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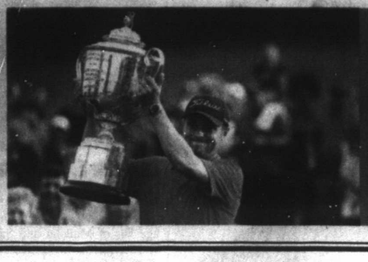

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Justin Thomas closed with a 3-under 68 on Sunday at Quail Hollow to capture his first major. Read more in Sports.

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White nationalist rally planned at A&M

Former student Preston Wiginton sets rally for Sept. 11, counter protest planned

By Matthew Watkins
Texas Tribune

Get more inside

- Rebel yell: Southern nationalists again crying 'secede'
- Crash suspect's ex-teacher says he idolized Hitler, Nazism

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As the nation watched tension between white nationalists and counter protestors turn violent Saturday in Charlottesville, Virginia, worries began to emerge that the discord would come to a Texas college town next.

Preston Wiginton, a Texan with deep ties to white nationalist movements, announced Saturday afternoon that he plans to host a "White Lives Matter" rally next month on the campus of Texas A&M University. At the top of a press release announcing the event, he declared "TODAY CHARLOTTESVILLE TOMORROW TEXAS A&M."

Word of the planned rally, which Wiginton said will take place on Sept. 11, generated immediate outrage on social media. Within hours, a counter protest had been planned. That event will be called "BTHO Hate," the name of which borrows from an A&M football chant expressing the desire to "beat the hell outta" the opposing team.

The organizer of that protest said the event would be nonviolent, and was organized to "demonstrate that members of the

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FOND FAREWELL

Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosted the End of Summer Tejano Bash on Saturday at Cimarex Energy Pavilion at the Scharbauer Sports Complex. Headliners for the night were Shelly Lares, Stefani Montiel and La Dezz.

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Juveniles playing in vacant building leads to one death

From staff reports

Juveniles were playing on the 11th floor inside a vacant downtown building when a 16-year-old Midland High student fell 11 stories to his death Saturday night, according to Midland police.

John Butler died after falling from the 11th floor of the Western United Life Building, located at 304 W. Texas Ave., around 10:20 p.m., according to police.

The investigation into the incident revealed that Butler and other juveniles were inside the building playing with airsoft rifles.

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Report: 11 of state's major gangs are present in Midland

From staff reports

At least 11 "tier 1" or "tier 2" gangs are active in Midland County, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety gang assessment threat from July.

The report showed activity from Tango Blast/Tango Clicks, Latin Kings, Texas Mexican Mafia, Texas Syndicate, Crips, Bloods, Bandidos Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, Surenos, Aryan Circle and Aryan Brotherhood of Texas.

The "most significant" gang in 2016, according to the report, was Barrio Azteca. Midland Police Department Officer D.J. Goswick said Barrio Azteca has been active maintaining crime through firearms

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Sheriff's office identifies man who assaulted deputies

From staff reports

The man who was shot after allegedly assaulting two Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies early Saturday has been identified as 20-year-old Edwin Jordan Soto-Contreras, according to Sheriff Gary Painter.

Soto-Contreras was fingerprinted after he came out of surgery at Midland Memorial Hospital on Saturday, according to a press release. Soto-Contreras was shot after he allegedly assaulted the deputies, who were responding to a call that a naked man wearing a cowboy hat was trying to enter vehicles about 2 miles was of Farm-to-Market Road 1788 and State Highway 158.

The suspect's fingerprints were submitted to local, state and national databases, and a record of the man, based on his fingerprints, was located. The fingerprint identified the man as Soto-Contreras, who previously was arrested in Colorado. The sheriff's office is attempting to locate family members.

The incident is under investigation by the Texas Rangers and MCSO.

Saturday's shooting is the second in the last month involving sheriff's deputies.

A 28-year-old Midland man was shot July 9 during an incident on Interstate 20 near mile marker 148, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. MCSO received calls that a man — later identified as Julio A. Perez — was running in traffic on eastbound I-20 and the north service road. He then got into a pickup that had stopped and tried to drive off.

Visit us on social media

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A woman began a "Meet a Muslim" program to answer questions about her religion people were afraid to ask. Page 7A

The big number
20 percent: That's how much violent crime has gone down under a doctor's modeling system in Fort Worth. Page 2A

Word of the Day:
zucchetto
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Nominate an Emerging Leader

Midland Magazine's 20 UNDER 40 2017
Presented by My Community Credit Union

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

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

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

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

THE HEARST NEWSPAPERS COMMEMORATE THE AUG. 14 ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST. ALONG WITH NUMEROUS OTHER WRITINGS, HE PENNED THIS POEM. REPRINTING IT IS OUR TRADITIONAL WAY OF REMEMBERING OUR FOUNDER, WHO DIED AUG. 14, 1951.

Hearst

"The snow melts on the mountain
And the water runs down to the spring,
And the spring in a turbulent fountain,

With a song of youth to sing,
Runs down to the riotous river,
And the river flows to the sea,

And the water again
Goes back in rain
To the hills where it used to be.
And I wonder if life's deep mystery
Isn't much like the rain and the snow
Returning through all eternity
To the places it used to know.
For life was born on the lofty heights
And flows in a laughing stream,
To the river below
Whose onward flow
Ends in a peaceful dream.
And so at last,
When our life has passed
And the river has run its course,
It again goes back,
O'er the selfsame track,
To the mountain which was its source.
So why prize life
Or why fear death,
Or dread what is to be?
The river ran
Its allotted span
Till it reached the silent sea.
Then the water harked back
To the mountain-top
To begin its course once more.
So we shall run
The course begun
Till we reach the silent shore.
Then revisit earth
In a pure rebirth
From the heart of the virgin snow.
So don't ask why
We live or die,
Or whither, or when we go,
Or wonder about the mysteries
That only God may know.

Obituaries

Lehman E. Newton, Jr.

Lehman E. Newton, Jr., age 94, of Midland and San Angelo, passed away Friday, August 11, 2017.

Lehman was born October 24, 1922, in Rotan, Texas, to Lehman E. and Mabel Essie Newton. He graduated from Texas A & M with a degree in Chemical Engineering in January, 1943. He was commissioned into the United States Army, January 31, 1943, and served until October 5, 1946. He served as a Captain in Chemical Warfare Service during World War II, serving both stateside and in the Pacific, China-Burma-India, and European Theaters.

Lehman married Frances McCombs September 7, 1947, in Rotan, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, his parents, and a sister, Patsy Cox.

Lehman is survived by his children, Frances and Larry Stapp, Sue and Steve Van Hoozer, Newt and Banay Newton, and Bob and Kim Newton. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Stacey and J.C. Cornett, Brandy and Jim Tirey, Emily and Jason Bush, Phillip and Sara Newton, Adam Newton, Maggie Newton, Bradley and Tara Newton, Kevin and Paige Newton, and Jeffrey Newton; and by his great grandchildren, Addison and Jace Roberson, Andrew Cornett, Grayson, Sawyer, and Graham Tirey, Caleb and Leah Bush, Lainey and Annie Newton, and Lucy Newton.

A memorial service for Mr. Newton will be held at First United Methodist Church in the Glass Chapel on Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., with the Reverend Tamara Strehli and the Reverend Melissa Schuller officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St., Midland, Texas 79701, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Ellis Funeral Home
Funerals & Cremations
Dignity 801 Andrews Hwy. (432) 683-5535

Death Notices

Cruz "Chato" Hernandez

Cruz R. Hernandez, 81 of Midland, passed away on August 12, 2017.

He is survived by his sons, Chris Hernandez, and Michael Hernandez; his daughters, Christina Hernandez, Monica Espinoza, Debra Tapia, and Cindy Guzman; and four brothers.

Funeral Mass is set for today, August 14, 2017 at 2:00pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Kennith Ray Beeler

"Kennith Ray Beeler, 81, of Midland, Texas passed away August 12, 2017 in Abilene, TX.

A memorial service will be held Monday, August 14, 2017 at 2 PM at the First United Methodist Church, Cross Plains, TX."

Court set to propose 2017-18 tax rate

From staff reports

The Midland County Commissioners' Court is scheduled today to propose a tax rate for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

As the budget season is underway, County Judge Mike Bradford said the county is focused on potential revenue impacts from the Texas Legislature's special session.

For preliminary budget expenditures, Bradford said some emphasis is on the justice system, including the jail, courts and the district attorney's office.

He said another focus is roads — on which the county spent nearly $50 million during the past three years.

Last year, commissioners approved a $66 million operations budget for 2016-17 and a tax rate of 15.5992 cents per $100 valuation, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

The agenda for today's meeting, which is 9 a.m. at the Midland County Courthouse, has more than 90 items, including four topics to be discussed in executive session.

At least one item — salaries for elected officials — will be addressed during a meeting that had to be scheduled for Tuesday because of advance notification requirements.

The time of Tuesday's meeting had not been set as Friday afternoon.

Doctor seeks to stop child abuse before it can happen

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A Texas doctor believes a modeling system that's successfully identified neighborhoods, streets and even specific businesses where shootings and other crimes are likely to occur can help stop child abuse and neglect before it happens.

Dyann Daley started a nonprofit this summer to help communities create maps that can zero in on areas as small as a few city blocks where such maltreatment is likeliest to happen, helping prevent it before it starts and allowing advocacy groups to better focus their limited resources.

"This approach is really focused on prevention," said Daley, a pediatric anesthesiologist. "Because if you know where something is going to happen, then you can do something to stop it."

Unlike the common hot spot mapping approach, which identifies high-frequency areas of child abuse and neglect based on cases that have already happened, Daley's risk terrain modeling approach identifies other factors that indicate an area is fertile ground for abuse so that efforts can be made to head it off.

Such prevention can not only save lives, it can help at-risk children avoid the often lifelong harmful effects of maltreatment, including a likelihood of alcohol and drug abuse, depression and anxiety, and risk of aggressive or criminal behavior.

"Hot spots tell you where past crimes have occurred, but don't explain why," said Joel Caplan, one of two Rutgers University School of Criminal Justice professors who created risk terrain modeling . He said hot spot mapping also assumes that crimes will continue to occur in the same location.

LM Otero/Associated Press

Colored pins on a map marks churches in areas of Fort Worth where research is predicting that there's a high risk of child abuse and neglect occurring. Aid organizations are using the research to try to focus outreach efforts into these areas.

Risk terrain modeling was initially used to understand why shootings were happening time and again at certain locations.

Caplan said it has since been used in variety of areas, including traffic planning and suicides, but that Daley's work is the first he knows of to apply it to child maltreatment.

The modeling has helped police departments across the country identify areas to target and what strategies to use to reduce certain crimes. He said a project in Atlantic City found laundromats, convenience stores and vacant properties were high risk locations for shootings and robberies.

Interventions this year included police regularly checking in at the convenience stores and city officials prioritizing efforts to clean up vacant lots and board up vacant properties near those convenience stores and laundromats.

He said results for the first five months show a 20 percent reduction in violent crimes.

"It gives us an idea of which risk factors we should focus on if we want to make the biggest impact, and that's something you can't do with hot spot mapping," Daley said.

Daley adapted the modeling for Fort Worth as executive director of the Cook Children's Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment , a post she left in May before starting her nonprofit, Predict-Align-Prevent Inc.

After using the model to analyze 10 known risk factors for child abuse and neglect, she found the most predictive risk factors for child maltreatment in Fort Worth were incidents of domestic violence, runaways, aggravated assaults and sexual assaults.

Perhaps surprisingly, when poverty was removed as a factor the model's predictive accuracy improved, said Daley, adding that the most influential risk factors may change depending on the city, especially for rural versus urban areas.

The next step is determining what prevention strategies work. Daley said success will be measured by reductions in child abuse and highly correlative risk factors including violent crime, domestic violence and teen pregnancy.

Gangs

From 1A

and narcotics trafficking.

"They tend to have more organized criminal scenes," Goswick said.

The report states the most significant gangs for 2016 in Region 9, which includes Midland and Odessa, are Barrio Azteca and the Tango cliques of El Paso (Chuco) and West Texas (WTX).

The largest and most active street gangs in the region are Surenos (all sets), Gangster Disciples and Crips (all sets).

The largest and most active prison gangs, according to the report, are the Tango cliques in West Texas (West Texas Tangos) and El Paso (Chuco), Barrio Azteca and Aryan Brotherhood of Texas.

Midland police reported 57 arrests of gang members in 2016 and 39 between January and June of this year.

MPD said the arrests may not have been due to gang activity but those were "arrests in general of gang members (MPD) had on file."

Goswick said it is difficult to recognize gang members, but residents should contact police if they see anything suspicious.

Gangs are involved in crimes related to firearms, property crime and narcotics, he said.

Most of the firearms traffic comes from weapons stolen in burglaries, so people should lock up their firearms, said Goswick, one of 12 members of Midland's gang unit.

DPS GANG ASSESSMENT THREAT NOTES

■ Among convicted tier-ranked gang members entering into the Texas Department of Criminal Justice during calendar year 2016, about 7 percent came from counties in Region 4, which extends from just east of San Angelo to Presidio and El Paso to Midland-Odessa and Big Spring and includes Andrews and Seminole. Tangos members represent 37 percent of those convictions. Barrio Azteca accounted for 28 percent of convictions

■ More than half of all tier-ranked gang members incarcerated in TDCJ prisons are serving sentences for violent crimes, including robbery (23 percent), homicide (16 percent), "assaultive" offenses (14 percent), and sexual assault (6 perdent).

Building

From 1A

As the group was playing on the 11th floor, Butler fell through a large hole that extended through all floors to the ground floor. Butler had died by the time police and EMS arrived.

The Western United Life building was abandoned, and the juveniles did not have permission to be in the building, police said. The investigation is continuing.

As recently as 2015, developers had hoped to turn the vacant building into a 12-floor, 144-room hotel.

However, negotiations stalled after the project hit financial troubles, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

The article also stated Texas 301 Ventures LLC has spent nearly $800,000 cleaning out the building.

The Midland Central Appraisal District lists Mahendra Patel as the owner of the property since 2009.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

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Zucchetto
[zoo-ket-oh]
noun
1. a small, round skullcap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics, a priest's being black, a bishop's violet, a cardinal's red, and the pope's white; calotte.

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Things to do

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7206, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
■ Young Chef's Showcase benefiting Midland High's culinary program, 6:30 p.m., Opal's Table, 223 W. Wall St. $100. opalstable.com.
■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.
■ Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Meeting

Commissioners' Court
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

Education Impact Series to host TED speaker

The Abell-Hanger Foundation, in partnership with Educate Midland, will host Sir Ken Robinson on Tuesday at the Horseshoe Pavilion. Robinson, who will address innovation and creativity in education, has gained recognition from the TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design) Conference.

The free event is the inaugural Education Impact Series lecture. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and Robinson's book signing and an education resource fair will precede the lecture. The main program kicks off at 6:30 p.m. with opening performances from the Midland Festival Ballet and local students Adyson and Ashton Alexander.

To register, visit the Educate Midland office or website, or call 818-2823.

What's on the radio

News talk
KCRS (AM 550)
Local programming
■ 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Kris Moore
■ 5-6 p.m. Local News with KOSA

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
Local programming
■ 6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
■ 1 p.m. One-on-One w/ R.J. Pase

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

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

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

When it's open

Midland County Tax Assessor/ Collector
2110 N. "A" St.
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Friday
■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
688-4810

Midland Central Appraisal District
4631 Andrews Highway
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday
699-4991

Department of Public Safety: Driver's License Office
2405 South Loop 250 West
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Friday
■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays
498-2100

U.S. Postal Service
■ Downtown, 100 E. Wall St. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ Village, 2315 W Louisiana Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ Graves, 3304 W Wadley Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday
■ ClayDesta, 612 Veterans Airpark Lane. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ GMF Midland, 1000 Loop 40. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Kids played on Tiki Island Water Park inflatable slides during the Ice Cream Festival, which was July 29-30 in downtown Midland.

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Weather

Sunday's temperatures
High ... 99
Low ... 71
Normal high ... 94
Normal low ... 69

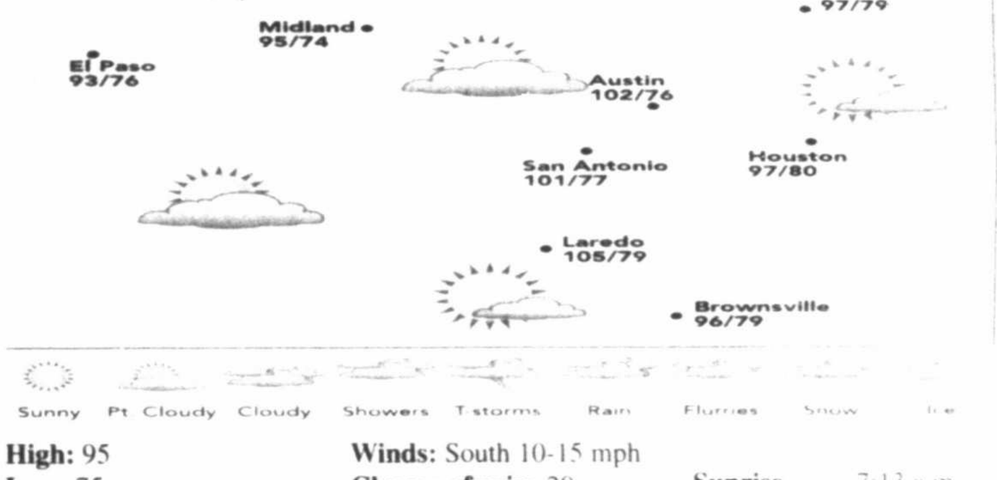
Aug. 13's records
Record high: 105, set in 1946
Record low: 61, set in 1931

Precipitation
Sunday ... 0.00 in.
Saturday ... 0.04 in.
Month total ... 1.54 in.
Year total ... 11.76 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 8.61 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 10 mph
Gust speed: Data missing

Today's forecast

Forecast for Monday, August 14, 2017



Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice

High: 95
Low: 75
Conditions: Partly sunny today/partly cloudy tonight
Winds: South 10-15 mph
Chance of rain: 20 percent today/30 percent tonight
Sunrise ... 7:13 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:33 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Aug. 14, 2017:

This year you often have an effect on others. You also are very much your own person. If you decide to go in a desired direction, nothing can stop you. Remember that! If you are single, be smart and avoid the classic pitfall of dating someone you work with. You will be a lot happier if you do. In the next few months, you could meet someone highly desirable, if you haven't already. If you are attached, work on your flexibility, and you might discover that your sweetie does the same. Keep your distance from TAURUS, as he or she is even more stubborn than you are!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might feel more balanced than you have in a while. Sometime during the day, some anger could arise from out of nowhere. You need to be careful as to what words you say; otherwise, you will need to make amends, which could be difficult. Tonight: Slow down.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Something unexpected could affect your life in a personal way. Remain optimistic that you will figure out a way to straighten out this situation. Refusing to face the problem or being stubborn might not work. Identify with the other parties involved. Tonight: Fun and games.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You sense that the less said, the better. You have been gaining some insight over the past few years. Trust in your ability to handle the issue at hand. It is normal to feel discouraged at times; let the wave of doubt wash right over you. Tonight: Visit with a favorite friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might be more emotional than you realize. You cannot keep postponing events. Resolve the issue, at least for yourself, so that it no longer runs your life. Honor a fast change of pace, but note what motivates you to switch gears. Tonight: Remain flexible and understanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could be pushing yourself very hard to meet your expectations. You are your harshest critic; try being easier on yourself. A higher-up might make a demand that you aren't ready to meet just yet. Examine new possibilities. You have a lot going for you. Tonight: Relax at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You could be a lot more uptight than usual. Make a call and arrange to meet up with a friend for lunch. Once you gain a fresh perspective, you will not be so tense. In fact, by the end of the day, you might even laugh at what has occurred. Tonight: Distract yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You work well in partnerships. You have the special gift of making others feel important and cared about. Expect today to be heavy on one-on-one relating. You can't help but charm those around you. Nevertheless, you sense a certain ambivalence. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your intensity generally lures others toward you. Finally, you'll meet someone who has the same effect on you. Use the power of your eyes and your smile, and you will like the results. You will enjoy spending time with this person. Tonight: Don't give in to insecurity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ You could be much crankier than you realize. Understand what is causing this type of discomfort, and try to find a solution quickly. Otherwise, it is likely create distance between you and others. Try to avoid unnecessary discomfort. Tonight: Think rather than act impulsively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Don't cause a problem for yourself when there need not be one. Allow your creativity to emerge and play into your day. You could even enjoy the unexpected! The only person who can stop you is you. Make the most of the moment. Tonight: Let the real fun begin!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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James Alex Fields Jr., second from left, holds a black shield Saturday in Charlottesville, Va., where a white supremacist rally took place. Fields was later charged with second-degree murder and other counts after authorities say he plowed a car into a crowd of people protesting the white nationalist rally.

Crash suspect's ex-teacher says he idolized Hitler, Nazism

By Dake Kang and Dan Sewell
Associated Press

FLORENCE, Ky. — The young man accused of plowing a car into a crowd of people protesting a white supremacist rally was fascinated with Nazism, idolized Adolf Hitler, and had been singled out by school officials in the 9th grade for his "deeply held, radical" convictions on race, a former high school teacher said Sunday.

James Alex Fields Jr. also confided that he had been diagnosed with schizophrenia when he was younger and had been prescribed an anti-psychotic medication, Derek Weimer said in an interview with The Associated Press.

In high school, Fields was an "average" student, but with a keen interest in military history, Hitler, and Nazi Germany, said Weimer, who said he was Fields' social studies teacher at Randall K. Cooper high schoolin Union, Kentucky, in Fields' junior and senior years.

"Once you talked to James for a while, you would start to see that sympathy towards Nazism, that idolization of Hitler, that belief in white supremacy," Weimer said. "It would start to creep out."

Fields

Police charged Fields with second-degree murder and other counts for allegedly driving his silver Dodge Challenger through a crowd of protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Saturday, killing a 32-year-old woman and wounding at least 19 other people. A Virginia State Police helicopter deployed in a large-scale police response to the violence then crashed into the woods outside of town and both troopers on board died.

The 20-year-old Fields had been photographed hours earlier carrying the emblem of Vanguard America, one of the hate groups that organized the "take America back" campaign in protest of the removal of a Confederate statue. The group on Sunday denied any association with the suspect, even as a separate hate group that organized Saturday's rally pledged on social media to organize future events that would be "bigger than Charlottesville."

The mayor of Charlottesville, political leaders of all political stripes, and activists and community organizers around the country planned rallies, vigils and education campaigns to combat the hate groups. They also urged President Donald Trump to forcefully denounce the organizations, some of which specifically cited Trump's election after a campaign of racially charged rhetoric as validation of their beliefs. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced late Saturday that federal authorities would pursue a civil rights investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

Weimer recalled that school officials had singled out Fields when he was in 9th grade for his political beliefs and "deeply held, radical" convictions on race and Nazism.

"It was a known issue," he said.

Weimer said Fields left school for a while, and when he came back he was quieter about politics until his senior year, when politicians started to declare their candidacy for the 2016 presidential race. Weimer said Fields was a big Trump supporter because of what he believed to be Trump's views on race. Trump's proposal to build a border wall with Mexico was particularly appealing to Fields, Weimer said. Fields also admired the Confederacy for its military prowess, he said, though they never spoke about slavery.

As a senior, Fields wanted to join the army, and Weimer, a former officer in the Ohio National Guard, guided him through the process of applying, he said, believing that the military would expose Fields to people of different races and backgrounds and help him dispel his white supremacist views. But Fields was ultimately turned down, which was a big blow, Weimer said. Weimer said he lost contact with Fields after he graduated and was surprised to hear reports that Fields had enlisted in the army.

"The Army can confirm that James Alex Fields reported for basic military training in August of 2015, said Army spokeswoman Lt. Col. Jennifer Johnson. "He was, however, released from active duty due to a failure to meet training standards in December of 2015," she said.

Fields' mother, Samantha Bloom, told the AP late Saturday that she knew her son was going to Virginia for a political rally, but she had no idea it involved white supremacists.

"I just told him to be careful," she said, adding she warned him that if there were protests "to make sure he's doing it peacefully."

"I thought it had something to do with Trump. Trump's not a white supremacist," said Bloom, speaking from the condominium in Maumee, Ohio, where she had lived with her son until he moved out a few months ago.

In photos taken before the rally, Fields was shown standing Saturday with a half-dozen other men, all wearing the Vanguard America uniform of khakis and white polo shirts. The men held white shields with Vanguard America's black-and-white logo of two crossed axes. The Confederate statue of Robert E. Lee was in the background.

The photo was taken about 10:30 a.m. Saturday just hours before authorities say Fields crashed his car into the crowd at 1:42 p.m. The Anti-Defamation League says Vanguard America believes the U.S. is an exclusively white nation, and uses propaganda to recruit young white men online and on college campuses.

In a Twitter post, the group said it had handed out the shields "to anyone in attendance who wanted them," and denied Fields was a member. "All our members are safe an (sic) accounted for, with no arrests or charges."

In blog posts after the violence, the Daily Stormer, a leading white nationalist website that promoted the Charlottesville event, pledged to hold more events "soon."

"We are going to start doing this nonstop," the post

Please see SUSPECT/5A

Rebel yell: Southern nationalists again crying 'secede'

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — As 21st century activists seek to topple monuments to the 19th century Confederate rebellion, some white Southerners are again advocating for what the Confederates tried and failed to do: secede from the Union.

It's not an easy argument to win, and it's not clear how much support the idea has. The leading Southern nationalist group, the Alabama-based League of the South, has been making the same claim for more than two decades and still has an address in the U.S.A., not the C.S.A.

But the idea of a breakaway Southern nation persists.

The League of the South's longtime president, retired university professor Michael Hill of Killen, Alabama, posted a message in July that began, "Fight or die white man" and went on to say Southern nationalists seek "nothing less than the complete reconquest and restoration of our patrimony — the whole, entire South."

"And that means the South will once again be in name and in actuality White Man's Land. A place where we and our progeny can enjoy Christian liberty and the fruits of our own labor, unhindered by parasitical 'out groups,'" said Hill's message, posted on the group's Facebook page a day after a rally in support of a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Steve Helber/Associated Press

Members of the KKK escorted by police pass a large group of protesters during a KKK rally July 8 in Charlottesville, Va. Some white Southerners are again advocating for what the Confederacy tried and failed to do in the 1860s: secession from the Union. So-called Southern nationalists are within the group of demonstrators who are fighting the removal of Confederate monuments around the South. They say it's time for Southern states to secede again and become independent of the United States.

The group's website says it is "waging a war to win the minds and hearts of the Southern people."

While white-controlled government is its goal, the group says in a statement of beliefs that it offers "good will and cooperation to Southern blacks in areas where we can work together as Christians to make life better for all people in the South."

According to the U.S. Census, 55 percent of the nation's black population lived in the South in 2010, and 105 Southern counties had a black population of 50 percent or higher.

Hill said they're not advocating for a repeat of a Civil War that claimed 620,000 lives or a return to slavery, the lynchpin of the South's antebellum economy.

"We have no interest in going back and recreating an un-recreatable past," Hill said in a telephone interview. "We are future oriented."

The group has erected billboards that said "SECEDE" in several states, and it even has its own banner — a black and white version of the familiar Confederate battle flag, minus the stars.

Secession also finds support on some websites that support white nationalism, including Occidental Dissent, run by a Hill associate, and the openly racist, anti-Semitic Daily

Please see SECEDE/5A

RALLY

From 1A

Aggie community do not support the hateful bigotry espoused by Wiginton and the planned speakers.

"White supremacists keep coming to our campus thinking we're going to support them," said Adam Key, a doctoral student at A&M and the organizer of the counter protest. "Just like the last time they showed up, we want to demonstrate as clearly as we can that their ideas are not welcome here."

The last time was in December, when Wiginton hosted Richard Spencer, a leader of the white nationalist movement known as the alt-right. About 400 people attended Spencer's speech, and the night seemed constantly on the brink of boiling over. Spencer's talk was interrupted repeatedly with shouting, pushing and shoving among people in the crowd.

Outside, thousands of people protested, leading the Texas Department of Public Safety to clear out A&M's Memorial Student Center because of safety concerns. Meanwhile, A&M held its own simultaneous concert event at its football stadium across the street.

"We hoped that December was the last time we would have to protest them," Key said. "Aggies started fighting Nazis in World War II. We have no plans to stop any time soon."

The planned site for Wiginton's rally is a fountain named after famous Aggie Gen. James Earl Rudder, who led a group of Army Rangers up 100-foot cliffs to topple Nazi gun barracks during the D-Day invasion.

Wiginton, who briefly attended A&M and has organized several white nationalist events at the school, said in his press release that he has invited Spencer back to College Station for the September event. There will be other speakers and a DJ, too, he said. The focus, he said, will be to protest "the liberal agenda of White Guilt and white genocide that is taught at most all universities in America." There will also protests against specific A&M professors.

"Various groups throughout the country concerned with the political status of whites in America will be attending as well," he wrote.

Details for the counter event were less specific. Key said participants will try to get as close to Wiginton's event as possible. On Facebook, organizers proposed forming a "maroon wall" of students to block Wiginton's message from the general public. A&M students used a similar strategy when the infamous Westboro Baptist Church protested a military funeral in College Station in 2012.

A&M hasn't officially responded to the protest plans.

Why won't Donald Trump condemn white nationalism?

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

■ ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON — Why doesn't President Donald Trump just unequivocally condemn white supremacists?

It's a jarring question to ask about an American president. But it's also one made unavoidable by Trump's delayed, blame-both-sides response to the violence that erupted Saturday when neo-Nazis, skinheads and members of the Ku Klux Klan protested in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Trump has faced such a moment before — one that would have certainly drawn swift, almost predictable condemnations from his recent predecessors, regardless of party. As a candidate and now as president, when racial tensions flared or fringe groups rallied around his message, Trump has shown uncharacteristic caution and a reluctance to distance himself from the hate.

At times, his approach has seemingly inflamed racial tensions in a deeply divided country while emboldening groups long in the shadows.

On Saturday, as Trump read slowly through a statement about the clashes that left dozens injured and one woman dead, he condemned hatred, bigotry and violence "on many sides." The president was silent when journalists asked whether he rejected the support of nationalists groups.

That silence was cheered by the white supremacist website Daily Stormer: "When asked to condemn, he just walked out of the room. Really, really good. God bless him."

Trump denies that he's racist or sympathetic to such groups. Son-in-law Jared Kushner, the grandson of Holocaust survivors, and daughter Ivanka, who converted to Judaism, are among those who have defended the president against those charges.

Still, he has a history of engaging in high-profile, racially fraught battles.

Early in his career as a developer, Trump fought charges of bias against blacks seeking to rent at his family-owned apartment complexes. He long promoted the lie that the nation's first black president, Barack Obama, was not born in the United States. As a candidate, he proposed temporarily banning Muslims from the United States. He retweeted a post from accounts that appeared to have ties to white nationalist groups. And he was slow to reject the endorsement of former KKK leader David Duke.

Some of the president's friends and advisers have argued that Trump is simply refusing to bend to liberals' desire for political correctness. A boastful, proudly disruptive politician, Trump often has been rewarded for saying impolite and impolitic things. Some supporters cheered him for being someone who said what they could not.

Democrats frequently assert that Trump sees a political advantage in courting the support of the far right. Indeed, he has benefited politically from the backing of media outlets such as Breitbart or InfoWars. They have consistently promoted Trump and torn down his opponents, sometimes with biased or inaccurate reports.

Charlottesville's mayor, Democrat Mike Signer, said Sunday that Trump made a choice during his campaign to "go right to the gutter, to play on our worst prejudices."

"I think you are seeing a direct line from what happened here this weekend to those choices," Singer said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

White House senior adviser Steve Bannon ran Breitbart before joining Trump's campaign, and several of the president's other aides believe Bannon continues to have influence over the website. In "Devil's Bargain," a new book about his role in the Trump campaign, Bannon is quoted as saying that attempts by Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton to tie Trump to the alt-right and nationalists did not move voters.

"We polled the race stuff and it doesn't matter," Bannon said, according to the book.

But there here's no reliable public polling on the scope of Trump's support among those with white nationalist leanings or the percentage of the electorate they comprise. The reaction from Republicans following Trump's statement Saturday suggests there may be greater political risks for the president in aligning himself with bigoted groups.

"The president needs to step up today and say what it is," said Sen. Cory Gardner, R-Colo., who was one of several GOP lawmakers urging Trump to be more strident in calling out the nationalists and neo-Nazis that gathered in Charlottesville. Gardner said plainly: "It's evil. It's white nationalism."

By Sunday, the White House was scrambling to try to clean up the president's statement. The White House issued a statement saying the president does condemn "white supremacists, KKK, neo-nazi and all extremist groups."

The spokeswoman who issued the statement refused to be named. And the president himself remained silent.

SECEDE

From 4A

Stormer. Extremist watchdog Heidi Beirich said strict Southern nationalism seems to have been swept up into the larger white-power agenda in recent years.

"I think it's mostly subsumed into the white nationalist movement," said Beirich, director of the Intelligence Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center. "There might be a little Southern softness to it. But I can't tell a whole lot of difference between the League and white nationalism."

Meanwhile, critics are howling over the mere idea that HBO is considering a dramatic series based on the idea that the South really did secede again and slavery still existed.

But secession isn't the sole property of Southern white nationalists.

A group that wants California to secede from the United States is based mainly on liberals wanting to exit the United States because of President Donald Trump's election. They are collecting signatures to place a secession ballot initiative on the 2018 ballot.

The initiative would form a commission to recommend avenues for California to pursue its independence and delete part of the state constitution that says it's an inseparable part of the United States. The "Calexit" initiative also would instruct the governor and congressional delegation to negotiate more autonomy for California.

Secession also has been discussed on and off for years by the far right in states including Texas, particularly when Barack Obama was president.

Online, many Southern nationalists seem animated by drives to remove Confederate memorials, as happened in New Orleans and is planned in Charlottesville, Virginia. Not everyone who supports Confederate monuments wants to remove the South from the United States once again. Some supporters of the Old South say they simply want to honor ancestors who wore the gray during the Civil War.

SUSPECT

From 4A

said. "We are going to go bigger than Charlottesville. We are going to go huge."

Saturday's chaos erupted as neo-Nazis, skinheads, Ku Klux Klan members and other white supremacist groups arrived for the rally. Counter-protesters were also on hand, and the two sides clashed, with people throwing punches, hurling water bottles and unleashing chemical sprays. Officials have not provided a crowd estimate but it appeared to number well over 1,000.

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe declared a state of emergency, police in riot gear ordered people out of the streets, and helicopters circled overhead. Then, as the counter-protesters marched a few blocks from the statue, the Dodge Challenger tore into the crowd, killing 32-year-old Heather Heyer as she was crossing the street.

Hours later, the helicopter crashed, killing two state police troopers, Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen, 48, and Berke M.M. Bates, one day shy of his 41st birthday.

Trump criticized the violence in a tweet Saturday, followed by a news conference and a call for "a swift restoration of law and order."

"We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides," he said.

The "on many sides" ending of his statement drew the ire of his critics, who said he failed to specifically denounce white supremacy and equated those who came to protest racism with the white supremacists.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANTONIO

1 arrest at San Antonio rallies about Confederate statue

One person has been charged with misdemeanor assault and police say a second was detained but not charged after about 300 demonstrators showed up at competing rallies over the presence of a Confederate monument in downtown San Antonio.

Two city council members have filed a request to move the monument elsewhere. The 40-foot monument at Travis Park features a soldier at the top. It was erected in 1899.

Police kept the protesters Saturday afternoon barricaded on separate sides of the park although some from each side walked to the other side and shouted slurs and profanity to try to provoke a response.

Officers then would pull them apart.

A similar rally was held last month.

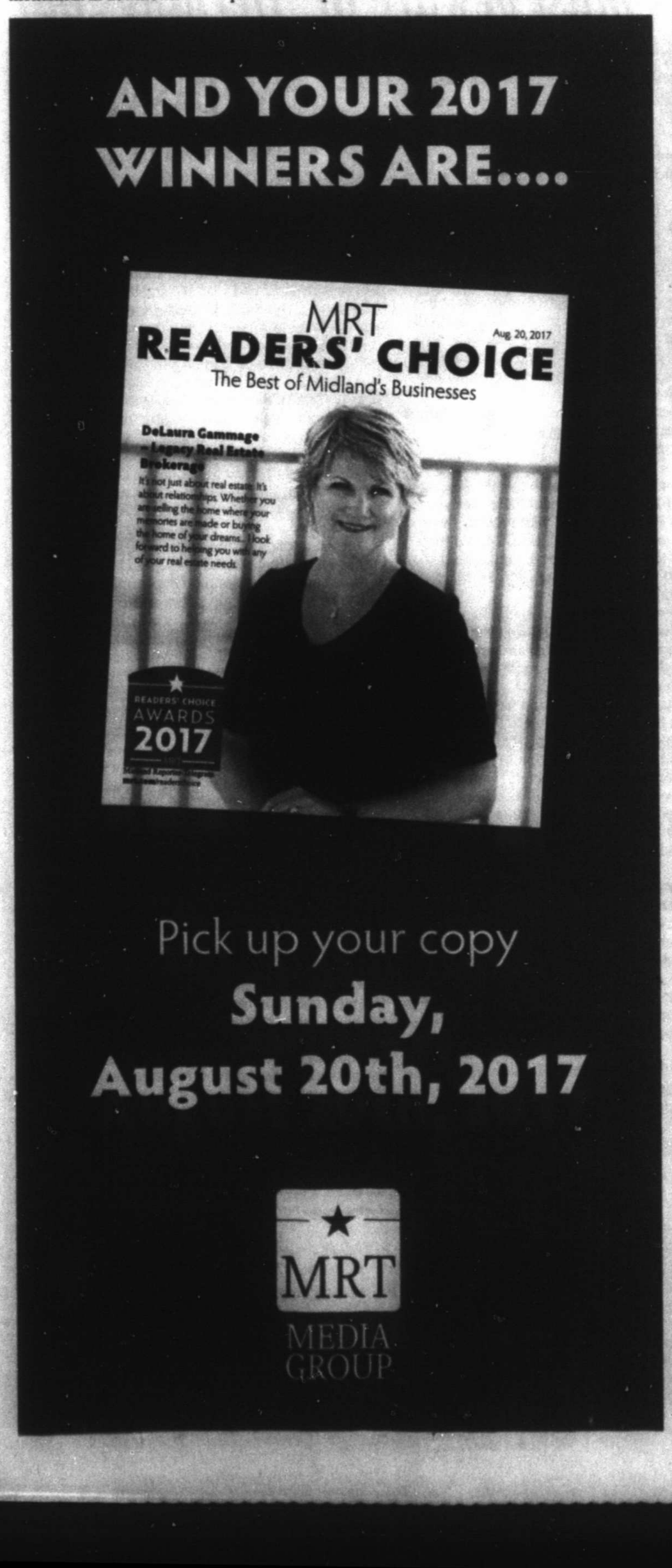
BERLIN

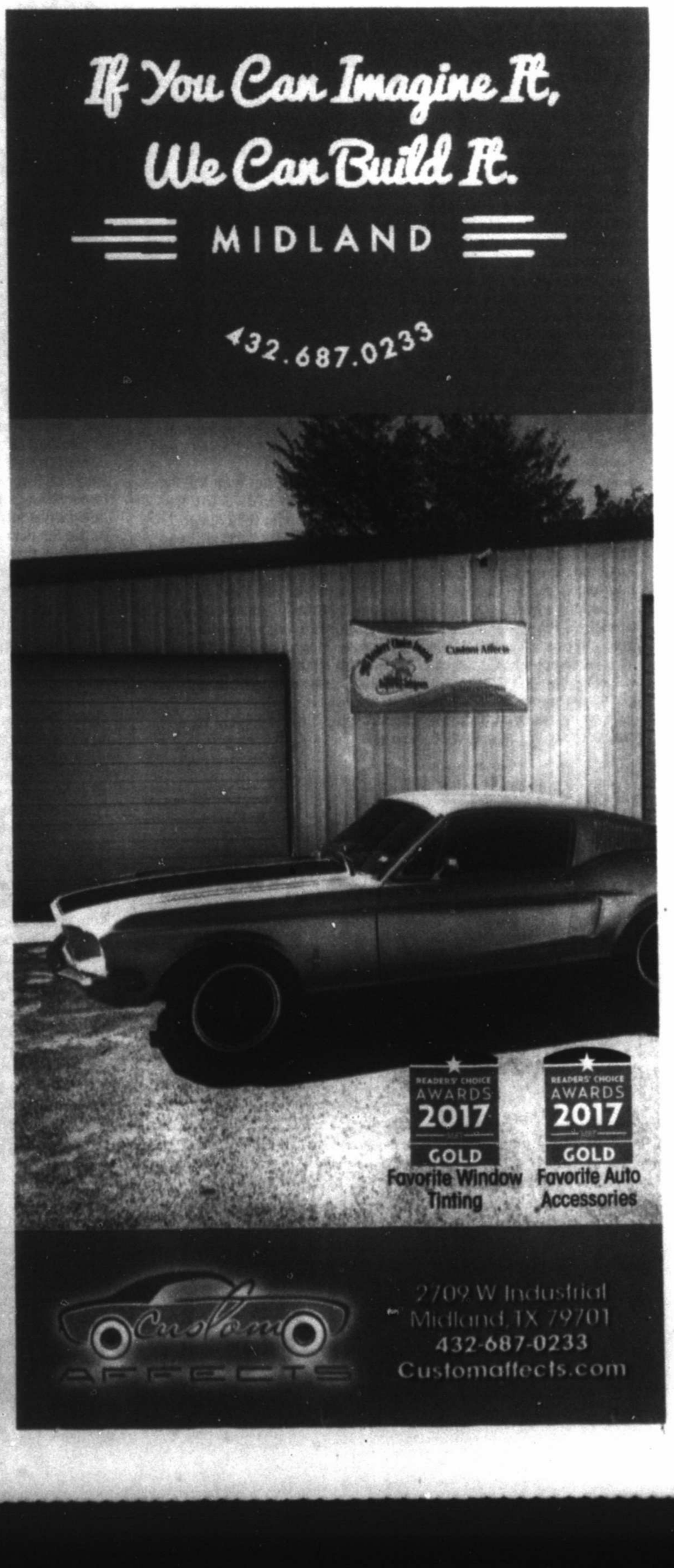
American tourist gives Nazi salute in Germany, is beaten up

Police say a drunken American man was punched by a passer-by as he gave the stiff-armed Nazi salute multiple times in downtown Dresden.

Dresden police said Sunday the 41-year-old, whose name and hometown weren't given for privacy reasons, suffered minor injuries in the 8:15 a.m. Saturday assault.

Police say the American, who is under investigation for violating Germany's laws against the display of Nazi symbols or slogans, had an extremely high blood alcohol level.





OPINION

Sanctuary city debate is about lies, half-truths

■ Issue puts California in showdown with Trump administration

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California is facing off with the Trump administration over a total fantasy that has survived this long only because both political parties have an interest in keeping it alive.

Democrats and Republicans alike insist that the Golden State offers "sanctuary" for illegal immigrants by creating safe spaces that are somehow beyond the reach of federal immigration agents. Politicians also promote the idea that police and sheriff's departments often refuse those agents access to local jails and fail to alert immigration officials when a suspected illegal immigrant is released from custody back into society — even when asked to do so.

This is a stew of lies and half-truths. Symbolism and political hyperventilating aside, there is no city, town or county in America where federal immigration law doesn't apply and where agents can't rush in to enforce those statutes.

Also, aside from the state of Texas — which recently passed a law to force inter-jurisdictional cooperation — local and state law enforcement officials are under no obligation to help their federal brethren do their jobs, especially if it destroys the community trust that is needed to do their own.

Besides, if immigration officials really want someone who is in the local jail, they can get that person by obtaining a warrant. Oftentimes, they won't go to the trouble, which tells local officials that they really don't want the detainee that badly.

Still, the sanctuary lie is advanced because it helps sustain existing political narratives. Liberals can challenge the Trump administration while fooling Latinos and other immigrant advocates into thinking that they're in their corner. And conservatives can point at these sanctuaries as evidence of how lenient the left is toward lawbreakers and proof that only they can be trusted to keep the country safe.

In California, Democratic lawmakers are poised to double down on their deception by passing a law that would declare the entire state a sanctuary. Senate Bill 54 would specifically prohibit cooperation with federal immigration officials. It would also bar state and local law enforcement agencies from using their resources to help federal agents detect, detain and deport the undocumented.

The Justice Department has a problem with this blatant act of defiance, and so it's threatening to withhold as much as $18 million in federal law enforcement funds that would otherwise be on their way to the nation's most populous state.

Such an odd card for the administration to play. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has already shown himself to be inconsistent on the issue of local control; he trumpets the autonomy of local police departments when releasing them from federal civil rights oversight but tramples that same autonomy when condemning sanctuary cities. Now Sessions shows himself to be illogical as well; he believes that any locale that offers sanctuary to illegal immigrants puts society at risk, but he can't see how denying cops government funds to buy bullet-proof vests and other safety equipment would have the same effect.

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra — who served in Congress for more than 20 years and would no doubt like to be governor or U.S. senator — has announced that if Sessions pulls the funding, California will sue the federal government. As Becerra sees it, holding state funds hostage to force compliance with the administration's policies would violate the U.S. Constitution.

Meanwhile, this whole issue could be moot. During a recent appearance on NBC's "Meet The Press," Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown signaled that he might not sign the sanctuary bill after all because of concerns about the language.

Don't fall for it. The real reason has more to do with politics, which has been Brown's stock and trade since 1969, when he was elected to occupy a seat on the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees. Brown, who is now 79 years old, has lived through the eras when his party was depicted as soft toward communism, defense and crime.

He probably has no desire to add illegal immigration to the list. And so he's understandably leery of SB 54, the whole point of which seems to be needling the administration.

Yet Brown also seems to want to keep faith with liberalism. He has said he wants to help undocumented immigrants who have — through blood, sweat and tears — given much to the Golden State.

Brown will likely try to strike a balance. But my hunch is that the governor will veto the bill to force the changes he'd like to see.

Out in California, when we talk about so-called sanctuary cities, the protection may be fake, but the politics are real.

OUR VIEW

'Roads, health care and education' is good path for MDC to follow

The Midland Development Corp. came through for the community with its latest economic development deal.

The MDC last week approved a five-year, $1.4 million agreement with Midland College to expand the school's vocational programs.

It is consistent with the current MDC's board's mantra of "roads, health care and education" — objectives that will get most of the MDC's attention and resources in the near future. There is nothing wrong with this direction as Midland continues to deal with growing pains.

We approve of MDC's aggressiveness with investing money in deals to lure funding from the state on road projects. The MDC is putting its money behind encouraging investment to finish the northern half of Loop 250 and improve the State Highway 349 corridor. The corporation also sees what the rest of the community does as potential projects across the city, including the intersection of the Loop 250 service roads and Andrews Highway.

Of course, when talking about the MDC, it is hard not to think about XCOR Aerospace and its current troubles. We have to let the situation play out and see if XCOR isn't able to rectify its financial issues. We know MDC officials said they no longer will agree to economic development deals that require incentives on the front end. Those type of deals, as we have seen more than once, aren't in the community's best interest.

The MDC's investment in education *is* in our best interest. Last week, the Reporter-Telegram reported enrollment in the dual-credit career and technology education program during the 2016-17 school year was 301. The MDC would like to see that figure jump to 520 students in 2017-18 and to 730 students in 2019-20 and beyond. The MDC, which is funded by a quarter-cent sales tax, would contribute $250,000 each year for the first two years and $300,000 a year through 2021-22.

As part of the plan, MC in 2017-18 will have to remodel and equip two new energy technology labs and upgrade equipment at the school's existing automotive technology, diesel technology and health sciences labs.

MDC Chairman Brent Hilliard said the partnership with MC is part of the economic development group's efforts to diversify the MDC, which is looking for more relationships with the college. Earlier this year, the MDC partnered with the University of Texas of the Permian Basin to establish a "maker space" and business incubator at the Center for Energy and Economic Development building.

In addition, the MDC also has put money toward the construction of UTPB's engineering college so that it could expand its degree offerings. The MDC also has partnered with the Small Business Development Center at UTPB to establish an "entrepreneurial challenge" in an effort to develop small businesses and startups by giving them seed money to help them grow.

"Roads, health care and education" sounds like a logical road map for this and future MDC boards.

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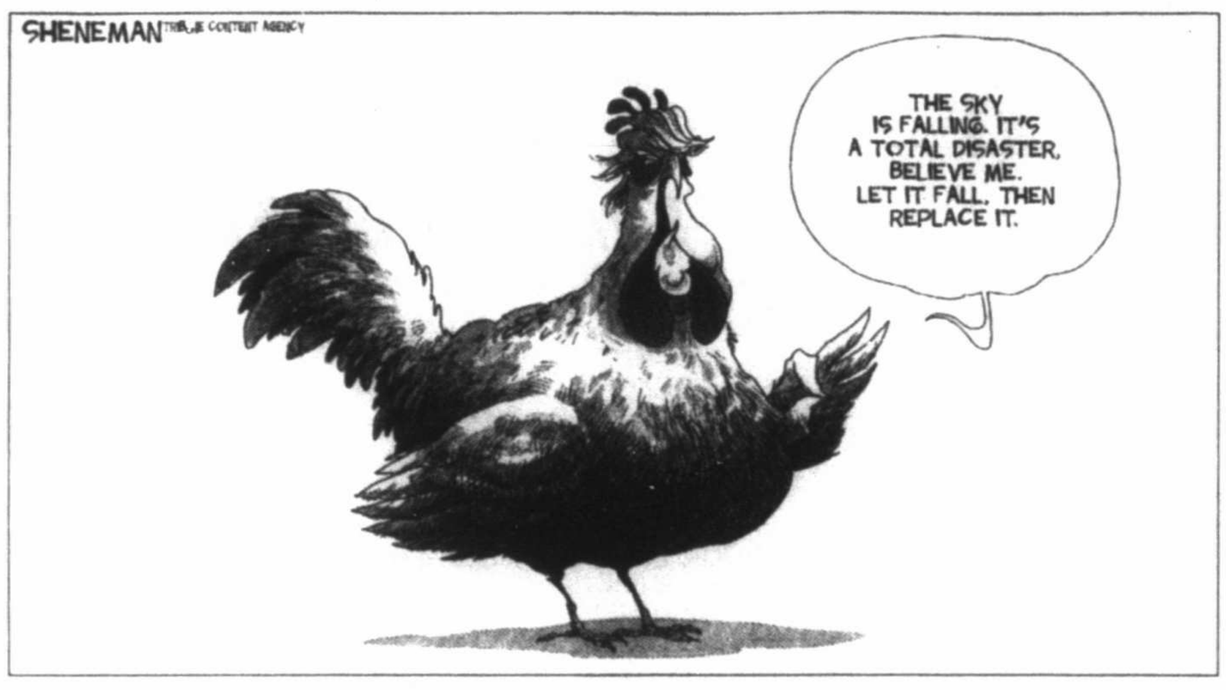

Dems must beware of 'Berning' out

■ Attempt by the Sanders movement to impose a health-care litmus test on Democratic candidates could have a destructive result

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Things could go well for the Democrats in next year's midterm elections — if they don't Bern out.

President Trump is woefully unpopular, feuding with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (Ky.) and other Republicans. The GOP can't manage to repeal Obamacare or do much of anything. Voters say they'd like Democrats to run Congress.

But here come the Bernie Bros and sisters to the Republicans' rescue: They're sowing division in the Democratic Party and attempting to enact a purge of the ideologically impure — just the sort of thing that made the Republican Party the ungovernable mess it is today.

Bernie Sanders' advisers are promoting a "litmus test" under which Democrats who don't swear to implement single-payer health care would be booted from the party in primaries. Sanders pollster Ben Tulchin penned an op-ed with a colleague under the headline "Universal health care is the new litmus test for Democrats." Nina Turner, head of the Sanders group Our Revolution, told Politico last week that "there's something wrong with" Democrats who won't "unequivocally" embrace "Medicare-for-all."

That notion — not just taking a stand but excommunicating all who disagree — is what Republicans have done to themselves with guns and taxes, and it would seriously diminish Democrats' hopes of retaking the House next year.

At the same time, Our Revolution has stepped up its attack on the Democratic Party. Turner sent an email to supporters complaining that she and others attempted to deliver a petition to Democratic National Committee headquarters but "were shut out." In a follow-up interview with BuzzFeed, Turner expressed particular outrage that the DNC offered her ... donuts. "They tried to seduce us with donuts," she said, calling the gesture "pompous," "arrogant" and "insulting."

It's not just about breakfast confections. The Bernie crowd has begun accusing freshman Sen. Kamala D. Harris (Calif.), a rising Democratic star, of being beholden to corporate money. Also in California, Kimberly Ellis, who ran for state Democratic chairman with the support of Sanders and lost in a close race to a former Hillary Clinton delegate, is refusing to concede and threatening to sue. Ellis told the New York Times that the "Democratic Party is in many ways right now where the Republican Party was when the tea party took over."

And that's a good thing? Republican fratricide, instigated by tea-party purity police, made Trump possible and left the GOP unable to govern. This is what Sanders' people would emulate.

Fortunately, Sanders seems to have lost clout. Candidates backed by Our Revolution have lost 31 races in 2017 and won 16, and the wins include "Portland Community College Director, Zone 5" and "South Fulton (Ga.) City Council 6."

Candidates endorsed by Sanders have struggled in high-profile races. Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) lost the DNC chairman race (he was appointed deputy chairman). Sanders-backed Tom Perriello lost the Democratic gubernatorial primary in Virginia, and a Sanders campaign official was blown out in a California congressional primary. Neither did the Sanders magic get the job done for Democrats in special congressional elections in Kansas, Georgia or Montana, and his candidate lost the Omaha mayoral race.

Yet the attempt by the Sanders movement to impose a health-care litmus test on Democratic candidates shows their destructive potential within the party. Support for single-payer health coverage has been growing, and it would become a real possibility if Republicans sabotage Obamacare but don't help the tens of millions who would lose insurance.

But to force Democrats to take some kind of single-payer purity oath would set back the cause. Democrats need to pick up 24 seats to take control of the House, yet there are only 23 Republicans in districts won by Clinton — and only eight of those were won by President Barack Obama in 2012. There are a dozen Democrats in districts Trump won. In such swing districts, it would be suicidal to pledge support for something Republicans will brand as socialism.

A Pew Research Center poll in June found that while a majority of Democrats (52 percent) favor single-payer health care, only 33 percent of the public does. A Kaiser Health Tracking poll in June had better results: 53 percent of the public favored single-payer coverage. But Kaiser found that opinions were "malleable."

If recent trends continue, and particularly if Republicans undermine Obamacare without an adequate replacement, the time for single-payer will come, and soon. But the litmus test distracts Democrats from protecting Obamacare, diminishes their chances of retaking the House and chops up the party over something that has zero chance of becoming law under Trump.

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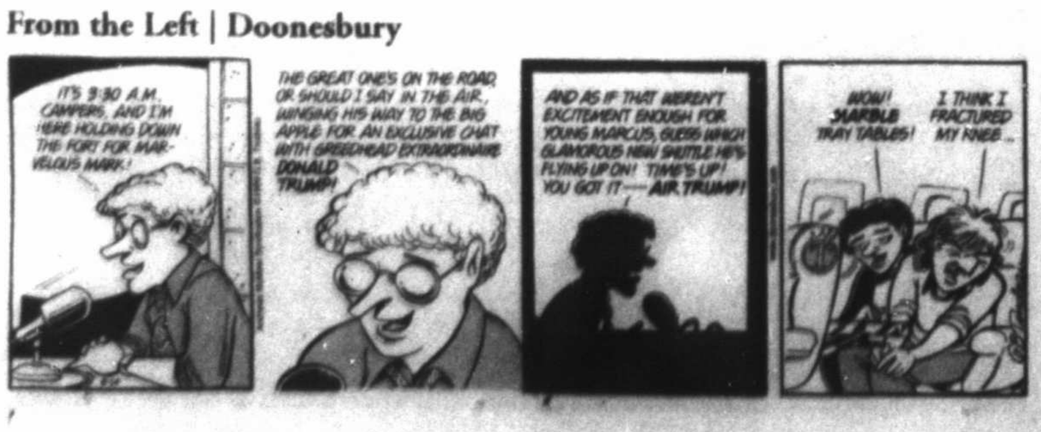

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Texas Senate OKs restricting insurance coverage for abortion

AUSTIN — The Republican-controlled Texas Senate backed a plan Saturday night to restrict insurance coverage for abortions, over the objections of opponents who expressed concern it could force some women to make heart-wrenching choices because no exceptions will be made in cases of rape and incest.

The 20-10 party-line vote for preliminary approval requires women to purchase extra insurance to cover abortions except amid medical emergencies. A final vote Sunday will see the measure clear the chamber, meaning it's now on a fast-track to Gov. Greg Abbott, who is expected to sign it into law.

Legislators debated other bills limiting insurance coverage for abortion during Texas' regular session that ended in May, but Abbott called a special session and revived the issue.

Ten states already have laws restricting insurance coverage of abortion in all private insurance plans: Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Utah. All make exceptions if the mother's life is endangered; only Indiana and Utah also make exceptions for rape and incest.

"Texas must take steps to prohibit taxpayer and premium dollars from subsidizing abortions that are not medically necessary," said Sen. Brandon Creighton, a Republican from Conroe, near Houston.

The bill passed the Texas House earlier this week. Both Creighton and its House sponsor, Republican Rep. John Smithee, said the rules only apply to "elective" abortions and promote "economic freedom" by not forcing Texas policyholders who object to the procedure to help pay for insurance coverage for women undergoing it.

"What we're saying here is: If you want to buy this coverage, you can buy it," Smithee, a Republican from Amarillo, said during House debate.

Outnumbered Democrats in both chambers dismissed the bill as purely political, arguing that insurance companies already cover only medically necessary abortions. They also said the law will require purchasing insurance plans that insurers won't actually offer because too few women will buy them, not knowing in advance that they will be undergoing abortions.

Sen. Sylvia Garcia, a Houston Democrat, said Saturday night that the bill would effectively require women to buy "rape insurance." She tried to include exceptions for rape and incest, but failed on a 20-10 vote.

"No woman plans to have an abortion and certainly no woman can plan to be raped, no woman can plan to be attacked by someone she knows in her own family," Garcia said. "Those are the most heinous of the heinous crimes."

Texas approved some of the nation's strictest limits on abortion in 2013, but those were mostly struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court last summer. Still, abortion clinics around the state have closed and the number of abortions performed in the country's second-largest state has fallen from more than 82,000 in 2006 to around 54,300 in 2015.

"One of the talking points we've heard lately is abortion should be considered health care," Elizabeth Graham, director of Texas Right to Life, told a Texas Senate committee. "Really, the definition of health care is to make a person well and to encourage health. The definition of a successful abortion is the complete death of the unborn child."

State policy analyst Elizabeth Nash of the Guttmacher Institute, a national research group that supports abortion rights, said she knows of no current analysis of the impact of states imposing coverage restrictions, nor the extent to which health plans offer supplemental coverage for abortion.

"My sense is that there isn't any identifiable impact of these restrictions since most women pay out of pocket already," Nash said by email.

A Guttmacher analysis in March said about 60 percent of privately insured abortion patients pay out of pocket, because their policy doesn't cover the procedure or because deductibles are high. But many women who get abortions are too poor to afford private insurance.

Nancy Northup, president of the New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights, depicted the insurance bans as "a shocking infringement" on women's right to opt for private insurance to cover a legal medical procedure. In cases where a woman opts for an abortion after detection of a severe fetal abnormality, the costs can run into the thousands of dollars, she said.

The insurance bans also have been criticized by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, which says insurance coverage of abortion should be comparable to that of other essential health care services.

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Associated Press

'Meet a Muslim' events hope to dispel misconceptions

By Kristin J. Bender
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Moina Shaiq speaks to a group of people at a Meet a Muslim event at Bronco Billy's Pizza Palace on July 10 in Fremont, Calif. Shaiq discussed the importance of the hijab, the head scarf, and the niqab, the face covering, as well as the differences between Sunnis and Shias. She also spoke about the rights of women in Islam, and what it's like to be an American-Muslim today in her one-hour talks.

FREMONT, Calif. — When Moina Shaiq realized even her friends were scared to ask her about her religion for fear of offending her or sounding uneducated, she put an advertisement in a California newspaper: "Questions and answers about being Muslim."

The ad offered ideas for questions: Are women oppressed in Islam? What is the Islamic view of terrorism? How does Islam view other religions?

She set up shop at a coffee house in the San Francisco Bay Area city of Fremont, hoping for good attendance, but brought her laptop to do some work in case no one showed. To her surprise, about 100 people turned out that day last year, and her "Meet a Muslim" program was born.

"It was over overwhelming," said Shaiq, a mother of four and grandmother. "Fremont is so diverse, you will see women in hijab on the streets all the time. I didn't think people here would be interested or even need to know about Muslims."

Shaiq has since spoken about being Muslim and answered questions at dozens of libraries, pizza parlors and coffee shops in the San Francisco Bay Area. She recently expanded Meet a Muslim to churches, service clubs and private homes, and traveled to Arizona and Atlanta with the program.

She gives the talks once or twice a week on her own time and her own dime to break down stereotypes.

Similar programs emerged after 9/11, when many Muslims felt the need to engage with their fellow Americans to dispel negative perceptions of their faith. They've seen a resurgence with a recent uptick in anti-Muslim crimes.

Earlier this year, for instance, Muslim and former U.S. Marine Mansoor Shams traveled the country with a sign that read "I'm a Muslim and a U.S. Marine, Ask Me Anything." In Cambridge, Massachusetts, Mona Haydar and her husband set up a booth outside a library in 2015 with coffee, doughnuts and a sign that stated "Ask a Muslim." Other such events have taken place on U.S. college campuses.

Shaiq said she started her program to educate people about her faith and culture while addressing people's misconceptions and stereotypes.

She explains the importance of the hijab (head scarf) or niqab (face covering), the differences between Sunnis and Shias (the two main sects of Islam), the rights of women in Islam, and what it's like to be an American Muslim today.

At a recent Rotary club meeting in Fremont, a man asked how she thinks people can combat Muslim extremism.

"This is where you start," Shaiq said. "You understand what the faith is."

Recent anti-Muslim incidents across the U.S. include arson attacks, vandalism, harassment and school bullying. In May, authorities in Portland, Oregon, say a man killed two men and wounded a third after they tried to stop his anti-Muslim tirade.

Shaiq herself has faced threats at her events. One man in Atlanta warned he would "slit her throat" if she said something he didn't like. He listened to the discussion, never asked a question and then left.

"That was scary," Shaiq said.

Muslim leaders consider the incidents part of a deeply alarming trend that came to the forefront in last year's presidential election with far-right activists portraying Islam — and all Muslims — as a threat.

They see echoes of these far-right views in President Donald Trump's efforts to ban entry into the U.S. from six Muslim-majority countries and in his claims of dangers posed by immigrants and Muslim refugees. Trump has said his policies are critical for protecting national security.

Initiatives like Meet a Muslim are important at "this time of heightened fear and xenophobia," said Zainab Arain, who works to monitor and combat Islamophobia with the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Washington, D.C.-based Muslim advocacy group. "An effective way to push back against that, especially at a local level, is to gather people and have them get to know one another."

Some American Muslims, however, have struggled to see the benefit of these efforts when they see community members having the same conversations they had almost 16 years ago.

"It's just not a good use of time. The likelihood of changing a bigot's mind is so low," said Asha Noor, a racial justice activist based in Detroit.

Instead, Noor and other critics say the focus should be on policy change.

For Shaiq, her program is about sharing a message of love, compassion and peace.

Attendance at her talks spikes following news events that include Muslims, and the discussion often gets spirited, even tense and angry.

"I want to proactively educate my fellow Americans that Muslims are humans just like they are," Shaiq said. "They have the same needs as anyone else."

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South Korean President Moon Jae-in, right, presides over a meeting of the National Security Council at the presidential Blue House on May 14 in Seoul, South Korea. When North Korea makes a threat, the government in Seoul vents its anger while South Korean citizens mostly shrug off what can seem like a daily barrage of hostility. Trump has introduced a new wrinkle to this familiar pattern. His recent Pyongyang-style threat to unleash "fire and fury" on the North has been met with silence from the top levels of government in Seoul — and worry, sometimes anger, from the country's citizens.

Citizens worried, but Seoul mum on Trump's North Korea threat

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It highlights an interesting feature of South Korea, a strong U.S. ally, trading partner and fellow democracy where there can seem to be as much, maybe more, worry about Trump's unpredictable style of leadership as there is about archrival North Korea.

Many South Koreans ignore Pyongyang because they have lived with near-constant North Korean belligerence, and sometimes violence, since the Korean Peninsula was divided in 1945 and the two countries fought a bloody, three-year war five years later.

The government in Seoul, however, is far from indifferent to its northern neighbor.

When North Korea on Thursday repeated a threat against Guam, saying it was working on a plan to launch missiles into the waters near the U.S. territory, Roh Jae-cheon, spokesman of South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff, appeared on TV to declare that Seoul and Washington were prepared to "immediately and sternly punish" any provocation by the North.

Contrast that with the official silence out of Seoul after Trump's comments on Tuesday, which seemed to take a page out of the North Korean playbook by warning of "fire and fury" if the North didn't stop threatening the United States.

South Korean citizens and the media have been less shy about ripping into both Trump, for his threat, and the government of President Moon Jae-in, for not taking the U.S. president to task for evoking a potential war that would likely result in tens of thousands of Korean deaths.

"Doesn't the Moon Jae-in government have to say something about Trump's over-the-line comments?" Jang Shin-ki, a 42-year-old man who lives in Seoul, wrote on Facebook.

There are feelings of bewilderment and powerlessness: Why should South Korea get sucked into a crisis created by a war of words between leaders in Washington and Pyongyang?

"Moon has talked about how South Korea should be in the driver's seat when it comes to dealing with North Korea, but that clearly was just rhetoric," Choi Do-hyun, a 39-year-old office worker in Seoul, said in an interview. "In reality, he can't say a word to Trump over an uncoordinated, excessive comment that threatens to send the Korean Peninsula to the path of war."

Moon, a liberal who favors engagement with the North, has kept mostly quiet over the past week. In a meeting with military officials Wednesday, he said that South Korea would need to "slightly supplement" its military readiness in the face of threats from North Korean nuclear weapons and missiles.

US officials say confrontation with NKorea not imminent

By Richard Lardner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senior U.S. national security officials said Sunday that a military confrontation with North Korea's is not imminent, but they cautioned that the possibility of war is greater than it was a decade ago.

CIA Director Mike Pompeo and Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, President Trump's national security adviser, tried to provide assurances that a conflict is avoidable, while also supporting Trump's tough talk. They said the United States and its allies no longer can afford to stand by as North Korea pushes ahead with the development of a nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missile.

"We're not closer to war than a week ago but we are closer to war than we were a decade ago," McMaster said, adding that the Trump administration is prepared to deal militarily with North Korea if necessary.

But he stressed that the U.S. is pursuing "a very determined diplomatic effort" led by Secretary of State Rex Tillerson that's coupled with new financial sanctions to dissuade North Korean leader Kim Jong Un from further provocations.

"The U.S. military is locked and loaded every day," McMaster said, repeating Trump's threat.

Pompeo said "there's nothing imminent today," in response to a question about how worried should people be over the escalating tensions. He said the U.S. has a "pretty good idea" of North Korea's intentions, but Pompeo declined to provide specifics. The CIA chief described Kim as "rational" and responsive to "adverse circumstances."

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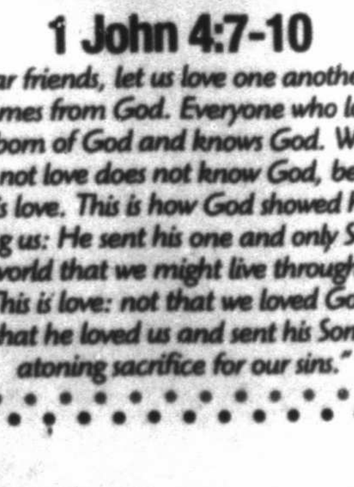

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JOHN BERGMAN

ABELL-HANGER FOUNDATION, TEEN FLOW

Professional and community involvement: First Capital Bank - advisory director; Teen FLOW Youth Ministry - board; Midland Fair Havens - board; Abell-Hanger Foundation - trustee; First Baptist Church - student ministry, Midland Mens Community Bible Study, Servants Team

How did you decide to serve the community at Teen FLOW and the Abell-Hanger Foundation? I wish I could say I got involved at Teen FLOW because of great vision and foresight, but it's really just because Jay Marquez asked me to serve 17 years ago. That ministry, and Jay and Marie Marquez, have been a huge blessing for me, and it has never felt like sacrifice to serve there. It's the same with Abell-Hanger: I was asked. In both cases, I was honored and excited. When I was asked to become a trustee at Abell-Hanger, I walked into my first meeting, looked around the room at all those giants of philanthropy in Midland and wondered why I was there. What an incredible organization. It has been an awesome extension of the philanthropic spirit of George and Gladys Abell for so many years. The foundation has helped to shape Midland into the great city it is today.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a volunteer and through your nonprofit work? I've learned that God blesses good effort. I don't feel like I have great organizational or leadership skills, but I look back at the times I put my heart into a cause, and God usually honored it. Teen FLOW is a good example. We started as a small, park-based ministry and have grown over the years to serve hundreds of young people on a weekly basis, mainly because of the hard work of a dedicated staff and board.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? A principle was instilled in me by my parents that we all have to give something back, which they have done all their lives in Weatherford, where we grew up. They have left big shoes — not just in their community but in the kingdom — that I will never fill. Midland is such a unique place where philanthropy and service are the norm. It makes serving fun and rewarding.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I got here in 1980 during "the boom." I had moved a couple of times before that, but when I got here, I knew I was home and would never leave. You can go other places and have mountains, lakes and trees, but you cannot duplicate the people of Midland.

What else would you like our readers to know about you? My wife, Nancy, has always been my rock and my biggest fan. She is a true Proverbs 31 woman. She is the glue that holds our family together. I pray that she and I can set the example for our three children that my parents have set for me. I am also a staunch Dallas Cowboys fan, a soccer fan, and I love working a good crossword puzzle from the MRT on Saturday morning.

"JOHN HAS ALWAYS FOUND A WAY, IN HIS UNWAVERING FAITH, TO CONTINUE SERVING"

John D. Bergman is an unsung hero and community leader — the best way to describe his humble, steadfast character.

For the past 2 1/2 decades, I have witnessed John's generosity, benevolence and philanthropical spirit — from standing on a soccer field wearing a coat and tie, to working with nonprofits and perhaps helping his wife, Nancy, with a women's league (behind the scenes, of course).

Redefining volunteerism, going the extra mile and sacrifice are not what makes him. The true act of exemplifying commitment is what John is known for. Should you have the privilege of being around him much, you will hear this Bible verse verbatim: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things."

Through the ups and downs of our community, John has always found a way, in his unwavering faith, to continue serving with sound advice and counsel, no matter what he is going through, and continue his giving, no matter how much the well has.

We are all thankful for him, and to his wonderful bride and children, for allowing us to borrow the priceless time, wisdom, knowledge, efforts and love of John D. Bergman.

Jay Marquez, *founder of Teen FLOW*

"HE WILL BE GREAT BECAUSE HE WANTS TO SERVE"

I first met John Bergman about 12 years ago when I was asked to do some work with Teen FLOW. I had been asked to facilitate a planning session for them and was immediately taken with their service to youth and with the leadership around the table. At the time, and for a long time, John was the board president. John's easygoing style made it an enjoyable process for everyone. It is always impressive to me to meet people who so freely give of their time to serve other people. This statement characterizes their board, and John was their undisputed leader.

John has also served as a trustee of the Abell-Hanger Foundation since 2009. I can't think of a time that John has missed a meeting. He has often commented to his peers around the table about what an honor it is to serve with them. John is their peer. As we make selections for trustees, we have set criteria to assess. These include generosity, integrity, wisdom and a commitment to the community. John easily qualified.

For the next two years, he will serve as the president of the foundation, the trustee with whom I work directly. He has jumped right in to this role and made himself available, asking lots of questions and providing feedback. He will be great because he wants to serve

Mark Palmer, *executive director Abell-Hanger Foundation*

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Researcher disguises himself as a car seat

Virginia Tech focuses on communication betweeen humans, driverless cars

By Michael Laris
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The man in the seat-cushion costume got all the attention. What appeared to be a driverless vehicle actually had a researcher sitting in the front seat, disguised to make it look like he wasn't behind the wheel.

But the strip of white lights on the top of the windshield offered a clue to the semi-clandestine study Virginia Tech is running on the streets of suburban Arlington County, Virginia.

The news site ARLnow, with an assist from NBC Washington's Adam Tuss, videotaped the van tooling around Arlington and unmasked the presence of the rolling experiment. Tuss knocked on the van's window when he saw it Aug. 7, but the costumed man declined to answer questions.

"We're trying not to dirty the data and make sure people aren't keeping their eyes peeled," said Mindy Buchanan-King, a spokeswoman for the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

The video shows a white strip of windshield lights on the van flickering more or less around crosswalks. Researchers are working to ensure the robocars can emit some kind of replacement for the subtle cues that drivers and pedestrians rely on to stay safe.

Developers have taught driverless cars to stay in their lanes, steer around obstacles and follow traffic laws. More and more passengers are being ferried around in test vehicles and getting comfortable giving up the wheel. Now the focus is on "external communication."

"It's basically the next big topic we need to tackle," said Myra Blanco, a senior autonomous vehicle researcher at Virginia Tech. From eye contact to little waves, communication between humans is a vital part of what happens on the roads, she said.

When a pedestrian is ready to cross the street, "there's usually that looking at the driver: Is he going to let me go? Should I wait? Is he paying attention or not?" Blanco said.

Same thing with cars at an intersection. "If you have a stop sign, are you going or am I going? OK, you go ahead first. You kind of do a wave."

Blanco declined to answer questions about the research with the silver van because she doesn't want to foul up work being conducted by colleagues. Buchanan-King would not say whether the costumed researcher in the front seat was there as backup, as is customary in driverless testing, or was driving himself.

Virginia Tech released a statement saying that "the driver's seating area is configured to make the driver less visible within the vehicle, while still allowing

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AP file photo

A person displays Netflix on a tablet Jan. 17, 2014, in North Andover, Mass. The future of TV may well be a mishmash of streaming services that could wind up costing pretty close to a $100 cable bundle, but that are way too difficult to use.

Future of television may be multiple streaming services

By Tali Arbel
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The future of TV may well be a mishmash of streaming services that could rival the cost of a $100 cable bundle — but that are way more difficult to use.

Disney's plan for two new streaming services (and possibly more) is just the latest sign that everyone is jumping into the streaming business. It intends to launch a kids-oriented movie and TV streaming service in 2019 that will pull Disney and Pixar films from Netflix, as well as an ESPN sidekick service (minus pro football and basketball) expected early next year. The company is even exploring the possibility of separate streaming services for its Star Wars and Marvel superhero films.

All of that will simply add to a cacophony of existing Netflix-style video services that let you watch what you want, when you want. More are probably on their way, as entertainment companies see profits in controlling not only the creation of their films and shows, but also their distribution.

The downside? Potentially bigger bills, and more work for people who just want to find something to watch. "Ultimately for consumers, it means that experience is dreadful," says Paolo Pescatore, a vice president with research firm CCS Insight.

PROBLEM ONE: FINDING STUFF TO WATCH

New Yorker David Berkowitz still pays for cable, streams from Netflix and Amazon, and sometimes buys individual movies from Amazon; his 3-year-old daughter already watches "Finding Dory" and "Finding Nemo" on two separate services. The prospect of a new Disney-only service isn't reassuring. "Having a third thing in the mix seems like a lot to juggle," he says.

To find stuff to watch, Berkowitz's family uses a Roku box attached to their TV, which suggests streaming channels the family may like and lets them search for the shows and movies he wants to watch. There are also websites to guide streamers, like justwatch.com.

That's fine if you know what you're looking for. But the modern-day channel surfer has it much harder. "There's going to be a proliferation of niche content," says Colin Petrie-Norris, CEO of Xumo, a streaming-channel provider for smart TVs. "The way for it to be managed, findable for a user — that has not emerged yet."

PROBLEM TWO: PAYING THE PRICE

People quit cable because they can't justify a $100-and-always-climbing monthly payment, especially with so much good stuff on cheaper services. But the cost of multiple streaming services adds up, too.

A $30 TV antenna gets you local channels — CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox, PBS, Univision — for free, though you have to watch whatever's on at the moment unless you have a DVR. If you want to see the edgy shows everyone talks about, then Netflix is, for most, $10 a month; Amazon is $8.25 a month if you sign up for a year. Hulu starts at $8. HBO Now, $15.

Tickled by ads for a specific network show? "The Sinner," an eerie-looking new Jessica Biel vehicle on USA, costs $20 on Amazon for the season. All that together is already more than $60 a month. It's even worse if you're a sports fan. MLB.TV is $113 for the year, and you won't get hometeam games.

Berkowitz says he's curious about the Disney service, especially since he expects to save money by cutting cable. "For us, if it's $5 a month it'll almost be like that impulse buy, go to a store and pick up a candy bar," he says.

Disney hasn't settled on prices yet, saying only it wants an affordable service that's broadly appealing. Its DisneyLife streaming video app in the U.K. launched at 10 pounds a month in November 2015 and now costs half that — about $6.50.

Of course, Disney might still bundle Marvel movies and the Star Wars franchise into its service, which would help it appeal to a wider demographic. For kid's programming, there's already a lot out there. Much of it is free.

Darcy Hansen, a communications consultant and stay-at-home mom in the Dallas suburbs, has two kids under age 5 whose favorite show — "Sheriff Callie's Wild West" — is a Disney series on Hulu. But a Disney app isn't a must-have for her.

Her kids already watch "all sorts of things" on YouTube and on the free PBS Kids app, and they have Netflix too, Hansen says. "I don't think Disney has a monopoly on children's programming in our house at least."

GENE MARKS
Washington Post

Google changes Play Store to improve quality

Just this past weekend, I went to the Google Play Store to download a better clock and alarm app (don't ask) and was overwhelmed by the options. Who knew there were so many different ways to view a clock on your smartphone? As a consumer, the Play Store is daunting. For an entrepreneur that develops apps, it must be frustrating, too. Imagine that your product is truly better and more reliable than all the rest, but it's so far down in the list that hardly anyone finds it.

There's good news for both users and app developers. Google is changing that.

In a blog posted last week, the company announced a new search algorithm for apps available on the Google Play Store. The better apps will be ranked higher. What's a "better" app? According to Google, it's those apps that simply crash less, load faster and use less battery power. How will the company determine this? By monitoring the number of uninstalls requested by users as well as poor reviews. The company says that half of its one-star reviews identified the same issues mentioned above.

The need for this change is obvious. With almost 3 million apps available on the Play Store, Google needed some way to help consumers find the better-performing ones as well as benefit its developers that make a higher-quality product. In other moves to improve app quality, the company is pushing its developers to use their tools — such as a newly published "practices guide" and a Play Console Dashboard released last month — to help identify performance or other problems with apps before they hit the store.

The company has been testing the algorithm tweak with good results. "The change has had a positive impact on engagement — we've seen that people go on to use higher quality apps more and uninstall them less," Google said in its blog post.

The move should not only make the experience better for consumers like me, but also help those entrepreneurs making great apps to increase their sales.

Apps can help solve gardening problems

By Dean Fosdick
Associated Press

Gardening apps are getting better all the time, supplanting manuals and textbooks as the way people dig for information. Many university Extension services are developing the digital aids to extend outreach to clients.

"Extension apps provide reliable, research-based information," said Christopher Enroth, an Extension educator with the University of Illinois, who evaluates gardening apps for their relevancy, customization and ease of use. "I've examined a few apps developed by various companies that are simply another gateway to their products.

"Other various interest groups have apps that give 'all natural' advice that is based more on opinion or beliefs," Enroth said. "It always helps to have a critical eye."

Purdue University Extension specialists, for example, have created a series of diagnostic apps for gardeners that

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Bachelor in Paradise (SP) Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd Aug 15 (N)				The Gong Show (N)		Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait	Superior Donuts	Mom	Life in Pieces	CBSN: On Assignment (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Negligent Nymph"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	You Can Dance "Top 10 Perform Pt. 2" One dancer is eliminated and must head home. (N)				Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Faith for Families	The Wings of Truth	Update News	Mani Erfan	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	Housecall	Aleph Course	Sounds of Shofar
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	American Ninja Warrior "Cleveland City Finals" (N)				Midnight, Texas "Sexy Beast" (N)		NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antique "Cincinnati (Hour One)"		Antique "Cincinnati (Hour Two)"		POV "Two Towns of Jasper"			PBS Previews	Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Enamorandome de Ramon		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La Tierra Prometida		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Law&O: SVU "Pop"		Law&O: SVU "Mask"		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX	340	575			165	(3:05) D2: The Mi...		★★★ Crash ('04, Dra) Sandra Bullock.				★★★ Stander ('03, Cri) Thomas Jane.				★ Brokeback Mo...	
HBO	300	590	14	14		LastWeek	News (N)	★ Rules Don't Apply Alec Baldwin.				Insecure	(:40) Thrones		(:40) Hard Knocks		Movie
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	Movie	Room 104	Ballers	Game of Thrones (N)	VICE (N)		Defiant	(:55) The Defiant Ones			The Defiant Ones	
HBO5	304	552	16	102		Movie	(:25) ★★ Serendipity		★ Girl With a Pearl Earring			(:45) ★★★ The Royal Tenenbaums					Movie
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:45) Maze Run...		★★★ The Martian ('15, Adv) Matt Damon.				(:25) ★ Midnight Cowboy			(:20) ★ The Green ...		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:10) ★ The 9th Life of Louis Drax				★ The Forest Natalie Dormer.		(:35) ★ Halloween: Resurrection			(:05) ★ The Signal		
PLEX			96			(5:15) ★ Autumn In ...		★★★ A Good Woman				(:35) ★★ Untamed Heart			(:20) ★★ Some Kind of Wonderful		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	Twin Peaks		Donovan "Las Vegas"		Shame.		(:55) I'm Dying Up Here		Donovan "Las Vegas"		I'm Dying Up Here	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:45) ★ All or Nothi...		★ Anesthesia Sam Waterston.				★★ Factory Girl		(:05) ★★★ Requiem for a Dream			
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Intervention "Brian N"		Intervention "Justin/ Kayne"		Intervention "Joshua B" (N)		Escaping Polygamy (N)		(:05) Intervention "Tanisha L"		(:05) Intervention "Justin/ Kayne"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stra...				Preacher (N)		Loaded (N)		Preacher		Loaded	"The Boat"
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) ★★★ Hustle and Flow				★★ ATL ('06, Com) Evan Ross, T.I..		Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin		
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives	Orange County (N)			Real Housewives (N)		Wives Dallas (SP) (N)		Watch	Real Housewives		Dallas
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		American Greed (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	SO: NO "Back in Black"		Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		Carsporting		Street Outlaws		Carsporting	
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ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball New York Mets at New York Yankees (L)						ESPN "World Beaters"		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter Special "Fantasy Football Rankings" (L)										Fantasy FB (L)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson		The Five	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins (N)		HartFood	Diners	Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:00) ★ The Twilig...		Shadowhunters (N)		Stitchers (N)		Shadowhunters		The 700 Club		★ A Cinderella Sto...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	SportsO-ay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	CBCamp (L) /Knockout	WPT Poker Bay 101 Shooting Star	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:30) ★ Thor: The ...		★★★ Iron Man 2 ('10, Act) Robert Downey Jr..				★★★ Iron Man 2 ('10, Act) Robert Downey Jr..					
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It		House	House	Tiny H.	Tiny H.	H.Hunt	House (N)	T.Luxury	T.Luxury	Tiny H.	Tiny H.
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	(5:00) Cars America 1/3		Cars Made America 2/3 cont'd Aug 15 (N)				Pawn Stars (N)		Pawn	(:35) Pawn	(:05) Cars America 2/3	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★ Ghosts of Girlfriends Past		★★ Armageddon ('98, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis. A drill rigger and his crew embark on a mission to blow up an asteroid heading for Earth.						Women		★★ Armageddon ('98, Adv) Bruce Willis.	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Super High Roller		Super High Roller		Super High Roller		Super High Roller		Super High Roller		Super High Roller	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	K.Danger	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:00) ★ Skyfall		★★★ Immortals ('11, Act) Henry Cavill.						★ The Legend of Hercules Kelan Lutz.			Movie
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Fam...y Guy	American Dad! (N)	People of Earth (N)	Conan (N)		People of Earth	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Morgan: A...		★★★★ Julia ('77, Bio) Jane Fonda.				(:15) ★ Orpheus Descending ('90) Kevin Anderson.					Movie
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Sin Senos Sí Hay (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Sí Hay Par	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Say Yes-Dress "Not Hell Nor High Water"		Say Yes to the Dress		90 Day Fiancé "I Do's and I Don'ts"		90 Day Fiancé "Going the Distance"		90 Day Fiancé "I Do's and I Don'ts"		90 Day Fiancé "Going the Distance"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	★★★ The Expendables 2 ('12, Act) Liam Hemsworth, Jason Statham, Sylvester Stallone.						★★★ Olympus Has Fallen (2013, Action) Morgan Freeman, Aaron Eckhart, Gerard Butler.		Will "What Dreams May Come" (N)		Will "What Dreams May Come"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray	"Homework"	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) Shooter	"The Hunting Party"	(:05) Shooter	
WGN	19	85				Person of Interest "Beta"		Person of Interest "A House Divided"		★★ John Q (2002, Drama) Gabriela Oltean, Kimberly Elise, Denzel Washington.				★★ John Q (2002, Drama) Gabriela Oltean, Kimberly Elise, Denzel Washington.			

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Husband gives up smoking, but his drinking persists

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: I am married to a great guy. We've been together 27 years, so I know him well. He recently stopped smoking after 30 years of nicotine addiction. He did it cold turkey, and he's been smoke-free for three months now. I'm proud of him and tell him so.

The problem is, when he drinks, he gets drunk — which I'm used to — but then he starts saying (sometimes belligerently) that he wants a cigarette badly. I don't know how to respond to this. I continue praising him for quitting and point out the health benefits that are already obvious — his breathing, returned senses, etc. — but it's getting old.

Should I continue to say helpful things or just ignore him when he's drunk? — DUMBFOUNDED IN DALLAS

DEAR DUMBFOUNDED: Try this. Tell him calmly that his craving for a cigarette is normal, particularly if he used to smoke while consuming alcohol. Reassure him that with time, the craving will lessen, and continue to reinforce that he did himself a huge favor by mustering up the willpower to quit. Tell him you know it wasn't easy and that the longer he resists the urge for a nicotine fix, the easier it will be for him to stay smoke-free.

The fact that he becomes "belligerent" when he drinks should be a sign to you that he probably shouldn't be drinking, either. Instead of keeping him company when he's in his cups, consider leaving to attend an Al-Anon meeting. It's a supportive organization created for friends and family members who are affected by a loved one's alcohol consumption. It isn't difficult to find a meeting. Just go to al-anon.org.

DEAR ABBY: I was in a relationship with a man for a year and a half. We got along great. We never argued, and we had a healthy sexual relationship.

You know the saying, "Actions speak louder than words"? All the actions were there — he took me on amazing vacations, introduced me to all of his friends and family. But during all our time together, he never once expressed how he felt about me. He never even called me "Honey," or "Babe."

About a month ago, I told him how I felt. I came right out and asked if he loved me or had any kind of romantic feelings for me. He ignored my question! I guess he didn't want to hurt me more by saying no. Two weeks later, he broke up with me.

I have been divorced for five years, while he has never been married or had a live-in girlfriend. He said his reason for breaking up was he felt our relationship was good but not great (!) and he didn't think it ever would be. This is painful, but I can't help holding onto hope. Should I just give up and move on? — GOOD, BUT NOT GREAT

DEAR G.B.N.G.: Yes, for your own sake, you must. Give him credit for having been honest with you, but if after a year and a half he wasn't able to summon up any romantic feelings for you, you must accept that it isn't going to happen. Moving on may be painful for a while, but you will be doing yourself a big favor. Start now.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 5 3 ♡ J 3 ◇ 3 ♣ A 10 7 5 4 2

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
3◇	Pass	3NT	Pass
4◇	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — A preference to four hearts isn't enough. You can guarantee no black suit losers and partner should have an excellent chance to hold the red suits to one loser. Bid six hearts.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 6 4 3 ♡ K 9 4 ◇ 10 8 6 ♣ A 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — This hand is worth an invitation, but don't bid two no-trump just yet. Bid two diamonds, the new suit, to give partner a chance to show three-card spade support.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K J 9 8 4 ♡ K J [illegible] ♣ [illegible]

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — It has become fashionable to open one no-trump with off-shape hands, but that would be wrong here. It will be easy to bid your suits and the hand is worth 18 points. Open one spade.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K ♡ K 7 2 ◇ K 6 4 3 ♣ K Q J 7 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — As opposed to the hand in question three, this hand will be difficult to bid and the best opening bid choice is probably one no-trump, despite the singleton king.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending Aug. 6

Top Paid iPhone Apps:
1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
3. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd
4. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
5. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
6. Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
7. MONOPOLY Game, Electronic Arts
8. iSchedule, HotSchedules
9. True Skate, True Axis
10. Scribblenauts Remix, Warner Bros.

Top Free iPhone Apps:
1. Sarahah, ZainAlabdin Tawfiq
2. YouTube - Watch Videos, Music..., Google, Inc.
3. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
4. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
5. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
6. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.
7. Bitmoji - Your Personal Emoji, Bitstrips
8. Google Maps - Navigation & Tra..., Google, Inc.
9. Snake VS Block, Voodoo
10. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.

Top Paid iPad Apps:
1. Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd
3. Notability, Ginger Labs
4. Procreate - Sketch, paint, cre..., Savage Interactive Pty Ltd.
5. The Emoji Movie Maker, AppMoji, Inc.
6. Terraria, 505 Games (US), Inc.
7. Geometry Dash, Rob Top Games AB
8. Scribblenauts Remix, Warner Bros.
9. Minecraft: Story Mode - Season..., Telltale Inc.
10. Five Nights at Freddy's, Scott Cawthon

Top Free iPad Apps:
1. YouTube - Watch Videos, Music..., Google, Inc.
2. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
3. Strawberry Shortcake Ice Cream, Budge Studios
4. Flippy Knife, Oleg Beresnev
5. Bowmasters - Top Multiplayer B..., Playgendary
6. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation
7. Snake VS Block, Voodoo
8. Gymnastics Superstar - Get a P..., Coco Play
9. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
10. Facebook, Facebook, Inc.

Music

iTunes Official Music Charts for the week ending Aug. 10

Top Songs
1. Despacito (feat. Justin Bieber), Luis Fonsi & Daddy Yankee
2. Strip That Down (feat. Quavo), Liam Payne
3. Slow Hands, Niall Horan
4. Attention, Charlie Puth
5. There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back, Shawn Mendes
6. Praying, Kesha
7. Body Like a Back Road, Sam Hunt
8. Believer, Imagine Dragons
9. Unforgettable (feat. Swae Lee), French Montana
10. Wild Thoughts (feat. Rihanna & ..., DJ Khaled

Top Albums
1. Brett Eldredge, Brett Eldredge
2. NOW That's What I Call Music, ..., Various Artists
3. 4:44, JAY Z
4. Andy Mineo and Wordsplayed Pre..., Andy Mineo & Wordsplayed
5. Descendants 2 (Original TV Mov..., Various Artists
6. 20 Greatest Hits, Glen Campbell
7. Atomic Blonde (Original Motion..., Various Artists
8. Deadweight, Wage War
9. Al YoungBoy, Youngboy Never Broke Again
10. Moana, Various Artists

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Aug. 6

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. Alien: Covenant
2. The Boss Baby
3. Allied
4. The Circle (2017)
5. Going in Style (2017)
6. Gifted
7. Ghost in the Shell
8. Colossal
9. Kong: Skull Island
10. The Fate of the Furious

iTunes Movies US Charts - Independent:
1. Colossal
2. The Lost City of Z
3. The Captive
4. The Lovers
5. Wakefield
6. The Dinner
7. Berlin Syndrome
8. A Family Man
9. Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent
10. Laggies

Source: Apple Inc.

App reviews: Touchdowners is fun distraction on summer day

HAYLEY TSUKAYAMA
Washington Post

Touchdowners is a silly game. And that's just fine for a distraction on a summer day. Players are put in charge of a team of three football "players" — whose movements are limited to pinwheeling their arms around. They face off against three similarly equipped opposing players. You can move your pack of players up or down the field.

The aim of the game is to score a touchdown, of course, though in this game, that means touching the ball down into the end zone. This is surprisingly hard to do when your motion is so limited, and sometimes your teammates pile up under you.

You can play in a career mode — that takes you through opponents, tournament-style — an arcade mode or a two-player mode that could get cramped if you're playing on a phone. (Still fun, though.) You can watch ads for in-game currency to unlock more characters.

Free, for iOS and Android.

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A beefed-up to-do list app, TickTick lets you create lists with things to do but also lets you assign them to days in your calendar, snooze them for a later date when things get crazy, and assign tasks their appropriate importance. You can also set reminders for those tasks, so you can actually cross them off your list at some point.

TickTick could be a bit complicated for those who aren't used to unifying their to-do lists and calendars. Taking a spin through the tutorial is a good idea to make the most out of the app.

The free version gives you the option to make up to nine lists with 99 tasks each. There is also a pro version ($27.99 a year or $2.79 a month) that lets you integrate with other companies' calendars and puts unlimited tasks and lists at your disposal, among other features. If you're really looking to get everything in order, it would be a worthy upgrade.

Free, for Android and iOS.

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"Guess the Emoji" has you do pretty much exactly what you think you would: guess the meaning of strings of emoji. Sometimes the questions are essentially a "say what you see" puzzle — a flag and a ship become "flagship" — while others are more thematic. In most cases, players will be able to work their way through them, though there are hints available if needed.

You can earn free hints by completing puzzles, or pay a minimum of $1 to collect more in those instances where you're really stumped. The app is ad-supported. This is not a sophisticated game. You probably won't be far off in calling it stupid. But it is strangely fun and pleasantly mindless. And that sort of thing can be important to have on hand sometimes.

Free, for iOS and Android devices.

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This soothing puzzler features smooth jazz and pretty colors — essentially everything you need to take your mind off the world for a moment. Players are faced with sparsely dotted canvases that they must complete by connecting the dots in a particular order. With a sweep or two of your finger, you can turn the puzzling paint dots on the canvas into a colorful answer. But don't worry if you end up out of order; it's easy to backtrack, even without turpentine on hand.

"Splashy Dots" is ad-supported. Players can pay for hints, in case they get stuck on a particularly tricky painting. You unlock more paintings as you go, and the game comes with a handful of levels to keep you entertained without spending any money.

Free, for iOS devices.

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Marta Chacun and Tatiana Hahecha help Jeremy Chacun plant a tomato plant in one of the raised beds during a Family and Childrens Agency program June 8 in Norwalk, Conn. Gardening apps are getting better all the time, supplanting manuals and textbooks as the way people dig for information. Many university Extension services are developing the digital aids to extend outreach to clients.

APPS

From 2B

provide solutions to dozens of problems for hundreds of plants. This low-cost Plant Doctor app suite focuses on perennial and annual flowers, tomatoes, turf grass and trees. (https://www.purdueplantdoctor.com)

"Every year, homeowners invest millions of dollars in their landscaping materials, and due to insect diseases and sometimes a lack of experience, problems come up," said Janna Beckerman, a Purdue Extension plant disease specialist and content specialist for the apps. "This is an affordable way to fix those problems. You just pull it (mobile device) out of your pocket and have answers right away."

A new app from Toca Boca called "Toca Lab: Plants" aims to plant seeds of interest in gardening for children. It features a digital botanical laboratory that helps kids discover scores of plants with differing personalities. It also enables them to create new species. (https://tocaboca.com/app/toca-lab-plants)

"We wanted to create something that would be fun," said Bjorn Jeffery, Toca Boca chief executive officer. "We hope that the mystery, science and humor in the app combine to ignite kids' joy of discovery and empower them to seek out other resources to learn more about botany."

PlantSnap is a recent entry in the expanding field of apps intended to identify unknown plants and flowers. (See also Plantifier, NatureGate, Leafsnap, Like That Garden, PlantNet, ID Weeds.) It instantly identifies plants and weeds from a photo, and along the way is producing what its creators claim is the world's largest plant database.

"It works well for gardeners and academics and anyone," said Eric Ralls, chief executive officer of PlantSnap. "We want anyone on the planet to be able to recognize any plant on the planet. So far, we have 315,000 in our database." (http://plantsnap.net)

Other gardening-related apps worth considering (all those listed below are free):

- For landscaping: iScape, Rain Harvest.
- For diagnosis: Garden Compass, Plant Health, My Garden Answers.
- For plant guides: GKH Gardening Companion, GardenMinder, GrowIt!
- For naturalists: Audubon Bird Guide app, Insect Encyclopedia, Bee Smart Pollinator Gardener.

DRIVERLESS

From 2B

him or her the ability to safely monitor and respond to surroundings."

The study "is investigating the potential need for additional exterior signals on automated vehicles. This research is relevant for ensuring pedestrians, cyclists, and other drivers are accommodated," said the statement, which eventually will be made public.

But researchers from Virginia Tech, Ford Motor Company, the University of Leeds and Japan's National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology outlined more details about the questions being considered in such research at symposium this summer. Among them: How should cars communicate with others on the road while they're moving, stopped or transitioning? And would it make sense to standardize such communication?

In addition to eye contact and gestures, people on the road communicate with "turn signals, horns, and even the control of their movement to show intent (e.g. easing vehicle forward)," according to a summary of the researchers' discussion at the Automated Vehicles Symposium held in San Francisco last month.

It's unclear whether driverless cars "will be able to perceive and communicate intent in the same ways that a human can," according to the summary, so designing them "to signal their intent in ways other roadway users can reliably understand" is critical.

Buchanan-King said the Arlington van was taken off the road temporarily to check in with the driver, given all the attention. "He was fine," she said. "As far as I know the study will continue as planned."

DIGITAL BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Facebook anonymously launches photo-sharing app in China

NEW YORK — Facebook anonymously launched a new photo-sharing app in China in a new effort to make inroads in the world's most populous country.

China's ruling Communist Party controls internet traffic across the country's borders and tries to keep the public from seeing thousands of websites including Facebook.

The app, called Colorful Balloons, was launched in China earlier this year and does not carry Facebook's name. Facebook confirmed Saturday that it launched the app.

The social media company's connection to the app was first reported Friday by The New York Times, which said it was released in China through a separate local company called Youge Internet Technology.

The launch of the app comes as China is cracking down on technology that allows web surfers to evade Beijing's online censorship.

Last month, users of Facebook's WhatsApp messaging service, which normally operates freely in China, were no longer able to send images without using a virtual private network. That came amid official efforts to suppress mention of the death of Liu Xiaobo, the imprisoned Nobel Peace laureate.

China's biggest internet service provider, China Telecom Ltd., sent a letter to corporate customers last month saying that VPNs, which create encrypted links between computers and can be used to see sites blocked by Beijing's web filters, would be permitted only to connect to a company's headquarters abroad. The move could block access to news, social media or business services that are obscured by China's "Great Firewall."

Chinese authorities have long blocked Facebook, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, arguing that foreign social media services operating beyond their control pose a threat to national security.

Walmart tests app that lets shoppers skip checkout lines

NEW YORK — Walmart is bringing back an app that lets shoppers skip the checkout line and pay for items themselves on their smartphones.

It first tested a version of the app, called Scan & Go, in 2013. But it discontinued it after customers said it was confusing to use. The retailer said Wednesday that it learned from the initial test and redesigned the app to make it easier to use.

A test of the updated Scan & Go app began this year at some stores in Houston, Orlando, Florida, and near Walmart's headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas. The test is now being expanded to stores in Dallas and Nashville, Tennessee.

The company, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., declined to say exactly how many stores are taking part in the test.

With the app, shoppers scan items with their phone as they shop. When they're done, they can pay for the items through the same app. Customers have to show their phones to employees on their way out to prove that they paid.

Walmart said the app has been available at all of its Sam's Club warehouse stores since October.

New computer app enables wildlife reporting from the field

LANSING, Mich. — A new computer application enables Michigan residents to help conserve fish and wildlife by reporting what they see while out in the field.

The Eyes in the Field app replaces 15 separate forms that the state Department of Natural Resources previously used to gather this kind of information.

Chief technology officer Tom Weston says the DNR relies on the public to assist with fish and wildlife monitoring. He describes the app as a "one-stop shop" where citizen scientists can share their observations.

It includes forms for reporting on diseased wildlife, tagged fish, mammals such as cougars and feral swine, fish such as sturgeon, birds such as wild turkeys, and reptiles and amphibians.

The app will work on any device, including smartphones, tablets and desktop computers. It's available online.

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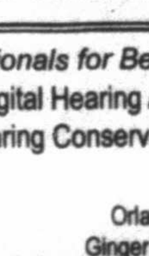
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MHS wants to develop talent during two-a-days

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland High football fans won't be seeing many drastic changes when the Bulldogs start their fall practices at 7 a.m. today at Memorial Stadium.

Anuszkiewicz

Continuity will be a major theme when head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz leads MHS into its first two-a-day practices under his direction following the retirement of Craig Yenzer, who was the winningest coach in program history with 103 victories.

Anuszkiewicz, who served under Yenzer for 17 years as an assistant and 12 years as MHS defensive coordinator, is making the transition as smooth as possible.

The Bulldogs return seven coaches from Yenzer's 2016 staff that helped MHS go 9-3, they will run the same Air Raid/University of Tulsa offense that scored a school-record 517 points last season and operate the familiar 4-2-5 defense.

Despite all that, Anuszkiewicz will be implementing some new ideas and wrinkles today that are his own imprints.

"We're changing things up a little bit," Anuszkiewicz said. "I've been with Coach Yenzer for 17 years, but I also got some ideas throughout the years that I thought would maybe make our program fit into the vision that I have for making the program better. We're moving our practice schedule around a little bit during two-a-days.

"We are going to have practices that are committed to only our varsity and we're going to have some practices that are only committed to our J.V. I think we can develop both of our groups that way a little bit faster."

Anuszkiewicz's rationale is to give the Bulldogs' younger players a better chance to develop and draw more individual attention from the coaching staff.

Anuszkiewicz said depth is critical given the fact the MHS defense averaged roughly 80 plays a game last season, and the offense intends to operate with an up-tempo pace.

"We are trying to make our practice more efficient," Anuszkiewicz said. "We want to play fast and we want to have guys that are in great condition. And to do that, I just don't want to see a lot of guys standing around. I also think we have to do a better job of developing our 2s and 3s."

Injuries are inevitable during a football season, so it's not uncommon that a junior varsity player becomes a factor at some point in the season.

In 2016, sophomore linebacker Smith Essman spent the first two games on the

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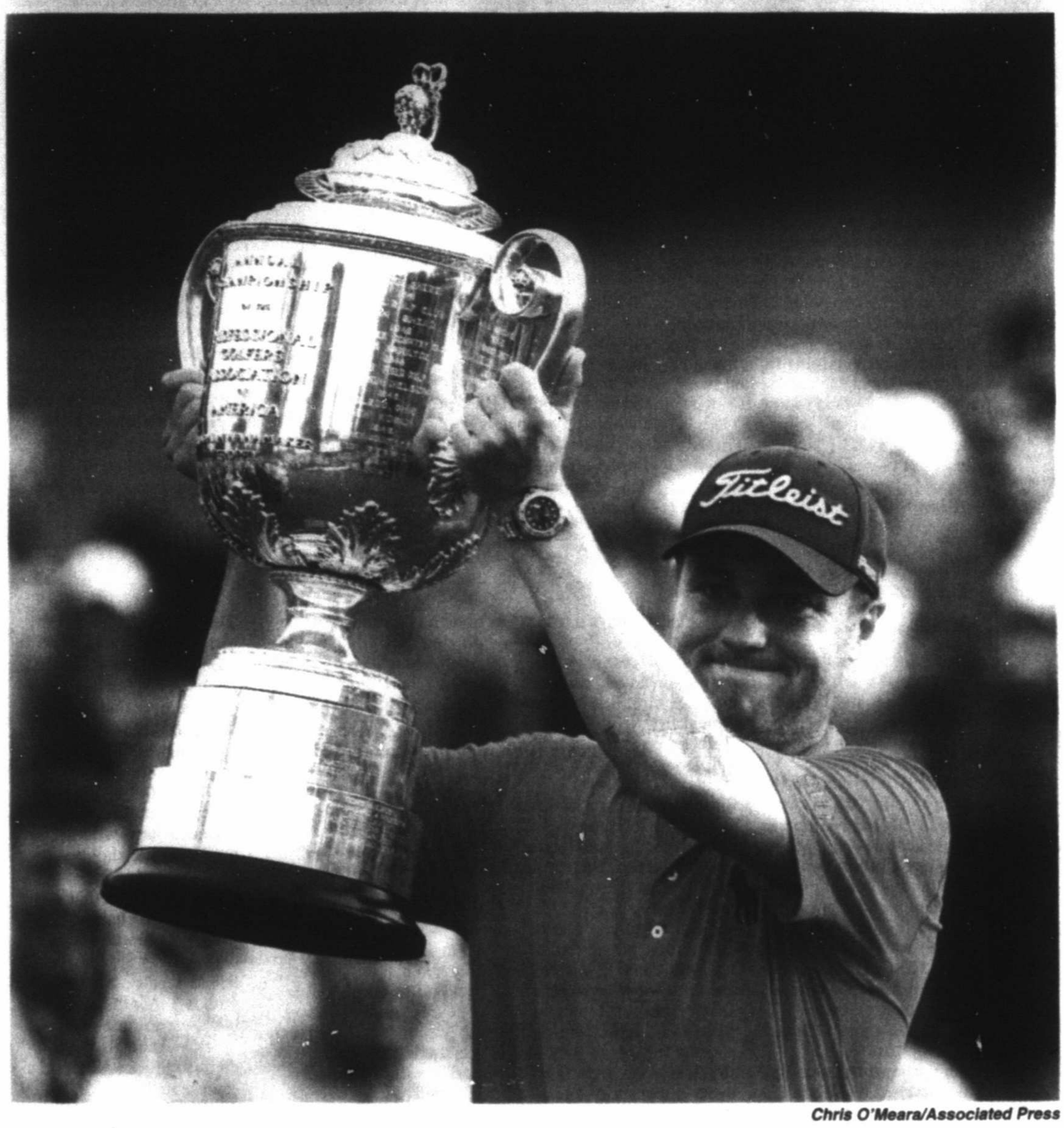
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Justin Thomas poses with the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the PGA Championship tournament at the Quail Hollow Club on Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

Justin Thomas wins the PGA Championship

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Justin Thomas emerged from the shadow of a longtime friend and won the PGA Championship to take his place among the young elite in golf.

With two big breaks to start the back nine, a chip-in for birdie to seize control and a timely 7-iron that soared over the water to a peninsula green, Thomas closed with a 3-under 68 for a two-shot victory.

The PGA Championship was the most fitting major for the 24-year-old son of a PGA professional. Mike Thomas, a former PGA board member and longtime pro at Harmony Landing outside Louisville, Kentucky, walked along the edge of the 18th green and into the arms of his son, a major champion.

The week began with Jordan Spieth's quest for a career Grand Slam. Spieth was at the 18th green late Sunday afternoon at Quail Hollow, but only so he could celebrate the moment with Thomas, close friends since they were 14.

"So awesome, dude," Spieth told him.

Thomas was every bit of that.

With five players still in the mix on the back nine, Thomas surged ahead by chipping in from 40 feet on the par-3 13th hole, and holding his nerve down the stretch as his challengers eventually faded, one after another.

Hideki Matsuyama, bidding to become the first player from Japan to win a major, recovered from back-to-back bogeys with birdies on the 14th and 15th holes to get within one shot. But the championship turned on the 16th hole.

Thomas faced a 6-foot par putt to stay at 8 under. Matsuyama caught a good lie over the green and chipped to 5 feet. Thomas wasted no time over the putt and drilled it in the center of cup. Matsuyama missed and was two shots behind.

"The last major of the year, and I was in contention," said Matsuyama, a runner-up at the U.S. Open. "All I can do is try harder next time."

Thomas sealed it with a 7-iron from 221 yards, so pure that he let the club twirl through his hands as he watched it clear the water and roll out to 15 feet.

Please see THOMAS/2C

Rhule for Baylor Bears is to build program and new culture

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

WACO — New Baylor coach Matt Rhule is focused on trying to build a program, not a team. Building a culture, not an attitude.

Rhule

And Rhule says that approach isn't dictated by the Bears having to deal with the aftermath of a sexual assault scandal that includes ongoing lawsuits, investigations and possible NCAA sanctions.

"That's what I would have done at Temple," said Rhule, who is coming off consecutive 10-win seasons with the Owls. "All it is, is we try to build a culture of excellence where everything counts. What you do off the field, what you do in the classroom, how you treat other people is just as important as how you run a curl, how you run a post. ... We're trying to make sure our kids know what it means to be a man."

Since taking the Baylor job last December, when he also had an offer from another Power Five school, Rhule has confronted head-on the situation that he inherited — and worked to make sure the same mistakes don't happen again at the world's largest Baptist university.

"There's been a lot of sadness, but hopefully there's hope, and hope that we can have a great new future," said Rhule, the son of a minister and former coach.

The Bears were 7-6 last season under acting head coach Jim Grobe, and the assistants from the staff of former two-time Big 12 champion head coach Art Briles. Three weeks after Rhule was named coach with Grobe still in charge on the field, the Bears beat Boise State in the Cactus Bowl to snap a six-game losing skid.

Baylor goes into this season with new assistant coaches, new schemes on both sides of the ball and the hopes for a fresh start.

"All we can do is push forward, push forward and be those upstanding guys that we know we are, regardless of what people say," said defensive end K.J. Smith, a third-year starter. "Just be who we know we are and just try to change the narrative."

A few other things to know as the Bears get ready to take the field under Rhule:

Not so fast

The Bears were high tempo under Briles, spreading things out to have the nation's biggest-gaining and

Please see BAYLOR/4C

Keuchel, Astros end season-high, 5-game skid, top Rangers 2-1

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Dallas Keuchel took a shutout into the sixth inning, Jose Altuve homered and the AL-leading Houston Astros stopped their longest losing streak of the season at five games, beating the Texas Rangers 2-1 on Sunday.

Carlos Beltran had a tiebreaking RBI single in the seventh. Adrian Beltre's 12th homer of the season and 3,014th career hit had pulled the Rangers even at 1 in the sixth.

Keuchel (10-2) struck out seven in 6 2/3 innings for his first win since June 2 against the Rangers, just before his nearly two-month stint on the disabled list. This was the 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner's fourth start since his second trip to the DL for neck soreness.

Keuchel had lost two in row, that skid coming after a career-best 11-game winning streak going back to last season.

It just the third win in 12 games in August for the AL West-leading Astros.

Joey Gallo lined into an inning-ending double play with runners at second and third in the Texas eighth against Ken Giles. First baseman Yuli Gurriel caught Gallo's smash and threw to second behind Drew Robinson, who was running for Beltre.

Giles struck two in the ninth for his 23rd save.

Altuve's 17th home run came in the fourth off Andrew Cashner (7-9), the Houston-area native who was scratched from his previous scheduled start at the New York Mets because of neck stiffness. The right-hander went seven innings as a three-game winning streak that matched a career best came to an end.

Short hops

Texas manager Jeff Banister was ejected in the fifth inning as both

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Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Houston Astros' Carlos Beltran follows through on a run-scoring single as Texas Rangers' Robinson Chirinos, right, watches in the seventh inning of a baseball game Sunday in Arlington.

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SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 11, Arkansas 6

TUESDAY'S GAME
NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Midland 11, Arkansas 6	NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
AMERICAN LEGION WORLD SERIES
Semifinal 1, 2 p.m., ESPNU
Semifinal 2, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU
HORSE RACING
Saratoga Live: Saratoga Dew Stakes, 3 p.m., FS2
LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES
Quarterfinal 1, Noon, ESPN2
Quarterfinal 2, 3 p.m., ESPN2
Quarterfinal 3, 6 p.m., ESPNews
Quarterfinal 4, 9 p.m., ESPNU
MLB
NY Mets at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Detroit at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Arizona, 8:30 p.m., AT&T
Baltimore at Seattle, 9 p.m., MLB
TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS
ON RADIO
MLB
Detroit at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
Houston at Arizona, 8:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Sent OF Lonnie Chisenhall to Akron (EL) for a rehab assignment.
DETROIT TIGERS — Designated RHP Edward Mujica for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Jeff Ferrell from Toledo (IL).
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Sent OF Paulo Orlando to Omaha (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Giovanny Gallegos to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Recalled LHP Caleb Smith from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent OF Jake Smolinski to Stockton (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Jeanmar Gomez on a minor league contract and assigned him to Tacoma (PCL). Sent OF Mitch Haniger to Tacoma for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent RHP Matt Andriese to Charlotte (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed RHP Dominic Leone on the bereavement list. Released 3B Chris Coghlan. Recalled LHP Matt Dermody from Buffalo (IL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with LHP Cesilio Pimentel on a minor league contract.
CINCINNATI REDS — Placed RHP Austin Brice on the 10-day DL. Reinstated RHP Robert Stephenson from the 10-day DL.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned C-INF Kyle Farmer to Oklahoma City (PCL). Reinstated RHP Chris Hatcher from the 10-day DL. Sent 1B Adrian Gonzalez and OF Andre Ethier to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for rehab assignments.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed LHP Brent Suter on the 10-day DL. Designated RHP Michael Blazek for assignment. Sent RHP Chase Anderson to Colorado Springs (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
NEW YORK METS — Selected the contract of RHP Kevin McGowan from Las Vegas (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Sent RHP Casey Fien to Clearwater (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Extended the contract of manager Andy Green three years through 2021.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Recalled INF Orlando Calixte from Sacramento (PCL) as 26th man for Sunday's doubleheader.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Placed OF Bryce Harper on the 10-day DL. Reinstated OF Michael Taylor from the 10-day DL. Added C Pedro Severino as 26th man for Sunday's doubleheader.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed INF Tanner Pinkston.
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed INF Paul Hendrix.
TEXAS AIRHOGS — Signed LHP Mario Mendoza.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Placed LHP John Lannan on the reserve/retired list.
Can-Am League
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Released RHP Matt Tulley.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released RHP Jon Fitzsimmons.
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Traded RHP Alex Vargas to Ottawa for a player to be named.
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Released INF Chris Chiaradio.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CHICAGO BEARS — Claimed K Roberto Aguayo off waivers from Tampa Bay. Placed WR Rueben Randle on injured reserve.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Claimed DE Shaneil Jenkins off waivers from Seattle. Placed TE Beau Sandland on injured reserve.
COLLEGE
FLORIDA — Suspended WR Antonio Callaway, DE Keivonnis Davis, DL Richerd Desir-Jones, LB James Houston, LB Ventrell Miller, DL Jordan Smith and OT Kadeem Telfort from the football team's season opener against Michigan.

NFL PRESEASON

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	7	3
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
New England	0	1	0	.000	24	31
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	10	17
South						
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	3	7
Houston	0	1	0	.000	17	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	10	24
North						
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	3
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	12
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	20	12
Cleveland	0	0	1	.500	14	14
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Oakland	0	1	0	.000	10	20
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	17	27
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	17	48

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.500	30	31
N.Y. Giants	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.000	12	20
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	9	24
Washington	0	1	0	.000	3	23
South						
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
New Orleans	0	0	1	.500	14	14
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	20	23
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	12	23
North						
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	9
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	17	24
West						
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	48	17
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Arizona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.500	38	30

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Scores
Detroit 24, Indianapolis 10
Seattle 48, L.A. Chargers 17
Thursday's Games
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Baltimore at Miami, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Connecticut	[illegible]	[illegible]	.654	—
Washington	[illegible]	[illegible]	.615	[illegible]
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	.556	[illegible]
Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	.407	[illegible]
Atlanta	[illegible]	[illegible]	.357	[illegible]
Indiana	[illegible]	19	.321	[illegible]

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	[illegible]	[illegible]	.840	—
x-Los Angeles	[illegible]	8	.704	[illegible]
Phoenix	14	13	.519	8
Dallas	13	16	.448	10
Seattle	11	16	.407	11
San Antonio	7	22	.241	16

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Games
New York 83, Los Angeles 69
Today's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Connecticut at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	44	24
Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	45	28
New York City FC	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	42	[illegible]
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atlanta United FC	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	42	[illegible]
Columbus	[illegible]	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montreal	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Orlando City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philadelphia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
New England	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
D.C. United	5	14	4	19	19	[illegible]

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Kansas City	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seattle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Portland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Houston	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
FC Dallas	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
San Jose	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vancouver	[illegible]	[illegible]	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Real Salt Lake	7	12	5	26	30	44
Los Angeles	6	11	5	23	32	40
Minnesota United	6	13	4	22	29	49
Colorado	6	12	3	21	22	31

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Scores and schedule

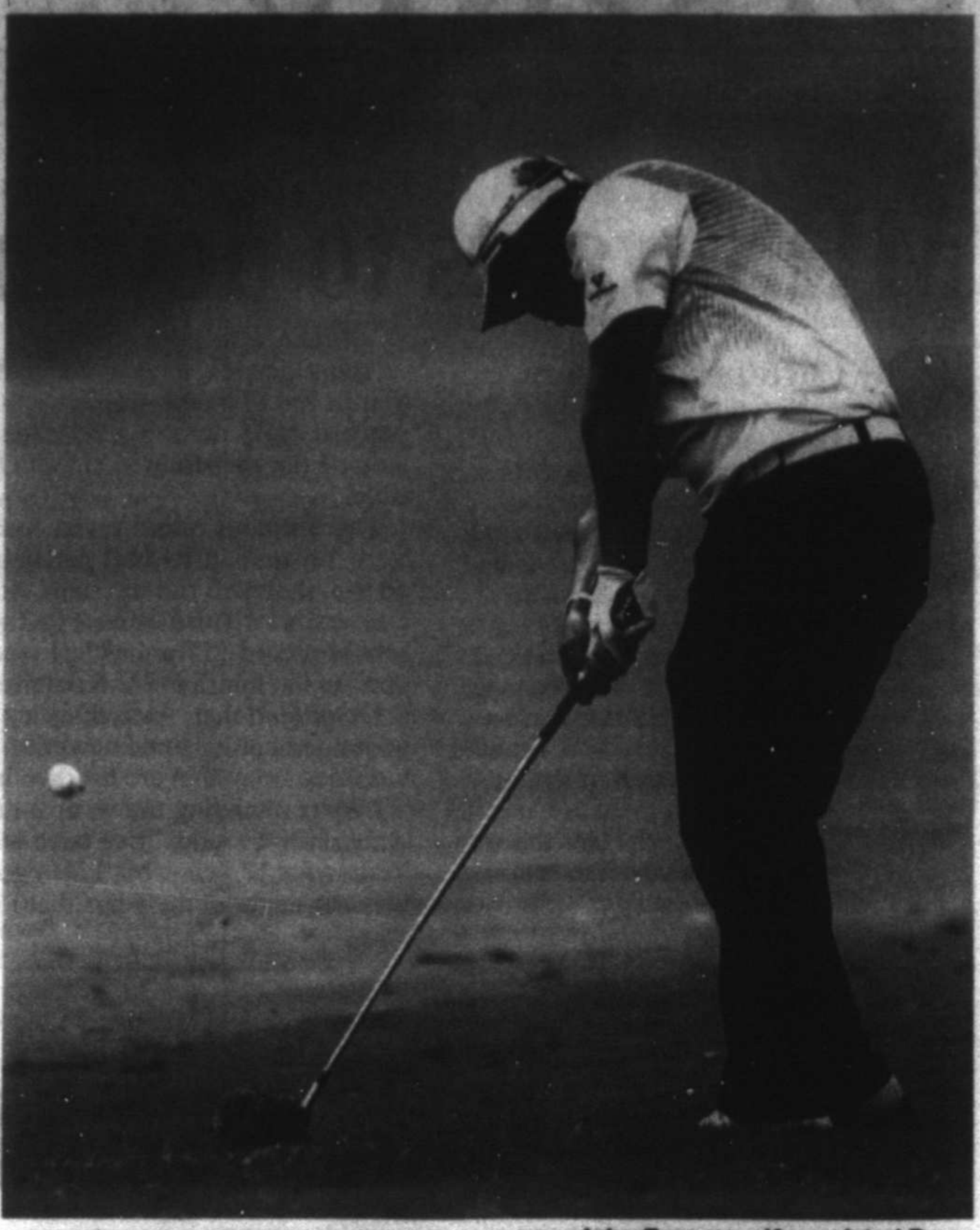
Saturday's Scores
Seattle 1, Sporting Kansas City 0
Toronto FC 4, Portland 1
Real Salt Lake at D.C. United, ppd.
Columbus 3, Chicago 1
New York 3, Orlando City 1
Colorado at FC Dallas, late
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 0
New England 1, Vancouver 0
San Jose at Houston, late
New York City FC at Los Angeles, late
Wednesday's Game
Chicago at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Tuesday
At Tokyo, Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Luis Nery, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC World bantamweight title.
Friday
At Ponce, Puerto Rico (ESPN), Alberto Machado vs. Carlos Morales, 10, junior lightweights.
Saturday
At Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln, Neb. (ESPN2), Terence Crawford vs. Julius Indongo, 12, for Crawford's WBO World/WBC and Indongo's IBF/WBA junior welterweight titles; Oleksandr Gvozdyk vs. Craig Baker, 10, light heavyweights; Mike Reed vs. Robert Frankel, 10, welterweights; Nicholas Walters vs. Arturo Santos Reyes, 10, super featherweights; Max Alvarado vs. Sidney Siqueira, 10, welterweights.
Aug. 22
At Sam's Town Hotel, Las Vegas (FS1), Mickey Bey vs. Anthony Peterson, 10, lightweights; Juan Carlos Payano vs. Alexis Santiago, 10, bantamweights.
Aug. 25
At Buffalo Run Casino, Miami, Okla. (FS1), Sergiy Derevyanchenko vs. Tureano Johnson, 12, middleweights; Immanuwel Aleem vs. Hugo Centeno Jr., 10, middleweights.
Aug. 26
At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (HBO), Miguel Cotto vs. Yoshihiro Kamegai, 12, for the vacant WBO World junior middleweight title; Rey Vargas vs. Ronny Rios, 12, for Vargas' WBC World super bantamweight title; Joet Gonzalez vs. Deivis Baker, 10, featherweights.
At T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas (PPV), Floyd Mayweather vs. Conor McGregor, 12, junior middleweights; Gervonta Davis vs. Roman Martinez, 12, for Davis' IBF junior lightweight title; Shawn Porter vs. Thomas Dulorme, 12, welterweights.

1st major victory eludes Kisner, Matsuyama at PGA

By Joedy McCreary
Associated Press



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Hideki Matsuyama hits from the fairway on the 12th hole during the final round of the PGA Championship tournament at the Quail Hollow Club on Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kevin Kisner and Hideki Matsuyama spent a lot of time atop the leaderboard at the PGA Championship.

Just not when it mattered most.

Kisner, who led or shared the lead after each of the first three rounds, wound up in in a tie for seventh place. Matsuyama finished one stroke better than Kisner, in a tie for fifth place, after sharing the 36-hole lead and starting the final round one stroke back.

"The last major of the year, and I was in contention," Matsuyama said through an interpreter. "All I can do is just try harder next time."

Kisner shot a 3-over 74 on Sunday and finished four strokes behind winner Justin Thomas. Matsuyama shot 72 in the final round and finished at 5 under for the tournament.

The leaderboard was full of players who have never won a major championship — of the top eight finishers, only Louis Oosthuizen arrived at Quail Hollow Club with one — so it seemed inevitable that someone would claim one for the first time.

Kisner and Matsuyama hoped it would be them. Especially at the point in the round when they both were part of a five-way tie for first along with Thomas, Francesco Molinari and Chris Stroud.

"I really liked the way I started out, hitting the ball solid and giving myself a lot of good looks," Kisner said. "Just not making the putts that I need to make to win major championships."

Kisner missed six putts inside of 15 feet — three from 10 feet or closer — during his final round.

"I didn't make the putts that I'd been making the first two days over the weekend," he said. "A lot of misses inside of 10 feet, and at some point the length is going to catch up with me and guys that hit it 30 (yards) by me are going to have an advantage if I'm not making the putts inside of 10 feet."

Kisner was humming right along, shooting 67s in each of his first two rounds. Matsuyama followed a first-round 70 with a 64, joining Kisner in the lead at 8 under — the first time for either player to be atop the leaderboard after any round of a major.

Kisner's 72 in the third round was good enough to give him a one-stroke lead entering the final day, though he sensed — rightfully — that his pursuers were gaining on him.

And when he found trouble on the seventh hole, they caught him.

His fade on the par-5 hit the water, and after he two-putted for a bogey, he found himself at 6 under and trailing for the first time since Thursday afternoon, having been passed by Matsuyama.

The Japanese star fell off the pace during a turbulent back nine that included five bogeys — including one on the 16th in which his par putt lipped off the left edge of the cup. That dropped him two strokes behind Thomas.

"The course played tough," Matsuyama said. "The pins were receptive, though, more than yesterday. I was just disappointed the way I played."

Quail Hollow's fabled Green Mile three-hole finishing stretch also gave Kisner trouble in each of his final two cracks at it.

He had two double bogeys, two bogeys and two pars on Saturday and Sunday after playing it at a combined 1 under during the first two rounds.

"That's not going to be fun to look at," Kisner said. "I thought I had to get a 10 (under) starting the day to win, and that was about right, so I had every opportunity. I just didn't finish it off."

THOMAS

From 1C

The birdie putt curled in and his lead was up to three going to the 18th. A final bogey only affected the score.

Thomas finished at 8-under 276 for his fourth victory of the year.

The PGA has been part of the Thomas family for three generations. Paul Thomas, his grandfather, was the longtime pro at Zanesville Country Club in Ohio who played in the 1962 U.S. Open. His father played at Morehead State and had aspirations of playing the tour that didn't last long. Instead, Mike Thomas became a club pro who watched his son fall in love with the game and grow into a force on the PGA Tour.

"I can't put it into words," Thomas said about his PGA of America heritage. "I wish my grandpa could be here for it. It's so special to get it done. I've glad we have a trophy now."

Kevin Kisner was the last one who had a chance to catch him. But he three-putted from 100 feet on the 16th for bogey, couldn't birdie the 17th from long range and hit his second shot into the water and finished with a double bogey. Kisner, the 54-hole leader, played the final three holes in 6 over on the weekend. He closed with a 74.

"That's not going to be fun to look at," he said of his weekend finish over the brutal closing stretch at Quail Hollow. "I thought I had to get to 10 (under) starting the day to win, and that was about right. I had every opportunity. I just didn't finish it off."

Matsuyama also hit into the water on No. 18 and made bogey for a 72 to finish three back.

Louis Oosthuizen (70), Patrick Reed (67) and Francesco Molinari (67) tied for second, though none had a chance to win playing the 18th. Oosthuizen holed a 50-foot birdie putt on the 18th to get a runner-up finish in the majors for the fourth time.

For Reed, it was his first top 10 in a major.

Just two months ago, fresh off a record-tying 63 in the U.S. Open to get in the final group at Erin Hills, Thomas struggled from the start and shot 75. He started this final round two shots behind, skulled a bunker shot on the first hole and had to make a 15-foot putt to avoid double bogey. He missed a short par putt on No. 3, and that was the last mistake he made until it no longer mattered.

Thomas began his move with a 35-foot birdie putt on No. 9, and then caught two breaks on the par-5 10th. His tee shot sailed left into a tree and bounced out into the fairway. Then, his 8-foot birdie putt hung on the left edge of the cup. Thomas smiled and lazily turned away, and a few seconds later as he looked back toward the hole, gravity took over and the ball dropped into the cup.

He had a chance for a knockout until failing to birdie the two easiest holes on the back nine, only to make up for it with the tough bunker shot on the 16th that led to his clutch par, and a 7-iron that made him a major champion.

He gets referred to endlessly as Spieth's best friend because Spieth, who is 3 months younger, has done so much so quickly. Their friendship dates to France when they represented the U.S. in the Evian Junior Masters. Thomas won that 36-hole event.

Ten years later, they have won consecutive majors and head into the FedEx Cup playoffs battling for PGA Tour player of the year.

GOLF SCORES

PGA Championship

Sunday
At Quail Hollow Club
Charlotte, N.C.
Purse: $10.5 million
Yardage: 7,600; Par: 71
Final

J. Thomas (600), $1,890,000	73-66-69-68—276
F. Molinari (230), $784,000	73-64-74-67—278
L. Oosthuizen (230), $784,000	70-67-71-70—278
Patrick Reed (230), $784,000	69-73-69-67—278
Rickie Fowler (115), $388,500	69-70-73-67—279
H. Matsuyama (115), $388,500	70-64-73-72—279
G. DeLaet (97), $317,500	70-73-68-69—280
Kevin Kisner (97), $317,500	67-67-72-74—280
Jason Day (80), $250,000	70-66-77-70—283
Matt Kuchar (80), $250,000	71-74-70-68—283
Jordan L Smith, $250,000	70-75-70-68—283
Chris Stroud (80), $250,000	68-68-71-76—283
Scott Brown (57), $160,000	73-68-70-73—284
Paul Casey (57), $160,000	69-70-74-71—284
James Hahn (57), $160,000	73-70-71-70—284
Brian Harman (57), $160,000	69-75-71-69—284
Dustin Johnson (57), $160,000	70-74-73-67—284
Brooks Koepka (57), $160,000	68-73-74-69—284
Marc Leishman (57), $160,000	75-71-71-67—284
Ryan Moore (57), $160,000	71-71-73-69—284
H. Stenson (57), $160,000	74-70-70-70—284
Rory McIlroy (41), $89,167	72-72-73-68—285
Grayson Murray (41), $89,167	68-73-69-75—285
Ian Poulter (41), $89,167	74-71-71-69—285
Chez Reavie (41), $89,167	72-70-70-73—285
Robert Streb (41), $89,167	74-70-70-71—285
Gary Woodland (41), $89,167	68-74-69-74—285
Byeong Hun An (32), $64,200	71-69-74-72—286
J.B. Holmes (32), $64,200	74-73-67-72—286
Pat Perez (32), $64,200	70-76-69-71—286
Jordan Spieth (32), $64,200	72-73-71-70—286
Richard Sterne, $64,200	73-72-70-71—286
Keegan Bradley (20), $47,000	74-70-73-70—287
Patrick Cantlay (20), $47,000	72-71-72-72—287
Bud Cauley (20), $47,000	69-74-74-70—287
Kevin Chappell (20), $47,000	72-75-69-71—287
B. DeChambeau (20), $47,000	73-71-72-71—287
Lucas Glover (20), $47,000	75-70-72-70—287
Jason Kokrak (20), $47,000	75-70-72-70—287
Jamie Lovemark (20), $47,000	74-71-72-70—287
Sean O'Hair (20), $47,000	71-75-70-71—287
Webb Simpson (20), $47,000	76-70-72-69—287
Chris Wood, $47,000	72-72-70-73—287
Tony Finau (12), $32,125	69-74-71-74—288
Jim Herman (12), $32,125	69-75-72-72—288
Sung Kang (12), $32,125	70-71-71-76—288
Thorbjorn Olesen, $32,125	67-78-71-72—288
Charley Hoffman (9), $25,900	75-71-73-70—289
Billy Horschel (9), $25,900	76-70-69-74—289
Zach Johnson (9), $25,900	71-73-71-74—289
Satoshi Kodaira, $25,900	71-76-67-75—289
Shane Lowry (9), $25,900	74-69-74-72—289
Charl Schwartzel (9), $25,900	74-70-72-73—289
Ryan Fox, $22,875	75-66-71-78—290
Bill Haas (7), $22,875	75-69-73-73—290
D.A. Points (7), $22,875	68-73-74-75—290
Steve Stricker (7), $22,875	75-70-72-73—290
Jason Dufner (6), $21,800	74-72-72-73—291
Kelly Kraft (6), $21,800	73-73-71-74—291
Jon Rahm (6), $21,800	70-75-71-75—291
Tommy Fleetwood, $21,300	70-75-73-74—292
Adam Scott (5), $21,300	71-76-74-71—292
Dylan Frittelli, $20,800	73-71-77-72—293
Cody Gribble (5), $20,800	72-75-74-72—293
David Lingmerth (5), $20,800	72-73-71-77—293
Vijay Singh (4), $20,400	75-70-79-70—294
K.T. Kim, $19,900	73-72-75-75—295
Alex Noren, $19,900	74-69-75-77—295
Hideto Tanihara, $19,900	71-75-74-75—295
Lee Westwood, $19,900	73-72-75-75—295
Russell Henley (3), $19,450	75-71-77-73—296
D. Summerhays (3), $19,450	76-67-77-76—296
Charles Howell III (3), $19,250	78-69-78-72—297
Omar Uresti (3), $19,250	74-70-80-73—297
Anirban Lahiri (3), $19,100	72-73-76-78—299

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9/16 9:00-12:00 Shot & Microchip Clinic at Midland's PetSmart
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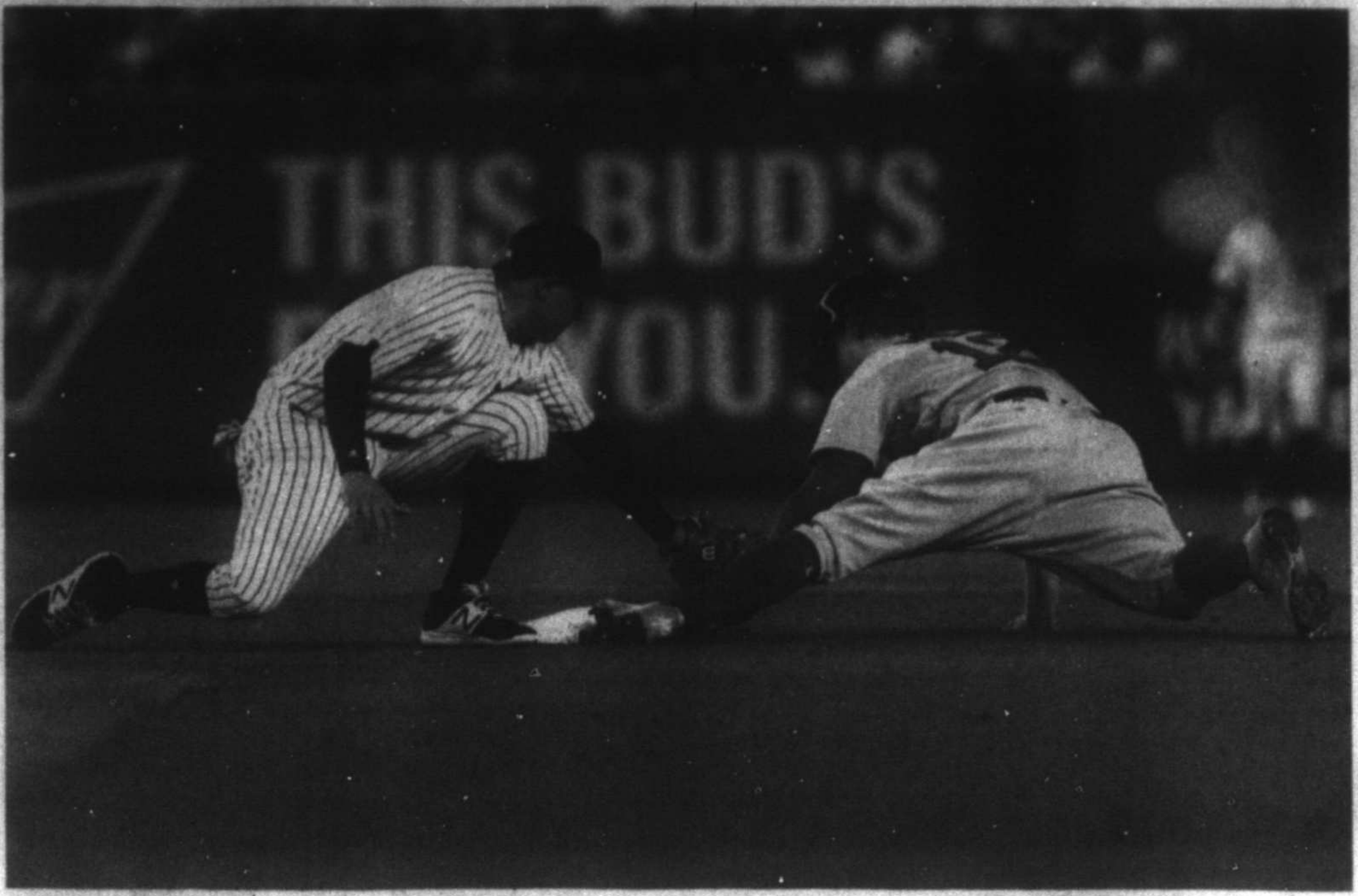

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Boston Red Sox's Brock Holt (12) steals second base as New York Yankees second baseman Ronald Torreyes, left, attempts to tag him out during the fifth inning of a baseball game Sunday in New York. The Red Sox won 3-2 in 10 innings.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

INDIANS 4
RAYS 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Austin Jackson hit a tiebreaking home run off Tommy Hunter (2-3) leading off the eighth inning.

Corey Kluber (11-3) struck out nine in seven innings for the AL Central leaders, his 14th straight start of fanning eight or more. He gave up four hits, including a two-run homer to Steve Souza Jr. in the sixth that made it 3-all.

TWINS 6
TIGERS 4

DETROIT — Brian Dozier and Miguel Sano homered for Minnesota. The Twins blew an early 4-0 lead but Byron Buxton hit a tiebreaking single off Warwick Saupold after Bruce Rondon (1-3) walked the first two batters in the eighth.

A day earlier, the Twins trailed 5-0, rallied for an 11-6 lead, then lost to the Tigers 12-11 on Justin Upton's two-run homer in the ninth.

Minnesota's Chris Gimenez had three passed balls in the fifth and Ervin Santana threw a toss through his legs for a wild pitch.

ROYALS 14
WHITE SOX 6

CHICAGO — Whit Merrifield hit a three-run homer and drove in a career-high five runs. Drew Butera had four of Kansas City's 16 hits as the Royals climb back over .500 at 59-58.

Jason Vargas (14-6) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings, matching his career high for wins set in 2012 with Seattle.

ATHLETICS 9
ORIOLES 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Matt Chapman hit a tiebreaking three-run homer off Jeremy Hellickson (1-2) in a five-run fourth as Oakland overcame a 2-0 deficit.

Manny Machado hit his 22nd homer and scored twice for Baltimore.

Kendall Graveman (3-3) matched his career high of eight strikeouts, allowing two runs and eight hits in seven innings.

ANGELS 4
MARINERS 2

SEATTLE — Parker Bridwell (7-1) yielded one run and four hits in six innings, winning his fifth straight decision and extended Los Angeles' winning streak to six as the Angels moved into the second spot in the AL wild-card race.

C.J. Cron homered and Martin Maldonado had a two-run single for the Angels. Ariel Miranda (7-6) walked a career-high six and allowed four runs and four hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Interleague

BLUE JAYS 7
PIRATES 1

TORONTO — J.A. Happ (6-8) allowed one run and four hits in six innings to win his third straight start, Josh Donaldson hit a two-run homer and Justin Smoak and Darwin Barney added solo homers.

Toronto scored five runs off Chad Kuhl (5-8) while batting around in the first inning and taking a 5-1 lead. Pittsburgh managed just one hit after the first, and none in the final five innings.

National League

CUBS 7
DIAMONDBACKS 2

PHOENIX — Jake Arrieta (12-8) won consecutive starts for the first time since early April, Javier Baez and Ian Happ hit consecutive home runs in the eighth inning and Chicago reopened a one-game lead over St. Louis in the NL Central.

Kris Bryant put the Cubs ahead when he scored from second on a wild pitch from Zack Godley (5-5) in the first inning on strike three to Victor Caratini.

GIANTS 4
NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Chris Stratton (1-2) struck out a career-high 10 in 6 2/3 shutout innings in the opener of a day-night doubleheader, the Nationals' first game following Bryce Harper's knee injury.

Harper has a significant bone bruise in his left knee but no ligament damage, general manager Mike Rizzo said. Harper was injured Saturday when he slipped on a wet first base, and Rizzo said the Nationals hope the star outfielder can return this season.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 11, TRAVELERS 6
At Dickey Stephens Park, North Little Rock, Ark.

TOP HITTERS: J.P. Sportman led Midland by going 2-for-4 with a grand slam and four RBI. Teammate B.J. Boyd as 2-for-4 with a double, walk and two runs scored, while Tyler Ramirez was 2-for-3 with a home run, RBI and two runs scored for the RockHounds. ... Chris Mariscal was 3-for-5 with a double, home run, three RBI and two runs scored for the Travelers.

TOP PITCHER: Aaron Kurcz got the win in relief for Midland after he allowed just one hit, walked one and struck out two over two shutout innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: The game was tied at 3 when Arkansas took a 4-3 lead in the sixth on a bases-loaded walk by Steve Baron. ... Midland scored the next eight unanswered and it took the lead for good with a two-run seventh thanks to a two-run triple by Tyler Marincov. ... Ramirez hit a solo homer in the two-run top of the eighth, and then Sportman hit his grand slam in the ninth to give Midland an 11-4 advantage.

NOTES: Midland ended up taking two of three from the Travelers in the series. ... Ramirez extended his hitting streak to eight straight games. ... Midland now has a 1-game lead over Corpus Christi in the Texas League South Division wild card standings after the Hooks lost to Springfield, 7-5. ... The RockHounds return home on Tuesday to host Northwest Arkansas in a three-game series.

TUESDAY'S PROBABLES: Northwest Arkansas - LHP Jake Kalish (0-7, 3.63 ERA); Midland - LHP A.J. Puk (1-3, 5.63)

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	33	17	.660	—
Tulsa	30	20	.600	3
Arkansas	21	28	.429	11½
Northwest Arkansas	21	29	.420	12

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	29	20	.592	—
Midland	23	27	.460	6
Corpus Christi	22	27	.449	7
Frisco	20	30	.400	9½

Sunday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 3, Frisco 0
Springfield 7, Corpus Christi 5
San Antonio 5, Tulsa 1
Midland 11, Arkansas 6

Today's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 11, TRAVELERS 6

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Mateo ss	3	2	0	0	Bishop cf	4	1	0	0
Boyd cf	4	2	2	0	Mariscal 2b	5	2	3	3
Curtis dh	2	0	1	1	Taylor lf	4	0	1	1
Marncv ph-dh	2	0	1	2	Casteel 1b	4	1	1	1
Rosa 1b	3	1	0	1	Littlewood dh	5	0	2	0
Schrock 2b	4	1	2	1	Mejs-Brean 3b	4	0	0	0
Ramirez lf	3	2	2	1	Baron c	2	0	1	1
Sportman rf	4	2	2	4	Argo rf	4	0	0	0
Paz c	4	0	1	0	Wong ss	2	2	0	0
Cogswell 3b	3	1	0	1					
Totals	32	11	11	11	Totals	34	6	8	6

Midland .... 000 120 224—11
Arkansas .... 000 031 002 —6

E - Naile. DP - Midland 1, Arkansas 2. LOB - Midland 8, Arkansas 9. 2B - Boyd (25), Mariscal (1). 3B - Marincov (2). HR - Mariscal (1). S - Cogswell. SF - Rosa. CS - Schrock (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Naile	4.0	2	0	0	1	1
Hurlbutt	1.0	2	4	4	4	1
Kurcz W, 2-1	2.0	1	0	0	1	2
Bragg S,5	2.0	3	2	2	1	3
Arkansas						
West	3.0	4	1	1	0	4
Boches	2.0	2	2	2	4	0
Gillies L, 2-3	1.2	1	2	2	3	0
Curtis	1.2	3	5	5	3	1
Kober 0.2	1	1	1	1	1	

Hurlbutt pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.
West pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.
WP - West, Gillies. HBP - by Curtis (Ramirez), by Bragg (Baron).
T - 3:44 (:09 delay). A - 2,026.

Harper has bone bruise, Nats hopeful he's back this season

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Bryce Harper writhed in pain on the field and clutched at his left knee and then didn't put weight on his left leg as he was helped off, the possibility of a career-altering injury seemed realistic.

Harper was definitely worried.

"Of course you're going to think the worst," he said. "It's definitely a bad feeling."

That bad feeling subsided as Harper walked up the stairs from the dugout to the clubhouse, tested his knee by jumping up and down and then got the MRI results that revealed what the Washington Nationals hope is season-saving news. General manager Mike Rizzo said Harper has a "significant" bone bruise in his left knee but avoided the kind of ligament or tendon damage that would have put a pin in the team's World Series aspirations.

There's no definitive timeline for Harper to return, but manager Dusty Baker referenced 10 days to two weeks. At the very least the Nationals are hopeful the star outfielder and NL MVP candidate will be back before the end of the season.

"It was definitely a relief," Harper said Sunday. "We're going to take some time to definitely let it heal. I want to be at 100 percent whenever I play. The World Series is definitely on my mind, playoffs, things like that."

Rizzo said the Nationals feel they "dodged a bullet" but didn't want to undersell the significance of the bone bruise, which came when Harper hyperextended his knee slipping on a wet base in the first inning of a rain-delayed game against the San Francisco Giants on Saturday night.

"The bone bruise, it's real," Rizzo said. "It's an injury, and we're going to have to treat it accordingly."

Rizzo said the conditions, which included steady rain during the play "aided" in the injury but didn't blame Major League Baseball for going ahead with the game. Harper was upset about playing in the rain at 10 p.m. but called it a "freak accident."

"I don't like wet bases," Harper said. "It's just an unfortunate situation that happened. There's nothing I can do."

Harper, the 2015 MVP, is hitting .326 with 29 home runs and 87 RBIs in 106 games this season, and his presence in the lineup is crucial to Washington playing deep into October.

The Nationals running away with the NL East gives them the luxury of playing it safe with Harper. Given injuries to Harper, Stephen Strasburg — who has a rehab assignment Monday — and others, the Nationals' focus is getting healthy for the playoffs.

Astros

From 1C

managers had separate arguments following a warning when Cashner hit Marwin Gonzalez with a pitch. Five batters were hit in Saturday's game. ... Gurriel set Houston's rookie record with his 31st double.

Trainer's room

Astros: Manager A.J. Hinch said righty reliever Will Harris (right shoulder inflammation) had a good bullpen session Sunday and will have another one Wednesday. After that, the club will decide among another bullpen session, live batting practice or a rehab assignment.

Rangers: RHP Keone Kela (right shoulder soreness) hasn't been cleared to resume baseball activities. He's eligible to come off the disabled list Tuesday. ... LHP Jake Diekman will throw live batting practice Monday. Diekman has missed the season for multiple surgeries to remove part of his colon.

Up next

Astros: RHP Collin McHugh (0-1, 5.32) starts the first of two at Arizona to open a four-game home-and-home interleague series with the Diamondbacks. It's McHugh's third start after missing the first 3 1/2 months with right shoulder tendinitis.

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (6-10, 5.18) pitches the opener of a three-game home series against Detroit. He ended a season-high four-game losing streak in a 5-1 win over the New York Mets in his previous start.

MIDLAND CONNECTIONS TO PRO BASEBALL

Here is an update of baseball players from Midland or players with a Midland connection who are active and playing professional baseball.

Through Aug. 12
Pitchers

Logan Bawcom (Greenwood, Midland College), RHP, Nashville Sounds (Oakland A's Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	7.0	0-1	0	5	2	2	1	4	2.57

El Paso Chihuahuas (San Diego Padres Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
36	53.1	1-3	2	48	23	16	25	54	2.70

Matt Withrow (Midland Christian), RHP, Florida Fire Hogs (Atlanta Braves Advanced-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2	5.1	0-0	0	4	2	2	2	7	3.38

Mississippi Braves (Atlanta Braves Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
10	48.1	1-3	0	39	26	24	22	44	4.47

GLC Braves (Atlanta Braves Rookie)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	5.0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00

Carson Smith (Midland Christian), RHP, Pawtucket Red Sox (Boston Red Sox Triple-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
2	2.0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0.00

Portland Sea Dogs (Boston Red Sox Double-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	0.1	0-1	0	0	2	2	3	0	54.00

Thomas McIlraith (Midland College), RHP, Columbia Fireflies (New York Mets Single-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	24.1	2-1	0	19	7	6	8	15	2.22

St. Lucie Mets (New York Mets Single-A Advanced)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
4	12.0	1-1	0	17	9	9	3	7	6.75

Brooklyn Cyclones (New York Mets Single-A Short Season)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
1	5.0	1-0	0	2	0	0	1	4	0.00

Tucker Davidson (Midland College), LHP, Rome Braves (Atlanta Braves Single-A)

G	IP	W-L	SV	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
38	82.1	4-4	2	85	41	26	24	79	2.84

Position Players

Blaine Prescott (Midland College), 2B, Hickory Crawdads (Texas Rangers Single-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
282	34	71	10	2	8	23	17	6	.252

Chris Shaw (Midland College), C, Orioles (Baltimore Orioles Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000

Delmarva Shorebirds (Baltimore Orioles Single-A)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
88	10	18	5	0	2	13	4	0	.205

Austen Wade, (Midland High), OF, Mahoning Valley Scrappers (Cleveland Indians Single-A Short Season)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
90	15	21	2	2	1	6	9	1	.233

Yahir Gurrola (Midland College), OF, GCL Phillies (Philadelphia Phillies Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
95	24	33	5	0	0	15	13	11	.347

Bryndan Arredondo (Midland College), C, GCL Orioles (Baltimore Orioles Rookie), 60-day disabled list

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
35	5	10	0	0	1	7	10	0	.286

Eric Senior (Midland College), OF, GCL Nationals (Washington Nationals Rookie)

AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	Avg.
15	3	4	0	0	1	2	2	1	.267

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	66	50	.569	—
New York	61	54	.530	4½
Tampa Bay	59	60	.496	8½
Baltimore	58	60	.492	9
Toronto	56	61	.479	10½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	63	52	.548	—
Minnesota	59	57	.509	4½
Kansas City	59	58	.504	5
Detroit	53	64	.453	11
Chicago	45	70	.391	18

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	72	45	.615	—
Los Angeles	61	58	.513	12
Seattle	59	60	.496	14
Texas	56	60	.483	15½
Oakland	52	66	.441	20½

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	70	46	.603	—
Miami	56	60	.483	14
New York	53	62	.461	16½
Atlanta	52	63	.452	17½
Philadelphia	43	72	.374	26½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	61	55	.526	—
St. Louis	61	57	.517	1
Milwaukee	61	59	.508	2
Pittsburgh	58	60	.492	4
Cincinnati	49	69	.415	13

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	83	34	.709	—
Arizona	65	52	.556	18
Colorado	65	52	.556	18
San Diego	51	66	.436	32
San Francisco	47	72	.395	37

Scores and Schedules

American League
Sunday's Scores
Toronto 7, Pittsburgh 1
Cleveland 4, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 6, Detroit 4
Kansas City 14, Chicago White Sox 6
Houston 2, Texas 1
Oakland 9, Baltimore 3
L.A. Angels 4, Seattle 2
Boston 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 10 innings

Today's Games
Cleveland (Bauer 10-8) at Boston (Fister 2-5), 5:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Montero 1-8) at N.Y. Yankees (TBD), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-5) at Toronto (Tepesch 0-2), 6:07 p.m.
Detroit (Fulmer 10-9) at Texas (Perez 6-10), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 0-1) at Arizona (Greinke 13-5), 8:40 p.m.
Kansas City (Junis 4-2) at Oakland (Cotton 5-9), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 8-6) at Seattle (Gallardo 5-7), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Sunday's Scores
San Francisco 4, Washington 2, 1st game
Toronto 7, Pittsburgh 1
Miami 5, Colorado 3
N.Y. Mets 6, Philadelphia 2
Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 6, St. Louis 3
Chicago Cubs 7, Arizona 2
L.A. Dodgers 6, San Diego 4
Washington 6, San Francisco 2, 2nd game, 11 innings

Today's Games
N.Y. Mets (Montero 1-8) at N.Y. Yankees (TBD), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Blach 8-7) at Miami (Conley 4-5), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Wojciechowski 3-1) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 6-10), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 7-10) at Colorado (Bettis 0-0), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 0-1) at Arizona (Greinke 13-5), 8:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 3-7) at San Diego (Wood 2-4), 9:10 p.m.

Texas box

ASTROS 2, RANGERS 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Reddick rf	4	0	0	0	DShelds lf	5	0	2	0
Altuve 2b	4	1	2	1	Andrus ss	3	0	0	0
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	Mazara rf	3	0	1	0
Y.Grrel 1b	4	1	1	0	Beltre dh	3	1	2	1
Ma.Gnza ss	3	0	0	0	Rbinson pr-dh	0	0	0	0
Beltran dh	3	0	1	1	Gomez cf	3	0	0	0
Fisher lf	3	0	0	0	Gallo 3b	4	0	0	0
B.McCnn c	3	0	1	0	Napoli 1b	4	0	0	0
Mrsnick cf	3	0	1	0	Odor 2b	4	0	2	0
Chrinos c	1	0	0	0					
Choo ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	31	2	6	2	Totals	31	1	7	1

Houston .... 000 100 100—2
Texas .... 000 001 000—1

E—B.McCann (5). DP—Houston 1, Texas 2. LOB—Houston 5, Texas 9. 2B—Y.Gurriel (31), Odor (14). HR—Altuve (18), Beltre (12). SB—DeShields (20). S—Gomez (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Keuchel W,10-2	6 2-3	6	1	1	3	7
Devenski	1-3	0	0	0	2	0
Giles S,23-26	2	1	0	0	0	2
Texas						
Cashner L,7-9	7	6	2	2	1	4
Barnette	1	0	0	0	0	0
Leclerc	1	0	0	0	1	0

Devenski pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by Cashner (Gonzalez).
T—3:04. A—31,517 (48,114).

Sunday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

INDIANS 4, RAYS 3
Cleveland .... 000 201 010 —4 8 0
Tampa Bay .... 001 002 000 —3 4 0
Kluber, Shaw (8), Allen (9) and Gomes; Pruitt, Cishek (7), Hunter (7), Jennings (8), Boxberger (8) and Sucre. W—Kluber 11-3. L—Hunter 2-3. Sv—Allen (21). HRs—Cleveland, Encarnacion, Jackson. Tampa Bay, Souza Jr.

TWINS 6, TIGERS 4
Minnesota .... 112 000 020 —6 7 2
Detroit .... 000 130 000 —4 10 0
E.Santana, Busenitz (6), Duffey (7), Hildenberger (8) and Gimenez; Boyd, Wilson (6), Rondon (8), Saupold (8), Ferrell (9) and J.McCann. W—Duffey 2-3. L—Rondon 1-3. Sv—Hildenberger (1). HRs—Minnesota, Dozier, Sano.

ROYALS 14, WHITE SOX 6
Kansas City .... 044 004 020—14 16 1
Chicago .... 000 030 300 —6 9 2
Vargas, McCarthy (7), Buchter (8), Feliz (9) and Butera; Holland, Petfrey (3), Beck (6), Infante (6), Goldberg (8) and K.Smith. W—Vargas 14-6. L—Holland 6-12. HRs—Kansas City, Bonifacio, Merrifield. Chicago, Anderson.

ATHLETICS 9, ORIOLES 3
Baltimore .... 110 000 010 —3 10 1
Oakland .... 000 510 21x —9 8 0
Hellickson, Bleier (6), Tillman (7), Britton (8) and C.Joseph; Graveman, Doolittle (8), Casilla (9) and Maxwell. W—Graveman 3-3. L—Hellickson 1-2. HRs—Baltimore, Machado. Oakland, Chapman, Joyce, Olson.

ANGELS 4, MARINERS 2
Los Angeles .... 001 030 000 —4 6 0
Seattle .... 100 000 001 —2 8 1
Bridwell, B.Parker (7), Petit (8), Middleton (9) and Maldonado; Miranda, Pazos (5), Bergman (6) and Ruiz, Zunino. W—Bridwell 7-1. L—Miranda 7-6. Sv—Middleton (2). HRs—Los Angeles, Cron.

INTERLEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 7, PIRATES 1
Pittsburgh .... 100 000 000 —1 4 2
Toronto .... 500 001 10x —7 7 0
Kuhl, LeBlanc (6), Hudson (8) and Cervelli, Stewart; J.Happ, D.Barnes (7), Campos (8), Tepera (8), Howell (9) and Lopez. W—J.Happ 6-8. L—Kuhl 5-8. HRs—Toronto, Donaldson, Smoak, Barney.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

GIANTS 4, NATIONALS 2
San Francisco .... 030 000 010 —4 9 0
Washington .... 000 000 020 —2 7 0
Stratton, Osich (7), Strickland (8), S.Dyson (9) and Hundley; Cole, Solis (7), Grace (8) and Lobaton. W—Stratton 1-2. L—Cole 1-3. Sv—S.Dyson (9). HRs—Washington, Rendon.

MARLINS 5, ROCKIES 3
Colorado .... 003 000 000 —3 10 0
Miami .... 021 200 00x —5 8 0
Marquez, Ottavino (5), Senzatela (6), Estevez (8) and Hanigan; Worley, Guerra (5), Ellington (7), Tazawa (8), Despaigne (9) and Realmuto. W—Guerra 1-0. L—Marquez 9-5. Sv—Despaigne (1). HRs—Miami, Stanton.

METS 6, PHILLIES 2
New York .... 200 020 200 —6 12 0
Philadelphia .... 100 010 000 —2 7 1
Flexen, Bradford (6), Blevins (7), Sewald (8), A.Ramos (9) and d'Arnaud; Eflin, Thornton (6), E.Ramos (7), Morgan (8) and Alfaro. W—Flexen 2-1. L—Eflin 1-4. HRs—New York, Granderson, Conforto.

BRAVES 6, CARDINALS 3
Atlanta .... 000 220 101 —6 12 0
St. Louis .... 000 000 120 —3 11 0
Dickey, Johnson (8), S.Freeman (8), Jose Ramirez (8), Vizcaino (9) and Flowers; Wacha, Tuivailala (6), Cecil (8), Brebbia (9) and C.Kelly. W—Dickey 8-7. L—Wacha 9-5. Sv—Vizcaino (6). HRs—Atlanta, Phillips. St. Louis, DeJong.

BREWERS 7, REDS 4
Cincinnati .... 000 202 000 —4 8 1
Milwaukee .... 300 130 00x —7 8 1
Romano, Adleman (6), Stephenson (7) and Barnhart; Garza, Jeffress (6), J.Barnes (7), Knebel (9) and Pina. W—Garza 6-6. L—Romano 2-5. Sv—Knebel (22). HRs—Cincinnati, Duvall. Milwaukee, Santana.

DODGERS 6, PADRES 4
San Diego .... 200 002 000 —4 5 1
Los Angeles .... 000 500 01x —6 5 1
Perdomo, Valdez (7) and Torrens; Maeda, Fields (6), P.Baez (7), Avilan (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal. W—Maeda 11-4. L—Perdomo 6-7. Sv—Jansen (32). HRs—San Diego, Spangenberg 2. Los Angeles, Grandal, Turner 2.

CUBS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 2
Chicago .... 110 000 041 —7 9 0
Arizona .... 000 010 001 —2 4 1
Arrieta, Edwards (7), Strop (8), Duensing (9), W.Davis (9) and Caratini; Godley, Chafin (6), De La Rosa (8), Barrett (8), McFarland (9) and Iannetta. W—Arrieta 12-8. L—Godley 5-5. HRs—Chicago, Baez, Happ, Bryant. Arizona, Goldschmidt.

MHS

From 1C

J.V. team before being thrust into a starting role because of injuries in the third contest against eventual Class 6A Division II state champion DeSoto.

Essman recorded 12 tackles and two tackles for loss in his varsity debut and he finished the season ranked second on MHS with 75 solo tackles.

This season younger players could become more involved considering the Bulldogs started 16 seniors in their 37-30 area round playoff loss to Arlington Bowie.

In the next two weeks, MHS is expected to have competition at wide receiver, on the right side of the offensive line, two defensive line spots, one linebacker position and in three starting secondary roles.

"It's usually a senior-dominated team at Midland High and this year, we got a lot of holes to fill so it could be mixed up with sophomores, juniors and seniors," Anuszkiewicz said.

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MHS football practice schedule
At Memorial Stadium
Monday-Thursday
7 a.m. — walk through
6 p.m.-9 p.m. — shorts and helmet practice
Friday
6 a.m.-7:45 a.m. — full pads practice
7 p.m.-9 p.m. — full pads practice
Saturday
10 a.m.-noon — full pads practice
Monday, Aug. 21
7 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — full pads practice
7 p.m.-9 p.m. — full pads practice
Tuesday, Aug. 22
7 p.m.-9 p.m. — full pads practice
Wednesday, Aug. 23
7 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — shoulder pads and helmet practice
7 p.m.-9 p.m. — full pads practice
Thursday, Aug. 24
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. — shoulder pads and helmet practice
Friday, Aug. 25
Scrimmage
MHS vs Canyon Randall, 6 p.m. Wolfforth Frenship HS

BAYLOR

From 1C

highest-scoring offense. Things started to change last season even when Kendal Briles, the former head coach's son, was still calling plays as offensive coordinator. Baylor fans got their first indication of how different a pro-style offense looks when quarterbacks lined up under center with a fullback in the backfield some during the spring game. Rhule said Baylor will mix its tempo.

Taking the snaps

When Seth Russell sustained a season-ending ankle injury last year, true freshman Zach Smith was the starting quarterback for the final four games. But Smith is sharing first-team snaps in fall camp with Anu Solomon, a graduate transfer from Arizona, and true freshman Charlie Brewer. Glenn Thomas, co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, said each has a different skill set, and believes the extended competition for the starting spot is "extremely positive."

Inside look

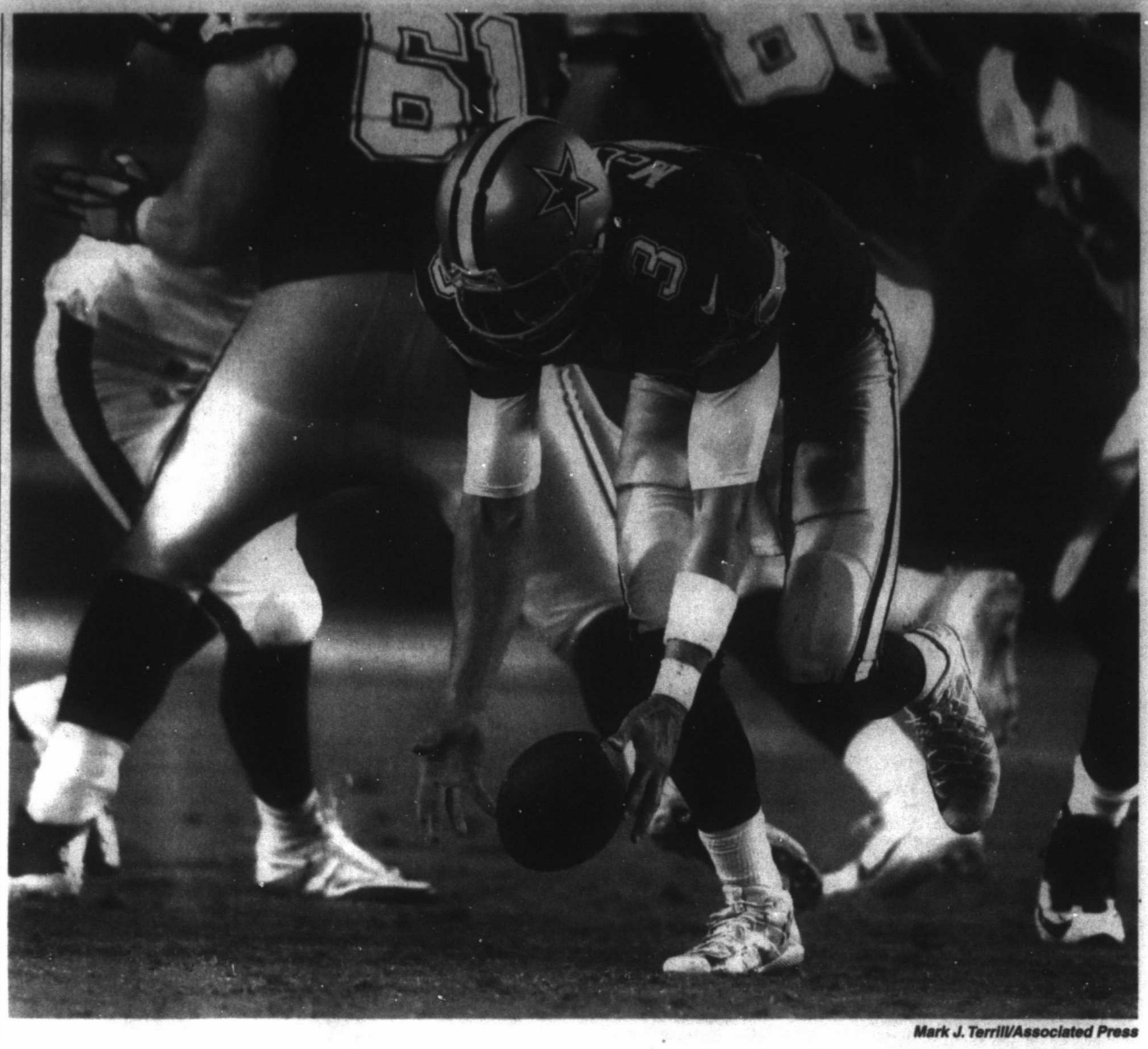
Rhule is allowing a peek of the Bears practicing, meeting and interacting off the field in "Baylor Football Unscripted," a video series that started with a five-minute episode. Rhule wants people to get to know his assistant coaches and the players.

Starting the season

The Bears play their first two games at home along the banks of the Brazos River. Their opener is Sept 2 against Liberty, a game that was on the schedule before former Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw took the same role at that private Virginia school. McCaw resigned in May 2016, less than a week after Briles was fired and the AD was put on probation as part of the school's reaction to a scathing report about its failure to properly respond to allegations of sexual assault.

Schedule

After a non-conference game at Duke on Sept. 16, the Bears will face the toughest stretch of their schedule with consecutive games against Big 12 favorites Oklahoma, Kansas State and Oklahoma State, with the latter two games coming on the road.



Mark J. Terrill/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Luke McCown (3) misses the snap during the second half of a preseason NFL game against the Los Angeles Rams on Saturday in Los Angeles. The ball was recovered by the Rams.

Goff leads early TD drive, Rams hold off Cowboys

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With the Dallas Cowboys' playmaking stars all sitting this one out, Jared Goff and the Los Angeles Rams' more modest collection of offensive talent got just enough done to win their preseason opener.

Goff led the Rams on a touchdown drive in the opening minutes, and backup kicker Travis Coons made a tiebreaking 36-yard field goal with 6:11 left in Los Angeles' 13-10 victory Saturday night.

Goff completed 3 of 4 passes for 34 yards while playing eight snaps in the opener for the Rams, who need the No. 1 pick in last year's draft to take a big step forward this fall. Just winning any game at the Coliseum was a step for the Rams, who lost the final six home contests of their relocation season last fall.

"It's a good one to learn from, and I was happy with the win for us," Goff said.

The Rams punted after Goff's first three plays, but Josh Forrest recovered the Cowboys' muffed return. Robert Woods then caught Goff's pass and fumbled near the goal line moments later, but rookie Cooper Kupp recovered for a score.

Los Angeles' offense put up 271 yards with Sean McVay calling the plays on his first day on the sideline as the youngest head coach in modern NFL history. While Sean Mannion played most of the game and passed for 144 yards, Goff used the night as a learning opportunity.

"I was trying to do my best to help Sean, and then just try to talk to guys, keep those guys encouraged," Goff said.

Dak Prescott, Dez Bryant and Ezekiel Elliott were among several starters sitting out for the Cowboys, who didn't manage a first down until the second quarter and got just nine first downs all game. Elliott was given a six-game suspension by the NFL on Friday for injuring his girlfriend in July 2016.

"We talked to the team about the situation and the importance of focusing on what we can control," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said of Elliott's troubles. "We can't control what the NFL does, and it's not my place to comment on whether I think it's justified. ... We suspected something like this might happen. We prepared our team accordingly by building it the right way."

Elliott and Prescott worked out on the Coliseum field before the game and then watched from the sideline in uniform. The Cowboys threw 41 passes in Elliott's absence, and Darren McFadden was their top ball-carrier with only six rushes.

BIG TIME RUSH: Rookie Cooper Rush threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to tight end Rico Gathers in the third quarter while completing his first eight passes for the Cowboys.

Kellen Moore went 8 for 17 in the first half for the Cowboys, but the offense perked up for Rush, the four-year starter at Central Michigan. Rush also caught the eye of Garrett during the Hall of Fame Game last week, and his exceptional touch on the TD throw to Gathers was undeniably impressive.

Rush went 9 of 11 for 104 yards. Gathers scored in his second straight game.

BUTTERFINGERS: The Rams hung in despite alarming ball security. Los Angeles fumbled six times, but recovered its own fumble four times before losing the last two. Rookie running back Justin Davis looked good while running for 70 yards in his college stadium, but he also fumbled twice.

BIG HIT: Dallas rookie Taco Charlton got his first sack, downing Mannion in the first quarter. The Michigan product took a bit of light criticism after a quiet debut in the Hall of Fame Game. "It looked like he was making some strides," Garrett said.

NEW GUY: Rams receiver Sammy Watkins watched from the sideline in sweats after arriving in LA earlier in the day. The Rams traded a second-round pick and cornerback E.J. Gaines to Buffalo for the playmaking wideout. Watkins got a big ovation when he appeared on the scoreboard. "He's obviously a weapon," Goff said. "His track record speaks for itself, what he's able to do."

COOOOOP: Kupp was busy in his first professional game, making two early catches for 35 yards and scoring LA's only touchdown while lining up all over McVay's formations. The Rams chose the prolific Eastern Washington product in the third round, hoping to add playmakers to the NFL's worst offense.

INJURY: Dallas tight end Connor Hamlett was taken off the field on a cart, and he left the locker room on crutches with his right foot in a walking boot.

K-State's Bill Snyder back on the sidelines for another year

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Bill Snyder likes to spin a well-worn story about an old man from western Kansas, who had driven through the night many years ago to visit Kansas State's coach after a victory in the Copper Bowl.

Snyder

Snyder was in the early stages of turning around one of the worst programs in college football, what became known as the "Miracle in Manhattan." And the man was so appreciate of Snyder that he patiently sat in his car outside the coach's office awaiting his early morning arrival.

They chatted about family and life. Hopes and dreams. Then, the man said the Wildcats' bowl victory was "the greatest experience of my life," words that stick with Snyder to this day.

"That," Snyder said, "made me understand what this all means."

Just imagine how thankful that man would be these days, after nearly 25 years interrupted by a brief retirement. The Wildcats have been a perennial Big 12 title contender and bowl participant, and a program that was once a national laughingstock has triggered a university-wide renaissance, marked by a campus building boom, enrollment increases and alumni pride.

The 77-year-old Snyder's name now adorns the football stadium, where about $200 million in recent renovations have turned it into a jewel of the Flint Hills. The Hall of Famer's life-sized statue stands sentinel at the front gates, and a short drive away is a highway bearing his name.

His shadow falls heavily across the entire Big 12.

Indeed, all of college football.

"Last year I was in Scottsdale at an event," new Baylor coach Matt Rhule recalled, "and my wife sat down next to a lovely lady, and she's talking to her. She said, 'You should meet her husband!'

"I looked over and it was Bill Snyder. It was Coach Snyder! I was frozen in fear."

Snyder has that effect on people — a sense of awe and wonderment. Part of it comes from more than 200 career wins, achieved at an out-of-the-way school that rarely lands top talent. Part comes from the way Snyder has run his program, rarely finding his players embroiled in scandal. And part comes from the revolutionary offensive and defensive systems that he helped introduce to the game.

A big part, though, has to do with his longevity.

Snyder was hired at Kansas State in 1988, when new Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley was 5 years old. Snyder will begin his 26th season on Sept. 2 with a team expected to once again contend for a title.

"The way in which he resurrected a program, or basically built it, is the thing that's most interesting to me," Kansas coach David Beaty said. "The guy to me is the picture of class. Everyone in our conference respects him."

That respect has only grown this year, while Snyder was being treated for throat cancer.

The diagnosis came about the time the Wildcats were preparing for the Texas Bowl last winter, and chemotherapy began in January. Yet the normally debilitating rounds of treatment never slowed him. He was active throughout the recruiting process, presided over spring practice as if nothing was amiss and was back on the field when fall camp began a few weeks ago.

He's received thousands of supportive letters, so many that he's struggled to answer them all. The treatments did leave him drained from time to time, but he insists that he's doing fine.

The biggest change? His ubiquitous cup of coffee has disappeared.

"I drink water all day. Between water and food, it's driving me crazy," Snyder said. "They give me X-number bottles of water every day, and I've had more water in the last four months than I've ever had in my entire life. I've also had more food placed in front of me in the same time period."

Snyder has treated his cancer scare with self-deprecating humor, but the gravity of the situation caught even those closest to him by surprise.

The diagnosis and treatments were also the first signal that the seemingly immortal silver fox might just be fallible.

"It was wearing him down," said Sean Snyder, his eldest son and associate head coach. "But when we got started and got close to going for fall camp, his energy was up and he was close to where he was always at before, and it's really surprising at where he's at compared to where he should be at."

Perhaps that's because where he should be is on the sideline. Snyder tried the retirement route in 2005 and it lasted three years. He simply couldn't stay away, despite changes in major college football that have caused him much anxiety over the years.

"There's a couple of us that when we're together at meetings, we make sure we watch him," Beaty said, "and we follow his lead just because he's done it so well for so long, and you know he's thought about it. When you get on a plane with him and you see a notebook about that thick" — Beaty's fingers are several inches apart — "and he's writing the whole time, you're like, 'OK, no wonder. No wonder.'"

Many believe this will be his final year, given his age and health, but Snyder continues to bat away such talk. He prefers to focus on the coming season, just has he has for nearly three decades.

For good reason, too. With a team that won nine games returning almost intact, he knows this season could be his last good chance to compete for an elusive national championship.

"I'm doing fine. Getting around fine," Snyder insisted. "Don't have any issues right now other than trying to prepare for the season. That's always an ongoing issue. That's 365 a year."

Paul Sancya/Associated Press

Kyle Larson celebrates winning the NASCAR Cup Series on Sunday auto race in Brooklyn, Mich.

Larson snatches win at Michigan

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Kyle Larson's ambitious weekend ended in triumph.

Larson slipped between cars on an overtime restart and won Sunday's NASCAR Cup Series race at Michigan International Speedway. The victory capped a busy stretch for Larson after team owner Chip Ganassi allowed him to go to Iowa to compete in the Knoxville Nationals on Saturday.

He finished second at that sprint car event before returning to Michigan and earning his fourth career Cup victory.

"This win feels amazing to steal one in a way," Larson said. "My other three wins I felt like we had the first- or second-best car, but today at times I didn't think we were a top-10 car. But to get the win that way is awesome."

Martin Truex Jr. was in the lead, about a second ahead of teammate Erik Jones, before a late caution came out because of a spin by Michael McDowell. That forced overtime.

A red flag for oil on the track only added to the drama, and when the race restarted for the final time, Larson — who hadn't led at all to that point — drove to the right of Jones and passed to the inside of Truex.

"We got beat fair and square," said Truex, the series points leader. "The double-file restarts are tricky, and sometimes you do them right, sometimes you screw them up, and unfortunately I screwed the one up that mattered the most today."

Larson has won the last three Cup races at MIS, the first driver to do that since Bill Elliott, who won four straight from 1985-86. This was Larson's third win of the season and ended a mini-slump in which he had finished out of the top 20 in three straight races.

Truex and Jones finished second and third for Furniture Row Racing.

Larson won by 0.31 seconds in his No. 42 Chevrolet. Brad Keselowski and Truex won the first two stages.

There was a lot of hoopla Friday when Ganassi announced he was letting Larson go to Iowa. Both driver and owner were going to be in the spotlight no matter what happened in Sunday's race.

"When you're in my position of this past week's activities with all the talk about Knoxville and going to Knoxville last night and not getting back here until two in the morning, I'm out on the end of the diving board there a lot of times," Ganassi said. "So I appreciate when Kyle steps up and does what he did today. It makes it all worthwhile, obviously."

Keselowski, the pole winner, led for 105 laps, but finished 17th. He is now winless in 17 Cup races at his home state's track.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., who has two wins at Michigan, finished 14th in his final race at MIS before he retires at the end of this season.

NASCAR-MICHIGAN 400 RESULTS

Sunday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (9) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 202.
2. (13) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 202.
3. (8) Erik Jones, Toyota, 202.
4. (25) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 202.
5. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 202.
6. (20) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 202.
7. (17) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 202.
8. (5) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 202.
9. (7) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 202.
10. (6) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 202.
11. (15) Kurt Busch, Ford, 202.
12. (24) Aric Almirola, Ford, 202.
13. (3) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 202.
14. (19) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 202.
15. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 202.
16. (10) Danny Hamlin, Toyota, 202.
17. (1) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 202.
18. (14) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 202.
19. (22) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 202.
20. (29) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 202.
21. (33) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 202.
22. (18) Danica Patrick, Ford, 202.
23. (11) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 202.
24. (4) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 202.
25. (32) Landon Cassill, Ford, 200.
26. (27) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 200.
27. (26) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 200.
28. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 200.
29. (31) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 199.
30. (28) David Ragan, Ford, 199.
31. (34) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 199.
32. (35) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 198.
33. (38) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 197.
34. (30) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, Accident, 196.
35. (36) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 196.
36. (39) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 178.
37. (16) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, Accident, 138.
38. (23) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, Accident, 138.
39. (37) Derrike Cope, Toyota, Engine, 107.

Americans win 30 medals at world championships

By Raf Casert
Associated Press

LONDON — Allyson Felix earned a second gold medal on Sunday and highlighted the overwhelming performance of the United States at the 10-day world championships.

Felix

In doing so, Felix made sure she became the most decorated athlete in the history of the event — and that includes Usain Bolt.

Felix won gold in the 4x400-meter relay a day after winning the same color medal in the 4x100 relay. She also earned a bronze medal in the 400-meter race to give her 16 in her career. Bolt finished his career with 14.

"It's an honor to run in the relay for Team USA," said Felix, who won her first medals at the 2005 worlds in Helsinki.

In a world championship of upsets right up to the last event, Trinidad and Tobago beat the United States in the men's 4x400, producing only a little dent in an all-powerful performance.

The Americans finished with 30 medals, 10 of them gold. That was only one short of the overall record held by East Germany.

Bolt, however, will leave London without a gold medal. Running at his last major championship this week, the Jamaican got a royal farewell from the 60,000 fans at the Olympic Stadium on Sunday as they cheered his famed "To The World" pose.

"It was brilliant," said Bolt, who pulled up in his last race as he was running anchor in the 4x100 relay. "Everything happens for a reason."

Kenya was the only other team to break into double figures with 11 medals overall.

The African nation got two more gold on the final day with Hellen Obiri winning the 5,000 and Elijah Manangoi leading a 1-2 Kenyan finish in the men's 1,500.

Bolt gave Jamaica gold medals and chutzpah for a decade, but his farewell only produced a bronze in the 100 meters. Jamaica slumped to four medals this year, compared to 12 only two years ago.

The world championships also got its only world record on Sunday, and it was in the only new event — the women's 50-kilometer walk.

Ines Henriques of Portugal bettered her own mark by finishing in 4 hours, 5 minutes, 56 seconds on the two-kilometer loop in central London. Only seven women started the race and only four finished.

On the track, the most overwhelming performance came from the U.S. women. They won the 4x400 relay by about 50 meters. Britain took silver and Poland got bronze.

Besides Felix, 400 champion Phyllis Francis also won a second gold medal.

Mutaz Essa Barshim won the world high jump title by clearing 2.35 meters without a miss. The Qatari will get a chance to defend his title at home in 2019 when the world championships are in Doha.

Two-time Olympic champion Sandra Perkovic won the discus with a throw of 70.31 meters, well ahead of silver medalist Dani Stevens of Australia. She set a continental record with a throw of 69.64 meters.

Caster Semenya won her third world title in the 800 meters, using her finishing kick to sweep past the competition in the finishing straight and win with ease over Francine Niyonsaba of Burundi. She gave South Africa its third gold of the championships.

In the 5,000, Obiri ran away from favorite Almaz Ayana with 250 meters to go to deny the Ethiopian a long-distance double. She won in 14:34.86.

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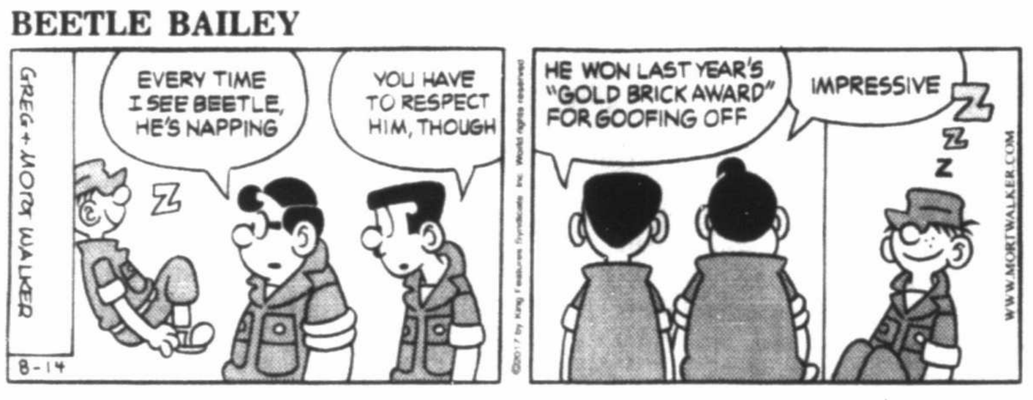

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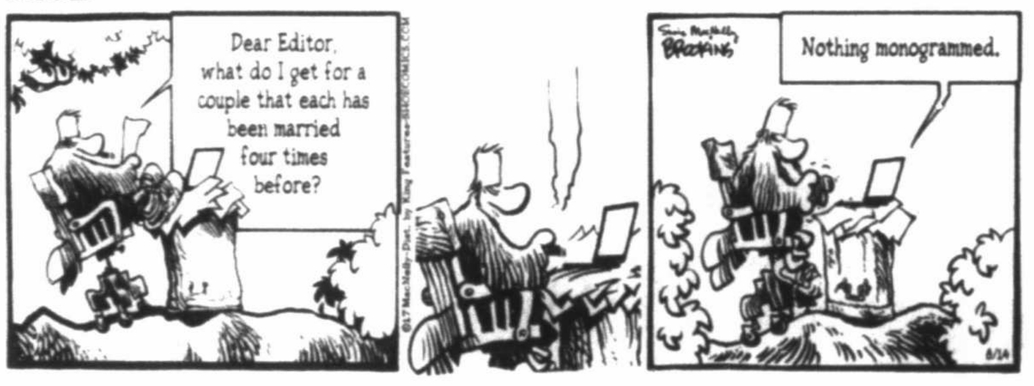

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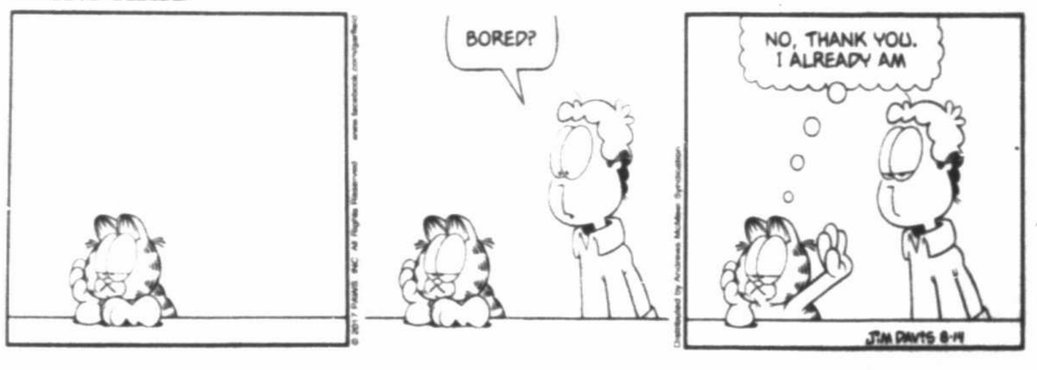

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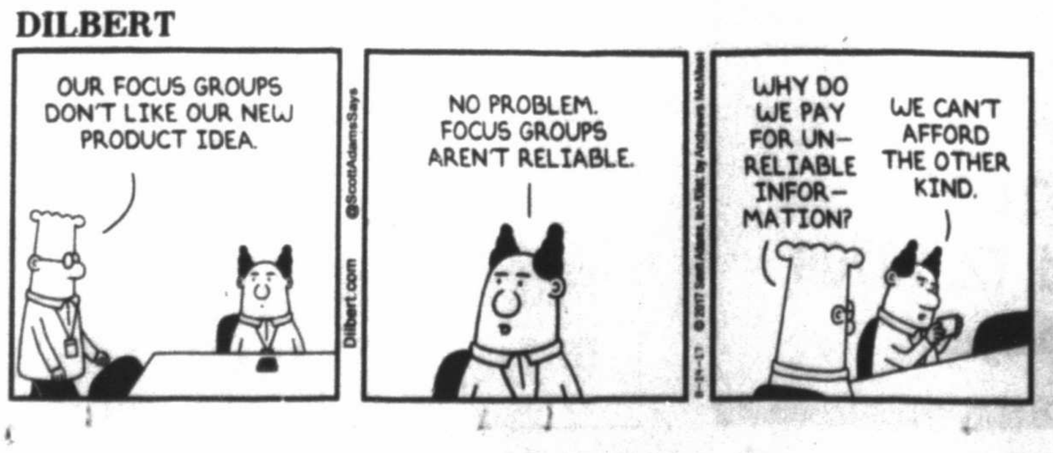

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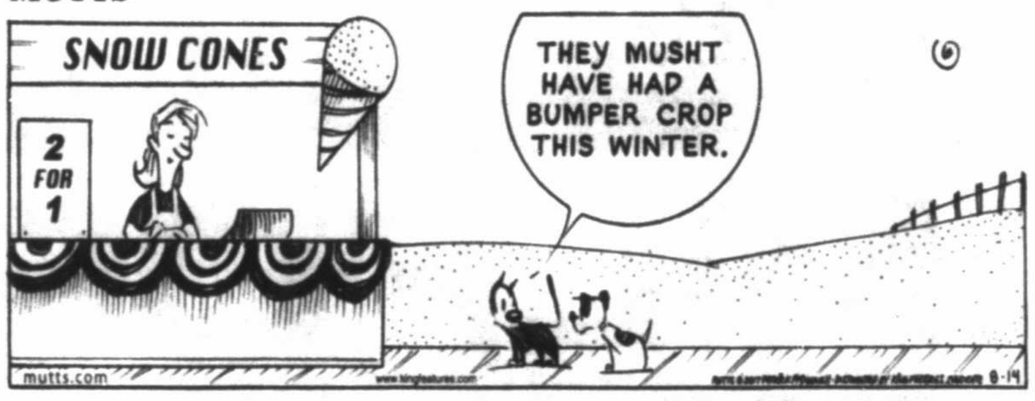

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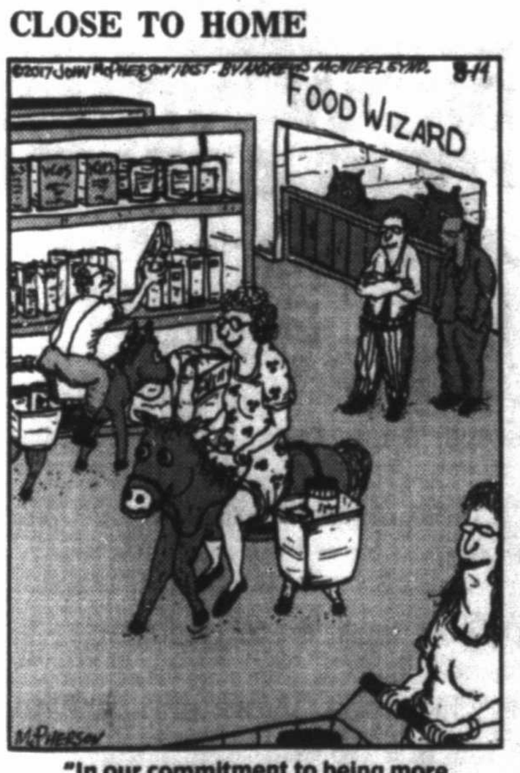

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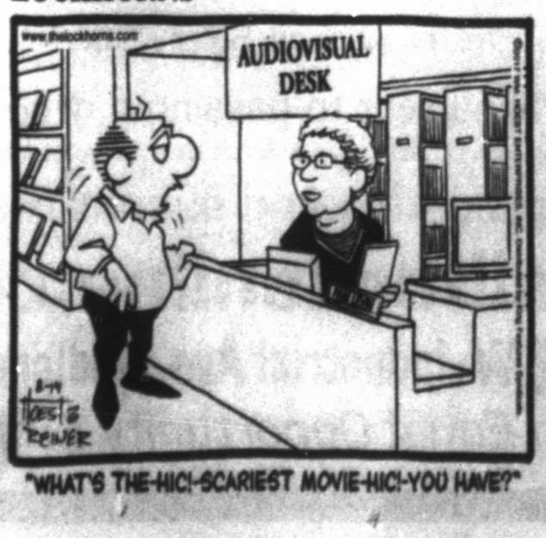

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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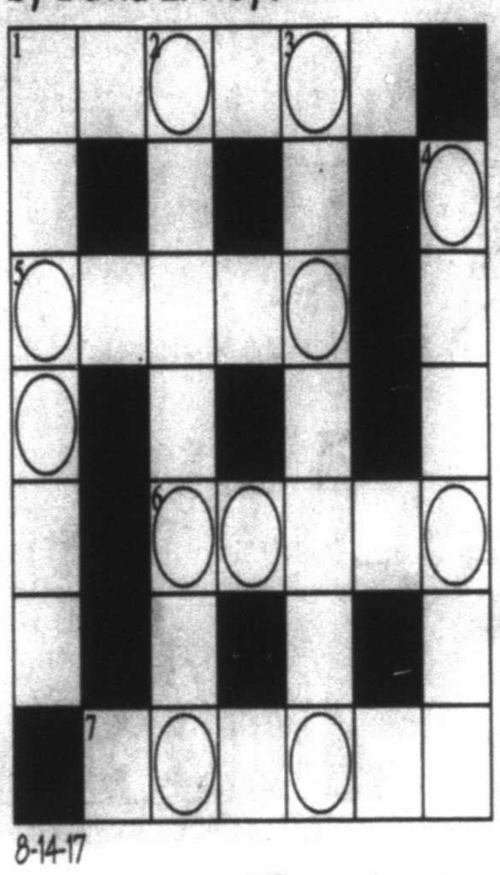

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CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ Circle	CRTIAC
5. Bump, elbow	NGDEU
6. Famous, eminent	DETNO
7. Abandon	CAETVA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Canopy	NWGNIA
2. Showy solo passage	ACDAENZ
3. Sluggishness	TAREINI
4. Pasta ___	LENODO

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CLUE: The third-largest of its kind.

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ACROSS

1 Rifle range rounds
5 Rainfall measure
9 Transitional state
14 Bread buy
15 NYC area above Houston Street
16 Hunter constellation
17 "Half a percussion pair
19 "__ bleu!"
20 From India, say
21 Civil uprising
23 Account exec
24 "Fill-in-the-blanks agreement, e.g.
28 Post-WWII feminine flier
31 Small swallow
32 __ bubbles
33 Bigheadedness
34 "Cake soaked in alcoholic syrup
39 Cake pan trademark
42 Zilch
43 Africa's Sierra __
44 "Brand for bubble blowers
47 Trivial point
48 Yet again
49 High-arcing tennis shot
51 Purported UFO fliers
52 "Security device that may be silent
57 Opposite of WNW
58 __ about: roughly
59 Soothed
63 Golf analyst Nick
65 Wander aimlessly ... and a hint to a divided word in the answers to starred clues
68 Get ready to compete, bodybuilder-style
69 Parting words?
70 Actress Hayworth
71 Crisscross frameworks
72 London gallery
73 __-bitsy

DOWN

1 Actress Jessica
2 Cattle chorus
3 Salon service with a pedi
4 Gift __: chattiness
5 Hoosier St.
6 Here-there link
7 Butter-making device
8 Bro
9 One in need of spiritual guidance
10 Gershwin brother
11 Emcee's need
12 Destructive insect
13 Hr. after noon
18 Burden
22 Mount of Greek myth
25 Bro, to a sis
26 "Brusha, brusha, brusha" toothpaste
27 Cab ride price
28 Jack of "Dragnet"
29 Water, to Juan
30 Full last name of a "Happy Days" cool dude
35 Gargantuan
36 __ in the conversation
37 Self-storage compartment
38 Citi Field team
40 Doorbell sound
41 Figure skating jumps
45 Nine-time U.S. skating champ Michelle
46 Extinct emu-like bird
50 Uncle Remus rabbit's title
52 Confuse
53 TWA competitor
54 Many a modern assembly-line worker
55 Caribbean resort isle
56 New Zealand settler
60 Hearts or clubs
61 Sinus docs
62 WWII turning point
64 Defective firecracker
66 Cambridge univ.
67 Munched on

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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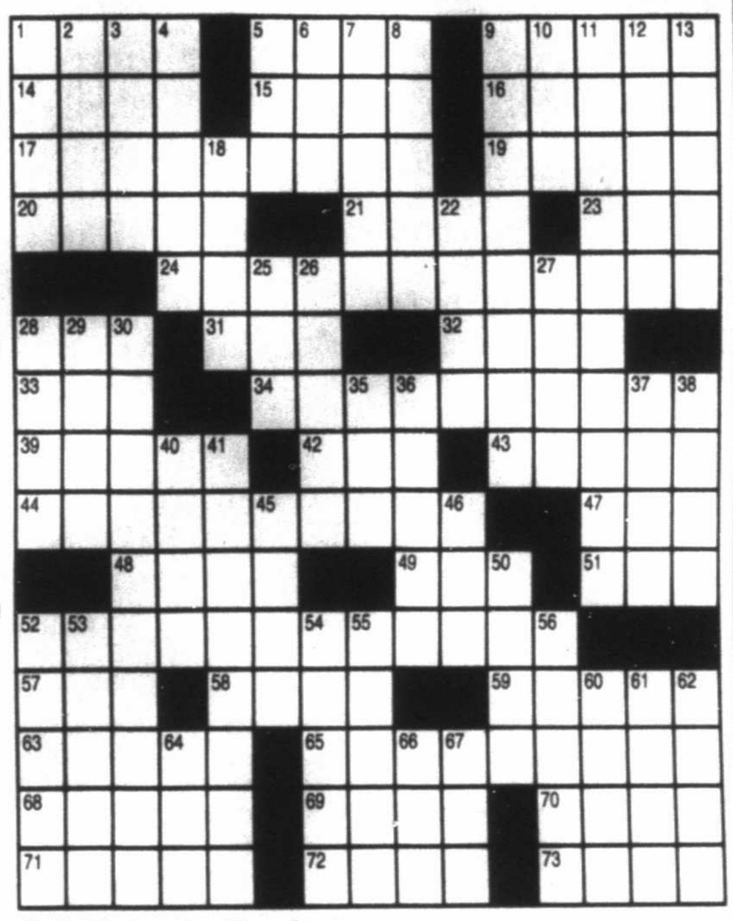

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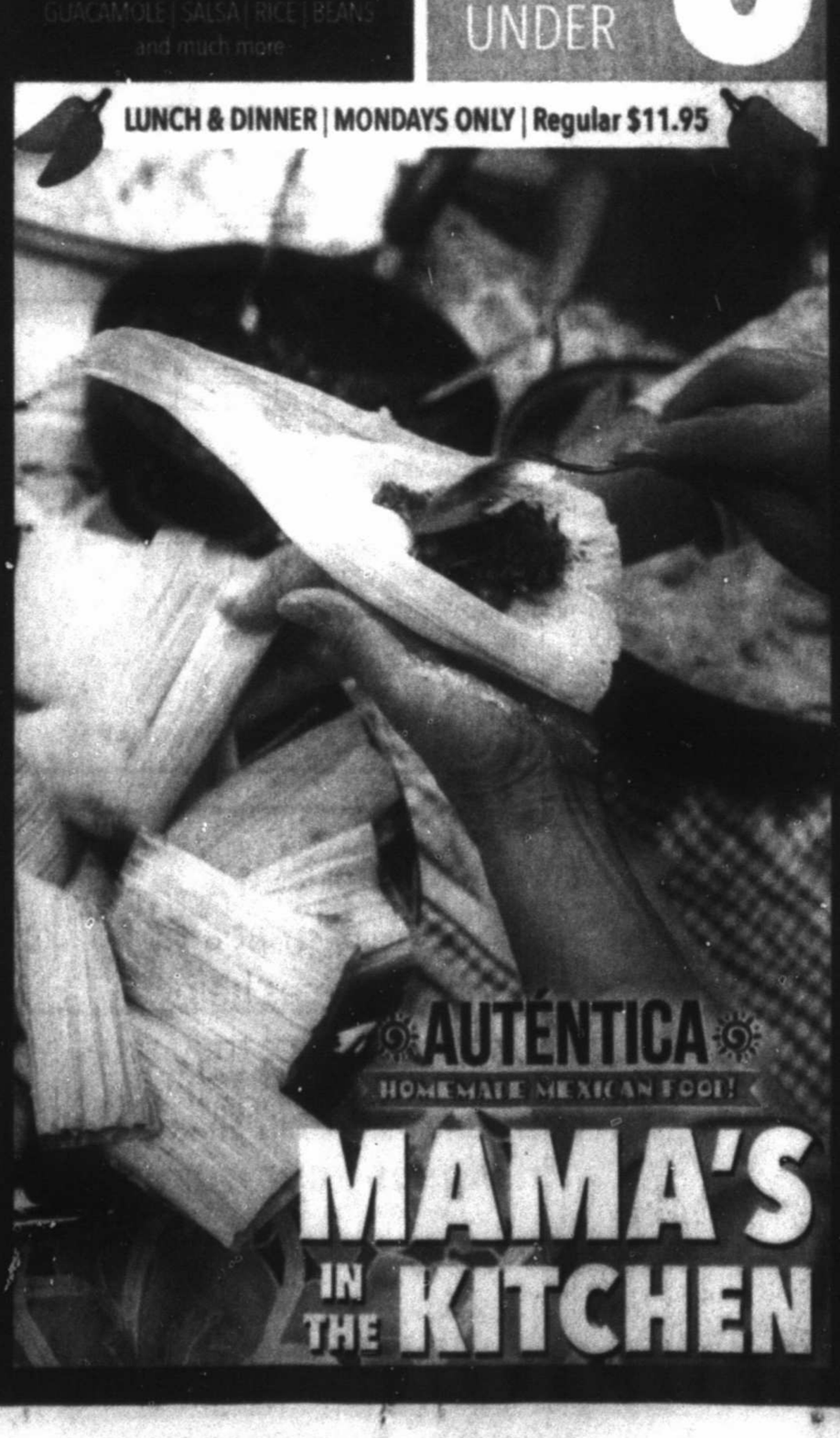

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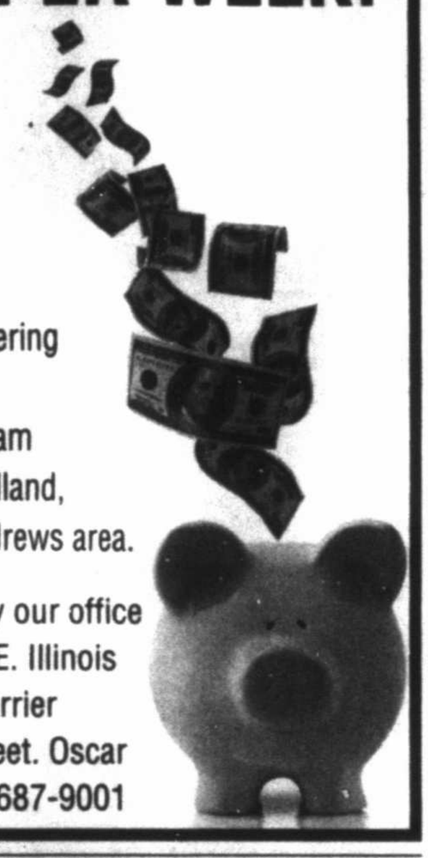

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Legal and Public Notices

Project Name:
Midland International Air & Space Port
Construct Runway Incursion Mitigation (Runway 10 End), Construct Taxiway, and Rehabilitate Apron
Midland, Texas
Project No. 01975716 and 01975616

Jones Bros. Dirt & Paving Contractors would like to notify all Texas certified HUB/DBE businesses that we will be accepting bids for the above listed project until August 15, 2017 at 5pm. Please submit all bids to s.huerta@jonesdp.com or fax them to 432-332-0724 Attn: Sandra Galvan

Midland Independent School District

Midland, Texas

Notice to Vendors

Request for Technology Services and Software

The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed proposal(s) for **RFP #17-28 Technology Services and Software** 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 3:00 P.M. on **Monday, August 28, 2017.** 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.

Legal and Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 9686

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING USE CLASSIFICATION OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS A 5,751-SQUARE FOOT PORTION OF LOT 1A, BLOCK 17, SKYLINE TERRACE, UNIT 7, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 560 FEET SOUTH OF WEST LOOP 250 NORTH AND APPROXIMATELY 510 FEET WEST OF NORTH MIDKIFF ROAD), WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A SHOPPING CENTER, BY PERMITTING SAID PROPERTY TO BE USED UNDER A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT WITH TERM FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN A RESTAURANT FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; MAKING SAID PERMIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONTAINED HEREIN; CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE; CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner
City Secretary

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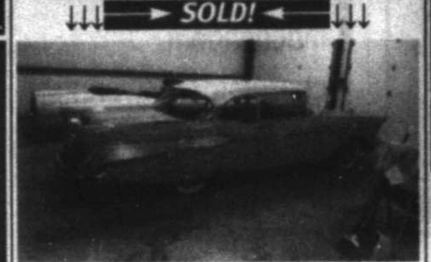

PRIVATE OWNER. For sale: 95 Viper, red $32,000; 66 Impala SS 427, black $25,000; 57 Chevy Bel Air, 2 dr., turquoise fender skirts, rear tire rack $35,000; 68 Cadillac convertible, new upholstery and top, white $25,000; 74 Bronco, Fiberglass body, yellow, 302 H/O, too many options to list $22,000. Tim 432-664-2718.

General Announcement

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Passenger Cars

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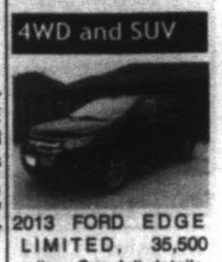
4WD and SUV



2013 FORD EDGE LIMITED, 35,500 miles. See full details, additional pics, & CARFAX report at www.cars.com/vehicle detail/detail/70517723 0/overview/. Call or text 832-312-7177.

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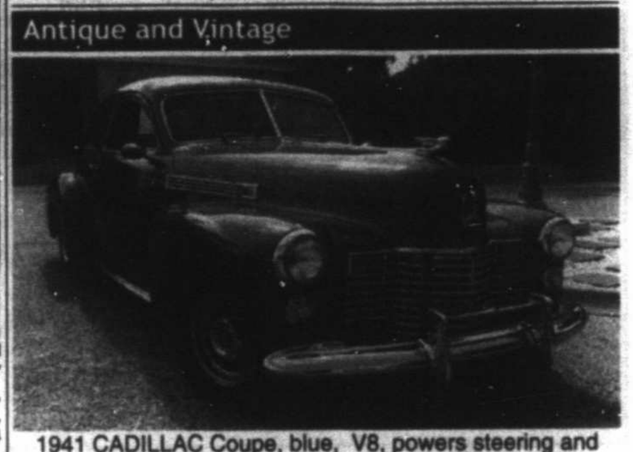

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Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF 2017 TAX YEAR PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR CITY OF MIDLAND

A tax rate of $0.408389 per $100 valuation has been proposed for adoption by the governing body of City of Midland. This rate exceeds the lower of the effective or rollback tax rate, and state law requires that two public hearings be held by the governing body before adopting the proposed tax rate.

The governing body of City of Midland proposes to use revenue attributable to the tax rate increase for the purpose of Street Improvement Projects.

PROPOSED TAX RATE	$0.408389 per $100
PRECEDING YEAR'S TAX RATE	$0.399679 per $100
EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	$0.396494 per $100
ROLLBACK TAX RATE	$0.426987 per $100

The effective tax rate is the total tax rate needed to raise the same amount of property tax revenue for City of Midland from the same properties in both the 2016 tax year and the 2017 tax year.

The rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate that City of Midland may adopt before voters are entitled to petition for an election to limit the rate that may be approved to the rollback rate.

YOUR TAXES OWED UNDER ANY OF THE ABOVE RATES CAN BE CALCULATED AS FOLLOWS:

property tax amount= (rate) x (taxable value of your property)/100

For assistance or detailed information about tax calculations, please contact:

Pam Simecka
Finance Director
300 N Loraine, Midland, Texas
432-685-7210
psimecka@midlandtexas.gov

The Proposed Budget can be found on our website located at www.midlandtexas.gov.

You are urged to attend and express your views at the following public hearings on the proposed tax rate:

First Hearing: August 15, 2017 at 10:00am at City Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas.

Second Hearing: August 22, 2017 at 10:00am at City Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine, Midland Texas.

Legal and Public Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certain Writ of Execution issued by the District Clerk of Midland County, Texas, on the 26th day of July, 2017, in the 385th District Court of Midland County, cause numbered CV53495 On June 21st, 2017, in a certain cause styles THE O'HAVER COMPANY, LTD. D/B/A O'HAVER CONTRACTORS, VS MIDLAND HI LODGING, LLC, wherein THE O'HAVER COMPANY, LTD, D/B/A O'HAVER CONTRACTORS recovered a Judgment against MIDLAND HI LODGING, LLC for $2,545,077.00 representing the balance due and owing under the contract; $436,650.12 representing prompt pay interest; $14,591.01 representing reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses; $27,633.00 representing fees paid to the American arbitration association; and post-award interest in the sum of 5% per day from May 3,2017 the date of the arbitration award until paid. That O'Haver shall foreclose upon its mechanic's and materialman's lien instruments nos. 2016-1159, 2016-1160, 2016-4195, 2016-4196, 2016-14027 and 2016-14028, filed by O'Haver in the real property records of Midland County, Texas, against the real property described as: Lot 4A, Block 2 Westridge Park Addition, Section 34 City of Midland in County of Midland, Texas and Lot 4B, Block 2, Westridge Park Addition, Section 34, City of Midland in County of Midland, Texas Commonly known as Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites- Midland, Texas at 1403 North Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79703, the sum of $3,023,951.13, plus Post-award interest in the sum of 5% per day from the date of award (May 3, 2017) until Paid.

I, Gary Painter, Sheriff of Midland County, Texas on the 11th day of August, 2017, at 11:20AM, have levied upon, and will, sell the below listed property on the 5th day of September, 2017, at about 10:00 a.m., at the Courthouse Door of Midland County in the City of Midland, Texas within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all of the right, title and interest of the Defendant in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the Defendant, to wit:

Attached to and made a part of that certain warranty deed from Midland HI Lodging, LLC, as grantor, to Midland Retail Holdings, LLC, as grantee,

a. All leases, grants, exceptions or reservations of coal, lignite, oil gas and other minerals, together with all rights, privileges, and immunities relating thereto, appearing in the Public Records.

b. The following all according to the plat recorded in Plat Cabinet J, Page 101 and previous plat in Cabinet F, Page 199, Plat Records Midland County. Texas:

Twenty (20) foot Utility Easement along the East property line.

Thirty Two (32) foot Access Easement along the East property line.

Ten (10) foot North-South Utility Easement crossing through lots.

Reciprocal Right for Access and Parking between Lots 1A, 2, 3 & 4, Block 2, and Unplatted Area designated "Not a part of this Plat", all locations except where otherwise obstructed by a building. No physical barriers will be erected that would restrict vehicular traffic, between lots, Said Reciprocal Right for Access and Parking extends to Lot 4A.

c. Blanket Right of Way to South Plains Pipe Line Co. recorded in Volume 43, Page 289, of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas.

d. Negative Covenant executed by Clarence Scharbauer, Jr. et al, (mineral owners) find HWC Exploration, Inc. (lease owner), dated September 23, 1985, recorded in Volume 783, Page 429, Deed Records of Midland County, Texas,

e. Easement to City of Midland recorded in Volume 886, Page 49, of the Deed Records, Restated and Amended in Volume 12156, Page 485, Official Records of Midland County, Texas,

f. Terms, conditions and stipulations contained in General Warranty Deed, Reservation and Grant of Easements and Utility and Development Agreement, executed between SBC Corporation and The Deauville Corporation, dated March 21, 1986 and recorded in Volume 886, Page 138, Deed Records of Midland County, Texas

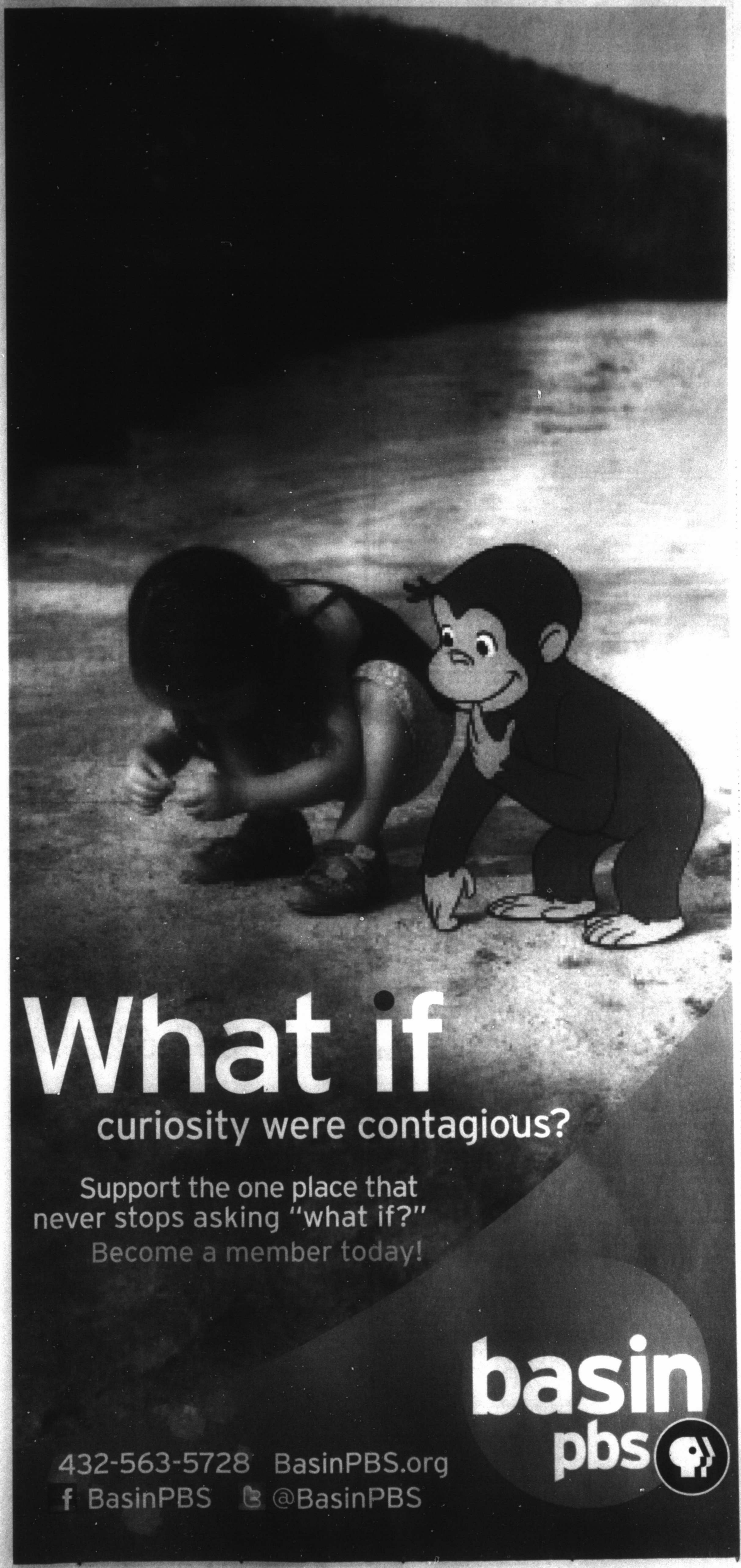
All right, title and interest of Midland Hi Lodging, LLC in and to all that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, with improvements, lying and being situated in Midland County, Texas.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for the above amounts in favor of the Plaintiff, together with the costs of said suit and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND this the 11 th day of August, 2017.

Gary Painter, Sheriff
Midland County, Texas

By Harold Uddley, Deputy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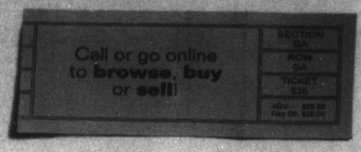

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