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30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

It has been 30 years since a 58-1/2-hour drama ended happily as rescuers freed 18-month-old Jessica McClure, who was trapped in an abandoned well.

American oil producers keep pedal to the metal

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Oil prices could get stuck below a ceiling next year if oil demand and supply from OPEC's rivals grow at the same pace, the International Energy Agency predicted last week.

The Paris-based adviser to energy importers didn't say where oil prices could end up in 2018 — as a rule, it never forecasts prices — but it believes global stockpiles of crude could rise by 800,000 barrels a day in the first three months of the year. Not exactly news that moves prices higher.

"Taking 2018 as a whole, oil demand and non-OPEC production will grow by roughly the same volume," the IEA said in its monthly oil market report. "Leading oil producers will have looked at their market balances and probably drawn the same conclusion."

All this raises a question that has been as stubborn as low oil prices: What the heck are U.S. producers thinking?

Even with crude prices languishing around $50 a barrel — often lower — companies still took out more than 4,700 drilling permits last month, up 66 percent from the same month in 2016, with the biggest surges coming in California, Pennsylvania and Wyoming, according to data compiled by New York investment bank Ever-core ISI. The U.S. Energy Department still expects domestic output to continue to rise toward record levels next year.

Meanwhile, OPEC's oil production rose by 88,500 barrels a day in September, a small increase led by Libya and Nigeria, two countries exempt from the group's agreement to curb supplies. Its output of 32.7 million barrels a day has risen 1.9 percent since the first quarter.

The demand side hasn't looked great lately, either. Global demand slipped by 1.2 million barrels a day in the three-month period from July to September, after a robust increase of 2.2 million barrels in the previous three months. The IEA said the string of hurricanes that

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BENEFIT COOK-OFF

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Children play near the event stage during the 17th annual Breast Cancer Awareness Chili and Bar-B-Que Cook-Off on Friday at the American Legion on Veterans Airpark Lane. The event benefitted Gifts of Hope, Hope House and Look Good Feel Good Shop.

Scheduled Clinton Young hearing cancelled

From staff reports

A hearing for death row inmate Clinton Lee Young that had been set for today will not take place after a third subsequent application for a post-conviction writ of habeas corpus.

Young, 34, is the only death row offender convicted in Midland County and has an execution scheduled for Oct. 26 at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Huntsville Unit. He was sentenced to death after being convicted of the 2001 murders of Doyle Douglas and Samuel Petrey.

Young's attorneys submitted an application for a writ of habeas corpus "seeking relief from a judgment of death."

"The jury's finding that Young shot Petrey provided the basis for Young's capital murder conviction, and was a prerequisite to his death sentence," according to the application document. "If Young did not shoot Petrey, he could not have been convicted of capital murder under the indictment and instructions given at his trial."

The document, which was filed in the 385th Judicial District Court on Oct. 2, mentions David Lee Page, a co-defendant in the case. Page's statements at trial, polygraph test and "shifting and incredible" testimony reveal he shot Petrey, according to the document.

Another topic addressed in the document was testing results from of a pair of gloves. DNA on gloves found near Petrey's body matched Page, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report. The gloves were also tested for gunshot residue this year.

"The particles were found not only on the gloves' surfaces but also between the fingers, where GSR would be unlikely to lodge unless the fingers were spread so as to fire a gun," the attorneys' document states.

Judge Robert Moore, presiding by assignment, had previously signed an order granting use immunity — except for perjury — to Page as a witness at the hearing. Page, 35, is serving a 30-year sentence for aggravated kidnapping, according to the Reporter-Telegram report.

Robertson announces candidacy for county judge

From staff reports

Robertson

Stephen M. Robertson, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association and local attorney, has announced his candidacy for Midland County Judge. Robertson said he looks forward to serving and growing a sense of community.

"We need good experience at the helm," Robertson said.

If elected, Robertson said he wants to bring innovation to the county. He lauded recent changes to the Midland County Public Library and said he would talk to department heads about targeting additional county needs.

In the county budget for fiscal year 2017, the judicial system formed 25 percent of general fund expenditures. Robertson said his experience in civil law could give him a sense of allocating resources for courts.

Robertson came to Midland in the mid-1990s and later graduated from Midland High School. He returned in 2007 after earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas and a law degree from Texas Tech University.

Robertson worked locally in private practice, where he focused on oil and gas and county property matters. He also has served on boards for local and state nonprofits, including as board chairman for Centers during its capital campaign, according to a press release.

For Robertson, experiences as a professional informed him about county governments. He also said he has exposure to processes in the state capital.

"Having the relationships I've been able to develop (with) people out here and knowing how Austin works with my experience with PBPA really gives me the right tools," Robertson said.

The candidate said as county judge, he would want to make Midland a focus for state legislators.

"I think we have some very strong and experienced leaders that represent us in Austin right now . . ." Robertson said. "It's

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Austin Rogers lost after a 12-game winning streak that netted him $411,000. Page 6A

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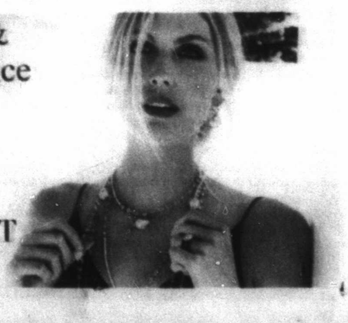

Experts: GOP not at risk in 2018

■ Political scientists say state Republicans will keep control in Texas

By Mike Ward
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — At the five-top table in the corner at Russell's Bakery, a northwest Austin restaurant and coffee bar, the conversation among the five women, all self-described as "recovering Republicans," veered from the signature cinnamon rolls and traffic to President Donald Trump and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick.

"I have two questions I'd like to know the answer to: Is there any way for a Democrat to win a state office next year, and what would it take for some Republicans to lose in this state?" Chrys Langer, a 47-year-old tech consultant and mother of three, asked a reporter sitting at a nearby table. "Politics has taken a turn for the worse, in my opinion, in Austin with the bathroom bill and all kinds of other conservative-male nonsense and in the White House with — well, with Trump being Trump."

Recently, that means trouble as Trump's approval ratings have continued to drop to new lows, even in redder-than-red Texas to just above 50 percent.

The others at the table quickly nodded in agreement, a reaction similar on a recent morning to what other Texans voiced at other coffee shops in Austin, the place that longtime Republican Gov. Rick Perry famously called the blueberry in a bowl of tomato soup for its Democratic bent.

The same questions came up over coffee in solidly Republican Georgetown, in Pflugerville — an Austin suburb known for its progressive and libertarian tinges — and even in some places in the Houston area, which took on a blue tinge in a year when voters elected Democrats to county seats.

"I'm conservative and a Republican, but I just wonder why some of these issues they keep fighting over in Austin are so damn important," said Allen Cullen, 38, a consulting engineer, while sipping his morning joe at a Pecan Street joint. "I think a lot of people are getting tired of it. They want things to move ahead, get out of the ditch."

No hope for Democrats

Some Texas voters, it appears, seem to be asking the question more and more frequently, as if they are somehow unhappy with the Republican status quo of nearly two decades and may be yearning for a change in the way the GOPled state government does its business. Or, they just want their flavor of Republicanism to win in the 2018 elections.

"There's almost no way Republicans can lose to Democrats next year, in a state as red as Texas, even if Buffy the Clown was running for governor, but the real fights will probably be between Republicans who are moderates and conservatives," said Lee Reed, 65, a Georgetown rancher who said he supports both Gov. Greg Abbott and Patrick on most issues and self-identifies as a "stick-in-the-mud" Republican.

In interviews with voters of both parties, from Houston to suburban San Antonio to Dallas to Austin, the question comes up time and time again, as does an underlying frustration with governments in both Washington and Austin.

Despite that, more than a dozen political scientists and consultants interviewed by the Chronicle said they see almost no chance that Republicans will lose hold of their 23-year grip on statewide elective offices during next year's elections, despite the fact that Democrats made notable inroads in Dallas and Houston a year ago when Trump won Texas by just nine percentage points — down from previous double-digit support of Republican presidential candidates.

"There isn't any way Democrats can win statewide office in Texas, short of some astounding collapse of the Republicans in Washington or Austin," said Cal Jillson, a political scientist at Southern Methodist University. "Winning is a habit, and so is losing. The Democrats right now have no well-known candidate, no bench, their funding has evaporated, and they have no experience in their volunteer base. The Republicans have all of that.

"And at the end of the day, the Republicans who say they're not satisfied with things will vote for a Republican because, with the polarization of the political process in recent years, Democrats are now seen as enemies of the state, and they won't jump across and vote for them."

Weak competition

Jillson's sentiments echoed those of all the others, even with the so-called "Trump Factor" that Democrats are touting as a key to some unexpected victories in the November 2018 elections.

"Trump's approval rating would have to drop into the teens where it might hurt Abbott and Patrick and the other Republicans on the ballot in Texas, and even then I doubt the effect would be significant," said Brandon Rottinghaus, a political scientist at the University of Houston. "Even though the Democrats will try to tie Abbott and Patrick as close to Trump as they can, every time they get a chance, they can distance themselves from Trump because Texas voters in a midterm election pay more attention to state issues than Washington."

According to a recent Real Clear Politics national poll, Trump's approval rating has dropped steadily since January to an Oct. 10 rating of 55.4 unfavorable and 38.9 favorable. Another poll shows Trump's approval in Texas has slipped from 54 to just over 50 percent during the same period.

Add to that the slowly improving Texas economy, even with the recovery from Hurricane Harvey, and that creates a significant issue for Democrats, who have not announced the choice of party leaders to challenge Abbott. So far, only two relatively unknown candidates are running: Dallas leather bar owner Jeffrey Payne and San Antonio businessman Tom Wakely.

Both say they believe they have a chance by tapping into voter discontent with Republican incumbents over skyrocketing property taxes, the controversial bathroom bill and the passage of a ban on sanctuary cities among other issues. So does Kathie Glass, a Libertarian Party candidate for governor, who hopes to tap not only into that discontent among Republicans, but especially among small-government, tea party activists who are disenchanted with the way Republicans have enlarged government during their years in control. One reason is that she thinks Democrats "are not feeling as disenfranchised in Texas as Republicans are" — especially with Trump in the White House.

"People who are sick of the way Republicans have been governing during their years in power, who are tired of the cronyism (and) who don't want more government, I am their alternative," she said over coffee in Austin. "Republicans have owned everything in Texas for 25 years, and they now own everything in Washington, so there can't be any more excuses."

Protest votes

Mark Jones, a political scientist at Rice University, said Glass could have the most to gain in the 2018 elections if Republicans cast protest votes for someone other than a GOP candidate, much as Trump caused Republicans to vote for Libertarian Gary Johnson in the 2016 presidential race. In the end, Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton only did one percent better than Barack Obama, though Democrats won several local races in Houston and Dallas, he said.

Obituaries

Frances Elloise Jones

Frances Elloise Jones went home to glory on October 13, 2017 at the Younger Center of Manor Park in Midland, Texas, after courageously living with Alzheimer's for the last few years. Frances was born August 17, 1932 in Ballinger, Texas (Runnels County) on the Barron family farm to Robert Lee Wheeless and Nina Lucy Barron Wheeless. She was the eldest of three children. She attended first through fifth grade at Spring Hill School, a country school that was located on the north east corner of the Wheeless farm, west of Ballinger. She then attended Ballinger Grade School, until her father relocated the family to Marfa in 1946, where she attended Marfa High School, graduating in 1950.

In the early 1950's, a young man named Junie Leland Jones, was transfer to Marfa with Southwestern Bell Telephone, where he met Frances and they were married on December 4, 1954. In their early days of marriage in Marfa, she worked for a doctor's office and West Texas Utilities, and spent the weekends enjoying road trips with Leland. In 1956 Leland was transferred to Midland with the phone company, and they made Midland their forever home.

After the move to Midland, Frances was eager to continue pursuing her education and career. She attended Midland College, earning her Associate Degree and then attended the University of the Permian Basin, studying Accounting and Finance. Soon after she accomplished her goal of achieving her CPA. Frances took great pride and joy in her career, working with Leibrock, Landreth, Campbell & Callaway, then later joining Sipes, Williamson & Associates, and spending many years with Williamson Petroleum, where she was Senior Vice President and Treasurer at the time she retired in 1989. Frances was also honored to spend her time involved in various professional and community service groups in Midland and Cloudcroft, NM. She was an officer in the Desk and Derrick Club, spent many years involved with the Permian Basin Petroleum Accountants Society, and served as president in 1988. She was also a member of the Board of Directors of Midland International Airport during the construction of the new airport; she served as officer, director and president of Twin Forks MWDCA in Cloudcroft; and was also a Deaconess at Memorial Christian Church.

Upon retiring Frances focused her time on her own computer & software development company, Genesis Data Systems, Inc. They were pioneers in a remote, electronic data collection software used in collecting oil field data by way of a handheld devise nearly a decade before the first iPhone, and they managed many large oil & gas companies', computer systems. She so enjoyed working with the Genesis team, it really was the cherry on top of a very fulfilling and successful career.

Frances & Leland cherished their time together, whether it was working on their home or on their beloved cabin in Cloudcroft where they spent many days from 1966 until it was sold in 2006. They loved their travels as well, which grew from those early days of road trips to 14 cruises, visiting all but 3 of the 48 United States, along with Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, Columbia, Panama Canal, Japan, Taiwan, China, Portuguese Macao, Hong Kong, Thailand, British Isles, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Spain, Monaco, Turkey, West Indies, and Bermuda. One of their most notable and memorable experiences was the opportunity to fly to Paris on the Concord.

Frances loved animals! They had Pekinese in the early years of their marriage, and then Chows, until their champion Chow, Oso, died in 1999, follow by a cat that "adopted" them appropriately named "Cat", turning Frances into a cat person. She loved to support Lone Star Animal Sanctuary and would often collect blankets and food to donate, they loved to purchase duck food to take to the 'the duck pond'... anything to help an animal in need.

Frances loved her husband, her animals and she absolutely cherished her years of hard work and achieving her career goals. She was a pioneer for women in accounting and particularly in the Midland oil and gas industry. Over the years Frances encouraged other women to pursue their personal and professional goals, inspiring many to strive forward.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and younger brother William Barron Wheeless.

She is survived by her niece and her husband, Suzann and Allen Haechten, nephew Clayton Hutchinson and his wife Levi, and her sister Linda Bash.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 10:30 a.m. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. A private burial will follow in Ballinger, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations made to Lone Star Sanctuary would have made Frances very happy. Suzann and Allen would like to thank all of the people you have cared for Leland and Frances over these last 14 year, especially the Younger Center and Star Hospice staff. Donations to either would also be a wonderful remembrance of Frances and Leland.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Patsy Delores Devine Mason Sparkman

Surrounded by her family, Patsy Delores Devine Mason Sparkman, beloved wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, shed her earthly coat and was lifted on angels' wings to a new life, free from the Parkinson's Disease she so valiantly battled for almost 10 years, to bolt, smiling, into the arms of loved ones who waited for her beyond the veil.

From her birth on January 15, 1932 in Denton Texas until her death October 13, 2017 at her home in Midland, the world has seldom experienced the force of sheer beauty and will that was Patsy Sparkman. Born the last of nine girls, she came into this world an explosion of energy wrapped up in a tiny package. She always knew what she wanted in life and never shied away from whatever it took to get there. Her five foot nothing frame belied the giant she truly was. Ferocious in battle, those who knew her best pitied her opponents. Patsy Sparkman was a winner; always a winner, and always majestic.

At the age of 18, Patsy married her one true love, Wallace Sparkman, and together they traversed the world through the thrills and trials of life for more than 67 years. During that time they raised two fine children, René Sparkman Pipes and Scott Wallace Sparkman, and later welcomed Tommy Pipes and Stephanie Prescott Bouchér into their fold. Like all good marriages, theirs was not perfect - but it was, every bit, passionate and memorable and she left this earth with her hand in his.

While countless organizations in Denton, Corpus Christi and Midland benefited, for decades, from her extraordinary fundraising skills, evidence of Patsy's dedication will forever be seen in the form of bronze statues - the Christopher Columbus statue at the Port of Corpus Christi and the statue of Christ, overlooking the Bay of Corpus Christi at the First Methodist Church on Ocean Drive. Her fingerprints can also be seen on the Animal Control Board in Corpus and the Presidential Museum in Odessa, among others. But without exception, the groups that benefited most from her boundless energy were the Republican Party and the Republican Women's club over which she presided for many years.

From Presidents, Governors and the peoples' Representatives, to sales clerks, nurses and cameramen, Patsy Sparkman was known and loved as "that beautiful little lady with the big white hair." In a world where casual attire is common, Patsy was an exemplar of fashion and fineness. Always the fairest flower of all, she lit up every room she entered with her trademark beauty and bling, and she passed from this world as she lived in it, in dignity, elegance and grace.

Along with Wallace, René and Tommy and Scott and Stephanie, Patsy leaves behind her granddaughters, Lindsey (Jonathan) Pipes Smith of Leander, Tx and Courtney Pipes of Frisco, Tx; grandchildren by marriage, Nathan Bouchér (Emily) of Dallas, Jessica Bouchér Sparkman of Midland, Tx, Heath (Suzanne) Pipes of Cypress, Tx. and Donny (Stacey) Pipes of Houston, great-grandchildren, Tucker, John, Mark, Elle and Ryland Matis, Nixon and Wyatt Bouchér, Avery, Alyssa and Ashley Pipes, and Kinzi and Tate Pipes and beloved poodle, Emmy Lou. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Olive Gresham Mason and John Key Mason.

Patsy's family would like to especially thank Dr. John Foster, whose fabulous care allowed our firecracker to dazzle to the end, as well as her long-time caregivers and friends, Rose, Claudia, Karen, Carmen and Lilly, and the wonderful staff of Hospice of Midland.

Visitation will be held Monday, October 16 from 6p.m. to 8p.m. at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring in Midland. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday, October 18 at 10a.m. at Gribble Springs Baptist Church, 6933 FM 2164 in Sanger, Tx. (10 miles north of Denton).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either Hospice of Midland or Parkinson's Disease research.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800

Death Notices

Danny Lynn "Whiteman" White

Danny Lynn "Whiteman" White, 59, passed away peacefully, Sunday October 15, 2017. Services are pending.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

EL PASO

Public memorial service Tuesday for slain officer

A public memorial service is planned this week in El Paso for Texas Tech University police Officer Floyd East Jr., who was shot and killed last week in Lubbock.

The 48-year-old East was an El Paso native and the memorial service is set for noon Tuesday at the Abraham Chavez Theatre in downtown El Paso.

A 19-year-old student from Seguin, Hollis Daniels III, is charged with murder in East's fatal shooting Oct. 9.

East had arrested Daniels on a drug possession charge and was booking him at the station when the attack occurred.East began his career at Texas Tech in 2014 working security at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in El Paso. He began working in Lubbock in May.

His body was returned Saturday to El Paso.

BROWNSVILLE

County worker arrested for $1.2 million fajitas theft

A former South Texas juvenile justice department employee has been arrested for felony theft after authorities say he acknowledged stealing $1.2 million worth of fajitas over nine years.

Cameron County District Attorney Luis Saenz tells The Brownsville Herald that Gilberto Escaramilla was fired in August and arrested after authorities obtained a search warrant and found packages of the Tex-Mex food in his refrigerator.

Investigators subsequently checked vendor invoices and determined he would intercept county-funded food deliveries and deliver them to his own customers.

The scheme imploded when he missed work one day in August for a medical appointment and a delivery driver showed up with 800 pounds of fajitas, but officials said the juvenile department didn't serve fajitas.

OIL

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slammed into the U.S. was partially to blame for the decline in the third quarter.

Demand, at least, is starting to rebound as Gulf Coast refineries get back to work making gasoline and churn through stockpiles of crude that grew during Harvey-related shutdowns. Last week, U.S. refineries ran at 89 percent of operating capacity, up from a low of 77 percent in early September. The amount of stored U.S. crude fell by 2.8 million barrels last week, the Energy Department said Thursday.

Will it be enough to change market dynamics? For now, IEA expects that oil supply will match demand by the end of 2018, each growing at 3 million barrels a day. That's a lot better than supply outstripping demand, which was the case for much of the past three years. But for U.S. producers hoping for prices to break out of the doldrums, it's not exactly what they want to hear.

OPEC will gather in Vienna at the end of November, and producers like Russia and Saudi Arabia have made noise about the need to continue tamping down the world's oil supply to get prices higher. That meeting, the IEA said, could be crucial to the oil market's behavior next year.

But the question remains whether drillers in West Texas and other U.S. shale plays will continue to behave like it's 2014.

ROBERTSON

From 1A

important for local government leaders to be in touch with those representatives and other representatives in Austin."

Robertson declared his candidacy on Tuesday and is seeking the Republican Party nomination. He wants the position currently held by Mike Bradford, who announced this month he wouldn't run for reelection next year.

Profiles of other candidates will be in future editions of the Reporter-Telegram.

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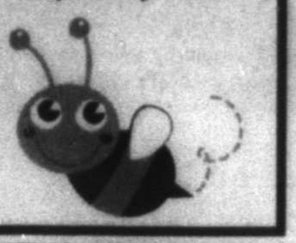

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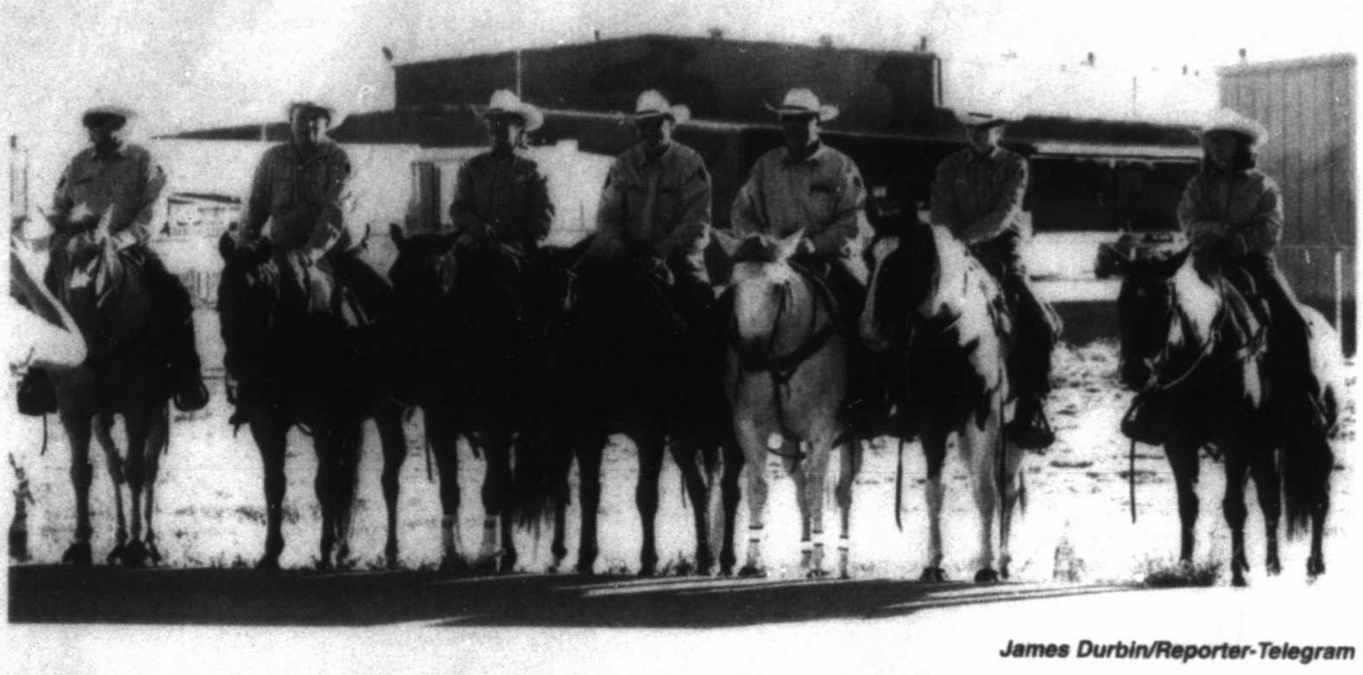

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Midland County Sheriff's Office mounted patrol pose for a photo at the annual Block Party hosted by Midland and Odessa law enforcement agencies Saturday at the Commemorative Air Force hangars.

This day in Midland

On Oct. 16, 1987 a 58-1/2-hour drama ended happily as rescuers freed Jessica McClure, an 18-month-old trapped in an abandoned well.

Things to do

■ Bingo, 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays;, 1:30 p.m. Sundays. 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

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

Listen and Learn events

Midland ISD is hosting "Listen and Learn" events that will provide an opportunity for members of the community to provide feedback about what the district should be doing.
Thursday
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
True-Life Fellowship
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This date in Texas

On Oct. 16, 1991, a deadly shooting rampage took place in Killeen as a gunman opened fire at a Luby's Cafeteria, killing 23 people before taking his own life.
On Oct. 16, 1997, author James Michener died in Austin at age 90.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 16, the 289th day of 2017. There are 76 days left in the year.
On this date:
In 1793, during the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded.
In 1916, Planned Parenthood had its beginnings as Margaret Sanger and her sister, Ethel Byrne, opened the first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York.
In 1968, American athletes Tommie Smith and John Carlos sparked controversy at the Mexico City Olympics by giving "black power" salutes during a victory ceremony after they'd won gold and bronze medals in the 200-meter race.
In 1995, a vast throng of black men gathered in Washington, D.C. for the "Million Man March" led by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.
Today's birthdays:
Actress Angela Lansbury is 92. Actress Suzanne Somers is 71. Rock musician Flea (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 55. Singer John Mayer is 40.

Source: The Associated Press

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.
Even numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.
Odd numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.
Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.
The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

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.
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Weather

Sunday's temperatures
High ... 74
Low ... 51
Normal high ... 78
Normal low ... 52

Oct. 15's records
Record high: 94, set in 1962 and equaled in 2016
Record low: 36, set in 1966

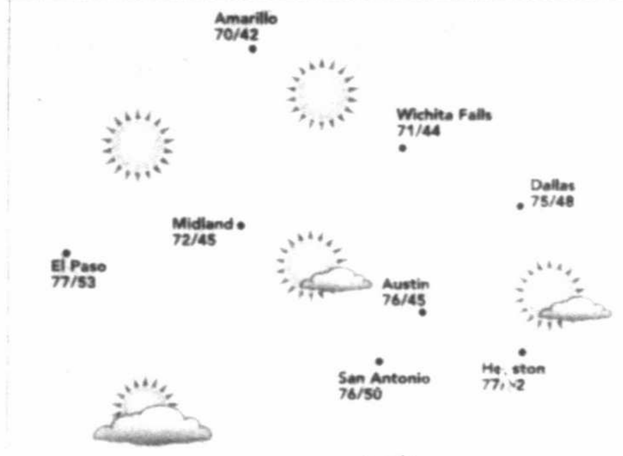
Precipitation
Saturday ... 0.00 in.
Sunday ... 0.09 in.
Month total ... 0.09 in.
Year total ... 16.90 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 12.56 in.

Winds
Average wind speed: 17.6 mph
Highest wind speed: 38 mph
Highest gust speed: 46 mph

Today's forecast
High: 69
Low: 45
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 5 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ... 7:53 a.m.
Sunset ... 7:15 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, October 16, 2017



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Monday, Oct. 16, 2017:**
This year you advance a pet project or long-term dream. You will experience greater fluidity financially, enabling you to instigate a heartfelt or long-term desire. If you are single, you will internalize your feelings. You might not even be aware of this tendency. You might get feedback addressing that trait. If you are attached, you and your significant other benefit from frequent getaways together. Your relationship flourishes and you open up more easily. Don't internalize sarcastic or dark comments. VIRGO serves as a great healer for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Confusion surrounds you as well as others in the a.m. Sorting fact from fiction might be somewhat stressful but necessary. These efforts, whether done by you or someone else, seem time-consuming. You will be relieved once you see the end results. **Tonight:** Deal with a demanding person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your ingenuity bypasses a fantasy or unrealistic thought. Keep your eye on your long-term desires, though you could be tired of interference from a demanding person in your life who happens to be right more often than not! **Tonight:** Tap into your creativity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You cannot avoid tension on the home front. But you can choose not to think about it when you are not around it. If you are feeling fussy and critical, opt for a walk or a quiet moment with a cup of tea to soothe your nerves and remain centered. **Tonight:** Opt for calm waters, which at first might be challenging to create.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ If you are contradicted, you could get quite angry or sarcastic. Take this opportunity to have a discussion rather than a flaming exchange of words. With this approach you probably will build greater success and stronger communication in the long run. **Tonight:** Listen to a dear friend or loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Use extraordinary care with your finances. You easily could make an error. You don't need to act suspicious of any financial propositions that could come forward in the next few days. Nevertheless, there could be a problem or an inadvertently undisclosed detail. **Tonight:** Remain open to discussions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might need to redefine a relationship or friendship. You note that the other party might not be reflecting the type of bond you thought you had with him or her. An off mood in the morning might cause you some cynicism. Factor in that quality. Give this person some time before beginning a talk. **Tonight:** Whatever puts a big smile on your face.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Know when to back off and say less. You are not being a hypocrite or deceptive; you are giving others space to express their authentic selves. At the same time, you are creating the opportunity for you to be a good listener. A loved one might be upset at your seeming silence on a key issue. **Tonight:** The time is now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ A meeting stars in your day, whether planned or spontaneous. You might not understand where an admirer or loved one is coming from. You witness the power of communication drawing together different opinions and feelings. Remember that all's well that ends well. **Tonight:** Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for a boss or someone you eye with a certain amount of prestige. You will get a response, mainly because of your consistency and ability to sense this person's mood. Take a hard look at your finances, though you might not be sure what to do about them. **Tonight:** To the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your vision of what is possible could be transforming. Credit your willingness to be open and able to listen to others. If an important decision needs to be made in the next few months, do it before mid-December. Don't hesitate to seek out other opinions. **Tonight:** Touch base with a friend at a distance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You can and often do become uncomfortable in an intense, revealing one-on-one conversation. Remain cautious when dealing with a powerful or demanding friend, loved one or associate. You often feel as if this person gets his or her way with you. **Tonight:** Make it exclusive!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others often are confused by you, even when you try to be as clear and concise as possible. Touch base with a boss, older relative or friend. This person once more demands this of that. Know that you need to follow through, but note your dissatisfaction for now. Tonight: Let someone else make a suggestion.

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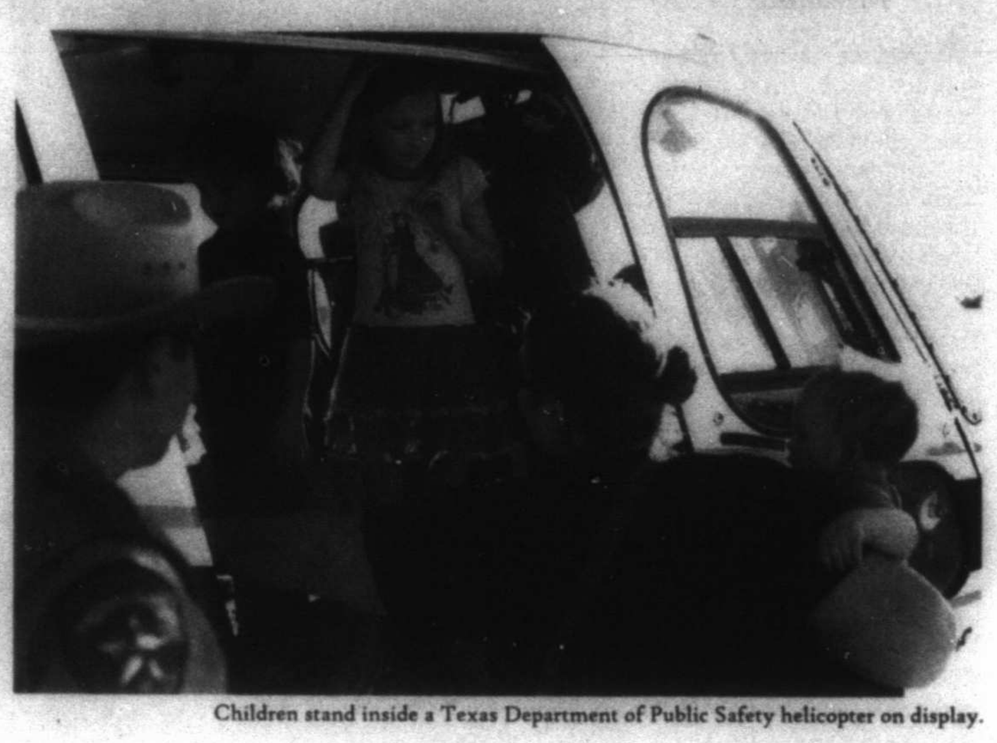
Midland County Sheriff's Office mounted patrol ride past the crowd.

The annual Block Party was hosted by Midland and Odessa law enforcement agencies Saturday at the Commemorative Air Force hangars.

Police K-9 officers and handlers were at the annual Block Party.



Children stand inside a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter on display.

Attendees view the car show at the annual Block Party.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter walks through the car show.

Parsons Mounted Cavalry a proud tradition at Texas A&M

By **Rebecca Fiedler**
The Eagle

COLLEGE STATION — When Mary Norrell was 3 years old and her parents brought her to an Aggie game, she looked at the Parsons Mounted Cavalry and knew it was something she wanted to be a part of.

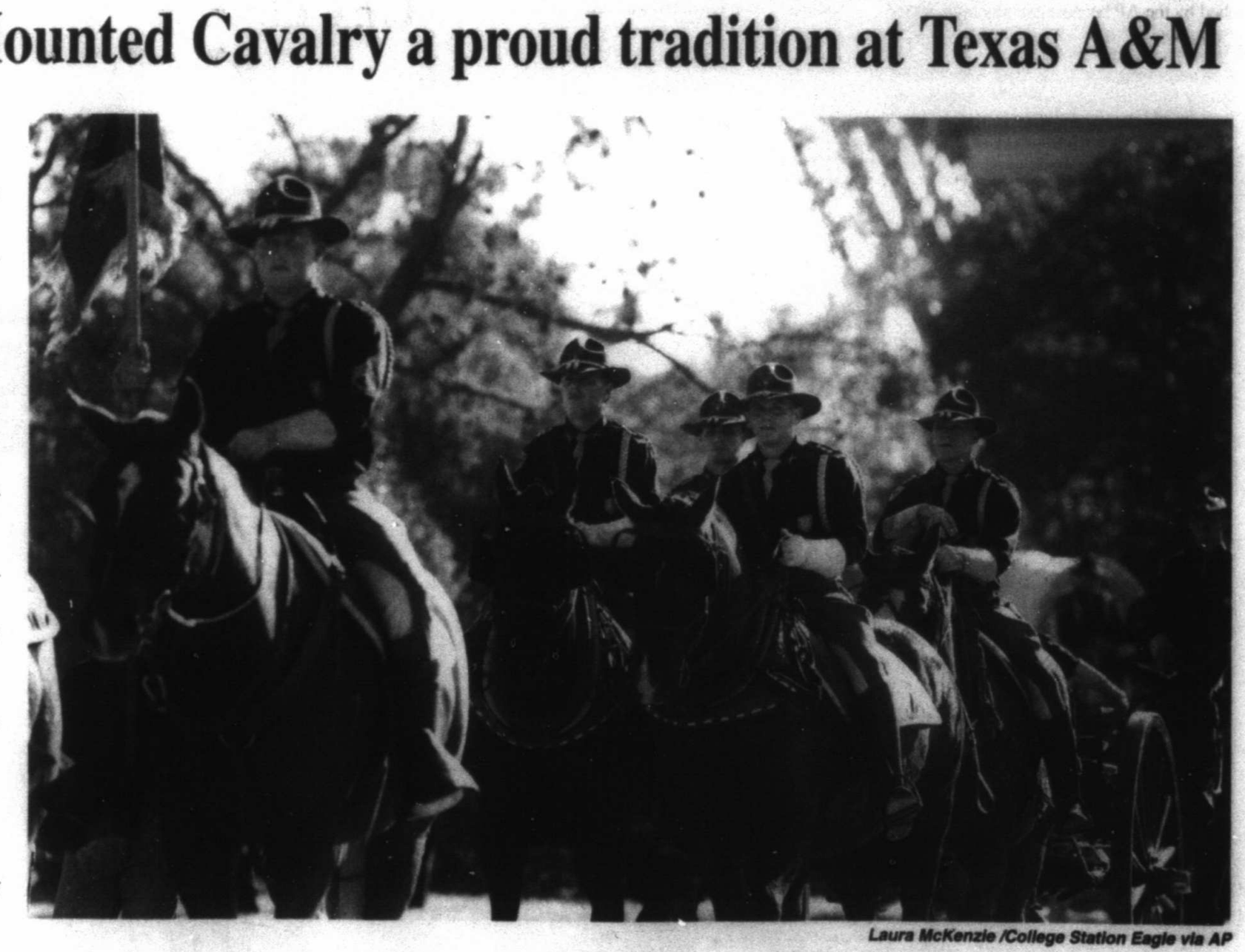
The Eagle reports now a junior in the Corps of Cadets' B-Battery, Norrell proudly rides with the cavalry, and hours before the Oct. 7 football game against Alabama, she was helping her fellow cadets ready dozens of animals for the trek from their ranch to Kyle Field.

"For me, my reason for joining the Corps of Cadets was this," she said. "I grew up in an area where though I wanted to be around horses, I couldn't. At first, I was just in the marching band here, and I thought I couldn't do both that and the cavalry, but when I was told I could do both, I was ecstatic."

Though fans may only get a peek at Texas A&M's noble steeds and their riders at home football games, it takes a lot of hard work, planning and Aggie spirit behind the scenes to keep the Cavalry coming.

There are 68 animals that make up Texas A&M's cavalry — 61 horses and seven mules. Dozens of cadets, mostly juniors and seniors, from various battalions dedicate much of their time to caring for and training with the animals. The horses and mules have the task of not only marching their uniformed riders into Kyle Field, but also must pull several old-fashioned cavalry wagons and the large cannon used on the field during the games. The horses and mules must travel from their ranch area on F&B Road in College Station to Kyle Field, maintain regal and calm despite traffic, thousands of excited fans and loud noises and flashing lights.

Cadets of all levels of riding experiences are allowed to try out to be in the cavalry in the fall of their sophomore year. They study and memorize various facts, take on the burden of regularly feeding the equines and must be deemed "teachable" and have a noticeable chemistry and sense of control with the animals, Norrell said. Most of the cuts made in the tryout process are by the students themselves, dropping out because the responsibility of being in the cavalry and correctly training the horses is too much to handle.



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This Oct. 7 photo shows members of Parsons Mounted Cavalry leave their staging area at Spence Park before the football game between Texas A&M and Alabama at Kyle Field in College Station.

"It's a lot of stress," Norrell noted. "You know at any point that if you mess up, they're at liberty to take you out."

Cadets are first trained to ride their animals bareback. Horses must be specially taught to handle the sensory overload of an Aggie football game.

"We actually practice at the beginning of each year by having footballs thrown at us," Norrell said. "Just in case something weird happens. ... The point is to get the horses used to it. The more they do it, the safer it will be for the public."

Horses and mules are often donated to the university. Some of the current Parsons steeds are former prison horses, while some have been used on movie sets. One Clydesdale was donated to Texas A&M by the Houston Police Department after Texas A&M temporarily housed the animal in the wake of Tropical Storm Harvey. While students rotate between different animals on each ride, Norrell noted that most cavalry members do form bonds with certain horses and mules.

Jared Scott, a junior in the cavalry's "half-section' wagon team and a member of Company E-1, was riding a female mule named Mandy. Scott and Mandy would trot behind a large wooden wagon as they made the journey to Kyle Field.

Scott loves being a part of the long-standing tradition. While he has worked with horses before being a part of the mounted unit, he said there is a special feeling that accompanies being a part of something bigger in the Corps.

"It's awesome seeing people, and getting the girls out in public," he said, affectionately referring to the female mules.

"It's really cool to see this in action, with how hard we work, getting to see it in march-ins. ... This is a really good organization that's one of a kind."

For parents, watching their child proudly ride in uniform is a touching moment. B.J. Nelson did not attend Texas A&M but was happy to see her son Randall, a junior, riding out on F&B Road.

"He's learning a lot about horses here," she said. "I've found in talking with parents that a lot of kids in this group were in FFA or were 4-H kids growing up."

Lisa Dillon, an Aggie mom who is an alumna of the university, said the cavalry has grown and changed since she was in school in the late 1970s, and it's a bit surreal to see her son Michael, a senior, riding atop a horse before the football crowd.

"I have three kids who all went here," she said. "...I love that Michael is in the cav. I'm so proud. I get chills seeing him come into stadium."

Several hours before kickoff, Aggie fans flooded the grounds outside the stadium with fellowship and tailgating. Many fans approached the cavalry, who were stationed at the Quad under a grove of trees. Michah Shackel, a Texas A&M junior, said she doesn't consider herself an animal person but walked over to stroke the horses' noses with a friend who was in town visiting.

"I think this is a very unique thing, just another tradition I love about (Texas A&M)," she said.

Shackel's friend, Bri Reed, is a student at East Texas Baptist University. As a self-proclaimed horse lover, she was impressed as she admired the 50 horses and mules stationed outside Kyle Field.

"I think Texas A&M has a lot of tradition, and that's important for the foundation for a school," she said.

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FEMA rejects appeals worth $1.2B over a decade

By David A. Lieb and Ryan J. Foley
Associated Press

As U.S. communities ravaged by this year's series of intense hurricanes and wildfires clear debris and begin to rebuild, many are counting on the federal government to help cover their costs. They could be in for a frustrating surprise.

If history is any guide, some local governments and nonprofit organizations could get less than they were told to expect from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Others could be asked years from now to repay some or all of the aid they received, if FEMA concludes the projects failed to comply with its voluminous requirements or decides it shouldn't have approved the payouts in the first place.

Over the past decade, FEMA's denials and reversals have caused uncertainty and anger in some communities, led to long rounds of appeals, strained local budgets, made it hard for some organizations to stay afloat, and occasionally delayed the rebuilding process.

"My word of advice for everybody is document, document, document," warned a frustrated Mayor Orlando Lopez of Sweetwater, Florida. "Cross your t's, dot your i's and back up everything."

On Aug. 15, FEMA denied an appeal from the Miami suburb and said it must repay $2 million it received nearly two decades ago to repair storm damage because it failed to adequately document work done. Lopez called FEMA's actions "completely and utterly unfair." A few weeks after the denial, Sweetwater suffered a fresh round of damage from Hurricane Irma.

For its part, FEMA is legally obligated to look out for the taxpayers' money and guard against misuse and fraud by local governments and organizations that overcharge the federal government or use emergency aid to undertake long-desired improvements they couldn't otherwise afford.

Christopher Logan, FEMA's public assistance director, said in the agency's defense that major disasters can result in "extremely complex, technically complicated projects that span many, many years." But he said the agency has recently taken steps to reduce what he called misunderstandings.

An analysis by The Associated Press found that over the past decade, FEMA headquarters has denied appeals for at least $1.2 billion sought by local governments and nonprofit groups to protect or rebuild communities hit by hurricanes, floods, fires, earthquakes, tornadoes or other major disasters.

The AP reviewed more than 900 final appeal rulings. In one-third of those cases, FEMA granted some or all of the requested funding, totaling about $250 million. Two-thirds of the appeals were rejected, probably totaling well more than the $1.2 billion tallied by the AP because the amounts denied were unclear in FEMA's online records for more than 100 cases.

The money at stake in those cases was just a tiny fraction of the tens of billions of dollars FEMA paid out during that period. Yet the disputes may offer a glimpse of some of the challenges communities struck by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate could face in the years and even decades ahead.

The AP's review found that FEMA has argued with local governments and nonprofits — and faced disagreements within its own ranks — over hundreds of matters big and small: whether buildings should be repaired or replaced; whether certain damage was caused by a disaster or by pre-existing problems; even whether tree stumps were the proper size to qualify for removal using federal aid.

Among the appeals squelched by FEMA: Florida's attempt to get $51 million it claimed to have lost by waiving tolls for motorists evacuating from eight hurricanes in 2004 and 2005.

FEMA's final decisions sometimes come long after a disaster has struck, and even well after the money has been spent.

The agency also has repeatedly rejected funding requests based on the applicant's failure to appeal within the required 60 days — even though FEMA acknowledges that it routinely exceeds its own 90-day legal deadline to rule on appeals.

FEMA's Logan said the agency recently overhauled its disaster operations to provide each applicant with a single contact person and more information about the potential pitfalls in seeking federal aid.

The goal, he said, "is to help them understand what we can pay for and what we can't pay for — so that we set the expectations up front so we don't have those kind of misunderstandings."

FEMA officials acknowledge the agency has done a poor job of resolving appeals quickly. In 2014, just 6 percent of appeals to FEMA headquarters were decided within the law's 90-day requirement. That is up to 26 percent this year, agency officials said.

Hurricane Katrina alone accounted for one out every seven appeals over the past decade. The storm illustrates how FEMA's rulings can occasionally be financially devastating to groups and individuals and have long-lasting effects on communities.

"FEMA dropped us like a hot potato," said Dimitre Blutcher of Harvey, Louisiana, former executive director of N'R Peace, a nonprofit organization that helps people with HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases get medical treatment.

Her group's HIV clinic and main office were devastated by flooding and winds from Katrina in 2005. Days after the storm, she said, FEMA asked her to continue providing services to clients. FEMA paid the group $105,600 for its work, which included the long process of reconstructing clients' files after the paper records were destroyed.

Blutcher said FEMA and state officials led her to believe the clinic would qualify for additional money, so she took out a bank loan and line of credit while awaiting reimbursement for her costs, which grew to $280,000.

But FEMA reversed course in 2011, saying it would not provide any more reimbursement and ordering the group to repay the initial $105,600, too. The clinic soon closed its doors.

"They didn't care that they promised us the money and we spent it. They didn't care that I took out a line of credit to keep services going," Blutcher said. "All they cared about was that people with HIV and other diseases got care, and then they refused to pay us several years later. How can any human do that?"

Rejecting the group's final appeal in 2013, a FEMA administrator concluded that the cost of replacing destroyed medical files did not qualify for federal aid. The agency dismissed the group's argument that it shouldn't be punished for an error made by a lower-level FEMA official.

The Northridge earthquake shook Southern California in 1994, setting off a lengthy rebuilding process. Fifteen years later, FEMA headquarters was still deciding about a dozen appeals over funding. In some of those cases, FEMA was seeking to recoup millions of dollars that had been questioned after the fact by the agency's auditors.

Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital in Santa Clarita, about 35 miles north of Los Angeles, received $21.5 million from FEMA for repairs. But that fell far short of the roughly $35 million the hospital said it needed to fix the two-story facility in line with California's new earthquake codes.

The 217-bed hospital eventually sought bankruptcy protection, blaming the underfunded project. Then in 2004, FEMA asked it to give back $2.1 million, saying the work exceeded the scope of the original agreement or lacked documentation justifying the costs.

The hospital went through the full two rounds of appeals, first at the FEMA regional office, then at FEMA headquarters, and lost. Hospital President and CEO Roger Seaver said it still hasn't repaid FEMA.

■ Analysis

Common reasons FEMA denies money after major disasters

Local governments and nonprofits trying to recover from major disasters have sometimes learned the hard way that money spent on protective measures, cleanup and rebuilding is not always reimbursed by the U.S. government.

The Associated Press analyzed more than 900 final appeals of public assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency over the past decade. A look at some of the common reasons money is denied, with examples:

Immediate threat

A common point of dispute is whether work undertaken by cities, counties and other governmental bodies was vital to address an "immediate threat" to life or property.

Sticking tightly to its definitions, this means that some appeals can be denied even when FEMA acknowledges that particular protective measures were the right thing to do.

In early 2009, heavy rains and melting snow caused flooding in parts of Washington, leading to a leak in the earthen abutment of the Howard Hanson Dam, nearly 50 miles southeast of Seattle. While repairing the dam, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers warned downstream communities that they could be at increased risk of flooding if another severe storm hit.

Officials in King County and several cities placed giant sandbags atop downstream levees, erected flood guards around facilities such as a jail and sewage treatment plant, and temporarily relocated the county election office.

The governments sought a combined $38 million from FEMA. Upon denial, local officials flew to the nation's capital with what they described as "a mountain of evidence" in favor of a scaled back appeal for $31.5 million.

"FEMA staff told us, 'We understand why you did what you did, and it was a reasonably prudent thing to protect the public,'" said Mark Isaacson, King County's wastewater treatment director who at the time led its flood control division. But "it didn't fall within their definition of imminent flooding."

So the local governments ate the costs, delaying other levee projects while taking money out of various funds.

Repair or replace

FEMA also can face difficult calls on whether damaged buildings should be replaced or repaired. Its rules say they should be fixed if doing so would cost less than half of what it would cost to build new. But those calculations and decisions are often disputed, sometimes even within the agency.

The University of Iowa's recovery from a 2008 flood focused attention on the so-called 50 percent rule. FEMA initially promised $297 million to replace a flooded performing arts auditorium and a flooded art school building, but ruled that the school's damaged art museum should be repaired at its same location for $5.2 million.

The university had requested $40 million to rebuild the museum on higher ground, saying it could no longer find insurance for the $500 million fine art collection at the location on the banks of the Iowa River. But FEMA rejected its appeal in 2012, saying the university's inability to obtain coverage was a business decision by its insurer.

Two months later, an agency audit concluded that the auditorium and the art building also should not have qualified for replacements — only repairs — because staff erred in calculating the "50-percent rule." The audit recommended suspending those projects and cutting $83.7 million in funding, outraging university officials and Iowa politicians. FEMA officials ultimately rejected the audit's findings and allowed the projects to go forward.

The school remains without an art museum, and its 12,000-piece collection has remained largely unavailable. In June, the university received permission to build a new museum outside the 500-year flood plain using donations and bonds, but the price tag has risen to $50 million.

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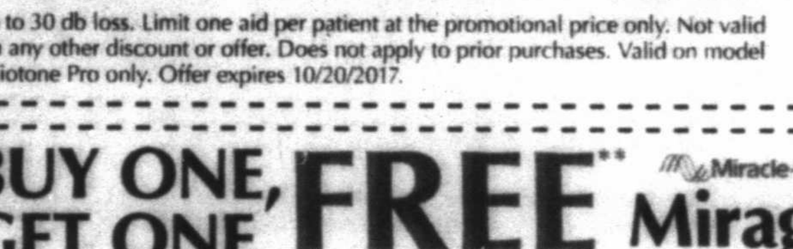
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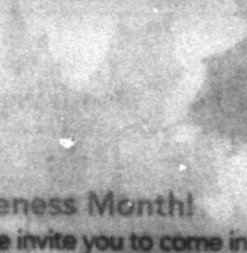
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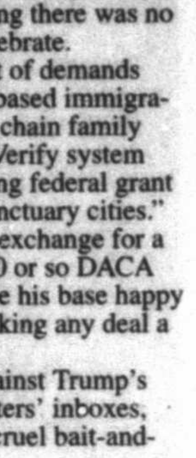

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Washington Post Writers Group

It's unclear whether a deal will be reached to ensure that the young, unlawfully present immigrants known as "Dreamers" can stay in the country. What is sure is that, either way, Americans' faith in their government will suffer another blow.

Let's face it: Anyone who really believed that passing a limited, smallish measure on immigration was going to be as simple as the verbal agreement that President Trump, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer made over dinner last month was kidding him or herself.

The fact of the matter is that Trump is focused solely on reaping adoration for his actions in the moment — for the audience who happens to be in front of him at the time — regardless of what the consequences might be. His initial promise to extend protections for those covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program without requiring a [illegible]der security package that included his wall demonstrates this perfectly.

Trump may have momentarily been enchanted by the opportunity to appear to reach across the aisle and make a deal. But when conservatives revolted, he backpedaled the next day, saying there was no finalized agreement to celebrate.

Now, the president's list of demands includes creating a merit-based immigration system that disfavors chain family migration, making the E-Verify system mandatory, and withholding federal grant money from so-called "sanctuary cities." These requirements — in exchange for a deal to protect the 690,000 or so DACA beneficiaries — have made his base happy while almost certainly making any deal a nonstarter for Democrats.

A barrage of attacks against Trump's wish list quickly hit reporters' inboxes, describing the move as a cruel bait-and-switch.

Randi Weingarten, the president of the American Federation of Teachers, said in her statement: "These proposals are simply a reprise of the worst aspects of the Trump campaign's anti-immigrant and anti-refugee scapegoating — reasserted, one assumes, to make Dreamers pawns in a power game. It is exactly why people hate Washington, D.C., politics: Instead of solving problems like what will happen to the ... young Americans covered by DACA — who are learning in, working in and completely woven into the country that is their home — they are held hostage as a way to make our broken immigration system even worse."

It's difficult to disagree with the substance of Weingarten's critique, but it also gives Trump too much credit. Chess is a game of vision, strategy, planning and precise execution. Nothing that has come out of the White House in the past eight months smacks of the cunning necessary to actually play a chess game, let alone win it.

What Weingarten hit on the nose is that people despise D.C. politicians and have largely lost faith in our institutions' ability to get anything done.

For years, Americans have increasingly viewed government as untrustworthy. Public confidence in government is now at a historic low, with only 4 percent of us believing Washington will do what is right "just about always" and 16 percent believing it would do so "most of the time," according to the Pew Research Center.

And the current immigration drama is sure to disappoint great swaths of the electorate no matter what.

If Trump doesn't make good on his promises to take the hardest possible line on immigration and ends up reaching a compromise to shield DACA-eligible people from deportation, his base will feel betrayed and rebel.

If Democrats make the difficult choice to accept some or many of the items on the Trump wish list in exchange for protections for this small slice of the 11 million immigrants residing in the U.S. illegally, there will inevitably be enmity within the party and claims that it sold its soul.

Worse still, if the Democrats' threat of a government shutdown backfires or they simply walk away from any potential compromise, it will reaffirm that elected leaders are impotent in moving forward on big issues.

In any scenario, the idea that government is broken and that the other side is to blame will only add to political polarization and what is quickly becoming learned helplessness on both sides.

The consequence of this high-visibility fight over DACA recipients will be that — whether our youngest, most idealistic and most Americanized immigrants are cast off or allowed to remain in some sort of imperfect status — we'll all lose.

GUEST VIEW

A risk confronts NFL owners, players

Chicago Tribune

Pitched battles between owners and players in professional sports can leave lasting scars on both sides.

Remember the National Football League strike in 1987? Sports columnists derided the season as a sham. Striking players lost a combined $80 million, and owners suffered from a drop in ratings and gate receipts. And there was the 1994 Major League Baseball strike. The World Series was canceled for the first time in 90 years, owners lost $1 billion, and players were out many millions more. The following season, attendance dropped 20 percent.

That's the grim history the NFL risks repeating as it fumbles its way through the controversy over whether players should stand during the national anthem.

Team owners will meet next week in New York to decide whether to force players to stand during the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner." That's the direction the league seems to be taking — Commissioner Roger Goodell has already said the NFL will propose it to owners, and at least one of them, Jerry Jones of the Dallas Cowboys, has said any of his players who do not stand for the anthem won't play.

The backdrop for all this was that NFL Sunday three weeks ago like no other before it. After President Donald Trump told a rally in Alabama that any player who knelt during the national anthem was "a son of a bitch," several owners locked arms with their players on game day as the anthem played. Many teams issued statements denouncing Trump's remarks, and almost all of them defended players' rights to express themselves. The sentiment from owners that day was clear: They had their players' backs.

Since then, reality has set in. Ratings have been flagging for some time, well before the anthem controversy. A segment of the NFL's fan base disapproves of player protests during the anthem — disapproval stoked by Trump's divisive remarks. There've been rumblings of a fan boycott, perhaps on Veterans Day weekend.

This is the moment when the dispute likely tips toward respectful resolution or dangerous escalation: If owners force players to stand or face fines, suspensions or both, will the players acquiesce? Or will a growing number of them fight back, kneeling together in solidarity?

It seems eons ago that San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick sat during the anthem at a preseason game to protest the killings of unarmed African-Americans by police. That was last year, and he remains out of a job, even though he's arguably better than many backup quarterbacks, and some starters. At the time of Kaepernick's protest, we backed his right to make his statement. We called it the "patriotism of dissent."

We still support a player's right to protest. At the same time, it's clear that these player protests aren't happening on a sidewalk or city plaza _ they're happening in the workplace. The owners have a legal right to set boundaries on the behavior of their employees. It's disappointing that, three weeks after backing their players' right to express themselves, they're now rethinking that stance. But they have the right to impose consequences on players who refuse to obey management directives.

What the owners, and the players, shouldn't forget is the most powerful party in play: the league's fan base. Opponents of the protests and supporters of the players could wind up conjoined in a large-scale boycott, declared or de facto. That is, millions of Americans are free to declare a pox on owners and players, and then to abandon the game.

Football's already gripped by another existential challenge — the impact of the degenerative brain disease CTE on the game's popularity at every level, from the pros to youth leagues. The NFL doesn't need another full-blown crisis. Next week's meetings between league officials and owners should be about finding common ground with players — perhaps allowing athletes to continue making their point at NFL games, but not during the national anthem.

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Revising biblical law by executive order

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Seems Roy Moore, the Ten Commandments Judge and very likely the next U.S. senator from the state of Alabama, has been playing a bit fast and loose with the whole thou-shalt-not-bear-false-witness thing.

My Post colleagues Shawn Boburg and Robert O'Harrow Jr. reported this last week that Moore, who claimed he did not take a "regular salary" from the Christian-values charity he founded, in fact received $180,000 a year — more than $1 million from 2007 to 2012 — in compensation, much of which the charity did not disclose.

Still, Moore is in better shape, in terms of biblical injunctions, than Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Pa., who is giving up his seat in Congress after admitting to an adulterous affair with a woman half his age. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported that the married congressman, a member of the House Pro-Life Caucus, appeared to have asked his mistress to have an abortion.

Then there's Steve Scalise, the House majority whip, coming up a bit short in the love-thy-neighbor category. After his shooting at a congressional baseball practice stunned the nation, he graciously praised Capitol Police special agent Crystal Griner — a lesbian who is married to a woman — and the other officer who saved his life as "heroes" and "part of our family." But on Friday, Scalise was scheduled to speak at the Family Research Council, which proudly proclaims that "homosexual conduct is harmful to the persons who engage in it and to society at large, and can never be affirmed."

And, on the topic of double standards, let us not forget the president. During the Harvey Weinstein fallout, Donald Trump Jr. and Kellyanne Conway have gleefully attacked private-citizen Hillary Clinton for failing to denounce Weinstein more quickly than she did — even though they vigorously defended the elder Trump when he was found to have boasted of sexual assault.

Such behavior seems uncharitable, if not downright hypocritical. But maybe I am using the wrong standard. The Bible is, after all, foreign law; none of it was written in America. It would, therefore, be in order for President Trump to revise biblical law by executive order — much as he used one this last week to dismantle Obamacare without an act of Congress. He could place a copy of the order, etched in a 2 1/2-ton stone monument, in the White House Entrance Hall.

Some proposed revisions:

In Luke 6:31, strike "as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise," and substitute: "Do ye unto men as ye would like."

In Mark 12:31, after the phrase "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" insert: "Thou shalt not interpret anything in Section 12:31 as applying to residents of Puerto Rico."

In Matthew 5:5, after the phrase "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth," insert the phrase: "The meek shalt not necessarily inherit health insurance."

In Exodus 20: 1-17, popularly known as "The Ten Commandments," the following deletions, revisions and additions are to be made:

After the phrase, in 20:4, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image," insert the language: "Exempt from the term 'graven image' will be: (a) Time magazine covers, actual or simulated; and, (b) life-size portraits of the president purchased at auction with charitable funds."

The phrase, in Exodus 20:8-11, is hereby revised to state the following: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Acceptable remembrances of the sabbath include (a) any golf played in Bedminster, N.J., (hereafter referred to as The Land of Milk and Honey); (b) any golf played at Mar-a-Lago, Palm Beach, Fla. (hereafter referred to as the Garden of Eden)."

In Exodus 20:12, in the phrase "Honor thy father and thy mother," insert: "Inasmuch as they hath given thee a very, very small loan of $14 million."

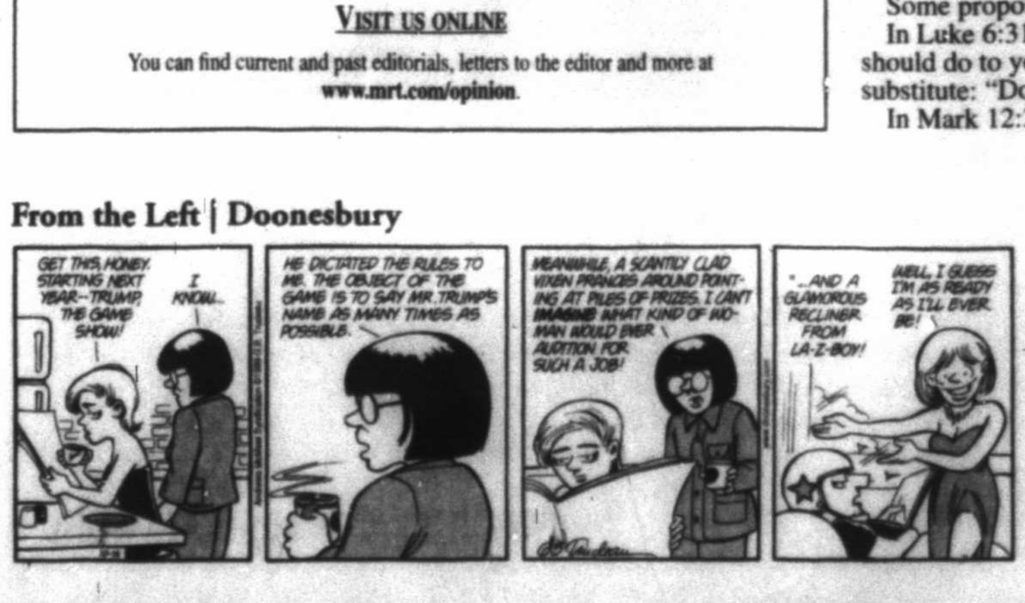
In Exodus 20:13, after the phrase "Thou shalt not kill," insert the following: "Thou mayest, however, totally destroy North Korea, which thou shalt accomplish by expanding thy nuclear arsenal tenfold."

In Exodus 20:14, following the phrase "Thou shalt not commit adultery," insert: "What thou has done with thine previous wives is thine own business."

In Exodus 20:16, the phrase "Thou shalt not bear false witness" is to be amended with the following: "No Pinocchios, nor Pants-on-Fire, nor any other description of false witness by the Fake News Media shall be judged as evidence thou violated clause 20:16."

In Exodus 20:17, after the phrase "Thou shalt not covet," insert: "but thou canst grabbest whomsoever by whatsoever part, if thou art a star."

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Chill in the air as McConnell prepares to meet with Trump

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump blames the Senate's GOP leader for the health overhaul failure, hints at tantalizing deals with Democrats and watches his former strategist work to bulldoze the Republican establishment on Capitol Hill.

There's no need for air conditioning at the White House with that chill in the air when Trump, a public official since January, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, first elected to Congress in 1984, meet on Monday.

"Mitch McConnell's not our problem. Our problem is that we promised to repeal and replace Obamacare, and we failed. We promised to cut taxes and we have yet to do it," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a member of Congress since 1995. "If we're successful, Mitch McConnell's fine. If we're not, we're all in trouble. We lose our majority and I think President Trump will not get re-elected."

Steve Bannon, back at Breitbart News after helping Trump win the presidency and serving in the West Wing, is committed to dumping McConnell, R-Ky. In a speech to religious conservatives Saturday, Bannon put on notice some of those incumbents who are at risk of a challenge from his flank of the party. He said the lawmakers possibly can avoid that wrath if they disavow McConnell and meet other conditions.

"This is our war," Bannon said. "The establishment started it. ...You all are gonna finish it."

Sen. Susan Collins, a Maine moderate who just passed up a run for governor and was a pivotal "no" vote on health care, said Bannon's rhetoric is exactly what the American people are tired of. "They don't want this hyper-partisanship. They want us to work together. And they want us to get things done," she said.

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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., right, listens Sept. 15 as President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Congressional leaders and administration officials in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington. Trump and McConnell are scheduled to meet today

Collins, who's served in the Senate since 1997, added that Bannon's "over-the-top rhetoric is not helpful. Mitch McConnell is the Senate majority leader. The president needs him. I'm glad they're working together on tax reform and a lot of other issues. And I'm glad they're meeting this week." McConnell responded to Trump's Twitter barrage after the failed health care effort by saying that the challenges of governing should come as no surprise.

"A lot of people look at all that and find it frustrating, messy. Well, welcome to the democratic process. That's the way it is in our country," McConnell said at a GOP event in Kentucky this summer.

Trump, a former Democrat himself, cut a deal with Democratic leaders on raising the U.S. borrowing limit and keeping the government running into the winter. The president has also talked about future arrangements, though his recent list of immigration demands soured Democrats who had seen an earlier opening for legislative progress.

Hard-right conservatives frustrated by the stalled agenda in Congress wrote in a letter last week during the Senate's break that McConnell and his leadership team should step aside. The senators' weeklong recess also drew criticism from the White House: "They're on another vacation right now. I think that we would all be a lot better off if the Senate would stop taking vacations, and start staying here until we actually get some real things accomplished," Trump spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders had said.

Collins urges Trump to back effort to restore health subsidy

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A key moderate Republican urged President Donald Trump on Sunday to back a bipartisan Senate effort to shield consumers from rising premiums after his abrupt decision to halt federal payments to insurers. Sen. Susan Collins called the move "disruptive" and an immediate threat to access to health care.

"What the president is doing is affecting people's access and the cost of health care right now," said Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, who has cast pivotal votes on health care in the narrowly divided Senate. "This is not a bailout of the insurers. What this money is used for is to help low-income people afford their deductibles and their co-pays."

"Congress needs to step in and I hope that the president will take a look at what we're doing," she added.

Her comments reflected an increasing focus Sunday on the bipartisan Senate effort led by Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., to at least temporarily reinstate the payments to avoid immediate turmoil in the insurance market, even as Trump signaled he wouldn't back a deal without getting something he wants in return.

The payments will be stopped beginning this week, with sign-up season for subsidized private insurance set to start Nov. 1.

"The president is not going to continue to throw good money after bad, give $7 billion to insurance companies unless something changes about Obamacare that would justify it," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who golfed with Trump on Saturday at the Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Virginia.

"It's got to be a good deal," Graham said.

In his decision last week, Trump derided the $7 billion in subsidies as bailouts to insurers and suggested he was trying to get Democrats to negotiate and agree to a broader effort to repeal and replace former President Barack Obama's health care law, a bid that repeatedly crashed in the GOP-run Senate this summer.

The payments seek to lower out-of-pocket costs for insurers, which are required under Obama's law to reduce poorer people's expenses — about 6 million people. To recoup the lost money, carriers are likely to raise 2018 premiums for people buying their own health insurance policies.

Alexander and Murray have been seeking a deal that the Tennessee Republican has said would reinstate the payments for two years. In exchange, Alexander said, Republicans want "meaningful flexibility for states" to offer lower-cost insurance policies with less coverage than Obama's law mandates.

Still, congressional Republicans are divided over that effort. White House budget director Mick Mulvaney has suggested that Trump may oppose any agreement unless he gets something he wants — such as a repeal of Obamacare or funding of Trump's promised wall on the U.S.-Mexico border.

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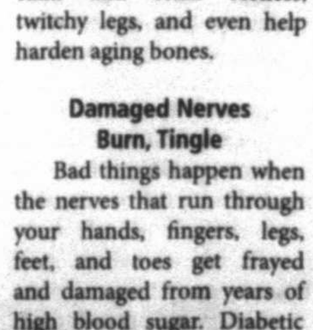
DENVER — If your feet and legs are not as strong and healthy as you would like, or if you are struggling with the burning "pins and needles" pain of neuropathy, this may be the most important news article you will read all year.

Physician, author and avid researcher, Dr. Michael Pinkus, has developed a revolutionary, inside-outside approach to not only relieving the symptoms of neuropathy but also helping improve the strength and health of aging feet and legs.

Dr. Pinkus' breakthrough regimen includes a fast-acting pain-reducing cream and a patented natural compound that not only muffles and quiets tingling, burning nerve pain in hands, feet, and legs, but can also ward off painful, middle-of-the-night muscle cramps, calm and relax restless, twitchy legs, and even help harden aging bones.

Damaged Nerves Burn, Tingle

Bad things happen when the nerves that run through your hands, fingers, legs, feet, and toes get frayed and damaged from years of high blood sugar. Diabetic neuropathy can set in.



Staying active and regularly walking with friends translates to a longer, healthier life, says research. A new doctor-developed foot-and-leg supplement helps aging adults stay active with stronger, steadier legs.

It has reached epidemic proportions with an estimated 60 to 70 percent of all diabetics, over 50 million in the US alone, to develop diabetic-related neuropathy.

Nerves Can't Grow Back... *or Can They?*

Many doctors say that once a nerve 'dies' it can't regenerate, but this is not entirely true.

"While this may be the case with, say, a severed spinal cord," explains Dr. Pinkus, "emerging research indicates just the opposite when it concerns numb hands and feet, shooting needle pain, and restless, twitchy legs. Research tells us that these nerves are not dead, they have just become... inactive."

Secret Found Inside

Convinced that there had to be a non-drug solution for the rising tide of neuropathy complaints, researchers examined scientific studies from around the world, and found the answer in a most unlikely place: inside the human body!

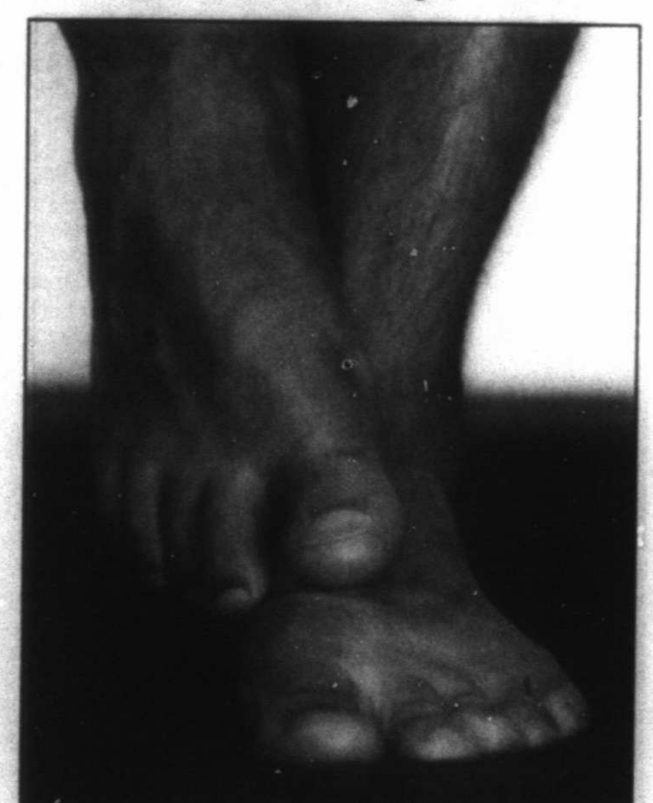
Scientists found an obscure, but amazingly beneficial vitamin compound called menaquinone-7, or MK7.

The human body actually manufactures this substance, but in precious little amounts.

It is estimated that 97 percent of western populations have very low levels of it.

MK7 was discovered over 50 years ago, but has been largely been overlooked by traditional medicine, which looks for solutions mostly from drug companies.

For neuropathy sufferers, this amazing substance can be a new lease on life.



With three US patents, this non-prescription doctor's pill relieves tingling nerve pain by improving circulation.

New Blood Flow Cools Hot Nerve Pain

This super compound quiets and relieves neuropathy discomfort by restoring healthy blood flow to the tiny blood vessels in your hands, feet, fingers, and toes.

"Scientists know the MK7 compound helps improve blood perfusion (flow of blood) and micro-capillary action," says Dr. Pinkus.

The capillaries are the smallest channels for blood circulation and can become inactive in those who suffer from neuropathy, and other foot and leg pain conditions.

A Refreshing Bath

MK7 helps relieve nerve pain by bathing hot nerve fibers in a refreshing, healing flow of blood.

One study showed surprising and unexpected results in persons with neuropathy, foot and leg pain and numbness.

The subjects ranged from 30 to 80 years old. After eight weeks, almost every patient in the study had significant improvement in their nerve symptoms.

Muscle Cramps at Night?

Older adults are more prone to sudden, unexpected, middle-of-the-night muscle cramps than are younger adults.

A study showed the prevalence of nocturnal idiopathic cramps (night cramps from an unknown cause) in elderly individuals to be as high as 50 percent.

This versatile vitamin compound may be the answer these weary folks are seeking.

In another published clinical study, MK7 was shown to reduce the severity and frequency of sudden, painful cramps, so sleep could continue uninterrupted.

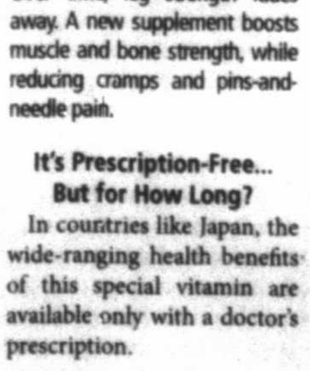
Calcium Lost... *and Found!*

This mysterious vitamin compound does more than ease nerve pain and relax restless legs and muscle cramps, it can also improve bone strength.

MK7 functions as the body's resident housekeeper.

Instead of cleaning up dirt and clutter, MK7 seeks out 'loose' calcium in the body – inside blood vessels, stuck in painful, stiff joints, even lodged in the brain where it can affect our mind and memory – and puts it back where it belongs: in your bones.

In one breakthrough clinical trial, healthy women taking MK7 showed clinically significant improvement in protection of bone strength and density, including the critical spine and hip measurement.



Over time, leg strength fades away. A new supplement boosts muscle and bone strength, while reducing cramps and pins-and-needle pain.

It's Prescription-Free... But for How Long?

In countries like Japan, the wide-ranging health benefits of this special vitamin are available only with a doctor's prescription.

"Luckily for US consumers," says Dr. Pinkus, "it is still available without a doctor's prescription, but for how long... is anyone's guess."

A Word of Warning

Be wary of low-priced MK7 sources, says Dr. Pinkus.

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Standout 'Jeopardy!' player's streak ends with narrow loss

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

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This image released by Jeopardy Productions, Inc. shows "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek, left, and contestant Austin Rogers, whose 12-game winning streak came to an end on Thursday's broadcast. Rogers finished his run in fifth place on the all-time regular-season (non-tournament), winning $411,000.

LOS ANGELES — The goofy and entertaining reign of "Jeopardy!" champ Austin Rogers is over.

The New York City bartender narrowly lost on Thursday's show after a 12-game winning streak that netted him a total $411,000, putting him in fifth place for all-time regular season winnings.

He's satisfied with the run, Rogers said in an interview.

"I set myself out to win one game. I had no idea I'd be this wildly successful," he said. "I had no idea I'd find it, honestly, this easy."

He credits his study of history at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, for encouraging his curious nature, and says devising questions for the trivia quiz nights he hosts proved "a little helpful" on the show.

Scarlett Sims, a stay-at-home mother from Oak Ridge, Tennessee, ended up with $51 more than Rogers after the final question, $33,201 to his $33,150.

Rogers won't be away long: He'll compete in the two-week "Jeopardy!" tournament of champions that begins Nov. 6.

He brought an unusually freewheeling, improv-comedy approach to the quiz show. While most players stand obediently as they're introduced, for instance, Rogers came up with bits of funny business, such as mimicking making a phone call from the stage.

That wasn't an act for the TV audience, Rogers said. "My know-it-all-ism is who I am. This is not a facade, unfortunately, America. This is how I behave in everyday situations."

The reaction to his antics surprised Rogers.

"I had a vague feeling that people would be like, 'Oh, this guy's sort of random,'" he said, and figured he might be recognized by a few "Jeopardy!" fans on the street. He didn't expect to be invited to appear on "Good Morning America."

But why not? He was the cocky player who dared to high-five host Alex Trebek.

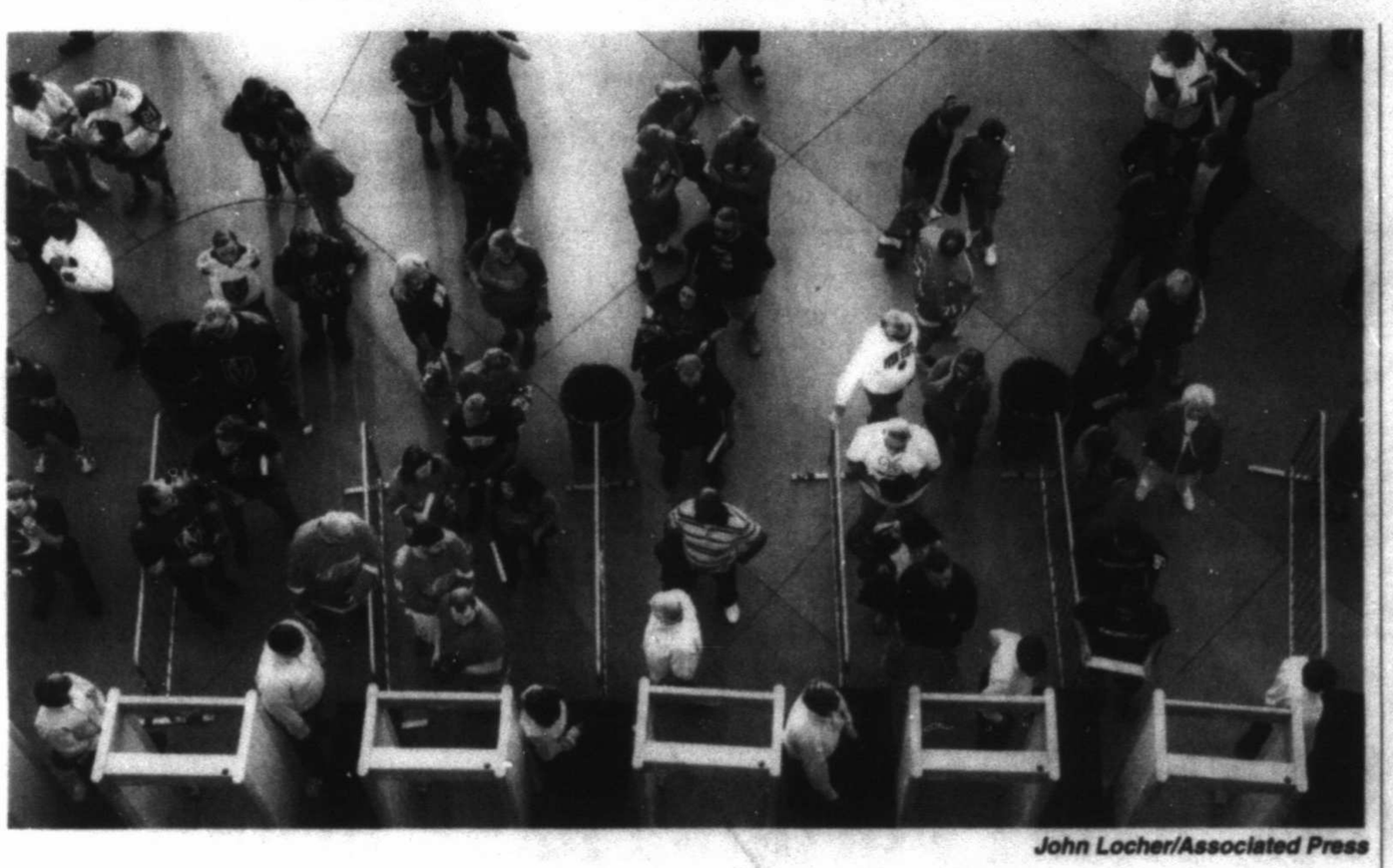
"Austin was outside the box — completely different from what many viewers expect a 'Jeopardy!' contestant to be," Trebek said in a statement. "He was fun to be with and slightly irreverent."

Rogers' money tally put him behind Ken Jennings, David Madden, Julia Collins and Matt Jackson, a "Jeopardy!" spokeswoman said.

He's tied with Seth Wilson at No. 5 for most consecutive games won, with Jennings again topping the list.

Rogers said he's hoping to build a media career out of his "Jeopardy!" fame and is mulling what shape that might take. The only certainty at this point is what he'll do with his winnings: save, not spend.

"I don't have any real need for that much money. I live a happy life; I've got a nice apartment; I don't have a girlfriend that I need to spend money on right now; I don't like fancy clothing; I don't have a car."



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People wait to go through security Friday at the T-Mobile arena before an NHL game in Las Vegas. The Las Vegas tourism sector is bracing for changes in the aftermath of the massacre that killed 58 people at an outdoor music festival.

Las Vegas tourism sees changes in aftermath of shooting

By Regina Garcia Cano
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Las Vegas' tourism sector is bracing for changes in the aftermath of the massacre that killed 58 people at an outdoor music festival.

Analysts who closely track the finances of the city's casino companies say Las Vegas will see a short-term dip in visitors in response to the shooting.

Casinos and police may have to impose new security measures after gunman Stephen Paddock brought more than 20 rifles into his hotel room and drove a car filled with explosives into the parking garage.

The "What Happens in Vegas Stays in Vegas" slogan has been put on hold, as has one unveiled in the weeks before the shooting by the owner of Mandalay Bay that said, "We are not in the hotel business ... we are in the holy s--- business."

Electronic billboards that typically promote restaurants, concerts, a topless pool and other entertainment are now showing a dedicated phone line for victims and their families, along with words of appreciation for first responders and casino employees.

"We've been there for you during the good times. Thank you for being there for us now," reads a black-and-white billboard message with the city skyline and "#VegasStrong."

It's hard to quantify the effect the shooting will have on Las Vegas tourism. Airplanes still carry loads of tourists to the desert oasis, convention-goers fill large halls to discuss the latest industry trends, and slot machines ring in the casinos.

But stock prices of the main Las Vegas casino companies all took a minor tumble after the shooting, in an indication the attack will have some effect on the industry. Analysts with investment bank Morgan Stanley forecast the shooting will decrease demand for the Las Vegas market for about six months and have a 4 percent to 6 percent economic effect.

The analysts looked into the effect of terrorist attacks on "revenue per available room," a key gauge of a lodging company's performance, across different markets to measure the shooting's potential impact. The report said not all markets are alike, but the effects on tourism of events such as the Orlando, Florida, nightclub attack have gradually become less pronounced and shorter.

On Oct. 1, Paddock, a 64-year-old professional video poker player, shattered windows of his hotel suite on the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel casino and unleashed withering gunfire at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival below before killing himself. His vehicle was found at the hotel's massive parking garage with a potentially deadly cargo of 1,600 rounds of ammunition and 90 pounds of chemical explosives.

In the days after the shooting, visitors found marked police SUVs parked outside their hotels along the Strip. Security employees of the Wynn Las Vegas and Encore casino-resorts used hand-held metal detectors to check bags. Guards asked some visitors to pop their trunks.

But those measures have since been scaled back. A tour of several major resorts found no apparent new security measures other than guards checking room keys at Mandalay Bay.

Mandalay Bay's parent company, MGM Resorts International, owns more than a dozen properties, including casinos, convention space and arenas on the Las Vegas Strip. Spokeswoman Debra DeShong said in a statement the company has elevated its level of security, but she declined to provide details.

Las Vegas hotel operators must make their guests feel valued and comfortable in the aftermath of the shooting, said Michael McCall, Michigan State University professor of hospitality business. He suggested resorts offer room upgrades or discounted tickets to customers as tokens of appreciation.

But he said many casinos and hotels will tread lightly when it comes to airport-style security in a city where people want to let loose.

"You don't want it to become a sort of ground zero military-type of operation," McCall said. "People are going there largely for fun."

MGM declined to comment on any hotel room or convention cancellations. Caesars said its properties haven't received out-of-norm room cancellations, and no conventions were called off.

Last week, the National Business Aviation Association convention drew around 27,000 people to Las Vegas. IMEX America, an expo for incentive travel, meetings and events, brought 12,000 attendees.

Luis Barros visited Las Vegas for the aviation conference. While sitting at an airport slot machine, he said he never considered canceling his trip after the shooting and had no concerns about his safety.

"I figured this is probably going to be one of the safest places after what just happened," the Dallas resident said. "I think I'm more concerned about the somber feeling, but as far as security-wise, no, not at all."

The shooting has altered at least one event. Organizers of the GEICO Rock 'n' Roll Marathon scheduled for November will no longer start the annual race outside Mandalay Bay or hold the pre-race concert at the venue where the shooting took place.

Las Vegas last year welcomed 42.9 million visitors and hosted almost 22,000 conventions. On average, 95 percent of the 149,339 rooms available were booked during weekends. Clark County recorded gambling revenue of $9.7 billion.

For the time being, the fierce competition for those dollars is not on display.

"There's going to be a time when we go back to promoting Las Vegas as the greatest destination in the world, but that's not now," said the city's top tourism official, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority CEO Rossi Ralenkotter. "We need to take care of this, we need to take care of our customers, we need to take care of the community itself, and that's what we will be doing."

MIT student making sleeping bags for refugees in Middle East

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — It wasn't enough to send warm wishes to refugees in Syria. Vick Liu wanted to send them actual warmth.

The sophomore at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is creating a new line of sleeping bags designed for refugees who have few other options to keep warm during harsh winters in the Middle East. An avid backpacker in his youth, Liu came up with the idea last year after reading about Syrian families who were struggling to survive freezing temperatures after fleeing the country's civil war.

"The only way for them to create heat is through fire and through blankets," said Liu, a 19-year-old finance and political science student. "It's tough to stay warm at 15 degrees Fahrenheit with a couple blankets."

Freezing temperatures in Syria and surrounding countries have been blamed for causing hypothermia and some refugee deaths in recent years. The United Nations says up to 4 million refugees in the Middle East face "extreme risk" this winter, but that only a quarter are expected to get assistance preparing for the cold.

To help, Liu and a team of five classmates recently raised $17,000 to manufacture 250 bedrolls and send them to resettlement areas in northwest Syria. They'll be distributed in December by Nu Day Syria, a nonprofit group based in New Hampshire that provides medical supplies and everyday items to refugees in Syria.

The group partnered with Liu after hearing from families who feared a repeat of last year's winter, one of the worst in recent history. Workers say even a sleeping bag can make a major difference for refugees who had to flee home without warm clothing and who can't afford fuel for gas heaters.

"We have 8-year-old children saying, 'I don't want my brother to die,'" said Huda Alawa, grants and logistics coordinator for the group. "It's a very tangible fear because it's something they've seen happen already."

The project joins other efforts to help refugees through the winter, including programs by the U.N. and other nonprofits that distribute blankets and warm clothing.

Liu's work began last year in his dorm room, where the Los Angeles native crafted a prototype using a sewing machine and materials stashed under his bed.

His final product is called the TravlerPack, a lightweight sleeping bag that's filled with duck down insulation and can handle temperatures as low as 15 degrees. Each one costs about $50 to make and distribute.

Some of the design is based on Liu's experience as an Eagle Scout who grew up backpacking in cold conditions. But other features were suggested by Syrian refugees Liu met through a friend, including a waterproof pocket for travel documents and a shoulder strap for portability. Multiple bags can be zipped together to create a larger blanket for families.

"I made it a point not to assume what their needs were, but to go out and find out," said Liu, who tested one of his early models by zipping into it overnight during a Boston snowstorm.

After the first sleeping bags are delivered to Syria, Liu's team aims to send another 1,000 to refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan, where fires for warmth can be a deadly hazard. The students are now trying to raise $50,000 for that effort. Once that's finished, Liu plans to turn the project into a nonprofit group and look for other refugees in need.

Collin Binkley/Associated Press

Vick Liu unrolls his TravlerPack, a lightweight sleeping bag, Oct. 6 outside the Kresge Auditorium at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. Liu, a finance and political science major, created a line of lightweight sleeping bags for refugees who have few other options to keep warm during winters in the Middle East. Liu and a team of five classmates are sending sleeping bags to resettlement areas in Syria and hope to send more to refugees in Jordan and Lebanon.

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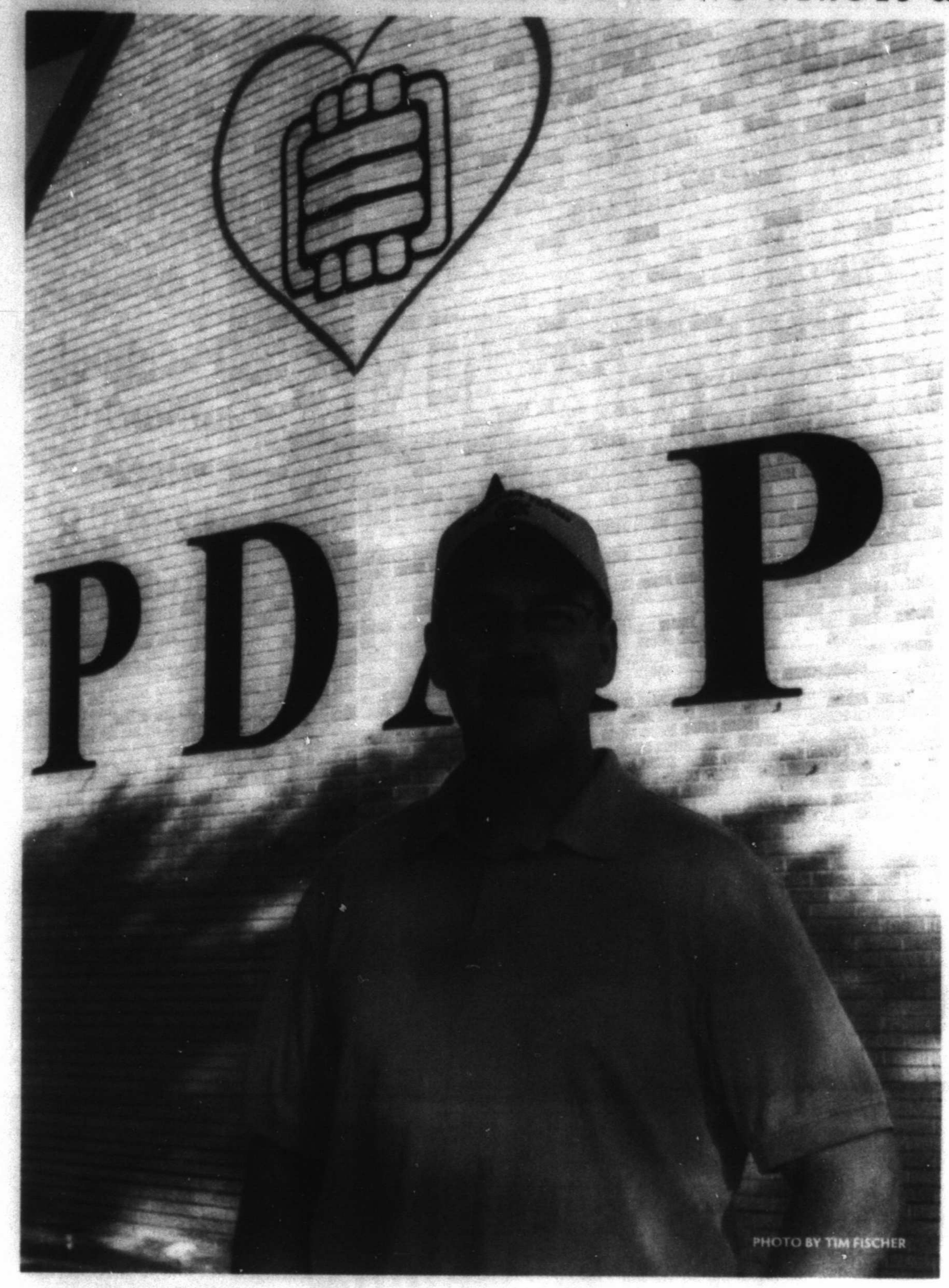

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LOREN FROST

PDAP

Professional and community involvement: Midland Police Department officer since 2005 and PDAP Board of Directors since 2013.

How did you decide to serve the community as a volunteer at PDAP? As a police officer, I was assigned to the Community Relations division. One person in that unit was asked to be on the PDAP board as a liaison for the department.

What talents and skills do you share with the community through your role at PDAP? Being a police officer and working in the community, you see a lot of drug and alcohol use among the young groups. I would respond to the board with the information about the various problems. They would, in turn, be able to share this with the staff at PDAP and build the programs necessary to educate the younger groups. I wouldn't necessarily call this a skill or talent; it's just being out there seeing things the average citizen doesn't want to admit are a problem in the city or a direct problem with their family.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a volunteer and through your nonprofit work? PDAP has been around 25-plus years and has helped countless people — from kids to adults — with their addictions. PDAP also stresses the ability to help "before" a problem gets out of hand. If you suspect something is going on with a loved one or friend, get PDAP involved early to help educate and save this person from a life of misery.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? Volunteering is important not only in respect to drug and alcohol education. It's important to anything worthwhile in your community and should be everyone's priority. It's difficult sometimes getting up to go and volunteer, but when you're done, you walk away feeling like you made a little bit of a difference.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I have lived in Midland since the seventh grade — I guess that would be the mid-1970s. I did all my schooling here, met my wife of 33 years here, raised a family and have made many good friends here through the years. I've seen the oilfield bust and boom, and just because we've had these things happen, I don't believe you should just look for better places to live or work. Are they out there? Sure. But I believe Midland is, and will continue to be, one of the greatest cities in Texas. I'm going to stay a bit longer.

"LOREN'S STRENGTHS ARE IN TRUTH, COMPASSION AND PUBLIC SERVICE"

Loren Frost truly lives by the creed "to serve mankind." Loren has served his community for two decades as a Midland police officer and a former EMT. He is highly respected inside the Midland Police Department.

What makes Loren extraordinary is that he volunteers additional hours to serve on the board of directors at Palmer Drug Abuse Program of Midland.

Loren's hands-on support of PDAP Midland helps individuals avoid and turn around their lives from the negative effects of drugs and alcohol through education and free counseling. Loren's innovative thinking has helped PDAP Midland continue to grow local educational programs into additional public, charter and private schools. Currently, Loren is working diligently on a community basketball court at PDAP Midland's facility.

PDAP Midland is honored to have Loren serve on our board of directors because we know that Loren's strengths are in truth, compassion and public service. Loren is past president of the board of directors for PDAP, and is a very active member of the nonprofit.

His love for the community extends to honor guard for the Midland Police Department and color guard for Senior Link of Midland's annual recognition lunches honoring Senior Corps Volunteers from Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions and Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

Not only is he called upon to do flag ceremonies for various Midland events but also to help guard and welcome many dignitaries to West Texas, such as Eric and Lara Trump.

Kim delaPena, *president PDAP board of directors*

"LOREN TRULY BELIEVES IN OUR MISSION"

I have had the privilege of knowing Officer Loren Frost since 2010 when the police department was helping Palmer Drug Abuse Program with the Medication Take Back program. Loren joined the PDAP board in 2012; he served as president of the board in 2016.

Loren is always willing and ready to help in any way without hesitation. Loren truly believes in our mission: Helping young people and their families fight the disease of addiction on all fronts through education, prevention, intervention and recovery services.

Loren is such an easygoing, sweet person. When you meet him, there is no way you are not going to like him. What I love about Loren is that he truly cares about what happens to PDAP, our kids and this community. He works hard — from fundraisers to fixing anything around our building. When something goes wrong, we get on the phone, and if he can fix it, he will be here. He makes us feel safe by dropping by just to say hello, tell a funny story and make us laugh.

Loren and his lovely wife, Ann, are always there to help us. "Extremely blessed," are the sentiments of the PDAP staff and board of directors when it comes to having Loren in our lives. Loren makes a difference for PDAP, and we are greatly thankful for him.

Mary Salinas, office manager PDAP

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Google Home Mini is cheapest way to get into smart home

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

■ REVIEW

Not content with being dominant online, Google is pushing into your home — with a line of smart devices and speakers that it hopes will grace your shelves and coffee tables very soon. The company handed out the smallest member of its speaker line, the Google Home Mini, to everyone who attended the launch event last week. These are my thoughts after a few days with it.

First things first: The main selling point for the Google Home Mini is its price. As the Google Home Mini itself will tell you — if you ask — it costs just $49. That's $10 less than Amazon's competing mini-hub, the Echo Dot. If you're looking for an easy way into the smart home, Google Home Mini is the cheapest way to do that.

And yet, it doesn't feel cheap. It feels like a total home hub in its own right — though with a few compromises.

In truth, if you have a Google Home, you pretty much know how the Google Home Mini works. And, if you don't, it's easy enough to figure out. Once you download the app onto your phone, it basically sets itself up and teaches you how to use it to ask for information, set timers and control whatever other smart devices you may have about.

It's simple, and that's good. It keeps a low profile; it's much smaller than the Google Home, not even clearing the base of its older sibling. The Mini has just enough switches and indicators to function, and very little else.

If you're looking to put multiple home hubs in your house — maybe one in the kitchen and one on the nightstand — that's when the Google Home Mini really comes into its own. Like the Echo Dot, the Home Mini is an appealing way to make your smart home features available in more rooms, particularly at that $50 price.

For example: I have a Google Home. It sits in my bedroom and has the main function of controlling my bedroom lights and playing podcasts or music to put me to sleep. But placing it at my bedside meant that I had to choose not to put it in my living room, where I wanted to use it to control my Chromecast and television. With the Mini as a sort of satellite hub in the living room, I can now do both.

As a stand-alone speaker, Google Home Mini is decent — though certainly not something to recommend to an audiophile. It's best for background music while you work or do chores, not for serious music appreciation, such as when you really want to hear the warmth of the clarinets. To be honest, the Google Home isn't the world's best speaker, either, but the Mini is noticeably less full.

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FUTURISTIC INTERACTIVES

Photos by Billy Calzada/San Antonio Express-News

Youngsters enter the "Science Fiction, Science Future" exhibit at the DoSeum on Oct. 7. The exhibit includes displays that show 3D holograms, teleportation, cyborg design and artificial intelligence. The exhibit will be on display until Jan. 6, 2018.

Exhibit encourages visitors to imagine the science, tech possibilities

■ DoSeum exhibit invites kids to think of future

By Silvia Foster-Frau
San Antonio Express-News

The "Back to the Future" movies had a lot of hits and misses when it came to predictions of the future: Sure, the Chicago Cubs did eventually win the World Series, but we still don't fly DeLorean cars through time.

But at the DoSeum's new exhibit, the point is not to be right. The point is to imagine the possibilities.

"This exhibit will make you question what is fact, what is fiction and what is possible," said Sandra Garcia, vice president of marketing at the children's museum, as the traveling exhibit.

Called "Science Fiction, Science Future," it is 6,500 square feet of futuristic interactives. Kids can control balls with their minds, control computers with their eyes and create a "perfect cyborg," among other things, at 16 stations.

Created by the nonprofit Scitech in Perth, Australia, and later produced by Imagine Exhibitions Inc. in Atlanta, the exhibit will run until Jan. 6.

"We need to create the next generation of people who go out there and do cool things," said Pranav Bhounsule, a University of Texas at San Antonio professor of mechanical engineering. "Right now there's so many jobs in STEM in the U.S., but there aren't enough people with the qualifications to take those positions."

Employment in science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, is projected to grow almost 9 percent from 2014 to 2024, compared to 6.4 percent growth in non-STEM jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Bhounsule said these exhibits are important because they can spark a child's interest in science and lead them to pursue a career in it. He and a group of students programmed a robot to say "Welcome to the DoSeum" in English and Spanish to advertise the exhibit.

Jake Foster, 13, was ambling around the DoSeum and was tickled to find a new exhibit

"I like all the different things you can do. It's not just sitting and reading — you can interact with different things along with learning about stuff," Jake said.

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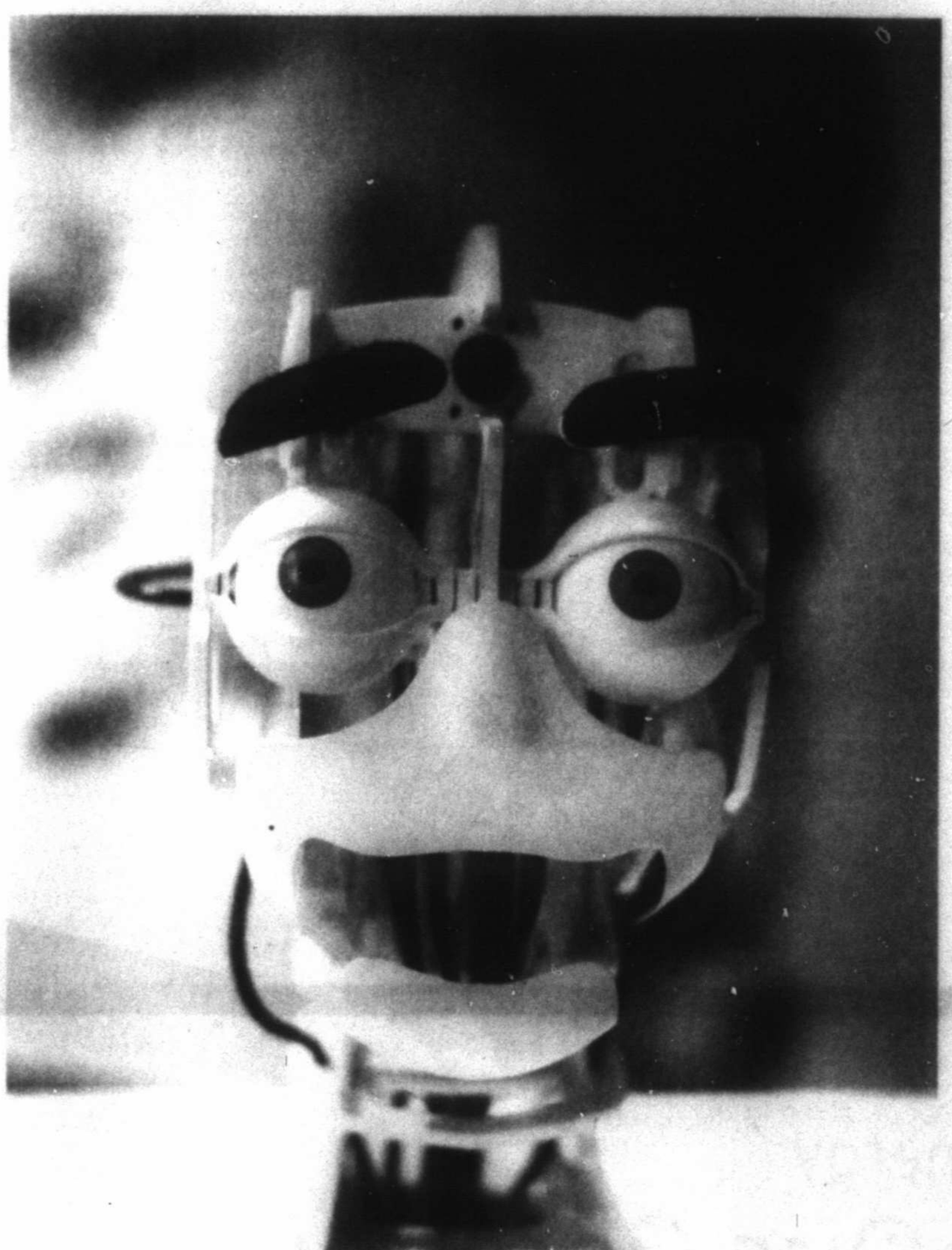

A robotic head smiles as it mimics a viewer at the at the "Hey, That Robot's Copying Me" display at the "Science Fiction, Science Future" exhibit.

Facebook announces wireless $200 VR headset

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

Facebook dropped a bombshell on the virtual reality world Wednesday: a $200 virtual reality headset that doesn't require wires or a smartphone to work.

The headset could go a long way to helping Facebook get virtual reality into the hands of a "a billion people" — a (timeframe-free) goal chief executive Mark Zuckerberg set Wednesday at a developers conference hosted by its VR company Oculus. Virtual reality has been a major focus for Facebook and other major tech firms such as Microsoft and HTC, but consumers haven't been quite as enthusiastic. The new headset, however, addresses two major problems analysts have said stand in the way of adoption: high prices and a complicated setup process.

The price of virtual reality headsets has continued to drop, making the technology more accessible to a variety of people. Setting a $200 price for a headset that doesn't require any additional equipment, however, is a new landmark for the industry.

The Oculus Go is set to ship early next year. It will be able to use all the apps currently available for the Gear VR, the Samsung and Oculus headset that requires a smartphone to work. Developers will be able to get their hands on Oculus Go in November to make more specialized programs for it.

Like the Gear VR, the Go is designed to be for lighter virtual reality experiences such as 360-viewing or short play sessions. It will also ship with a controller that users can hold in one hand, to point, poke or otherwise interact with the environment around them.

The Go won't be the only stand-alone headset from Oculus for long. The company also gave more information on a product nicknamed Project Santa Cruz, which promises to offer high-end VR without wires or the external trackers that VR users currently have to set up around their rooms. That device will ship to developers next year, but does not yet have a commercial release date.

Facebook also announced plans to introduce streaming 360-degree video to Oculus as well as Facebook Spaces, the network's "social VR" space that Zuckerberg controversially used to virtually tour Puerto Rico earlier this week.

The social network also said that users will now be able to create "3-D posts," which let you embed three-dimensional drawings into your posts, which you can then move around on screen.

All of these features slowly articulate the advantages of three-dimensional and virtual reality content, which has its converts in the gaming world but has faced

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HBO	LastWeek	News (N)	★★ Constantine Keanu Reeves.				(:05) The Deuce		(:05) Curb	(:40) Curb	(:15) ★ Why Him?	
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SHOW	(:05) White	(:35) White	(:15) ★ Call (16, Hor) John Cusack.				White	White	Ray Donovan		White	White
TMC	(4:50) ★ The Sting		★★★ The Doors ('91, Bio) Meg Ryan, Val Kilmer.								(:15) ★ Drug War	
A&E	The First 48 "Broad Daylight"		The First 48: Revenge Kills "Revenge Kills" In Miami, the homicide team investigates a triple shooting on a crowded bus. (N)							(:05) The First 48 "House of Cards"	(:05) First 48:Revenge "Revenge Kills"	
AMC	(5:45) Dead	(:50) Dead	"What Lies Ahead"		(:20) Walking Dead		(:20) Walking Dead		(:20) Walking Dead		(:25) Walking Dead	
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FREEFORM	(4:00) ★ Harry Potter...		★★ Twilight ('08, Dra) Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart.						The 700 Club		★★ Mirror Mirror	
FSSW	Sport-sDay (N)	UFC Main Event (N)	NCAA Volleyball New Mexico vs. New Mexico State Women's (L)				Spurs Insider	Focused	Supergirl Pro		Pelicans Insider	SportsD-ay OnAir
FX	(4:30) ★ The Intern...		★★ Pixels ('15, Act/Com) Adam Sandler.				★★ Pixels ('15, Act/Com) Adam Sandler.				★ The Internship	
HALLMARK	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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LIFETIME	(4:00) ★★★ Black Swan Natalie Portman.		★★ The Stepfather (2009, Thriller) Sela Ward, Penn Badgley, Dylan Walsh.				★ If I Stay (2014, Drama) Mireille Enos, Jamie Blackley, Chloë Grace Moretz.				★★ The Stepfather	
MSNBC	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
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TNT	(4:30) ★★ American Sniper ('14, War) Bradley Cooper. An account of the career of Chris Kyle, the most lethal sniper in U.S. military history.						(:15) ★★★ American Gangster Denzel Washington. A detective works to bring down a heroin kingpin smuggling drugs into 1970s America.					
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WGN	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	★★ Austin Powers in Goldmember ('02, Com) Beyoncé Knowles, Mike Myers.				★★ Austin Powers in Goldmember ('02, Com) Beyoncé Knowles, Mike Myers.			

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New marine's mom wonders how often she should write

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My son and I are very close. He joined the Marine Corps (a decision I fully support) and shipped out recently.

I had read on a Marine family site that frequent letters from home are encouraged, so I had letters written even before I got his mailing address. I sent off three letters the day I got his address and another one three days later.

They always start off with a supportive declaration ("I'm proud of you. You can do this.") before moving on to what I hope are amusing anecdotes about what's going on at home. I avoid topics that would make him homesick. I sign the letter with the initials of my son's nickname for me.

Last night, another family member told me I'm writing too often (that person has written one letter so far, and plans to wait at least a week before sending another). That family member said that the drill instructors and other recruits will notice and label my son a "mama's boy."

This has caused me significant distress. Please tell me which is right: the website that recommends frequent letters, or my family member who advocates cutting back drastically? — MOM OF A MARINE

DEAR MOM: Unless the family member is speaking from firsthand experience, trust the military family website. However, because you are concerned, ask your son how he feels about the fact that you write so often, and ask him to be honest.

DEAR ABBY: In view of all the recent tragic events that have happened, you would do a great service to remind everyone to be careful when donating. A lot of the money that was donated for 9/11 and other tragedies never got to the victims.

Unfortunately, when tragedies occur, scammers view them as an opportunity to line their pockets. I'm not sure how to make sure the money gets to the right people, so I haven't donated at all. Can you help with some information on this? — DIANA IN TEXAS

DEAR DIANA: Some appeals are, indeed, scams. That's why it's important for kindhearted people to be able to tell the difference. A way to verify that a charity is legit would be to visit charitynavigator.org. It will tell you what percentage of the money you donate will go toward overhead, and how much actually reaches those who need it.

Charity Navigator also publishes "donor advisories" — typically within a week of the event — to ensure that those searching the site for an organization can see if it isn't a legitimate nonprofit entity.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

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

♠Q972 ♡73 ◇AK10843 ♣K

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	2♣	Pass
2◇	Pass	3♣	Pass

What call would you make?

A — Partner's bid is not forcing and you have to make this end before the doubling starts. Pass.

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

♠A62 ♡AK108 ◇AK86 ♣92

With the opponents passing, you open one diamond and partner responds one spade. What call would you make?

A — The small doubleton club is a worry, but you have to describe your hand. Bid two no-trump.

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

♠KQJ8 ♡2 ◇KQ1042 ♣Q85

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	1♡	1NT	

What call would you make?

A — Partner has probably overcalled on very thin values, but you should have him covered if you find a fit. Bid two diamonds.

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

♠2 ♡Q932 ◇AQJ982 ♣83

Right-hand opponent opens two spades, weak. What call would you make?

A — You would love to bid your excellent diamond suit, but that would show a much better hand after a pre-empt. When their bids are weak, your bids should be sound. Pass.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending Oct. 8

Top Paid iPhone Apps:

1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
3. NBA 2K18, 2K
4. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
5. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
6. REKT!, Little Chicken Game Company B.V.
7. iScheduleHotSchedules
8. kirakira+, Kentaro Yama
9. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
10. Toca Life: Office, Toca Boca AB

Top Free iPhone Apps:

1. tbh7/8, Midnight Labs LLC
2. YouTube, Google Inc.
3. Instagram, Instagram Inc.
4. Messenger, Facebook Inc.
5. Snapchat, Snap Inc.
6. Facebook, Facebook Inc.
7. Rolly Vortex, Voodoo
8. Bitmoji, Bitstrips
9. Google Maps - GPS Navigation, Google Inc.
10. Gmail - Email by Google, Google Inc.

Top Paid iPad Apps:

1. Minds On Physics the App - Part 1,Physics Classroom LLC
2. Minecraft, Mojang
3. Toca Life: Office, Toca Boca AB
4. XtraMath, XtraMath
5. Procreate, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
6. Notability, Ginger Labs
7. REKT!, Little Chicken Game Company B.V.
8. NBA 2K18, 2K
9. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
10. Goat Simulator, Coffee Stain Studios AB

Top Free iPad Apps:

1. YouTube, Google Inc.
2. Homescapes, Playrix Games
3. Netflix, Netflix Inc.
4. Bowmasters - Multiplayer Game, Playgendary
5. Messenger, Facebook Inc.
6. Facebook, Facebook Inc.
7. Snake VS Block, Voodoo
8. Google Chrome, Google Inc.
9. Super Mario Run, Nintendo Co. Ltd.
10. Gmail - Email by Google, Google Inc.

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Oct. 8:

iTunes Movies US Charts:

1. Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales
2. Wonder Woman (2017)
3. Spider-Man: Homecoming
4. Blade Runner (The Final Cut)
5. Girls Trip
6. The Big Sick
7. Transformers: The Last Knight
8. Blade Runner
9. Hocus Pocus
10. The Book of Henry

iTunes Movies US Charts — Independent:

1. Walking Out
2. Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent
3. The Osiris Child: Science Fiction Volume One
4. Beatriz At Dinner
5. Overdrive
6. Super Dark Times
7. A Ghost Story
8. The Hero
9. The Little Hours
10. The Layover

Music

iTunes Official Music Charts for the week ending October 5, 2017:

Top Songs

1. Thunder, Imagine Dragons
2. Mi Gente (feat. Beyoncé), J Balvin & Willy William
3. Look What You Made Me Do, Taylor Swift
4. rockstar (feat. 21 Savage), Post Malone
5. Bodak Yellow, Cardi B
6. Feel It Still, Portugal. The Man
7. Sorry Not Sorry, Demi Lovato
8. Perfect, Ed Sheeran
9. What Lovers Do (feat. SZA), Maroon 5
10. 1-800-273-8255 (feat. Alessia Cara & Khalid, Logic

Top Albums

1. Greatest Hits, Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
2. Tell Me You Love Me, Demi Lovato
3. Younger Now, Miley Cyrus
4. Now, Shania Twain
5. The Bigger Artist, A Boogie wit da Hoodie
6. Evolve,Imagine Dragons
7. Bluebird of Happiness, Tamar Braxton
8. Savage, Tank
9. Wildflowers, Tom Petty
10. Anthology: Through the Years, Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers

Source: Apple Inc.

Courtesy photo

"Science Fiction, Science Future" is open through Jan. 8 at the DoSeum in San Antonio.

EXHIBIT

From 2B

He particularly enjoyed the activity where participants sit in front of a computer, a laser tracking their eye movements so they can navigate the screen without a mouse.

"I'm really excited about this because it gives my kids a glimpse into possibilities that we don't normally run into on a regular basis," said Wendy Foster, Jake's mother.

Her kids also played at the mind-control station, where receptors in headbands tracked their neural activity. Those who stay more relaxed can move a ball farther away and toward a partner on the opposite side.

One station asks kids to draw examples of what they think the future will look like. Only one drawing had been submitted early Friday, when the exhibit had just opened: A robot dad on wheels had replaced a frowning "old dad," as the sitting figure was labeled. With laser eyes, the robot produced the homework of a child (labeled "me," with no name) out of thin air.

Emily Foster, 11, said she imagined "a bunch of robots running around" in the future.

"People say drones will do a lot of stuff we do — maybe pizza deliveries," Jake Foster said contemplatively.

Another station scans kids' wristbands, which are printed with glyphs, or black and white symbols that link to animation on the screens. Afterward, it tells them what futuristic job they could have.

"I always tell them that the job they may have when they're older may not be in existence right now. I hope it will open their eyes to the possibilities," Wendy Foster said. "But the important thing is to know how to learn and think and then you can do anything."

Photo courtesy of Oculus

The Oculus Go, a wireless $200 headset that doesn't require a smartphone.

VR

From 4B

a more skeptical mainstream audience that has yet to see the value.

Even evangelists recognize this isn't going to happen overnight. "The road to mass adoption is going to take a while," said Jason Rubin, Oculus's vice president of content, but things are moving faster than he thought it would. "VR is just getting started. We're going to double-down on that potential."

MINI

From 2B

But the Home Mini can hear your commands, even when its volume is cranked high — making it better than some smart speakers that can't always hear you over the noise they're generating.

If you have to adjust the volume by touching the speaker instead of using your voice, you can do so with easy taps on the speaker's ends.

And I can group the Google Home and Google Home Mini together, so that they can, for example, play the same song. That comes in handy if I'm moving from room to room while vacuuming or folding and putting away laundry. I never have to miss a note or word of a podcast, and I don't have to spend a lot on a smart speaker system to get that feature. It's a little creature comfort, but still a nice one.

Of course, adding a Mini — either as a primary or secondary hub — also means allowing Google more access into your home. The Mini, like the Google Home, is always listening for its trigger phrases, "OK, Google"or "Hey, Google." And that, understandably, can be a bit disconcerting, particularly if you're putting these devices in your bedroom or the bathroom. So, just as with the Home, Mini has a mute function, which will shut off the microphone. If ever you want to, you can flip that mute switch.

Google Home Mini has all the new features coming to Google Home, as well, including the ability to make hands-free calls through the speaker, using your smartphone. So, if you're wrist-deep in bread dough and need to call your spouse for some extra ingredients, you can do that, and it can show up as a call from your own number. If you lose your phone, ask Google Home to call it for you — on Android devices, it will even ring if your phone is muted. (It can't override a mute setting on the iPhone.)

You can also use Google Search as a sort of phone directory, to call the "nearest florist," etc. But I haven't found that feature too useful yet, if only because the nearest store isn't always the best one. Still, it's a promising feature, and shows off how Google is infusing its smarts into these devices.

And that's the broader takeaway for anyone looking with interest at the Google Home Mini. Google knows this is a crowded space and is putting its software smarts front and center to stand out.

So, while Amazon may have a wider spread of products and Apple may pursue hardware excellence, Google's focus is on function. So far, it's working.

REVIEW

Browse crowdsourced itineraries for the world

By Hayley Tsukayama
Washington Post

Ever wanted to just pick a place on the map and go? Visit a City's designed to make that dream as close to reality as possible. This travel app has suggested itineraries for cities around the world, from Accra to Zagreb. Sure, some cities have more comprehensive guides than others, but all of those listed in the app have at least some suggestions — often accompanied by reviews from travelers who've gone before you. You can add locations important to your journey, such as your hotel or restaurant, to get a clearer picture of how long you'll really be spending in transit.

Sign up with your email, Facebook or Google account to save itineraries as you plan. You can also download guide data for a particular city to access offline, in case your journeys take you off the beaten path. (Or, at least, away from your preferred cell network.) Having those on hand is convenient for mapping out all you've planned to do, or for ditching your best-laid plans for a moment of travel serendipity. This app's great whether you're exploring London, Omaha or Kuala Lumpur.

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MIDLAND FAMILY CARE

Disease-carrying mosquitoes could thrive in US this fall

By Lyden Odukwu, MD

There's nothing more annoying than getting bitten by a mosquito when you're relaxing on your back porch in the evening.

Well, actually there is something worse, if they're carrying a disease. There could be long-term effects in that case.

LYDEN ODUKWU, M.D.

This fall, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns us, two types of disease-carrying mosquitoes are set to proliferate across two-thirds of the US. One can't help but feel that the huge amounts of rain delivered by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria and any others might contribute to this issue.

The two insects in question are *Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*. Viruses they can transmit include Zika, dengue, chikungunya and yellow fever.

Aedes aegypti is more likely to proliferate in the southwest, while the other is expected to plague the northeast. Aedes aegypti is less dependent on standing water for egg laying than is Aedes albopictus, possibly explaining why the former is more likely to be an issue in the drier southwest.

The CDC urges county officials to monitor the presence of these strains and to take measures to control them if introduced into an area.

Personally you may want to keep the insect repellants out a little later in the year than normal. With cooler weather in the air, most of us are wearing long sleeves and long pants, so we're naturally somewhat more protected against mosquito bites anyway. Insect repellant may only be needed on the face and hands.

With these few precautions you can reduce your exposure to mosquitoes and disease.

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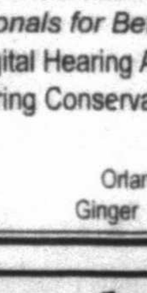
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MHS' Allison Stewart commits to ACU tennis

By Christopher Hadorn
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Playing NCAA Division I tennis is becoming a family tradition in the Stewart household.

Midland High senior Allison Stewart verbally committed to play tennis at Abilene Christian University this past week, following in the footsteps of both her parents.

Her mother Carmen, the Midland High tennis coach, played at Texas Tech from 1994-96. Her father Scott, the director of tennis at The Racquet Club, competed at the University of Texas from 1989-91 where he was a team captain.

With the help of her parents, Allison has grown into one of the Lone Star State's best high school tennis players, as she teamed with Kate Daugherty to win the 2017 UIL Class 6A girls doubles state championship. Stewart and Daugherty went 45-0 during the state title season, winning MHS' first girls double championship since Terre Cowden and Susan Stolz in 1972.

"Now that I look back and now that I'm older, I couldn't have asked for better parents and better support going through everything," Stewart said. "Yes, it gets tough sometimes having your mom and your dad as your coach, and then having your brother (Tyler) as your hitting partner. But I wouldn't trade it for the world. I know I'm going to be more grateful when I'm even older because I know I've been given a lot of opportunities and a built-in tennis practice facility. Especially in Midland, that's such an advantage to have because we're so far from the Metroplex areas where they have all the tennis academies."

Stewart picked ACU over Texas Tech. She also had opportunities to play at St. Edward's in Austin and Trinity University in San Antonio.

Stewart said Abilene Christian felt like home and a second family to her.

She also like the proximity of ACU to the Tall City, as she enjoys time with her three younger siblings.

"From the moment I met the team on the campus, I just felt so welcomed by all the coaches, all the professors and admissions," Stewart said. "Everyone felt welcoming, like

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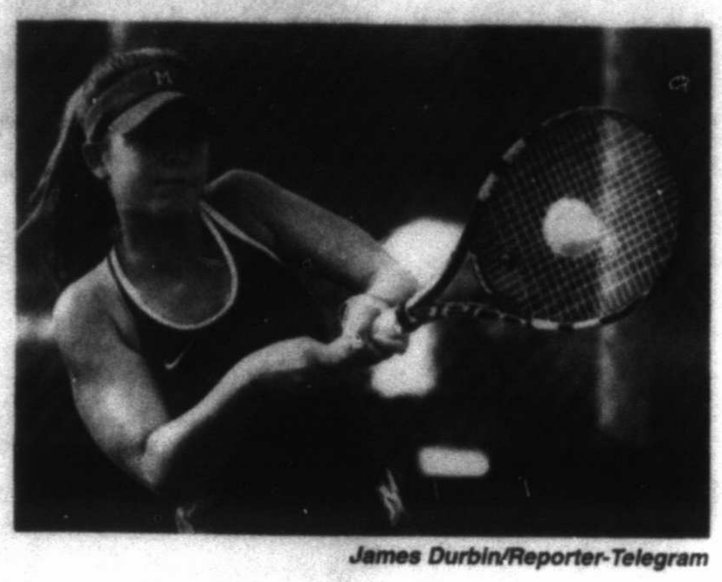

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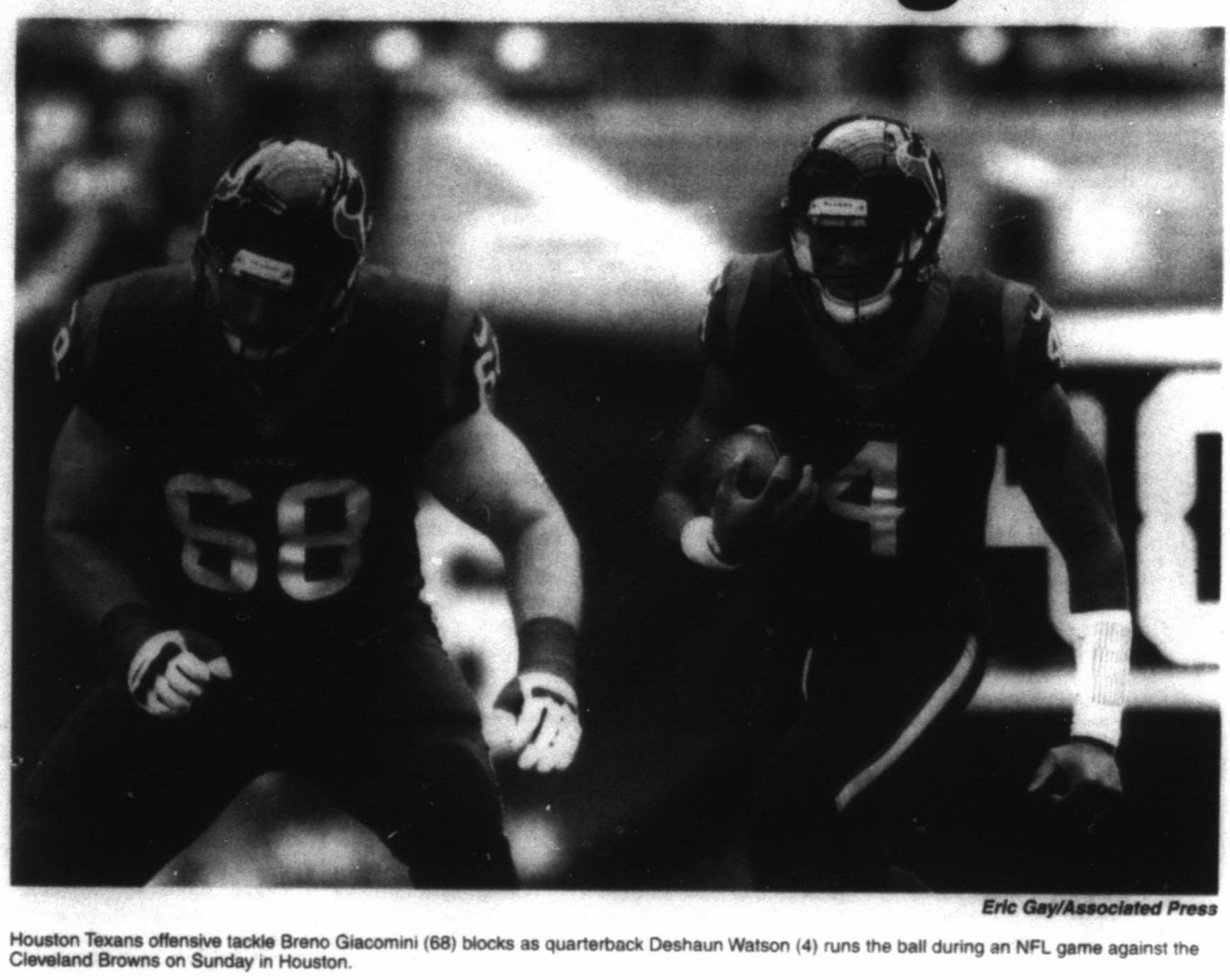
Midland High's Allison Stewart competes in a tennis match against Lee on Oct. 3 at Bush Tennis Center.

Record-setting QB



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Houston Texans offensive tackle Breno Giacomini (68) blocks as quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) runs the ball during an NFL game against the Cleveland Browns on Sunday in Houston.

Watson tosses 3 TDs as Texans beat Browns

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson wants more.

After setting two rookie touchdown records in a win over Cleveland on Sunday, Watson wasn't completely satisfied.

Watson threw for 225 yards and three touchdowns, becoming the first rookie in NFL history with at least three TD passes in three straight games, helping give the Texans the 33-17 victory.

Watson has thrown 15 touchdown passes this season, the most in NFL history by a rookie in a team's first six games. It equals the number of TD throws Brock Osweiler had in 15 games last season.

"It's pretty cool. It's straight," Watson said when told of the records. "I should have had more. I missed some opportunities."

The Browns lost their 16th in a row on the road.

Cleveland made yet another change at quarterback this week, benching rookie DeShone Kizer, who had thrown a league-high nine interceptions, for Kevin Hogan to make his first NFL start. The results were much the same as Hogan threw three interceptions to keep the Browns (0-6) winless and drop coach Hue Jackson's record in Cleveland to 1-21.

Jackson said he didn't consider benching Hogan at halftime despite his terrible first half.

"No. I made the decision I was playing Kevin for this game," he said. "I didn't think that'd be fair to put DeShone into the game. I made a commitment to do this for the week. Good or bad."

Jackson wouldn't say who will start next week, but left the door open for Kizer's return.

Johnathan Joseph had two interceptions, including one he returned for 82 yards to boost the Texans' defense in their first game since J.J. Watt and Whitney Mercilus sustained season-ending injuries last week.

"I don't why the guy kept throwing to him," Jadeveon Clowney said when asked about Joseph's interceptions. "I don't think he knew (any) better. (Joseph's) been in the league like 12, 13 years and not many people throw at him. The guy felt like he had to try him today and he made him pay twice."

Watson threw TD passes to Will Fuller, Braxton Miller and DeAndre Hopkins as the Texans (3-3) set a franchise record by scoring at least 30 points for the fourth straight game.

"We know with the ball in 4's (Watson's) hands, anything's possible," Hopkins said.

The game was tied at 3 after both teams made field goals early when Watson connected with Fuller on a 39-yard touchdown pass late in the first quarter. That was Fuller's third straight catch for a TD.

Joseph's first interception return for a touchdown since 2014 came on Cleveland's next possession, but the extra point kick failed to push the lead to 16-3.

Dylan Cole intercepted Hogan on the

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Sunday's Week 6 NFL Scoreboard

Texans	**33**	**Saints**	**52**
Browns	17	Lions	38
Dolphins	**20**	**Rams**	**27**
Falcons	17	Jaguars	17
Patriots	**24**	**Cardinals**	**38**
Jets	17	Buccaneers	33
Vikings	**23**	**Chargers**	**17**
Packers	10	Raiders	16
Bears	**27**	**Steelers**	**19**
Ravens	24 OT	Chiefs	13
Redskins	**26**	**Giants**	**23**
49ers	24	Broncos	10

This time vs Astros, Yanks again try to overcome 2-0 deficit

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Trailing again 2-0 in the postseason, these young New York Yankees remain even keeled going into Game 3 of the AL Championship Series against the Houston Astros.

"I don't know if it's maturity or just being dumb," Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia said Sunday.

At 36 the old man of the pitching staff, Sabathia will pitch Monday surrounded by a starting lineup that includes Baby Bombers Aaron Judge (25), Gary Sanchez (24) and Greg Bird (24).

Houston, two wins from its first World Series appearance since 2005, starts 33-year-old right-hander Charlie Morton, who grew up in Connecticut rooting for the Yankees. He remembered getting Joe Girardi's autograph at spring training and his family spotting Derek Jeter at a Bahama Breeze restaurant, an especially exhilarating experience for his sister, Jennie.

"She walked up to him and said, 'Hey, can I have a picture with you?' And he said, 'Only if you smile,'" Morton recalled.

After a pair of 2-1 games in Houston, the series shifted to the Bronx and the Astros worked out at Yankee Stadium, where New York went 51-30 during the regular season. Houston won the 2015 AL wild-card game in the Bronx by a 3-0 score.

"It will be the biggest game of my career," said Morton, who didn't get a decision against Boston in Game 4 of the Division Series.

While Judge, Sanchez and Didi Gregorius combined to go 2 for 22 in the first two games of the series, Astros stars Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa went 8 for 15. Reaching the best-of-seven LCS is new for most players on both teams, and Astros manager A.J. Hinch thinks his players are motivated by doing well for each other.

"Maybe we don't sense sort of the magnitude of these moments because this is us, who we are, how we are," he said.

New York seeks inspiration from its comeback last week from a 2-0 deficit in the best-of-five Division Series against Cleveland, which led the AL with 102 wins — one more than Houston. Girardi said New York's streaky nature during the season also bred confidence. The Yankees started 38-23, opening a four-game AL East lead, lost 19 of their next 26, then rebounded to finish 91-71 and earn the top wild card.

"Guys started to understand that you have to be resilient in this game," the manager said. "You're going to have

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Eric Gay/Associated Press

Houston Astros' Carlos Correa hits a double that drove in Jose Altuve during the ninth inning of Game 2 of baseball's American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees on Saturday in Houston. The Astros won 2-1 to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Major League Baseball
ALCS Game 3: Houston at NY Yankees, 7 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

Men's Soccer
FIFA U-17 World Cup, Rd of 16: Colombia vs. Germany, 6:30 a.m., FS2
FIFA U-17 World Cup, Rd of 16: Paraguay vs. USA, 9:30 a.m., FS2, NBCU
Serie A: Hellas Verona FC vs. Benevento Calcio, 1:40 p.m., beIN
La Liga: Las Palmas vs. Celta Vigo, 1:50 p.m., beIN2
PL: Leicester City FC vs. West Bromwich Albion FC, 2 p.m., NBCSN

National Football League
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 7:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNDEP

Tennis
WTA: VTB Kremlin Cup, 6:30 a.m., beIN
ATP: Stockholm, 8:30 a.m., TENNIS
WTA: VTB Kremlin Cup, 5 a.m., beIN
ATP: Stockholm, 5 a.m., TENNIS

Women's College Volleyball
New Mexico at New Mexico State, 7 p.m., FSSW, FCSP

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Waived Ge David Stockton. Matt Jones and Reggie Hearn.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Recalled G Collin Delia from Indy (ECHL) to Rockford (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS — Assigned G Marcus Hogberg from Belleville (AHL) to Brampton (ECHL).
VEGAS GOLDEN KNIGHTS — Placed G Marc-Andre Fleury and F Jonathan Marchessault on injured reserve. Recalled Fs Vadim Shipachyov and Alex Tuch and G Maxime Lagace from Chicago (AHL).
COLLEGE
BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Suspended Minnesota hockey F Leon Bristedt one game.
NEBRASKA — Named Bill Moos athletic director and agreed to terms with him on a five-year contract.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP TOP 25 POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Alabama (61)	7-0	1525	1
2. Penn St	6-0	1432	3
3. Georgia	7-0	1417	4
4. TCU	6-0	1302	6
5. Wisconsin	6-0	1241	7
6. Ohio St	6-1	1184	9
7. Clemson	6-1	1117	2
8. Miami	5-0	1109	11
9. Oklahoma	5-1	1008	12
10. Oklahoma St	5-1	900	14
11. Southern Cal	6-1	886	13
12. Washington	6-1	811	5
13. Notre Dame	5-1	798	16
14. Virginia Tech	5-1	727	15
15. Washington St	6-1	579	8
16. NC State	6-1	573	20
16. South Florida	6-0	573	18
18. Michigan St	5-1	563	21
19. Michigan	5-1	558	17
20. UCF	5-0	387	22
21. Auburn	5-2	303	10
22. Stanford	5-2	274	23
23. West Virginia	4-2	157	NR
24. LSU	5-2	108	NR
25. Memphis	5-1	62	NR

Others receiving votes: San Diego St 56, Texas A&M 46, Iowa St 16, Virginia 10, Kentucky 8, Utah 4, Mississippi St 3, South Carolina 2, Iowa 2, Navy 2, Texas Tech 2, Georgia Tech 1, Marshall 1, Florida St 1

AMWAY COACHES TOP 25 POLL

The Amway Top 25 football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 14, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (63)	7-0	1575	1
2. Penn State	6-0	1483	3
3. Georgia	7-0	1460	5
4. Texas Christian	6-0	1345	7
5. Wisconsin	6-0	1338	6
6. Ohio State	6-1	1243	8
7. Miami	5-0	1184	10
8. Clemson	6-1	1106	2
9. Oklahoma	5-1	1079	12
10. Southern California	6-1	930	13
11. Oklahoma State	5-1	917	14
12. Washington	6-1	914	4
13. South Florida	6-0	716	15
14. Virginia Tech	5-1	701	17
15. Michigan	5-1	657	16
16. Notre Dame	5-1	614	19
17. NC State	6-1	573	20
18. Washington State	6-1	564	9
19. Michigan State	5-1	469	22
20. Central Florida	5-0	439	21
21. Auburn	5-2	354	11
22. Stanford	5-2	286	25
23. West Virginia	4-2	144	NR
24. Texas A&M	5-2	94	NR
25. Louisiana State	5-2	80	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Kentucky 64; Memphis 50; Virginia 42; San Diego State 39; South Carolina 19; Utah 14; Navy 9; Mississippi State 8; Boise State 4; Colorado State 4; Marshall 3; Florida 2; Georgia Tech 2; Iowa State 2.

NHL PRESEASON GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	5	4	1	0	8	18	12
Tampa Bay	5	4	1	0	8	20	16
Toronto	5	4	1	0	8	26	19
Ottawa	5	3	0	2	8	20	10
Florida	4	2	2	0	4	16	15
Boston	5	2	3	0	4	14	18
Montreal	5	1	3	1	3	8	17
Buffalo	5	0	4	1	1	11	22

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	5	4	1	0	8	16	11
New Jersey	5	4	1	0	8	21	13
Washington	6	3	2	1	7	23	22
Pittsburgh	6	3	2	1	7	20	25
Philadelphia	5	3	2	0	6	21	15
N.Y. Islanders	5	2	2	1	5	13	15
Carolina	3	1	1	1	3	7	8
N.Y. Rangers	5	1	5	0	2	13	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	6	4	1	1	9	25	13
St. Louis	6	4	2	0	8	18	16
Colorado	6	4	2	0	8	19	13
Winnipeg	5	3	2	0	6	16	18
Nashville	5	2	2	1	5	14	16
Minnesota	4	1	1	2	4	15	16
Dallas	5	2	3	0	4	11	13

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	5	4	1	0	8	15	11
Calgary	6	4	2	0	8	17	17
Los Angeles	4	3	0	1	7	13	7
Anaheim	5	2	2	1	5	11	14
Vancouver	4	1	2	1	3	9	14
Edmonton	4	1	2	1	3	8	14
San Jose	4	1	3	0	2	8	14
Arizona	5	0	4	1	1	11	22

NOTE: Two points for win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Sunday's Scores
Vegas 3, Boston 1
Buffalo at Anaheim, late
N.Y. Islanders at Los Angeles, late
Today's Games
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	20	5	8	68	72	35
New York City FC	16	9	8	56	54	41
Chicago	16	10	7	55	61	44
Atlanta United FC	16	9	5	54	58	38
Columbus	16	12	5	53	51	47
New York	13	12	8	47	51	46
New England	12	15	6	42	50	59
Philadelphia	10	14	9	39	44	46
Montreal	11	16	6	39	50	55
Orlando City	10	14	9	39	38	52
D.C. United	9	19	5	32	30	58

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	15	11	7	52	49	47
Seattle	13	9	11	50	49	39
Portland	14	11	8	50	58	49
Sporting Kansas City	12	8	12	48	39	27
Houston	12	10	10	46	54	45
San Jose	12	14	7	43	36	58
FC Dallas	10	10	13	43	43	47
Real Salt Lake	12	14	6	42	47	53
Minnesota United	10	17	6	36	45	67
Los Angeles	8	17	8	32	44	62
Colorado	8	18	6	30	30	48

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Sunday's Scores
Atlanta United FC 0, New York C. tie
Chicago 3, Philadelphia 2
Columbus 1, Orlando City 0
New England 2, New York City FC 1
Toronto FC 1, Montreal 0
Colorado 1, Real Salt Lake 0
Houston 0, Sporting Kansas City 0, tie
Los Angeles 3, Minnesota United 0
Portland 4, D.C. United 0
San Jose 1, Vancouver 1, tie
Seattle 4, FC Dallas 0
Today's Games
Chicago at Houston, 3 p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 3 p.m.
Columbus at New York City FC, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles at FC Dallas, 3 p.m.
Minnesota United at San Jose, 3 p.m.
New England at Montreal, 3 p.m.
New York at D.C. United, 3 p.m.
Orlando City at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Real Salt Lake, 3 p.m.
Toronto FC at Atlanta United FC, 3 p.m.
Vancouver at Portland, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

	CONFERENCE W	L	ALL GAMES PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
TCU	3	0	101	61	6	0	246	104
Oklahoma	2	1	109	103	5	1	252	140
Oklahoma St	2	1	131	94	5	1	293	146
Iowa St	2	1	90	48	4	2	214	130
West Virginia	2	1	126	100	4	2	265	167
Texas	2	1	81	70	3	3	202	148
Texas Tech	1	2	134	106	4	2	269	185
Kansas St	1	2	73	86	3	3	190	126
Kansas	0	3	53	166	1	5	148	269
Baylor	0	3	77	141	0	6	152	240

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

EAST

	CONFERENCE W	L	ALL GAMES PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Georgia	4	0	170	45	7	0	263	86
Kentucky	2	1	90	75	5	1	165	128
South Carolina	3	2	124	91	5	2	176	135
Florida	3	2	125	107	3	3	142	140
Tennessee	0	3	29	82	3	3	130	143
Vanderbilt	0	4	73	199	3	4	157	212
Missouri	0	4	89	175	1	5	164	253

WEST

	CONFERENCE W	L	ALL GAMES PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Alabama	4	0	193	31	7	0	299	71
Auburn	3	1	167	74	5	2	238	105
Texas A&M	3	1	112	104	5	2	225	184
LSU	2	1	51	76	5	2	179	136
Mississippi St	1	2	50	87	4	2	191	119
Mississippi	1	2	83	145	3	3	191	222
Arkansas	0	3	74	139	2	4	172	198

CONFERENCE USA

EAST DIVISION

	CONFERENCE W	L	ALL GAMES PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Marshall	2	0	49	6	5	1	159	90
FAU	2	0	96	48	3	3	205	155
FIU	2	1	60	73	4	2	117	154
W. Kentucky	2	1	80	51	4	2	153	109
Middle Tennessee	1	2	80	80	3	4	143	178
Old Dominion	0	2	31	50	2	4	102	208
Charlotte	0	3	46	89	0	7	91	231

WEST DIVISION

	CONFERENCE W	L	ALL GAMES PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
North Texas	3	0	118	97	4	2	223	196
Southern Miss	2	1	83	72	4	2	173	113
UAB	2	1	91	91	4	2	190	172
Louisiana Tech	1	1	45	45	3	3	168	159
Rice	1	1	38	27	1	5	70	218
UTSA	0	2	55	60	3	2	187	161
UTEP	0	3	28	70	0	7	86	265

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

EAST DIVISION

	CONFERENCE W	L	ALL GAMES PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
South Florida	3	0	137	41	6	0	257	103
UCF	3	0	154	57	5	0	253	84
Temple	1	3	78	101	3	4	139	184
UConn	1	3	125	184	2	4	170	242
East Carolina	1	3	103	196	1	6	154	350
Cincinnati	0	3	58	126	2	5	143	231

WEST DIVISION

	CONFERENCE W	L	ALL GAMES PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Navy	3	1	123	104	5	1	213	168
Memphis	2	1	113	98	5	1	242	203
Houston	2	1	72	80	4	2	153	126
SMU	1	1	71	63	4	2	203	186
Tulane	1	1	83	51	3	3	171	161
Tulsa	1	2	94	110	2	5	248	281

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Oct. 13

At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN), Fidel Maldonado Jr. vs. Ismael Barroso, 12, for the vacant WBA Fedelatin super lightweight title; Pablo Cesar Cano vs. Marcelino Nicolas Lopez, 10, super lightweights.

Oct. 14

At Wembley Arena, London, George Groves vs. Jamie Cox, 12, for Groves' WBA Super World super middleweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinal); Patrick Nielsen vs. John Ryder, 10, super middleweights.

At Barclays Center, New York (SHO), Erislandy Lara vs. Terrell Gausha, 12, for Lara's WBA junior middleweight title; Jermall Charlo vs. Erickson Lubin, 12, for Charlo's WBC junior middleweight title; Jarrett Hurd vs. Austin Trout, 12, for Hurd's IBF junior middleweight title; Tony Harrison vs. Paul Valenzuela, 10, middleweights.

At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (FOX), Leo Santa Cruz vs. Chris Avalos, 12, for Santa Cruz's WBA Super featherweight title; Abner Mares vs. Andres Gutierrez, 12, for Mares' WBA World featherweight title; Eddie Ramirez vs. Antonio DeMarco, 10, junior welterweights.

Oct. 19

At Monte Carlo Resort and Casino, Las Vegas (ESPN), Gabriel Rosado vs. Glen Tapia, 10, middleweights; Alejandro Barrera vs. KeAndre Gibson, 10, welterweights.

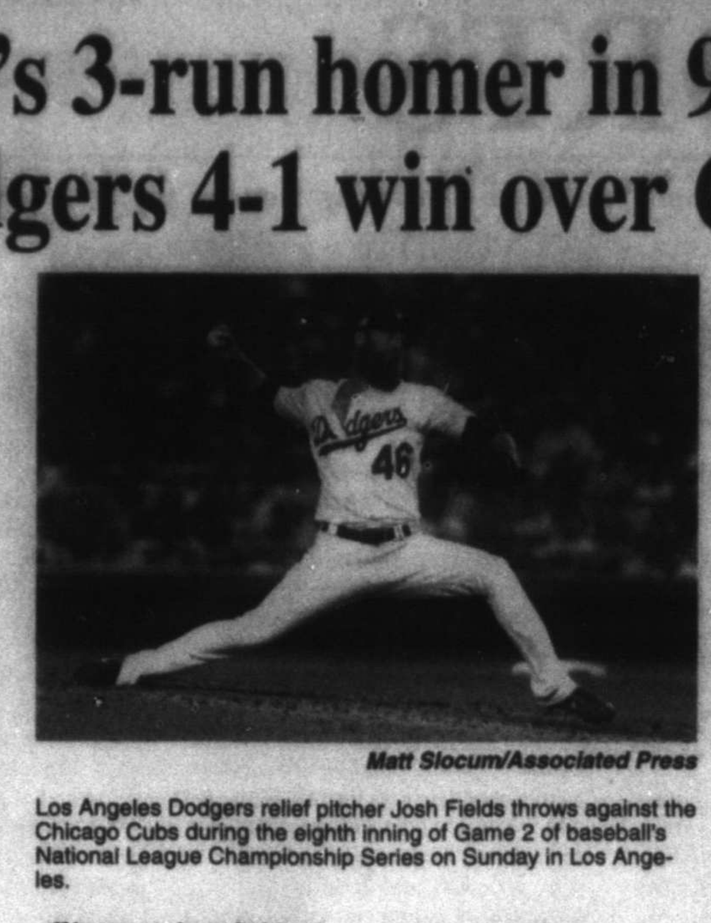
Oct. 21

At Belfast, Northern Ireland, Ryan Burnett vs. Zhanat Zhakiyanov, 12, for Burnett's IBF and Zhakiyanov's WBA Super World bantamweight titles; Paul Hyland Jr. vs. Stephen Ormond, 12, lightweights; Tommy Coyle vs. Tyrone McKenna, 12, super light-weights; James Tennyson vs. Darren Traynor, 12, for WBA International super featherweight title.

At Prudential Center, Newark, N.J., Murat Gassiev vs. Krzysztof Wlodarczyk, 12, for Gassiev's IBF cruiserweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinal); Mateusz Masternak vs. Stevens Buse, 10, cruiserweight (World Boxing Super Series); Maciej Sulecki vs. Jack Culcay, 10, super welterweights.

Turner's 3-run homer in 9th gives Dodgers 4-1 win over Cubs

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press



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Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Josh Fields throws against the Chicago Cubs during the eighth inning of Game 2 of baseball's National League Championship Series on Sunday in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES — Justin Turner hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Chicago Cubs 4-1 on Sunday to take a 2-0 lead in the NL Championship Series.

Turner drove in every run for Los Angeles, going the other way for a tying single in the fifth before sending a long shot to center field off John Lackey in the ninth. A fan wearing a blue Dodgers jersey reached over a railing to catch the ball on the fly.

Turner's second homer of the postseason ended another dramatic night for the Dodgers, who remained unbeaten in these playoffs and moved within two wins of their first World Series appearance since 1988.

And the red-bearded slugger even did it on the 29th anniversary of Kirk Gibson's pinch-hit, walk-off homer to beat Oakland in the opening game of the Dodgers' last World Series victory.

"It's very cool, and J.T., we were talking about it in there after the game," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "Twenty-nine years to the day. It was special. Our guys feel it."

Game 3 in the best-of-seven series is Tuesday night at Wrigley Field in Chicago. Midseason acquisition Yu Darvish starts for the Dodgers against Kyle Hendricks.

Yasiel Puig drew his third walk of the game leading off the ninth, and Charlie Culberson bunted him to second.

MLB PLAYOFFS GLANCE

2017 Postseason Baseball Glance
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
American League
Houston 2, New York 0
Friday, Oct. 13: Houston 2, New York 1
Saturday, Oct. 14: Houston 2, New York 1
Today: Houston (Morton 14-7) at New York (Sabathia 14-5), 7:08 p.m. (FS1)
Tuesday, Oct. 17: Houston (Peacock 13-2 or McCullers 7-4) at New York (Gray 10-12), 4:08 p.m. (FS1)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 18: Houston at New York, 4:08 p.m. (FS1)
x-Friday, Oct. 20: New York at Houston, 7:08 p.m. (FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 21: New York at Houston, 7:08 p.m. (FS1)
National League
Los Angeles 2, Chicago 0
Saturday, Oct. 14: Los Angeles 5, Chicago 2
Sunday, Oct. 15: Los Angeles 4, Chicago 1
Tuesday, Oct. 17: Los Angeles (Darvish 10-12) at Chicago (Hendricks (7-5), 8:08 p.m. (TBS)
Wednesday, Oct. 18: Los Angeles (Wood 16-3) at Chicago (Arrieta (14-10), 8:08 p.m. (TBS)
x-Thursday, Oct. 19: Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:08 p.m. (TBS)
x-Saturday, Oct. 21: Chicago at Los Angeles, 3:08 or 7:08 p.m. (TBS)
x-Sunday, Oct. 22: Chicago at Los Angeles, 6:38 p.m. (TBS)
WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All Games Televised by Fox
Game 1: Tuesday, Oct. 24
Game 2: Wednesday, Oct. 25
Game 3: Friday, Oct. 27
Game 4: Saturday, Oct. 28
Game 5: x-Sunday, Oct. 29
Game 6: x-Tuesday, Oct. 31
Game 7: x-Wednesday, Nov. 1

Bruin scores twice in 2nd half; Sounders beat FC Dallas

By Mark Moschetti
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Will Bruin wanted to think about scoring goals — not stopping them.

On Sunday, the Seattle Sounders forward came through in timely fashion.

Bruin scored twice in four minutes midway through the second half and the Sounders clinched a playoff berth and a chance to defend their MLS Cup by beating FC Dallas 4-0 on Sunday.

The Sounders (13-9-11) are tied for second place in the Western Conference with Portland at 50 points apiece with one game left, two points behind West-leading Vancouver.

Dallas (10-10-13) still has not clinched a playoff spot and is tied with San Jose for the final position at 43 points after Sunday's games.

Bruin had been stuck on eight goals since Aug. 5, when he scored the opener in a 4-0 victory at Minnesota. In two months since then, he and coach Brian Schmetzer had been focusing on defending as much as they did on scoring.

Just not against Dallas.

"Before we went out on to the field, he came up to me and said, 'Coach, what do you want me to do defensively?'" Schmetzer said. "I said, 'Will, I don't want you to talk about defending — I just want you to score some goals.'"

Bruin responded, and now has 10 for the season, the fourth time in his career to reach double digits.

"It has been awhile - it feels good to get back on the scoresheet," Bruin said. "It's always my initial goal at the end of the year to hit double digits, and to go from there. It took me until the 33rd game this year. I would have liked it to be sooner, but I'm there."

With Seattle clinging to the lead on Victor Rodriguez's 31st-minute goal, Bruin made it 2-0 in the 64th minute. The initial shot by Clint Dempsey was saved by goalkeeper Jesse Gonzalez, but Gonzalez was not able to gain control of the rebound. Bruin, with defender Atiba Harris hanging onto him, still got to the ball at the top of the 6-yard box and punched it into the back left corner.

Late in the 67th minute, Bruin was playing just to the left of the penalty spot when the ball was deflected his way, and he fired it into the back left side.

Lamar Neagle added a stoppage time goal for Seattle.

Goalkeeper Stefan Frei picked up his league-leading 12th shutout. That broke the Sounders' club record of 11, set in 2010 by Kasey Keller.

Although Dallas is tied with San Jose on points for the sixth and final Western Conference playoff berth, the Earthquakes currently have the tiebreaker based on two more wins (12 to 10). So, coach Oscar Pareja's team needs a result next Sunday at home against Los Angeles, plus some help from elsewhere around the league for a postseason ticket.

"I thought we played a very good first half and a terrible second half," Pareja said. "We didn't execute in the second half, and there were many holes in the game that Seattle took advantage of and put the game away very early.

"We want to keep fighting, despite the frustration of this game," Pareja added. "We will prepare this week with the same responsibility so we can clinch."

STEWART

From 1C

it's one big family. And the girls on the team were super cool and super nice and they made me feel like one of them. I just knew that I am going to fit in there, I am going to enjoy my time and I'm going to get a ton out of my tennis ability. But I am also enjoy going to enjoy the school and I am going to enjoy the atmosphere.

"They encompass a lot of faith in everything they do, which is something I really look forward to being a part of. All around, it was just probably the perfect fit for me."

Stewart hasn't decided on a major yet, but she is thinking about speech pathology as a possible career. Stewart, who ranked No. 7 academically in her class at Midland High, says she would like to help children in her career.

"I'm super excited because ACU is the perfect fit for me and my personality and what I want to get out of college," Stewart said.

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really tough losses and you have to learn to bounce back."

He also thought back to his playing days on the 1996 Yankees, outscored 16-1 by Atlanta in the opening two games of the World Series. New York swept the next four to win the first of its five titles with Jeter and reliever Marino Rivera.

"There were a lot of young players that played important roles, mostly Mariano and Derek," Girardi said. "The message then was go win one, one game, and see where we're at. And that's the same message."

Sabathia was 9-0 with a 1.71 ERA in 10 starts following Yankees' losses during the regular season and didn't get decisions against the Indians in New York's Game 2 loss or Game 5 win. Given a relief corps that includes Aroldis Chapman, Dellin Betances, David Robertson, Chad Green and Tommy Kahnle, Sabathia doesn't worry about pitching deep.

"I'll go out and do my thing and let the bullpen clean up my mess," Sabathia said.

Morton follows Dallas Keuchel and Justin Verlander, whose stellar starts were the primary factor in the Yankees' 27 strikeouts over the two games. Morton recalled going to the old Stadium across 161st Street and also looking on at a Roger Clemens bullpen session during spring training.

"When I was little, I remember really wanting a Don Mattingly rookie card, and I never got it," he said.

Morton missed most of 2016 with a hamstring injury, left Philadelphia last offseason to sign with Houston as a free agent and went 14-7. He limited left-handed batters to a .172 average, down from .258 in 2016, and attributed his improvement to a talk in a Citi Field video room last year with Phillies pitching coaches Bob McClure and Rick Kranitz, who advised he throw more curveballs to lefties and fewer sinkers.

Morton's percentage of flyballs among balls in play rose from 21.5 percent two years ago to 29 percent this year. And just like the old ballpark, new Yankee Stadium has a short porch in right, transforming flyouts elsewhere into home runs.

"It might be present in the back of my mind, but I don't think it would overly dictate the way that I throw," Morton said.

NOTES: Yankees DHs are 0 for 27 in the postseason, but Girardi isn't thinking about starting Ronald Torreyes there instead of Chase Headley, Jacoby Ellsbury or Matt Holliday. "It's not something he's accustomed to doing," Girardi said. ... Brad Peacock or Lance McCullers will start Game 4 for Houston, and Sonny Gray for the Yankees.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS

11/2 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
11/5 Pet Pictures with Santa at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store
12/31 Toasting for Tails New Year's Eve Party at DoubleTree

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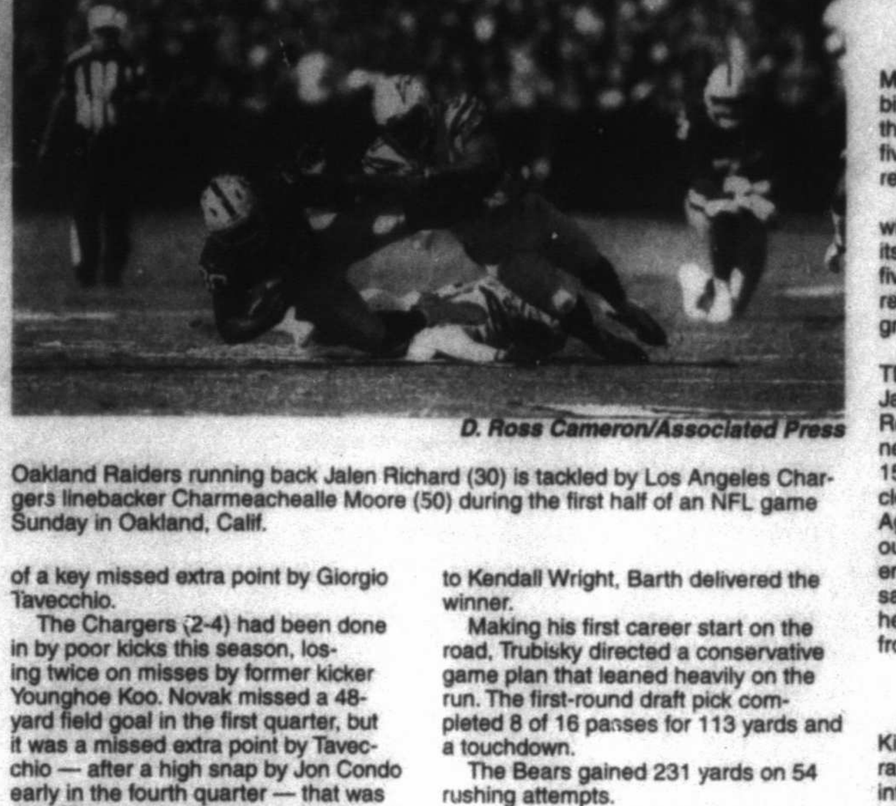

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Oakland Raiders running back Jalen Richard (30) is tackled by Los Angeles Chargers linebacker Charmeachealle Moore (50) during the first half of an NFL game Sunday in Oakland, Calif.

VIKINGS 23, PACKERS 10

MINNEAPOLIS — Harrison Smith led Minnesota's defense in a thorough dismantling of Green Bay, as the Vikings knocked Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers out of the game on Sunday with a broken collarbone during a 23-10 victory that drastically altered the course of the NFC North.

Smith had 1½ sacks on safety blitzes, a diving interception and two pass breakups, helping the Vikings (4-2) limit the injury-depleted Packers to a season-low 227 yards.

Anthony Barr, who later left with a concussion, delivered the game-changing hit on Green Bay's second drive when he took Rodgers hard to the turf as the two-time NFL MVP followed through on a pass.

Rodgers fell on his throwing shoulder, and the Packers (4-2) announced he could miss the remainder of the season.

Brett Hundley threw his first career touchdown pass in relief, connecting with Davante Adams in the second quarter after a 63-yard return by Clay Matthews of Jerick McKinnon's fumble gave the Packers the ball at the 18.

Hundley was picked off three times and sacked four times. He finished 18 for 33 for 157 yards. The Packers had five first downs and 102 yards over the first three quarters.

PATRIOTS 24, JETS 17

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tom Brady set the NFL record for regular-season victories by a quarterback, getting his 187th.

The Patriots (4-2) were playing their first game in 10 days after beating Tampa Bay 19-14 on Oct. 5, and appeared a bit rusty early as they fell behind 14-0 in the second quarter against the surprising Jets (3-3).

New York had a chance to tie the game after getting the ball back with 1:53 remaining, but the Patriots' 32nd-ranked overall defense held on — forcing Josh McCown to throw incomplete on a desperation heave on fourth-and-17 from the 50, and ending the Jets' three-game winning streak.

Brady broke a tie with Peyton Manning and Brett Favre for the record.

New York appeared to make it a one-score game on its next possession as Austin Seferian-Jenkins took a short pass from McCown and reached over the goal line for a 4-yard touchdown.

STEELERS 19, CHIEFS 13

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Le'Veon Bell ran for 179 yards and a touchdown, Antonio Brown made an acrobatic touchdown catch in the fourth quarter and the Steelers handed the NFL's only unbeaten team its first loss.

The Chiefs (5-1) still had a chance after Brown's 51-yard reception made it 19-10, moving quickly downfield and getting a 33-yard field goal from Harrison Butker.

And when their defense forced a quick three-and-out, Tyreek Hill's 32-yard punt return gave them the ball with 1:48 to go.

But after the Steelers (4-2) gave up a first down, James Harrison sacked Alex Smith on third-and-10, and the quarterback's incomplete pass on fourth down left the NFL with no perfect teams.

Ben Roethlisberger was 17 of 25 for 252 yards for Pittsburgh, bouncing back from his abysmal five-interception performance against Jacksonville last week.

CHARGERS 17, RAIDERS 16

OAKLAND, Calif. — Nick Novak kicked a 32-yard field goal on the final play and the Chargers took advantage of a key missed extra point by Giorgio Tavecchio.

The Chargers (2-4) had been done in by poor kicks this season, losing twice on misses by former kicker Younghoe Koo. Novak missed a 48-yard field goal in the first quarter, but it was a missed extra point by Tavecchio — after a high snap by Jon Condo early in the fourth quarter — that was the difference in a fourth straight loss by the Raiders (2-4).

Philip Rivers took over at his 8 with 4:09 to play and used two long passes to Hunter Henry to move the Chargers into field-goal range. Five straight runs by Melvin Gordon and two kneeldowns moved the ball to the 14 and drained the clock, setting the stage for Novak's winning kick.

CARDINALS 38, BUCCANEERS 33

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Adrian Peterson rushed for two touchdowns and 134 yards in an impressive Arizona debut and the Cardinals held off a furious second-half Tampa Bay rally.

The Buccaneers (2-3) lost quarterback Jameis Winston to a right shoulder injury in the second quarter, with the Cardinals (3-3) leading 21-0. But backup Ryan Fitzpatrick threw for 290 yards and three touchdowns to bring Tampa Bay back from a 31-0, early third-quarter deficit.

Fitzpatrick's 37-yard touchdown pass to Mike Evans cut the Arizona lead to 38-32 with 2:02 to play.

Larry Fitzgerald recovered the onside kick and, with no Tampa Bay timeouts remaining, the Cardinals ran out the clock.

Carson Palmer completed his first 14 passes and finished 18 of 22 for 283 yards and three touchdowns with one interception. Fitzgerald caught 10 passes for 138 yards and a score.

Peterson, acquired in a trade with New Orleans on Tuesday, carried 26 times and scored on a 27-yard run to cap Arizona's first possession. He added a 1-yard TD run after Tramon Williams' interception near the goal line in the fourth quarter.

BEARS 27, RAVENS 24, OT

BALTIMORE — Connor Barth kicked a 40-yard field goal with 2:08 left in overtime, and the Bears used a 167-yard rushing effort by Jordan Howard to beat the Ravens.

The Bears (2-4) blew a 14-point lead in the second half before coming through in overtime behind Howard, whose 53-yard run put Chicago at the Baltimore 40. After rookie Mitchell Trubisky completed an 18-yard pass to Kendall Wright, Barth delivered the winner.

Making his first career start on the road, Trubisky directed a conservative game plan that leaned heavily on the run. The first-round draft pick completed 8 of 16 passes for 113 yards and a touchdown.

The Bears gained 231 yards on 54 rushing attempts.

DOLPHINS 20, FALCONS 17

ATLANTA — Jay Cutler threw a pair of touchdown passes, Cody Parkey kicked a pair of field goals and the Dolphins rallied from a 17-0 halftime deficit.

Matt Ryan had another crucial interception with the Falcons in position to at least attempt a tying field goal. Cordrea Tankersley got a hand on a pass intended for Austin Hooper and Reshad Jones swooped in to make the clinching interception with 39 seconds remaining.

Parkey put the Dolphins (3-2) ahead for the first time with 2:30 remaining, booting a 38-yard field goal after a gutsy play by receiver Jarvis Landry, who was hit by six players but still managed to power ahead for a key first down.

Cutler, who struggled in his first four games as the Dolphins' fill-in starter after putting off retirement, completed 19 of 33 for 151 yards, including scoring passes to Landry and Kenny Stills. Jay Ajayi rushed for 130 yards.

The Falcons (3-2) appeared headed for an easy victory, building a big lead that looked even more comfortable against a team that had scored only three offensive touchdowns all season. But back came Miami.

RAMS 27, JAGUARS 17

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Pharoh Cooper returned the opening kickoff 103 yards, one of two special teams touchdowns that helped the Rams.

The Rams (4-2) also blocked a punt for a score and a 10-point lead in the first half. Malcolm Brown returned the loose ball 8 yards for the franchise's first such touchdown since 2005.

The Jaguars (3-3) botched a decent chance to tie the game early in the fourth period when Blake Bortles fumbled on one play and then threw an interception on the next. It cost Jacksonville a shot at ending its up-and-down start to the season.

Los Angeles essentially sealed its third road victory on Greg Zuerlein's 29-yard field goal with 2:32 remaining. The Rams hadn't started 3-0 away from home since 2001.

The Jaguars, coming off an impressive victory at Pittsburgh, still haven't won consecutive games in more than a year and lost for the ninth time in 10 games at EverBank Field.

SAINTS 52, LIONS 38

NEW ORLEANS — Running backs Mark Ingram and Alvin Kamara combined for 237 yards from scrimmage, the Saints' resurgent defense forced five turnovers and scored a franchise-record three times.

New Orleans (3-2), which has a winning record for the first time since its last playoff season in 2013, built a five-touchdown lead, only to gut out a remarkable bid by Detroit to pull off the greatest comeback in NFL history.

Detroit (3-3) scored four straight TDs, including one on a punt return by Jamal Agnew and another on A'Shawn Robinson's close-range interception near the Saints goal line, in less than 15 minutes of game clock to pull as close as 45-38 with 6:41 to go. But after Agnew muffed a punt and barely got it out of the end zone, Saints defensive end Cam Jordan scored on virtually the same type of play as Robinson when he got his hand on Matt Stafford's pass from the end zone.

REDSKINS 26, 49ERS 24

LANDOVER, Md. — Washington's Kirk Cousins threw for two touchdowns, ran for a score, and also had an interception as part of an inconsistent performance against his past — and possibly — future mentor Kyle Shanahan's winless 49ers.

The Redskins blew a 17-point lead before barely holding on.

Cousins was hardly at his most accurate in completing 25 of 37 passes for 330 yards against the team he has been linked to for next season because of his connection with Shanahan. The 49ers (0-6) remain unsettled at quarterback: Shanahan benched Brian Hoyer for rookie C.J. Beathard, who threw for 245 yards, a touchdown and an interception and nearly led an impressive comeback.

Beathard, a third-round pick out of Iowa and grandson of former Redskins general manager Bobby Beathard, took over for Hoyer with about six and a half minutes left in the first half and the 49ers down 14-0. After Hoyer was 4 of 11 for 34 yards, Beathard went 19 of 36 in his first NFL action.

With the 49ers down by two in the final minute, Beathard led them toward field goal range. He was intercepted by Kendall Fuller on fourth down to seal the result.

GIANTS 23, BRONCOS 10

DENVER — Eli Manning ignored the loss of four wide receivers and the reeling New York Giants capped a stormy week of injuries and infighting by stunning the Denver Broncos 23-10 on Sunday night.

The Giants (1-5) pulled off one of the season's biggest upsets by dominating Denver in every phase from start to finish. The Broncos (3-2) blew a golden opportunity to close in on Kansas City in the AFC West after the Steelers knocked off the last unbeaten team in the league earlier Sunday.

Visiting teams went 8-5 in Week 6 and are 46-44 overall this upside-down NFL season.

Jason Pierre-Paul had a trio of sacks for the Giants, who came into Denver tottering from a tumultuous week in which three wide receivers landed on injured reserve, five other starters were sidelined with injuries and cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie was suspended for insubordination.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	172	159
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	89	74
Miami	3	2	0	.600	61	84
N.Y.Jets	3	3	0	.500	109	130
South						
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	156	110
Houston	3	3	0	.500	177	147
Tennessee	2	3	0	.400	110	142
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	97	159
North						
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	118	102
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	114	124
Cincinnati	2	4	0	.400	84	82
Cleveland	0	6	0	.000	94	157
West						
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	177	130
Denver	3	2	0	.600	108	97
L.A. Chargers	2	4	0	.333	116	131
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	124	126

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833	165	122
Washington	3	2	0	.600	117	113
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	125	132
N.Y.Giants	1	5	0	.167	105	132
South						
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	126	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	145	116
Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	121	109
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	118	121
North						
Minnesota	4	2	0	.667	122	103
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	147	135
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	161	149
Chicago	2	4	0	.333	105	148
West						
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.667	179	136
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	110	87
Arizona	3	3	0	.500	119	158
San Francisco	0	6	0	.000	113	146

Sunday's Scores

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Houston 33, Cleveland 17
New England 24, N.Y. Jets 17
Minnesota 23, Green Bay 10
Chicago 27, Baltimore 24, OT
Washington 26, San Francisco 24
New Orleans 52, Detroit 38
L.A. Rams 27, Jacksonville 17
Arizona 38, Tampa Bay 33
L.A. Chargers 17, Oakland 16
Pittsburgh 19, Kansas City 13
N.Y. Giants 23, Denver 10

Today's Game

Indianapolis at Tennessee, 7:30 p.m.

NFL BOXES

DOLPHINS 20, FALCONS 17

Miami	0	0	14	6—20
Atlanta	10	7	0	0—17

First Quarter

Atl—FG Bryant 50, 9:41
Atl—Hall 40 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 1:51

Second Quarter

Atl—T.Coleman 5 run (Bryant kick), 5:29

Third Quarter

Mia—Stills 11 pass from Cutler (Parkey kick), 6:17
Mia—Landry 7 pass from Cutler (Parkey kick), 1:32

Fourth Quarter

Mia—FG Parkey 49, 8:34
Mia—FG Parkey 38, 2:30
A—70,595

	Mia	Atl
First downs	20	19
Total Net Yards	289	339
Rushes-yards	31-138	19-100
Passing	151	239
Comp-Att-Int	19-33-1	24-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	2-9
Punts	2-40.0	3-39.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-42	6-73
Time of Possession	34:24	25:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Miami, Ajayi 26-130, D.Williams 4-8, Cutler 1-(minus 1). Atlanta, Freeman 9-68, T.Coleman 9-32, Bosher 1-0.
PASSING—Miami, Cutler 19-33-1-151. Atlanta, Ryan 24-35-1-248.
RECEIVING—Miami, Landry 8-62, Stills 4-49, J.Thomas 3-22, D.Williams 3-14, Grant 1-4, Atlanta, Hooper 7-48, J.Jones 6-72, Gabriel 4-39, Hardy 3-34, Freeman 2-11, Hall 1-40, T.Coleman 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Atlanta, Bryant 59

PATRIOTS 24, JETS 17

New England	0	14	7	3—24
New York	7	7	0	3—17

First Quarter

NYJ—Seferian-Jenkins 1 pass from McCown (Catanzaro kick), 9:08.

Second Quarter

NYJ—Kerley 31 pass from McCown (Catanzaro kick), 12:18.
NE—Lewis 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 5:19.
NE—Gronkowski 1 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), :09.

Third Quarter

NE—Gronkowski 33 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 11:22.

Fourth Quarter

NE—FG Gostkowski 28, 14:10.
NYJ—FG Catanzaro 28, 3:40.
A—77,562.

	NE	NYJ
First downs	23	23
Total Net Yards	375	408
Rushes-yards	25-118	24-74
Passing	257	334
Comp-Att-Int	20-38-1	31-47-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	4-20
Punts	4-40.0	4-48.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-45	6-69
Time of Possession	26:03	33:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Lewis 11-52, Gillette 10-44, White 3-23, Brady 1-minus 1). New York, Powell 22, McCown 10-22, McCown 3-21, Stewart 1-6, Cadet 1-3.
PASSING—New England, Brady 20-38-1-257. New York, McCown 31-47-2-354.
RECEIVING—New England, Cooks 6-93, Gronkowski 6-83, White 4-22, Amendola 3-40, Hogan 1-18, New York, Forte 8-59, Seferian-Jenkins 5-46, Kearse 4-79, Anderson 4-76, Cadet 3-96, Kerley 2-61, Thomas 1-5, Stewart 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New England, Gostkowski 47.

VIKINGS 23, PACKERS 10

Green Bay	0	10	0	0—10
Minnesota	7	3	3	10—23

Second Quarter

Min—McKinnon 27 pass from Keenum (Forbath kick), 14:53.
GB—D.Adams 14 pass from Hundley (Crosby kick), 10:40.
Min—McKinnon 3 run (Forbath kick), 7:22.
GB—FG Crosby 28, 1:51.

Third Quarter

Min—FG Forbath 36, 9:35.

Fourth Quarter

Min—FG Forbath 34, 14:57.

	GB	Min
First downs	14	24
Total Net Yards	227	351
Rushes-yards	24-72	33-112
Passing	155	239
Comp-Att-Int	20-37-3	24-38-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-28	0-0
Punts	6-43.8	4-38.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-92	7-65
Time of Possession	27:51	32:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Green Bay, A.Jones 13-41, Montgomery 10-26, Hundley 1-3, Minnesota, McKinnon 16-69, Murray 15-28, Keenum 2-15.
PASSING—Green Bay, A.Rodgers 2-4-0-18, Hundley 18-33-3-157. Minnesota, Keenum 24-38-1-239.
RECEIVING—Green Bay, Nelson 6-60, D.Adams 5-54, Cobb 3-28, Rennett 2-22, Allison 1-7, Montgomery 1-3, A.Jones 1-1, Ripkowski 1-0. Minnesota, Thielen 9-97, Rudolph 5-47, McKinnon 5-30, Treadwell 3-51, Murray 1-9, Floyd 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BEARS 27, RAVENS 24

Chicago	0	7	7	7	3—27
Baltimore	0	3	7	14	0—24

Second Quarter

Chi—FG Barth 24, 10:54
Chi—Miller 21 pass from Cohen (Barth kick), 2:53
Bal—FG Tucker 27, :03

Third Quarter

Chi—Sims 27 pass from Trubisky (Barth kick), 8:01
Bal—Rainey 96 kickoff return (Tucker kick), 5:47

Fourth Quarter

Bal—FG Tucker 31, 11:26
Chi—Amos 90 interception return (Barth kick), 5:08
Bal—FG Tucker 50, 2:58
Bal—Campanaro 77 punt return (Boyle pass from Flacco), 1:37

Overtime

Chi—FG Barth 40, :00
A—70,616.

	Chi	Bal
First downs	18	16
Total Net Yards	342	291
Rushes-yards	54-231	26-125
Passing	111	166
Comp-Att-Int	9-17-0	24-41-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-23	3-14
Punts	9-46.7	7-55.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-44	8-69
Time of Possession	38:51	31:09

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Chicago, J.Howard 36-167, Trubisky 4-32, Cohen 14-32. Baltimore, Collins 15-74, Allen 10-49, Flacco 1-2.
PASSING—Chicago, Trubisky 6-16-0-113. Cohen 1-1-0-21. Baltimore, Flacco 24-41-2-180.
RECEIVING—Chicago, Sims 2-42, Wright 2-36, Miller 2-25, Cohen 1-14, J.Howard 1-6. Burton 1-8. Baltimore, Watson 6-28, Moore 3-44, Wallace 3-30, Campanaro 3-24, Allen 3-17, Boyle 2-15, Rainey 2-11, M.Williams 1-6, Matthews 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

REDSKINS 26, 49ERS 24

San Francisco	7	7	10	7—24
Washington	7	10	0	9—26

First Quarter

Was—Doctson 11 pass from Cousins (Hopkins kick), 10:14.

Second Quarter

Was—Perine 5 pass from Cousins (Hopkins kick), v:47.
Was—FG Hopkins 48, 1:51.
SF—Hyde 1 run (Gould kick), :00.

Third Quarter

SF—FG Gould 52, 9:41.
SF—Hyde 1 run (Gould kick), 3:01.

Fourth Quarter

Was—FG Hopkins 21, 10:34.
Was—Cousins 7 run (kick failed), 3:26.
SF—A.Robinson 45 pass from Beathard (Gould kick), 1:08.
A—75,568.

	SF	Was
First downs	21	25
Total Net Yards	335	419
Rushes-yards	20-65	33-94
Passing	270	325
Comp-Att-Int	23-47-1	25-37-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-29	1-5
Punts	6-42.3	4-45.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-40	5-43
Time of Possession	23:08	36:52

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Francisco, Hyde 13-28, Breida 4-21, Mostert 1-16, Beathard 1-14, Goodwin 1-6, Washington, Thompson 16-33, Cousins 4-26, Perine 9-23, Crowder 1-11, M.Brown 2-2, Paul 1-minus 1).
PASSING—San Francisco, Hoyer 4-11-0-34, Beathard 19-36-1-245. Washington, Cousins 25-37-1-330.
RECEIVING—San Francisco, Garcon 5-55, Hyde 5-47, Kittle 4-46, A.Robinson 2-66, Goodwin 2-26, Breida 2-15, Taylor 2-11, Celek 1-13. Washington, Thompson 4-105, Reed 4-37, Davis 3-65, Grant 3-39, Perine 3-24, Pryor 3-23, Crowder 3-15, M.Brown 1-11, Doctson 1-11.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Francisco, Gould 47.

SAINTS 52, LIONS 38

Detroit	7	3	14	14—38
New Orleans	17	14	14	7—52

First Quarter

NO—Vaccaro 0 fumble return (Lutz kick), 11:02.
Det—Tate 45 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 7:02.
NO—Ginn 20 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 4:56.
NO—FG Lutz 41, :04.

Second Quarter

NO—Ingram 1 run (Lutz kick), 10:46.
Det—FG Prater 41, 6:28.
NO—Ingram 2 run (Lutz kick), 1:48.

Third Quarter

NO—Hoomanawanui 2 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 9:17.
NO—Lattimore 27 interception return (Lutz kick), 8:34.
Det—M.Jones 22 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 5:56.
Det—Fells 22 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 1:21.

Fourth Quarter

Det—Agnew 74 punt return (Prater kick), 11:03.
Det—A.Robinson 2 interception return (Prater kick), 6:41.
NO—Jordan 0 interception return (Lutz kick), 5:04.
A—73,117.

	Det	NO
First downs	18	19
Total Net Yards	347	379
Rushes-yards	19-66	37-193
Passing	281	186
Comp-Att-Int	25-52-3	21-31-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-31	0-0
Punts	5-48.6	7-49.1
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-46	13-118
Time of Possession	27:49	32:11

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Detroit, Abdullah 14-54, Riddick 2-8, Stafford 2-4, Zenner 1-0. New Orleans, Ingram 25-114, Kamara 10-75, Ginn 1-3, Brees 1-1.
PASSING—Detroit, Stafford 25-51-3-312. New Orleans, Brees 21-31-2-186.
RECEIVING—Detroit, Tate 7-96, M.Jones 6-66, Riddick 5-45, Tulnes 3-33, Fells 2-26, Ebron 1-9, Abbrederis 1-7. New Orleans, Ingram 5-36, Ginn 4-66, Kamara 4-12, Thomas 3-11, Hoomanawanui 2-27, Coleman 2-23, Snead 1-11.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Detroit, Prater 56.

RAMS 27, JAGUARS 17

L.A. Rams	17	7	0	3—27
Jacksonville	14	0	3	0—17

First Quarter

Le—Cooper 103 kickoff return (Zuerlein kick), 14:48.
Jac—Fournette 75 run (Myers kick), 14:35.
La—FG Zuerlein 58, 8:54.
Jac—Ivory 22 pass from Bortles (Myers kick), 6:51.
La—Everett 4 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), :22.

Second Quarter

La—M.Brown 8 blocked punt return (Zuerlein kick), 2:25.

Third Quarter

Jac—FG Myers 41, 5:16.

Fourth Quarter

La—FG Zuerlein 29, 2:32.
A—56,232.

	La	Jac
First downs	12-6-6	19
Total Net Yards	249	389
Rushes-yards	32-142	26-189
Passing	107	200
Comp-Att-Int	11-21-0	23-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-17	5-21
Punts	7-46.0	6-34.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	7-70	5-40
Time of Possession	28:01	31:59

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Los Angeles, Gurley 23-118, M.Brown 3-17, Goff 4-9, Austin 2-0, Jacksonville, Fournette 21-130, Bortles 2-19, Lee 1-17, Ivory 2-23.
PASSING—Los Angeles, Goff 11-21-0-124. Jacksonville, Bortles 23-35-1-241.
RECEIVING—Los Angeles, Woods 5-70, Kupp 2-35, Watkins 1-11, Everett 1-4, Gurley 1-4, Higbee 1-0. Jacksonville, Ivory 9-74, Lee 5-83, Hurns 3-37, D'Haughtesy 2-11, Fournette 2-8, Kovack 1-21, Cole 1-7.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Jacksonville, Myers 54, Myers 54.

CARDINALS 38, BUCCANEERS 33

Tampa Bay	0	0	6	27—33
Arizona	14	10	7	7—38

First Quarter

Ari—A.Peterson 27 run (Dawson kick), 11:52
Ari—D.Allen 14 pass from Palmer (Dawson kick), 5:24.

Second Quarter

Ari—Fitzgerald 11 pass from Palmer (Dawson kick), 12:04.
Ari—FG Dawson 28, 5:31.

Third Quarter

Ari—Jo.Brown 17 pass from Palmer (Dawson kick), 11:58.
TB—Jackson 4 pass from Fitzpatrick (run failed), 8:27.

Fourth Quarter

TB—Brate 10 pass from Fitzpatrick (pass failed), 13:32.
TB—David 21 fumble return (D.Martin run), 12:56.
Ari—A.Peterson 1 run (Dawson kick), 7:17.
TB—D.Martin 1 run (pass failed), 3:02.
TB—M.Evans 37 pass from Fitzpatrick (Murray kick), 2:02.
A—61,999.

	TB	Ari
First downs	21	23
Total Net Yards	414	432
Rushes-yards	21-68	35-160
Passing	346	272
Comp-Att-Int	27-42-2	18-22-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	2-11
Punts	4-38.5	2-46.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	9-89	7-61
Time of Possession	27:37	32:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tampa Bay, D.Martin 14-53, Fitzpatrick 3-10, Reddy 1-4, Rodgers 3-1. Arizona, A.Peterson 26-134, Nelson 1-16, K.Williams 3-14, Palmer 5-(minus 4).
PASSING—Tampa Bay, Winston 5-10-0-61, Fitzpatrick 22-32-2-290. Arizona, Palmer 18-22-1-283.
RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Brate 6-76, A.Humphries 6-51, Sims 4-45, M.Evans 3-95, Jackson 3-38, Howard 1-15, D.Martin 1-11, Godwin 1-9, Rodgers 1-6, Stocker 1-5. Arizona, Fitzgerald 10-138, Jo.Brown 3-63, Gresham 2-32, Nikles 2-20, Ja.Brown 1-30.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

CHARGERS 17, RAIDERS 16

L.A. Chargers	0	7	0	10—17
Oakland	7	3	0	6—16

First Quarter

Oak—Crabtree 23 pass from Carr (Tavecchio kick), 5:04.

Second Quarter

LAC—Gordon 1 run (Novak kick), 1:44.
Oak—FG Tavecchio 44, :00.

Fourth Quarter

LAC—Gordon 6 pass from Rivers (Novak kick), 10:19.
Oak—Patterson 47 run (kick failed), 7:51.
LAC—FG Novak 32, :00.
A—54,685.

	LAC	Oak
First downs	20	15
Total Net Yards	343	274
Rushes-yards	28-80	22-109
Passing	263	165
Comp-Att-Int	25-36-0	21-30-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-5	1-6
Punts	4-55.8	4-56.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-0
Penalties-Yards	4-32	5-40
Time of Possession	32:02	27:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Los Angeles, Gordon 25-83, Ekeler 1-1, Rivers 2-minus 4. Oakland, Lynch 13-63, Patterson 3-55, Carr 1-0, Richard 2-minus 1, Washington 3-minus 8.
PASSING—Los Angeles, Rivers 25-36-0-268. Oakland, Carr 21-30-2-171.
RECEIVING—Los Angeles, Gordon 9-67, Henry 5-90, Allen 5-45, Ty.Williams 3-27, Gates 1-16, M.Williams 1-15, Ekeler 1-8. Oakland, Crabtree 6-52, Cooper 5-28, Roberts 5-35, Richard 3-27, Cook 2-14, Washington 1-10, Patterson 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Los Angeles, Novak 48.

New York	3	14	3	3—23
Denver	0	3	0	7—10

First Quarter

NYG—FG Rosas 25, 6:54.

Second Quarter

NYG—Engram 5 pass from Manning, Rosas kick), 12:30.
Den—FG McManus 28, 4:21.
NYG—Jenkins 43 interception return, Rosas kick), :48.

Third Quarter

NYG—FG Rosas 31, 9:06.

Fourth Quarter

Den—Heuerman 13 pass from Siemian, McManus kick), 4:07.
NYG—FG Rosas 40, :27.
A—76,721.

	NYG	Den
First downs	12	20
Total Net Yards	296	412
Rushes-yards	32-148	17-46
Passing	148	366
Comp-Att-Int	11-19-0	31-54-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-10	4-28
Punts	5-49.8	3-51.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	5-77	5-46
Time of Possession	30:36	29:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New York, Darkwa 21-117, Gallman 9-27, Vereen 1-4, Manning 1-0. Denver, Charles 5-19, C.Anderson 9-17, Siemian 1-9, Booker 1-2, Osweiler 1-minus 1).
PASSING—New York, Manning 11-19-0-128. Denver, Siemian 29-50-2-376, Osweiler 2-4-0-18.
RECEIVING—New York, Engram 5-82, Gallman 2-5, Lewis 1-15, Darkwa 1-13, King 1-7, Adams 1-6. Denver, D.Thomas 10-133, Sanders 5-76, Booker 4-79, Taylor 3-26, Fowler 3-21, Heuerman 2-24, Green 1-24, Derby 1-10, Charles 1-2, McKenzie 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Denver, McManus 35.

STEELERS 19, CHIEFS 13

Pittsburgh	0	2	10	7—19
Kansas City	3	0	0	10—13

First Quarter

Pit—safety, 7:49.
KC—FG Butker 48, 6:20.

Second Quarter

Pit—Bell 3 run (Boswell kick), 14:55.
Pit—FG Boswell 24, 2:08.

Fourth Quarter

KC—Thomas 57 pass from A.Smith (Butker kick), 6:13.
Pit—Brown 61 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 3:24.
KC—FG Butker 33, 2:17.
A—76,994.

	Pit	KC
First downs	23	12
Total Net Yards	439	251
Rushes-yards	37-194	15-28
Passing	245	223
Comp-Att-Int	17-25-1	19-34-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	3-23
Punts	5-41.4	4-47.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-57	7-48
Time of Possession	36:39	23:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Bell 32-173, Conner 2-14, Watson 1-3, Roethlisberger 2-(minus 2). Kansas City, K.Hunt 9-21, A.Smith 4-13, A.Hunt 1-3, Hill 1-(minus 9).
PASSING—Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 17-25-1-252. Kansas City, A.Smith 19-34-0-246.
RECEIVING—Pitt, ...ts, Brown 8-155, Smith-Schuster 3-32, Bu...s 1-12, Bryant 2-27, McDonald 1-26. Kansas City, K.Hunt 5-69, Hill 5-34, Kelce 4-37, Thomas 3-61, Robinson 1-16, West 1-9.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

TEXANS 33, BROWNS 17

Cleveland	3	0	0	14—17
Houston	10	14	9	0—33

First Quarter

Hou—FG Fairbair, 40, 10:57.
Cle—FG Gonzalez 41, 2:15.
Hou—W.Fuller 39 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), :41.

Second Quarter

Hou—Joseph 82 interception return (kick failed), 11:08.
Hou—B.Miller 1 pass from Watson (Griffin pass from Watson), 3:04.

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Keselowski races way into 3rd round of NASCAR's playoffs

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — To win the championship this year, Team Penske told Brad Keselowski he had to win at Talladega Superspeedway.

So he did.

Again.

Keselowski earned an automatic berth into the third round of the playoffs with a victory Sunday at Talladega, where he considered himself lucky to finish after a sloppy day for NASCAR.

"I survived," Keselowski said. "I feel like only eight cars finished the race. It was one of those crazy days ... a lot of attrition."

There were just 14 cars running at the conclusion, and only four were playoff drivers. The race was red-flagged three times for nearly 35 minutes.

By avoiding the carnage, Keselowski won for the fifth time at Talladega and gave Ford a season sweep of the four restrictor-plate races.

Most important, though, is that he knows he's still in the hunt for his second Cup title. The victory vaulted him from 10th to second in the playoff standings.

"You'd love to be able to pat yourself on the back and say it's all skill, but there is some luck that's involved in this," Keselowski said. "When you come here, probably three out of every four races you're going to get caught up in a wreck. But the races where you have the good fortune, where you don't get caught up in a wreck or you don't have something break or any of those things, you have to take those races, run up front and win them.

"That's what we've been able to do."

Talladega was the perfect place for Keselowski to take the stress off before next week's elimination race at Kansas. Crew chief Paul Wolfe told Keselowski he was going to need to win Sunday because the Fords haven't run as well as the other playoff contenders on intermediate tracks, so this was his shot.

Wolfe didn't doubt the driver could deliver. When the elimination format was rolled out in 2014, Keselowski had to win Talladega to advance. The race this year was moved to the middle event of the second round, so eliminations weren't at stake, but Keselowski needed a big day.

"As we tried to understand what we need to do in each round and look at our strengths and weaknesses ... I looked at Talladega and this round as an opportunity," Wolfe said. "This was going to be our path to make it to Homestead, and that was going to be winning Talladega.

"When he gets in these situations, you're going to get the most out of him. You've got to have a little bit of help, lucky breaks, whatever you want to call them, along the way, but I knew if we had that, our cars have been fast enough, and he's talented enough at these tracks that I knew we could get it done."

NASCAR Monster Energy Cup-Alabama 500
Results
Sunday
At Talladega Superspeedway
Talladega, Ala.
Lap length: 2.66 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 188 laps, 0 rating, 59 points.
2. (27) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 188, 0, 35.
3. (10) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 188, 0, 36.
4. (3) Joey Logano, Ford, 188, 0, 42.
5. (26) Aric Almirola, Ford, 188, 0, 32.
6. (15) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 188, 0, 32.
7. (1) Dale Earnhardt Jr, Chevrolet, 188, 0, 30.
8. (11) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 188, 0, 30.
9. (39) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 188, 0, 28.
10. (33) David Ragan, Ford, 188, 0, 27.
11. (25) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 188, 0, 26.
12. (20) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 188, 0, 25.
13. (12) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 188, 0, 24.
14. (19) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 187, 0, 23.
15. (14) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, accident, 184, 0, 22.
16. (2) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, accident, 182, 0, 28.
17. (28) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, accident, 182, 0, 20.
18. (9) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 177, 0, 37.
19. (35) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, accident, 177, 0, 0.
20. (22) Kevin Harvick, Ford, accident, 176, 0, 20.
21. (13) Danica Patrick, Ford, accident, 175, 0, 16.
22. (24) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, accident, 172, 0, 15.
23. (21) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, accident, 171, 0, 14.
24. (8) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, garage, 171, 0, 23.
25. (4) Kurt Busch, Ford, accident, 171, 0, 21.
26. (5) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, accident, 171, 0, 18.
27. (16) Kyle Busch, Toyota, accident, 171, 0, 12.
28. (30) Landon Cassill, Ford, accident, 171, 0, 9.
29. (18) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, accident, 171, 0, 13.
30. (29) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, accident, 171, 0, 11.
31. (37) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, garage, 171, 0, 6.
32. (37) Joey Gase, Toyota, accident, 164, 0, 0.
33. (40) D.J. Kennington, Chevrolet, accident, 164, 0, 4.
34. (38) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, accident, 155, 0, 3.
35. (7) Clint Bowyer, Ford, accident, 155, 0, 15.
36. (23) Erik Jones, Toyota, accident, 26, 0, 1.
37. (17) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, accident, 25, 0, 1.
38. (34) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, accident, 25, 0, 1.
39. (36) Mark Thompson, Chevrolet, accident, 25, 0, 0.
40. (31) Justin Marks, Chevrolet, accident, 12, 0, 0.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 131.661 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 47 minutes, 52 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.210 seconds.
Caution Flags: 11 for 47 laps.
Lead Changes: 30 among 16 drivers.
Lap Leaders: D.Earnhardt Jr. 0; J.Logano 1-13; D.Earnhardt 14-20; C.Elliott 21-25; M.Kenseth 26-29; A.Allmendinger 30; J.Logano 31-54; B.Keselowski 55-57; K.Kahne 58-61; M.Kenseth 62-63; D.Hamlin 64-66; M.Kenseth 67; K.Kahne 68; B.Gaughan 69-70; M.DiBenedetto 71-82; R.Stenhouse 83-88; Ku.Busch 89-91; R.Blaney 92-111; R.Newman 112; B.Gaughan 113-116; D.Hamlin 117; R.Blaney 118-124; C.Elliott 125-144; Ky.Busch 145-148; J.Logano 149-170; D.Suarez 171-176; C.Elliott 177; D.Suarez 178-182; B.Keselowski 183-185; R.Newman 186-187; B.Keselowski 188

Leaders Summary (Dr/s.ar, Times Led, Laps Led): J.Logano, 3 times for 56 laps; R.Blaney, 2 times for 25 laps; C.Elliott, 3 times for 23 laps; M.DiBenedetto, 1 time for 11 laps; D.Suarez, 2 times for 9 laps; D.Earnhardt, 2 times for 6 laps; R.Stenhouse, 1 time for 5 laps; M.Kenseth, 3 times for 4 laps; B.Keselowski, 3 times for 4 laps; B.Gaughan, 2 times for 4 laps; K.Kahne, 2 times for 3 laps; Ky.Busch, 1 time for 3 laps; D.Hamlin, 2 times for 2 laps; Ku.Busch, 1 time for 2 laps; R.Newman, 2 times for 1 lap; A.Allmendinger, 1 time for 0 laps.

Wins: M.Truex, 6; Ky.Busch, 4; K.Larson, 4; J.Johnson, 3; B.Keselowski, 3; D.Hamlin, 2; R.Stenhouse, 2; R.Blaney, 1; Ku.Busch, 1; A.Dillon, 1; K.Harvick, 1; K.Kahne, 1; J.Logano, 1; R.Newman, 1

Top 16 in Points: 1. M.Truex, 3120; 2. B.Keselowski, 3101; 3. K.Larson, 3099; 4. K.Harvick, 3089; 5. D.Hamlin, 3088; 6. C.Elliott, 3087; 7. R.Blaney, 3076; 8. J.Johnson, 3074; 9. Ky.Busch, 3067; 10. M.Kenseth, 3066; 11. R.Stenhouse, 3052; 12. J.McMurray, 3045; 13. K.Kahne, 2104; 14. R.Newman, 2103; 15. A.Dillon, 2099; 16. Ku.Busch, 2089

Federer beats Nadal, wins Shanghai Masters title

By Sandra Harwitt
Associated Press

Andy Wong/Associated Press

Rafael Nadal of Spain serves against Marin Cilic of Croatia during their men's singles semifinals match in the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament at Qizhong Forest Sports City Tennis Center on Saturday in Shanghai, China.

SHANGHAI — Roger Federer extended his winning streak over Rafael Nadal this year to four matches after beating the top-ranked Spaniard 6-4, 6-3 to win the Shanghai Masters on Sunday.

The Swiss 19-time grand slam winner, who still trails Nadal 23-15 in their overall head-to-head record, didn't face a break point and started and ended the match with service breaks.

"I don't know what my expectations were going in," Federer said. "I thought I might struggle early on because it was a late finish last night.

"I had no nerves before the match, surprisingly. I think I was pretty clear about how I wanted to play the match. I started off very well and relaxed from then on."

Despite his dominance in 2017, Federer doesn't rate his chances of catching Nadal in their head-to-head record.

"It's not going to happen. We don't have enough years left on the tour. We ranked too good so we play each other only in finals at the moment... You can't win them all against Rafa, to be honest. He's too good of a player," Federer said.

Federer took advantage of three of seven break point opportunities in the match to snap Nadal's 16-game winning streak, which included his China Open victory last week.

Federer, who has won the last five encounters between the pair dating back to the 2015 Basel final, also beat Nadal in the Australian Open final, a round of 16 match at Indian Wells and the Miami final this year.

"Have been a very difficult match for me," Nadal said. "He played very fast and he played well.

"Of course was not the best match for me of the week. When somebody plays better than you, sport is not very difficult. That's the real thing, no? When you play against somebody that is better than you in most of the things that really matters in this sport, in this kind of surface, then it's tougher."

The Shanghai Masters is Federer's 94th career title, moving him into a tie with Ivan Lendl in second place on the Open era list.

PRO GOLF SCORES

CIMB Classic Scores
Sunday
At TPC Kuala Lumpur
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Purse: $7 million
Yardage: 7,005; Par: 72
Final

Pat Perez (500), $1,260,000	66-65-64-69—264
K. Bradley (300), $756,000	65-71-65-67—268
Sung Kang (163), $406,000	67-68-65-71—271
K. Schauffele (163), $406,000	65-67-67-72—271
H. Matsuyama (105), $266,000	70-68-63-71—272
C. Smith (105), $266,000	64-71-73-64—272
Paul Casey (85), $218,167	77-63-69-65—274
Danny Lee (85), $218,167	73-65-68-68—274
Lucas Glover (85), $218,167	71-67-68-68—274
R. Cabrera Bello (70), $175,000	67-70-69-69—275
Anirban Lahiri (70), $175,000	67-73-64-71—275
Peter Uihlein (70), $175,000	73-68-65-69—275
Stewart Cink (56), $131,250	72-68-67-69—276
Luke List (56), $131,250	70-70-68-68—276
Brendan Steele (56), $131,250	67-71-70-68—276
Nick Taylor (56), $131,250	70-74-67-65—276
C.T. Pan (48), $101,500	70-70-69-68—277
Chez Reavie (48), $101,500	68-74-69-66—277
Justin Thomas (48), $101,500	70-71-69-67—277
Camilo Villegas (48), $101,500	72-68-70-67—277
David Lipsky, $81,200	69-71-68-70—278
Kyle Stanley (42), $81,200	71-67-70-70—278
Scott Brown (36), $62,300	70-69-72-68—279
Morgan Hoffmann (36), $62,300	70-72-71-66—279
Patrick Rodgers (36), $62,300	70-73-68-68—279
O Schniederjans (36), $62,300	72-68-65-74—279
Harold Varner III (36), $62,300	72-67-70-70—279
James Hahn (29), $48,650	72-71-68-69—280
Michael Kim (29), $48,650	68-70-72-70—280
Davis Love III (29), $48,650	67-73-72-68—280
Gary Woodland (29), $48,650	66-73-68-73—280
Wesley Bryan (21), $37,900	71-68-71-71—281
Ben Crane (21), $37,900	70-71-70-70—281
Martin Flores (21), $37,900	72-70-68-71—281
Brandon Grace (21), $37,900	72-67-71-71—281
Cody Gribble (21), $37,900	77-68-67-69—281
Jamie Lovemark (21), $37,900	70-70-70-71—281
Kevin Tway (21), $37,900	74-67-70-70—281
J Janewattananond, $28,700	70-69-66-77—282
P Khongwatmai, $28,700	67-75-71-69—282
Whee Kim (15), $28,700	68-75-71-68—282
Scott Stallings (15), $28,700	73-69-72-68—282
Jhonattan Vegas (15), $28,700	72-70-66-74—282
Poom Saksansin, $22,400	65-74-72-72—283
Prayad Marksaeng, $22,400	72-71-69-71—283
Kevin Na (11), $22,400	66-73-75-69—283
Thomas Pieters (11), $22,400	68-67-77-71—283
Kelly Kraft (9), $18,340	70-71-72-71—284
Hao Tong Li, $18,340	72-74-69-69—284
Chart Schwartzel (9), $18,340	70-71-72-71—284
Charles Howell III (8), $16,847	72-72-70-71—285
Richard T. Lee, $16,847	73-70-70-72—285
Adam Hadwin (8), $16,847	71-67-78-71—285
Graham DeLaet (8), $16,030	77-67-68-74—286
Emiliano Grillo (8), $16,030	73-72-74-67—286
Colt Knost (8), $16,030	71-72-69-74—286
Hudson Swafford (8), $16,030	68-78-71-69—286
Chad Campbell (5), $15,540	**78-74-66-68—286**
Jovic Pagunsan, $15,540	73-72-70-72—287
Ian Poulter (5), $15,540	69-74-74-70—287
Gavin Kyle Green, $15,190	73-71-69-75—288
Jim Herman (5), $15,190	69-77-67-75—288
Danny Chia, $14,770	70-75-72-72—289
Russell Knox (4), $14,770	74-74-71-70—289
Scott Piercy (4), $14,770	71-73-71-74—289
Richy Werenski (4), $14,770	72-73-73-71—289
Rod Causley (4), $14,420	77-68-70-75—290
SSP Chawrasia, $14,280	72-71-74-75—292
Grayson Murray (3), $14,000	82-74-64-73—293
Rod Pampling (3), $14,000	72-71-77-73—293
Robert Streb (3), $14,000	76-70-75-72—293
Jones Blixt (3), $13,650	69-74-78-73—294
Scott Hend, $13,650	77-73-70-74—294
Jason Dufner (3), $13,440	71-71-76-77—295
Chris Stroud (3), $13,300	72-72-75-76—297
Nicholas Fung, $13,160	72-73-75-79—299
S Woo Kim (2), $13,020	74-78-73-75—300
D.A. Points (2), $12,880	76-79-75-76—306

PGA Tour Champions Scores
Sunday
At Prestonwood Country Club
Cary, N.C.
Purse: $2.1 million
Yardage: 7,237; Par: 72
Final

Colin Montgomerie, $315,000	69-67-64—200
Doug Garwood, $168,000	69-68-66—203
Vijay Singh, $168,000	69-68-66—203
Corey Pavin, $126,000	70-68-67—205
David McKenzie, $100,800	67-70-68—205
Jerry Kelly, $84,000	68-68-70—206
Gene Sauers, $75,600	71-68-68—207
Michael Bradley, $60,200	71-67-70—208
Kenny Perry, $60,200	72-66-70—208
David Toms, $60,200	70-68-70—208
Paul Goydos, $36,523	72-68-69—209
Brandt Jobe, $36,523	72-70-67—209
Kevin Sutherland, $36,523	70-70-69—209
Michael Allen, $36,523	73-68-69—209
Marco Dawson, $36,523	72-68-69—209
Glen Day, $36,523	69-68-72—209
Bernhard Langer, $36,523	72-68-69—209
Billy Mayfair, $36,523	71-69-69—209
Phillip Price, $36,523	69-67-73—209
Stephen Ames, $23,460	72-66-72—210
John Daly, $23,460	74-67-69—210
Scott Dunlap, $23,460	69-71-70—210
Todd Hamilton, $23,460	69-70-71—210
Tom Lehman, $23,460	70-70-70—210
Scott Parel, $23,460	69-74-67—210
Scott Verplank, $23,460	69-69-72—210
Tom Byrum, $18,270	71-66-74—211
Brian Henninger, $18,270	70-72-69—211
Lee Janzen, $18,270	73-68-70—211
Bart Bryant, $15,488	68-71-73—212
Fred Funk, $15,488	69-71-72—212
Jerry Smith, $15,488	67-73-72—212
Esteban Toledo, $15,488	72-71-69—212
Woody Austin, $12,642	74-73-66—213
Paul Broadhurst, $12,642	73-72-68—213
Bob Estes, $12,642	74-69-70—213
Joey Sindelar, $12,642	75-67-71—213
Jeff Sluman, $12,642	74-67-72—213
Steve Flesch, $9,450	71-73-70—214
Mike Goodes, $9,450	71-71-72—214
Neal Lancaster, $9,450	73-70-71—214
Scott McCarron, $9,450	71-70-73—214
Larry Mize, $9,450	71-71-72—214
Fran Quinn, $9,450	68-74-72—214
Loren Roberts, $9,450	71-70-73—214
Rod Spittle, $9,450	71-71-72—214
Kirk Triplett, $9,450	71-73-70—214
Joe Durant, $6,930	73-67-75—215
David Frost, $6,930	72-73-70—215
Gibby Gilbert III, $6,930	67-75-73—215
Billy Andrade, $5,130	72-73-71—216
Cen Browne, $5,130	69-72-75—216
Russ Cochran, $5,130	72-70-74—216
Brad Fabel, $5,130	71-73-72—216
Bobby Gage, $5,130	70-71-75—216
Gary Hallberg, $5,130	72-74-70—216
Tom Pernice Jr., $5,130	75-74-67—216
John Cook, $3,885	71-72-74—217
Nick Fields, $3,885	72-75-70—217
Rocco Mediate, $3,885	77-68-72—217
Wes Short, Jr., $3,885	73-73-71—217
Mark Brooks, $3,150	71-72-75—218
Carlos Franco, $3,150	71-73-74—218
Skip Kendall, $3,150	75-71-72—218
Tommy Armour III, $2,625	77-71-71—219
Jesper Parnevik, $2,625	72-74-73—219
Mike Grob, $2,205	70-74-76—220
Duffy Waldorf, $2,205	71-75-74—220
Peter Jacobsen, $1,974	74-76-73—222
Tom Kite, $1,848	77-74-72—223
Willie Wood, $1,722	75-75-74—224
Larry Nelson, $1,596	75-73-77—225
Gary Koch, $1,470	78-76-72—226
Jim Carter, $1,344	72-79-76—227
Bob Gilder, $1,344	79-74-74—227
Mark Calcavecchia, $1,218	79-72-82—233

Italian Open Leading Scores
Sunday
At Golf Club Milano
Monza, Italy
Purse: $7 million
Yardage: 7,156; Par: 71
Final

Tyrrell Hatton, England	69-64-65-65—263
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, Thailand	64-67-68-65—264
Ross Fisher, England	68-66-67-63—264
Matt Wallace, England	64-65-67-69—265
Marcus Fraser, Australia	67-62-72-65—266
George Coetzee, South Africa	65-69-65-68—267
Tommy Fleetwood, England	71-66-63-67—267
David Horsey, England	70-64-69-64—267
Francesco Molinari, Italy	64-68-65-69—267
Nino Bertasio, Italy	68-67-69-64—268
Miguel Angel Jimenez, Spain	70-67-66-65—268
Mike Lorenzo-Vera, France	68-67-67-66—268
Eddie Pepperell, England	64-69-69-66—268
Marc Warren, Scotland	68-69-67-66—268
Alejandro Canizares, Spain	66-70-65-66—269
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	66-68-67-66—269
Matthew Fitzpatrick, England	68-69-64-68—269
Benjamin Hebert, France	72-68-67-64—269
Maximilian Kieffer, Germany	68-66-68-69—269
Jon Rahm, Spain	67-68-69-65—269
Also	
Sergio Garcia, Spain	66-67-70-69—272
Alex Noren, Sweden	66-70-66-72—274
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	69-67-71-69—276
Graeme McDowell, N. Ireland	69-69-72-71—281

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- Only one entry is allowed per child per household.
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils, glitter pens, etc., are acceptable.
- Entries must be submitted to the Midland Reporter-Telegram by Tuesday, October 31, 2017.
- One winner will be selected in each age group: 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.
- Winners will be announced on Thursday, November 2, 2017.
- Names and photos, of the winner will be published on Sunday, November 5, 2017.

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Penn State quarterback Tommy Stevens catches a touchdown pass during the first half of an NCAA football game against Northwestern on Oct. 7, in Evanston, Ill.. Penn State is No. 2 in The Associated Press College football poll behind now unanimous No. 1 Alabama after a wild weekend of upsets gave the Top 25 a major makeover.

AP Top 25: Penn State up to 2 behind unanimous No. 1 Alabama

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

Penn State has climbed to No. 2 in The Associated Press College football poll behind unanimous No. 1 Alabama after a wild weekend of upsets gave the Top 25 a major makeover.

A season-high seven ranked teams, including four in the top 10, lost to unranked teams on Friday and Saturday. Defending national champion Clemson and defending Pac-12 champion Washington were the highest ranked teams to lose.

Penn State, which was idle, took advantage. The Nittany Lions moved up a spot to No. 2, 15 points ahead of No. 3 Georgia. Penn State has its best ranking since Oct. 31, 1999, when the Nittany Lions were No. 2. Alabama, which has been No. 1 since the preseason, received all 61 first-place votes for the first time this year.

TCU is No. 4, Wisconsin is No. 5 and Big Ten rival Ohio State is sixth.

Clemson dropped five spots to seventh. Miami, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State round out the top 10.

Poll points in review

Clemson started the weekend's weirdness on Friday night at Syracuse. The Tigers lost a three-point game to the three-touchdown underdogs. Washington State followed that up with a little Pac-12 After Dark, getting routed at California later Friday.

On Saturday, the strangeness continued: No. 10 Auburn lost at LSU , which would qualify as the least surprising of the weekend's unexpected results if not for Auburn leading 20-0 in the second quarter.

No. 19 Michigan, No. 8 Miami and No. 9 Oklahoma all barely dodged the upset bug during the afternoon and No. 11 Southern California rallied to beat Utah at night. Then came maybe the biggest stunner of all: Washington lost at Arizona State , scoring seven points against a team that had not given up fewer than 30 since last season.

Add to that, Texas Tech lost at West Virginia after blowing an 18-point fourth-quarter lead and Navy and San Diego State each lost for the first time this season.

The fallout down

— No. 12 Washington and No. 15 Washington State each dropped seven spots.

— No. 21 Auburn fell 11 spots after getting tagged with its second loss of the season.

UP

— No. 16 North Carolina State moved up four spots into a tie with South Florida and has its best ranking since Sept. 7, 2003, when it was No. 14.

OUT

— San Diego State, Texas Tech and Navy all fell out of the rankings.

IN

— West Virginia and LSU moved back into the rankings. The Mountaineers have been yo-yoing in and out of the bottom of the Top 25 all season.

— Memphis moved in for the first time since 2015 after beating Navy.

Conference call

Big Ten — 5
ACC — 4
SEC — 4
Big 12 — 4
Pac-12 — 4
American — 3
Independent — 1

Ranked vs. Ranked

Last week there were no games matching ranked teams and things got crazy. The big games are back this week.

— No. 19 Michigan at No. 2 Penn State. The last regular-season loss for Penn State was at Michigan last season, a 49-10 drumming that seems like a lifetime ago.

— No. 11 USC at No. 13 Notre Dame. The rivals have not played when both were ranked since 2009 and have not both been in the top 15 when they played since 2006, when the Irish were No. 6 and the Trojans were third.

Nebraska picks Washington State AD to head athletics program

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska named Washington State athletic director Bill Moos to head its sports program on Sunday.

University officials announced the pick less than four weeks after firing Shawn Eichorst. Eichorst was let go Sept. 21, the week after the Cornhuskers football team lost to Northern Illinois at home. Moos was announced as his replacement less than 24 hours after Nebraska was routed 56-14 by Ohio State in Lincoln.

University chancellor Ronnie Green said Moos was picked from a field that included several sitting athletic directors from Power Five conference schools.

"To lead one of the most storied and successful athletic programs in the nation is a true honor," Moos said in a statement. "Nebraska is a very special place, known far and wide for its phenomenal fans, for doing things the right way, for supporting its students, honoring its athletic legacy and maintaining excellence in athletics success across the board. I am proud to help build upon these Husker traditions."

Moos has been athletic director at Washington State since 2010. The 66-year-old agreed to a five-year contract with a base annual salary of $1 million, plus incentives. His job at Nebraska will start on Oct. 23.

"Nebraska has secured a proven winner in Bill Moos to lead Husker Athletics into a new era of excellence," Green said in a statement. "It was clear that Bill stood out in a very competitive, tremendously gifted pool of candidates, not only because of his proven ability to lead programs to greatness, but because of his reputation for integrity in building and leading those programs."

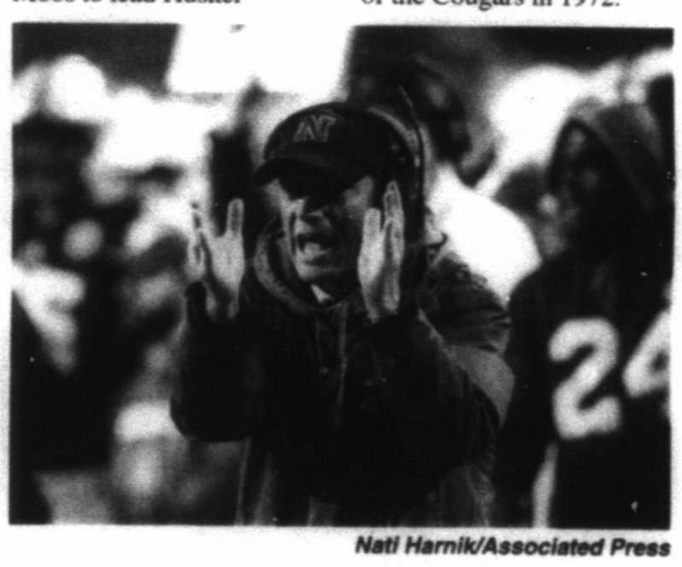
Moos' first task will be to decide whether to retain football coach Mike Riley, who was a surprise hire from Oregon State three years ago. Riley is 18-15 with the Cornhuskers but has lost eight of his last 13 games.

The 42-point loss to Ohio State was the Huskers' most lopsided at home since 1949 and came after a 21-point defeat to Wisconsin.

"In discussing this opportunity with Bill, it was obvious he is ready to bring his tested brand of leadership to the Big Red," Green said. "Throughout his distinguished career, he has exhibited a combination of passion, wisdom and an ability to bring people together in pursuit of a common goal. Those traits fit Nebraska like a glove."

Before taking over at Washington State, Moos was athletic director at Oregon from 1995-2007. With Moos at the helm, the Ducks won 13 Pac-10 championships in six different sports. He previously was athletic director at Montana.

Moos is a graduate of Washington State and was a three-year letterman in football, serving as co-captain of the Cougars in 1972.



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Nebraska coach Mike Riley gestures during the first half of the team's NCAA football game against Ohio State on Saturday in Lincoln, Neb. Ohio State won 56-14.

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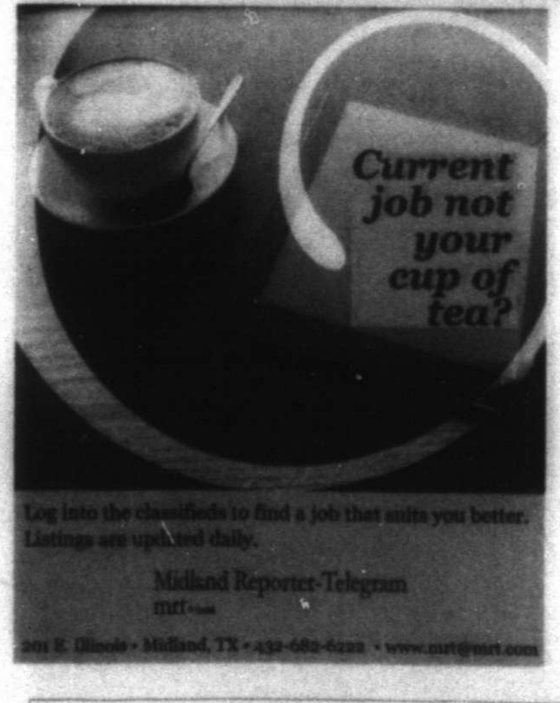

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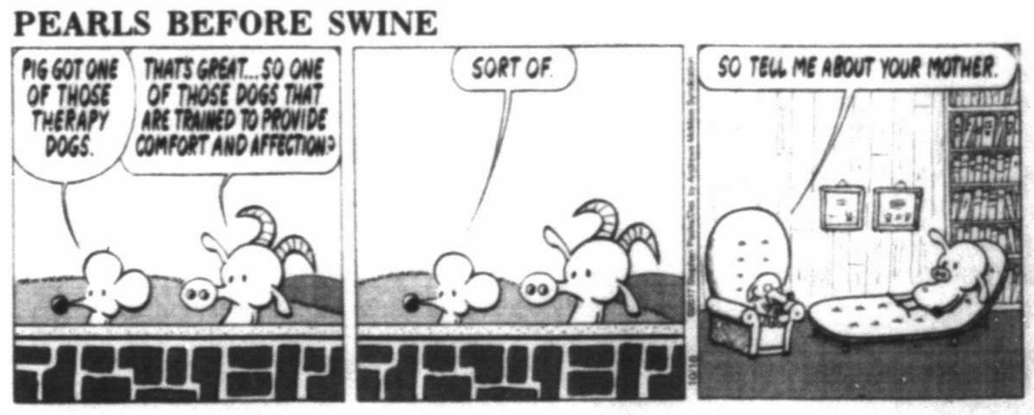

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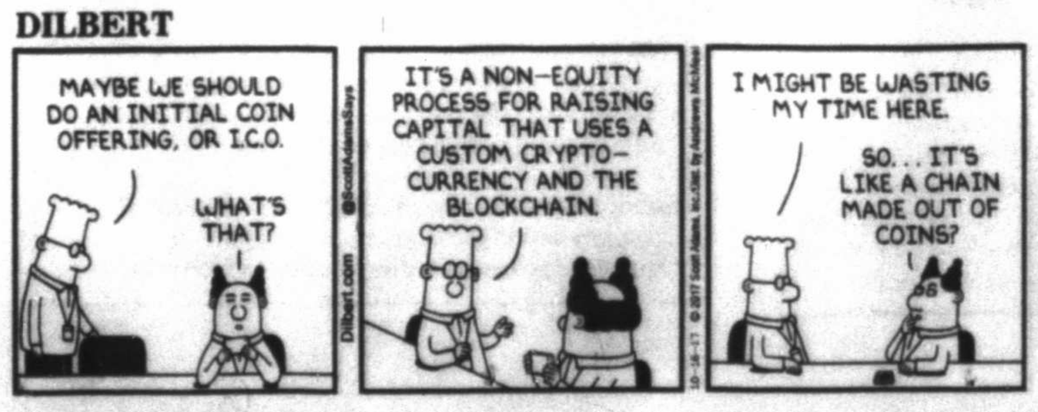

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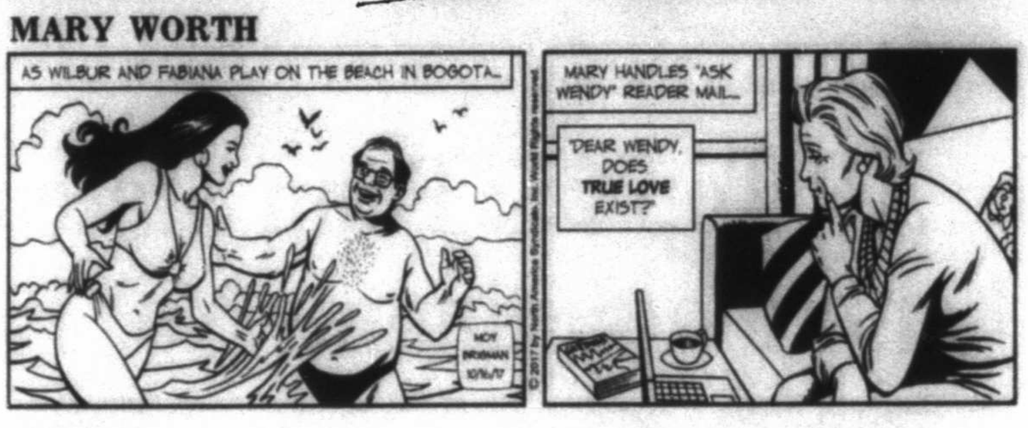

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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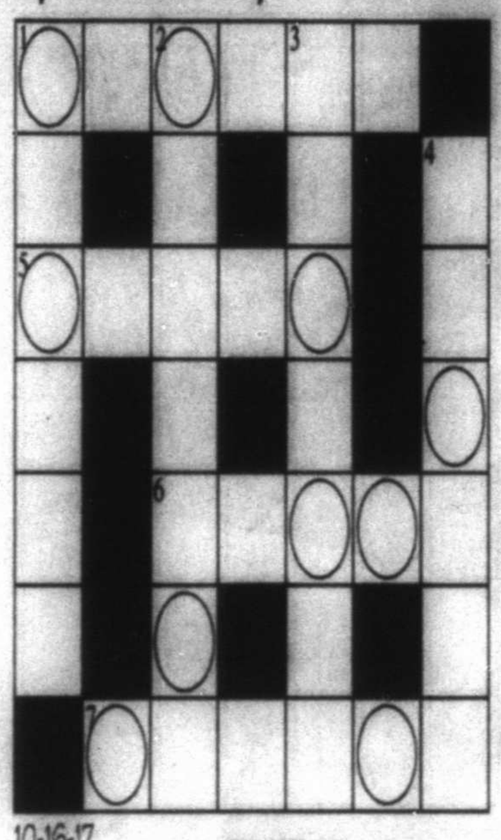

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Venus, to Earth	TRHOET
5. Promised	OEWVD
6. Woodsy	RAULR
7. Sound ___	PLESAE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Island capital	AANVAH
2. In the direction of	DAWTOSR
3. Support, authorize	SNOREED
4. Thick, course fabric	PUBLAR

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

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CLUE: This fictional character debuted in 1977.

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Answer: After their coffee grinder broke, business at the coffee shop — GROUND TO A HALT

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ACROSS

1 Baseball putout, often
4 Digital readouts, for short
8 No more than
14 401(k) kin: Abbr.
15 Settled on a rail
16 Abs exercise
17 Source of valuable metal
19 Holy __: brat
20 Isaac's eldest
21 Golden State wine region
23 One World Trade Center topper
24 Sales team
25 Early record player
27 Give it __: make an effort
29 Work's opposite
30 Fibber or Molly of old radio
32 Rationale
34 Repair
37 Beatles song used as wake-up music on the last Space Shuttle mission
40 Mariner's "Help!"
41 Tear to pieces
42 Makes, as money
43 "Buona __": Gino's "Good evening"
44 Former trans-Atl. fliers
45 Revolving blade sharpener
50 Thing to scratch
53 Cut again, as grass
54 Bring into the firm
55 About 66.5 degrees, for the Arctic Circle
56 Musician Keys
58 Extinct since way back when ... and, in a way, what each set of circles represents
60 Poland Spring competitor
61 Words to Brutus
62 Dist. you can see
63 The "S" in GPS
64 Pest-control brand
65 Md. summer hrs.

DOWN

1 Striped big cat
2 Got up
3 Islands visited by Darwin
4 On the __: at large
5 Like Saran wrap
6 Bahraini money
7 Assembly instructions start
8 Put-on
9 Violates a "private property" sign
10 Brown played by Candice Bergen
11 "Blame It __": 1964 film set in Brazil
12 Disdain
13 Little pigs number
18 Looked for prints
22 Intensifies
26 Actress Lena
28 1967 Neil Diamond song title line preceding "Go to my head"
30 British sports cars
31 Pigeon sound
32 Less-traveled way
33 Sch. with a Phoenix campus
34 Grade school crush, often
35 Quaint quarters
36 Kisses, in romantic letters
38 Hoity-toity manners
39 Detesting
43 Polar expedition vehicle
44 Taken care of
45 Mortarboard tossers
46 Race with batons
47 "What'd __?": returning traveler's query
48 Lubricated
49 Campus midshipmen's prog.
51 Dog or coyote
52 Nuclear trial, briefly
57 "Ready, __, fire!"
59 Staple or nail driver

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	S	T	O	N	I	S	H	E	S		I	S	M	S
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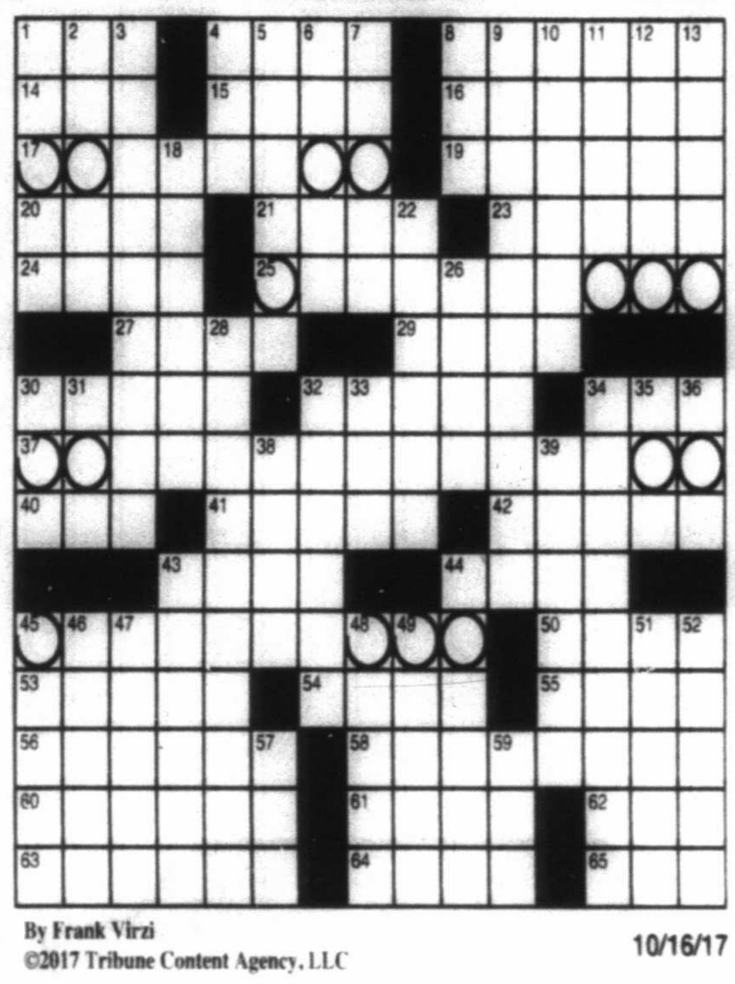

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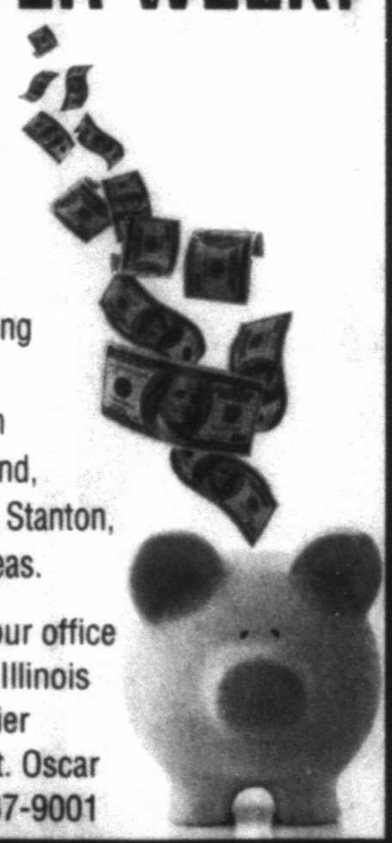

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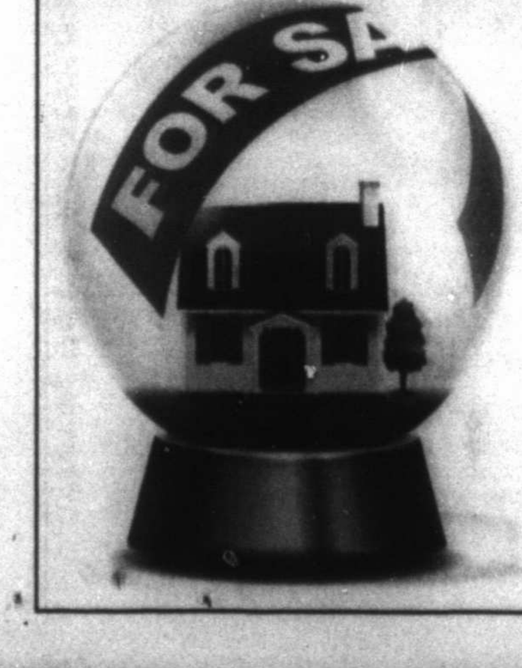

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Greenwood ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:15 p.m., November 13, 2017, in the Distance Learning Center at 2700 FM 1379, Midland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Greenwood ISD's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST).

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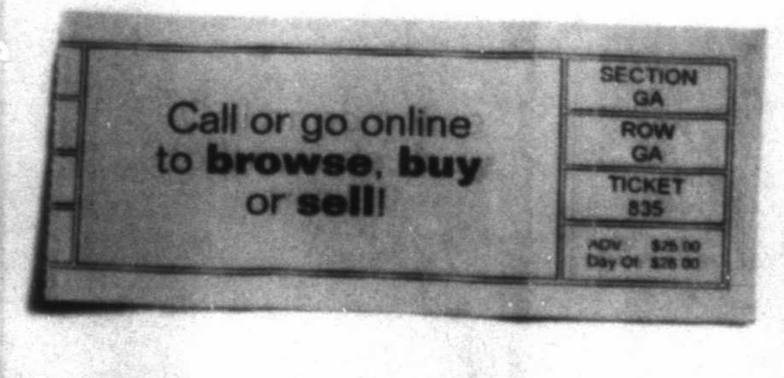

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