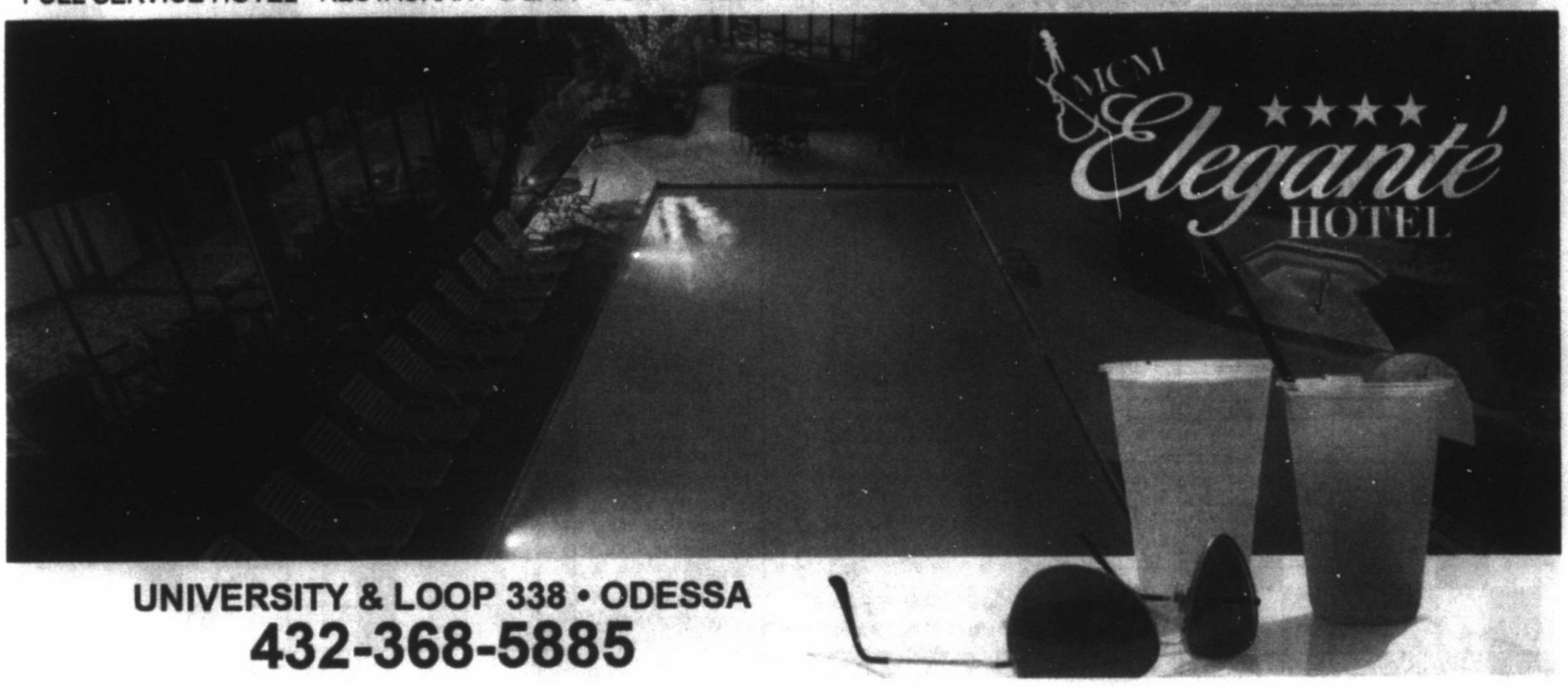

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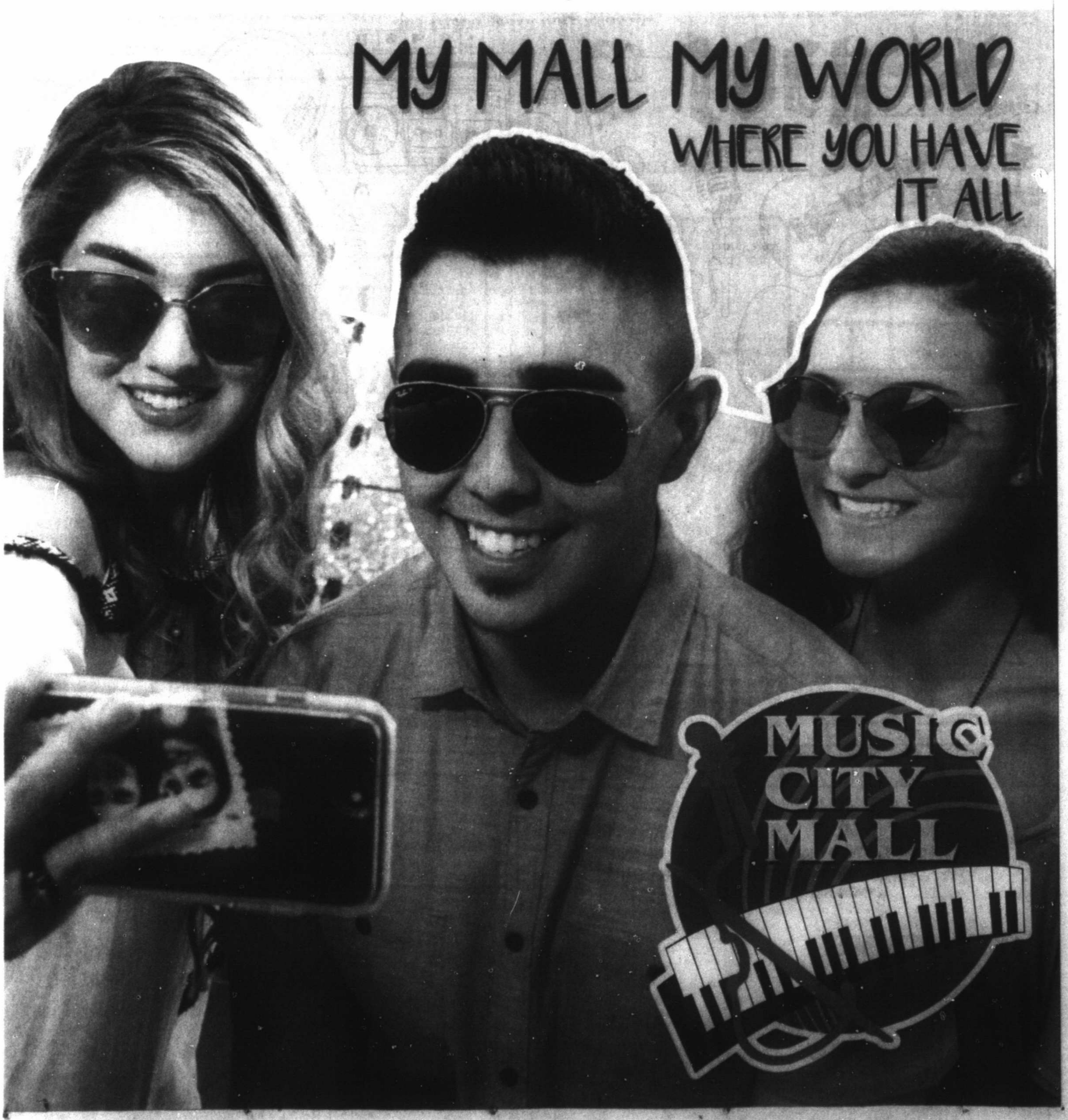

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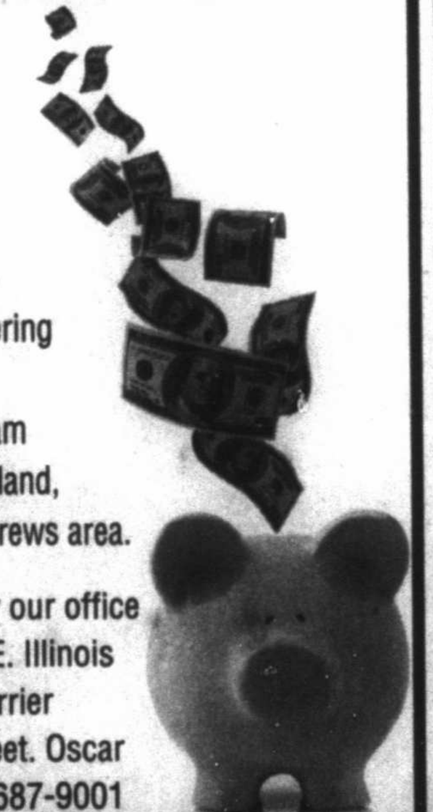

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Office Position

JW Enterprise seeks an individual to hire for an office position. Duties include DOT compliance clerk, filing and data entry. To inquire, please call 432-458-3675 or 432-664-3408. Resumes may be sent to d2williamson@yahoo.com. Serious applicants only please.

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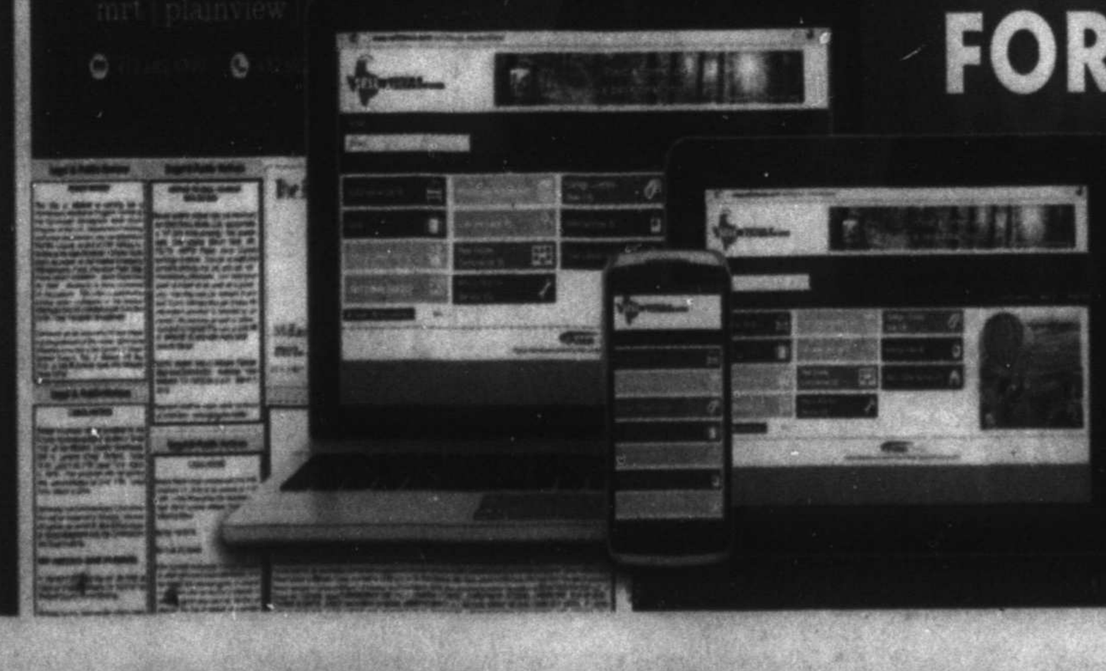

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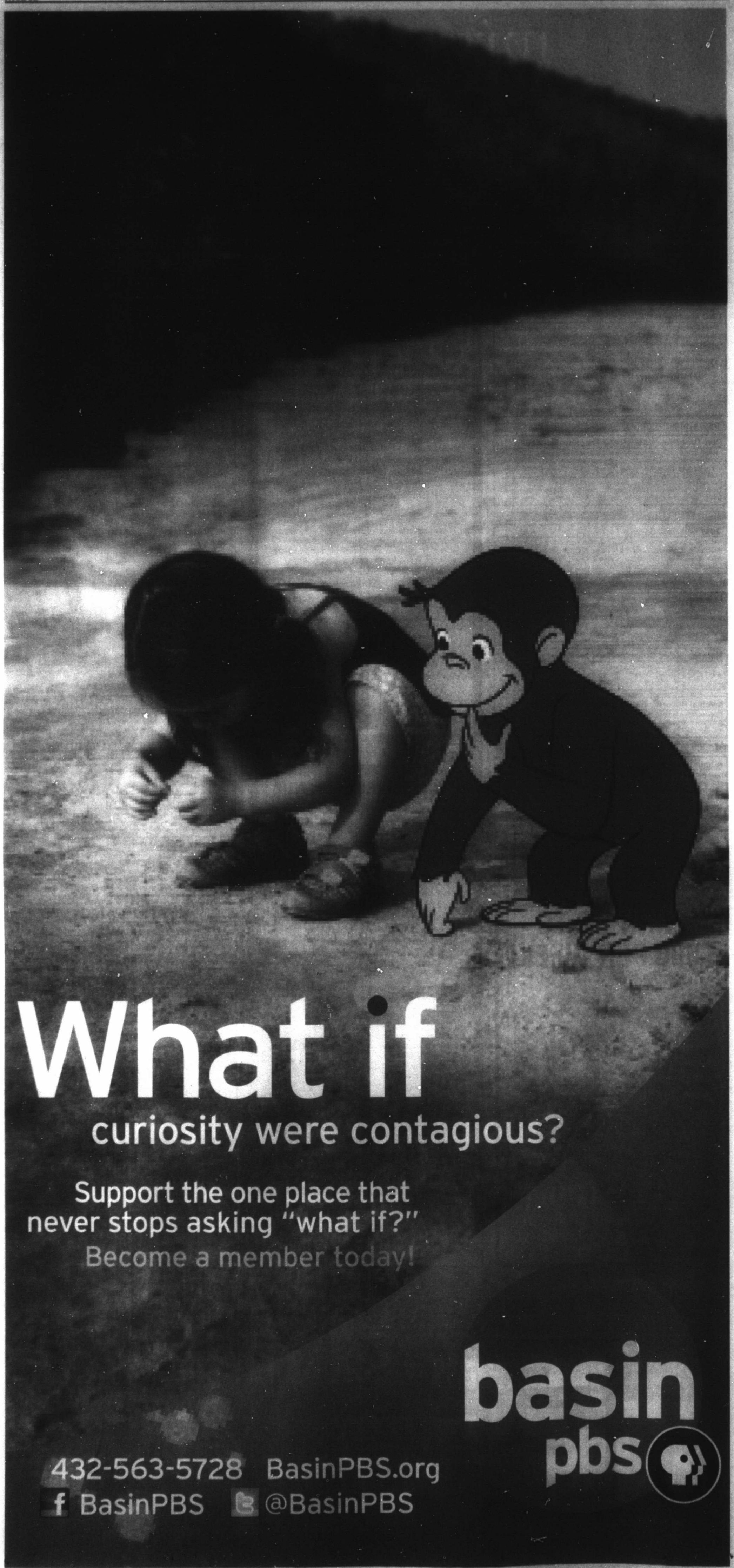
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Legal and Public Notices

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Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., August 16, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the Office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17002635

For: Temporary Traffic Control

If the Contract is awarded, it will oe awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M. local time, August 30, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17002985

For: Sealed bids for the City of Midland - Midland Draw Manhole Rehabilitation Project for the Utilities Department. The project manual may be obtained at a non-refundable charge of $25 por electronic set ½ or full size, $50 per hard copy set of ½ size or $75 per hard full size copy of plans and specifications by contacting HDR Engineering, Inc. at 512-912-5192 or by email: lisa.singer@hdrinc.com

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Proposed Salary Increases For Midland County Elected Officials 2017-2018

Title	Increase
County Judge	$8,706.56
Commissioner, Precinct 1	$6,647.51
Commissioner, Precinct 2	$6,647.51
Commissioner, Precinct 3	$6,647.51
Commissioner, Precinct 4	$6,647.51
District Clerk	$4,934.90
County Attorney	$6,833.97
County Clerk	$4,934.90
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1	$4,361.26
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 2	$4,361.26
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3	$4,361.26
Justice of the Peace, Pct. 4	$4,361.26
Treasurer	$4,934.90
Tax Assessor/Collector	$7,481.97
Sheriff	$6,686.46
Constable, Precinct 1	$3,496.15
Constable, Precinct 2	$3,496.15
Constable, Precinct 3	$3,496.15
Constable, Precinct 4	$3,496.15

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Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

Pioneer Natural Resources, 5205 N. O'Connor Blvd., Suite 200, Irving, Texas 7509 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Brook D 25 Lease, Well Number 4D. The proposed disposal well is located 20 miles N-NE of Rankin, in the Spraberry (Tread Area) Field, in Upton County.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4065 to 5300 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas 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 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. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone) (512/463-6792).

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Legal and Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by John K. Sanderlin for a Zone Change from LR-2, Local Retail District to LI, Light Industrial District on the following described property: 10-acre tract of land, Block 41, Section 37, T-1-S, T&P, RR Co. Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located at the northwest intersection of State Highway 191 and Candice Road. (Council District 4).

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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City Secretary

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22 2017, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Dos Soles Mexican Restaurant for the sale of all alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in a restaurant on the following property: On a 8,590 square feet portion out of Lot 18, Block 1, Providence Park Section 2, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located southeast of the intersection of W. Illinois and N. Midkiff Road.

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Generally located north of Veterans Airpark Lane, approximately 575-feet west of North Big Spring Street. (Council District 3).

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Generally located on the west side of West Loop 250 North, approximately 290-feet north of Deauville Boulevard (Council District 4)

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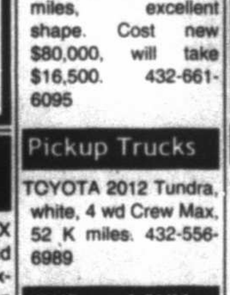

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79701

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79703

1003 UPLAND Saturday 8am-noon (In building in the alley) Furniture, 1950's fridge, tools & household goods.

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79705

1212 PORTERFIELD Road Saturday 8am-? 4 family sale. Furniture, piano, washer kitchen items, home decor, clothes, shoes, toys, and much more.

2003 N "B" Saturday only 7am-? 2 family sale! A little of everything.

2411 META Place Friday & Saturday 8am-?. Yard Sale! Lots of clothes, toys and housewares.

2813 FRONTIER St Saturday 8am-noon, Kids toys, TV, purses, clothing, CD's, Lego sets, & lots of miscellaneous.

Yard - Garage Sales

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3000 BAYBRIDGE Saturday 9am-1pm. RV bike rack, golf clubs, dresser, tools, washer dryer, compressor, Christmas wreaths, lawn tools & household items.

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4505 AMISTAD Drive SAT ONLY 8 to ???. No Early Birds!!! 2 Family garage sale - tablets, PS3, games, DVD's, area rugs, small appliances, children's, men's & women's clothing of all sizes. Lot's of MISC.

4507 ST. Andrews Saturday 8am-? Multi family garage sale. Furniture, dishes & much more.

Yard - Garage Sales

79707

5708 HILLCREST Place Friday & Saturday 8am-1pm. Back to School. Polo shorts, shirts, jackets, 50 pairs of jeans, men, women, boy & girls clothes all sizes, very good condition. Over 100 pairs of shoes, dresser with mirror, bedside tables, jewelry, authentic purses, new makeup, sports gear, VCR, flat screen TV, school supplies, backpacks, & lots of miscellaneous.

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