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Raymond Plank, who founded Apache Corp., dies at 96.

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BIRDS AND 'BOYS

Dak Prescott, Ezekiel Elliott and the Dallas Cowboys were in Philadelphia on Sunday to take on their division rivals, the Eagles. Find out how they did in the Sports section.

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MISD: Student enrollment surpasses 26,000

District provides trustees with data that shows growth at 2.5 percent

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland ISD's "preliminary snapshot membership number" is 26,219, according to information provided to the Reporter-Telegram.

That student enrollment (or membership) figure submitted to the state as part of the district's profile shows another year of growth for Midland ISD.

The figure shows an increase of 503 students compared to the snapshot from the 2017-18 school year (25,706). Midland ISD turned in snapshots of 24,692 in 2016-17 and 24,555 in 2015-16.

Snapshot is taken during a particular day for all school districts around the state.

Snapshot enrollment

2018-19	26,219
2017-18	25,706
2016-17	24,692
2015-16	24,555

Source: MISD Accountability & Student Data

While the student membership count this year shows 1.9 percent growth compared to last year, it also shows an increase from the first month of school. On Aug. 29, MISD's enrollment was at 26,054 at its 39 campuses, according to a previous the Reporter-Telegram article, so snapshot shows growth of 165 in a couple of months.

The district is reporting a student membership of 26,402 on Oct. 26 and annual growth of 2.93 percent, according to "Board Facility Committee," an agenda item for tonight's board of trustees meeting.

Board President Rick Davis is recommending that he, Bryan Murry and James Fuller be named to the committee, which will be tasked with keeping the board informed of actions and activity concerning district facilities.

Midland ISD earlier this year reported in a 10-year "membership" growth forecast that student population could increase by 10,000 over the next decade. That forecast shows a student enrollment of 32,859 in 10 years if there is an annual average increase of 2.5 percent. That number could increase

to as high as 35,855.

The district's Facility Master Planning Committee in October cites student enrollment growth as a reason for a plan that calls for a \$545.8 million bond election as soon as May and more than \$910 million in total projects over the next decade.

New facilities to accommodate the expected growth are part of a proposed 2019 bond, which calls for at least five campuses:

- a new high school (\$187.5 million),
- a replacement for Midland High (\$187.5 million),
- a new middle school (\$64.5 million),
- a partner/public school (Midland ISD allocation \$20 million) and
- a young women's academy (\$31.5 million).

HINDU CELEBRATION



Radha on the Dance Floor Medley is performed during the Diwali Cultural Night, which was presented Saturday by the Hindu Association of West Texas at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

In addition to children's performances, the celebration included folk dances and a dinner of traditional Indian cuisine. Diwali is celebrated by Hindus to commemorate the triumph of good in all things. Some traditional practices for the holiday include lamp lighting, the wearing of colorful garb and henna designs, prayers for a prosperous year, a feast and giving of gifts. **RIGHT:** Youth perform the Twist Kamariya at Diwali Cultural Night. See more photos from the event in a future Faith and Philanthropy section.

Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram



George W. Bush, Laura Bush honored for their work with veterans

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Former President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush were awarded the National Constitution Center's Liberty Medal for their work with U.S. military veterans since leaving the White House.

Former Vice President Joe Biden presented the award to the couple at the Philadelphia history museum on Sunday, Veterans Day. Outside the center, a group of several protesters from the group Veterans Against The War protested the award, WCBSTV reported.

Laura Bush spoke of support for military spouses and caregivers, advocating to recognizing them for their efforts and asked government and non-governmental programs working with veterans to consider their needs.

The former president said he was honored to receive the award that he was proud to follow in his father's footsteps "once again."

Former President George H.W. Bush, alongside former President Bill Clinton, were both awarded the medal in 2006.

This is the second year that Biden has taken part in the Liberty Medal ceremony. Last year, he presented the award to the late U.S. Sen. John McCain, who died in August.

Before the medal was awarded, Biden gifted the Texas-native Bushes with a pair of Philadelphia Eagles jerseys ahead of the team's home game against the Dallas Cowboys. Bush was in attendance at the game later Sunday and performed the coin flip.



Corey Perrine/AP

Former Vice President Joe Biden, from left, bestows the Liberty Medal on former President George W. Bush as former first lady Laura Bush has the same bestowed by Doug DeVos, executive committee chairman for the National Constitution Center, at the National Constitution Center on Sunday in Philadelphia.

Texas lawmaker reportedly on list to replace Sessions



Ratcliffe

Texas Tribune

U.S. Rep. John Ratcliffe, R-Heath, is on a short list of possible replacements for fired U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, NBC News reports.

Ratcliffe, a former U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Texas appointed by then-

President George W. Bush, was first elected to Congress four years ago. He also served as mayor of Heath for eight years.

NBC's list of possible AGs includes former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and outgoing U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-South Carolina, both former federal prosecutors. NBC also

mentioned U.S. Sen. Lindsay Graham — quoting him as saying he's not interested — U.S. Solicitor General Noel Francisco, Alex Azar,

President Trump's secretary of Health and Human Services, and Andrew McCarthy, a former U.S. attorney and now a columnist and television pundit.

Did you know?

In its opening weekend, 'Dr. Seuss' The Grinch' made off with \$66 million at the box office. Page 2A

The big number

Statewide death toll stands at 25 in wildfires raging in Northern and Southern California. Page 5A

Word of the Day:

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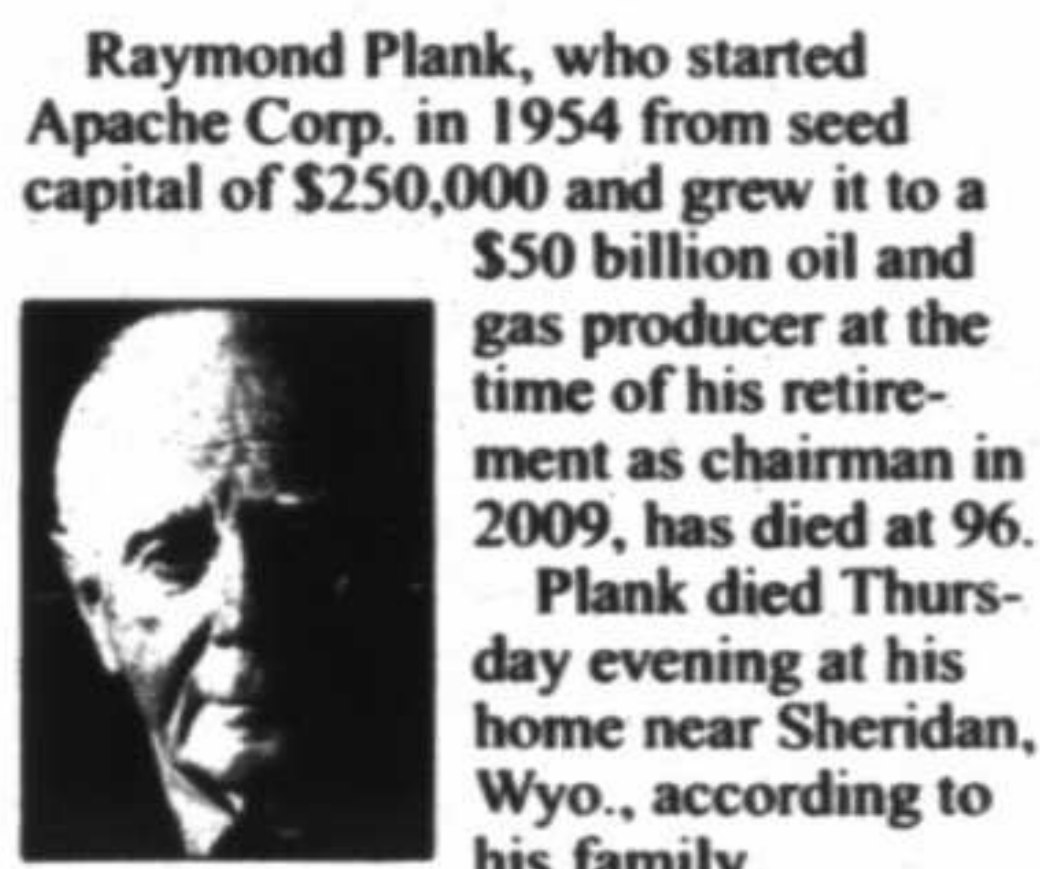
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Apache Corp. founder Raymond Plank dies

By John C. Roper
Houston Chronicle



Plank

Raymond Plank, who started Apache Corp. in 1954 from seed capital of \$250,000 and grew it to a \$50 billion oil and gas producer at the time of his retirement as chairman in 2009, has died at 96. Plank died Thursday evening at his home near Sheridan, Wyo., according to his family.

Houston-based Apache's culture in its early days mirrored that of Plank, who was known as a risk-taker with swagger.

Plank loved fast cars and was often seen puffing away at his pipe, smoking in his office, the company jet or in rental cars, said Tony Lentini, a longtime spokesman for Plank at Apache.

"When he rented a car, he would have the no smoking sticker pulled off of the car and stuck to his pipe," Lentini recalled. "Sometimes, he would almost smoke out the pilots on the plane."

He brought unconventional methods to oil exploration and production and typically found success.

In 1981, Plank created the first publicly traded master limited partnership, or MLP, that has since become popular with oil and gas companies for their tax benefits.

When Apache first began to explore for oil in the Qarun area of western Egypt in the early 1990s, there was no pipeline infrastructure available to move the oil to where it could be refined and sold. Although

Apache had plans to build the necessary pipelines, Plank couldn't wait.

"There was no way to get the oil out, so Raymond decided to truck it across the western desert before we built the pipeline," Lentini said. "He wanted to monetize it at the beginning and trucked thousands of barrels a day across the desert."

Lentini recalled many times Raymond used bluster and "colorful language" at press conferences.

"Being his PR guy was a lot of fun, but he would say things just to provoke," Lentini said. "He was unconventional, to say the least."

Plank was also publicly outspoken about suspecting Enron Corp. of foul play years before the company collapsed in an accounting scandal.

"That was a big deal," Lentini recalled. "Everybody believed Enron hung the moon. Raymond had the courage to say, 'We're going to expose this because this is wrong.'"

While Plank has not been active at Apache for many years, his presence is still felt at the company.

"For the many of us at Apache who knew him, and the many more whose lives he touched, we remember Raymond as a visionary leader and a strong, passionate and caring man. His leadership, courage, generosity and integrity are central to the core values he instilled at Apache, and they continue to guide us today. We send our deepest condolences to the Plank family," said Apache Corporation CEO and President John Christmann.

Plank was born in 1922 and served as a bomber pilot in the Pacific in World War II before returning to graduate from Yale.

Plank authored a memoir in 2012 titled "A Small Difference" that outlines many of his adventures as a

Texas wildcatter.

"He called his memoir 'A Small Difference,' but he made a big difference in many people's lives," said his son, Roger Plank, founder and CEO of Apex International Energy, a Houston oil and gas company.

Raymond Plank for the past several years had been living near Sheridan and was passionate about the nearby Ucross Foundation, a nonprofit organization he founded in 1981. Ucross is on a historic 20,000-acre cattle ranch on the high plains in Wyoming and provides workspace and living accommodations to artists, writers and composers.

Several acclaimed works were created in part during artist residencies at Ucross, including E. Annie Proulx's "The Shipping News" and Elizabeth Gilbert's "Eat Pray Love."

"Raymond was a force of nature," said Sharon Dynak, president of the Ucross Foundation, adding that "he transformed the lives of thousands of artists whose work has influenced the culture of the world."

Plank also had a lifetime affinity for learning, and in 2001, he created Fund for Teachers, a national organization based in Houston that helps develop teaching skills. He also developed a program to build 200 one-room schools in Western Egypt for girls.

Plank was a native of Minneapolis, where he founded an accounting and tax service that managed oil and gas investment programs that eventually morphed into Apache, which today has a market capitalization of about \$14 billion. In recent years, Apache has shed several large assets, including in Canada and the offshore Gulf of Mexico, to focus on its core assets in the Permian Basin, U.K. North Sea and Egypt.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

LA GRANGE Deputy shot in face during standoff released from hospital

A Texas deputy who investigators say was shot in the face by a suspect while trying to serve a warrant has been discharged from an Austin hospital.

An ambulance carrying Fayette County Sheriff's Deputy Calvin "CJ" Lehmann was escorted to his home Saturday by other officers.

Lehmann was critically injured Nov. 1 during a standoff in La Grange, 70 miles southeast of Austin. Authorities say Lehmann was shot while helping serve a warrant on a man charged with failure to register as a sex offender.

Officials say Lehmann has lost vision in his left eye. Further details weren't released.

The suspect, who surrendered after about three hours, was charged with aggravated assault on a public servant.

The Fayette County Sheriff's Office is accepting donations for the wounded deputy.

UVALDE Services held for Texas newlyweds killed in helicopter crash

Services have been held for Texas newlyweds who died when the helicopter transporting them to an airport to start their honeymoon crashed into a rugged hill.

The crash happened just hours after William Troy Byler and Bailee Raye Ackerman Byler, both 24, exchanged vows Nov. 3 at the Byler family ranch near Uvalde.

The newlyweds were bound for San Antonio International Airport when the chopper crashed about 15 miles from the departure site. The pilot also died.

A service was held Thursday in Vidor, 15 miles from Orangeburg, where the bride was from. A second service was Friday in Bellville, where the groom has family. Plans also included a graveside service at the Byler family cemetery at the ranch.

Investigators are trying to determine what caused the crash.



Universal Pictures via AP

This image released by Universal Pictures shows the characters Cindy-Lou Who, voiced by Cameron Seely, left, and Grinch, voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch, in a scene from "The Grinch." "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" made off with \$66 million for Universal Pictures to top the weekend North American box office, according to studio estimates Sunday.

'Dr. Seuss' 'The Grinch' makes off with \$66M at box office

By Andrew Dalton
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — You're a mean one — and you're number one — Mr. Grinch. "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch" slugged past mixed reviews and made off with \$66 million for Universal Pictures to top the weekend North American box office, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Last week's top film, the Queen biopic "Bohemian Rhapsody," drops to second for 20th Century Fox with a \$30.8 million weekend that brings its overall take to \$100 million.

Illumination, the Universal-owned animators behind "The Minions" and "Despicable Me," produced the latest interpretation of Seuss' 1957 book that led to a 1966 TV special and first came to the big screen as a live-action feature starring Jim Carrey in 2000.

Paramount Pictures' war-horror hybrid "Overlord" was third in its first weekend with \$10.1 million. Disney's "The Nutcracker and the Four Realms" brought in \$9.5 million and finished fourth in its second week. The weekend's other major debut, "The Girl in the Spider's Web," made just \$8 million and finished fifth.

Illumination's "Grinch," narrated by Pharrell Williams, gives the title character, voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch, a backstory in an orphanage and fills out the story of his foil Cindy Lou Who.

It's the second Seuss adaptation for Illumination. Its version of "The Lorax" opened with a comparable \$70 million weekend and went on to gross \$348.8 million worldwide.

"The Grinch" was widely expected to be No. 1 with few other major openings this weekend, but it surpassed projections that had it bringing in closer to \$60 million, continuing what's become a trend in 2018.

"The Grinch" is just the latest in a

string of over-performers," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore. "'Bohemian Rhapsody' was bigger than expected. 'A Star Is Born' was bigger than expected. It's fueling a box-office surge."

The industry has reached a cumulative box office total of \$10 billion faster than in any other year, Dergarabedian said.

The Christmas theme of "The Grinch" could sustain it through the holidays and Universal hopes it has a longer life than that.

"With Thanksgiving coming, we're poised to have a great run through that," said Jim Orr, president of domestic distribution for Universal. "Illumination's created such a classic take on this beloved character that audiences will be enjoying it for a really long time."

But big rivals loom soon, including "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" next week and "Ralph Breaks the Internet" on Nov. 21.

"We've got a lot of competition coming up for family audiences," Dergarabedian said.

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

1. "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch," \$66 million.
2. "Bohemian Rhapsody," \$30.8 million.
3. "Overlord," \$10.1 million.
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5. "The Girl in the Spider's Web," \$8 million.
6. "A Star Is Born," \$8 million.
7. "Nobody's Fool," \$6.5 million.
8. "Venom," \$4.8 million.
9. "Halloween," \$3.8 million.
10. "The Hate U Give," \$2 million.

Obituaries



Arturo Jr. Lopez

Arturo Jr. Lopez, "ART" age 33, of Midland, TX, passed away Friday, November 9, 2018 at his residence.

Art loved being a hair dresser, hanging out with friends, watching horse racing, and dancing. But most of all, Art loved his family and living his life to the fullest. He was always there to lend a hand, never turning away anyone in need.

He is survived by his grandparents Armando and Rosita Gabaldon of Midland and Manuel and Valentina Lopez of Lubbock, mother Rosa Gabaldon of Midland, father Arturo Lopez of Alpine, step-father Elias Torres of Midland, sisters Amy Lopez of Midland, Adriana Lopez of Juarez, Mexico, Ariana Lopez of Juarez, Mexico, Krisma Madrid of Midland, brother Juan Carlos Natividad of Midland, 6 uncles, 4 aunts, many cousins, niece Davanny Medrano and 2 more nieces, and nephews.

Viewing will be Sunday, November 11, 2018 from 3:00pm - 9:00pm at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Chapel Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 10am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Midland. Graveside service to follow at Serenity Memorial Garden Cemetery.

Graveside 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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Lora Mae Pedigo Canter

Lora Mae Pedigo Canter, 88, of Chattanooga, TN, went home to be with her Lord on November 8, 2018.

Lora was born March 21,

1930 in Beaumont, Texas, and was the daughter of the late Louis Pedigo and Lydia Pedigo Wood. She graduated from French High School in Beaumont in 1947. She married Roger E. Canter on September 2, 1950 in Vidor, LA. They resided and raised their family in Midland, TX.

Lora was an enthusiastic golfer and sports woman. She enjoyed golfing and hunting and loved scuba diving and fishing. She also earned her pilot license. She was up to a good challenge and a competitive board game player! God gave her to us, and she gave us the knowledge of God. Forever in our hearts.

When she wasn't enjoying her hobbies, Lora spent her life in ministry.

She was very active in the Changed Lives Tape Ministry with Ben Haden for 46 years. She also was active in the His Way Ministry in San Francisco, CA in the early 80's. In Midland, TX she was an active member of Midland Bible Church leading ladies Bible studies. Lora was an active member of First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, TN.

She was a loving mother to the late Frank D. Canter, Lisa L. Canter, Ennis, MT; Eloise Canter Taylor and husband Mark E. Webb, Christoval, TX and Cathy Canter Jennings, Austin, TX. She was an affectionate grandmother "Gam" to 4 grandchildren, Erin Taylor Cotto, Levi S. Taylor, Kyle Jennings, Dean Jennings, and their father Burt Jennings. Great grandmother of Shane Hensley, Tristan Cotto, & Gunner Cotto.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Claude, Carl, and Louis; sisters, Florence and Ethel.

She is survived by her siblings, Betty Mixson, College Station, TX and Larry Pedigo (Linda), Buna, TX.

Her family is forever grateful to the caregivers these past 6 years in her home. Thank you, Velva Moore (the one who went above and beyond making her life complete), Sharon Dozier, Britanny Patterson, Joyce Finley and Gwen Chandler. She will be missed dearly by her friends and church family.

Services will be held in Beaumont, TX on Tuesday, November 13 at 11:00 AM. The pall bearers will be Levi Taylor, Kyle Jennings, Dean Jennings, Shane Hensley, and Rob Cotto.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, TN on Wednesday, November 28 at 11:00 AM. Family will receive friends from 10:30 and 11 AM prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Changed Lives, P.O. Box 100, Chattanooga, TN 37401; The Alzheimer's Association, 7625 Hamilton Park Dr. #6, Chattanooga, TN 37421 or Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416.

Please visit www.heritagechattanooga.com to share condolences and view the memorial tribute.

Arrangements by Heritage Funeral Home, 7454 E. Brainerd Rd. Chattanooga, TN 37421.

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Psalm 37:4-5

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1. to speed up the progress of; hasten.
2. to accomplish promptly, as a piece of business; dispatch.



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Veterans Day celebration

Midland ISD's annual Veterans Day celebration at 10 a.m. today at Bowie Fine Arts Academy, 805 Elk Ave.

This year's salute to veterans includes special performances by about 200 students from Midland High, Lee High and Bowie F.A.A.

The event is free and open to the public.

Things to do

■ Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series featuring John Trischitt, director of the Midland County Public Library, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 W. Free. pbpetro.org.

■ "Batman: Mask of the Phantasm" 25th anniversary screening, 2 and 7 p.m., Regal Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. \$13.50. tishomevents.com.

■ BYOB: Bring Your Own Baby Book Club, 4 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. tinyurl.com/mcplbyob.

■ Gentle Healing Yoga. This weekly yoga camp is open to all survivors of cancer, 5:30 p.m., Yoga Sanctuary, 4202 Dawn Circle. Free. 575-937-3009.

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

■ Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation for Midland Humane Coalition, 6-9 p.m., MHC, 4206 W. Loop 250 N (inside PetSmart). midlandhumane.org.

■ Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public, 6:30-9 p.m., 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wedley Ave. \$6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ West Texas Astronomers monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Blake Moore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. wtaastro.org.

■ "The Savannah Sipping Society" by the Maverick Players, 7:30 p.m., VFW Hall, 409 Veterans Airport Lane. \$10-\$15. maverickplayers.com.

■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for \$14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m., Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ Microwave, 9 p.m., Cactus House, 114 E. 29th St., Odessa.

Meetings

MSO
5:30 p.m. Bowie Fine Arts Acad-

Annual salute to vets



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Students from Bowie Fine Arts Academy, Midland High and Lee High perform in the Midland ISD Veterans Day program Nov. 10, 2017, at Bowie. This year's program is 10 a.m. today at Bowie.

emy, 805 Elk Ave.

Today in history

Today is Monday, Nov. 12, the 316th day of 2018. There are 49 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:
On Nov. 12, 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

On this date:
■ In 1920, baseball got its first "czar" as Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was elected commissioner of the American and National leagues.
■ In 1936, the San Francisco-Oak-

land Bay Bridge opened as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a telegraph key in Washington, D.C., giving the green light to traffic.

■ In 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. (The Allies ended up winning a major victory over Japanese forces.)

■ In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

■ In 1987, the American Medical Association issued a policy statement saying it was unethical for a doctor to refuse to treat someone solely because that person had AIDS or was

HIV-positive.

Today's birthdays: Sportscaster Al Michaels is 74. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 73. Actress Megan Mullally is 60. Actor Vincent D'Onofrio is 59. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nadia Comaneci is 57. Actor Ryan Reynolds is 38.
Source: Associated Press

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE." The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773. The program is

free and available 24 hours a day—365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room ... or just staying home.

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Weather

Sunday's temperatures

High.....69
Low.....39
Normal high.....68
Normal low.....41

Nov. 11 records

High: 83, set in 1938, repeated in 1964
Low: 16, set in 1950

Precipitation

Sunday.....0.00
Saturday.....0.00
Month total.....0.00
Year total.....16.63 inches
Normal total (year to date) 13.59 inches

Winds
Average speed.....15 mph
Gust speed.....20 mph

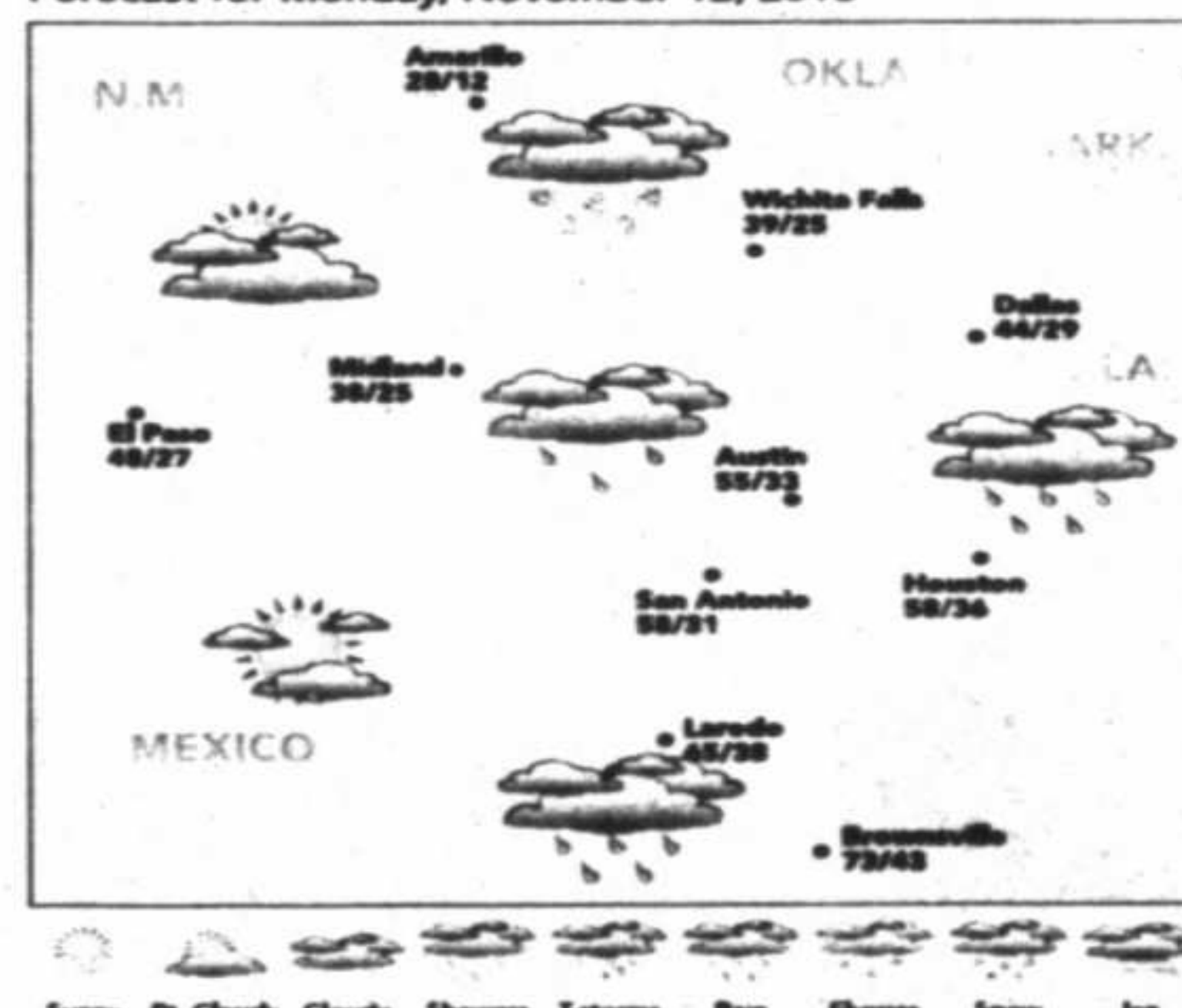
Today's forecast

High: 37
Low: 26
Conditions: Mostly cloudy today and tonight
Winds: North 20-25 mph today/north 10-20 mph tonight/gusts 30-40 mph
Chance of rain: 20 percent today and tonight

Sunrise: 7:15 a.m.
Sunset: 5:51 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, November 12, 2018



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 Scorpio and a Moon in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Nov. 12, 2018: This year, you will want to respond to the distant voice that often encourages you to head down an offbeat or unusual path. You might want a dear friend to test out your ideas more often. A creative venture marks your year. If you are single, you can be distant and remote, causing tension in any relationship—especially a new one. Try to soften your defensiveness. If you are attached, you and your partner often spin wild plots and act them out. The two of you will want to plan a long-desired trip together. CAPRICORN's conservative ways could get the best of you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ When dealing with an in-charge type of individual who insists on having control, tap into your instincts. There is no right or wrong way to handle this person. Maintain your distance for now, and you will be glad you did. Have a long-overdue chat. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are well-grounded and have the ability to see past the obvious. Your vision for a relationship in your life might need some modifications, which becomes apparent today or in the near future. Listen well, as a friend gives you powerful feedback. Tonight: Do some evaluating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have a dream that you have not shared with many people. If you choose to share your dream, you might get some feedback you don't want. On the other hand, this information could help guide you toward a more successful path. Tonight: Dinner and a chat with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You offer much more than you are even aware of. You rarely share your dreams and ideas, and you tend to fear negative criticism. You'll do everything you can to simplify others' lives. Let them know that you have the same expectation. Tonight: Visit with an old friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ When you enter a room, everyone is aware of your presence. You've learned how to handle people's various requests and needs with ease. You might need to practice keeping a low profile, because you need to cover a lot of ground today. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are unusually gifted with creativity and resourcefulness. This ability to tap into your imagination might cause you to be less practical than usual. Share this feeling with a trusted friend or loved one, and ask for feedback. Tonight: Choose a favorite stress-buster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You are grounded right now; however, to you, it might

feel more like you are stuck. In order to move on from this point, walk away from your traditional anchors for a few hours or a day. You might need to seek out an expert for some advice. Tonight: Tap into your inner child.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ No matter what your message might be, your words carry power. With this knowledge, think before you drop your pearls of wisdom on another person. Your creativity can stir the pot on a project or within a relationship. Avoid getting into a power play. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be aware of the costs of continuing as you have

been. Be aware of the limitations that you put on yourself and on others. You are a sign associated with adventure and risk-taking, however, you might be somewhat concerned about finances right now. Tonight: Give yourself time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You tend to be your own worst enemy. You also have been known to develop a very controlling attitude. Recognize that although this behavior might suit you at times, it doesn't serve you well right now. Try to be more upbeat in general. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take your time making a decision. You might not feel

comfortable with what you are seeing. Believe that there is no such word as "impossible." You know that you need to seek out more information in order to make a more positive choice. Tonight: Do some daydreaming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You add mystery to any gathering, even a business get-together. You often hold back because of others' judgments. Perhaps choosing different, softer words could help reel in dissenters. A meeting proves to be significant. Tonight: Try heading down an unknown path.

BORN TODAY
Singer/songwriter Neil Young (1945), baseball player Sammy Sosa (1968), actress Anne Hathaway (1982)

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MISD may vote on renaming Memorial Stadium

From staff reports

Midland ISD leaders today will discuss and possibly vote on renaming Midland Memorial Stadium "James 'Doc' Dodson Memorial Stadium."

The board is set to hear consecutive agenda items addressing re-naming the stadium on Cuthbert Avenue in central Midland and the track at Lee High School. A proposal has been put forward to rename the track "the Coach Farris Lee Strambler Track."

Both are recommendations of a "Facility Naming Committee," which met on Oct. 24 and Nov. 1. In both cases, "substantial interest has been demonstrated by the local community to rename" the facilities, according to the district. Midland ISD also reports that the naming of MISD facilities shall be the responsibility of the current board of trustees.

In the case of Midland Memorial, the stadium would be named for the former long-time athletic trainer. Midland Memorial used to be the home for both Midland High and Lee football teams. In 2002, the schools moved their varsity football games to the Scharbauer Sports Complex. The city sold the naming rights of the football/soccer stadium at the complex to Grande Communications.

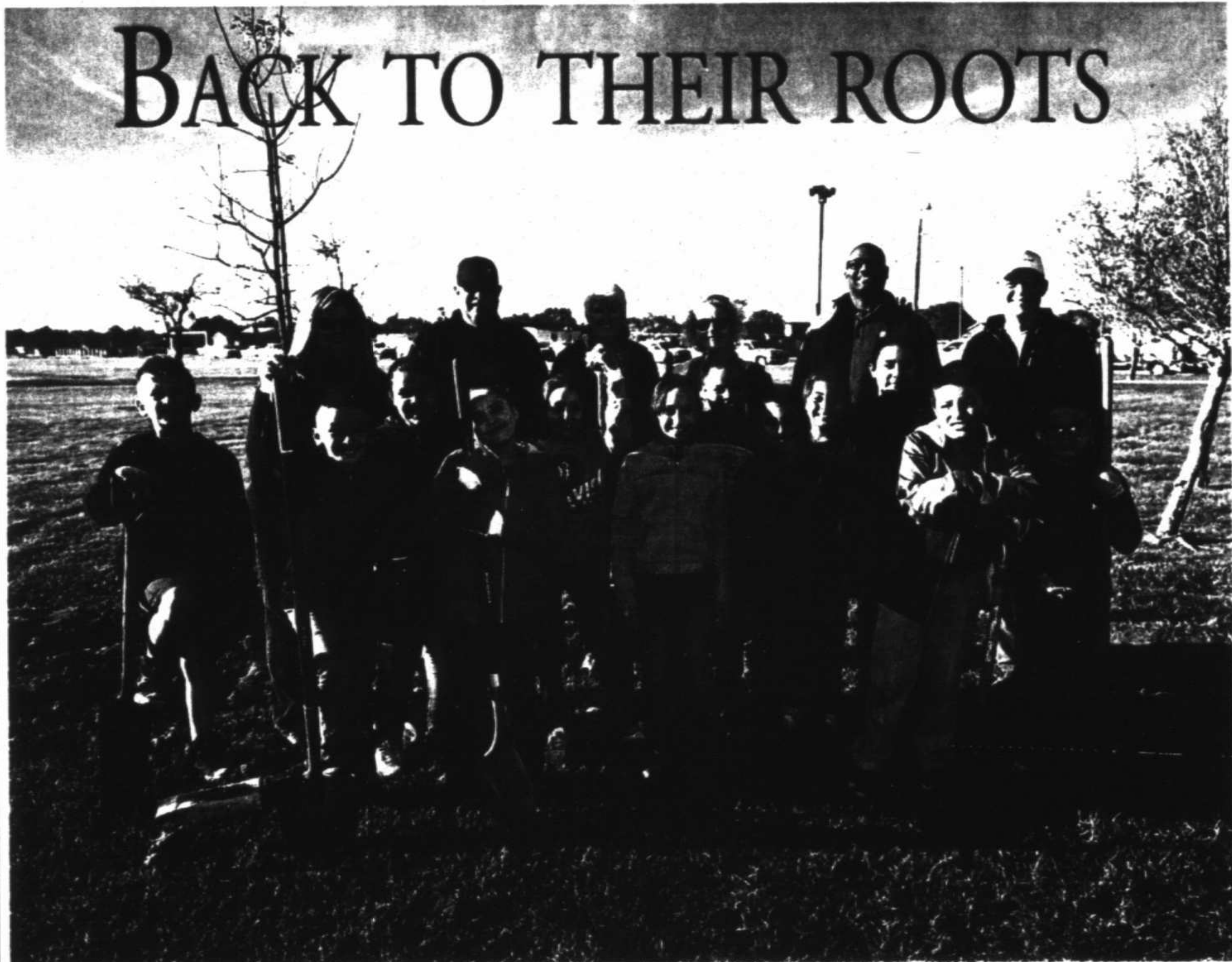
Midland Memorial is used mostly for MHS football practices and track meets. The track at Midland Memorial is named for businessman Jack Hightower.

Earlier this year, according to the district, the superintendent appointed the following people to the naming committee for Midland Memorial: Executive Director of Athletics Blake Feldt, Wes Overton from Lee High School, Brian Sledge from Midland High School, Lee High School Principal Stan Van Hoozer, and school district representatives Tekeira Strambler, Abraham Gutierrez, Ruth De La Garza, Chris Renaud, Link Grimes and Stacey Petrich.

Committee members for the renaming of the Lee track, according to the district were Executive Director of Athletics Blake Feldt, Wes Overton from Lee High School, Brian Sledge from Midland High School, Lee High School Principal Stan Van Hoozer, and school district representatives Tekeira Strambler, Moose Fuentes, Tony De La Rosa, Chris Renaud, Link Grimes and Meta Jones.

The Lee High School track is used mostly for track practices during the school year.

Fiscal impact is expected to be \$5,000 for each facility's signage, according to the district.



Employees with Parsley Energy and students from Travis Elementary School volunteered on a tree-planting project for Keep Midland Beautiful Nov. 2 at Dunagan Park. They planted 25 trees at the park in honor of Texas Arbor Day. Doreen Womack, executive director of KMB, spoke to the kids about the trees and the planting process. This is Parsley's second event with the local nonprofit. Earlier this year, employees assisted students from Washington Elementary to plant trees at Washington Park.

Photos by James Durbin | Reporter-Telegram



Matthew Marcoux, 10, salutes as he watches the parade at the Houston Salutes American Heroes Veterans Day Celebration on Sunday in Houston honoring the 100th anniversary of the signing of the World War I Armistice.

Veterans Day marked across Texas with parades, ceremonies

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Communities across Texas are hosting parades and appreciation ceremonies for Veterans Day.

Houston held a celebration Sunday outside City Hall that included a health fair. A patriotic-themed parade was also part of Veterans Day activities in Houston.

Mayor Sylvester Turner used a Facebook posting to urge people to thank veterans. Turner says Houston is home to more than 200,000 veterans

and their families.

The Greater Dallas Veterans Day Parade scheduled for Monday has been canceled due to the threat of severe weather, including possible heavy rain and freezing temperatures.

American Legion Post 15 in Lindale, 75 miles southeast of Dallas, held a ceremony Saturday featuring U.S. flags and speakers. Amarillo held a parade Saturday to honor veterans.

A wreath-laying ceremony was Saturday at the Alamo in San Antonio.

Hearse stand by as crews search for fire victims

By Gillian Flaccus,
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Associated Press

PARADISE, Calif. — With hearses standing by, crews stepped up the search for bodies in the smoking ruins of Paradise — and relatives desperately looked for more than 100 missing loved ones — as wildfires raged Sunday on both ends of the state.

The statewide death toll stood at 25 and appeared certain to rise.

At least five search teams were working in Paradise — a town of 27,000 that was largely incinerated Thursday — and in surrounding Northern California communities. Authorities called in a mobile DNA lab and anthropologists to help identify victims of the most destructive wildfire in California history.

By early afternoon, one of the two black hearses stationed in Paradise had picked up another set of remains.

People looking for friends or relatives called evacuation centers, hospitals, police and the coroner's office.

Sol Bechtold drove from shelter to shelter looking for his mother, Joanne Caddy, a 75-year-old widow whose house burned down along with the rest of her neighborhood in Magalia, just north of Paradise. She lived alone and did not drive.

Bechtold posted a flyer on social media, pinned it to bulletin boards at shelters and showed her picture around to evacuees, asking if anyone recognized her. He ran across a few of Caddy's neighbors, but they hadn't seen her.

As he drove through the smoke and haze to yet another shelter, he said, "I'm also under a dark emotional cloud. Your mother's somewhere and you don't know where she's at. You don't know if she's safe."

He added: "I've got to stay positive. She's a strong, smart woman."



Officials and relatives held out hope that many of those unaccounted for were safe and simply had no cellphones or other ways to contact loved ones. The sheriff's office in the stricken northern county set up a missing-persons call center to help connect people.

More than 8,000 firefighters in all battled three large wildfires burning across nearly 400 square miles in Northern and Southern California, with out-of-state crews continuing to arrive and gusty, blowtorch winds starting up again.

The worst of the blazes was in Northern California, where the number of people killed in that fire alone, at least 23, made it the third-deadliest on record in the state. Two people were also found dead in a wildfire in Southern California, where flames tore through Malibu mansions and working-class Los Angeles suburbs alike.

The two severely burned bodies were discovered in a driveway in celebrity-studded Malibu, where residents forced from their homes included Lady Gaga, Kim Kardashian West and Martin Sheen. Actor Gerard Butler said on Instagram that his Malibu home was "half-gone," and a publicist for Camille Grammer Meyer said the "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star lost her home in the seaside enclave.

Flames also besieged Thousand Oaks, the Southern California city in mourning over the massacre of 12 people in a shooting

rampage at a country music bar Wednesday night.

In Northern California, Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea said the county consulted anthropologists from California State University at Chico because, in some cases, investigators have been able to recover only bones and bone fragments.

The devastation was so complete in some neighborhoods that "it's very difficult to determine whether or not there may be human remains there," Honea said.

Authorities were also bringing in a DNA lab and encouraged people with missing relatives to submit samples to aid in identifying the dead after the blaze destroyed more than 6,700 buildings, nearly all of them homes.

Firefighters gained modest ground overnight against the blaze, which grew slightly to 170 square miles from the day before but was 25 percent contained, up from 20 percent, according to the state fire agency, Cal Fire.

But Cal Fire spokesman Bill Murphy warned that gusty winds predicted into Monday morning could spark "explosive fire behavior."

About 300,000 people statewide were under evacuation orders, most of them in Southern California.

Fire officials said Sunday morning that the larger of that region's two fires, the one that hit Malibu, grew to 130 square miles and was 10 percent contained. But

the strong, dry Santa Ana winds that blow from the interior toward the coast returned after a one-day lull, fanning the flames.

The count of lost structures in both Southern California fires climbed to nearly 180, authorities said. The large mobile home community of Seminole Springs, in the rugged Santa Monica Mountains north of Malibu, appeared devastated.

Gov. Jerry Brown said he is requesting a major-disaster declaration from President Donald Trump that would make victims eligible for crisis counseling, housing and unemployment help, and legal aid.

Drought, warmer weather attributed to climate change, and the building of homes deeper into forests have led to longer and more destructive wildfire seasons in California. While California officially emerged from a five-year drought last year, much of the northern two-thirds of the state is abnormally dry.

"Things are not the way they were 10 years ago. ... The rate of spread is exponentially more than it used to be," said Ventura County Fire Chief Mark Lorenzen, urging residents to evacuate rather than stay behind to try to defend their homes.

One of the Northern California fire's victims was an ailing woman whose body was found in bed in a burned-out house in Concow, near Paradise.

Ellen Walker, who was in her early 70s, was home alone when the fire struck on Thursday, according to Nancy Breeding, a family friend.

Breeding said Walker's husband was at work and called a neighbor to tell his wife to evacuate, but she was on medication and might not have been alert. Authorities confirmed her death late Friday.

"A fireman took him to the house to confirm," Breeding said. "This is a devastating thing, and it's happening to so many people."

Winds again fan Southern Californian wildfire

By Christopher Weber
Associated Press

MALIBU, Calif. — Strong Santa Ana winds returned to Southern California on Sunday, fanning a huge wildfire that has scorched a string of communities west of Los Angeles. Huge plumes of smoke were rising again in the fire area, which stretches miles from the northwest corner of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley to the Malibu coast.

Aircraft swooped low over flaming hills to drop lines of fire retardant as flames marched through brush lands on the edges of cul-de-sac communities.

A one-day lull in the dry, northeasterly winds ended at midmorning and authorities warned that the gusts would continue through Tuesday.

The lull allowed firefighters to gain 10 percent control of the so-called Woolsey fire, which has burned more than 130 square miles in western Los Angeles County and southeastern Ventura County since Thursday.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby stressed there were numerous hotspots and plenty of fuel that had not yet burned.

The count of destroyed homes remained at 177 but it was expected to increase. Osby noted that a November 1993 wildfire in Malibu destroyed more than 270 homes and said he would not be surprised if the total from the current fire would be higher.

The death toll stood at two. The severely burned bodies were discovered in a long residential driveway on a stretch of Mulholland Highway in Malibu, where most of the surrounding structures had burned. The deaths remained under investigation.

The deaths came as authorities in Northern California announced the death toll from a massive wildfire there has reached 23 people, bringing the statewide total to 25.

Progress was made on the lines of smaller fire to



the west in Ventura County, which was 70 percent contained at about 7 square miles, and evacuations were greatly reduced. But thousands remained under evacuation orders due to the Woolsey fire.

Three firefighters suffered unspecified injuries, authorities said.

Also injured was a well-known member of the Malibu City Council. Councilman Jefferson "Zuma Jay" Wagner was injured while trying to save his home, which burned down. Councilman Skylar Peak told reporters Sunday.

Peak said Wagner was hospitalized down the coast in Santa Monica and was expected to recover. Wagner runs Zuma Jay Surfboards, a longtime fixture on Pacific Coast Highway near the landmark Malibu Pier.

The extensive celebrity community within Malibu wasn't spared. Actor Gerard Butler and Camille Grammer Meyer of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" were among those whose homes were damaged or destroyed.

Areas that suffered significant destruction included Seminole Springs, a mobile home community nestled by a lake in the rugged Santa Monica Mountains north of Malibu.

"I smelled the fire and didn't think, grabbed my

defied orders and hiked back into Seminole Springs, estimated 90 of its about 220 homes were destroyed. He had seen a neighbor's home intact in a TV news aerial shot and hoped his home had survived. It did, but just a half-block away others were laid to waste.

"I just started weeping," he said. "I just broke down. Your first view of it (the destruction), man it just gets you."

Kelly said he had filled trash cans with water, soaked towels and readied a garden hose to defend his home early Friday, but when the air filled with smoke he and his wife fled the community where he has lived for 28 years and raised two children.

When he returned, virtually everything on the landscape around the community had been reduced to ash.

Santa Ana winds, produced by surface high pressure over the Great Basin squeezing air down through canyons and passes in Southern California's mountain ranges, are common in the fall and have a long history of fanning destructive wildfires in the region.

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WASHINGTON

Schumer: Dems set to push Mueller shield bill over Whitaker

Stepping up Democratic efforts to shield the Russia investigation, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said Sunday he would seek to tie a measure protecting special counsel Robert Mueller to must-pass legislation if acting attorney general Matthew Whitaker does not recuse himself from oversight of the probe.

Schumer pointed to Whitaker's "history of hostile statements" toward the Mueller investigation.

"If he stays there, he will create a constitutional crisis by inhibiting Mueller or firing Mueller. So Congress has to act," Schumer told CNN's "State of the Union."

"We Democrats, House and Senate, will attempt to add to must-pass legislation, in this case the spending bill, legislation that would prevent Mr. Whitaker from interfering with the Mueller investigation."

Schumer sent a letter to the Justice Department on Sunday along with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and other top Democrats that calls for Lee Lofthus, an assistant attorney general and the department's chief ethics officer, to disclose whether he had advised Whitaker to recuse himself from oversight of the probe. The Democrats cited Whitaker's past public statements, which have included an op-ed article in which he said Mueller would be straying outside his mandate if he investigated President Donald Trump's family finances and a talk radio interview in which he maintained there was no evidence of collusion between the Russia and the Trump campaign during the 2016 election.

The letter asked Lofthus to explain his reasoning for any recommendation he made to Whitaker regarding recusal and to provide all ethics guidance provided to the acting attorney general.

Whitaker, a Republican Party loyalist and chief of staff to just-ousted Attorney General Jeff Sessions, was elevated Wednesday after Trump forced Sessions out.

PARIS

Trump the 'nationalist' stood apart from others

For President Donald Trump in Paris, America First meant largely America alone.

At a weekend commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, the president who proudly declares himself a "nationalist" stood apart, even on a continent where his brand of populism is on the rise.

He began his visit with a tweet slamming the French president's call for a European defense force, arrived at events alone and spent much of his trip out of sight in the American ambassadors' residence in central Paris. On Sunday, he listened as he was lectured on the dangers of nationalist isolation, and then he headed home just as the inaugural Paris Peace Summit was getting under way.

The visit made clear that, nearly two years after taking office, Trump has dramatically upended decades of American foreign policy posture, shaking allies. That includes French President Emmanuel Macron, who on Sunday warned that the "ancient demons" that caused World War I and millions of deaths were once again making headway.

Macron, who has been urging a re-embrace of multinational organizations and cooperation that have been shunned by Trump, delivered a barely-veiled rebuke of Trumpism at the weekend's centerpiece event: A gathering of dozens of leaders at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the base of the Arc de Triomphe to mark the passage of a century since the guns fell silent in a global war that killed millions. Bells tolled across Europe's Western Front and fighter jets passed overhead to mark the exact moment the devastating war came to a close.

With Trump and other leaders looking on, Macron took on the rising tide of populism in the United States and Europe and urged leaders not to turn their backs by turning inward.

"Patriotism is the exact opposite of nationalism: Nationalism is a betrayal of patriotism," Macron said, adding that, when nations put their interests first and decide "who cares about the others" they "erase the most precious thing a nation can have... Its moral values."

MEXICO

Migrant caravan heads to central Mexican city of Irapuato

QUERETARO — Local Mexican officials were once again Sunday helping thousands of Central American migrants find rides on the next leg of their journey toward the U.S. border.

At a toll plaza to the west of the central Mexico city of Queretaro, where the group spent Saturday night, police helped find trucks to take migrants and prevented them from trying to stop drivers themselves.

The government of Queretaro said via Twitter that 6,531 migrants had moved through the state between Friday and Saturday. It said that 5,771 of those were departing Sunday morning after staying in three shelters it had prepared, the largest of which was a soccer stadium in the state capital.

Those numbers appeared even higher than counts made by officials when the group was in Mexico City for several days, raising the possibility that other migrants have caught up to the main caravan.

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Firing Sessions shows Trump's definition of loyalty

■ President believes supporting him is more important than anything else

The day after the midterm elections, President Trump fired Attorney General Jeff Sessions, replacing him at least temporarily with a more pliable loyalist. When Sessions got the news on Wednesday, he asked if he could finish the week. Nope. Close of business today was the answer.

Now, as a matter of law, Sessions wasn't fired. The president asked him for his resignation and Sessions agreed. That matters, because if Sessions had made Trump fire him, some restrictions would kick in that might make killing the Mueller investigation more difficult, if the president ends up going that way. In other words, Sessions' last official act as attorney general was one more act of unrequited loyalty to the boss.

Trump talks a lot about loyalty. He says it's very important to him. A few months ago, he suggested it should be against the law for people facing criminal charges to "flip" on their bosses. This was in the context of his former lawyer, Michael Cohen, reportedly considering doing exactly that.

In Trump's best-selling book "The Art of the Deal," there's a fascinating passage about his mentor, infamous lawyer/fixer

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Roy Cohn. "He was a truly loyal guy," Trump wrote. "It was a manner of honor with him."

He went on: "Just compare that with all the hundreds of 'respectable' guys who make careers out of boasting about their uncompromising integrity but have absolutely no loyalty. ... Roy was the sort of guy who'd be there at your hospital bed long after everyone else had bailed out, literally standing by you to the death."

But it was a one-way street. When Cohn contracted AIDS, "Donald found out about it and just dropped him like a hot potato," Susan Bell, Cohn's longtime secretary, told Politico. "It was like night and day."

Trump literally and figuratively wouldn't stand by the man who would've stood by him.

Sessions was the first senator to endorse Trump, at a time when doing so was still a considerable political risk. He campaigned for Trump. He defended Trump's

most controversial statements — about immigration, about Hillary Clinton, etc. A longtime advocate of restrictionist immigration policies, aggressive law enforcement and the drug war, Sessions saw in Trump a real opportunity to get his preferred agenda implemented.

And, as attorney general, Sessions more than any other Cabinet secretary put policy meat on the bones of Trump's rhetoric.

But none of that mattered, because Sessions, a former U.S. attorney and Alabama attorney general, believed he needed to recuse himself from the Mueller probe into allegations that Trump "colluded" with Russia. According to various reports, Sessions believed he not only had a legal and ethical obligation to do so, he also believed his refusal would be politically beneficial to the president because it would protect the integrity of the investigation.

Trump saw it differently. He believed that the first loyalty of the attorney general should be to Trump personally, not to the law or the Department of Justice.

This view was shared by Trump's most reliable loyalists, many of whom claim to be passionately committed to the "Trump agenda." But whenever that claim is put to the test, they reveal they are more committed to Trump himself. Jeanine Pirro of Fox News railed against Sessions, calling him

a "shill" and hectoring him to "resign immediately" or "put on his big boy pants." Liberty University President Jerry Falwell Jr., who tends to define both conservatism and Christianity as personal loyalty to Trump, said that Sessions was merely one of those conservatives who "pretend" to be a "friends of conservatives and the faith community." He also said Sessions should rot in jail because, well, because Falwell is an idiot.

This is all one piece of the broader tapestry of what Trumpism always boils down to when put to the test: a cult of personality. Support of the man is more important than support of anything else, including Trump's own agenda. I disagree with Sessions on quite a few things, but the notion that he isn't a conservative is silly. More importantly, the idea that he's not a conservative — or a man of integrity — simply because he wouldn't display blind loyalty to the president is grotesquely unconservative.

Sessions resigned from the Senate to become attorney general because he thought he could accomplish important things. Trump had him fired (he refused to even talk to Sessions personally) because at the end of the day, the only truly important thing in Trump world is Trump.

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GUEST VIEW

State's influential appellate courts experience blue wave

Texas experiences a Democratic wave Tuesday; you just might have missed it. And it could change the state in ways that the governor's office on down could never dream of.

We are talking about the state's most powerful and influential appellate courts that voters put into Democratic hands on Election Night.

In the Dallas-based 5th District Court of Appeals, the election swept eight Democrats onto the 13-seat bench. This was a court that was entirely Republican. Across Texas, the wave delivered appellate courts in Houston and Austin to Democratic majorities, giving Democrats control of the most influential courts of the state's 14 appeals courts.

If Democrats have not yet noticed this, they should. It's cause for them to celebrate the turnover on courts that will almost certainly give the Republican-dominated state Supreme Court much more work to do reviewing lower court decisions. The new courts are all but assured to be the more active sort of judiciary that the left always appreciates and the right wishes would just put down the gavel.

But put aside partisanship for a moment and consider the scope of this sea change. People with decades of appellate judicial experience and institutional memory will be packing away their robes to be replaced by lawyers who, in some cases, have never sat on any bench or written an appellate brief.

A prime example is Democrat Robbie Partida-Kipness, who ousted incumbent David Evans. Partida-Kipness has no judicial experience, has taken a case to jury trial in only a handful of instances and has never written an appellate brief. Several other of her newly elected colleagues have similar experience gaps, some glaring.

It's not that newcomers can't learn on the job. Our concern is that the court has gone from a depth of expertise to a majority of neophytes overnight. Even in the best circumstances, the learning curve is steep. Lawyers generally find it challenging to transition from advocate or prosecutor to trial judge, and even more challenging to be thrust into the complex issues of constitutional law and appellate reviews, something most lawyers never touch in a legal lifetime.

Nor is this a panel of limited jurisdiction with a light workload. The 5th District Court of Appeals is the busiest appellate court in Texas, responsible for reviewing civil and criminal appeals from trial courts in Dallas, Collin, Grayson, Hunt, Rockwall and Kaufman counties. Its rulings also shape the law on fundamental issues: jury verdicts; interpretation of contracts; summary judgment rulings and arbitration. In such reviews, strict conservative or more liberal interpretations matter. Most cases don't make it to the Texas Supreme Court, effectively making the appeals courts the last stop for many Texans.

Democrats, who had been shut out of a seat on the appeals court since 1992, have contended that the court consistently leaned too far right, favored institutional interests and lacked dissenting voices.

Now, thanks to the unsung blue judicial wave, they will get their chance to add their stamp to the state's governance. What that will mean from jurists who are just now taking the bench, we do not know. We will find out together as Texans what black robes in blue hands really mean.

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Democrats need to stay on message

■ Lawmakers should resist temptation to call for impeachment, single-payer health care

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Is "Democratic discipline" an oxymoron? For years, it was. But in the 2018 midterm elections, Democrats prevailed in the House because they managed to keep a singular and unrelenting focus on health care — refusing to take President Trump's bait to engage in fights about MS-13, caravans, socialism, tax increases and other distractions du jour.

Since Democrats have finally found the formula for defeating Trump, now comes the most important question: Can they keep it together?

There will be an immediate clamor from the progressive base for impeachment proceedings and Medicare-for-all legislation, as well as votes on the guns, abortion, LGBTQ rights and immigration wish lists. Though oversight is important, there will be pressure for the party to consume itself with investigations of the president and multiple high-profile showdowns.

Democrats must resist this clamor. It is pointless to take up impeachment and single-payer health care and the like with Trump in the White House and his sycophants controlling the Senate. A GOP-style investigative orgy would help Trump politically by providing him an easy foil. This would jeopardize the people who gave the Democrats their majority — first-term Democrats from suburban swing districts. And it would deprive Democrats of their newly discovered path to success: message discipline.

"Message discipline brought us into the majority; message discipline will be necessary for us in order to keep the majority," Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, N.Y., co-chairman of the House Democratic Policy and Communications Committee, told me. "The last time Democrats were in complete control of government we ... failed to adequately communicate what we were doing and why we were doing it. We cannot make that mistake this time around or it will be a short-term majority."

Jeffries could be in a position to make good on this. A rising star, he is running to be caucus chairman, a top leadership post. And he, along with DPCC co-chairs Cheri Bustos, Illinois, and David N. Cicilline, Rhode Island, played a significant role in keeping House Democrats on message during the campaign. Again and again, they told their colleagues to keep it simple, even handing out laminated cards with a Campaigning-for-Dummies-style message, just three bullet points totaling 28 words:

"Lower your health care costs and prescription drug prices."
"Increase your pay through strong economic growth by rebuilding America."
"Clean up corruption to make Washington work for you."

Democrats in the most-competitive races did stick to the script, avoiding the siren songs of impeachment and Medicare-for-all. Trump's race-tinged cultural warfare and the Democratic tendency to muddle the message with scores of proposals. Fifty-seven percent of pro-Democratic ads in October were on health care, the Wesleyan Media Project reports. That, as well as the GOP's attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and its protections for pre-existing conditions, helped elevate health care to the No. 1 voter priority, above the economy, more than doubling its importance to Democrats and independents since early 2017.

"The only way to successfully shape public sentiment in the era of Donald Trump is to have a message that is clear, concise, compelling and repeated over and over and over again," Jeffries said. "For us to keep the majority we have to stay on message, which means a focus on kitchen table, pocket book issues that unify the American people."

This is what the voters asked for Tuesday. The majority makers for the Democrats were candidates who, though generally liberal, appealed to moderate voters in suburban districts with non-ideological campaigns. "Democrats who attempted to win districts like that by appealing to the left's base and running on issues like Medicare-for-all didn't fare as well," Vox observed, declaring "2018 was not the year of the winning progressive Democrat." Bernie Sanders-style progressives lost seats that were within Democrats' grasp in Nebraska, New York, California, Wisconsin, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

This also means that Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., should reclaim the speaker's gavel.

I agree with the many House Democrats who believe the 78-year-old minority leader should announce, preferably before party elections this month, that this will be her last term and that she will preside over an orderly transition to younger leadership.

But she is exceptional at keeping Democrats in line, a skill akin to the proverbial herding of cats. With no need to placate party factions for future leadership elections, she could be a merciless disciplinarian for this session.

"Democrats will not get off track," Jeffries vowed. "We're going to stay focused like a laser beam on the issues we presented to the American people in seizing the majority."
Be disciplined, Democrats.

From the Left | Doonesbury

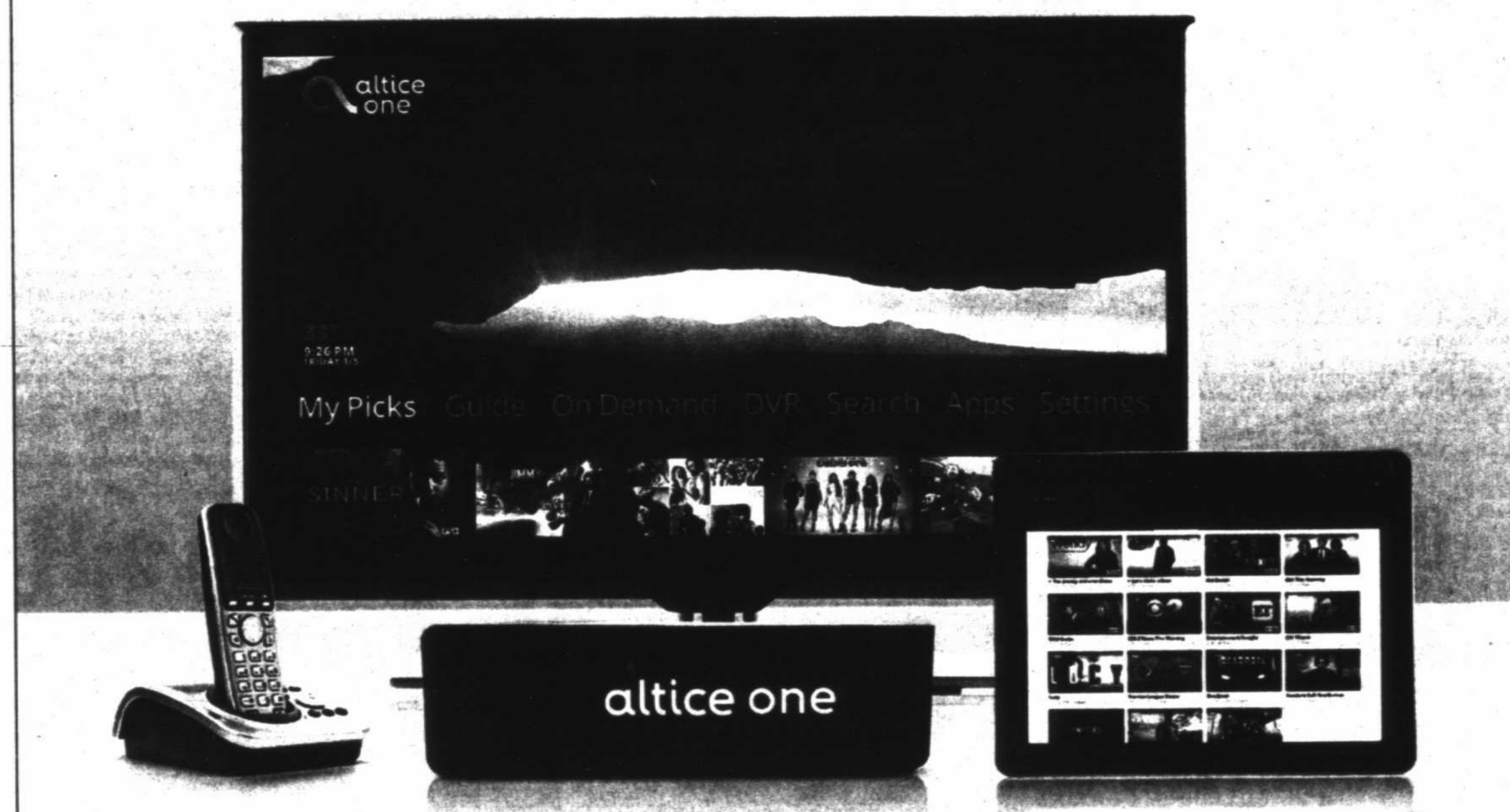


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Elliott, Prescott lead Cowboys past Eagles

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ezekiel Elliott had 151 yards rushing and his go-ahead 1-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter helped the Dallas Cowboys beat the Philadelphia Eagles 27-20 on Sunday night.

The defending Super Bowl champion Eagles fell to 4-5 with their third straight loss at home while the Cowboys improved to 4-5.

Dak Prescott had 270 yards passing, tossed for one touchdown and also ran for a score. Elliott also had a TD reception.

Carson Wentz threw a pair of TD passes to Zach Ertz, but his pass to Ertz on fourth down fell a yard short of a first down at the Cowboys 29 with 1:09 left. The Eagles got the ball back at their 32 with 40

seconds left and drove to the Cowboys 32 for the final play. Wentz completed a pass to Ertz inside the Dallas 10. Ertz lateraled to Golden Tate but he was tackled for no gain to end it.

It was a defensive battle into the third quarter before the offenses went back-and-forth.

Elliott ran in from the 1 to give Dallas a 27-20 lead after Prescott completed passes of 24 yards to Amari Cooper and 23 yards to Allen Hurns on the drive.

Coming off a bye, the Eagles were listless in the first half and trailed 13-3 before rallying to tie it on Wentz's 15-yard TD pass to Ertz late in the third quarter. Wentz connected with Jordan Matthews for 18 yards on third-and-11 to extend the drive. He hit him again for 12 yards on the next play and found Ertz a few plays later.

Prescott tossed a 7-yard TD pass to Elliott to give Dallas a 20-13 lead on the ensuing possession. Elliott accounted for 57 of the 75 yards on the drive.

But the Eagles answered. Wentz hit Nelson Agholor, who made an excellent catch for a 51-yard gain to the Cowboys 8. Wentz found Ertz in the back of the end zone for a 1-yard TD pass to tie it at 20-20.

Prescott engineered a 75-yard drive in the final 90 seconds of the first half to send the Eagles into the locker room to a chorus of boos from a frustrated crowd.

Michael Gallup turned a screen pass on third-and-15 at the Cowboys 35 into a 25-yard gain. Prescott connected with Cole Beasley for 21 yards and hit Hurns for 17 yards to the Eagles 1. Prescott then sneaked in for the score.



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) is sacked by Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Michael Bennett (77) during the second half Sunday in Philadelphia.

The championship beckons



Kyle Busch (18) celebrates after winning on Sunday in Avondale, Ariz.

Busch sets up showdown with Harvick

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Kyle Busch won for the eighth time this season to tie Kevin Harvick for the most victories this season and set up a head-to-head battle for the championship.

Busch's victory at ISM Raceway outside of Phoenix was the final qualifying event for next week's finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Harvick was the favorite to win and started from the pole but an early flat tire made Sunday's race more eventful

than Harvick expected.

He found himself racing late against Stewart-Haas Racing teammates Kurt Busch and Aric Almirola for the fourth transfer spot to Homestead, but Busch was wrecked late and Almirola had to win the race to snatch the berth away from Harvick.

"We were in big trouble out there with the flat tire," Harvick said. The final four will be NASCAR's Big Three of Kyle Busch, Harvick and reigning series champion Martin Truex Jr., as well as Joey Logano. The field is two Ford

drivers, two Toyota drivers and represents four different organizations. Chevrolet was shut out of the finale.

Brad Keselowski and Kyle Larson, both already eliminated from the playoffs, finished second and third. Almirola was fourth and Harvick fifth.

Harvick was stripped of his berth to Homestead that he'd earned by winning a week ago at Texas when NASCAR ruled his car was illegal. The penalty forced him to requalify and he had to do it without

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No. 20 TCU rolls past Oral Roberts

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Alex Robinson scored 23 points, Desmond Bane added 22 and No. 20 TCU never trailed after struggling in the opener, rolling to a 79-62 victory over Oral Roberts on Sunday.

The Horned Frogs (2-0) were sluggish opening the season as a ranked team for the first time in 20 years, trailing by as many as 11 points before rallying to beat Cal State Bakersfield.

TCU took the opposite approach against the Golden Eagles (1-2), running out to a 23-6 lead in the first seven minutes before Oral Roberts got within seven points in the second half.

But the Horned Frogs reasserted control with a 7-0 run for a 50-36 lead, had another 7-0 spurt to push the margin to 22 and led by as many as 25 points in the second half.

Freshman Kevin Samuel of Barbuda had his first double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds, and senior JD Miller recorded 13 points and seven assists as the Horned Frogs had assists on 22 of 29 baskets.

Emmanuel Nzekwesi had 16 points and eight rebounds and Sam Kearns scored 15 for Oral Roberts in a matchup of teams with 17 newcomers between them — nine for TCU and eight for ORU.

Robinson was 4 of 6 from 3-point range and Bane, the Big 12's best 3-point shooter last season, made two of four to help the Horned Frogs finish at 47 percent behind the arc (7 of 15). The Golden Eagles weren't anywhere close to that accuracy, making just five of 21 (24 percent).

Big picture

Oral Roberts: The Golden Eagles gave themselves something to build on by erasing a good portion of a 17-point first-half deficit before halftime. Although they faded after close in the second half, the bucket that got them within seven was a boost — an emphatic dunk from Kerwin Smith.

TCU: In the opening minutes, the Horned Frogs looked determined to show something after falling behind early against Cal State Bakersfield. While the lull that followed probably didn't please coach Jamie Dixon much, the surge after the Golden Eagles got close in the second half was impressive in its variety.

Miscues doom Texas Tech in loss to No. 15 Texas

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech couldn't afford big mistakes if it expected to beat No. 15 Texas on a chilly Saturday night.

Three turnovers by quarterback Jett Duffey helped put the Red Raiders in a 17-point fourth-quarter hole.

But Duffey almost went from goat to hero when he led Tech in a furious comeback. However, Lil' Jordan Humphrey was a beast for the Longhorns as he caught the game-winning 29-yard touchdown pass from Sam Ehlinger over Tech defender Demarcus Fields with 21 seconds left to lift Texas to a 41-34 victory in front of 60,454 fans at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Fields actually was in good position against Humphrey but the 6-foot-4, 220-pound wide receiver, who finished

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with eight catches for 159 yards and two touchdowns, out-muscled Fields — who desperately tried to hang on to Humphrey's legs — to get into the end zone.

Ehlinger said the team had confidence that it would get the game-winning score on that final drive.

"We had done it earlier in the year against another really good opponent and we worked on it every day in practice or every week we always have

a two-minute situation, so there was never any doubt," Ehlinger said. "We knew that if you gave us the ball back with two minutes or whatever there was that we were going to go finish."

The fact that the Red Raiders (5-5, 3-4 in Big 12), who have now lost three straight games, even had a chance to win this game was surprising with how they kept shooting themselves in the foot with mistakes, costly penalties and even had a questionable decision by head coach Kliff Kingsbury in the first half.

"It's just a shame, some of these we haven't been able to close," Kingsbury said. "This is the third Big 12 game that we had three-plus turnovers and

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Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger (11) is corralled by several Texas Tech defenders in Saturday's Big 12 action at Lubbock's Jones AT&T Stadium.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV LISTINGS	Golden State at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., NBA
Baseball	NBA G-League
Japan All-Star Tour, Game 4: MLB All-Stars vs. Japan, 3:30 a.m., MLB	Iowa at South Bay, 9 p.m., ELVN
College Basketball	National Football League
Detroit Mercy at Butler, 5:30 p.m., FS1	NY Giants at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2
Stanford at North Carolina, 6 p.m., ESPN2	National Hockey League
North Carolina A&T at Maryland, 6 p.m., ESPN	Columbus at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Jacksonville State at Penn State, 6 p.m., BTN	Tennis
Oklahoma at UTSA, 7 p.m., CBSN	ATP World Tour Finals, 6 a.m., TENNIS
UL Monroe at Texas, 7 p.m., LHN	ATP World Tour Finals, 8 a.m., TENNIS
Morgan State at DePaul, 7:30 p.m., FS1	ATP World Tour Finals, Noon, TENNIS
Vermont at Kansas, 8 p.m., ESPN2	Women's College Volleyball
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m., BTN	Baylor at Texas Tech, 6 p.m., FCSC
National Basketball Association	RADIO
New Orleans at Toronto, 6:30 p.m., NBA	National Basketball Association
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m., FSSW	Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
	San Antonio at Sacramento, 9 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

TRANSACTIONS

HOCKEY	CITY	COLLEGE
ECNL — Suspended Allen's David Mowbray one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in Nov. 10 game against Kansas.	LOUISVILLE — Fired football coach Bobby Petrino.	

AP TOP 25 COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll with last week's votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 10, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking.	Rank	Points	Py
1. Alabama (81)	10-0	1525	1
2. Clemson	10-0	1459	2
3. Notre Dame	10-0	1406	3
4. Michigan	9-1	1327	4
5. Georgia	9-1	1288	5
6. Oklahoma	9-1	1188	6
7. West Virginia	9-1	1111	7
8. Washington	9-1	1052	8
9. Ohio St.	9-1	1046	9
10. LSU	8-2	1019	10
11. UCF	9-0	983	11

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	PACIFIC DIVISION
Atlantic Division	Golden State
Brooklyn	11-2
Boston	7-5
Philadelphia	8-6
Brooklyn	8-7
New York	4-9
Southwest Division	San Antonio
Charlotte	7-6
Orlando	5-7
Miami	5-7
Atlanta	3-9
Washington	3-9
Central Division	Minnesota
Indiana	8-6
Chicago	8-6
Cleveland	1-11
Western Conference	San Antonio
San Antonio	7-4
Memphis	7-4
New Orleans	6-6
Houston	5-7
Dallas	6-6
Portland	7-5
Denver	9-3
Oklahoma City	7-5
Utah	6-8
Minnesota	6-9

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	PACIFIC DIVISION
Atlantic Division	San Jose
Tampa Bay	17-12-4
Montreal	17-11-6
Boston	17-9-3
Buffalo	16-9-5
Ottawa	17-8-3
Calgary	17-7-2
Florida	16-8-2
Metropolitan Division	San Jose
Columbus	17-9-2
Philadelphia	17-9-2
N.Y. Islanders	16-8-2
N.Y. Rangers	17-8-2
Washington	17-7-2
Carolina	17-7-2
New Jersey	16-8-2
Western Conference	San Jose
San Jose	17-9-2
Edmonton	17-11-2
Calgary	17-9-2
Winnipeg	16-8-2
Colorado	16-8-2
St. Louis	16-8-2
Chicago	17-8-2
Pacific Division	San Jose
Vancouver	17-9-2
Calgary	17-9-2
San Jose	17-9-2
Arizona	16-8-2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST	WEST
Bradford College 74, St. Francis Brooklyn 69	San Jose State 77, LaGrange 63
Bradford College 74, St. Francis Brooklyn 69	Duke 84, Army 72
Calicut 73, Cornell 57	East Carolina 84, Lamar 70
Calicut 73, Cornell 57	FRU 80, UCF 79
NUT 63, Brown 55	Houston 81, Central Penn College 71
Pulaski 85, Duval 66	Louisiana Tech 76, Sam Houston 69
Texas 83, Wesley 63	Marshall 76, Hobbs 72
UCM 84, UMKC 68	Mississippi St. 77, Hartford 59
Alabama St. 87, LaGrange 63	N. Kentucky 85, Walsh 50

WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED

Rank	Team	Record
1	Notre Dame (1-4) did not play	Notre Dame, Monday
2	UCM (1-4) did not play	UCM at Ohio State 85-53, Nov. 10
3	Oregon (2-4) did not play	Oregon at Utah State, Wednesday
4	Bayler (2-4) vs. No. 25 Arizona State	Bayler at Arizona State, Thursday
5	Louisville (2-4) did not play	Louisville at Ohio State, Monday, Nov. 10
6	Mississippi State (2-4) did not play	Mississippi State at North Carolina, Thursday
7	Stanford (2-4) beat Idaho 115-71	Stanford at San Francisco, Thursday
8	Chapman State (1-4) did not play	Chapman State at Ohio State, Monday, Nov. 10
9	Marshall (2-4) beat Dayton 82-71	Marshall at Georgia Tech, Wednesday
10	South Carolina (1-4) beat Alabama 84-58	South Carolina at Alabama, Thursday
11	Tennessee (1-4) beat Presbyterian 87-48	Tennessee at UNC Asheville, Wednesday
12	Utah (1-4) did not play	Utah at North Carolina, Thursday
13	Utah (1-4) did not play	Utah at North Carolina, Thursday

Harden lifts Rockets over Indy

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — James Harden scored a season-high 40 points and Chris Paul added 26 to help the Houston Rockets to their first home win of the season, 115-103, over the Indiana Pacers on Sunday night.

The Rockets, who had lost the last two games of a season-long five-game road trip, dropped their first four home games.

Houston was up by 10 with about four minutes left after five quick points by the Pacers, but Harden made two free throws after that to stretch the lead. The Pacers got within 8 on a basket by Cory Joseph with about 90 seconds left, but Paul made a layup a few seconds later to put the game out of reach.

Victor Oladipo had 22 for the Pacers, who have lost three of their last four games.

The win comes as the Rockets deal with a disappointing start to the season and rumors and reports about Carmelo Anthony's status and future with the team. Anthony, who is in his first year in Houston, sat out for the second straight game with an undisclosed illness on a day the New



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York Times had a sourced report that said he had been told he would soon be waived.

General manager Daryl Morey said before the game that the report was "inaccurate" and that singling Anthony out as the cause of Houston's

struggles was unfair.

The Rockets, who entered the game ranking near the bottom of the league with a 3-point shooting percentage of just 31.7, shot 42.6 percent from long-range and made a season-high 20 3s on Sunday night. Harden had eight and Paul added five to lead the way.

Houston had a big lead for most of the second half and was up by 21 entering the fourth quarter after Paul and Harden had piled up 55 points combined in the first three quarters.

The Pacers opened the fourth with an 11-2 run, with the last five points from Oladipo to cut the lead to 104-92 with about 7 1/2 minutes left.

But Harden, who finished with nine assists and seven rebounds, made all of Houston's points in a 5-2 run to stretch the lead and 109-94.

The Rockets led by 22 at halftime but Indiana scored the first 11 points of the third quarter to cut the lead to 76-65. Darren Collison made two 3-pointers in that span and Oladipo added another one.

Houston finally scored its first points of the second half when P.J. Tucker made a 3-pointer with about 9 1/2 minutes left in the third.

NASCAR

From 1B

his crew chief or car chief. But he's a nine-time winner at this track, was fastest in practice, started on the pole and led the first 72 laps before his tire went flat.

NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series	Driver	Time
1	Kevin Harvick	1:58.468
2	Clint Bowyer	1:58.501
3	Denny Hamlin	1:58.512
4	Joey Logano	1:58.523
5	Chase Elliott	1:58.534

NASCAR XFL Series	Driver	Time
1	Kevin Harvick	1:58.468
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4	Joey Logano	1:58.523
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PRO GOLF SCORES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PGA Tour Champions Classic Scores	Score
1. Fred Couples (58)	-10
2. Tom Lehman (59)	-9
3. Jay Haas (60)	-8
4. Steve Stricker (61)	-7
5. John Huh (62)	-6
6. Matt Kuchar (63)	-5
7. Rickie Fowler (64)	-4
8. Bubba Watson (65)	-3
9. Jason Day (66)	-2
10. Tiger Woods (67)	-1
11. Rory McIlroy (68)	0
12. Adam Scott (69)	+1
13. Brooks Koepka (70)	+2
14. Justin Thomas (71)	+3
15. Sergio Garcia (72)	+4
16. Phil Mickelson (73)	+5
17. Matt Jones (74)	+6
18. Jimmy Walker (75)	+7
19. Kevin Streeter (76)	+8
20. Charles Howell III (77)	+9
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NFL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TITANS 34
PATRIOTS 10

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tom Brady added another big chunk of NFL history to his resume. The Tennessee Titans made sure the Patriots quarterback didn't finish his 300th game.

The Titans sacked Brady three times and hit him repeatedly as they beat New England 34-10 Sunday, snapping a seven-game skid against the Patriots in Mike Vrabel's first game as head coach against the team he helped win three Super Bowls.

It was the most sacks allowed in a game this season by the Patriots (7-3), and coach Bill Belichick pulled Brady for Brian Hoyer midway through the fourth quarter.

SAINTS 51
BENGALS 14

CINCINNATI — Drew Brees threw three touchdown passes in the first half, moving ahead of Brett Favre for second place on the career list, and the Saints rolled to their eighth straight victory.

Brees led the Saints to touchdowns on all five first-half possessions with a nearly perfect performance — only two incompletions. His 17-yard TD to Michael Thomas with 2:25 left in the half gave him 509 career touchdown passes, one more than Favre.

CHIEFS 26
CARDINALS 14

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes threw for 249 yards and two touchdowns, outplaying Arizona counterpart Josh Rosen in a matchup of two of the NFL's brightest young quarterbacks.

Mahomes threw both TD passes to Tyreek Hill, the second giving the Chiefs' first-year starter 31 for the season. That broke the franchise record set by Len Dawson in 1964 — with plenty of games to go.

Not to mention the playoffs, with the Chiefs (9-1) barreling toward the No. 1 seed.

BROWNS 28
FALCONS 16

CLEVELAND — Rookie Baker Mayfield threw a season-high three touchdown passes and rookie Nick Chubb streaked 92 yards for a TD as Cleveland ended a four-game losing streak.

Mayfield outplayed Falcons star quar-

terback Matt Ryan with a performance that further justifies Cleveland's decision to take the QB with the No. 1 overall pick in this year's draft. Mayfield completed his first 13 passes and finished 17 of 20 for 216 yards. He threw a 28-yard scoring pass to Rashard Higgins, a 13-yarder to Chubb, and 11-yarder to Duke Johnson.

BEARS 34
LIONS 22

CHICAGO — Mitchell Trubisky threw for 355 yards and three touchdowns, and the NFC North-leading Bears snapped a 10-game losing streak against division opponents.

Chicago jumped to a 26-7 halftime lead with Trubisky and Allen Robinson leading the way. And the Bears surpassed their win total from last year with their third straight victory.

REDSKINS 16
BUCCANEERS 3

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Smith threw for 178 yards and one touchdown, and Dustin Hopkins kicked three field goals for the Redskins (6-3), who forced four turnovers and rebounded from a lopsided loss to Atlanta despite playing with a makeshift offensive line because of mounting injuries.

Smith, who was 19 of 27 with no interceptions, threw 6 yards to Josh Doctson for the game's only touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Hopkins kicked field goals of 43, 43 and 26 yards, the last set up by Greg Stroman's fourth-quarter interception and 24-yard return to the Bucs 14.

COLTS 29
JAGUARS 28

INDIANAPOLIS — Andrew Luck threw three touchdown passes in the first half, and the Colts' defense forced a late turnover. Indy (4-5) has won three straight.

Tight end Eric Ebron had a career-high three touchdowns, including one on a 2-yard run, all in the first half.

Blake Bortles threw for 319 yards and two TDs, but the Jaguars (3-6) came up short when Kenny Moore III stripped the ball from Rashad Greene Sr. and Malik Hooker recovered for the Colts with 1:24 to go. Initially, Greene was ruled down by contact, but it was overturned on a replay review from the booth.

BILLS 41
JETS 10

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Matt Barkley stunningly sparked Buffalo's bumbling offense with two touchdown passes, including one to offensive tackle Dion Dawkins. LeSean McCoy broke out of a season-long slump with 113 yards rushing and a pair of TD runs.

Barkley made his first start in nearly two years, and looked the best of any of the four quarterbacks the Bills (3-7) have trotted out this season. The 28-year-old journeyman was 15 of 25 for 232 yards while helping Buffalo snap a four-game losing streak as the Bills put up 451 yards of total offense.

RAMS 36
SEAHAWKS 31

LOS ANGELES — Brandin Cooks rushed for a 9-yard touchdown on the first snap after Dante Fowler forced and recovered a fumble by Russell Wilson, and the Rams bounced back from their first loss of the season.

Jared Goff passed for 318 yards and two touchdowns, and Todd Gurley rushed for 120 yards and a score as the Rams (9-1) swept the season series with their division rivals.

PACKERS 31
DOLPHINS 12

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Aaron Jones ran for career highs of 145 yards and two scores, Aaron Rodgers and Davante Adams connected for two touchdown passes.

The Packers (4-4-1) pulled away in the second half, sandwiching scoring drives around cornerback Bashaud Breeland's interception deep in Miami territory. Green Bay went ahead 28-12 on Adams' 25-yard touchdown catch with 7:24 left in the third quarter.

CHARGERS 20
RAIDERS 6

OAKLAND, Calif. — Philip Rivers threw two touchdown passes, Melvin Gordon gained 165 yards and the Chargers won their sixth straight game.

Rivers bounced back from a first quarter with no completions to throw an 11-yard TD pass to Keenan Allen in the second quarter to give the Chargers (7-2) the lead for good. He hit a 66-yarder to Gordon on the opening drive of the second half.



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Texas Tech quarterback Jett Duffey (7) runs to daylight against the Texas Longhorns in Saturday night's Big 12 game at Lubbock's Jones AT&T Stadium.

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lost because of it and that can't happen. You play these better teams and you've got to protect the football. And we didn't get any takeaways, we didn't play very good defensively. And you've got to give (Texas) credit. I thought their offense played really well, quarterback threw it well, Humphrey is a really good player, and they made more plays than us."

Things looked promising early for the Red Raiders, who drove 66 yards on the opening drive and capped it off with a 6-yard TD pass from Duffey to the 6-foot-6 T.J. Vasher in the back of the end zone.

Texas (7-3, 5-2) had a slow start and that gave Tech a chance to really jump on the Longhorns on its second drive. The Red Raiders reached the Texas' 3 but Duffey made his first big mistake of the game when he was pressured and instead of throwing the ball away, he lobbed it and it was picked off by Davante Davis. That pick only led to a 52-yard field goal by Cameron Dicker, but it was a key momentum changer.

Kingsbury was trying to snatch the momentum back in the second quarter when he decided to go for it on fourth-and-1 from Tech's 34. The decision proved to be the wrong one as Duffey was stopped short on a sneak. Four plays later Texas took a 17-7 lead when Keontay Ingram scored on a 2-yard run.

Kingsbury said he didn't regret going for it.

"I thought we had been great on quarterback sneaks, it was about six inches," he said. "They just had a (18-play drive) and they were holding the football and I didn't think we could go three-and-out again, so trying to get a spark and we just didn't get it. But I would do it 10 out of 10 times."

A 41-yard field goal by

Clayton Hatfield cut Texas' lead to 17-10 at the half.

The Longhorns and Ehlinger kept the momentum going in the second half as they scored 17 unanswered points thanks in part to the sophomore quarterback throwing a pair of TD passes along the way and two consecutive fumbles by Duffey, one of which he had the ball stripped by Texas cornerback Kris Boyd.

Ehlinger (22 of 34, 312 yards, 4 TDs) was also able to do something Duffey couldn't do and that was avoid mistakes. He ended up breaking a Big 12 record with 280 consecutive passes without an interception.

But the Red Raiders would not go away quietly and made this game very interesting down the stretch, even though many of their fans had headed for the exits when it looked like it was going to be a blowout.

After another Hatfield field goal, Tech recovered an onside kick and Duffey hit Vasher for a 2-yard TD pass to cut it to 34-27 with 4:47 left.

A three-and-out by the Tech defense gave the Red Raiders even more hope.

Duffey and Antoine Wesley were a great connection on the game-tying drive as Wesley's 57-yard catch set up his 9-yard TD reception on pass from Duffey with 1:45 left in the game. Wesley finished with a monster game himself as he had eight receptions for 171 yards and two TDs.

Take away the turnovers, Duffey had a good game as he was 37 of 47 for 444 yards and four touchdowns to go with 80 yards rushing on 17 carries.

But at the end of the day, ball security matters, especially against a team that is as talented as the Longhorns.

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UTPB falls to A&M-Kingsville in season finale

From staff reports

KINGSVILLE — UTPB's 2018 football season came to an end Saturday night with a 24-21 loss against Texas A&M-Kingsville at Javelina Stadium.

The Falcons (2-9, 1-7 in Lone Star Conference) led 7-0 early when Leroy Giles leaped over the pylon for a 17-yard rushing touchdown at the 8:46 mark of the first quarter.

The UTPB defense held Kingsville (4-7, 2-6) to just 14 yards on their first three possessions of the night, but the Javelinas tied the game shortly after halftime with a nine-play, 70-yard drive capped by a 3-yard pass from Koy Detmer Jr. to Brandon Smith to tie the game at 7-7.

The Javelinas took their first lead of the night on their next possession, scoring on a 32-yard pass to Ryan Martinez to go on top 14-7.

The teams were tied at 14-all at the half when Cameron Mathis threw a 3-yard TD pass to Hunter Bower with 1:39 left in the second quarter.

After a Kingsville field goal early in the third quarter, UTPB took 21-17 lead when Mathis scored on a 1-yard run.

However, the Javelinas got the game-winning score early in the fourth quarter when Detmer threw a 16-yard TD pass to Aaron Dilworth.

Detmer finished with 249 yards on 22-of-39 passing and three touchdowns. Mathis was 13 of 33 for 115 yards passing, a TD and an interception.

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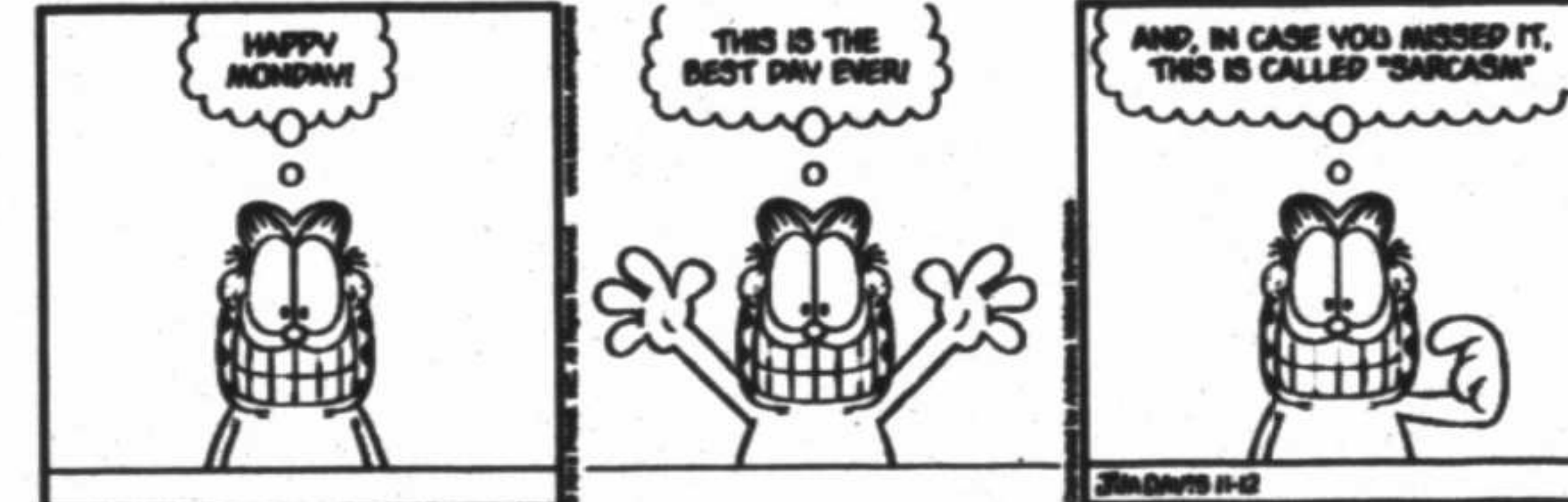
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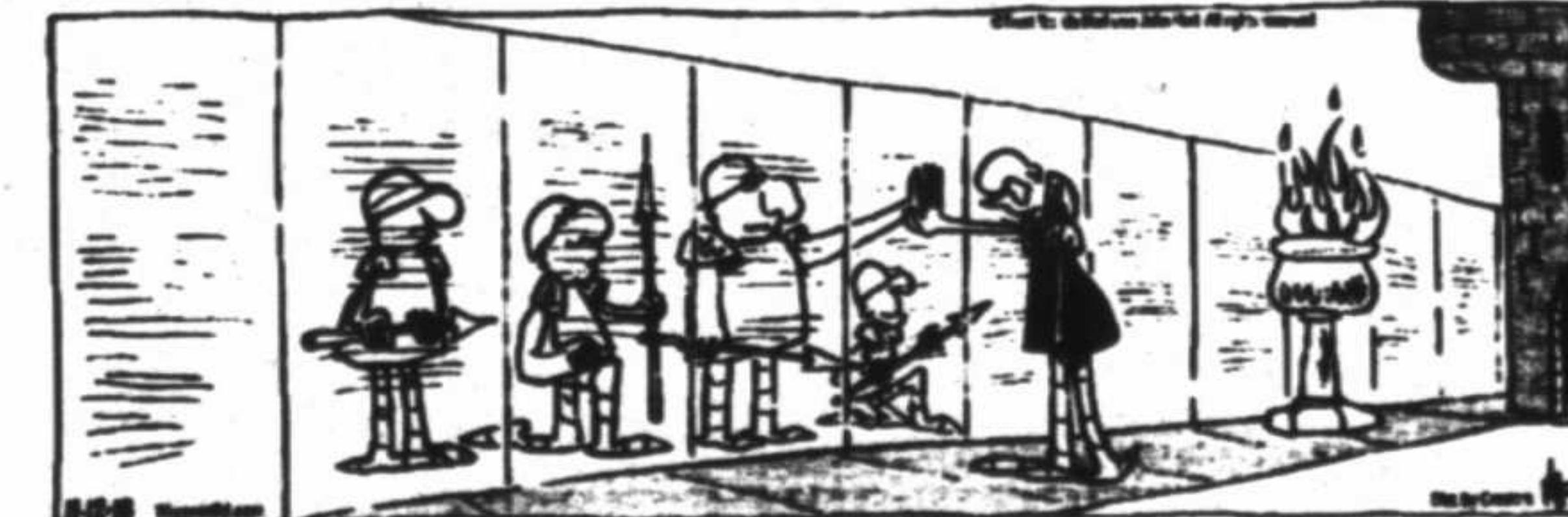
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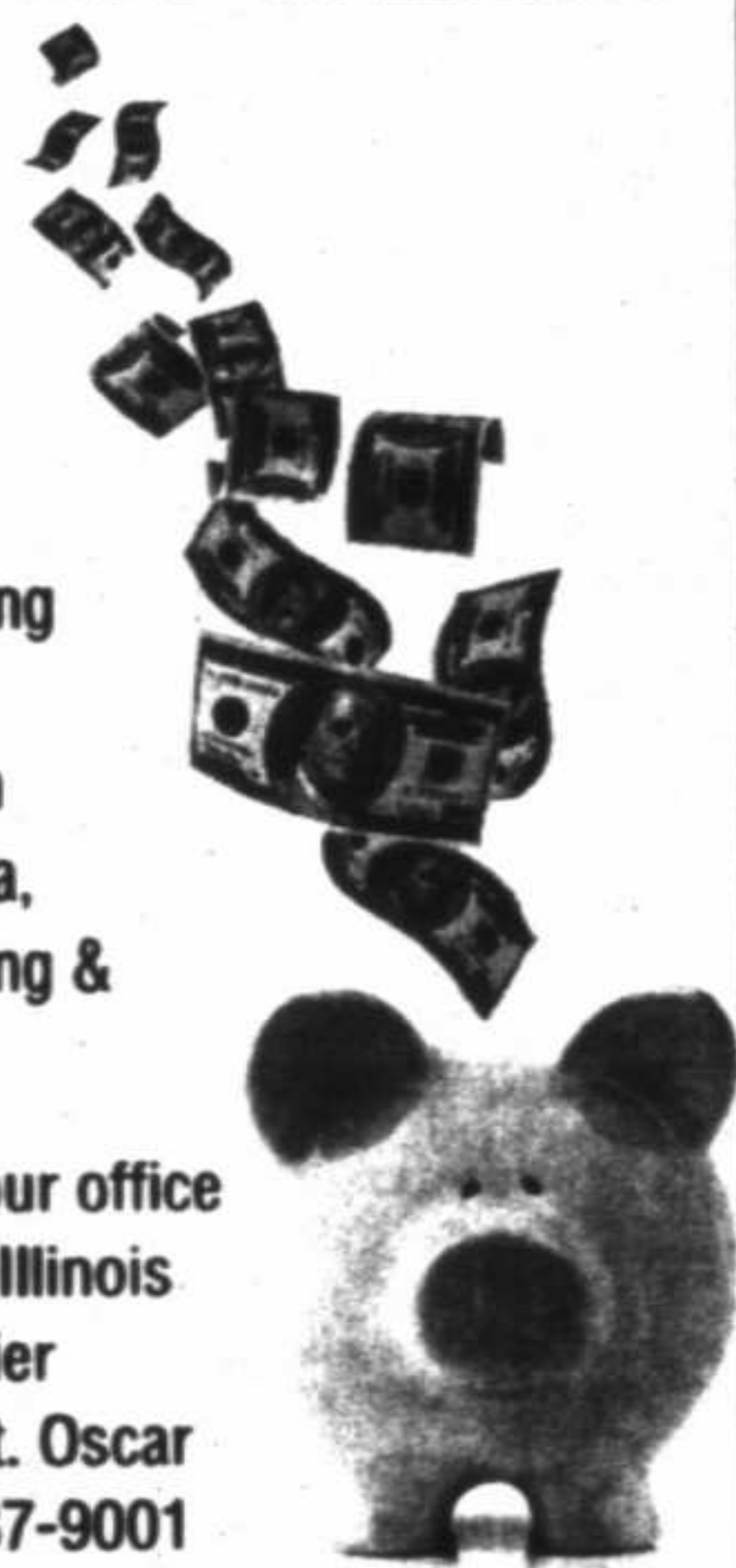
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