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With Tony Romo, Dez Bryant and two starting offensive linemen sidelined by injuries, the Cowboys still managed to beat San Francisco on Sunday for their third straight win. More inside.

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Business leaders announce support for TRE

Concho, Pioneer, Apache, Warren Cat reps add names to list of those calling for approval

From staff reports

The campaign seeking passage of a tax rate increase to support the Midland Independent School District announced the support of business leaders representing Concho Resources, Apache Corp., Pioneer Natural Resources and Warren Cat.

Better Begins Now reported that Concho President/CEO Tim Leach, Apache Senior Vice President Faren Thibodeaux, Pioneer Vice President Susan Spratlen and Warren Cat CEO Jim Nelson announced their support for the TRE and said they are encouraging their associates, employees and members of the community to vote for the ballot item that would increase the district's maintenance and operations (M&O) tax rate by 5 cents.

In August, the Midland ISD school board increased its M&O tax rate from $1.04 per $100 valuation to $1.09. Because the rate exceeds $1.04, voter approval is required.

The total tax rate would increase by 3 cents because of a decrease in the district's interest and sinking (I&S) rate.

The election is scheduled for Saturday. Early voting continues today and ends Tuesday.

Before this round of endorsements, the Midland Chamber of Commerce, Educate Midland and the Midland Council

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Did you know?

The impact of the tax rate increase on a $200,000 home is $60. That new total tax bill would be about $2,340 (not including homestead exemptions or those whose property tax rate has been frozen).

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Mapping the problems

Courtesy photo

Residents were given the opportunity Sept. 29 to point out where they would like to see improvements to the Interstate 20 corridor. The Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization hosted a public meeting at Travis Elementary on Tuesday to get public input on its ongoing I-20 corridor study, which analyzing a 40-mile stretch of the interstate in Midland and Ector counties.

Residents weigh in on I-20 trouble spots

By Trevor Hawes
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Several residents recently took advantage of the chance to share with the Permian Basin Metropolitan Planning Organization and CH2M Hill where they see need for improvements on Interstate 20.

The MPO hosted a public meeting Thursday at Travis Elementary, which is located near a critical transportation artery. The study covers the area stretching from Farm-to-Market Road 1208 in east Midland County to FM 866 in west Ector County, a span of about 40 miles. The plan is to modernize the corridor, particularly after a hectic past five years that saw heavy, energy-industry truck traffic put wear and tear on the highway. The current slowdown is the right time to prepare for the future.

"If and when the price of oil goes back up, we're going to see economic activity around this area explode once again," MPO policy board Chairman and District 2 City Councilman John B. Love III said.

"Texas is the economic generator of the United States of America, and its infrastructure, is the lifeblood of moving goods," he said. "What a lot of Permian Basin residents might not realize is, there is a significant amount of freight that passes through here from El Paso and Los Angeles through to Fort Worth, Dallas and beyond. That traffic is continuing to increase, as is the amount of freight from Mexico.

"What we saw in 2012 through 2014 was a little glimpse of the type of traffic this area is going to permanently have over time," he said. "When the price of oil goes back up, it's going to be like that on a regular basis, and it makes sense for us to plan for it."

Love said that the improvements are primarily about increasing road safety, which the area has already seen as critical because the corridor has been the site of hundreds of wrecks and many

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Hotel Santa Rita project is 'full steam ahead'

■ Spokesman is 'feeling good' about project coming to fruition

By Stewart Doreen
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Hotel Santa Rita is full steam ahead and still aiming for construction to begin at the end of February, according to an official with the project.

Project spokesman Robert Watson, CEO of the diversified hospitality and real estate development company called Bond Partners, told the Reporter-Telegram he is feeling "very good" about the project coming to fruition and that the Midland City Council's extension of deadlines related to the building of a boutique hotel downtown means officials are proactive in their communication with the city.

On Tuesday, the City Council approved a third amendment to the master development agreement between the city and Hotel Santa Rita Midland partners that extended:

- the proof of financing deadline from Sept. 30 to Jan. 31.
- the construction drawings deadline from Sept. 30 to Jan. 31.
- the commencement of construction deadline from Oct. 31 to Feb. 28.
- the completion of construction deadline from Aug. 31, 2018, to March 31, 2019.

Watson said financing equity is raised and basically all the financing is in place. He said some documentation on debt is being finalized.

He said developers are still working on construction documents.

"The start of construction has not changed," Watson said. "We have just put some cushion in place."

Watson said Hotel Santa Rita will be a needed addition to what will become the convention area of downtown, especially with the construction of a new civic center, the Midland Convention Center. Hotel Santa Rita, if built, would join

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A member of the audience holds a sign that reads, "227 Years of Men. It's HER Time!" during a rally for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton on Jan. 30 at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It's a complicated time for gender relations in the U.S., as the campaign pitting Clinton against Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has underscored.

Divided America: Gender equality in 2016? It's complicated

By David Crary
Associated Press

For weeks after the vote, the abuse kept coming: Venomous, sexist phone calls and emails, venting rage at the five women on Seattle's City Council who outvoted four men to derail a sports arena project.

"Disgraceful hag" was one of the milder messages. "Go home and climb in the oven," one councilor was told.

This unfolded not in 1966, during an era when American women mobilized en masse to demand equality, but 50 years later in May of 2016 — two months before the first woman was nominated to lead a major party's presidential ticket.

It's a complicated time for gender relations in the U.S., as the campaign pitting Hillary Clinton against Donald Trump has underscored — most recently, with the fallout from their first debate and a sharp exchange about Trump's attention to a former Miss Universe and her weight.

On one hand, there's been great progress toward equality. Women have climbed to the top of many a corporate ladder, IBM and General Motors being just two examples. They were recently approved to serve in all military combat jobs, and depending on the election outcome, troops could soon be saluting the first female commander in chief.

At the same time, deep and obvious gaps remain — not only in terms of economic inequality and continuing discrimination and harassment in the workplace, but in everyday actions and conversations.

Consider this year's reboot of "Ghostbusters," with women replacing the male leads of the original. Misogynistic comments circulated on social media demanding the film's stars appear nude or be "hot."

Or the way some sports commentators covered women's accomplishments at the Rio Olympics. An NBC newsman drew criticism for referencing the husband-coach of a Hungarian swimmer as the "guy responsible" for her record-breaking performance.

Or the backlash in, of all places, progressive Seattle, after the five female councilors voted against the proposed sale of a street to help make way for a new arena that could host an NBA team.

One local attorney, in a signed email to all five women, described them as "disgraceful pieces of trash" and added, "I can only hope that you each find ways to quickly and painfully end yourselves." He later apologized.

Council member Lorena Gonzalez, a lawyer whose past work included representing victims of sexual abuse and harassment, said the Seattle controversy "hit a nerve" because it coincided with a presidential campaign that has exacerbated gender tensions. Women of all political persuasions needed to band together to "push back" against such treatment, she said.

Just a few decades ago, women rarely held the collective political power that they now wield in Seattle. In many male-dominated domains, women's strides have been slow-paced and, even then, often greeted with resentment.

"Cultural change often comes with some backlash," said Emily Martin, the National Women's Law Center's general counsel. "Some people feel threatened by women's progress. Making vile attacks on the internet is an easy way to express yourself if the world is changing in ways you feel are threatening."

That culture clash has become striking in this election year. As feminists celebrated Clinton's glass-shattering nomination with the slogan "I'm With Her," Trump said the only thing Clinton had going for her was "the woman's card." Some of his supporters wear "Trump that Bitch" T-shirts.

In the opening debate, after Trump questioned her looks and stamina, Clinton quickly pivoted to the issue of sexism.

"This is a man who called women pigs, slobs and dogs," she said.

Polls show Clinton, a Democrat, benefiting from a gender gap that's been a fact of American politics since 1980, with women voting for her party more reliably than men in each presidential election. This year's gap could be the biggest ever; a New York Times poll in mid-September showed Trump, a Republican, leading among likely male voters by 11 percentage points, while Clinton led among likely female voters by 13 points

There's also a gender gap in turnout — nearly 10 million more women voted than men in 2012.

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Sue Ogrocki/Associated Press

People march in a "National Prayer and Call For Justice" march in Tulsa, Okla., on Sept. 27. The march was in response to the police shooting of Terence Crutcher.

Police more likely to use force against blacks in Tulsa

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Black residents were between 2 1/2 to 4 times more likely than white residents to have force used against them by Tulsa police officers in the past six years, according to an analysis of police data.

Even though rates involving police use of force against black residents dipped in 2014 and 2015, officers still used force 2 1/2 times more frequently against blacks than whites last year, the Tulsa World reported.

The per-capita analysis relied on use of police force data by race for the past six years and American Community Survey figures.

A recent national survey conducted by the Pew Research Center also suggests a disparity between how black and white residents perceive the use of force by police.

The survey found that three-quarters of whites believed police officers do a good job determining how much force to use in each situation, but just one-third of black residents felt the same way.

"(White residents) never had to have a conversation with their kids or brothers about how to react if and when they are stopped by police in order to get out of their situation without either being killed or mistreated," said Pleas Thompson, the NAACP Tulsa chapter president. "Because they haven't been subject to that, of course they would tend to think everything is OK. But everything is not OK."

Tracey Meares, a professor at Yale Law School, said police departments should focus more on public security rather than public safety and not settle for what she called "aggressive and proactive policing."

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Tracey Meares, professor at Yale Law School

Father: Son's killing is a 'turning point' to change police

By Elliot Spagat
Associated Press

EL CAJON, Calif. — The father of an unarmed black man who was fatally shot by police in a San Diego suburb on Saturday told hundreds of demonstrators who peacefully marched through downtown streets that his son's death was a turning point in a struggle to change police practices.

Richard Olango Abuka called the El Cajon officer who fired his gun "a coward" and demanded that Police Chief Jeff Davis resign.

The orderly protest followed days of angry, sometimes unruly, protests that led to Friday's release of two videos by the authorities, something that the family and community had urged.

The videos show the officer fired four times at close range almost

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DIVIDED

From 2A

Brooke Ackerly, a political science professor at Vanderbilt who specializes in gender issues, said the sexist sentiments on display during the campaign aren't new to American politics, but are louder and more visible than before.

"It suggests to me there's some latent anger that's being given permission to express itself," said Ackerly, adding that Trump was the catalyst for this. "What's new is that we're seeing it in public."

Clinton, of course, has long been targeted by sexist taunts, and says she's learned to take them in stride.

Still, said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, "I'm concerned about what it means for younger women who see this as what you might confront if you dare to tread on what is seen as male turf."

As a profession, elective politics remains predominantly male turf. Women comprise more than half the U.S. population, yet account for just a fifth of all members of Congress and one-fourth of state lawmakers, according to an Associated Press survey earlier this year. And that's a better showing than for women in such fields as firefighting, construction and video-game design.

For two years, software engineer Brianna Wu of Boston has been a target of the online harassment campaign known as Gamergate, which subjected several women in the video-game industry to misogynistic threats. It surfaced in the summer of 2014, and hasn't vanished.

"It's still a constant drumbeat," said Wu, who became a target after ridiculing those who decried women's advances in the male-dominated industry. Pictures of her previous house were posted online by harassers. She and her husband now use a re-mailing service to get packages, and resort to pseudonyms when they must provide their real address.

"It's exhausting," she said. "It's just a cost of your career, if you're a woman."

Depending on the questions posed, opinion polls show curiously mixed views on gender issues. For example, polling by Gallup shows that 92 percent of Americans — including overwhelming majorities of both men and women —would vote for a woman for president if they felt she was qualified.

Yet there's a split as to whether obstacles remain that make it harder for women to get ahead. About 63 percent of women say this is the case, compared to 41 percent of men, according to a recent Pew Research Center survey.

Among white men, Trump's strongest base of support, there's some cynicism about the whole gender debate.

"We're so sick of the gender card being played, we don't even listen to it," said Mark Meckler, a Trump backer and co-founder of the Tea Party Patriots who lives near Sacramento, California.

Throughout her campaign, Clinton has presented herself as a champion of women's issues, promising to protect their rights to abortion and fight to reduce economic inequalities.

Trump has recently stepped up appeals directed at women. He advocated making birth control available without a prescription and offered proposals on child care and paid parental leave.

Critics said his child care plan, by relying on a tax deduction rather than a credit, would skew to the advantage of wealthier families. As for parental leave, Clinton advocates coverage for fathers and mothers. Trump's proposal covers only mothers; some advocacy groups say this would make companies less likely to hire women since they could lose them for six weeks in the event of childbirth.

Pay equity is another issue with gender overtones; surveys show that nearly two-thirds of minimum wage earners are women.

Clinton says she supports raising the federal minimum wage from $7.25 to $12 an hour. Trump said in July that the minimum wage should be $10, but added that states should "really call the shots."

In some places, there are efforts to address the gender wage gap locally. A ballot measure in Cincinnati calls for a new tax levy to expand access to preschool education, and one of its goals is to boost pay for preschool workers, many of them women of color earning wages that barely support their families. In Ohio, preschool teachers earned an average of $23,690 a year in 2014.

Among the organizers working for the measure is Elizabeth Hopkins, 31, an African-American mother of children aged 1 and 3.

"It saddens me, that the jobs these women have keep them in poverty," Hopkins said. "These are the most important positions. They're the ones tending to our children."

Trump/Clinton differences are particularly stark on abortion. Clinton favors lifting a ban on use of federal funds to help poor women afford abortions; Trump says he would appoint "pro-life" Supreme Court justices who might consider overturning the Roe v. Wade ruling that established a nationwide right to abortion.

Unsurprisingly, Clinton is backed by the National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood. Trump's supporters include leaders of national anti-abortion groups.

Some prospective voters don't fit easily into the obvious boxes. There are conservative women who would never vote for Clinton, yet find Trump's rhetoric and behavior repugnant. There are men planning to vote for Clinton who wish she would be as outspoken about challenges facing boys and fathers as those facing women and girls.

One of those men is author Warren Farrell of Mill Valley, California, a figure in what's loosely known as "the men's movement."

"I'm supporting Hillary Clinton despite the people in her campaign who are less compassionate toward men, less understanding of the importance of fathers and almost completely ignorant of the boy crisis," said Farrell. That's a reference to boys' worse grades in school and higher rates of learning disabilities, disciplinary problems and dropout rates than girls.

As for Trump, "he represents everything that women fear about men — blustery, grandiose, narcissistic," Farrell said.

Meanwhile, Trump has many enthusiastic female supporters, including Amber Smith, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan as a helicopter pilot with the Army's 101st Airborne Division.

"I like that he has a backbone and he's not politically correct," she said.

Now a writer and commentator with a just-published memoir, Smith perceives Clinton as seeking to portray women as victims.

"We live in a country that provides equal opportunities for men and woman," Smith said. "I'm an example of that. I wanted to be an air mission commander based on my own merits and skill level, not because of my gender."

Katie McLean/The Independent-Mail via AP

A child holds onto a caretaker after being picked up by her at Oakdale Baptist Church, following a shooting at Townville Elementary in Townville on Sept. 28. A 6-year-old boy who was critically wounded in a school shooting died Saturday, days after a 14-year-old boy opened fire on the school playground, authorities said.

Boy, 6, dies days after South Carolina school shooting

By Meg Kinnard
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A 6-year-old boy who was critically wounded in a school shooting died Saturday, days after a 14-year-old boy opened fire on a school playground, authorities said.

Jacob Hall had been fighting for his life at a hospital after a bullet struck him in a main artery in his leg, causing him a major brain injury because of a "catastrophic" loss of blood, his doctor said. Jacob died about 1 p.m. Saturday, and an autopsy will be done Sunday, Anderson County Coroner Greg Shore said.

Authorities say Jacob, another student and a first-grade teacher at Townville Elementary were wounded by the teenager, who had just killed his father at their home. After the slaying, the teen — who is not old enough to have a driver's license — drove a pickup truck about 3 miles down a country road, crashed at the school and started firing with a handgun, authorities said.

The wounded were struck as a door opened for recess. Another teacher who heard the first gunshot was able to get other students safely inside, school officials have said. The other wounded student and the injured teacher, Meghan Hollingsworth, were treated and released from a hospital.

Jacob's parents, Renae and Rodger Hall, thanked the nurses and doctors who cared for Jacob and Hollingsworth, "who put her life on the line to try to protect and save Jacob."

Jacob died surrounded by his family at Greenville Health System Children's Hospital, his parents said in a statement.

"Jacob came into our lives six years and four months ago and changed it completely. He showed us how to love, laugh and smile even on days we did not want to," his parents said. "God gave him to us and he was taken away from us by a senseless act. We know that Jacob has already forgiven this child for what he did to him and his family because that's the kind of child he was."

Authorities have not released a motive for either shooting.

The teenager was charged as a juvenile Friday with murder and three counts of attempted murder. The Associated Press typically does not identify juveniles charged with crimes.

Dr. Keith Webb called Jacob a "tremendous fighter" but said he "unable to overcome the catastrophic blood loss and resulting cardiopulmonary arrest caused when the bullet hit his femoral artery."

Classes at Townville Elementary are set to resume today.

SHOOTING

From 2A

immediately after Alfred Olango, 38, suddenly raised both hands to chest level and took what police described as a shooting stance. In addition to the videos, police showed the 4-inch electronic cigarette device Olango had in his hands when he was shot.

The shots came less than a minute after police arrived at the scene in response to Olango's sister calling 911 and reporting he was acting erratically.

There was a modest police presence Saturday to direct traffic as demonstrators walked from one rally to another, shouting Olango's name in unison as they made a short loop through the heart of the city of 104,000 people to Civic Center Plaza, which includes police headquarters. There were no reports of arrests or property damage.

"We must be united in this fight until we achieve our goals," Richard Olango Abuka told the crowd. "Alfred's death is going to be a turning point, and the change is now."

The father didn't directly address the videos but other speakers did. The Rev. Frank Placone-Willey of Summit Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in nearby Santee, California, read an email from a parishioner who watched them and questioned if police would have responded less aggressively if Olango were white.

"As long as Mr. Olango was not causing harm other than possibly blocking traffic, the officers should have taken steps to deescalate the situation," Placone-Willey read from the email, sparking applause.

Several speakers said the incident highlighted a need for more police training on how to handle people who are in mental distress.

The incident is the latest in a series of fatal shootings of black men that have roiled communities across the U.S. It came weeks after fatal shootings by police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Olango, a Ugandan refugee who arrived in the U.S. as a boy, had a criminal record that included drug and weapon charges but no violence. His family described him as a loving father and a joyful, happy person.

His mother said he suffered a mental breakdown recently after the death of his best friend. On Tuesday, his sister called 911 and reported he was acting strangely and walking into traffic by a strip mall.

The longer of the two videos released by police came from a surveillance camera in the drive-thru of a restaurant. It is roughly a minute, has no sound and police blurred out the heads of everyone in it.

Olango is seen walking through the parking lot and then stopping suddenly as Officer Richard Gonsalves approached, his weapon drawn at his side.

Olango, his right hand in his pants pocket, moved side to side and backed up toward a white pickup truck.

As Gonsalves moved in from the front, a second officer got out of a cruiser and approached from the side.

In the second video, taken on a cellphone by a witness in the drive-thru, Olango's sister is seen approaching Gonsalves from behind and a woman can be heard screaming at Olango to put up his hands and telling police not to shoot.

Olango then bent over and assumed the shooting stance. Gonsalves quickly fired four shots at close range.

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Early voting remaining
■ When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Tuesday
■ Where: County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.
■ Online: http://www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/elections/Pages/Current-Election.aspx

Election turnout

Sept. 21	346
Sept. 22	373
Sept. 23	424
Sept. 26	350
Sept. 27	333
Wednesday	276
Thursday	289
Friday	394
Eight-day total	2,757

Source: Midland County Election's Office

Things to do

■ Pretend and Play, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Provides a structured environment for caregivers and their children. For ages 2-6. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

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

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

Meetings schedule

Midland Development Corp.
■ 11 a.m.
■ Basement conference room
■ City Hall
■ 300 N. Loraine

Planning and Zoning
■ 3:30 p.m.
■ Council Chambers
■ City Hall
■ 300 N. Loraine

Community calendar

■ In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month, the Midland Crime Victim Coalition and the Midland Police Department will host a walk to spread awareness about domestic violence.

The walk is set for 9 a.m. Wednesday at Wadley Barron Park, 1011 N. "A" St. A survivor of domestic violence will share her story and there will be pamphlets and information available on how victims of domestic violence can receive assistance.

Participants are encouraged to wear purple.

■ The public is invited to participate in a follow-up town hall meeting for the Northeast Midland Feasibility Study. The purpose of this hands-on planning exercise is to receive comment and provide input on a potential transportation network in northeast Midland.

The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 11 at the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland, at 1311 E. Wadley Ave.

For more information, go to www.midlandtexas.gov/NortheastCorridor, or contact Bo Zertuche at 432-967-1807.

Lake Levels

	Contents (acre-feet)	Percent Full
Thomas	127,892	63.64
Spence	53,441	10.33
Ivie	122,938	22.18
Totals	304,041	22.18
Last week	295,057	23.23

Source: Colorado River Municipal Water District

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

What's on the radio

News talk KCRS (AM 550)
■ 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark & Kurt Verlei
■ 5-6 p.m. Local News with KOSA

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
■ 6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
■ 5-7 p.m. The West Texas Round-Up of News and Talk

Other options
■ Sport talk: KMND (AM 1510)
■ Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
■ NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

Today in history

Today is Monday, Oct. 3, the 277th day of 2016. There are 89 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 3, 1951, the New York Giants captured the National League pennant by a score of 5-4 as Bobby Thomson hit a three-run homer off Ralph Branca of the Brooklyn Dodgers in the "shot heard 'round the world."

On this date:

In 1789, President George Washington declared November 26, 1789, a day of Thanksgiving to express gratitude for the creation of the United States of America.

Court to hear suit for Deepwater Horizon spill activist

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press

BOSTON — When Karen Savage and Cherri Foytlin wrote an article about the Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill of 2010, they thought it might get a few moments of attention and then fade away.

More than three years later, Savage and Foytlin are still defending their article after being sued by a scientific consulting company. The battle is headed to the highest court in Massachusetts. Arguments are scheduled for Friday, a week after "Deepwater Horizon," a film starring Mark Wahlberg, opens in theaters.

Their 2013 article, which appeared in The Huffington Post, questioned the independence of ChemRisk, a firm that published a study that found that the Gulf disaster did not expose cleanup workers to harmful levels of several airborne chemical compounds released by the explosion.

Savage and Foytlin alleged in the article that ChemRisk had strong ties to the oil industry and accused the company of "using questionable ethics to help their clients avoid legal responsibility for their actions."

The oil spill, one of the largest environmental disasters in history, began on April 10, 2010. Millions of barrels of oil leaked into the Gulf of Mexico for 87 days after the explosion. British Petroleum, which was found primarily responsible for the spill, has paid billions in cleanup costs, settlements and penalties.

The defamation lawsuit filed by ChemRisk stunned Savage, then a middle school math teacher in Boston, and Foytlin, a single mother from Rayne, Louisiana, who became an environmental advocate after the Deepwater Horizon spill.

"I have a 1999 beat-up car, six kids and a mortgage — that's all I have — so I thought, there's nothing they want from me except to shut me up," said Foytlin.

The case is expected to explore the scope of a Massachusetts law aimed at discouraging lawsuits intended to silence people who speak out on issues of public interest. Savage and Foytlin claim ChemRisk's lawsuit falls into that category of litigation, known as Strategic Lawsuits against Public Participation.

Many states, including Massachusetts, have anti-SLAPP laws designed to quickly dispose of such lawsuits if the people being sued can show they were engaged in their constitutional right to petition the government. The state's law defines petitioning activity as written or oral statements made in connection with an issue being considered by a government body or aimed at building public support or influencing government policy.

Savage and Foytlin say their article was an attempt by them to encourage action and enlist public participation in governmental proceedings and court cases in the oil spill. They say the lawsuit was designed to intimidate them.

"This was a spill of national significance ... we were trying to show that there was still some serious impact from this disaster," Foytlin said.

"As citizens, we should have the right to speak out, to share the story to make sure people know what's really going on," she added.

ChemRisk's lawyers, however, say the article was a "hit piece" that contained false information.

Savage and Foytlin filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, but a judge rejected that, finding that they were not engaged in petitioning activity when they published the article about ChemRisk. The women appealed that ruling.

Megan Meier, one of ChemRisk's attorneys, said ChemRisk's parent company decided to move to dismiss the lawsuit in March because continuing the case would have required significant time and resources, and because Savage and Foytlin made it clear "they would not retract their statements even if a court determined that they were false."

Meier said that before the company could notify the court, the Supreme Judicial Court agreed to hear the women's appeal of the lower court's ruling that the Massachusetts anti-SLAPP law did not apply to their claims.

The Court will be asked to decide the parameters of the law.

"The case is incredibly important from a public policy perspective because it will determine whether bloggers are entitled to the protections of the anti-SLAPP statute," said John Reichman, a New York lawyer who represents Savage and Foytlin.

Meier said the Massachusetts Legislature purposely limited the scope of the anti-SLAPP statute. ChemRisk argues that the law does not apply in this case because Foytlin and Savage were not petitioning to rectify a grievance of their own, but instead were writing on behalf of cleanup workers.

New PBS documentary spotlights Latino voting rights advocate

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Willie Velasquez isn't as well-known as other Latino activists like Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta and Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales.

But according to a new VOCES/PBS documentary airing today, he was a key figure in developing the Latino voting bloc years before it became the nation's largest minority group and before both parties actively sought Latino voters' support.

Latino Public Broadcasting's "Willie Velasquez: Your Vote Is Your Voice" aims to bring attention to the voting rights advocate who came from San Antonio's poor west side and ended up rubbing elbows with the likes of President Ronald Reagan and Sen. Ted Kennedy. He persuaded Republicans in the 1970s and '80s to reach out to Hispanics because of the growing Latino voter-registration numbers in swing districts.

Velasquez might have done even more to foster Hispanic political power if not for his sudden death at age 44.

"It feels like I've been working on his story for 30 years," said director Hector Galan, who interviewed Velasquez in 1983 at the height of his popularity in Texas. "And here it is."

An early protégé of the late U.S. Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez, a young Velasquez was mentored by the generation of Mexican-American activists who helped elect President John F. Kennedy. Velasquez saw how poll taxes and voter intimidation kept Mexican-Americans from the polls and sought to change that.

But Velasquez soon got swept up in the farmworkers movement in California led by Chavez and Huerta. He also became captivated by the radical Chicano Movement until leaders opted to form an ethnic-based political party called La Raza Unida.

Velasquez left organized politics and started the nonpartisan, nonprofit Southwest Voter Registration Education Project. The group's goal: register as many Latinos to vote as possible in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and Colorado.

On a shoestring budget, Velasquez and his army of recruits went door-to-door to register Hispanics to vote despite efforts by local authorities and threats of violence to stop them. The group was one of the first to use technology to tally up registration rolls to keep track of potential political power in small towns and cities. That use of computers caught the attention of candidates searching for ways to attract new voters.

"It's an IBM," Velasquez bragged to a reporter on the technology the group used. "It isn't a Mexican computer."

In 1988, he was diagnosed with cancer. He had no health insurance, and doctors gave him less than four months to live. He lasted four weeks.

Lorenzo Cano, associate director of the Center for Mexican-American Studies at the University of Houston, said Velasquez influenced generations of activists who followed the idea of voting as power.

AP file photo

In this 1984 file photo shows William C. "Willie" Velasquez at an unknown location. A new VOCES/PBS documentary on Velasquez dives into the life of the late Latino voting rights advocate just as the nation's largest minority group is set to be a major player in the upcoming presidential election. Director Hector Galan says Velasquez was a key figure in developing the Latino voting bloc. "Willie Velasquez: Your Vote Is Your Voice" begins airing on PBS stations today.

Violent homicide rate hike forces more Houston police OT

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Police Department is spending $2 million in overtime to have more officers patrol hot crime spots after a spike in homicides over the past two years.

Mayor Sylvester Turner said that in response to the increase in violence, he and acting Police Chief Martha Montalvo mobilized more police resources, including community agencies, and assigned more officers to street patrols.

"I authorized several actions, including an extra $2 million for police overtime, an additional cadet class, the shifting of 175 officers from desk jobs to the streets and a crackdown on gangs and Kush (synthetic marijuana)," Turner said in a statement.

Meanwhile, senior police officials are performing weekly reviews to check if a focus on gang and narcotics activity and domestic violence is reducing the number of shootings and other major crimes, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The cause of the spike in homicides isn't clear, Turner and others studying the violence said. Houston had 303 homicides last year, which far exceeded the 198 it had in 2011.

While homicides were expected to decrease in 12 of the 30 largest U.S. cities this year, that hasn't happened in Houston and several other cities, said researchers at the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University's law school.

Homicides are expected to rise by 13 percent this year, with Chicago, San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, San Diego and San Jose, California, expected to see big increases. Houston is expected to finish the year with 345 killings, a 14 percent increase from last year, the Brennan Center projected.

Cities such as Chicago and Houston have affluent sections but also neighborhoods where crime flourishes because of festering socioeconomic problems, said Brennan Center attorney Ames Grawert.

Despite the increases, the New York University researchers say crime will remain at historic lows overall nationwide.

"The key takeaway for us is when you look at increasing violent crime, it's not a national issue," Grawert said. "It's an issue concentrated in a few cities, and in some cities in a few neighborhoods in particular with higher-than-average unemployment and poverty."

However, the Houston Police Department said in a statement that its analysis "has shown many of the homicides have a gang and narcotic element." Domestic violence involving drugs, alcohol and mental illness account for about 16 percent of Houston's killings, according to the police statement.

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fatalities over the past few years when the energy industry was booming. But they're also about economics.

"When you have a problem with freight, and transportation costs go up, so do the price of goods," Love said, adding that many items travel by truck, which is why having an efficient highwaywell-suited to growing demand is vital.

CH2M Hill, an international engineering firm, is conducting the study at a cost of $5 million. The Texas Department of Transportation provided the funding. I-20 doesn't have money allocated for improvements yet, but the study likely will direct dollars in the future, particularly as transportation in Texas is getting a financial boost through Proposition 1 and Proposition 7 funding.

Some of the feedback residents provided at Thursday's meeting were to improve traffic density in the area where Midkiff Road connects to I-20, to widen the bridge at Lamesa Road and to have a direct connection between Loop 250 and the interstate.

The Permian Basin MPO is a regional transportation planning agency mandated under federal law. It covers Midland and Ector counties and part of Martin County. Its purpose is to ensure that state and federal tax dollars are spent in accordance with the region's needs. Its policy board has representation from Midland, Ector and Martin counties; the cities of Midland and Odessa; the Texas Department of Transportation Odessa District; and the Midland-Odessa Urban Transit District.

There will be another public meeting later this month to discuss improving the I-20 corridor. All residents are encouraged to provide feedback through an online survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBVNN2N. For more information, visit permianbasinmpo.com or call 432-617-0129.

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the DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza Hotel in servicing those attending conventions and other events taking place at the new convention center.

"It doesn't make sense to build the convention center without additional rooms — something of quality for people to bring conventions to town," Watson said. "They go hand in hand."

City Council member Scott Dufford said a second hotel downtown would send a great message that this community is betting on the long term when it comes to the economic health of the Permian Basin.

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of PTAs also had publicly backed the tax increase.

"The No. 1 question of prospective employees that we're trying to attract to move here and stay here, is about the schools," Leach said in a press release. "We have to have top-notch schools to attract top-notch people."

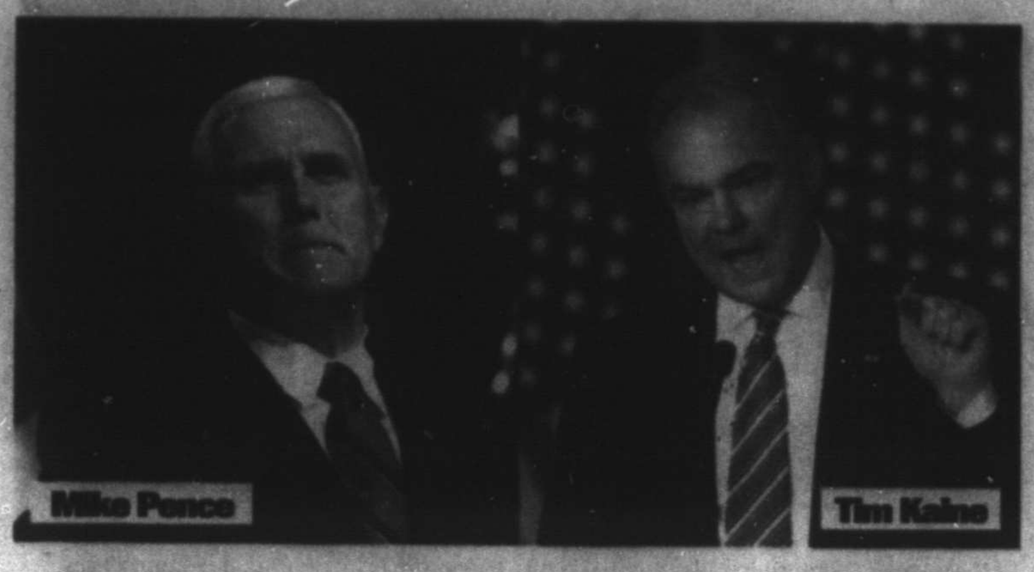
"We've been working with the MISD administration and school board to create a new environment for changing the way our schools perform," Thibodeaux said in the release. "These collaborative efforts with MISD to transform public education in Midland; their increased optimism about the changes that are taking place at MISD, including the new interim superintendent; and their excitement about the community's engagement have fueled a new level of confidence in the direction MISD is headed."

Spratlen is on the board of Educate Midland, which promises to play a role in the collective impact community reform effort. Leading foundations — the Abell-Hanger Foundation, the Scharbauer Foundation and Henry Foundation — have committed to initial funding of Educate Midland.

Should the voters fail to approve the tax rate increase, it is expected the MISD board will be forced to make another $6 million in cost-cutting measures. The district started the budget process with a $25 million deficit. One reason was the $50 million recapture payment the district will send to Austin as part of the state's school- finance program.

"It is essential that our Midland community support the TRE to ensure our children receive a quality education," Nelson said in the press release. "No business person wants another tax bump, but if the TRE fails, MISD will have to cut at least an additional $6 million from their budget. These cuts will directly affect Midland's students in the classroom, and in turn, our community's future workforce."

Should voters approve the tax rate increase, it will mean an extra $6 million for its 2016-17 budget and an extra $3 million that must be sent to Austin because of Midland ISD's chapter 41 status.



Kaine, Pence prepare for undercard debate

By Alan Suderman and Scott Bauer
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — With the first presidential debate complete and its spin cycle nearly over, the two understudies are getting ready to take the main stage.

The vice presidential debate Tuesday will be the only time Republican Mike Pence and Democrat Tim Kaine will have the nation's political attention all to themselves, away from their much more well-known running mates.

The stakes will be lower than the three presidential debates, but will give each largely undefined candidate a chance to make a mark on a national audience.

Running mates rarely overshadow the top of the ticket, although Sarah Palin caused a sensation as Republican John McCain's pick in 2008. But voters always have a reason to size up the people who would be next in line for the presidency.

The 2016 candidates are older than the norm. Though their doctors said they are fit to serve, Hillary Clinton, who will be 69 before the election, has had several health problems in recent years while Donald Trump, 70, has for months held off disclosing much about his own fitness.

Pence, Trump's running mate, is taking a decidedly un-Trump like approach to the vice presidential debate. He's preparing for it.

The Indiana governor and former 12-year congressman held mock debate sessions with Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker as a stand-in, studying up on issues likely to be raised and making sure he avoids the criticisms of being unprepared that dogged Trump after his uneven performance a week ago. "We're going to do our level best to be ready," Pence told conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt this past week.

Pence was spending the weekend back home in Indianapolis, taking a break from campaign travel to be with his family and continue informal debate preparations, spokesman Marc Lotter said.

Clinton's running mate, a former Virginia governor and current U.S. senator, spent several days preparing for the debate in Raleigh, North Carolina, and in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia. The debate will take place at Longwood University, about an hour west of Richmond.

Helping Kaine is Washington, D.C., lawyer Robert Barnett, a veteran of prepping Democrats for debates. Kaine said he's been "thinking hard" about what Pence's record says "about the guy who chose him, because it really is more about Donald Trump than it is about Gov. Pence."

Pence and Kaine are practiced public speakers with lengthy political careers who should bring a high level of polish to the undercard debate. Pence is a former talk radio host; Kaine a former Harvard-trained trial lawyer.

But both have played dramatically different roles since they were picked to be the No. 2s.

Pence has frequently been on the hot seat defending, deflecting and explaining some of his unconventional running mate's more inflammatory comments and views. It's made for some awkward moments, with Pence defending Trump's praise of Russian President Vladimir Putin, Trump's apparent support for a policy of stop-and-frisk by police, and Trump's feud with a Muslim-American family whose son, a U.S. Army captain, was killed while serving in Iraq in 2004.

After Monday's presidential debate, Pence made the rounds on the television networks, where he broke with Trump on global warming. Trump has called warming a hoax, while Pence said after the debate that "there's no question" human activity affects both the climate and the environment.

Kaine, by contrast, is much more in lockstep with Clinton and has rarely faced tough questions on a tightly managed campaign that's so far been heavy with private glitzy fundraisers and lighter moments on TV. He's no fire-eater. He's called himself "boring," a quality Clinton said she loves about him.

Some days Kaine's toughest job is holding his own while jamming on harmonica with some world-class musical talents. That list so far includes Jon Batiste ("The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" house band leader), Lindsey Buckingham (guitarist for Fleetwood Mac), Asleep at the Wheel (local country legends in Austin, Texas) and John Popper (frontman for Blues Traveler).

Recently, while Pence was defending a tweet from one of Trump's son's comparing Syrian refugees to a bowl of Skittles, Kaine was in the middle of a California fundraising tour that included a dinner at actress Eva Longoria's house and an appearance on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show."

After the first presidential debate, Kaine and Pence both claimed victory for their candidates and looked ahead to their showdown.

Speaking to volunteers in Orlando, Florida, Kaine said Clinton's performance "raised the bar."

"That puts pressure on me," he joked.

Viewers' guide: Low-key VP candidates take debate spotlight

WASHINGTON — We interrupt this year's slugfest between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton to bring you their understudies: two low-key, middle-aged guys.

Tuesday night's vice presidential debate between Republican Gov. Mike Pence of Indiana and Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia pits a former radio host who's described himself as "Rush Limbaugh on decaf" against a harmonica-playing former missionary whose aw-shucks style has spawned a thousand dad jokes.

Barring the unexpected, their 90-minute faceoff is unlikely to alter the trajectory of the presidential race.

But don't hit the snooze button just yet. Debate history suggests there still is the potential for some memorable moments.

Some things to watch for in Tuesday's debate at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia.

Say who?

Pence and Kaine have campaigned full tilt for more than two months now, but plenty of people still don't have a feel for them. In a recent Associated Press-GfK poll, more than half of registered voters said they didn't know enough about Kaine to venture an opinion about him, and about 44 percent said the same for Pence. This is their big moment to show they're qualified to be next in line to the president.

Scout motto

Trump may disdain traditional debate prep, but Kaine and Pence both have embraced the Scout motto: Be prepared. Each must be ready to defend his own record, skewer his opponent and do the same for the top of the ticket.

The mission

Pence and Kaine have to decide whether to focus more on one another or on Trump and Clinton. Watch how they toggle between the two tasks. Look for Pence, who calls Clinton "the most dishonest person ever to seek the presidency," to zero in on lines of attack that Trump hardly touched in the first debate, such as questions about whether Clinton played favorites as secretary of state with donors to the Clinton Foundation. Kaine will try to act as a character witness for Clinton and go after Trump, of whom the senator says his "only recognized passion in his life has been for himself."

Defending the indefensible

Pence will have the added herculean task of explaining away the steady stream of insults, barbs and inflammatory comments delivered by his running mate, including the latest contretemps over a beauty queen whom Trump has shamed for gaining weight. Pence has had plenty of practice in recent weeks. Expect him to employ a strategy of praising Trump for his unscripted style as a "bold truth teller" without arguing the merits of the GOP nominee's specific comments.

Threading the needle

Both candidates may need to navigate areas where they have policy differences with their running mates; Pence more so than Kaine. Pence, for example, says it's clear that human activity is affecting the climate while Trump has called global warming a hoax. Kaine holds that U.S. military operations against the Islamic State group have not been properly approved by Congress, a point of disagreement with Clinton.

Amen corner

Expect both Pence, an evangelical, and Kaine, a former Catholic missionary, to showcase their religious backgrounds in an effort to appeal to different constituencies. Pence likes to say of himself: "I'm a Christian, a conservative and a Republican — in that order." Kaine often brings up his time as a missionary in Honduras, working in a few lines of Spanish along the way to reach out to Hispanics.

Too clever?

Past vice presidential debates have provided some memorable lines. Republican Bob Dole's cutting quip in 1976 about all the Americans killed in "Democrat wars" did him no good. Democrat Lloyd Bentsen's 1988 putdown of Republican Dan Quayle with his "You're no Jack Kennedy" line still singes. Third-party candidate James Stockdale's rambling 1992 opening questions of "Who am I? Why am I here?" captured a candidate who was clearly out of his element. Four years ago, Vice President Joe Biden's denunciations of Republican Paul Ryan's budget math as "a bunch of malarkey" showed considerably more spark than did President Barack Obama's leaden performance against rival Mitt Romney in the leadoff debate.

Moderation

CBS News' Elaine Quijano will be under the microscope as moderator, especially since Trump has complained that NBC's Lester Holt, the moderator of last week's debate, was too tough on him.

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

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Trump hasn't shown that he's up to the job

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New York Times News Service

The Republican Party's politicians have mostly surrendered to Donald Trump. The Republican Party's entertainers have mostly been enthusiastic about his candidacy. But the conservative intelligentsia — journalists, think-tankers and academics — has been conspicuous in its resistance.

Now, though, we have "Writers and Scholars for America" — a collection of prominent signatories to the proposition that given the available options, "Donald J. Trump is the candidate most likely to restore the promise of America."

The list of names is an interesting mix: There are hacks of the sort who inevitably flutter toward Trump's flame, but there are also writers I've admired for many years. And although there is no unifying manifesto, it's possible to piece together the arguments that attract these thinkers to Trump's candidacy.

Those arguments seem at first blush to be in tension. On the one hand, many of the pro-Trump thinkers seem to believe that for all his distinctive vices, Trump would probably end up governing largely as a conventional Republican. Believing as they do that liberal ideas are dangerous or destructive, these conservatives see the 2016 election as a straightforward lesser of two evils situation, in which the Republican nominee's indecency is preferable to the damage that a Hillary Clinton presidency would all but guarantee.

But then you also have others who are attracted to Trump precisely because he isn't a conventional Republican. Reagan-era conservatism had its time and failed, these Trump-supporting intellectuals suggest, and the time has come to roll the dice, to embrace a change agent even if he seems gross and seedy and bigoted, because the alternative is staying on a fatal course.

Some of these writers feel that the American republic has already gone under, we're just choosing between elected emperors, and you might as well gamble on a Caesar who's willing to flay the empire's ruling class. Others take the more modest view that Trump is correct on particular issues (immigration, foreign policy, the importance of the nation-state) where the bipartisan consensus is often wrong, and his candidacy is a chance to vote against an elite worldview that desperately needs to be chastened and rebuked.

I said that these two perspectives seem to be in tension, but it's actually pretty easy to combine them. If Trump gets restrained by his advisers, he'll be a typical Republican, this combination would go, and if he stays true to his own essential Trumpiness, he'll be the scourge our rotten system needs.

If ideas were all, this would be a plausible argument. Trump is too mercurial to be fully trusted on judicial appointments or any other issue that matters to the right. But it's reasonable to think that the way he's campaigned — on a mix of standard-issue Republican ideas and populist-nationalist heresies — is the way that he will try to govern.

But the problem comes in with that one word, "try."

Set aside for a moment Trump's low character, his penchant for inflaming racial tensions, his personal corruptions. Assume for the sake of argument that all that can be folded into a "lesser of two evils" case.

What remains is this question: Can Donald Trump actually execute the basic duties of the presidency? Is there any way that his administration won't be a flaming train wreck from the start? Is there any possibility that he'll be levelheaded in a crisis — be it another 9/11 or financial meltdown, or any of the lesser-but-still-severe challenges that presidents reliably face?

I think we have seen enough from his campaign — up to and including his wretchedly stupid conduct since the first debate — to answer confidently, "No." Trump's zest for self-sabotage, his wild swings, his inability to delegate or take advice, are not mere flaws; they are defining characteristics. The burdens of the presidency will leave him permanently maddened, perpetually undone.

Even if that undoing doesn't lead to economic or geopolitical calamity (yes, Virginia, there are worse things than the Iraq War), which cause or idea associated with Trumpism is likely to emerge stronger after a four-year train wreck? Not populism or immigration restrictionism. Not evangelical Christianity. Not economic conservatism. They'll all be lashed to the mast of a burning ship whose captain is angrily tweeting from the poop deck.

Months ago, I worried that Trump was too authoritarian to be entrusted with the presidency. That worry has receded a bit, because authoritarianism requires a ruthless sort of competence that Trump cannot attain.

But fecklessness in the presidency can be as destructive as malice, and not just to the country: A disastrous chief executive can do devastating damage to his own political ideas.

In this sense the intellectuals' case for Donald Trump fails because it cannot shake free of those ideas and see the personal element here clearly.

What Trump believes, what he intends to do in office — those questions are ultimately secondary to the problem of the man himself, and the near-certainty that he will fail, and in failing, betray anyone who has lent him their support.

GUEST VIEW

FBI-reported crime stats again puncture border myths

El Paso Times

The FBI reported this week that violent crime increased by 4 percent nationally between 2014 and 2015, driven largely by increases in gun violence in some major U.S. cities.

One area that defied this trend, without any real attention, was urban areas along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Violent crime in U.S. urban areas on the Mexican border declined by 7 percent between 2014 and 2015, according to an El Paso Times analysis of the FBI data, which is based on reports provided by local law enforcement agencies across the country.

This is not a new development. Crime rates in U.S. communities along the Mexican border have been lower than comparable cities away from the border for many years. But that fact is usually drowned out by politically driven rhetoric that paints the border as a war zone.

Violent crime in El Paso, long among the safest of major U.S. cities, declined by almost 7 percent. In Las Cruces, violent crime dropped by more than 9 percent.

Texas officials may try to tie the drop in crime to the so-called "border surge" started in 2014 after families and children fleeing violence and poverty in Central America flooded to the Rio Grande Valley in search of safety.

Any such claims would be questionable at best. First, crime in border areas has been on the decline for many years before the so-called surge. Second, the drop in violent crime is just as pronounced in places like El Paso, Las Cruces, and Yuma, Arizona, which did not see an increase in National Guard and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers in 2015.

The low and declining crime rates along the border have many causes. Research has shown that immigrants are less likely than native-born Americans to participate in crime. And the federal government has dramatically increased the numbers of law enforcement forces it has placed on the border in the past decade.

That latter fact is often ignored in conservative circles, where it is an article of faith that the Obama administration has failed to secure the border. This has been particularly true in Texas, where DPS is proposing another 39 percent increase in funding for border security, even though the agency has provided no real data showing that its increased spending is having any impact.

While the Republican-dominated state leadership was posturing on border security during the 2015 legislative session, Dallas-Fort Worth suburbs like Carrolton, Grapevine and Frisco were undergoing double-digit increases in violent crime. In Lubbock, violent crime went up 12 percent.

This is not to suggest that the DPS flood troopers into the Metroplex or to Texas Tech University. But the latest national crime statistics are yet another reminder of how skewed rhetoric can lead to misguided policy. A decision to direct law-enforcement resources to the border is, by definition, a decision not to place those resources elsewhere.

The latest crime statistics are yet another reminder that political rhetoric about the U.S.-Mexico border bears little resemblance to reality.

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Do we need Hispanic Heritage Month?

ESTHER CEPEDA

Washington Post Writers Group

Thank goodness Hispanic Heritage Month is almost over. I'm not a fan, because who wants to be paid lip service for 30 days? And it's not even a proper full month, but the latter half of September and the early part of October.

Sure, several mid-September days mark the anniversaries of the independence of multiple Latin American countries, but that seems to have little to do with honoring the "contributions Hispanics have made (to this country) throughout our history," according to this year's official White House proclamation.

Hispanics are nothing less than all-American constructs. Ironically, though, it's a classification that's mostly meaningful to non-Hispanics in the United States.

Check it out: Anywhere in the world my mom goes she is Mexican. My father, a naturalized U.S. citizen who has lived here longer than anywhere else, is, to others, forever from Ecuador. Me? No matter where in the world I go, I'm an American — except for in Latin America where I'm a "gringa," which I'm perfectly comfortable with, thank you very much.

Here in the U.S., it's far more complicated. White, Asian and black non-Hispanics call us Latino, Hispanic, the teeth-grinding "Latin," and sometimes even the cringe-inducing "Spanish." And if they're from California, they might whip out "Chicano" as well.

Generally, there's been a yearslong (and incredibly tiresome) back-and-forth among people with Latin American heritage about whether they should be identified as "Latino" or "Hispanic." As of last count — the Pew Research Center's Hispanic Trends Project reported on this phenomenon in 2012 — a few of these people (21 percent, including me) were a minority-within-a-minority who identified as "American."

At that time, a majority (51 percent) of those with Latin American lineage said that they most often identify themselves by their family's country of origin. If they were pressed to pick between "Hispanic" and "Latino," 33 percent (versus 14 percent) favored "Hispanic."

But in internet time, 2012 was practically the Stone Age, and we're way past simple binaries.

These days, label lovers fight over whether Hispanics should refer to themselves as the gender neutral or inclusive "Latin@s" or "Latinx," two terms derived from "Latino."

In short order, those may be passe as well, if marketers have their way.

According to the trade publication MediaPost, "ambiculturals" are poised to become a hot new demographic. MediaPost, citing a Nielsen Company research paper, recently described Hispanics who are 34 and under and bilingual as having "a true ambiculturalism ... 'at once entirely American and entirely of one's culture of origin. Savvy marketers are taking notice and crafting dual-language communications that speak to both the American spirit and the Latino soul.'"

Targeting the "Latino soul" so they can sell it consumer goods? Give me a break.

Also contending for this mystical, young Latino soul are politicians. NBC Latino recently reported on Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign outreach to "bilennials," a portmanteau of "bilingual" and "millennials."

Spending precious time and resources talking about cutesy branding for a population with serious public policy concerns and a reputation for staying home on Election Day seems like fiddling while Rome burns.

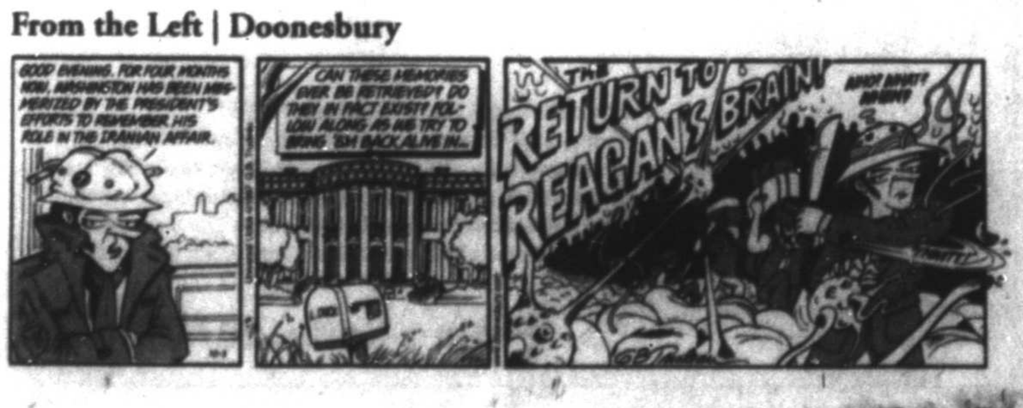
Hispanic Heritage Month brings out the worst in big-name brands, and Hispanic journalists in this country spend a lot of time wisely emptying their inboxes of tone-deaf come-ons from merchants looking to "share" their special #HHM emojis, Aztec-themed vodka cocktails, and upscale tortilla presses and quesadilla makers. Look for this silliness to eventually become extinct.

As immigration from Latin America slows and Hispanics continue to marry and reproduce with people from other ethnicities and races — and generally stop being made to feel as though their ancestry is their defining characteristic — the big to-do about Hispanic Heritage Month will go the way of German-American Heritage Month (also Sept. 15-Oct. 15), which I'd bet most people didn't know has been a thing since 1987.

Among Pew's 2012 findings about Hispanic/Latino labeling was that most Latinos (69 percent vs. 29 percent) said that the more than 50 million Latinos in the U.S. have many different cultures rather than a common culture.

This is not exactly a recipe for uniting around a particular ethnic label — and that is as it should be. The promise of the melting pot is that from many we become one. And what are we living through if not a moment in the nation's history when cross-category understanding and unity will be a key ingredient to successfully moving forward?

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Trump tax revelation punctuates week of political challenges

By Steve Peoples and Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ever defiant, Donald Trump and his Republican allies embraced a report on Sunday that said the New York businessman may not have paid federal income taxes for nearly two decades after he and his companies lost nearly $916 million in a single year.

The unexpected revelation punctuated a week of missteps and aggressive personal attacks from the Republican presidential contender, with early voting already underway in some states and Election Day quickly approaching.

If there was a bright spot to the explosive story about his taxes in The New York Times, Trump supporters said, it was that it may shift the national conversation away from Trump's weeklong feud with a former beauty queen he called "Miss Piggy" as he shamed her for gaining weight, and his unfounded suggestion Hillary Clinton may have cheated on her husband.

"He's not been on message," said Barry Bennett, a former Trump adviser. "A week was wasted where he could have been talking about the heroin epidemic and jobs and ISIS. All the money in the world can't get that time back."

The mounting challenges injected a new sense of urgency into Trump's White House bid with the next presidential debate a week away.

Trump is deciding whether to use the debate stage to attack Clinton's role in the infidelities of her husband, former President Bill Clinton's. That's according to a person with intimate knowledge of Trump's thinking as his senior advisers huddled Sunday for a rare session of debate preparation. The person was not authorized to discuss publicly the private conversations and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Publicly, however, Trump's team was aggressively defiant on Sunday.

Neither New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie nor former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, both top Trump supporters, disputed the report that said Trump's loss in 1995 was big enough that he could have legally avoided paying taxes for as many as 18 years.

On "Fox News Sunday," Christie declared it "a very, very good story for Donald Trump." Giuliani called him "a genius at how to take advantage of legal remedies that can help your company survive and grow" on ABC's "This Week."

"Don't you think a man who has this kind of economic genius is a lot better for the United States than a woman? And the only thing she's ever produced is a lot of work for the FBI checking out her emails," Giuliani said.

The Trump did not appear publicly on Sunday, but weighed in on social media, saying he was singularly qualified to fix the nation's tax system.

"I know our complex tax laws better than anyone who has ever run for president and am the only one who can fix them," Trump tweeted.

Clinton made no mention of Trump's taxes during her events in North Carolina on Sunday. But the Democratic presidential nominee reposted a tweet from Trump, who wrote in 2012 that "HALF of Americans don't pay income tax despite crippling govt debt..."

"Now that's pretty rich coming from a guy who paid $0 in taxes for 18 years," Clinton tweeted.

Before The Times story put Trump's taxes back at the center of the campaign, the candidate and his backers were engrossed in an effort to change the subject from his feud with 1996 Miss Universe, Alicia Machado, and his middle-of-the-night tweets that directed voters to what he called her "sex tape."

The online taunts referred to footage from a Spanish reality show in 2005 in which Machado was a contestant and appeared on camera in bed with a male contestant. The images are grainy and do not include nudity, though Machado later acknowledged that she was having sex in the video.

On Saturday night in Manheim, Pennsylvania, Trump imitated Clinton's stumbles as she left this year's 9/11 memorial service ill with pneumonia and questioned her loyalty to her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

"Why should she be, right?" he asked. "Why should she be?"

In a story published online late Saturday, The Times said it anonymously received the first pages of Trump's 1995 state income tax filings in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The filings show a net loss of $915,729,293 in federal taxable income for the year.

That Trump was losing money during the early to mid-1990s — a period marked by bankruptcies and poor business decisions — was already well established.

But the records obtained by the Times show losses of such a magnitude that they potentially allowed Trump to avoid paying taxes for years, possibly until the end of the last decade.

His campaign said that Trump had paid "hundreds of millions" of dollars in other kinds of taxes over the years.

Trump has refused to release his tax returns, breaking with four decades of presidential campaign tradition. Trump has said his attorneys are advising him to keep his tax returns private until a government audit is completed.

IRS Commissioner John Koskinen told a House committee Sept. 21 that people under IRS audit are free to release their returns, or IRS letters informing a person they're being audited.

Trump has done neither. Clinton has publicly released nearly 40 years' worth, and Trump's running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, has released 10 years of his tax returns.

Mark Makela/N.Y.Times

Donald Trump prepares to leave a presidential campaign rally at the Spooky Nook Sports complex in Manheim, Pa., on Saturday.

Trump tax plan may cost $1.5 trillion more than he says

DENVER — Donald Trump's tax plan may cost $1.5 trillion over the next decade more than he has projected and skew even more to the wealthy, according to a nonpartisan analysis released Monday.

Trump released his tax plan last week — his third attempt to sketch out a workable proposal — telling voters to check his math. "It works," Trump promised, estimating the cost at $4.4 trillion and claiming that record-setting economic growth would prevent the cuts from increasing the deficit.

Trump was relying on estimates from the Tax Foundation, which supports lower taxes, when he pitched the plan to the public. But he left unclear a key detail regarding businesses that are classified as "pass-throughs." Mostly small businesses — but occasionally very large ones — incorporate so their profits are taxed as personal income, rather than business proceeds.

At issue is whether Trump's plan for a flat 15 percent corporate tax rate applies to so-called pass-throughs. The Tax Foundation said his campaign indicated to them those rates would not apply. But the National Federation for Independent Business told the New York Times the GOP's nominee's team assured them pass-throughs would get the lower rate.

The Trump campaign has not commented, forcing the Tax Foundation to issue two estimates. Should Trump allow pass-throughs to be taxed at 15 percent — instead of the 33 percent that many otherwise would be assessed — his plan would cost $5.9 trillion over 10 years, the analysis found. That's $1.5 trillion more than Trump predicts.

Trump would condense the income tax structure into three brackets, establish the flat 15 percent business tax and cap deductions at $200,000 per household.

The foundation estimates that the cuts would trigger growth that would reduce its actual to $2.6 trillion — or $3.9 trillion with the pass-through provision. They'd create up to 2 million more jobs but also disproportionately benefit the wealthy, who could receive 10 percent more income, which would leap to 16 percent under the pass-through.

This is Trump's third attempt to sketch out a workable tax plan. His initial proposal during the Republican primary would have created an $11 trillion deficit and was received with widespread derision even among many Republican tax experts. In August he took that plan off the table but said he wasn't ready to provide enough details to estimate the cost of his new plan.

By Nicholas Riccardi
Associated Press

When it comes to Trump's taxes and finances, much is unknown

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump reported losses of more than $900 million on his 1995 income tax returns filed in three states, as revealed in documents obtained by The New York Times, that experts say could have allowed him to forgo paying federal income taxes for nearly two decades.

Some details of Trump's tax history had surfaced before, but even with the latest disclosure by the Times, several questions remain unanswered about Trump's more recent finances because the information released to date is only partial and much of it dated.

What we do know:

Trump hasn't paid taxes before

Trump reported paying no federal income taxes in 1978, 1979, 1984 and likely at least two other years in the early 1990s, according to documents unearthed by The Daily Beast, Politico and The Washington Post. Like the 1995 tax returns disclosed by The Times, Trump avoided paying taxes in those years by reporting losses that wiped out his gains.

For instance in 1984, Trump reported that he lost money and claimed on his personal tax returns that he was primarily a consultant, whose consulting business had more than $600,000 in expenses and no income. At the time, Trump had just finished Trump Tower and was quoted extensively in news reports talking up his business success.

It's unclear if the IRS questioned Trump's federal tax returns that year, but New York City tax authorities challenged his claims. The city fought with Trump for several years after he appealed his city tax bill. Trump lost that fight and had to pay the city taxes on more than $1 million in income.

What the Times found

The Times reported Saturday that Trump posted a net loss of $915,729,293 in federal taxable income in 1995. It was already well known that Trump was losing money during the early to mid-1990s, a time when his casinos fell into financial turmoil and some of his businesses filed for bankruptcy. But the records obtained by the Times show losses so large that they could have allowed Trump to avoid paying taxes for up to 18 years.

The newspaper reported that Trump made only $6,116 in wages, salaries and tips in 1995. He also reported $7.4 million in interest income and a loss of $15.8 million on his real estate and partnership holdings that year, the newspaper said.

The Times said it based its story on the first pages of Trump's 1995 state income tax filings in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The documents were anonymously mailed to one of the newspaper's reporters. Former Trump accountant Jack Mitnick, who prepared Trump's taxes that year, told The Times the documents were authentic, pointing out that they reflect a printing error from his tax preparation software that he corrected by manually inserting some numbers using a typewriter. Those numbers are slightly misaligned on the documents.

Trump's response

Trump's campaign did not challenge the documents' authenticity or the veracity of The Times' story, but Trump threatened to sue the newspaper for making the information public.

"Mr. Trump is a highly-skilled businessman who has a fiduciary responsibility to his business, his family and his employees to pay no more tax than legally required," the campaign said in a statement released Saturday. The campaign also said that Trump had paid "hundreds of millions" of dollars in various kinds of taxes over the years.

Trump's refusal

Before running for president, Trump said he would release his tax returns if he ran. But since he announced his candidacy last year, Trump has refused, bucking a tradition to which presidential nominees have adhered since 1976.

Trump has repeatedly said he won't release the documents because he says they're under audit by the Internal Revenue Service and his attorneys have advised against him making them public. Tax experts and IRS Commissioner John Koskinen have said such audits don't bars taxpayers from releasing their returns.

Trump's running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, has released 10 years of his tax returns. Clinton has released nearly 40 years of her tax returns.

What more tax returns could tell us

So far, only portions of any of Trump's tax returns have been made public. And everything that has been made public is decades old.

Trump's more recent tax returns — when he was likely more successful — would show his income sources, the type of deductions he claimed, how much he earned from his assets and what strategies Trump used to reduce his tax bill.

Full returns would also show how much Trump has personally donated to charity. The Times noted that the documents they received do not indicate how much Trump donated to charity in 1995, though Trump chose not to donate to a handful of organizations listed on the state tax documents including the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund.

Trump has regularly boasted of his charitable giving, but The Associated Press reported more than a year ago that there is little record of substantial personal philanthropy. More recently, Trump has faced tough questions about how his namesake foundation operates.

The Washington Post has reported that Trump's own charitable organization, the Donald J. Trump Foundation, used donations given by others to pay for Trump's legal settlements, political contributions and even purchase portraits of Trump. The Post has also reported that the foundation solicited donations from the public without the required certification under New York state law.

What do voters say

An Associated Press-GfK poll last month found that 46 percent of registered voters say it is very important for candidates to release their tax returns, though Democrats were more likely say so than Republicans.

Associated Press

Giuliani says Trump is better for US 'than a woman'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Did Rudy Giuliani really mean to say Donald Trump would make a better president than Hillary Clinton because he's a man? And that "everybody" cheats on their spouse?

The former New York mayor was responding to leaked tax documents obtained by The New York Times that show Trump in 1995 declared such a massive loss in income that he could have legally avoided paying federal income taxes for up to 18 years.

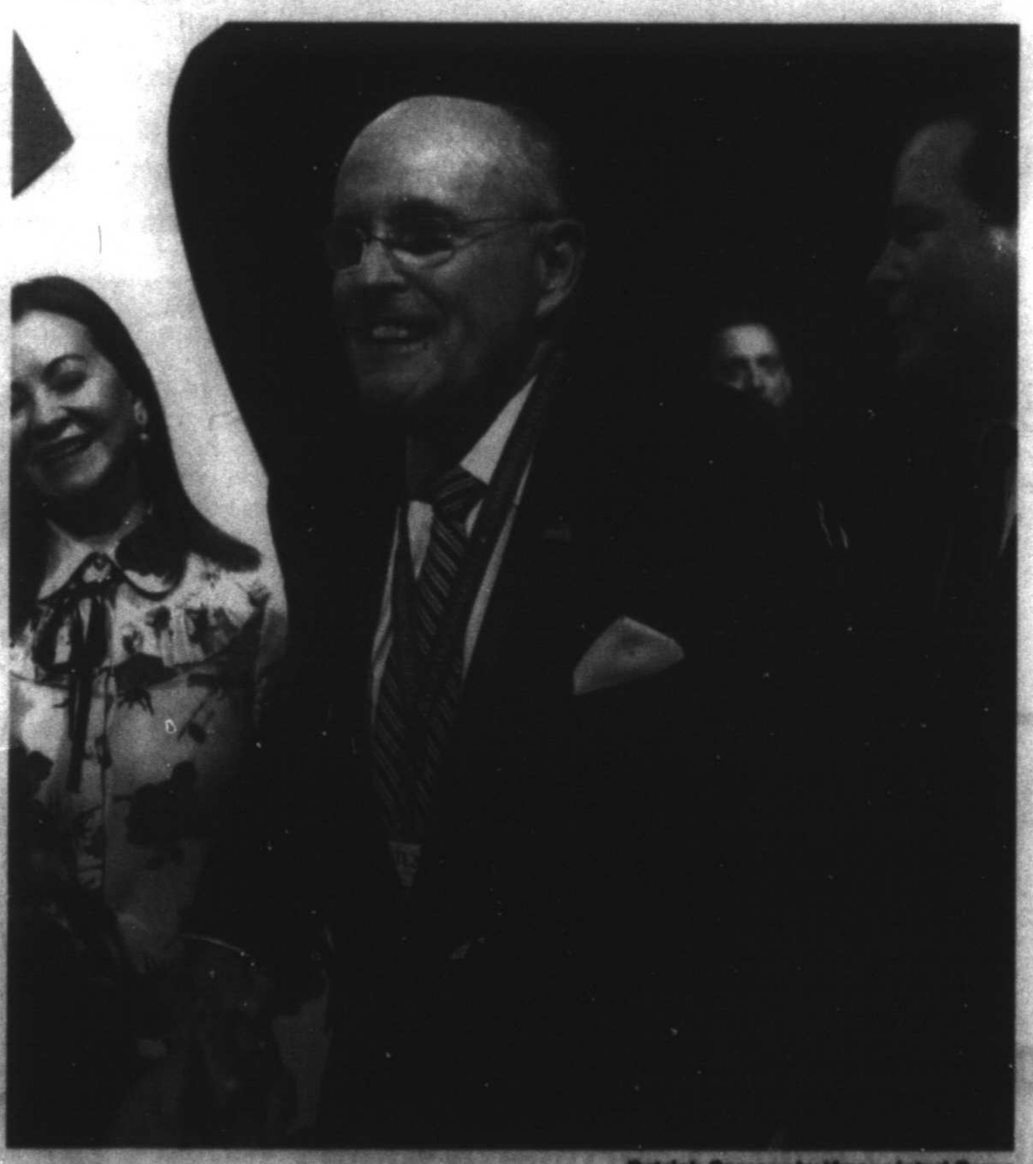
When asked about the report, Giuliani told ABC's "This Week" that Trump was a "genius" when it came to tax laws, unlike Clinton who was investigated by the FBI for using a private email server while leading the State Department.

"Don't you think a man who has this kind of economic genius is a lot better for the United States than a woman, and the only thing she's ever produced is a lot of work for the FBI checking out her emails?" he asked.

In a separate interview on NBC's "Meet the Press," Giuliani was asked whether it was fair for him to criticize Hillary Clinton's handling of her husband's alleged affairs when Giuliani himself had dealt with his "own infidelity charge." Giuliani, who has been married three times, was accused of cheating on his second spouse.

"Well, everybody does. And I'm Roman Catholic, and I confess those things to my priest," he said.

A phone call and email to Giuliani's staff asking if he would like to elaborate were not immediately returned.



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Former mayor of New York City Rudy Giuliani arrives with his wife Judith for the presidential debate between Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump at Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y., on Sept. 26.

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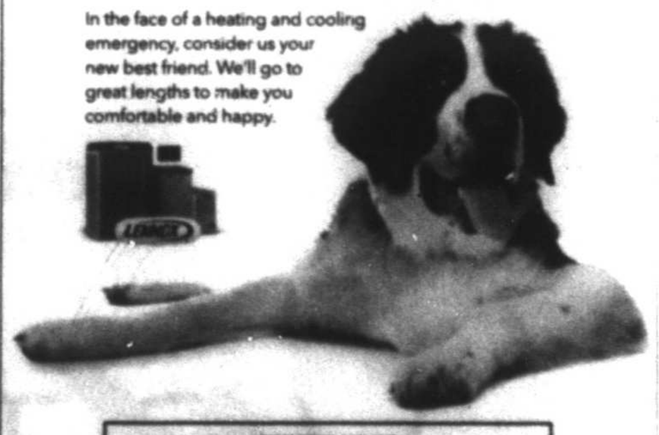

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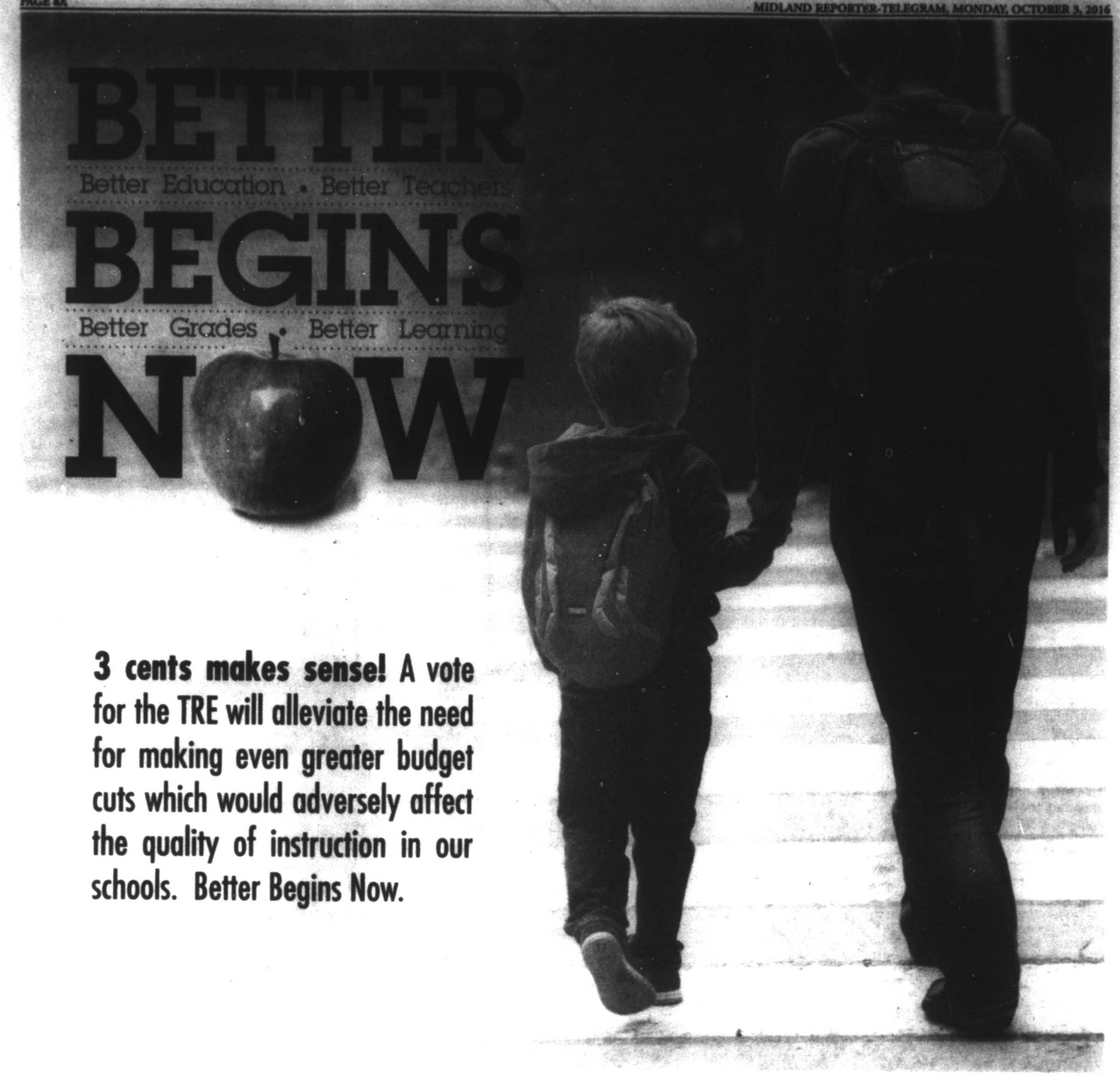

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ANNELIESE M. HYDE

FOUNDER OF THE PATIO

Community involvement: My community volunteering started by helping children read. For a few years, I helped deliver Meals on Wheels. In my later years, I got interested in senior care. I volunteered at a nursing home for a long time. Next, The Patio became a reality. And I served 8 1/2 years as a director for District 2 on the Midland County Hospital District board.

How did you decide to serve the community as a volunteer and founder of The Patio? Senior care became my passion; after all, we all are standing on the shoulders of those who forged the way for us. They deserve the best. It became obvious to me that many could not afford assisted living or a nursing home. These patients and caregivers lived isolated lives with 24-hour stress. Thus, The Patio was born. The Patio is a team effort; it took many wonderful people to bring it to fruition. We are still a committed team to serve the community.

What talents and skills do you share with the community through your role at Midland Lutheran Church and The Patio? The Patio is a respite place at Midland Lutheran Church. It's a safe place for patients, and for the caregivers it's an opportunity to breathe freely and devote some time to themselves, knowing that the patient is well-taken care of. We have a musician who gives his time graciously. We play games, we have an exercise class. We talk, we laugh and eat good home-cooked food.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a volunteer and through your nonprofit work? Not long after we started The Patio, I realized we needed to care not only for the patient, but for their caregivers. After a visit with the Alzheimer's Association, we started a monthly caregivers group that is led by a wonderful counselor from the Area Agency on Aging.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? I am a nurse; I have been a nurse and a caregiver all my life. Not only is this my profession, it is my passion, and I love it. Albert Schweitzer said, "What we call love, in its essence is reverence for life." He is my hero.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? Midland became our home in 1967. Our children grew up here and made their life in Texas. We stayed because through all these years we gained wonderful friends. Midlanders are gracious, kind and generous.

What else would you like our readers to know about you? I grew up in Germany during World War II. It was a different time, to say the least. But as a young child, I learned fast that helping each other and leaning on each other for support physically, spiritually and mentally meant survival. I was 9 years old when I decided to be a nurse and to be of service to people who needed me. God wants us to do this: care for each other and love each other.

"SHE'S BEEN AN AWESOME ADDITION TO THE COMMUNITY"

Anneliese has had a passion for the health and well-being of the elderly in this community. For the past nine years, she's been serving as the founding director of The Patio, a caregivers' day-off located at Midland Lutheran Church.

She has also served on the board of Midland Memorial Hospital, all the while serving as a personal caregiver to individuals across the community.

Having grown up in Germany during World War II, she entered nursing afterward and immigrated to the United States. She's been a awesome addition to the community

***The Rev. Bob Barndt**, pastor of Midland Lutheran Church*

The Patio is to present event

Area Agency on Aging and The Patio are presenting Legal Lunch & Learn with elder law attorney Mary Lou Cassidy 11 a.m. Oct. 13 at Midland Lutheran Church, 2705 W. Michigan Ave. To make reservations, call Susan Frederickson at 262-4962. Today is the deadline to make luncheon reservation.

"THE ELDERLY HAVE ALWAYS HELD A SPECIAL PLACE IN ANNELIESE'S HEART"

Anneliese Hyde began her life of service to others as a young nurse in Germany. Looking for opportunities and a fresh start after the devastation of World War II, Anneliese moved to New York to begin a new chapter in her life. Eventually, after marrying, she found herself in Midland. With the encouragement of a mutual friend, Dr. Gregory Bartha, a like-minded health care professional who always put service to others first, Anneliese sought a position on the elected Midland Memorial Hospital Board of Directors.

From the beginning, her priorities and passions were clearly and succinctly stated: The patients always come first, the hospital should be an efficiently run entity, the facilities kept spotless and the standard of care be maintained at the highest level. Each month at the meetings, every board member knew that Anneliese would be asking her distinctive question, "How does this affect the patient?" when decisions were voted on.

The caring and compassionate nature that Anneliese holds for each patient is unparalleled. Her strong Christian beliefs have served as the foundation for the passion, dignity and respect she exhibits toward all those in her care. The elderly have always held a special place in Anneliese's heart. She provides weekly respite care for Alzheimer's patients. Anneliese advocates for embracing new technology administered with old-fashioned values. Her support of the nursing profession is ongoing because she realizes how critical a link a nurse is to a positive patient experience.

Anneliese is defined by the twinkle in her eye and the determined smile on her lips that let everyone know her grit and resolve will never waver when it comes to who and what are important to her.

***Jay Reynolds,** Midland Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees*

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iTunes' Official Music Charts for the week ending Sept. 29:

Top Songs

1. Closer (feat. Halsey), The Chainsmokers
2. Starboy (feat. Daft Punk), The Weeknd
3. Heathens, twenty one pilots
4. Forever Country, Artists Of Then & Now & Forever
5. This Town, Niall Horan
6. i hate u, i love u (feat. olivia o'brien), gnash| am trying to publish and save I
7. Let Me Love You (feat. Justin Bieber), DJ Snake
8. Gold, Kiiara
9. Unsteady, X Ambassadors
10. We Don't Talk Anymore (feat. Selena Gomez), Charlie Puth

Top Albums

1. Illuminate (Deluxe), Shawn Mendes
2. Farm Tour.Here's To the Farmer., Luke Bryan
3. 22, A Million, Bon Iver
4. Lemonade, Beyoncé
5. American Prodigal (Deluxe Edition),Crowder
6. Suicide Squad: The Album, Various Artists
7. They Don't Know, Jason Aldean
8. Hamilton, Original Broadway Cast of Hamilton
9. The Altar, Banks
10. Blurryface, twenty one pilots

Books

iBook charts for week ending Sept. 25 (Rank, Book Title by Author Name):

1. The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
2. Home by Harlan Coben
3. The Couple Next Door by Shari Lapeña
4. Commonwealth by Ann Patchett
5. Killing the Rising Sun by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard
6. Just Friends by Billy Taylor
7. Apprentice in Death by J. D. Robb
8. The Kept Woman by Karin Slaughter
9. Razor Girl by Carl Hiaasen
10. The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan

Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending Sept. 25:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:

1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. NBA 2K17, 2K
3. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
4. KEVMOJI by Kevin Hart, Hartbeat Digital, LLC
5. Moji Maker, AppMoji, Inc.
6. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
7. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
8. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
9. Enlight, Lightricks Ltd.
10. Batman - The Telltale Series, Telltale Inc

Top Free iPhone Apps:

1. Bitmoji - Your Personal Emoji, Bitstrips
2. Snapchat, Snapchat inc
3. Messenger, Facebook Inc
4. Bottle Flip 2k16, Aidan Sabourin
5. Instagram, Instagram Inc
6. YouTube, Google Inc.
7. Facebook, Facebook Inc
8. Wheel of Fortune Free Play: Game Show Word Puzzles, Scopely
9. Google Maps - Navigation & Transit, Google Inc
10. Uber, Uber Technologies Inc

Top Paid iPad Apps:

1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. NBA 2K17, 2K
3. Toca Kitchen 2, Toca Boca AB
4. XtraMath, XtraMath
5. Musical.ly free, Jonathan Ramirez
6. Notability, Ginger Labs
7. Batman - The Telltale Series, Telltale Inc
8. Haunted Hotel: The X (Full), Big Fish Games, Inc
9. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
10. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc

Top Free iPad Apps:

1. Wheel of Fortune Free Play: Game Show Word Puzzles, Scopely
2. Faily Rider, Spunge Games Pty Ltd
3. YouTube, Google, Inc.
4. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
5. Messenger, Facebook, Inc
6. Rolling Sky, Cheetah Technology Corporation Limited
7. Facebook, Facebook Inc.
8. Bottle Flip 2k16, Aidan Sabourin
9. The Calculator Free, International Travel Weather Calculator
10. Gmail - email from Google, Google Inc.

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Sept. 25:

1. Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising
2. The Legend of Tarzan (2016)
3. Captain America: Civil War
4. 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi
5. I.T.
6. Free State of Jones
7. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows
8. Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates
9. The Jungle Book (2016)
10. Me Before You

Source: 2016 Apple Inc.

Facebook driving huge numbers to the polls

By Caitlin Dewe
Washington Post

There's been a lot of consternation in recent months about Facebook's impact on politics. If it's not fears of partisan censorship and suppressed trending topics, it's worries about echo chambers or hyper-targeted campaign ads.

But in the upcoming presidential election, at least, Facebook's influence will lie somewhere else: The social network is driving huge numbers of people to the polls — and most of those people are likely to vote Democrat.

This effect is not at all by design. Instead, it's an accident of demographics. Facebook skews both young and female, which means the site's powerful get-out-the-vote campaigns reach more potential voters in the Hillary Clinton camp. The same could be said of Twitter, which over-indexes with people of color. Or Airbnb, which is popular among older, white adults — those statistically most likely to be Republican voters.

In the past week, dozens of technology companies have launched nonpartisan, apolitical voter registration drives, meant to increase civic participation on Election Day. But all could have potent political consequences, even if none of the companies frame them that way.

"Facebook can influence millions of votes by the literal press of a button," said Michael Brand, a professor of data science at Monash University in Australia. "Any decision it now makes regarding the political content of its pages . . . is inherently politically loaded."

How loaded, of course, is a matter of conjecture — at least until after Election Day. Many technology companies, including Twitter and Uber, don't release any data on the number or types of voters reached by their campaigns. Other companies, such as the blogging platform Tumblr, report the number of times a get-out-the-vote campaign was shared (in Tumblr's case, 172,500), but not how many people actually registered as a result of it.

Facebook, on the other hand, is fairly unique: The social network has a long history of running voter registration and Election Day prompts, which means we have a good idea how well they work. The site has, for the past several years, displayed an "I Voted" button on Nov. 8, which allows users to notify their friends when they've voted and shows pictures of their friends who have voted already. Recently, Facebook also displayed a prominent News Feed banner encouraging users to register with their state board of elections.

In 2010, a team of researchers from the University of California at San Diego, working with Facebook's internal data science team, estimated that the site's "I Voted" button pushed an additional 340,000 voters to the polls. When Facebook added a publicly displayed organ donor option to profiles, organ donor registration rates increased 21-fold.

It's a pattern that seems to be repeating in this election, as well. Although only a few states have released data about the registrations they've seen since Facebook began displaying a voting banner in News Feeds last week, the numbers we do have are stunning. The reminder prompted 200,000 registrations in California, 30,000 in Indiana and 25,000 in Kentucky. Connecticut's voter applications increased tenfold over the previous week, and Minnesota saw 27,000 applications in a single day — the largest ever in the state's history.

"I applaud Facebook for joining our efforts to increase voter registration awareness in Georgia," reads a statement by Brian Kemp, the secretary of state of Georgia, where hits to the online voter registration system are up more than 2,000 percent. "I am encouraging all Facebook users to take action now and verify their registration status leading up to this year's historic election."

Kemp is a Republican; his party wouldn't benefit, in all likelihood, if "all Facebook users" heeded his call. Georgia's current active electorate skews white and Republican. Facebook's demographics, on the other hand, favor young people, people of color and women.

According to the Pew Research Center, 77 percent of female Internet users are on Facebook, while only 66 percent of men are. Eighty-two percent of those ages 18 to 29 use the site, as do 75 percent of Hispanics.

That means that any efforts to encourage voter registration through Facebook will necessarily have an outsize impact on those communities, explained Katherine Haenschen, a postdoctoral researcher at Princeton University who studies digital media and political participation. And while there's more variation here than some pundits would have us believe, those voting blocs generally come out for Democrats.

Haenschen stresses that this shouldn't be political: "It's not Facebook's fault if a candidate fails to be a credible choice for everyone," she said. And of course, people and politics are both fantastically complicated — perhaps Facebook's "voter megaphone" won't have the impact we expect. Brand points out that studies show Republican voters tend to be motivated by consensus, so maybe they'd be more persuaded by a social voting prompt than a Democratic voter would. Or maybe all these people will register, but they'll never show up to vote.

Experiments published in the Journal of Politics in 2015 found that while voter-registration drives do get people signed up, particularly in impoverished areas, they don't change the overall composition of the electorate. That's because, when Election Day rolls around, underrepresented voters — even if they're registered — still don't make it to the polls at the same rates as older, wealthier white people. They face larger structural and procedural obstacles that can't yet be addressed by Facebook.

Yet, there's no doubt that Facebook will impact November's election: Its size and power guarantees it, if nothing else does. Brandon Naylor, the communications director for Democracy Works, a nonpartisan voting organization, says efforts like Facebook's are "making democracy more representative." The social network, together with Airbnb, Spotify, Uber, Foursquare and Lyft, has recently partnered with Democracy Works on its "Turbovote Challenge," an ambitious project that hopes to boost turnout to 80 percent by the 2020 presidential election.

"It's not beyond the realm of possibility," Naylor said. "Companies like Facebook have tremendous reach - we believe we're touching every eligible voter who did not turn out in the last election."

'Loop' app helps keep track of habits, routines

HAYLEY TSUKAYAMA
Washington Post

Chances are that there's at least one thing you'd like to do more often in your life. Enter Loop, a habit tracker, that lets you set times to check in on your habits and keeps track of how well you're doing cultivating each one. The app asks users to name a task and input a question to show up in reminders — i.e., did you meditate today? The reminders are optional, although probably the most helpful tool for actually getting you to cultivate that habit.

Yes, there are about as many habit apps out there as there are habits to track. Or, perhaps more positively, enough apps out there to fit whatever your personality is — if you don't like your habit app, chances are that it won't help you much. Loop is worth a try if you haven't found one that fits you, and you like an emphasis on simple design, a clean layout and an app that reminds but doesn't pester.

Free, for Android devices.

In the game "Frantic Architect," players have the task of building a tower one block at a time. The catch is that you can only build with a well-timed tap — and your building materials are never in one place for long. Your next building block cycles rapidly through each face of the cube you set down, and you have to hit the screen at the right moment to place it in the right spot.

Get it right, and your tower can grow and you progress through the game. Get it wrong, and you risk cementing the next block in the wrong place. And, if you get it really wrong, the whole tower topples.

You can pay to get rid of ads, although advertising intrusions aren't so bad. As with many fun mobile games, there isn't a whole lot to "Frantic Architect." But it's a nice app for commutes and waiting rooms — places where you can keep your eyes focused on the screen. Just, please, don't use it for actual tips on being a good architect. Free, for iOS and Android devices.

In Melody Jams, kids can assemble a band of musical monsters. Each monster plays a different instrument, and a player can mix and match to create many combinations of styles and sounds. Players can get in on the action themselves, choosing an instrument and jamming along with the band as they see fit. The app comes with one free stage — a garage jam session - and players can join in with the gang on the piano, the xylophone or the drums.

There admittedly isn't a whole lot to Melody Jams, but it packs a lot of fun in a very simple premise. It's not the app for kids looking to get a music composition education, because you essentially play with lots of loops. And because it doesn't have sharing options or ask for registration, it's a pretty low-risk app to download as well. There are in-app purchases — for 99 cents players can get another stage on which to play, as well as some different instruments for the monster and kid musicians. Further updates and scenes are expected.

Free, for iOS.

Google's new messaging app, Allo, has two main advantages: It has an "incognito mode" for extra security and it has Google's personal artificial intelligence assistant. (Named, rather straightforwardly, Google.) Conversations with the AI assistant itself will turn up suggestions for places to hang out that evening, give you weather forecasts and conduct your Google searches. The assistant also understands more conversational language, so you don't have to use an exact phrase to get what you want. When talking to friends, it will also suggest replies for you. Still, there are times when the assistant misses the mark — it should get better over time but may frustrate some more than it helps.

It is worth noting that Google originally promised that all conversations in the app would be de-identified, and therefore not stored on Google's servers. But the app that the firm released this week only offers that option for those starting chats in incognito mode, rather than all chats. That means that chats could be tied to individuals if Google is subpoenaed by the federal government.

Rule change will lead to government mass hacking, critics say

By Ellen Nakashima and Rachel Weiner
Washington Post

When the FBI searched Andrew Workman's computer, agents say they found pornographic videos of girls as young as 3 years old. A federal judge in Colorado ruled this month that the computer hack that helped the bureau uncover the videos should never have been allowed.

Why? Because the search warrant permitting the hack was issued by a magistrate judge in Virginia — outside the judicial district in which Workman lived — and in an apparent violation of federal criminal rules.

But a shift in federal rules set to go into effect in December says that a judge in one district can approve a warrant to hack computers outside that district in cases where the computers' location is shielded.

The change would aid the government in its sweeping national investigation into child porn on the "dark Web," a universe of sites that are off Google's radar, where pedophiles using special technology can operate in anonymity.

The government contends that the change — which was approved by the Supreme Court in April and will go forward unless Congress opposes it — is necessary to clear up a loophole created by technology. Because investigators cannot know in advance where a target computer is physically located if a suspect is using tools to mask his or her location, it is impossible to seek a search warrant in the district in which the target is located, officials say. They add that the change does not create any new authority, and would still require a showing of probable cause before a warrant is issued.

"It really just gives us the ability to go in front of a (single) judge and get a warrant to do a search," Assistant Attorney General Leslie Caldwell said. "Otherwise we could find ourselves in a situation where we knew child-exploitation activity was happening in a lot of different places, but we wouldn't know exactly where the computers were located and we wouldn't have a judge to go to."

But privacy advocates and some lawmakers contend that the amendment to Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure would legally sanction mass hacking, in which federal law enforcement, with one warrant, can hack thousands of computers whose locations are unknown. And they argue that the rule change would allow prosecutors to seek out judges they feel would be more sympathetic to their warrant application.

If the rule change goes through, and if the government can show probable cause, "the FBI gets the authority to hack anywhere in the world," said Christopher Soghoian, principal technologist for the American Civil Liberties Union. "We desperately need to have congressional hearings and investigations into the use of this technology before it becomes the tool of choice of law enforcement."

Google, Paypal and several other technology companies have also lobbied against the change to the rule, calling it "dangerously broad."

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Baldwin's Trump impression on 'SNL' hits the mark but doesn't go deep

CALLUM BORCHERS
Washington Post

From the voice and the facial expressions to the tan and the poorly tailored suit, Alec Baldwin rocketed to the top of the Donald Trump impersonators list on "Saturday Night Live" this weekend. The comedian flat-out nailed Trump's many idiosyncrasies.

But Baldwin's impression of the Republican presidential nominee remained safely in the realm of absurdist humor, never venturing into the territory of truly biting satire. An article by The Washington Post's David Weigel asked Friday, "Can 'SNL' take down Donald Trump? Is it going to try?" The answer, at least for now, appears to be no.

As expected, the opening sketch Saturday parodied last week's presidential debate between Trump and Hillary Clinton.

"Good evening, America," Baldwin-as-Trump said in his opening statement. "I am going to be so good tonight. I am going to be so calm and so presidential."

With a boast and a locker-room joke, Baldwin immediately captured Trump's style.

Later, Baldwin hit on three other Trump habits — repeating phrases, making excuses and peddling conspiracy theories: "My microphone is broken. She broke it. With Obama. She and Obama stole my microphone. They took it to Kenya. They took my microphone to Kenya, and they broke it and now it's broken."

Will Heath/NBC via AP

In this photo provided by NBC, Alec Baldwin, left, as Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, and Kate McKinnon as Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, perform during the "Debate Cold Open" sketch on the 42nd season of "Saturday Night Live," in New York on Saturday.

Other jokes centered on Trump's hair, his pronunciation of "China" and his debate-night sniffles. It was funny stuff, but it is unlikely to satisfy critics such as comedian Samantha Bee, who a couple weeks ago shredded NBC for normalizing Trump through shows like "Saturday Night Live."

"To its credit," Bee said on her weekly TBS show, "NBC did sever ties with Trump after he called Mexicans rapists — if by severing ties you mean inviting him on their flagship comedy programs to show millions of Americans what a fun guy he is."

Last June, NBC said it was ending its business relationship with Trump, who had been the long-time host of "The Apprentice" and the network's partner on telecasts of the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants. Five months later, however, the network invited Trump to host "Saturday Night Live," and the real estate mogul has appeared with Jimmy Fallon on "The Tonight Show" three times since September 2015.

Some late-night shows, including Bee's "Full Frontal," have taken an oppositional, hard-edge approach to Trump comedy. Even on NBC, Seth Meyers — a former "SNL" cast member — has described Trump as "a race-baiting, xenophobic serial liar who peddles conspiracy theories and thinks the National Enquirer is a real newspaper."

As it begins a new season with barely a month to go before Election Day, "Saturday Night Live" looks like it will avoid such commentary and stick to more lighthearted laughs.

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Lauren McCrostie, from left, Pixie Davies, Cameron King, Thomas and Joseph Odwell and Ella Purnell appear in a scene from "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children."

'Miss Peregrine' bests 'Deepwater Horizon' at the box office

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a box-office rarity, three acclaimed, original films from studios opened in theaters over the weekend.

Only one caught on.

Tim Burton's latest fantastical oddity, "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children," debuted with $28.5 million, leading North America ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday.

Peter Berg's well-reviewed disaster movie "Deepwater Horizon," about the 2010 oil rig explosion, however, failed to tap North American moviegoers, opening with an estimated $20.6 million. And Disney's uplifting chess prodigy tale "Queen of Katwe," starring David Oyelowo and Lupita Nyong'o, brought in a dismal $2.6 million in its national expansion.

Originality, that often lamented missing ingredient in studio products, can lead to box office success, just as it can disappointment. For 20th Century Fox, the draw of "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" was predicated on the idiosyncrasy of Burton funneled into an accessible tale, adapted from Ransom Rigg's popular young-adult novel.

"It validates the whole notion of why we made this film, which is something that's very original and creative," said Chris Aronson, president of domestic distribution at Fox. "At least I feel that that's what audiences are looking for. There's some fatigue with the same old, same old. And if there's anything this movie isn't, it's that."

The film cost $110 million to make, meaning it will need a strong performance overseas to be profitable. It started out with $36.5 million in 59 markets. Regardless, it's a comeback of sorts for Burton at the box office. It's his best opening since 2012's lackluster "Dark Shadows."

Lionsgate's "Deepwater Horizon," starring Mark Wahlberg, also cost at least $110 million to make, yet it only managed $20.6 million in its debut. The film, which first premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival, brought all the big-budget flare of an action movie (including a nearly life-size replica of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig) to the April 2010 explosion, which killed 11 men and for weeks spilled millions of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

The film's performance is another blow for the struggling Lionsgate, which has had difficulty finding hits since "The Hunger Games" saga finished. Its stock price has fallen and the departure of its movie chief Rob Friedman was announced last month. It does however have a film, Damien Chazelle's "La La Land," due later this year, that's expected to be an Oscar favorite.

Audiences have had a surprising amount of adult-driven options at the multiplex of late, including another true tale, Clint Eastwood's "Sully" (up to $105.4 million in four weeks), and the Denzel Washington-led Western remake, "The Magnificent Seven," which slid to third place with $15.7 million in its second week.

"Queen of Katwe," directed by Mira Nair, tried to lure family audiences to the inspiring true story of a chess player from the Ugandan slums. But the Disney release took in just $2.6 million on 1,242 screens after first debuting it on 52 screens last week.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for comScore, pointed to budget as the significant factor among the trio of originals, particularly in the case of the pricey "Deepwater Horizon."

"All three of those original movies were expected to do better," Dergarabedian. "I give the studios credit because they were good movies. They were not sequels or reboots, and yet you're coming across audiences who are disinterested or distracted."

Originally slated for release in summer 2015, the Zach Galifianakis, Kristen Wiig heist comedy "Masterminds" sat on the shelf for a year while its distributor, Relativity Media, went through chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. It opened with a mediocre $6.6 million.

Two other notable films opened in limited release, with plans for later expansion. Andrea Arnold's road trip odyssey "American Honey," with Shia LaBeouf and newcomer Sasha Lane, debuted with $75,370 on four screens, while "Denial," starring Rachel Weisz, opened with $102,101 on five screens.

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

1. "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children," $28.5 million ($36.5 million international).
2. "Deepwater Horizon," $20.6 million ($12.4 million international).
3. "The Magnificent Seven," $15.7 million ($14.8 million international).
4. "Storks," $13.8 million ($14.6 million international).
5. "Sully," $8.4 million ($6.6 million international).
6. "Masterminds," $6.6 million ($1.7 million international).
7. "Queen of Katwe," $2.6 million.
8. "Don't Breathe," $2.4 million ($3.8 million international).
9. "Bridget Jones's Baby," $2.3 million ($19 million international).
10. "Snowden," $2 million ($1.2 million international).

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

1. "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children," $36.5 million.
2. "I Belonged to You," $33.6 million.
3. "L.O.R.D: Legend Of Ravaging Dynasties," $29.2 million.
3. "Operation Mekong," $23.6 million.
4. "Bridget Jones's Baby," $19 million.
5. "Mission Milano," $15.1 million.
6. "The Magnificent Seven," $14.8 million.
7. "Storks," $14.6 million.
8. "M.S. Dhoni: The Untold Story," $14.5 million.
9. "Finding Dory," $13.6 million.
10. "Deepwater Horizon," $12.4 million.

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Client: Senior Planning 'met our every expectation' in complex Medicaid situation

Richard DeSoto and his wife had been through the Medicaid paperwork before, helping her mom sign up for the system a few years ago. When it came time for Richard's father to need Medicaid, Richard and his wife knew they would need help due to his father's more complex financial situation.

The elder DeSoto had business dealings in New Mexico as well as Texas, and had recently sold some land. He was already in a nursing home with increasing symptoms of dementia when Richard, his wife and two sisters realized they would need some help. They didn't know whether to get the senior DeSoto on VA (he was a veteran) or Medicaid or how to protect his assets in the process.

As he mused about whom he could trust and how to proceed, Richard heard about the Ladyman Law Office for Senior Planning from the administrator at the nursing home. He decided to set up a meeting with Senior Planning's Don Allen.

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The trust issue was solved right away when one of DeSoto's sisters realized she knew Don Allen from having attended the same church in Odessa years ago.

DeSoto was very relieved to get all the help Senior Planning provides. "He did all the paperwork, he helped us set up bank accounts, he met with us in Hobbs—my dad's bank was over in Hobbs, where he'd lived previously," DeSoto related. There were also land trusts for other family members, and there were courthouse meetings to file paperwork.

"He was very, very helpful. And he dealt with some other lawyers" for other family members. "He really stayed with it and has been just a tremendous help. He met my every expectation."

Even through some unexpected twists and turns, DeSoto says Don Allen took them all in stride and helped the family work through everything to the finish line. "Having a planner, having somebody that is used to dealing with that and knows who to contact is a tremendous advantage," he said. "Don definitely went above and beyond what he had to do."

DeSoto says he recommends Don Allen and the Ladyman Law Office for Senior Planning all the time. DeSoto's father and mother-in-law are at the same nursing home so he and his wife are there a lot, and they have numerous opportunities there to recommend Senior Planning.

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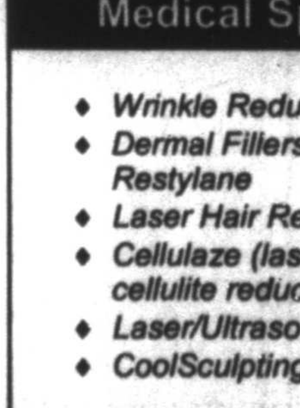
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Americans win back Ryder Cup

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CHASKA, Minn. — Maybe not the best team ever assembled, the Americans were every bit of a team in finally winning back the Ryder Cup.

Phil Mickelson led the Americans behind closed doors. Patrick Reed powered them with his passion on the golf course. And it was Ryan Moore, who a week ago wasn't even on the team, who delivered the cup-clinching point Sunday at Hazeltine.

Moore finished eagle-birdie-par for a 1-up victory over Lee Westwood, and the celebration was on. The United States beat Europe for the first time since 2008, and only the third time over the last two decades.

Never has an American team been under this much pressure.

They lost for the third straight time in 2014 at Gleneagles, and it was team divided over everything from how the captain was selected to how the team would be built. Mickelson led the way in getting a task force together, and it was hard to argue with the results.

"You keep losing, you feel like you have to do something different," said U.S. captain Davis Love III.

The biggest difference was the outcome.

Reed faced the tallest order in the leadoff match with Rory McIlroy, and the quality of golf was as high as it gets. Reed had one stretch of driving the fifth green to within 8 feet for eagle, two short birdies putts and then a 35-foot birdie putt to match McIlroy, who made one from 60 feet.

Reed now is 6-1-2 in his two Ryder Cups, and he was the top points earner for the Americans this week.

Mickelson leapt higher than when he won his first major at the 2004 Masters after an 18-foot birdie putt that was worth a half-point when Sergio Garcia matched him with a clutch birdie of his own.

With one match still on the course, the Americans were headed for their biggest rout since 1981, when it won 18 1/2 to 9 1/2.

That team is regarded the best ever,

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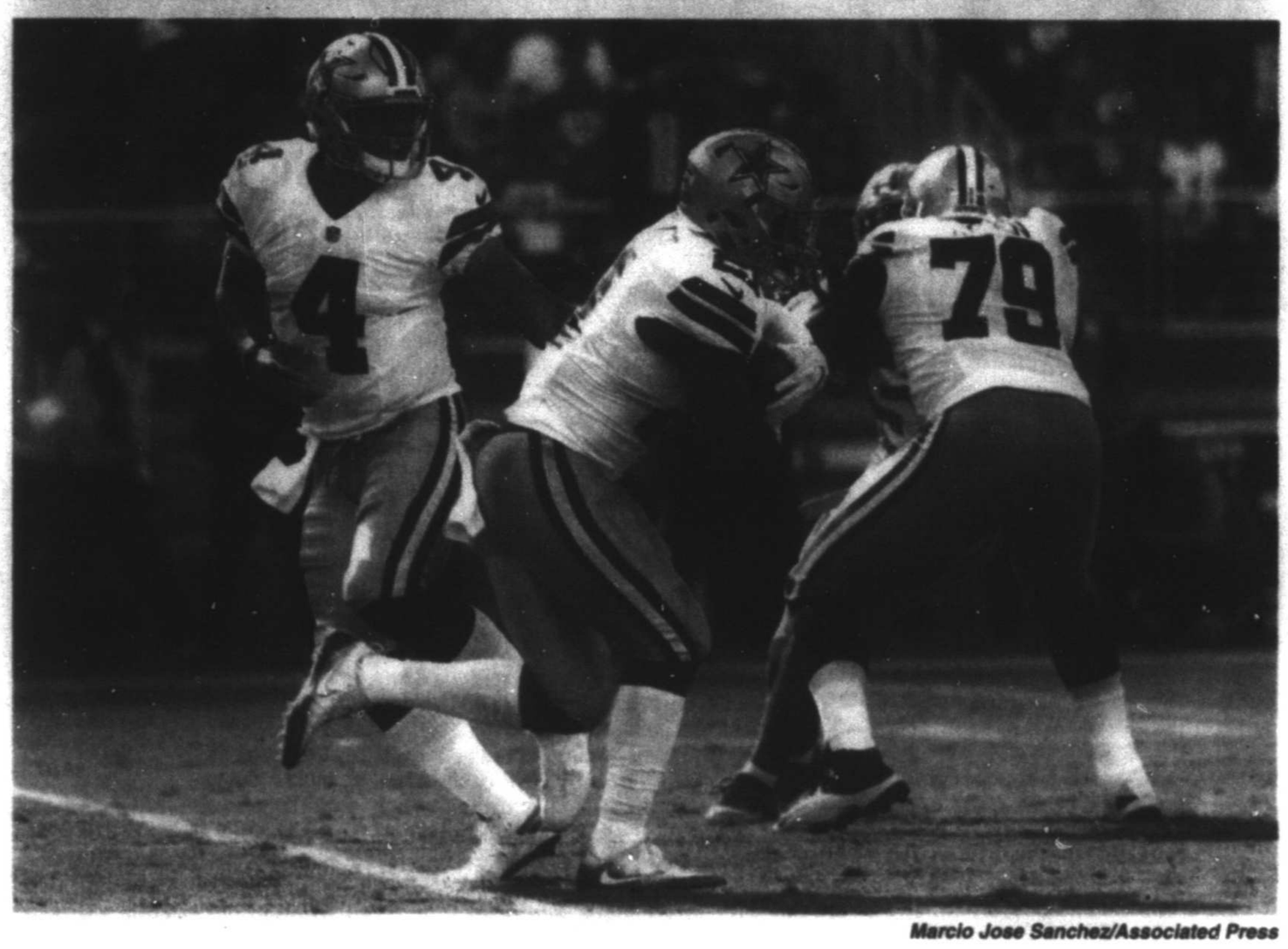
United States' Phil Mickelson sprays fans with Champagne after the United States team won the Ryder Cup golf tournament Sunday at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn.

Mistake-free football



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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) hands off to running back Ezekiel Elliott during the second half of an NFL game against the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday in Santa Clara, Calif.

Rookies lead Cowboys past 49ers 24-17

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — With Tony Romo, Dez Bryant and two starting offensive linemen out injured, Dallas turned things over to a pair of talented rookies who have the Cowboys playing mistake-free football.

Ezekiel Elliott ran for 138 yards and a touchdown and Dak Prescott threw for two scores to help the Dallas Cowboys overcome an early 14-point deficit to beat the San Francisco 49ers 24-17 on Sunday.

"This is a great team," Prescott said. "I think the win just shows the character. We had more guys go down last week and guys had to step in. They got the job done. I guess the theme I guess you could say is if somebody goes down, just step up and do your job, and we've done a good job."

The Cowboys (3-1) fell in a 14-point hole early in the second quarter before taking over the game behind a pair of rookies who have helped the team get off to a fast start this season with Romo sidelined by a back injury. Making things even harder this week were the absences of star receiver Bryant and offensive linemen Tryon Smith and La'el Collins.

Prescott threw for 245 yards and had a 20-yard touchdown pass to Terrance Williams and a 4-yarder to Brice Butler to tie the game at the half.

Elliott then took over with 96 yards rushing in the second half, including a 1-yard run that gave Dallas the lead for good late in the third quarter.

"We just all came together, that's what it was," Elliott said. "We have a lot of faith in each other and there wasn't any point in that game where any of us worried on that sideline. We knew what we could do and we knew we were beating ourselves."

Blaine Gabbert got off to a fast start to help San Francisco (1-3) take the early lead but struggled to generate any offense after that. Gabbert finished 16 for 23 for 196 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

He had a chance to lead a late tying drive but he threw a 3-yard pass to Torrey Smith on fourth-and-6 from the Dallas 35 to end hopes at a comeback.

"We were moving the ball. We have to make a play there on third-and-6 and fourth-and-6," coach Chip Kelly said. "It was 6 yards. We have to be able to covert."

Big mistake: Gabbert doesn't throw the ball deep often but he had one shot at a big play in the fourth quarter when Torrey Smith got open down the middle of the field. But Gabbert didn't lead him with the pass, allowing Morris Claiborne to intercept it.

"Every game in the league comes down to one or two plays that change the outcome and that definitely had an impact on it and that's on me," Gabbert said. "I got to throw that ball to the middle of the field and let him go get it."

Big loss: The Niners lost star inside linebacker NaVorro Bowman to a lower left leg injury in the third quarter. He went down with a non-contact injury and had to be helped off the field. He was then taken to the locker room on a cart and was immediately ruled out for the rest of the game. Elliott ran for 23 yards on the play

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Sunday's Week 4 NFL Scoreboard

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Fuller's punt return TD lifts Texans over Titans 27-20

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Will Fuller had never returned a punt for a touchdown at any level entering Sunday's game.

Moments after he grabbed the first return of his NFL career he knew that was about to change.

"It was wide open," Fuller said. "It was probably one of the easiest touchdowns I've scored."

Fuller had a tiebreaking 67-yard punt return for a touchdown and the Houston Texans earned a 27-20 win over the Tennessee Titans in their first game without J.J. Watt.

It was the first time Houston (3-1) had played without its star defensive end since the 2010 season after Watt, who is out for the season after back surgery, had started 83 straight games since being drafted in 2011.

Fuller also had 81 yards receiving and a touchdown.

Tennessee (1-3) was driving with less than two minutes remaining, but Marcus Mariota's pass to former Texan Andre Johnson on fourth down was broken up to secure the victory.

The Texans squandered an early 14-point lead and their offense was struggling in the second half when Fuller took the punt back for a touchdown to make it 27-20 late in the third quarter.

"That gave us a real shot in the arm," coach Bill O'Brien said.

Fuller, who ran a 4.32 40-yard dash at the combine, took the punt and quickly made a trio of Titans miss before outrunning everyone else down the sideline for the score.

The 21st overall pick in this year's draft was so far ahead of any defenders that he slowed down Usain Bolt-style near the 5-yard line and trotted into the end zone.

"Once I got past everybody I knew it was a touchdown," Fuller said. "So I didn't want run to the back of the end zone and look crazy."

It was Houston's first punt return for a touchdown since 2013 and he became the first player in franchise history to have a TD reception and a punt return for a score in the same game. Fuller's 5-yard touchdown reception made it 14-0 in the first.

The Titans' game plan was to shut down receiver DeAndre Hopkins, and they did that, limiting him to just one catch for 4 yards. But putting so much emphasis on him left Fuller open to make plays.

"You can take one away; you can't take two away," coach Mike Mularkey said.

Fuller's return came after Jadeveon Clowney led a defensive stand following Brock Osweiler's second interception of the game.

Clowney, the top overall pick in 2014, sacked Mariota for a 6-yard loss on first down and chased down Delanie Walker after

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Brett Coomer/Houston Chronicle

Houston Texans wide receiver Will Fuller (15) and running back Alfred Blue (28) celebrate Fuller's 67-yard punt return for a touchdown against the Tennessee Titans during the third quarter of an NFL game at NRG Stadium on Sunday in Houston.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLLS

AP Top 25 Poll

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 2, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Alabama (53)	5-0	1514	1
2. Ohio St. (4)	4-0	1451	2
3. Clemson (1)	5-0	1403	5
4. Michigan (1)	5-0	1334	4
5. Washington	5-0	1234	10
6. Houston	5-0	1233	6
7. Louisville	4-1	1160	3
8. Texas A&M	5-0	1113	9
9. Tennessee	5-0	1045	11
10. Miami	4-0	909	14
11. Wisconsin	4-1	895	8
12. Nebraska	5-0	821	15
13. Baylor	3-0	805	13
14. Mississippi	2-2	712	16
15. Stanford	3-1	711	7
16. Arkansas	4-1	528	20
17. North Carolina	4-1	497	NR
18. Florida	4-1	391	23
19. Boise St.	4-0	395	24
20. Oklahoma	2-2	324	NR
21. Colorado	4-1	276	NR
22. West Virginia	4-0	240	NR
23. Florida St.	3-2	230	12
24. Utah	4-1	86	18
25. Virginia Tech	3-1	85	NR

Others receiving votes: W. Michigan 76, UCLA 56, LSU 49, North Dakota St. 46, Auburn 46, Georgia 42, Oklahoma St. 41, TCU 38, Maryland 23, Air Force 17, San Diego St. 10, Michigan St. 7, South Florida 6, Arizona St. 4, California 3, Indiana 3, Texas 1.

Amway Top 25 Poll

The Amway Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 2, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (57)	5-0	1544	1
2. Ohio State (3)	4-0	1474	2
3. Clemson (2)	5-0	1437	3
4. Michigan	5-0	1346	5
5. Houston	5-0	1268	7
6. Washington	5-0	1250	9
7. Texas A&M	5-0	1132	10
8. Louisville	4-1	1105	4
9. Tennessee	5-0	1101	11
10. Miami (Fla.)	4-0	902	14
11. Baylor	5-0	876	13
12. Nebraska	5-0	860	15
13. Wisconsin	4-1	844	8
14. Mississippi	3-2	671	17
15. Stanford	3-1	638	6
16. North Carolina	4-1	587	23
17. Arkansas	4-1	525	22
18. Florida	4-1	490	21
19. Boise State	4-0	341	NR
20. West Virginia	4-0	309	NR
21. Florida State	3-2	257	12
22. Oklahoma	2-2	239	NR
23. Colorado	4-1	144	NR
24. Utah	4-1	117	18
25. Western Michigan	5-0	86	NR

Others receiving votes: LSU 77; Michigan State 71; Maryland 70; Georgia 65; Air Force 59; UCLA 50; Virginia Tech 50; Oklahoma State 43; TCU 32; South Florida 24; Arizona State 23; Auburn 21; Texas Tech 11; San Diego State 10; California 7; Indiana 3; Troy 3; Minnesota 2; South Alabama 2; Southern California 2; Southern Mississippi 2; Appalachian State 1; Eastern Michigan 1; Middle Tennessee 1; Wake Forest 1.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Big 12 Conference

Conference	W	L	PF	PA	Conference	W	L	PF	PA
Baylor	2	0	80	66	5	0	213	96	
West Virginia	1	0	17	16	4	0	116	80	
Texas Tech	1	0	55	19	3	1	238	149	
Oklahoma	1	0	52	46	2	2	158	141	
Oklahoma St.	1	1	73	66	3	2	208	141	
TCU	1	1	87	72	3	2	217	157	
Kansas St.	0	1	16	17	2	2	127	50	
Texas	0	1	31	49	2	2	165	153	
Kansas	0	1	19	55	1	3	102	141	
Iowa St.	0	2	62	86	1	4	129	163	

Southeastern Conference

East Conference	W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Tennessee	2	0	72	59	5	0	165	115
Florida	2	1	86	51	4	1	142	58
Georgia	1	2	73	108	3	2	132	154
Kentucky	1	2	30	89	2	3	127	175
South Carolina	1	3	50	78	2	3	70	93
Missouri	0	2	34	70	2	3	175	117
Vanderbilt	0	2	16	38	2	3	101	118
West								
Texas A&M	3	0	98	53	5	0	196	77
Alabama	2	0	82	49	5	0	220	65
LSU	2	1	78	45	3	2	126	74
Auburn	1	1	34	42	3	2	156	82
Mississippi	1	1	88	62	3	2	208	148
Mississippi St.	1	1	47	37	2	2	114	93
Arkansas	0	1	24	45	4	1	180	116

American Athletic Conference

East Division Conference	W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
South Florida	1	0	40	29	4	1	229	132
Temple	1	0	45	20	3	2	171	102
UCF	1	0	47	29	3	2	176	124
East Carolina	0	1	29	47	2	3	148	158
Cincinnati	0	2	36	65	3	2	129	132
UConn	0	2	38	70	2	3	99	132
West Division								
Houston	2	0	62	30	5	0	221	58
Navy	2	0	49	38	3	1	115	82
Memphis	0	0	0	0	3	1	150	75
Tulsa	0	0	0	0	3	1	154	120
Tulane	0	1	14	21	3	2	155	112
SMU	0	1	20	45	2	3	99	153

Conference USA

East Division Conference	W	L	PF	PA	All Games W	L	PF	PA
Middle Tenn	2	0	47	24	4	1	188	115
Old Dominion	2	0	85	36	2	2	114	116
W. Kentucky	1	0	46	14	3	2	167	110
FIU	1	0	33	31	1	4	67	180
Marshall	0	0	0	0	1	3	155	167
Charlotte	0	1	17	52	1	4	117	221
FAU	0	1	31	33	1	4	113	195
West Division								
Southern Miss.	2	0	78	35	4	1	209	107
Louisiana Tech	1	1	62	45	2	3	180	149
North Texas	1	1	55	65	2	3	117	151
UTSA	0	1	19	33	1	3	87	101
UTEP	0	2	14	62	1	4	73	191
Rice	0	3	77	132	0	5	101	201

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BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Announced the resignation of manager Robin Ventura.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP Jim Johnson on a two-year contract.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Suspended Sacramento F Darren Collison eight games for a domestic violence incident involving his wife on May 30, 2016.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned G Adin Hill, G Marek Langhamer, D Justin Hache, D Kyle Wood, D Dylan Mayo, LW Garret Ross, LW Eric Selleck, C Chris Mueller, C Dylan MacIlroy, RW Henrik Samuelsson, RW Conor Garland, RW Craig Cunningham, C Tyler Gaudet, LW Brandon Pirrillo and LW Michael Bunting to Tucson (AHL). Assigned RW Nick Merkley to Kelowna (OHL). Released C Zach Boychuk from his professional tryout agreement.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Assigned G Mac Carruth to Rockford (AHL).
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned LW Troy Bourke, C Tanner Elliott, LW AJ Greer, C Samuel Henley, G Spencer Martin C Jim O'Brien G Jeremy Smith, D Ryan Stanton, and RW Joe Whitney to San Antonio (AHL).
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed coach Peter Laviolette to a contract extension through the 2020-2021 season. Assigned G Jonas Gunnarsson, D Alexander Carrier, D Jonathan-Ismael Diaby, D Jack Dougherty, D Matt Irwin, D Trevor Murphy, F Felix Girard, F Max Gortz, F Austin Kirkland, F Michael Liambas, F Adam Payerl, F Jayman Rissling, F Trevor Smith and F Harry Zolnierczyk to Milwaukee (AHL). Assigned D Frederic Allard to Chicoutimi (QMJHL). Released G Mark Visentin, D Teddy Doherty, D Eric Knodel, D Jimmy Oligny, F Gabryel Boudreau, F Eric Robinson, F Tyler Spink, F Tyson Spink and F Matt White from their tryouts and assigned them with Milwaukee.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Announced F Carter Camper, D Andrew MacWilliam, D Reece Scarfett and D Kent Stoberl cleared waivers and assigned them to Albany (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Assigned Fs Michael Boumeester, Cameron Darcy, Adam Erne, Yanni Gourde, Mike Halmo, Brian Hart, Henri Ikonen, Pierre Letourneau-Leblond, Tye McGinn, Jeremy Morin, Matthew Peca, Tanner Richard, Mitchell Stephens; Ds Nicolas Roquet and Adam Wilcox; and D Dylan Blujus, Adam Comrie, Jake Gotchin, Dominik Masin, Matt Taormina, Ben Thomas and Daniel Walcott to Syracuse (AHL). Assigned F Jonne Tammela to Peterborough (OHL). Released D James Wisniewski from his professional tryout agreement.

WNBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

First Round
Winner advances
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Phoenix 89, Indiana 78
Atlanta 94, Seattle 85
Second Round
Winner advances
Saturday, Sept. 24
Phoenix 101, New York 94
Sunday, Sept. 25
Chicago 108, Atlanta 92
Third Round
(Best-of-5)
(x-if necessary)
Minnesota 3, Phoenix 0
Wednesday, Sept. 28: Minnesota 113, Phoenix 95
Friday, Sept. 30: Minnesota 96, Phoenix 86
Sunday, Oct. 2: Minnesota 82, Phoenix 67
Los Angeles 2, Chicago 1
Wednesday, Sept. 28: Los Angeles 95, Chicago 75
Friday, Sept. 30: Los Angeles 99, Chicago 74
Sunday, Oct. 2: Chicago 70, Los Angeles 66
Tuesday, Oct. 4: Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.
x-**Thursday, Oct. 6:** Chicago at Los Angeles, TBA
Finals
(Best-of-5)
Minnesota vs. Los Angeles-Chicago winner
Sunday, Oct. 9: TBD at TBD, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 11: TBD at TBD, 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13: TBD at TBD, 7 p.m.
x-**Sunday, Oct. 16:** TBD at TBD, 7 p.m.
x-**Thursday, Oct. 20:** TBD at TBD, 7 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	14	9	9	51	56	42
New York City FC	14	9	9	51	57	53
Toronto FC	13	9	10	49	46	35
Montreal	11	10	11	44	47	48
D.C. United	10	9	13	43	48	42
Philadelphia	11	12	8	42	52	51
New England	10	13	9	39	40	52
Columbus	8	12	11	35	45	49
Orlando City	7	11	14	35	49	58
Chicago	6	16	9	27	36	52
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	16	8	8	56	48	39
Colorado	13	5	12	51	33	27
Los Angeles	11	6	15	48	53	39
Real Salt Lake	12	11	9	45	43	44
Seattle	13	13	5	44	41	40
Sporting Kansas City	12	13	7	43	40	41
Portland	11	13	8	41	46	49
San Jose	8	10	13	37	31	36
Vancouver	9	15	8	35	41	51
Houston	7	12	11	32	36	40

Saturday's Scores
New York 3, Philadelphia 2
Columbus 3, Chicago 0
D.C. United 2, Toronto FC 1
New England 3, Sporting Kansas City 1
Colorado 1, Portland 0
FC Dallas 1, Los Angeles 0
San Jose 2, Real Salt Lake 1
Sunday's Scores
Montreal 1, Orlando City 0
Seattle 2, Vancouver 1
Saturday's Game (Oct. 8)
Colorado at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Oct. 7
At Glasgow, Scotland, Ricky Burns vs. Kiryl Relos, 12, for Burns' WBA World super lightweight title; Scotty Cardle vs. Kevin Hooper, 12, for Cardle's British lightweight title; Dillian Whyte vs. Ian Lewison, 12, for the vacant British heavyweight title.
Oct. 15
At Liverpool, England, Tony Bellew vs. BJ Flores, 12, for Bellew's WBC World cruiserweight title; Luke Campbell vs. Derry Mathews, 12, for Campbell's WBC Silver lightweight title; Ryan Burnett vs. Ryan Farrag, 12, for Burnett's British bantamweight title.
Oct. 29
At Nayarit, Mexico, Jose Argumedo vs. Jose Antonio Jiménez, 12, for Argumedo's IBF minimumweight title.
Nov. 4
At Corona, Calif. (SHO), Silvano Bujaj vs. Constantin Bolgarov, 12, for the vacant WBC International/WBC Continental Americas cruiserweight title.
Nov. 5
At Brunsbuerg, Germany, Giovanni De Carolis vs. Tyron Zeuge, 12, for De Carolis' WBA World super middleweight title.
At Thomas & Mack Center, Las Vegas, Jessie Vargas, vs. Manny Pacquiao, 12, for Vargas' WBO welterweight title; Nonito Donaire vs. Jessie Magdaleno, 12, for Donaire's WBO junior featherweight title; Oscar Valdez vs. Hiroshige Osaki, 12, for Valdez's WBO featherweight title; Zou Shiming vs. Kwanpichit Onesongchaigym, 12, flyweights.
Nov. 19
At T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas (PPV), Sergey Kovalev vs. Andre Ward, 12, for Kovalev's WBA Super World/IBF/WBO light heavyweight titles; Isaac Chilemba vs. Oleksandr Gvozdyk, 10, light heavyweights.
Nov. 26
At Cebu, Philippines, Milan Melindo vs. Teeraporn Uthaisila, 12, for the interim IBF light flyweight title.
At Las Vegas (HBO), Vasyl Lomachenko vs. Nicholas Walters, 12, for Lomachenko's WBO junior lightweight title.
Dec. 3
At Moscow, Denis Lebedev vs. Murat Gassiev, 12, for Lebedev's WBA/IBF cruiserweight titles.

Truex wins Dover for 2nd Chase victory of season

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Martin Truex Jr. watched season after empty season as other drivers hoisted trophies and celebrated championships and wondered if he was running out of time to become a winner.

Bad cars, bad teams, bad luck.

Whatever the cause, Truex was a journeyman driver seemingly doomed to a mediocre career. Now, what quantifies as a downer in Truex's career rebirth is that he failed to actually sweep the first round of the Chase — but two of three is pretty dominant.

"We're not messing around, I guess," Truex said. "We are here to get it done."

Truex's late-season surge extended Sunday at Dover International Speedway for his second victory in the first three Chase races. Truex won for the fourth time this season in the No. 78 Toyota and paired this Chase win with his opening victory at Chicagoland.

"Kind of a bonus win," crew chief Cole Pearn said. "We didn't need it all."

Well, plenty of other Chase drivers did.

Tony Stewart finished 13th and the three-time NASCAR champion was knocked out of contention in the first elimination race of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

Chris Buescher and Chip Ganassi Racing teammates Kyle Larson and Jamie McMurray also dropped out of the Chase. The field was sliced from 16 drivers to 12.

Austin Dillon finished eighth and moved from outside the points cutoff of the Chase to a transfer spot and advanced to the next round.

Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch, Brad Keselowski, Matt Kenseth, Joey Logano, Chase Elliott, Jimmie Johnson, Denny Hamlin, Carl Edwards and Kurt Busch joined Truex and Dillon in the next round that opens at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Kyle Busch was second, followed by Chase Elliott, Keselowski, Kenseth and Logano — the only five other cars that finished on the lead lap.

Truex won his first career Cup race at Dover in 2007 and didn't win again until 2013. But his career took off in his second year at Furniture Row Racing and he used a win at Pocono last year to make the Chase and become one of four drivers racing for the championship in the finale.

His career absolutely exploded with FRR and Toyota this season. Truex led a stunning 392 laps in a Coca-Cola 600 victory and then won at Darlington just two races before the Chase opened. He has led at least 140 laps in three of the last four races.

"The last month has just been ridiculous," he said.

Harvick won last week at New Hampshire and was the only other driver to earn an automatic berth in the second round.

Here are other items of note from Dover:

SMOKE OUT

Stewart, the 2002, 2005 and 2011 Cup champion, will retire at the end of the season without a fourth championship.

"I'll tell you one thing, this one race, whatever happens, is not going to define the season this team has," Stewart told his team over the radio.

Sunday
At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1 mile
(Start position in parenthesis)

1. (2) M. Truex Jr, Toyota, 400 laps, 0 rating, 45 points.
2. (3) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 400, 0, 40.
3. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 400, 0, 38.
4. (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 400, 0, 38.
5. (4) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 400, 0, 36.
6. (5) Joey Logano, Ford, 400, 0, 35.
7. (8) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 399, 0, 35.
8. (14) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 399, 0, 33.
9. (7) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 399, 0, 32.
10. (18) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 399, 0, 32.
11. (22) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, 399, 0, 30.
12. (17) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 399, 0, 29.
13. (15) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 399, 0, 28.
14. (10) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 399, 0, 27.
15. (11) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 398, 0, 26.
16. (27) Aric Almirola, Ford, 398, 0, 25.
17. (19) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 397, 0, 24.
18. (20) Greg Biffle, Ford, 396, 0, 24.
19. (21) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 396, 0, 22.
20. (23) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 395, 0, 21.
21. (34) Brian Scott, Ford, 395, 0, 20.
22. (26) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 395, 0, 19.
23. (16) Chris Buescher, Ford, 394, 0, 18.
24. (28) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 394, 0, 17.
25. (12) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 394, 0, 16.
26. (30) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 394, 0, 15.
27. (35) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 393, 0, 14.
28. (24) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 393, 0, 13.
29. (31) Landon Cassill, Ford, 392, 0, 12.
30. (32) David Ragan, Toyota, 392, 0, 11.
31. (33) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 391, 0, 10.
32. (36) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 390, 0, 0.
33. (37) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 387, 0, 8.
34. (38) Timmy Hill, Ford, 385, 0, 0.
35. (39) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 385, 0, 6.
36. (25) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Ford, 384, 0, 5.
37. (6) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 384, 0, 4.
38. (29) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 381, 0, 3.
39. (40) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, engine, 195, 0, 2.
40. (13) J. McMurray, Chevrolet, engine, 192, 0, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 130.987 mph.
Time of Race: 0 hours, 0 minutes, 0 seconds.
Margin of Victory: seconds.
Caution Flags: 4 for 22 laps.
Lead Changes: 14 among 6 drivers.
Lead Leaders: B.Keselowski 1-9; M.Truex 10-80; Ky.Busch 81-85; M.Truex 86; Ky.Busch 87-105; M.Truex 106; Ky.Busch 107-124; M.Truex 125-188; J.Johnson 189-277; B.Keselowski 278-279; D.Biffle 280-289; M.Truex 290-365; J.Johnson 366; J.Gordon 367-372; M.Truex 374-400
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): M.Truex, 6 times for 181 laps; Ky.Busch, 3 times for 39 laps; J.Johnson, 2 times for 89 laps; D.Biffle, 1 time for 8 laps; J.Gordon, 1 time for 6 laps; B.Keselowski, 2 times for 5 laps.
Wins: Ky.Busch, 4; B.Keselowski, 4; D.Hamlin, 3; K.Harvick, 2; M.Truex, 3; C.Elliott, 2; J.Johnson, 2; M.Kenseth, 2; C.Buescher, 1; Ku.Busch, 1; K.Larson, 1; J.Logano, 1; T.Stewart, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. B.Keselowski, 2087; 2. M.Truex, 2088; 3. Ky.Busch, 2085; 4. M.Kenseth, 2078; 5. J.Logano, 2072; 6. D.Hamlin, 2071; 7. K.Harvick, 2071; 8. J.Johnson, 2070; 9. C.Edwards, 2069; 10. C.Elliott, 2069; 11. Ku.Busch, 2067; 12. K.Larson, 2057; 13. A.Dillon, 2052; 14. J.McMurray, 2052; 15. T.Stewart, 2048; 16. C.Buescher, 2027.

Suarez opens NASCAR double-header with Xfinity win at Dover

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Daniel Suarez jumped out of his car and sprinted down the front stretch to grab the checkered flag and take an untraditional victory lap on the track.

"I had to run a little bit. That's fine," he said, laughing. "When you win, you can run a little bit."

Suarez cruised into the second round of the Chase in the Xfinity Series with a win Sunday at Dover International Speedway.

He won his second career Xfinity race a day after rain washed out the race and forced a rare NASCAR doubleheader.

NASCAR ran its first Xfinity-Cup doubleheader since April 25, 2010, at Talladega Superspeedway.

Suarez became the first Mexican-born driver to win a NASCAR national race in June at Michigan.

He became a part of NASCAR in 2011 and was involved in its Drive for Diversity and Next programs.

Team owner Joe Gibbs has been a stout supporter of NASCAR's diversity programs.

"From a diversity standpoint and all he represents there from a Hispanic standpoint too, I think it's huge for our sport," he said. "He's the perfect representative. He's funny, he's got a good sense of humor and I think he really, really appreciates where he is."

Suarez said he was proud to learn in victory lane that he won during National Hispanic Heritage Month.

He said he won for all of his fans across North America.

"Having all of the support that I have had from Mexico and from here in the U.S. and all of Latin America has been super special," he said. "I really feel lucky to be in this position and to be able to represent all of them."

Suarez led 123 of 200 laps in the No. 19 Toyota and joined Elliott Sadler in the second round of the Chase.

Ty Dillon was second, followed by Justin Allgaier, Ryan Blaney and Alex Bowman.

With three top NASCAR Cup stars sitting out, the top five was filled with Xfinity regulars.

Austin Dillon, Kyle Busch and Joey Logano all had replacement drivers in the Xfinity race to focus on the Cup race scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Regardless, Busch finished 13th driving for Dillon; Drew Herring was 21st subbing for Busch; and Blaney filled in for Logano.

Busch has eight Xfinity wins, Dillon has two and Logano has one this season.

Allgaier said that even if the three stars raced, Suarez was still the driver to beat.

"I don't know that anybody was going to beat him today," Allgaier said. "I think it was smart for the Cup guys to sit out. I think two races in one day would have been a strain, mentally."

Ty Dillon, Ryan Sieg and Brandon Jones are in danger of being eliminated from the Chase next week at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

So is Erik Jones, one of the top rising stars in the sport who entered the Chase as the top speed. Jones finished 16th and was 28th last week.

"It's pretty embarrassing not to even be in the Chase right now for the next round," Jones said. "It's just unfortunate; it's just something that I never would have seen it coming."

Sunday
At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1 mile
(Start position in parenthesis)

1. (9) D.Suarez, Toyota, 200 laps, 148.7 rating, 45 points.
2. (7) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 200, 109.8, 39.
3. (6) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200, 120.8, 39.
4. (3) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200, 109.6, 0.
5. (4) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 200, 115.8, 36.
6. (19) Corey Lapoie, Toyota, 200, 85.3, 36.
7. (8) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 200, 104.0, 35.
8. (25) J.J. Yeley, Toyota, 200, 80.7, 33.
9. (13) B. Gaughan, Chevrolet, 200, 82.5, 32.
10. (22) Ryan Reed, Ford, 200, 82.2, 31.
11. (9) Darrell Wallace Jr, Ford, 200, 95.8, 30.
12. (11) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 199, 79.2, 29.
13. (10) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 199, 76.5, 0.
14. (20) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 199, 77.2, 28.
15. (12) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 199, 77.2, 26.
16. (1) Erik Jones, Toyota, 198, 108.8, 26.
17. (16) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 198, 84.7, 24.
18. (18) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 196, 73.5, 23.
19. (14) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 196, 81.3, 22.
20. (21) Dakoda Armstrong, Toyota, 197, 54.9, 21.
21. (2) Drew Herring, Toyota, 195, 94.1, 20.
22. (17) J. Clements, Chevrolet, 196, 62.3, 19.
23. (29) Mario Gosselin, Chevrolet, 196, 53.1, 18.
24. (23) Ray Black Jr, Chevrolet, 195, 59.7, 18.
25. (28) Brandon Hightower, Toyota, 194, 47.3, 16.
26. (33) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 191, 54.0, 15.
27. (36) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 191, 42.0, 14.
28. (31) David Starr, Chevrolet, 190, 51.8, 13.
29. (38) Dentie Cope, Chevrolet, 184, 39.0, 12.
30. (40) Mike Harmon, Dodge, 160, 34.7, 11.
31. (15) J. Marks, Chevrolet, accident, 137, 60.3, 10.
32. (26) Jeff Green, Toyota, ignition, 103, 51.8, 9.
33. (34) B J McLeod, Ford, electrical, 75, 45.0, 8.
34. (34) M.Shepherd, Chevrolet, handling, 65, 32.8, 7.
35. (39) Matt Waltz, Chevrolet, engine, 64, 35.8, 6.
36. (32) Ryan Ellis, Ford, accident, 58, 36.0, 5.
37. (37) Jordan Anderson, Chevrolet, 57, 28.8, 0.
38. (36) T. Hill, Dodge, transmission, 44, 35.2, 0.
39. (30) Josh Wise, Ford, engine, 1, 25.2, 0.
40. (27) M. DiBenedetto, Toyota, accident, 1, 23.3, 0.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 104.079 mph.
Time of Race: 1 hour, 55 minutes, 16 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 5.625 seconds.
Caution Flags: 4 for 35 laps.
Lead Changes: 11 among 7 drivers.
Lead Leaders: E.Jones 1-4; D.Suarez 10; E.Jones 11-36; R.Black 37; E.Jones 38-58; D.Suarez 57-123; E.Sadler 124-126; B.Koch 127-141; C.Lapoie 142; D.Suarez 143-151; J.Allgaier 152-154; D.Suarez 155-200
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps Led): D.Suarez, 4 times for 119 laps; E.Jones, 3 times for 51 laps; B.Koch, 1 time for 14 laps; J.Allgaier, 1 time for 2 laps; E.Sadler, 1 time for 2 laps; R.Black, 1 time for 0 laps; C.Lapoie, 1 time for 0 laps.
Wins: E.Jones, 4; E.Sadler, 3; J.Marks, 1; D.Suarez, 1.
Top 16 in Points: 1. E.Sadler, 2050; 2. D.Suarez, 2042; 3. B.Gaughan, 2030; 4. R.Reed, 2034; 5. D.Hallbeck, 2034; 6. J.Allgaier, 2032; 7. B.Poole, 2031; 8. B.Koch, 2030; 9. E.Jones, 2027; 10. R.Sieg, 2025.

AP TOP 25: No. 8 Wisconsin moves up, LSU moves out of poll

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Wisconsin moved up to No. 8 in The Associated Press college football poll and LSU became the second preseason top-10 team to drop out of the rankings in the first month of the season.

There were few changes in the Top 25 as the only four ranked teams that lost did so to other ranked teams.

The top teams held their spots, led by No. 1 Alabama. The Crimson Tide received 50 first-place votes. No. 2 Ohio State was followed by Louisville, Michigan, Clemson, Houston and Stanford.

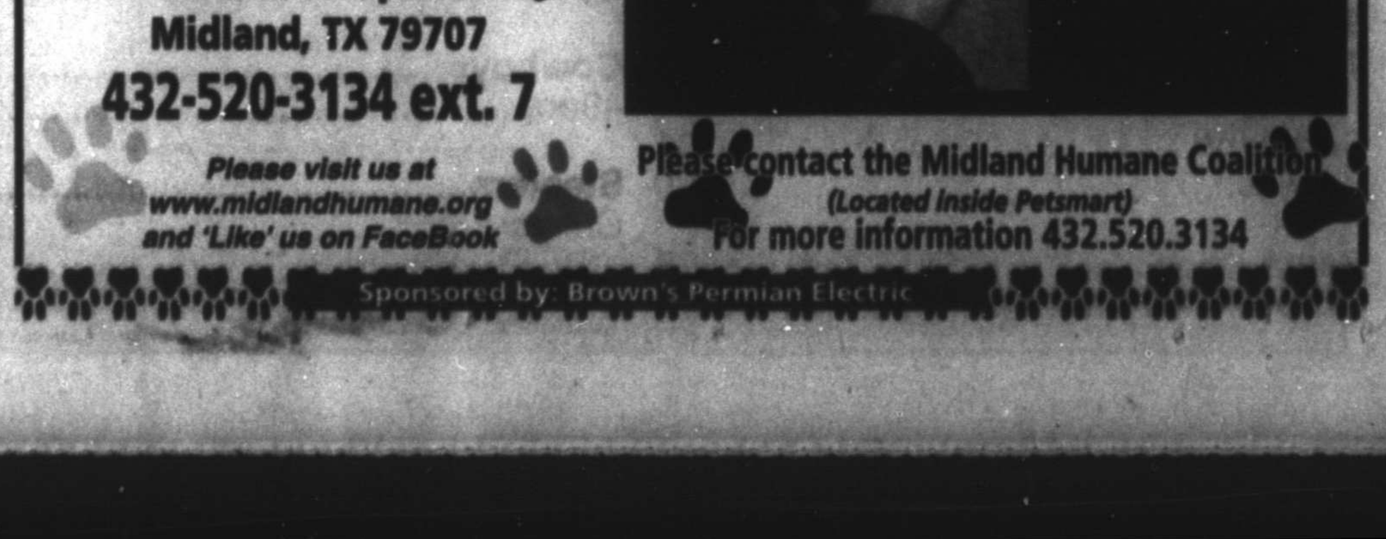
Wisconsin moved up three spot after dominating Michigan State 30-6. Texas A&M moved up a spot to No. 9.

LSU (2-2), which started the season No. 5, joined Notre Dame as preseason top-10 teams to fall out of the poll.

POLL POINTS
UP
■ Wisconsin has its best ranking since October 2011 when the Badgers reached No. 4.
■ No. 16 Mississippi made the biggest jump of the week, seven spots after a 45-14 victory against Georgia.
■ No. 11 Tennessee and No. 13 Baylor each moved up three spots.
■ No. 15 Nebraska moved up five spots.
■ No. 18 Utah jumped six spots.
DOWN
■ No. 17 Michigan State dropped nine spots from No. 8.
■ No. 25 Georgia dropped 13 spots from No. 12.
IN
■ No. 24 Boise State is ranked for the first time since Oct. 11, 2015, giving the Mountain West two teams in the Top 25.
■ No. 21 TCU is back in the rankings after falling out two weeks ago.
OUT
■ Oklahoma (1-2), which was No. 25 last week, fell out of the rankings during an off week. The Sooners are unranked for the first time since the end of the 2014 season.

CONFERENCE CALL
SEC — 7
Big Ten — 5
ACC — 4
Big 12 — 3
Pac-12 — 3
Mountain West 2
American — 1

RANKED vs. RANKED
No. 3 Louisville at No. 5 Clemson. The Heisman frontrunner (Lamar Jackson) vs. the preseason favorite (Deshaun Watson).
No. 8 Wisconsin at No. 4 Michigan. Teams have not met since 2010.
No. 7 Stanford at No. 10 Washington, Friday. First top-10 matchup in the Pac-12 this season.
No. 11 Tennessee at No. 25 Georgia. Volunteers can put vice grip on the SEC East.



NFLROUNDUP

BILLS 16, PATRIOTS 0

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Buffalo took advantage of sloppy, Tom Brady-less New England to hand the Patriots their first home shutout at Gillette Stadium, winning 16-0 Sunday.

It was the first loss of the season for New England (3-1), which was playing its final game before Brady returns from his four-game "Deflategate" suspension. The Patriots, who moved into Gillette Stadium in 2002, were last blanked at home 6-0 by the New York Jets in 1993 at Foxboro Stadium.

Tyrod Taylor connected with LeSean McCoy for a 7-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter, Dan Carpenter added three field goals for Buffalo (2-2).

It was Buffalo's second win in its last 16 visits to Foxborough. Including his tenure with the New York Jets, it gave Bills coach Rex Ryan his first regular-season road victory over Bill Belichick in eight tries. The last Bills' shutout win away From Orchard Park was 23-0 over Washington in a Buffalo "home" game at Toronto on Oct. 30, 2011.

After struggling to maintain drives and finding a run-pass balance, Taylor was spot-on Sunday. He finished 27 for 39 for 246 yards, and directed a unit that was 7 for 15 on third downs. The Bills had been 10 of 36 combined in the first three games.

RAIDERS 28, RAVENS 27

BALTIMORE — Derek Carr threw four touchdown passes, the last to Michael Crabtree with 2:12 left.

After the Ravens rallied from a nine-point deficit in the fourth quarter to go ahead with 3 ½ minutes remaining, Carr directed a 66-yard drive that ended with a 23-yard strike to Crabtree in the back of the end zone.

Carr went 25 for 35 for 199 yards. Three of his TD passes went to Crabtree, who finished with seven catches for 88 yards to help Oakland (3-1) to its third road win.

The Ravens (3-1) trailed 14-3 in the second quarter and 21-12 with 11:11 to go before coming back.

A 52-yard touchdown pass from Joe Flacco to Steve Smith cut the deficit to 21-19. Ravens defensive tackle Lawrence Guy then forced a fumble by DeAndre Washington, and Baltimore recovered at the Oakland 17.

FALCONS 48, PANTHERS 33

ATLANTA — Matt Ryan shredded Carolina's defense, passing for a team-record 503 yards and four touchdowns, Julio Jones had 12 receptions for a Falcons-record 300 yards. The totals by Ryan and Jones are the most ever allowed by Carolina.

One week after being held to one catch in a win at New Orleans, Jones had a 75-yard scoring catch late in the game as Atlanta solidified its early hold on the NFC South lead.

Carolina quarterback Cam Newton, the 2015 league MVP, left in the fourth quarter and was evaluated for concussion symptoms after taking a hit from Deion Jones on a successful 2-point run. There appeared to be helmet-to-helmet contact but there was no penalty on the hit.

The defending NFC champion Panthers (1-3) scored three fourth-quarter touchdowns, including scoring passes from Newton's replacement, Derek Anderson, to tight end Greg Olsen and Corey Brown. Robert Alford's 30-yard interception return for a touchdown with 1:14 remaining clinched the win for the Falcons (3-1).

JAGUARS 30, COLTS 27

LONDON — Blake Bortles threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as Jacksonville held off a furious Indianapolis Colts rally for the Jaguars' first win of the season. The victory at a raucous Wembley Stadium elevated Jacksonville into a tie with Indianapolis at 1-3 in the AFC South.

Andrew Luck led the Colts on three fourth-quarter touchdown drives to rattle the Jaguars' nerves. But his fourth-and-1 pass at the Jacksonville 49 with 1:36 remaining fell from the hands of tight end Dwayne Allen to preserve the victory for under-fire Jaguars coach Gus Bradley.

The Jaguars got a semblance of a running game going for the first time this season. T.J. Yeldon carried 13 times for 68 yards and Bortles added seven scrambles for 36 yards, including a 1-yard run that put Jacksonville ahead 14-6 midway through the second quarter.

The Colts repeatedly self-destructed on offense with dropped balls and another costly Luck interception that led to Jacksonville's opening touchdown. The Colts proved just as reckless on defense as pass interference and unnecessary roughness penalties extended three Jacksonville scoring drives.

SEAHAWKS 27, JETS 17

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Russell Wilson was sharp and efficient despite playing with a sprained knee, throwing three touchdown passes.

Wilson injured the medial collateral ligament in his left knee last week against San Francisco and wasn't his usual mobile self in this one, but his arm was plenty good. He finished 23 of 32 for 309 yards while wearing a brace on his leg as the Seahawks (3-1) won at MetLife Stadium for the first time since beating the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl in 2014.

Jimmy Graham, questionable with back spasms earlier in the week, had six catches for 113 yards, including an impressive 17-yard one-handed grab in the opening quarter, while giving the Jets (1-3) fits all game.

Wilson missed the first snap of his career due to injury last weekend after getting pulled down by San Francisco's Eli Harold. The Seahawks quarterback has also dealt with a sprained right ankle from the opener against Miami. He was efficient against the Jets, especially in the first half when he went 10 of 11 for 191 yards and two TDs and a perfect 158.3 quarterback rating. He finished with minus-5 yards on five rushes for Seattle, which has a bye next weekend.

Wilson helped Seattle, making the first of three East Coast trips this season, improve to 8-5 in its last 13 games with a 1 p.m. Eastern start time.

Richard Sherman had two interceptions and Earl Thomas one as Ryan Fitzpatrick and the Jets couldn't get much going against the NFL's No. 1-ranked defense.

REDSKINS 31, BROWNS 20

LANDOVER, Md. — Kirk Cousins threw three touchdown passes, including two to tight end Jordan Reed, and the Washington Redskins cashed in on several trips to the red zone.

The Redskins (2-2) scored four red zone touchdowns against the Browns (0-4) after going 3 for 14 in their first three games. Cousins connected with Reed for 8- and 9-yard touchdowns, Chris Thompson for a 5-yard score, and running back Matt Jones scored from 1 yard as part of his 117-yard performance.

Jones eclipsed the 100-yard mark for the first time this season, and Cousins finished 21 of 27 for 183 yards and also had an interception.

Browns running back Isaiah Crowell ran for 112 yards and a touchdown, and Cody Kessler was 27 of 38 for 215 yards, one touchdown and one interception. But turnovers on three consecutive second-half possessions cost Cleveland a chance at its first victory.

BEARS 17, LIONS 14

CHICAGO — Brian Hoyer threw for 302 yards and two touchdowns, and the Bears (1-3) got a win after starting 0-3 for the second time in as many seasons under coach John Fox.

They also stopped a six-game home losing streak as well as a six-game slide against Detroit (1-3), though things got tight near the end.

Chicago was leading 17-6 when Andre Roberts returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown. Golden Tate then caught a 2-point conversion pass from Matthew Stafford to cut it to 17-14 with 1:52 left, but the Bears recovered the onside kick.

Hoyer was on target in his second straight start with Jay Cutler nursing a sprained right thumb. He was 28 of 36 passes against a defense missing the injured Ezekiel Ansah and DeAndre Levy.

SAINTS 35, CHARGERS 34

SAN DIEGO — Drew Brees threw two touchdown passes in the final 4 minutes, 50 seconds to rally the Saints to a stunning victory against Philip Rivers and the Chargers, who blew a 13-point lead by committing two crucial turnovers.

Brees overcome two interceptions to win in his return to San Diego, where he played his first five NFL seasons before being allowed to leave as a free agent. It was also the first win this season for the Saints (1-3).

After the final gun, Brees ran over to the stands and greeted Saints fans.

With the Chargers (1-3) trying to protect a 34-21 lead, Melvin Gordon fumbled and Darryl Tapp recovered at the San Diego 13, setting up Brees' 5-yard TD pass to Michael Thomas on fourth-and-2 to pull to 34-28 with 4:50 to go.

Travis Benjamin then fumbled after a reception and Nate Stupar recovered at the San Diego 31. Seven plays later, fullback John Kuhn scored his third TD of the game, on a 1-yard run. The PAT made it 35-34.

BRONCOS 27, BUCCANEERS 7

TAMPA, Fla. — Paxton Lynch made his NFL debut sooner than expected, stepping in for injured starter Trevor Siemian to help the Broncos remain unbeaten with a victory over the Buccaneers.

Siemian left the game with two minutes remaining in the first half with what the defending Super Bowl champions described as an injury to his left (non-throwing) shoulder. He remained in uniform and watched the second half from the sideline, wearing a baseball cap while Lynch — the 26th pick in this year's draft — finished the Broncos' ninth consecutive win.

Siemian threw a touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas, capitalizing on Aqib Talib's interception and 25-yard return to the Bucs 11 on Tampa Bay's opening possession. The ex-Buc cornerback also set up another first-half TD with a second interception that led to C.J. Anderson's 1-yard run for a 14-7 lead.

RAMS 17, CARDINALS 13

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Tavon Austin returned a punt 47 yards to set up Case Keenum's 4-yard touchdown pass to Brian Quick with 2:41 to play, and the Rams improved to 3-1 for the first time in a decade with a victory over the Cardinals (1-3).

Arizona's Carson Palmer threw for 286 yards and a touchdown but left the game to be evaluated for a concussion after his head slammed to the turf on a sack by Aaron Donald with 5:40 to play.

The play forced a Cardinals punt and Austin raced past would-be tacklers to the Arizona 34. A facemask penalty against Ifeanyi Momah moved the ball to the 19 and the Rams went ahead when Quick caught a pass under tight defense for the score.

STEELERS 43, CHIEFS 14

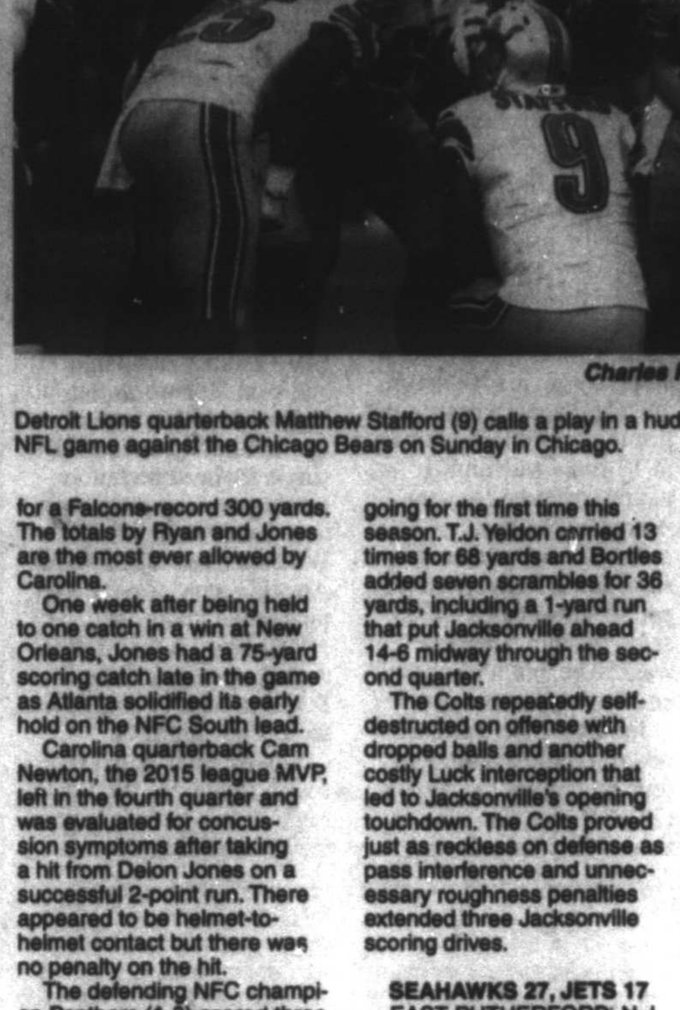
PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger threw five touchdown passes for the fifth time in his career and the Pittsburgh Steelers throttled the Kansas City Chiefs 43-14 on Sunday night.

A week after suffering the franchise's worst loss in 27 years, the Steelers (3-1) responded by overwhelming the erratic Chiefs (2-2).

Roethlisberger hit Antonio Brown — wearing cleats featuring the profile of golf great and western Pennsylvania native Arnold Palmer — for a pair of scores.

Roethlisberger also found Markus Wheaton, Darrius Heyward-Bey and Jesse James for touchdowns as the Steelers emphatically rebounded from a 31-point meltdown in Philadelphia. The quarterback finished 22 of 27 for 300 yards and a rating of 152.5, just shy of a perfect 158.3 rating.

Le'Veon Bell ran for 144 yards on 18 carries and caught five passes for 34 yards in his return from a three-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy. Bell's return brought Pittsburgh's high-powered offense back to full strength for the first time this year, though he spent most of the first half watching Roethlisberger go to work.



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Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford (9) calls a play in a huddle during the second half of an NFL game against the Chicago Bears on Sunday in Chicago.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
New England	3	1	0	.750	81	61
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	67	68
N.Y. Jets	1	3	0	.250	79	105
Miami	1	3	0	.250	71	89
South						
Houston	3	1	0	.750	69	73
Jacksonville	1	3	0	.250	94	111
Indianapolis	1	3	0	.250	108	125
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	62	84
North						
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	108	80
Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	84	72
Cincinnati	2	2	0	.500	75	62
Cleveland	0	4	0	.000	74	115
West						
Denver	4	0	0	1.000	111	64
Oakland	3	1	0	.750	106	106
Kansas City	2	2	0	.500	83	92
San Diego	1	3	0	.250	121	108

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Philadelphia	3	0	0	1.000	92	27
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	101	77
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	63	61
Washington	2	2	0	.500	99	112
South						
Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	152	124
Tampa Bay	1	3	0	.250	77	108
Carolina	1	3	0	.250	109	118
New Orleans	1	3	0	.250	114	130
North						
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	94	40
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	75	67
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	62	97
Detroit	1	3	0	.250	95	102
West						
Los Angeles	3	1	0	.750	63	76
Seattle	3	1	0	.750	79	54
San Francisco	1	3	0	.250	90	107
Arizona	1	3	0	.250	92	90

Sunday's Scores

Jacksonville 30, Indianapolis 27
Buffalo 16, New England 0
Chicago 17, Detroit 14
Seattle 27, N.Y. Jets 17
Washington 31, Cleveland 20
Houston 27, Tennessee 20
Atlanta 48, Carolina 33
Oakland 28, Baltimore 27
Dallas 24, San Francisco 17
Los Angeles 17, Arizona 13
New Orleans 35, San Diego 34
Denver 27, Tampa Bay 7
Pittsburgh 43, Kansas City 14

Today's Games

N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Game

Arizona at San Francisco, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games (Sept. 25)

N.Y. Jets at Pittsburgh, 12 p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 12 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 12 p.m.
Washington at Baltimore, 12 p.m.
Chicago at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 12 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
San Diego at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Buffalo at Los Angeles, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

TEXANS

From 1C

a reception on third down to force a punt.

The Texans raced out to a 14-0 lead after touchdown passes by Osweiler on their first two possessions.

The teams exchanged field goals before two touchdown runs by DeMarco Murray tied it at 17-17. But the Texans added a field goal to lead 20-17 at halftime.

TEXANS 27, TITANS 20

Tennessee	3	14	3	0—20
Houston	14	6	7	0—27

First Quarter

Hou—Fiedorowicz 14 pass from Osweiler (Nowak kick), 10:31.

Hou—Fuller 5 pass from Osweiler (Nowak kick), 5:34.

Ten—FG Succop 48, 2:36.

Second Quarter

Hou—FG Nowak 53, 13:42.

Ten—Murray 2 run (Succop kick), 11:21.

Ten—Murray 1 run(Murray 1 run(Murray 1 run (Succop kick), 2:28.

Hou—FG Nowak 45, :07.

Third Quarter

Ten—FG Succop 29FG Succop 29FG Succop 29FG Succop 29FG Succop 29, 7:07.

Hou—Fuller 67 punt return (Nowak kick) (Nowak kick) (Nowak kick) (Nowak kick), :56.

A—71,815.

	Ten	Hou
First downs	0	21
Total Net Yards	300	358
Rushes-yards	0-0	36-115
Passing	0	244
Comp-Att-Int	0-0-0	25-37-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-10
Punts	0-null	3-50.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	11-93	6-59
Time of Possession	31:42	28:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tennessee, Houston, Miller 19-92, Blue 5-18, Osweiler 1-14, Osweiler 1-1, Posch 1-0, Posch 1-0.

PASSING—Tennessee, None. Houston, Osweiler 25-37-2-254.

RECEIVING—Tennessee, None. Houston, Fuller 7-61, Stang 5-51, Fiedorowicz 4-46, Griffin 3-54, Miller 3-26, Posch 1-0, Blue 1-4, Hopkins 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Houston, Nowak 48, Nowak 48.

COWBOYS

From 1C

after Bowman left.

COWBOYS 34, 49ERS 17

Dallas	0	14	7	3—34
San Francisco	7	7	3	0—17

First Quarter

SF—Hurns 23 pass from Gabbert (Dawson kick), 6:41.

Second Quarter

SF—Hyde 5 run (Dawson kick), 13:55.

Dal—Williams 50 pass from Prescott (Bailey kick), 2:58.

Dal—Butler 4 pass from Prescott (Bailey kick), :12.

Third Quarter

SF—FG Dawson 38, 12:18.

Dal—Elliott 1 run (Bailey kick), 1:06.

Fourth Quarter

Dal—FG Bailey 22, 4:11.

A—70,178.

	Dal	SF
First downs	28	14
Total Net Yards	435	296
Rushes-yards	30-164	23-106
Passing	271	190
Comp-Att-Int	23-32-0	16-23-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-11	1-7
Punts	4-49.5	4-49.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-45	5-33
Time of Possession	36:27	23:33

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, Elliott 23-138, Morris 7-24, Whitehead 1-8, Beasley 1-7, Prescott 5-3, Dunbar 1-2, K.Smith 1-0. San Francisco, Hyde 19-74, Gabbert 12-27, Draughn 2-5.

PASSING—Dallas, Prescott 23-32-0-245. San Francisco, Gabbert 16-23-1-190.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Witten 7-47, Butler 5-41, Williams 4-44, Beasley 3-26, Dunbar 2-14, Elliott 1-13, K.Smith 1-14. San Francisco, Kelley 5-68, Crear 3-76, Patton 1-13, Hyde 1-6, Burbridge 1-6, K.Smith 1-8, Draughn 1-9.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Dallas, Bailey 47.

NFLBOXES

BILLS 16, PATRIOTS 0

Buffalo	7	6	3	0—16
New England	0	0	0	0— 0

First Quarter

Buf—McCoy 7 pass from Taylor (Carpenter kick), 5:31.

Second Quarter

Buf—FG Carpenter 34, 14:49.
Buf—FG Carpenter 43, 7:46.

Third Quarter

Buf—FG Carpenter 44, 28.
A—68,809.

	Buf	NE
First downs	24	13
Total Net Yards	378	277
Rushes-yards	32-134	22-90
Passing	244	187
Comp-Att-Int	27-39-0	17-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-2	3-16
Punts	4-40.8	6-52.2
Fumbles-Lost	4-0	5-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	9-74
Time of Possession	36:11	23:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Buffalo, McCoy 19-70, Gillislee 6-30, Taylor 5-28, Tate 1-4, Patton 1-2. New England, Blount 13-54, Brissett 4-23, J.White 4-12, Edelman 1-1.

PASSING—Buffalo, Taylor 27-39-0-246. New England, Brissett 17-27-0-203.

RECEIVING—Buffalo, Woods 7-89, McCoy 6-38, Clay 5-47, Powell 4-22, O'Leary 2-20, Gillislee 1-13, Goodwin 1-12, Patton 1-5. New England, Bennett 5-100, J.White 5-50, Blount 3-4, Bolden 2-18, Edelman 1-16, Gronkowski 1-11.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Buffalo, Carpenter 47. New England, Gostkowski 48.

RAIDERS 28, RAVENS 27

Oakland	7	7	14	—28
Baltimore	0	6	6	15—27

First Quarter

Oak—Roberts 6 pass from Carr (Janikowski kick), 1:25.

Second Quarter

Bal—FG Tucker 24, 12:51.
Oak—Crabtree 5 pass from Carr (Janikowski kick), 4:09.
Bal—FG Tucker 43, 0:3.

Third Quarter

Bal—Flacco 1 run (pass failed), 2:41.

Fourth Quarter

Oak—Crabtree 13 pass from Carr (Janikowski kick), 11:11.
Bal—S.Smith 62 pass from Flacco (Tucker kick), 6:27.
Bal—West 3 run (Wallace pass from Flacco), 3:38.
Oak—Crabtree 23 pass from Carr (Janikowski kick), 2:12.
A—71,152.

	Oak	Bal
First downs	13	25
Total Net Yards	261	412
Rushes-yards	19-62	25-130
Passing	199	282
Comp-Att-Int	25-35-0	30-52-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-16
Punts	8-51.8	7-48.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	12-93	10-109
Time of Possession	25:16	34:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cooper, Washington 3-30, Murray 8-19, Richard 2-16, Osweiler 1-6, Carr 3-(minus 2). Baltimore, West 21-113, J.Allen 3-13, Wallace 1-4, Flacco 1-1.

PASSING—Oakland, Carr 25-35-0-199. Baltimore, Flacco 30-52-0-298.

RECEIVING—Oakland, Crabtree 7-88, Cooper 5-48, Washington 3-18, Roberts 3-12, Walford 2-23, Murray 2-5, Richard 1-4, Rivers 1-1, L.Smith 1-1. Baltimore, M.Smith 6-111, Jennings 6-56, Wallace 4-44, Perriman 3-24, Pitta 3-17, Allen 3-9, Gillmore 2-16, J.Allen 2-13, Moore 1-8.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

FALCONS 48, PANTHERS 33

Carolina	0	10	0	23—33
Atlanta	14	7	14	13—48

First Quarter

Atl—Tamme 4 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 7:14.
Atl—Freeman 13 run (Bryant kick), :17.

Second Quarter

Car—K.Coleman 8 interception return (Gano kick), 11:31.
Atl—FG Bryant 28, 5:59.
Car—FG Gano 54, 3:07.

Third Quarter

Atl—Hooper 42 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 6:57.

Fourth Quarter

Atl—FG Bryant 19, 13:19.
Car—Benjamin 6 pass from Newton (Newton kick), 11:42.
Car—Olsen 14 pass from Anderson (Gano pass from Anderson), 9:59.
Atl—J.Jones 75 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 3:46.
Car—Brown 16 pass from Anderson (Gano kick), 1:53.
Atl—Alford 30 interception return (Bryant kick), 1:14.
A—70,508.

	Car	Atl
First downs	20	25
Total Net Yards	378	571
Rushes-yards	15-49	25-90
Passing	329	481
Comp-Att-Int	31-48-2	28-37-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	3-22
Punts	6-50.7	3-52.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-55	8-77
Time of Possession	26:11	33:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Carolina, Newton 5-30, Artis-Payne 6-12, Whitlatch 3-6, Tolbert 1-1. Atlanta, Freeman 13-57, Coleman 9-18, Ryan 4-14.

PASSING—Carolina, Newton 14-25-0-165. Anderson 17-23-2-172. Atlanta, Ryan 28-37-1-503.

RECEIVING—Carolina, Whitaker 9-85, Olsen 6-76, Brown 5-48, Benjamin 3-38, Funchess 2-56, Dickson 2-17, Grim 2-14, Webb 1-3, Tolbert 1-(minus 2). Atlanta, J.Jones 12-300, Gabriel 3-49, T.Coleman 3-14, Robinson 2-48, Sanu 2-22, Freeman 2-7, Tamme 2-3, Hooper 1-42, DiMarco 1-16.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

JAGUARS 30, COLTS 27

Indianapolis	3	3	6	21—27
Jacksonville	7	10	6	7—30

First Quarter

Jac—A.Robinson 3 pass from Bortles (Myers kick), 8:23.

Second Quarter

Ind—FG Vinatieri 53, 1:50.

Second Quarter

Ind—FG Vinatieri 48, 6:53.
Jac—Bortles 1 run (Myers kick), 4:09.
Jac—FG Myers 22, :00.

Third Quarter

Jac—FG Myers 46, 11:50.
Jac—FG Myers 48, 2:51.

Fourth Quarter

Ind—Gore 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 14:48.
Ind—Hilton 2 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 7:06.
Jac—Hurns 42 pass from Bortles (Myers kick), 5:03.
Ind—Dorsett 84 pass from LuckDorsett 84 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 3:10.
A—63,764.

	Ind	Jac
First downs	23	23
Total Net Yards	284	331
Rushes-yards	25-94	29-136
Passing	190	195
Comp-Att-Int	27-42-1	19-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-44	3-12
Punts	5-49.7	5-53.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-79	11-145
Time of Possession	32:39	27:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Indianapolis, Gore 19-68, Luck 4-23, Dorsett 1-3, Tutten 1-2, Ferguson 3-(minus 2). Jacksonville, Bortles 14-71, Bortles 7-38, Ivory 6-28.

PASSING—Indianapolis, Luck 27-42-1-234. Jacksonville, Bortles 19-33-0-207.

RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Hilton 7-42, Ferguson 7-33, Gore 5-27, Rogers 3-38, D.Allen 2-20, Tutten 2-3, Dorsett 1-84, Doyle 1-6. Jacksonville, A.Robinson 5-65, Yeldon 4-46, Lee 4-28, Hurns 2-47, Lewis 1-12, Sterling 1-10, Greene 1-8, Barry 1-1.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

SEAHAWKS 27, JETS 17

Seattle	3	14	3	10—27
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	7—17

First Quarter

NYJ—FG Folk 34, 6:27.

Second Quarter

Sea—Spiller 8 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 11:38.
Sea—McEvoy 42 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 2:44.
NYJ—B.Marshall 17 pass from Fitzpatrick (Folk kick), :13.

Third Quarter

Sea—FG Hauschka 53, 4:13.

Fourth Quarter

Sea—Michael 6 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 12:25.
Sea—FG Hauschka 53, 4:04.
NYJ—Peake 42 fumble recovery (Folk kick), 2:15.
A—78,189.

	Sea	NYJ
First downs	21	20
Total Net Yards	354	305
Rushes-yards	29-68	20-59
Passing	286	247
Comp-Att-Int	23-32-0	23-41-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-21	4-14
Punts	3-43.0	4-40.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-71	7-60
Time of Possession	30:46	29:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Seattle, Michael 18-59, Spiller 2-12, Collins 1-1, Wilson 5-(minus 5). New York, Forte 14-27, B.Powell 4-20, Fitzpatrick 2-9.

PASSING—Seattle, Wilson 23-32-0-309. New York, Fitzpatrick 23-41-3-261.

RECEIVING—Seattle, Graham 6-113, Michael 5-32, Baldwin 4-64, Kearse 3-55, Spiller 2-4, McEvoy 1-42, Willson/Baldwin 1-27, Lockett 1-13. New York, Enunwa 6-93, B.Powell 5-64, B.Marshall 4-85, Peake 3-30, Forte 2-16, Anderson 2-12.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

RED SKINS 31, BROWNS 20

Cleveland	0	17	3	0—20
Washington	14	0	6	14—31

First Quarter

Was—Reed 8 pass from Cousins (Hopkins kick), 7:40.
Was—Reed 9 pass from Cousins (Hopkins kick), :27.

Second Quarter

Cle—Crowell 2 run (Parkey kick), 9:33.
Cle—Pryor 9 pass from Kessler (Parkey kick), 7:56.
Was—FG Hopkins 49, 2:29
Cle—FG Parkey 51, :00.

Third Quarter

Cle—FG Parkey 46, 5:25.

Fourth Quarter

Was—Thompson 5 pass from Cousins (Hopkins kick), 10:38.
Was—M.Jones 1 run (Hopkins kick), 4:25.
A—76,249.

	Cle	Was
First downs	26	24
Total Net Yards	380	301
Rushes-yards	26-183	26-145
Passing	217	156
Comp-Att-Int	28-40-1	21-27-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	3-27
Punts	1-55.0	3-48.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-101	9-75
Time of Possession	28:57	31:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Cleveland, Crowell 15-112, D.Johnson 9-53, M.Johnson 1-2, Kessler 2-2, Pryor 1-(minus 6). Washington, M.Jones 22-117, Thompson 3-24, Kelley 1-4.

PASSING—Cleveland, Kessler 28-40-1-223. Washington, Cousins 21-27-1-183.

RECEIVING—Cleveland, Bernidge 7-57, D.Johnson 6-31, Pryor 5-46, Hawkins 3-28, Louis 3-28, Coleset 3-22, M.Johnson 1-11. Washington, Reed 8-73, Garcon 4-38, Crowder 3-21, M.Jones 2 21, Thompson 2-18, V.Davis 1-8, Jackson 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BEARS 17, TIGERS 14

Detroit	0	3	3	8—14
Chicago	7	0	7	3—17

First Quarter

Chi—Royal 4 pass from Hoyer (Barth kick), 6:35.

Second Quarter

Det—FG Prater 30, 2:19.

Third Quarter

Det—FG Prater 21, 7:16.
Chi—Miller 6 pass from Hoyer (Barth kick), 3:34.

Fourth Quarter

Chi—FG Barth 28, 10:03.
Det—Roberts 85 punt return (Tate pass from Stafford), 1:52.
A—60,841.

	Det	Chi
First downs	18	23
Total Net Yards	283	408
Rushes-yards	19-60	29-114
Passing	197	294
Comp-Att-Int	23-36-2	28-36-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-18	2-8
Punts	5-49.0	4-49.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-76	6-55
Time of Possession	26:46	33:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Detroit, Riddick 11-31, Stafford 2-17, Zenner 3-12, D.Washington 2-4. Chicago, Howard 23-111, Ball 3-4, Hoyer 3-(minus 3).

PASSING—Detroit, Stafford 23-36-2-216. Chicago, Hoyer 28-36-0-302.

RECEIVING—Detroit, Golden 6-31, M.Jones 5-74, Green 4-42, Riddick 4-27, Zenner 1-22, D.Washington 1-8, Roberts 1-8, Tate 1-1. Chicago, Royal 7-111, White 6-65, Meredith 4-29, Jeffery 3-48, Miller 3-31, Howard 2-21, Paulsen 2-18.

RAMS 17, CARDINALS 13

Los Angeles	7	0	3	07—17
Arizona	3	0	10	00—13

First Quarter

LA—Quick 65 pass from Keenum (Zuerlein kick), 1:59.

Second Quarter

Ari—FG Catanzaro 35, 12:19.
LA—FG Zuerlein 29, 8:42.
Ari—Fitz 5 pass from Palmer (Catanzaro kick) (Catanzaro kick) (Catanzaro kick) (Catanzaro kick), 2:4.

Third Quarter

Ari—FG Catanzaro 21, :00.

Fourth Quarter

LA—Quick 4 pass from Keenum (Zuerlein kick), 0:26.
A—64,823.

	LA	Ari
First downs	9	26
Total Net Yards	208	420
Rushes-yards	0-0	25-118
Passing	208	302
Comp-Att-Int	9-0-0	27-47-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	4-32
Punts	0-null	4-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	9-84	6-45
Time of Possession	27:51	32:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Los Angeles, Arizona, D.Johnson 17-83, D.Johnson 17-83, C.Johnson 6-34, C.Johnson 6-34, Fitzgerald 1-1, Fitzgerald 1-1, Ellington 1-0, Ellington 1-0.

PASSING—Los Angeles, None. Arizona, Palmer 23-36-1-286, Stanton 4-11-2-37.

RECEIVING—Los Angeles, Arizona, Jo.Brown 10-144, Fitzgerald 5-62, D.Johnson 4-41, Floyd 3-38, Fells 2-7, Nelson 1-24, Jar.Brown 1-7, Jar. Brown 1-7, Ellington 1-4, Ellington 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Chicago, Barth 50

SAINTS 35, CHARGERS 34

New Orleans	7	7	7	14—35
San Diego	7	17	0	10—34

First Quarter

NO—Ms.Ingram 1 run (Lutz kick), 10:32
NO—Henry 39 pass from Rivers (Lambo kick), 1:10

Second Quarter

NO—Kuhn 1 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 9:20
SD—Inman 57 pass from Rivers (Lambo kick), 7:04.
SD—FG Lambo 30, 4:50.
SD—Gordon 1 run (Lambo kick), :13

Third Quarter

NO—Kuhn 1 run (Lutz kick), 9:00

Fourth Quarter

SD—Gordon 1 run (Lambo kick), 12:15
SD—FG Lambo 47, 8:39
NO—

Rangers wait for ALDS opponent after 6-4 loss to Rays

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Now the Texas Rangers wait to find out their playoff opponent.

After wrapping up a 95-win regular season on Sunday with a 6-4 loss in 10 innings to Tampa Bay, the AL West champion Rangers will open the AL Division Series at home on Thursday against the wild card winner — Baltimore or Toronto.

That means a possible ALDS rematch against the Blue Jays, who last October overcame a 2-0 series deficit and won the deciding Game 5 at home after the Rangers had a three-error inning and Jose Bautista's emphatic bat flip after he hit the go-ahead homer.

When asked if it mattered if the Rangers (95-67) get another shot against the Blue Jays, shortstop Elvis Andrus responded, "Not really, because our final prize is not beating one team. We know we have to beat three teams to win it all."

In the last regular-season game between the Rangers and Blue Jays in Texas on May 15, second baseman Rougned Odor punched Bautista, igniting a bench-clearing brawl that led to several suspensions.

Texas manager Jeff Banister said he isn't concerned about who the Rangers play, or the situation that would surround any opponent.

"I think that our focus supersedes anything that we might encounter in any location. We don't get to choose whom we play, we don't get to choose where we play," Banister said. "We just have earned the opportunity to play someone, somewhere. ... We'll stay focused, dedicated to what we need to do, and I'll leave it at that."

In the regular-season finale Sunday, Alexei Ramirez had four hits, including a 10th-inning double before scoring for the Rays after Texas had tied the game in the ninth against closer Alex Colome.

The Rays then opened the 10th with three consecutive hits off Tanner Scheppers (1-1). Richie Shaffer led off with a single before going to third on Ramirez's double and scoring on a wild pitch. Curt Casali then had an RBI double.

While the Rangers fell one win shy of matching the franchise record for victories, they had already clinched home-field advantage through the postseason.

The Rays (68-94) finished with their worst record since going 66-96 in 2007, the year before going to their only World Series.

"Good win on the last day," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "Long game, back and forth, but a nice win."

Mike Trout hits milestones in Angels' 8-1 win over Astros

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Mike Trout took slight comfort in reaching a couple statistical milestones on the final day of the Los Angeles Angels' worst season of the 21st century.

He's determined to make sure next October means a whole lot more.

Trout stole his 30th base and drove in his 100th run, and the Angels wrapped up just their third losing season in 13 years with an 8-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Sunday.

"I knew about them for sure, and it's always cool to get 30 stolen bases," Trout said. "It's not where we want to be, but it's good to end it on a positive note."

Jhoulys Chacin pitched seven scoreless innings of four-hit ball for the Angels (74-88), who won nine of their final 11 games and still finished 12th in the 15-team AL.

"We finished strong," said Trout, who completed his second 100-RBI season. "There's a lot of positive things we can take away from this year. It seemed like every other week, our lineup or our pitching staff took a big hit, but we played good for the last few weeks."

Trout concluded another MVP-caliber campaign stuck on 29 homers, but he got his stolen base in the first inning and an RBI single in the sixth before leaving to a standing ovation. Trout went 1 for 2 and added two walks to his Angels-record total of 116, tops in the majors.

"This guy is the MVP," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "I don't think there's any question."

Los Angeles finished fourth in the AL West, failing to finish in the top three for the first time since 1999.

Giants, Blue Jays, Orioles grab playoff spots on final day

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

So much for any Game No. 162 chaos in baseball: The San Francisco Giants, Toronto Blue Jays and Baltimore Orioles grabbed the last three playoff spots Sunday, and the October matchups are set.

Neat and clean, no need for all sorts of tiebreakers. Too bad — that kind of final-day scramble might've been fun for fans.

Instead, they could sit back, savor Vin Scully's farewell call and prepare for the postseason. It opens Tuesday night when the Orioles visit Toronto in the AL wild-card game.

"All we asked for is an opportunity, and right now, we have an opportunity," Baltimore center fielder Adam Jones said after a 5-2 win over the New York Yankees. "So, let's celebrate and enjoy this and get back to work."

No official word yet on the starting pitchers at Rogers Centre. Figures to be Chris Tillman for the O's against Marcus Stroman.

On Wednesday night, aces duel as Madison Bumgarner starts for the Giants vs. Noah Syndergaard and the New York Mets at Citi Field in the NL wild-card game.

"We found a way to get back to where we need to be," Bumgarner said after his team's 7-1 win finished off a sweep of the Dodgers. "If we play like we have been the last three days, we'll be tough to beat."

On Thursday, the best-of-five AL Division Series begins: David Ortiz and Boston at Cleveland, and the wild-card winner at Texas.

"I guess I wish Ortiz would consider retiring early," said Indians manager Terry Francona, who previously guided Big Papi with the Red Sox, "but I don't see that happening."

On Friday night, Clayton Kershaw starts Game 1 for the Los Angeles Dodgers at Washington, and the NL wild-card winner plays the best-in-the-majors Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field.

Going into Game 162, Detroit and St. Louis also had a chance to reach the postseason. That raised the possibility of multi-team, multi-city tiebreakers going into early next week.

The Tigers were in the middle of that mix. They hoped to win at Atlanta and have either the Orioles or Blue Jays lose — then, they would've needed to win a makeup game at home Monday against Detroit to force a tiebreaker for an AL wild-card spot.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	93	69	.574	—
y-Toronto	89	73	.549	4
y-Baltimore	89	73	.549	4
New York	84	78	.519	9
Tampa Bay	68	94	.420	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	94	67	.584	—
Detroit	86	75	.534	8
Kansas City	81	81	.500	13½
Chicago	78	84	.481	16½
Minnesota	59	103	.364	35½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Texas	95	67	.586	—
Seattle	86	76	.531	9
Houston	84	78	.519	11
Los Angeles	74	88	.457	21
Oakland	69	93	.426	26

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	95	67	.586	—
y-New York	87	75	.537	8
Miami	79	82	.491	15½
Philadelphia	71	91	.438	24
Atlanta	68	93	.422	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	103	58	.640	—
St. Louis	86	76	.531	17½
Pittsburgh	78	83	.484	25
Milwaukee	73	89	.451	30½
Cincinnati	68	94	.420	35½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	91	71	.562	—
y-San Francisco	87	75	.537	4
Colorado	75	87	.463	16
Arizona	69	93	.426	22
San Diego	68	94	.420	23

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Scores & schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Scores

Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
L.A. Angels 8, Houston 1
Tampa Bay 6, Texas 4, 10 innings
Toronto 2, Boston 1
Atlanta 1, Detroit 0
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 3
Oakland 3, Seattle 2
Cleveland 3, Kansas City 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Scores

Washington 10, Miami 7
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 2
San Francisco 7, L.A. Dodgers 1
Arizona 3, San Diego 2
Atlanta 1, Detroit 0
Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 4
Milwaukee 6, Colorado 4, 10 innings
St. Louis 10, Pittsburgh 4

Playoff Glance

WILD CARD

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Baltimore (Tillman 16-6) at Toronto (TBS)

Wednesday, Oct. 5: San Francisco (Bumgarner 15-9) at New York (Syndergaard 14-9) (ESPN)

DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)

American League

Texas vs. Baltimore-Toronto winner

Thursday, Oct. 6: Baltimore-Toronto winner at Texas (TBS)

Friday, Oct. 7: Baltimore-Toronto winner at Texas (TBS)

Sunday, Oct. 9: Texas at Baltimore-Toronto winner (TBS)

x-Monday, Oct. 10: Texas at Baltimore-Toronto winner (TBS)

x-Wednesday, Oct. 12: Baltimore-Toronto winner at Texas (TBS)

Cleveland vs. Boston

Thursday, Oct. 6: Boston (Porcello 22-4) at Cleveland (Bauer 12-8) (TBS)

Friday, Oct. 7: Boston (Price 17-9) at Cleveland (Kluber 18-9) (TBS)

Sunday, Oct. 9: Cleveland at Boston (TBS)

x-Monday, Oct. 10: Cleveland at Boston (TBS)

x-Wednesday, Oct. 12: Boston at Cleveland (TBS)

National League

Chicago vs. San Francisco-New York winner

Friday, Oct. 7: San Francisco-New York winner at Chicago (FS1 or MLB)

Saturday, Oct. 8: San Francisco-New York winner at Chicago (FS1 or MLB)

Monday, Oct. 10: Chicago at San Francisco-New York winner (FS1 or MLB)

x-Tuesday, Oct. 11: Chicago at San Francisco-New York winner (FS1)

x-Thursday, Oct. 13: San Francisco-New York winner at Chicago (FS1)

Washington vs. Los Angeles

Friday, Oct. 7: Los Angeles (Kershaw 12-4) at Washington (Scherzer 20-7) (FS1 or MLB)

Saturday, Oct. 8: Los Angeles (Hill 12-5) at Washington (FS1 or MLB)

Monday, Oct. 10: Washington at Los Angeles (Maeda 16-10) (FS1 or MLB)

x-Tuesday, Oct. 11: Washington at Los Angeles (FS1)

x-Thursday, Oct. 13: Los Angeles at Washington (FS1)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

American League

Friday, Oct. 14: Game 1 (TBS)

Saturday, Oct. 15: Game 2 (TBS)

Monday, Oct. 17: Game 3 (TBS)

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Game 4 (TBS)

x-Wednesday, Oct. 19: Game 5 (TBS)

x-Friday, Oct. 21: Game 6 (TBS)

x-Saturday, Oct. 22: Game 7 (TBS)

National League

Saturday, Oct. 15: Game 1 (Fox or FS1)

Sunday, Oct. 16: Game 2 (Fox or FS1)

Tuesday, Oct. 18: Game 3 (Fox or FS1)

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Game 4 (Fox or FS1)

x-Thursday, Oct. 20: Game 5 (Fox or FS1)

x-Saturday, Oct. 22: Game 6 (Fox or FS1)

x-Sunday, Oct. 23: Game 7 (Fox or FS1)

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All games televised by Fox

Tuesday, Oct. 25: NL at AL

Wednesday, Oct. 26: NL at AL

Friday, Oct. 28: AL at NL

Saturday, Oct. 29: AL at NL

x-Sunday, Oct. 30: AL at NL

x-Tuesday, Nov. 1: NL at AL

x-Wednesday, Nov. 2: NL at AL

Texas Boxes

RAYS 6, RANGERS 4, 10 INNINGS

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi
Frazier 2b	6	0	2	0
Mahtook cf	5	0	0	0
Longoria 3b	5	1	1	0
C.Coles lf	5	1	0	0
Shaffer 1b	4	2	2	0
A.Rmrez ss	5	2	4	1
Casali dh	3	0	2	2
Maile c	5	0	1	1
Decker rf	4	0	1	1
Lucroy c	2	1	2	1
Nicholas c	3	0	1	0
Andrus ss	3	0	0	0
Gallo 3b	1	0	0	0
Rua 1b	3	0	2	1
Profar 2b	3	0	0	1
Totals	**42**	**6**	**13**	**5**

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
C.Gomez cf	2	0	0	0
D.Shields cf	4	0	0	0
Choo rf	4	0	1	0
Hoying rf	1	1	1	0
Beltran dh	2	0	1	0
Chirinos ph-dh	3	0	1	0
Beltre 3b	2	1	1	0
Alberto 3b-ss	3	0	1	1
Mazara lf	4	1	0	0
Totals	**40**	**4**	**11**	**4**

Tampa Bay	021	000	100
2—6			
Texas	010	100	011
0—4			

E—Andrus (17), Profar (7). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 10, Texas 12. 2B—Forsythe (24), Longoria (41), Shaffer (6), A.Ramirez (22), Casali (10), Decker (11). HR—Lucroy (24). SB—Rua 2 (9). CS—Shaffer (1). SF—Decker (1).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Whitley	4	6	2	2	0	4
Garton	1	1	0	0	0	1
Gambos	2	1	0	0	2	4
Boxberger	2-3	0	1	1	4	1
Farquhar	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Colome W,2-4 BS,3	1	3	1	1	0	2
Ramirez S,2-6	1	0	0	0	0	1

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Perez	3	7	3	2	1	2
Leclerc	2	0	0	0	0	2
Diekman	1	1	0	0	1	0
Alvarez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
0						
Kela	1	1	0	0	0	1
Scheppers L,1-1	1	3	2	2	0	2

WP—Jeffress, Diekman, Scheppers 2
T—4:00. A—37,015 (48,114).

ANGELS 8, ASTROS 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	1	0	1	0
T.Hmnd pr-rf	2	0	1	1
T.Kemp lf	3	0	1	0
Altuve dh	4	0	1	0
White 2b	4	0	0	0
Ma.Grod ss	4	0	1	0
A. Reed 1b	4	0	0	0
Stassi c	4	0	1	0
Moran 3b	3	0	1	0
Mrnick cf	3	0	0	0
Cho 1b	1	0	0	0
Ortega cf	3	1	2	1
C.Perez c	3	2	2	2
Pnngtn 2b-ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	**32**	**1**	**7**	**1**

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Y.Escbr 3b	3	0	0	1
Cowart pr-3b	1	1	0	0
Calhoun rf	4	0	1	2
Bus pr-rf	1	1	0	0
Trout dh	2	0	1	1
Bandy pr-dh	1	0	0	0
Cron 1b	4	0	0	0
G.Petit 2b	0	0	0	0
J.Marte lf	3	2	1	1
A.Simmns ss	3	1	1	0
Totals	**32**	**8**	**9**	**5**

Houston	000	000	010—1
Los Angeles	040	003	10x—8

DP—Los Angeles 1. LOB—Houston 6, Los Angeles 7. 2B—Moran (1), Calhoun (35), C.Perez 2 (16). HR—J.Marte (15). SB—Trout (30). Pennington (1). SF—T.Hernandez (1), Y.Escobar (4).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Rodgers L,0-1	3 2-3	5	4	4	3	0
Hoyt	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	3
Chapman	2-3	2	3	3	1	0
Gustave	1 1-3	2	1	1	1	2
Sipp	1	0	0	0	0	0

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chacin W,6-8	7	4	0	0	1	7
Ramirez	1	1	1	1	0	0
Bailey	1	2	0	0	0	1

PB—Stassi.
T—2:42. A—28,083 (43,250).

SATURDAY'S LATE BOX

ANGELS 7, ASTROS 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Springer dh	4	0	1	0
Ma.Grod ss-ss	4	0	1	0
Altuve 2b	3	0	1	0
Moran 3b	1	0	0	0
Correa ss	3	1	1	0
White 2b	1	0	1	0
Gurriel 3b	2	0	1	0
T.Kemp pr-lf	1	0	0	0
A. Reed 1b	3	0	0	0
Stassi ph	1	0	0	0
T.Hmnd rf	3	1	1	1
J.Castro c	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mrnick cf	2	0	1	[illegible]
Totals	**[illegible]**	**1**	**8**	**1**

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Calhoun rf	2	0	0	0
Pinnngtn ss	1	0	0	0
Trout dh	3	0	0	0
Cron 1b	3	1	1	0
Buss lf	1	0	0	0
J.Marte 3b	4	2	1	1
A.Simmns ss	3	1	1	2
S.Ribnsn rf	1	0	0	0
Bandy c	4	1	1	0
Ortega cf	3	1	0	0
Cowart 2b	3	1	1	3
Choi lf-1b	2	0	1	0
Totals	**30**	**7**	**6**	**6**

Houston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Los Angeles	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

E—T.Hernandez (2). 2B—Los Angeles 2. LOB—Houston 7, Los Angeles 5. 2B—T.Hernandez (6), Cowart (4). HR—J.Marte (14). SB—Trout 2 (29). CS—Choi (4).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Peacock L,0-1	4 2-3	5	7	5	4	5
Gustave	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Paulino	3	1	0	0	0	2

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wright W,1-5	6	6	1	1	0	5
Valdez	2	1	0	0	0	2
Ege	1	1	0	0	1	3

HBP—by Wright (Gurriel), WP—Peacock.
T—2:40. A—30,112 (43,250).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ORIOLES 5, YANKEES 2

Baltimore	001	202	00[illegible]	—6	7	0
New York	000	100	010	—2	10	0

Gausman, Britton (8) and Wieters; Cessa, Layne (6), Parker (7), Warren (8), Bleier (9) and G.Sanchez. W—Gausman 9-12. L—Cessa 4-4. HRs—Baltimore, Wieters 2 (17). New York, McCann (20).

INDIANS 3, ROYALS 2

Cleveland	002	000	010	—3	4	0
Kansas City	100	010	000	—2	6	0

Tomlin, A.Miller (8), Allen (9) and Gomes; Giminez, R.Perez, Kennedy, Soria (8), W.Davis (9) and Butera. W—Tomlin 13-9. L—Kennedy 11-11. Sv—Allen (32). HRs—Cleveland, Gomes (9). Kansas City, Cuthbert (12).

ATHLETICS 3, MARINERS 2

Oakland	102	000	000	—3	7	0
Seattle	000	000	000	—2	6	0

Manaea, Hendriks (7), Coulombe (8), Axford (9) and Maxwell; Hernandez, Venditte (4), C.Martin (6), Cantineri (8), Altavilla (9) and Iannetta. W—Manaea 7-9. L—Hernandez 11-8. Sv—Axford (3). HRs—Oakland, Vogt (14).

TWINS 6, WHITE SOX 3

Minnesota	104	001	000	—6	9	0
Chicago	001	000	110	—3	8	0

Berrios, O'Rourke (8), Wimmers (7), T.Rogers (8), Kintzler (9) and J.Murphy; Sale, Minaya (6), J.Turner (8), Beck (9) and Avila. Narvaez. W—Berrios 3-7. L—Sale 17-10. Sv—Kintzler (17). HRs—Minnesota, Sano (25), Buxton (10).

BLUE JAYS 2, RED SOX 1

Toronto	000	010	010	—2	9	0
Boston	000	000	100	—1	4	1

A.Sanchez, Cecil (8), Biagini (8), Osuna (9) and R.Martin; Price, Hembree (8), Ross Jr. (7), M.Barnes (7), Ziegler (8), Pomeranz (8) and Leon. Hanrahan. W—A.Sanchez 15-2. L—Ziegler 4-7. Sv—Osuna (36). HRs—Toronto, Travis (11). Boston, Ramirez (30).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILLIES 5, METS 2

New York	000	001	100	—2	9	2
Philadelphia	001	000	31x	—5	11	0

Ynoa, Blevins (5), Smoker (6), Goeddel (7), Edgin (7), Henderson (8) and Plawecki; Eickhoff, Murray (7), Martinez (8), Rodriguez (8), Neris (9) and Rupp. W—Murray 1-1. L—Goeddel 2-2. Sv—Neris (2).

DIAMONDBACKS 3, PADRES 2

San Diego	000	100	100	—2	7	0
Arizona	010	000	011	—3	9	0

Clemens, Morrow (7), Hand (8) and Hedges; Koch, Hathaway (7), Bracho (7), Delgado (8), Hudson (9) and Gosewisch. W—Hudson 3-2. L—Hand 4-4. HRs—Arizona, Drury (19).

GIANTS 7, DODGERS 1

Los Angeles	000	100	000	—1	4	1
San Francisco	230	000	02x	—7	10	0

Maeda, Avilan (3), Fields (4), A.Wood (5), Dayton (6), Ribaya (7), Stanton (8) and Grandal. A.Barnes; Moore, Romo (9) and Posey. W—Moore 13-12. L—Maeda 16-11.

CARDINALS 10, PIRATES 4

Pittsburgh	000	020	200	—4	9	1
St. Louis	001	000	60x	—10	13	0

Vogelsong, Bastardo (6), Hughes (6), Nicasio (7), LeBlanc (7), T.Williams (8) and Fryer; Wainwright, Broxton (7), Kieklhefer (8) and Molina. C.Kelly. W—Broxton 4-2. L—Nicasio 10-7. HRs—Pittsburgh, Jaso (8). St. Louis, Carpenter (21).

CUBS 7, REDS 4

Chicago	001	100	014	—7	9	0
Cincinnati	300	100	000	—4	6	0

Hendricks, Montgomery (6), J.Smith (7), T.Wood (8), Grimm (9), Edwards (9) and Contreras. Fedorowicz; Stephenson, J.Diaz (5), W.Peralta (7), Ohlendorf (7), B.Wood (8), R.Iglesias (9) and Barnhart. W—Grimm 2-1. L—R.Iglesias 3-2. Sv—Edwards (2). HRs—Chicago, Contreras (12), Montero (8).

BREWERS 6, ROCKIES 4

Milwaukee	020	000020	2	—6	10	1
Colorado	110	010001	0	—4	13	0

Crigler, Scahill (3), Martinez (5), Boyer (7), Torres (8), Thornburg (9), Knebel (10) and Susac. Marquez, Carasiti (7), Estevez (8), J.Miller (8), Rusin (9) and T.Murphy. W—Thornburg 8-5. L—Rusin 3-5. Sv—Knebel (2). HRs—Milwaukee, Susac (1), Santana (11). Colorado, Blackmon (29).

NATIONALS 10, MARLINS 7

Miami	000	230	020	—7	14	0
Washington	030	230	02x	—10	10	0

Koehler, Nicolino (4), Brice (5), Ogando (6), Cervenka (7), Ellington (8), Despaigne (8) and Telis; Scherzer, Goff (6), O.Perez (6), Lopez (8), Solis (8). Melancon (9) and Lobaton. Severino. W—Scherzer 20-7. L—Brice 9-1. Sv—Melancon (47). HRs—Miami, Hood (1), Telis (1). Washington, Espinosa (24).

INTERLEAGUE
BRAVES 1, TIGERS 0

Detroit	000	000	000	—0	5	1
Atlanta	100	000	00x	—1	6	0

Verlander, Rondon (8) and J.McCann; Teheran, J.Ramirez (8), J.Johnson (9) and Flowers. W—Teheran 7-10. L—Verlander 16-9. Sv—J.Johnson (20).

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

BLUE JAYS 2
RED SOX 1

BOSTON — Aaron Sanchez took a no-hitter into the seventh inning and Troy Tulowitzki singled to break an eighth-inning tie, helping the Toronto Blue Jays clinch the AL's top wild-card berth Sunday with a 2-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox in David Ortiz's final regular season game.

Toronto clinched a spot in the postseason when Detroit lost to Atlanta 1-0 earlier Sunday evening. With their win in Boston, the Blue Jays earned the right to host the Baltimore Orioles in a one-game playoff on Tuesday.

ATHLETICS 3, MARINERS 2

SEATTLE — Stephen Vogt hit his 14th home run in the first inning on the only pitch that he saw on the final day of the season and Oakland held on to beat Seattle.

Vogt drove the first pitch he got from Felix Hernandez just beyond the left-field wall to give the A's an early lead.

TWINS 6, WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO — Byron Buxton hit the game's first pitch for an inside-the-park home run and Minnesota beat Chris Sale in manager Robin Ventura's final game with Chicago.

Ventura said after the game that leaving was "a personal decision." He was in the last year of his contract.

ORIOLES 5, YANKEES 2

NEW YORK — Matt Wieters homered from both sides of the plate and Kevin Gausman gave Baltimore a clutch pitching performance to snag a playoff spot on the final day of the regular season.

Baltimore will play at AL East rival Toronto in the wild-card game Tuesday night for a chance to face AL West champion Texas in a best-of-five Division Series.

INDIANS 3, ROYALS 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Francisco Lindor hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the eighth inning, Josh Tomlin dazzled in his final tuneup for the postseason and Cleveland beat Kansas City.

Tomlin (13-9) dueled with Ian Kennedy (11-11) into the eighth before the new AL Central champs pulled ahead.

National League

GIANTS 7, DODGERS 1

SAN FRANCISCO — If it is an even-numbered year, San Francisco finds its way into the playoffs

San Francisco made it on the final day of the regular season, securing the second NL wild card with a win over Los Angeles to complete a three-game sweep of their rival.

NATIONALS 10, MARLINS 7

WASHINGTON — Max Scherzer earned his 20th victory and drove in a career-high four runs to help Washington beat Miami.

Scherzer (20-7) allowed five runs in five innings while striking out seven. It was his second 20-win season, and he became the second pitcher to win 20 games for the Nationals since they moved to Washington.

DIAMODNBACKS 3, PADRES 2

PHOENIX — Pinch-hitter Phil Gosselin's RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning lifted Arizona over San Diego.

Tuffy Gosewich doubled against the Padres' Brad Hand (4-4) after two fly outs, then was replaced by pinch-runner Socrates Brito. Gosselin lined his winning hit up the middle to end the game.

Daniel Hudson (3-2) earned the win.

CUBS 7, REDS 4

CINCINNATI — Matt Szczur doubled home two runs with two outs in the ninth inning, and Miguel Montero followed with a homer as Chicago finished one of its most successful seasons with a flourish.

With victory No. 103 in the books, the Cubs headed back to Wrigley Field for their first playoff game on Friday against the winner of the NL wild-card game.

BREWERS 6, ROCKIES 4

DENVER — Andrew Susac hit his first homer of the season, a two-run drive in the 10th inning that lifted Milwaukee over Colorado.

After Orlando Arcia hustled for a two-out double, Susac followed with a liner to left off Chris Rusin (3-5).

CARDINALS 10, PIRATES 4

ST. LOUIS — A win on the final day of the season was not enough for the St. Louis Cardinals, who missed the playoffs for the first time since 2010.

Matt Carpenter homered and Randal Grichuk keyed a six-run seventh-inning with a two-run double to lead the Cardinals.

PHILLIES 5, METS 2

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard's farewell game with the Philadelphia Phillies ended with a win.

Cesar Hernandez hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the seventh inning, and Philadelphia beat playoff-bound New York.

Interleague

BRAVES 1, TIGERS 0

ATLANTA — Detroit was eliminated from playoff contention when Julio Teheran matched a career high with 12 strikeouts and Freddie Freeman hit a first-inning sacrifice fly that led Atlanta to victory in the last game at Turner Field.

While the Braves focused on sending their home of 20 years out in style before moving to a new suburban stadium in 2017, the Tigers hoped to extend this season with a victory.

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Plenty for Mickelson to celebrate in Ryder Cup win

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

David J. Phillip/Associated Press

United States' Brandt Snedeker, United States' Phil Mickelson and United States' Dustin Johnson celebrate during the closing ceremony ot the Ryder Cup golf tournament Sunday at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn.

CHASKA, Minn. — The victory leap was a bit premature, but the hugs that came later on the 18th green were as timely as the putts Phil Mickelson kept rolling in on a beautiful Sunday at Hazeltine National Golf Club. Soon Mickelson would take the party upstairs, swigging champagne on an elevated walkway and spraying the cheering crowd below.

If anyone deserved to celebrate a long-awaited American victory in the Ryder Cup, it was Lefty.

He came through in front of 50,000 fans, and he came through behind closed doors in the team room. He even managed to rebound from an awkward moment in the days before play began when he criticized decisions made a dozen years ago by former captain Hal Sutton.

Leaping in the air after sinking a birdie putt on the 18th hole — much like he did when he won the 2004 Masters — might have been the only thing Mickelson got wrong all week.

Hard to blame him, though, when everyone around him felt like leaping around a bit themselves. Sergio Garcia would tie the match a few minutes later with a birdie of his own, but by then it was already clear the American rout in this Ryder Cup was on.

The U.S. had started the day with a three-point lead and memories of collapses of the past still lurking. But this turned out to be a Sunday with little suspense.

Patrick Reed took down Rory McIlroy in the opening match and the Europeans were never really allowed back in it. Mickelson's half point put the U.S. on the verge of the win, and Ryan Moore — picked only the Sunday before under a new system championed by Mickelson to find hot players — delivered the winning point in the next group.

A Ryder Cup loser so often, Mickelson was a winner once again. That it came in a Ryder Cup that had his fingerprints all over it only made the celebration even sweeter.

"I'm so proud to know these guys, to experience this together, to share these emotions, to celebrate tonight," Mickelson said. "And I've known that these guys have had this level of performance in them for some time. It's just amazing to watch."

It was amazing to watch for the fans, jammed fairways and crowded around greens to cheer on the home team. A few misbehaved the day before, but there were no real incidents on a final day when things got about as loud on the golf course as they did in football stadiums across the land.

Ryder Cup superfan Michael Jordan sat behind the first green watching groups go through, while actor Bill Murray seemed to be everywhere. Tiger Woods was in good form, too, as an assistant captain adding a little more star power to the event.

The featured match was McIlroy and Reed. But all eyes were on Mickelson, too, maybe because he had the most to lose if this team somehow found yet another way to lose.

Davis Love III's name will be listed as captain in the Ryder Cup record books. But this was always Mickelson's team, from the moment he demanded more say in its selection to the time he and his teammates hoisted the trophy for the first time since 2008.

He helped put together the team and make the pairings. He made sure everyone felt like they were an important part of the team.

And when he went out to play, Mickelson delivered when it mattered most. On Sunday he made 10 birdies in 18 holes that would have won most Ryder Cup matches, though because Garcia kept matching him birdie for birdie it was only worth a half point for the U.S. team.

Sure, Mickelson acted like the smartest guy in the room when he talked about constructing a Ryder Cup team that could take down the Europeans. But after being on the wrong side in eight of 10 Ryder Cups he knew what the issues were and had plenty of ideas about how they could be fixed.

"This team's been questioned and beat up for a long time," Love said.

It may not be questioned much longer if Mickelson has his way. He's a future captain for sure, but he cautioned that unless the changes made in the last two years are permanent than this win won't mean nearly as much.

"It's truly a remarkable thing to watch and a fun thing to be part of," Mickelson said. "I believe we made each other proud, but I hope we made every American proud."

In this Ryder Cup it was mission accomplished.

In-Kyung Kim wins Reignwood LPGA Classic

Associated Press

BEIJING — In-Kyung Kim won the Reignwood LPGA Classic on Sunday for her first LPGA Tour victory in six years, making an eagle and a birdie on the two late par 5s to lead a South Korean sweep of the top three places.

The 28-year-old Kim shot a 7-under 66 at Reignwood Pine Valley, holing a 25-foot eagle putt on the 16th and a 12-footer for birdie on the 18th for her fourth tour title and first since the 2010 Lorena Ochoa Invitational in Mexico. She also won a Ladies European Tour event last month in Germany.

Kim finished at 24-under 268, a stroke ahead of third-round leader Mi Jung Hur and 2014 winner Mirim Lee in the Asian Swing opener. Playing a group behind Kim in the final threesome, Hur missed a chance to force a playoff when her eagle chip from the back fringe went a foot right.

"I just wanted to play my game. I can't control anyone else's game," Kim said. "I feel good that I was able to play how I wanted to play. Even the result, I really try not to focus on result so much. Then I wouldn't be able to perform the way I wanted. I chose to play my game and kind of paid off."

Kim made up for a bogey on par-5 ninth — she went for the green in two and ended up short in the water — by playing the other four par 5s in 5 under. She made the eagle on 16 and birdied Nos. 6, 12 and 18. She also birdied the par-4 15th in her late run.

"Fifteen was really big, too," Kim noted when asked about the eagle on 16.

The 5-foot-3 player was aggressive on 16 after considering laying up.

"I wasn't sure go for it or not go for it," Kim said. "I felt like today I really played with everything I got. I didn't really pull back. Even No. 9, I felt was the right club. I think I managed. I played aggressively, which I had to on this golf course. And especially back nine, I knew that everybody was going to score, so I wanted to do the same thing."

Hur birdied five of the last six for a 70 in the round delayed 1 1/2 hours at the start because of rain and lightning. She opened bogey-bogey-birdie-bogey and parred the next eight.

Lee had a 68. She had a double bogey on No. 9, then played the back nine in 6-under 31 with an eagle on the 12th and five birdies.

China's Shanshan Feng, the 2013 winner in the event that wasn't played last year, shot a 69 to tie for fourth with Canada's Brooke Henderson (71) at 21 under. The 19-year-old Henderson, a two-time winner this year, plans to play all six weeks in Asia, a journey that will take her to Taiwan and South Korea the next two weeks, back to China for the Blue Bay LPGA at Hainan Island, and then to Malaysia and Japan.

Second-ranked Ariya Jutanugarn shot a 65 to tie for sixth at 18 under and take the lead from the idle Lydia Ko in the player of the year points race. The tour leader with five victories, Jutanugarn had a double bogey on the par-5 sixth, then birdied eight of the last 12 holes — with birdies on the final four par 5s. The Thai player also had a double bogey on a par 5 in a second-round 75 that took her out of contention.

Kim is the sixth South Korean winner this season and the third-oldest winner behind Anna Nordqvist (29) and Brittany Lang (30). Kim earned $310,000 to push her season total to $573,534 and is projected to jump from 42nd to 29th in the world ranking.

Sunday
At Reignwood Pine Valley Golf Club
Beijing
Purse: $2.1 million
Yardage: 6,585; Par: 73
(a-amateur)
Final

In-Kyung Kim, $315,000	70-64-68-66—268
Mi Jung Hur, $192,103	69-63-67-70—269
Mirim Lee, $139,357	69-67-66-69—271
Shanshan Feng, $97,287	68-65-69-69—271
Brooke M. Henderson, $97,287	66-66-68-71—271
Ariya Jutanugarn, $70,993	65-75-69-65—274
Maritzep Uribe, $55,743	71-70-69-65—275
Simin Feng, $55,743	70-70-67-68—275
Ilhee Lee, $44,700	69-72-67-68—276
Amy Yang, $44,700	70-67-70-69—276
Sei Young Kim, $39,440	73-70-66-68—277
Sarah Jane Smith, $33,550	69-70-74-65—278
Danielle Kang, $33,550	72-68-72-66—278
Chella Choi, $33,550	70-71-68-69—278
Eun-Hee Ji, $33,550	69-72-68-69—278
Haru Nomura, $26,820	73-69-71-66—279
Yani Tseng, $26,820	74-70-66-69—279
Su Oh, $26,820	70-72-68-69—279
Chella Choi, $26,820	70-69-70-70—279
Pornanong Phatlum, $23,770	74-69-68-70—281
Lizette Salas, $23,770	68-72-70-71—281
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Candie Kung, $21,666	74-70-69-69—282
Hee Young Park, $21,666	71-71-69-71—282
Ha Na Jang, $18,616	72-74-69-68—283
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Brittany Altomare, $18,616	73-72-69-69—283
Jennifer Song, $18,616	68-72-72-71—283
Moriya Jutanugarn, $18,616	70-70-69-74—283
Pernilla Lindberg, $15,586	71-74-71-68—284
Xi Yu Lin, $15,586	74-72-68-70—284
Karine Icher, $15,586	75-70-69-70—284
a-Muni He	74-69-71-70—284
Kris Tamulis, $15,586	73-68-73-70—284
a-Wenbo Liu	69-73-70-72—284
O Beak, $12,937	75-71-72-67—285
Mo Martin, $12,937	72-70-74-69—285
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Paula Reto, $11,358	78-67-66-75—286
Kim Kaufman, $10,097	73-76-72-66—287
Weiwei Zhang, $10,097	73-75-71-68—287
P.K. Kongkraphan, $10,097	77-68-73-69—287
Lindy Duncan, $10,097	71-71-73-72—287
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Jenelin Zhang, $4,523	78-74-73-71—296
Annie Park, $4,364	73-73-78-73—297
Jiayi Zhou, $4,364	73-73-71-80—297
Yunjie Zhang, $4,208	76-77-75-70—298
Jing Yan, $4,128	79-79-72-70—300
Yu Liu, $4,128	72-76-77-75—300
Ziqi Ye, $4,049	69-77-75-80—301
a-Yilan Ji	72-69-76-85—301
Liping Chen, $3,972	78-77-73-76—304
Panpan Yan, $3,972	78-72-77-77—304
Jieyun Li, $3,898	76-78-78-73—305
a-Jingwen Zhang	79-76-75-75—305
Na Yeon Choi, $3,849	81-78-73-77—309

IOC president 'impressed' by Paris 2024 bid

By Samuel Petrequin
Associated Press

Kamil Zihnioglu/Associated Press Pool

French President Francois Hollande, left, and International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach, hold a 1924 Olympics games flag during a meeting at the Elysee Palace on Sunday in Paris. Paris, which last hosted the Olympics in 1924, is competing against Budapest, Rome and Los Angeles for the games.

PARIS — French President Francois Hollande treated IOC President Thomas Bach with a special gift: an Olympic flag from the 1924 Olympic games that were held in Paris.

In addition to the vintage present, Hollande also had a special message for Bach: "This Olympic flag dates back to nearly a century. It will be a century old when Paris will host the Games in 2024."

Paris, which has not hosted the Olympics since those Games, is competing against Budapest, Rome and Los Angeles. The International Olympic Committee will choose the host city in September.

After meeting with French athletes and Paris bid leaders during a two-day visit in the French capital, Bach met Hollande at the Elysee Palace on Sunday to discuss the bid.

He told Hollande he was "impressed" by the Paris dossier and the strong support the bid is enjoying.

"The Paris bid is a very, very strong bid because of the unity and the large support it is sparking off," Bach said. "Personally, I'm very impressed by the unity among both the sporting and political worlds."

Bach insisted the strong support among the general population was a key asset to the Paris bid.

"This has not always been the case with the previous French bids," he said.

Paris failed in bids for the 1992, 2008, and 2012 Games and France also decided not to bid for 2020 after Annecy was humiliated in the race for the 2018 Winter Games.

This time, bid officials have made sure their project is backed by the government, the Paris city hall, and enjoys a strong level of public support.

The Paris bid is also in line with the IOC's Agenda 2020, a set of recommendations encouraging bidding cities to promote maximizing the use of existing facilities and infrastructure to save money.

More than 70 percent of the proposed venues in the Paris bid are existing facilities, with a further 25 percent being temporary structures. The main construction requirements for the bid include an aquatics center close to the Stade de France, a new indoor arena in the southern Bercy neighborhood, the Olympic village and media center. Paris officials are also promising there won't be any white elephants and that 100 percent of the venues will have a real legacy.

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filled with 11 major champions. Love said in a radio interview going into the Ryder Cup, making a point that his players didn't have to do anything extraordinary, that this was "the best team maybe ever assembled."

All that mattered to the Americans was taking back that 17-inch gold trophy.

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UNITED STATES 17, EUROPE 11
Singles
United States 7½, Europe 4½
Patrick Reed, United States, def. Rory McIlroy, Europe, 1 up.
Henrik Stenson, Europe, def. Jordan Spieth, United States, 3 and 2.
Thomas Pieters, Europe, def. J.B. Holmes, United States, 3 and 2.
Rickie Fowler, United States, def. Justin Rose, Europe, 1 up.
Rafa Cabrera Bello, Europe, def. Jimmy Walker, United States, 3 and 2.
Sergio Garcia, Europe, halved with Phil Mickelson, United States.
Ryan Moore, United States, def. Lee Westwood, Europe, 1 up.
Brandt Snedeker, United States, def. Andy Sullivan, Europe, 3 and 1.
Dustin Johnson, United States, def. Chris Wood, Europe, 1 up.
Brooks Koepka, United States, def. Danny Willett, Europe, 5 and 4.
Martin Kaymer, Europe, def. Matt Kuchar, United States, 1 up.
Zach Johnson, United States, def. Matt Fitzpatrick, Europe, 4 and 3.

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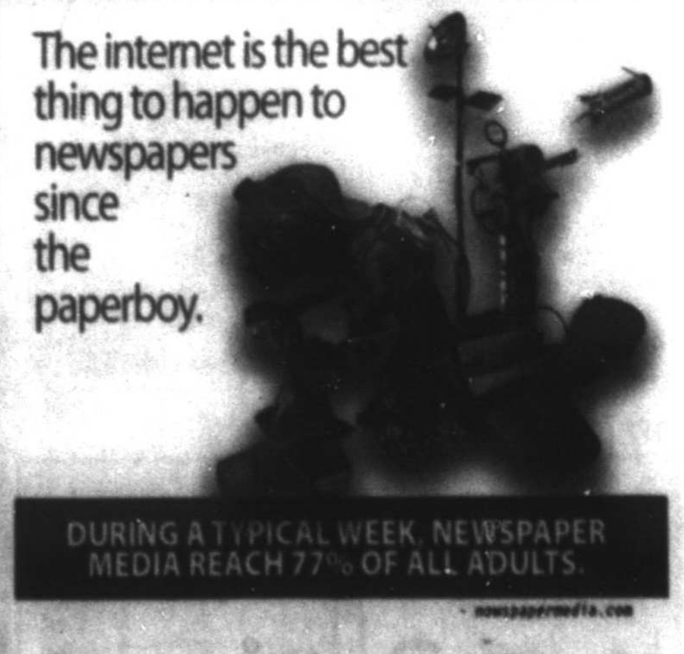

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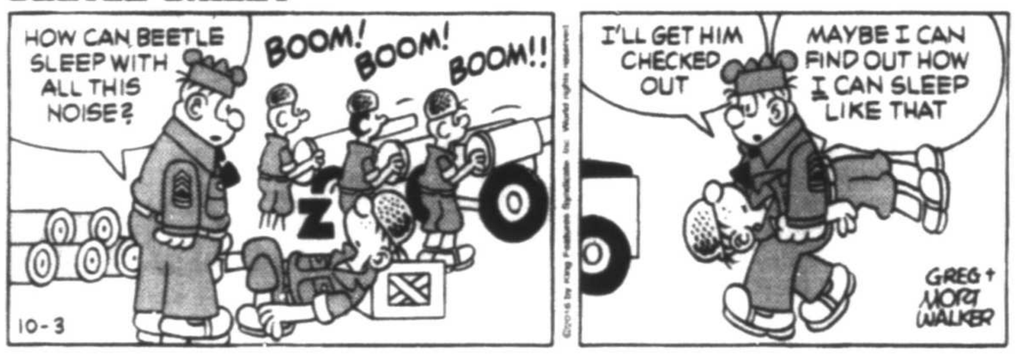

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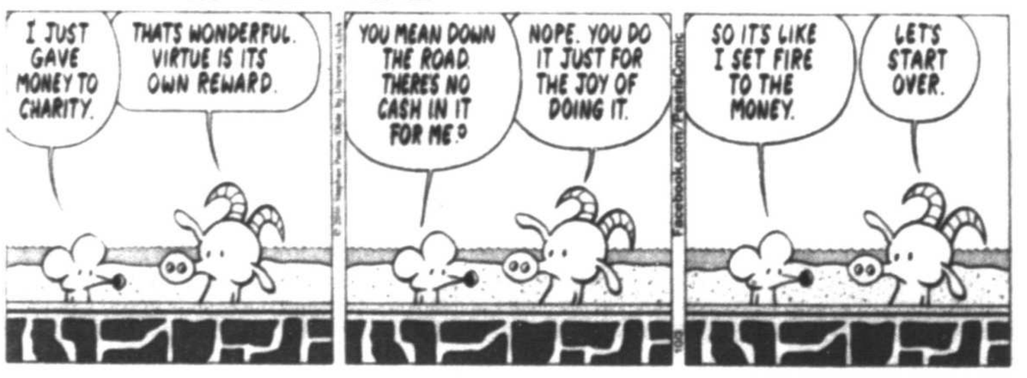

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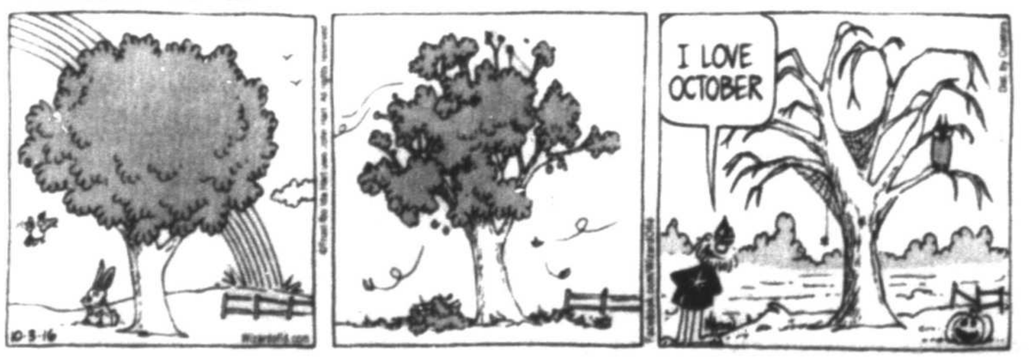

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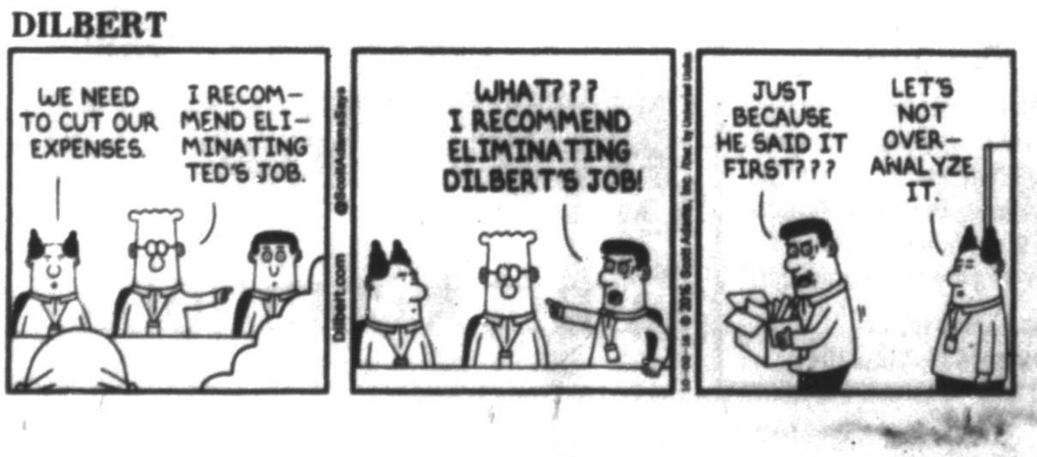

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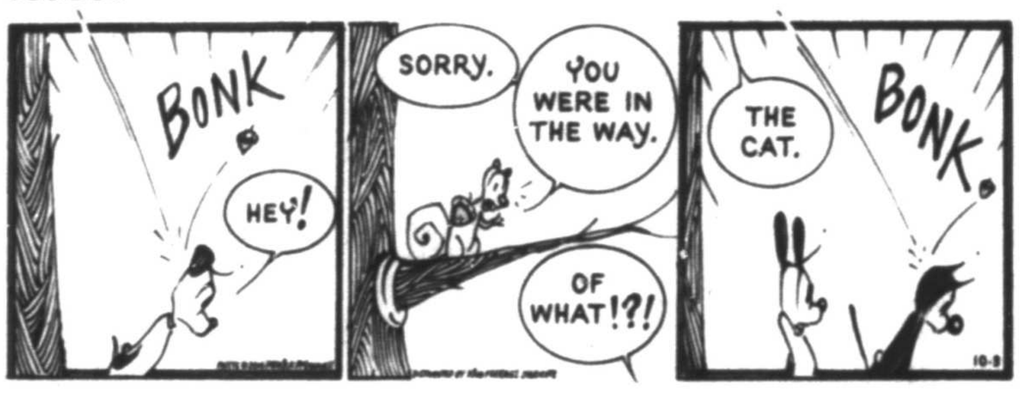

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With the physical condition of the presidential candidates being emphasized, both candidates agreed to an obstacle course challenge.

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TODAY: Mostly sunny	TUESDAY: Mostly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 87 | Low: 65	High: 89 | Low: 69	High: 90 | Low: 64	High: 89 | Low: 59	High: 77 | Low: 52	High: 77 | Low: 57

Local forecast

There is a 30 percent chance of showers tonight and then a slight chance of showers Friday and Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. On Tuesday, winds could gust up to 25 mph.

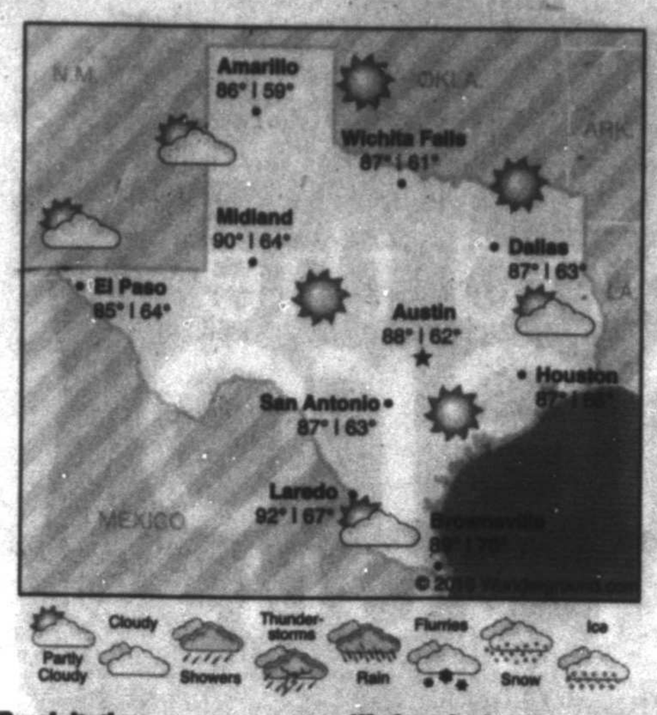
The record high for Oct. 2 is 101 set in 2000. The record low is 42 set in 1965. On Oct. 2 of last year, the high was 86 and the low was 65.

National forecast

Is La Niña here? Depends who you ask

After the demise of El Niño, the climate phenomenon that has helped fuel record-setting heat for the past two years, all eyes have stayed on the Pacific waiting for its counterpart, La Niña.

Without the cooling influence of a La Niña event, the planet is likely to continue feeling the heat for the rest of the year. July and August tied for the hottest month ever recorded and 2016 is essentially guaranteed to be the hottest year on record.



Precipitation

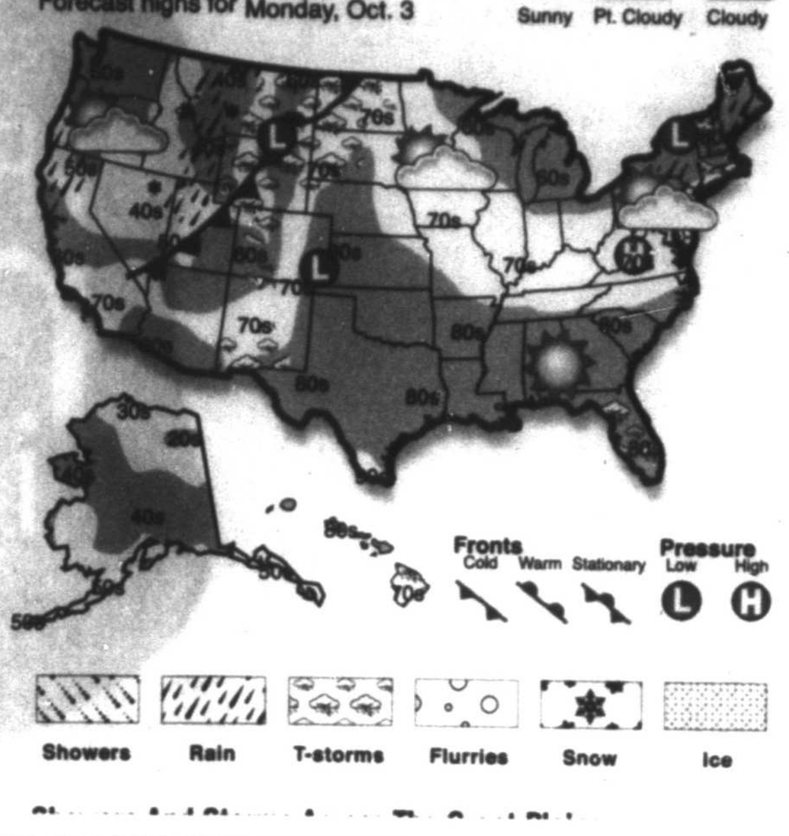
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	2.11 in.
Year total	12.45 in.
Normal total (year to date)	11.71 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	89
Low	61
Normal high	82
Normal low	57
Sunrise	7:44 a.m.
Sunset	7:30 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Oct. 3



Money-grabbing co-worker drives colleague into hiding

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: A woman I'll call Betty Jo works in my office. We are only casual acquaintances. We speak in passing when time permits, but she has never invited me to lunch with her or suggested any interaction outside the job.

About three months ago, Betty Jo mentioned that she and her husband were planning a renewal of wedding vows and said she was going to invite me. In my mailbox at work, I found a poorly photocopied version of a formal invitation, with the following handwritten at the top in large block letters: CASH GIFTS ARE CHEERFULLY ACCEPTED!

I did not plan on attending, because I felt that, if Betty Jo really wanted me, she could have at least sent me an original invitation to my home.

Two weeks ago, while knitting during my lunch break, Betty Jo came up to me and asked about the item I was working on. She then informed me that since I hadn't yet given her a gift, I could complete my knitting project and give that to her! Abby, I was flabbergasted. It's a custom-designed angora sweater, a gift for a cherished friend.

I mumbled something about being "busy as a bee" with projects to complete, and since that day I have gone out of my way to avoid any contact with Betty Jo. I've even managed to find an office with a door that locks in which to take my breaks.

First, am I behind the times or is requesting money on an invitation a new trend? Second, why would this rude and clueless woman request such an elaborate gift from someone she barely knows? Third, how do I handle future interactions with her at the office? Please don't reveal my name, city or state. — **BOTHERED AND BEWILDERED**

DEAR BOTHERED: You are not behind the times. To request a gift of money (cash, yet!) is still regarded by most people as bad manners. Your co-worker asked you for the sweater you were knitting because she either has a lot of nerve or doesn't know any better.

Please stop trying to hide from her. You don't have to feel defensive for not attending her renewal ceremony or giving her a gift. Just maintain a polite and consistent distance, and continue to socialize with others as you always have.

DEAR ABBY: I am 50 and about to re-enter the dating scene. I'm financially stable and look forward to a nice retirement in the future. I hope to find a woman for a lasting relationship. However, I would like her to also be financially stable and building her own retirement fund.

When is it appropriate to ask questions about someone's financial security and retirement funds/goals? — **SECURE TEXAN**

DEAR SECURE TEXAN: Good question. I don't think it would be appropriate to ask on a first date, so consider raising the subject right around the time you start talking about sex and politics.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 4 ♡ K Q 6 ◇ A K 10 ♣ A 10 9 8 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — With all those prime cards, the five-card suit, and the rich intermediates, this hand is easily worth 20-21 points. Open two no-trump.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q ♡ A 10 8 2 ◇ J 9 6 3 ♣ Q J 10 4

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2◇	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — It's disappointing that partner doesn't have a major — the opponents have at least nine spades between them. Still, you must soldier on, so bid three no-trump and hope for the best.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 9 4 ♡ 4 ◇ Q 9 ♣ A K Q J 3 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass

What call would you make?

A — A jump rebid of opener's minor at the four level shows a playing strength raise based on four-card support and a big side suit. Perfect! Bid four clubs.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q 10 5 ♡ K 10 9 2 ◇ 6 3 ♣ A K 7 2

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	1◇	1♠	Pass

What call would you make?

A — After a one-diamond overcall, partner's bid only promises a four-card suit. Still, this hand is an automatic raise. Bid two spades.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Oct. 3, 2016:

This year you feel lucky; it's as though you are carrying around a magic wand. You learn the power of positive thinking, and you easily manifest more of your long-term goals. You will land well in even the most difficult situations. If you are single, you open up to a new friendship that could quickly develop into a lot more. This relationship will be significant to your life's history. If you are attached, your charisma and sensitivity help make your bond flow. The two of you can transform nearly any difficult situation together. SCORPIO can be demanding!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Deal with others directly instead of through the typical chains of authority. As a result, the number of positive interactions you have will increase. Others respond well to you, as they appreciate your straightforward approach. Tonight: A partner suggests a solution to a problem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Others command your attention, but not in a way that upsets you. They depend on your abilities to follow through and give significant feedback. A course and/or dealing with someone from a different culture will broaden your perspective. Tonight: Defer to a friend's need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Pace yourself. Tap into your creativity in order to help smooth out an associate's or a friend's rough edges. Focus on each item on your to-do list without allowing any disruptions to distract you. The results will be positive. Tonight: Take some time for yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You are full of happiness, and you see life differently from others. Although this upbeat attitude might be nothing more than a passing phase, maximize the moment. Your charm will emerge in a meeting. Tonight: A talk could be significant if you can identify with the other party.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Use your imagination when making plans. The itinerary might be irrelevant to many people, but not to you. Your sense of humor emerges at various points throughout the day, which adds a light tone to a serious matter. Do not postpone a call. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could feel as if you are needed, as various demands and requests seem to head your way. You respond to someone in such a caring way that he or she can't help but understand where you are coming from. Allow your attention to detail to emerge. Tonight: Make calls.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Give possessions less importance, but be meticulous in how you deal with your finances. You could be eyeing an expense that needs to be put on hold a bit longer, or perhaps it would be better if you did some price comparison. Tonight: Relax and visit with a close friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You wake up on the right side of the bed. You'll go through the day with an upbeat attitude. How you handle a potential problem could change as you attempt to find resolutions. Your smile seems to be the glue that makes situations work. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Lie low and observe more before choosing a direction. Watch what happens when you want to make possibilities more accessible than in the past. Use caution with anyone you meet right now; people could be trying to make a good impression. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Zero in on an offer. You might want more clarity, but could find that it is unavailable. You are likely to feel confused by mixed messages. Make a mental note of what is happening, and investigate alternatives with care. Tonight: Make friends and loved ones a higher priority.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Accept your role in what needs to happen. You will be able to take the lead and bring together many different types of people and requests. Look beyond the obvious in order to find a common emotion or need. Work from a grounded space. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Your ability to see beyond the obvious puts a smile on your face. You see what others miss, and you are able to help each person understand what is happening. Avoid focusing on the differences between you and a friend. Tonight: Feed your mind as well as your body.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Gwen Stefani (1969), musician Tommy Lee (1962), actress Neve Campbell (1973)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Hospital IV amts.
4 Irrational fear sufferer's suffix
9 Texas city
13 Until now
14 Specialized language
15 Dashing style
16 Expose wrongdoing
19 Gymnast Korbut
20 Choose by majority vote
21 Wok cook's flavoring
23 Attacked by surprise
26 Baseball card stat
27 Daly, in Durango
28 MBA hopeful's test
29 Take a break
32 Lead singer's part
34 "No need to explain the joke"
36 Is obliged to pay
37 With the breeze at your back, in sailing
41 Creative fields
42 Feathers
43 Hot chocolate drinks
46 Actor Morales
47 Braz. neighbor
50 Astounded state
51 What it takes to tango
53 Maple syrup rating
55 Bank acct. earnings
56 Peddler's merchandise
59 Like "Supergirl," ratings-wise
60 Where the driver sits
64 Decimated Asian sea
65 Budget prefix
66 Genetics lab subj.
67 Audacity
68 __ island
69 Incidentally, in texting ... and a hint to three long puzzle answers

DOWN

1 RoboCop is one
2 Wine storage area
3 Inferior cigar
4 Compliment "on the back"
5 Princely letters
6 S-shaped molding
7 Soup serving
8 Out-of-use anesthetic
9 White terrier, familiarly
10 Ctrl-__-Del: PC reboot combo
11 "You're getting too excited"
12 Like a 45-10 football game
17 Roll of bills
18 Long-range nuke
22 Many pride parade participants
24 Therefore
25 Bucks and does
30 Instructions component
31 "Superman," e.g.
33 Superman lover Lane
34 "In that case ... "
35 Consequently
37 Lunchbox alternative
38 And so forth
39 Cyberzine
40 Small dam
41 Berry rich in antioxidants
44 Whenever you want to
45 Ugly duckling, as we learn later
47 "-ly" word, usually
48 Admonition to a sinner
49 Act that suppresses free speech
52 What an unruly courtroom lacks
54 Part of NCAA: Abbr.
57 Carve in stone
58 Chase off
61 Evil film computer
62 Last in a sequence
63 "__ is me!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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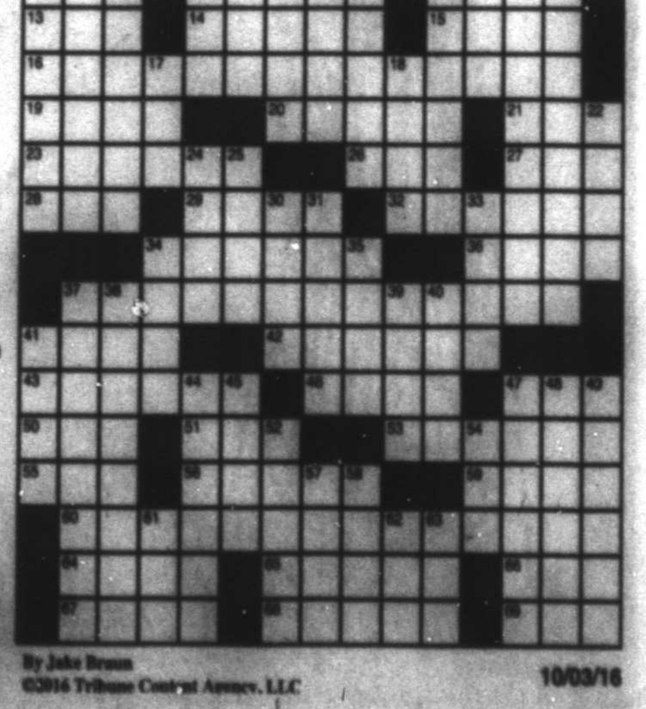

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The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP #06-022 Grocery list** through the MISD electronic bid system. Proposals will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the proposal documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **October 28, 2016 2:00PM CST.** Request for Proposal documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

Notice is hereby given that on Extra Space Storage will sell at public auction at the storage facilities listed below, to satisfy the lien of the owner, personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the following locations: Auctioneer: Jack Parnell Lic # 16100 (Karen's Auction Resource): 10% buyer's premium.

Facility 1772: 1904 West Loop 250 N, Midland, TX 79705 (432)258-1370, October 21, 2016, 10:00 AM
Rachel Wescott Unit#I207 household items, Pam Morgan Unit#D328 Boxes, Bill Bloom Unit#P513 Boxes and holiday decor, Nicholas Lopachin Unit#I247 Boxes and totes

Facility 1813: 3111 Caldera Blvd. Midland, TX 79705 (432)-664-0193, October 21 2016, 10:30 AM
Christopher Derrick Unit #513 sports equipment, tool box, Household items, Jonathan Wood Unit #941, 15 Mattresses and boxsprings, Jonathan Wood Unit #940 Couches and mattress, Valerie Hernandez Unit#545 Household goods, Andrew Johnston Unit #523 Household goods, Frances Herrera Unit #126 household goods, Antonio Melendez Unit#587, Household goods, boxes, washer, Dryer

Facility 1770: 5005 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX 79703 (432)694-5959, October 21, 2016, 11:00 am
Ivan Najera Unit#0012H household items, Brittnie Vela unit#1102 household items, Jeff Springer unit#1066 household goods, Irma Serrano unit#0012E household goods, Eloy Calderon unit#0736 household goods, Trans-Expedite unit#0738 household, Nicholas Nelson unit#0313 household, George Mauldin unit#0514 Car, Furniture and christmas decor, Megan Dail unit#1101 misc items

Facility 1814: 2504 N Loop 250 W Midland, TX 79707 (432)-694-1111, October 21 2016, 11:30 AM
Bonika Shawn Lewis Unit#633 Boxes, Totes, Toys, Rose Rendon Unit #291 Toddler Bed, Bags, Norma Crowson Unit #512 Fridge, Decor, Boxes

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