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Presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton met at Hofstra University in New York for the first presidential debate of this election season. Read coverage from the event inside.

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Horseshoe metrics increase significantly

Increased revenues could easily help make up for operating deficit

By Stewart Doreen
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Year No. 10 was a banner year for the Horseshoe complex, Midland County commissioners learned Monday.

Mike Dooley of the Dooley Management Group told the Commissioners' Court that the number of events increased by 31 percent in facility year 2015-16 (March 4, 2015 to March 3, 2016) and attendance climbed by 25 percent.

Dooley also reported $567,000 in rental revenues, a more than $200,000 increase compared to the previous year. Overall, the 402 events and 160,000 in attendance created a direct economic impact of $11.373 million.

"It has ramped up faster than we anticipated," County Judge Mike Bradford said. "It is safe to say it has exceeded our projections."

More construction

City Council could extend deadlines for Hotel Santa Rita.

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Bradford also said there is not debt service being paid for right now, either for construction, operations or maintenance. While certificates of obligation were used for the arena, those were paid off early on and commissioners used reserve funds (the county's savings) to pay for the construction of later phases, including the pavilion and amphitheater.

The county is coming off a fiscal year 2015 when the county ran an operations deficit of $136,244. According to facility income statement provided by the county, the county collected $1.65 million in total revenue, including more than $1 million from a hotel occupancy tax. Facility rental revenue was reported at $442,022 (which is different than the "facility year" mentioned above).

Expenditures include $676,063 for "professional services," $325,007 for "equipment and furnishings," $204,853 for "personnel expenditures," $160,000 for "contract services" and $135,782 for "building maintenance."

From FY 2011 to FY 2015, revenue increased from $770,913 to $1,658,288. During the same period, operating expenditures increased from $863,666 to $1,794,532.

In 2015, capital expenditures reached $320,877, creating a total net income of a negative $457,121. Numbers for FY 2016 weren't available Monday.

Dooley said the large increase in events and attendance went beyond the "10 to 12" events that would have otherwise been held downtown at Midland Center. The city shut down Midland Center at the beginning of the year as it prepares for its demolition and the building of the Midland Convention Center.

Dooley thinks usage will increase, even when events migrate back north into downtown when the new civic center is completed, expected in 2018.

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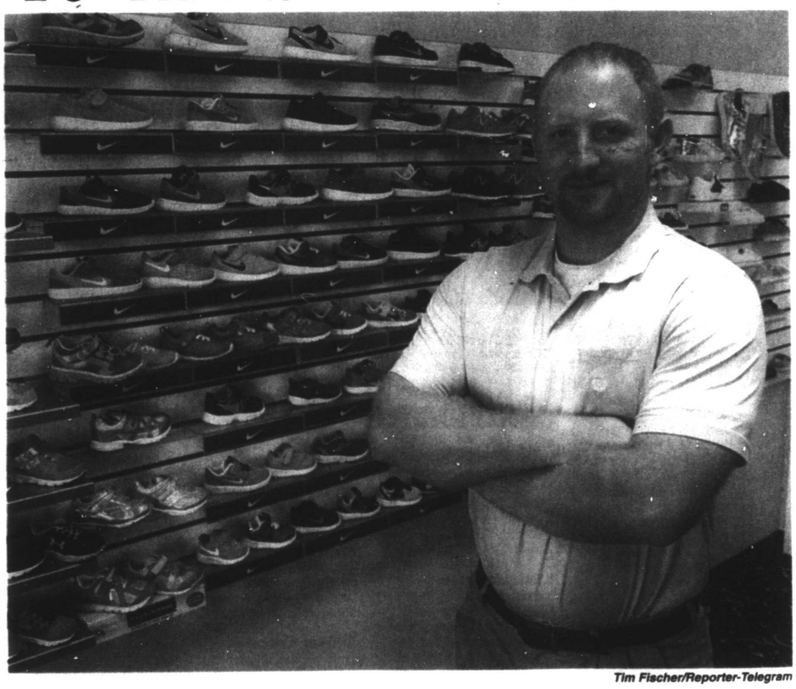
40 YEARS AND RUNNING



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Chris Cato, new owner of Terry's Kids Shoes, is shown in this photo taken Sept. 23.

Terry's Kids Shoes keeps little feet running

■ Brother, sister take over store that has been in West Texas since 1976

By Trevor Hawes
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Terry's Kids Shoes has been a fixture in Midland since 2000 and a presence in West Texas since 1976, but on the day before Easter this year, Terry Severt sized his last shoe and retired from retail after 42 years working in the industry.

"It was just time," Severt said when discussing the difficult decision to step away. The business and the brand, however, continue under new ownership, and they've been a great fit.

New owners and brother-sister team Chris Cato and Jennifer Doonan took over operations this summer. Cato recently sunset his hot shot company, Cato's Carriers, after five years in business. At 25 — the same age Severt was when he started Terry's — he traded in the often-stressful oilfield transportation life for more relaxed, though still long, days fitting children with the perfect shoes.

"This is a much more family-friendly working environment," he said.

Cato said becoming a kids shoes merchant wasn't always his goal. "It's funny the way this even came about. My sister had called me one night said, 'I just got this devastating letter in the mail; Terry's Kids Shoes is closing.'"

The panic didn't mean much to Cato at the time, and he hung up and went back to watching TV. "She then called me back and said, 'I think this is a great way for you to get out of hot shot.' I started laughing and talked with my wife, Marcella, for about 30 minutes. After we got quiet for a few minutes, we looked at each other and said, 'We could probably do that.'"

In sharing his story about getting into retail, Severt said he also never expected to sell kids' shoes. He previously was a golf professional but went to work for an animal pharmaceuticals company while still in college because "working in the golf business, you don't get to play a lot of golf."

Severt said he was on the cusp of a great career with the company, but work got complicated. "When they went on strike, I needed money, so I worked part-time at a children's shoe store, of all things, and never thought that's what I would wind up doing. I did that for a year and a half, even after I went back to working at the pharmaceutical company.

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Balmorhea residents anxious with Apache's huge find

By David Hunn
Houston Chronicle

BALMORHEA — A canal runs along Main Street in this tiny West Texas city, carrying crystal clear water that bubbles up from the desert in such quantities it fills the famous pool in the nearby state park and still sends more than 22 million gallons a day to farmland to the west.

The source of the water, the San Solomon Springs, is part of daily life in Balmorhea, where mothers bring their children to swim at a wide spot in the canal, just as their mothers and grandmothers did, and local businesses depend on the tourists seeking to escape the Texas heat in the cool water. But now, many residents worry the springs and their way of life are at risk following the discovery by Houston's Apache Corp. of billions of barrels of oil under the scrub brush here.

Most in this city of about 500 would welcome the jobs, investment and tax dollars an oil rush would bring. Main Street has more empty storefronts than open businesses. But they also fear their town could be overwhelmed by the influx of people and equipment, and the water that is the lifeblood of the community contaminated by oil and gas drilling.

"We call this the Oasis of West Texas. Everything toward Pecos, Kermit, Odessa, it's all oil rigs," said mother and grandmother Maria Garza, 44. "Here, you have something very different. I just want to protect it."

Balmorhea is facing a debate that has split communities across the nation, pitting economic development against environmental protection, opportunity against risks and growth against a quieter way of life. Balmorhea is a poor community, with a median income of just under $30,000 — more than $20,000 below the state and national median — and high levels of unemployment, depending heavily on the 160,000 tourists who visit Balmorhea State Park each year and spend their money at the hotels, restaurants and grocery store.

Visitors are worried, too, that Apache's drilling could contaminate the aquifer and deplete the springs; hydraulic fracturing pumps millions of gallons underground to crack shale rock formations and release oil and gas.

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Natural Gas	$2.997 ▲	$0.042
Gasoline	$1.936 ▲	$0.007

Did you know?
Colombia signed a **peace treaty** with FARC rebels, ending a long conflict. Page 4A

Word of the Day: gaucherie
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Man arrested for alleged indecency with child

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after he allegedly touched a girl inappropriately, according to court documents.

Nelson Omar Ramos-Reyes, 27, was being held Monday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

Ramos-Reyes

The Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center interviewed a girl on Sept. 16 after she told a teacher about the alleged assault. The girl told an interviewer Ramos-Reyes touched her inappropriately, according to his arrest affidavit.

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

Council could extend deadlines for Hotel Santa Rita

From staff reports

No one ever said transformation was going to be easy.

The Midland City Council on Tuesday will consider a third amendment to the master development agreement between the city and Hotel Santa Rita Midland partners that will extend deadline dates in the agreement into next year.

Those dates changed in the agreement, according to the city, include:

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

In April of last year, when the Midland City Council approved a $9.75 million incentive agreement for Santa Rita Hotel, the expectation was to begin construction in October of this year. The amended agreement calls for a total construction cost (independent of the incentives provided by the city and Midland Development Corp.) of not less than $70 million.

Obituaries

Dyan Symonds Agar

Longtime Midland resident Dyan Symonds Agar passed away at home after a brief illness on September 25, 2016.

She was born in 1934 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Charles A. Symonds and Helen R. Symonds. She grew up in Tulsa and Oklahoma City with her parents, sister J'Val, and brothers, Charles and H. N. Symonds.

Dyan graduated from Classen High School in 1952 and attended the University of Oklahoma where she studied interior design and was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. While at the University of Oklahoma, she met and married Frank Agar in 1956.

The couple has two children, Courtney Agar Holliday and Frank Agar, Jr. After living in Canada and throughout Texas, the family moved to Midland in 1974.

As an active volunteer in many organizations, Dyan was a member of the Junior League and First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her son, Frank Agar, Jr. and wife Sally of Midland; daughter, Courtney Holliday and husband Carl of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren, Reistle Cohenour and husband, Christopher, and Hadley Holliday of Oklahoma City, and Frank Agar, III, Richard Gibson Agar, and Lillian Jewel Agar, all of Midland; and by one great-grandson, Jaicks Henry Cohenour of Oklahoma City.

Other survivors include brothers, Charles Symonds and wife Emma Lou of Dallas and H. N. Symonds and wife Margaret of Colleyville; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

After a private burial at Resthaven Memorial Park, a memorial service is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Steven Schorr officiating.

Memorials may be directed to First Presbyterian Church, 800 W Texas, Midland, TX 79701 or a charity of choice.

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
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Theresa Irene Cathey

Theresa Irene Cathey, 56, passed away on Sunday, September 25, 2016 in Granbury, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at the Bentwater Clubhouse.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Texas Oncology or HALO.

Theresa was born on April 17, 1960 in Muscatine, Iowa to Howard and Agnes Rockafellow. She married Coby Cathey on September 17, 2002.

Theresa was the previous owner of The Pottery in Midland. She was a magician's assistant and an artist. She worked in the oil and gas industry for 20 years. She loved to travel. She never met a person or animal that she did not love. Theresa loved her awesome children.

Theresa was preceded in death by her mother, Agnes Rockafellow.

Theresa is survived by her husband, Coby Cathey; parents, Howard (Carol) Rockafellow; children, Erin (Brandon) Steen, Shelby Herebia, Brandi (Kyle) Haykus, and Loren Cathey; grandchildren, Hunter, Skye, and Kip; brothers, Michael (Tammy) Rockafellow and Craig Rockafellow; sisters, LaTisha (Ryan) Perkins and LaKendra Harper; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Death Notices

Patricia Gale Hill

Patricia Gale Hill, 61, took the hand of her Savior and flew into the universe on Monday, September 26, 2016.

She leaves behind her husband of 22 years, Ascension Sean Ramirez; three daughters, Mandi Denise Smith, Jami Brene' Blagrave, and Kimi Niko Williams; two sons, Samuel Raymond Holt and Jeremy Alexander Brown; her mother, Lillian Alice Hill; one by two sisters and one brother.

A memorial service is set for Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel of American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home, 4100 N FM 1788 Midland, TX 79707.

Robert N. Hillin

Robert N. Hillin, 98, of Odessa, passed away on Monday, September 26, 2016.

Services are pending with Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

SHOES

From 1A

"After college, I moved to San Angelo with the intent of opening up a store. I enjoyed the work and was young and crazy enough to try it," he said.

Many West Texas children have walked — and run — out of Terry's with a fresh pair of shoes. Severt estimates he was open about 300 days per year for 40 years and sold about 30 pairs per day. That's 360,000 pairs shoes, though Severt said it seems like he has sold millions.

Terry's has always had a white-glove approach, and Cato keeps that policy. "Every kid that walks through that door gets measured. We don't let the parents guess what their kid's shoe size is. I can't tell you how many times we've gotten parents come from the mall and ask to check shoe size."

Matching children with the right shoes isn't an easy task. "Every shoe has a unique fit. There has to be just the right amount of growing room, but not so much that they'll trip. You also don't want too little, where parents have just wasted their money on a $50 pair of shoes after a few months."

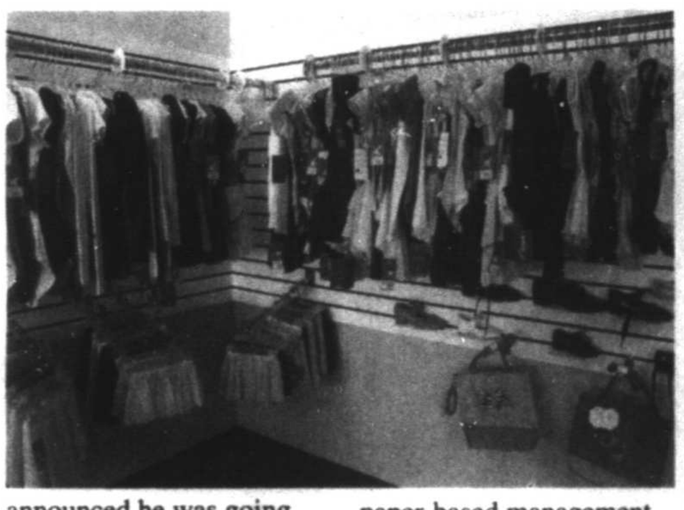
Terry's remedies too-small or too-narrow feet with inserts to get the right fit, and Severt has worked extensively with Cato to teach the father of two young daughters the craft of getting the perfect fit.

"It's been remarkable what he's done. He's caught on to a lot of things, and there's a lot to it," said Severt, who closed the San Angelo store a year after opening the Midland location.

The owners' mother, Debbie Scott, pushed hard for her kids to buy Terry's. "Terry's has been here forever. People have purchased their kids' shoes and grandkids' shoes here. None of us could imagine not having a Terry's. Terry announced he was going to retire, and people were devastated."

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

These photos taken Sept. 23 show the interior of Terry's Shoes.



Having several children, grandchildren and extended family, Scott was a major customer at Terry's. She estimates she has purchased hundreds of shoes there.

Cato said the space, located next to Home Goods at 3001 Loop 250 Suite C-119, took $20,000 to renovate and included new paint, new carpeting and HVAC work. It's brightly colored with room to run so kids can test their shoes. "They have to make sure their shoes make them faster," Cato said. The carpet-covered benches Severt constructed are still a fixture. "Kids automatically think it's a playground," Scott said.

The remodel also includes touches that aren't visible to patrons. "We are all Christians, and behind all of this green and orange paint are Scriptures written on the walls," Scott said.

Cato replaced Severt's paper-based management methods with modern computer-driven retail and point-of-sale systems.

Terry's offers a wide selection children's shoes, dance gear, cleats, bags and accessories, and being able to find all of that in one place is valuable to Midland. "It's hard to take your kids to the mall because it has a small selection and you have to go store-to-store," Cato said. "We thought it would be a good business opportunity to fill a need Midland couldn't do without."

Cato and company couldn't have done it without the help of Severt, who works closely with Cato to teach him all aspects of the business. "I told him, 'It's your baby now, but I'll be in the background if you need help. Just call me.'" Severt says his store is in good hands. "It's been remarkable what he's done."

Like Trevor on Facebook and follow him on Twitter at @HowdyHawes.

COMMISSIONERS

From 1A

"We will probably lose some to a new venue but we will get some new ones," Dooley said.

Commissioners accept constable's resignation

Precinct 3 Constable Theodore Macklin has turned in his resignation, and commissioners voted to accept it.

Earlier this month Macklin pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor offense of "official oppression." Macklin also submitted a letter to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement surrendering his license(s) and all certificates used by TCOLE.

Commissioners did not make an appointment to fill the position. Precinct 3 Commissioner Luis Sanchez said his preference was to leave the situation the way it is until after the Nov. 8 election. He said certain constable duties are being taken care of with the help of the precinct's justice of the peace, Billy Johnson, and Precinct 1 Constable David Criner.

Macklin remains on the ballot as the Democratic Party's nominee for Precinct 3 constable. His opponent is Republican Jeffrey Rowland, who called on the court to actually remove Macklin from office. According to County Attorney Russell Malm, citing Texas law, Macklin could still occupy the office even though he isn't certified and even though he turned in his resignation.

"Appointing someone would settle that issue," Malm told the court.

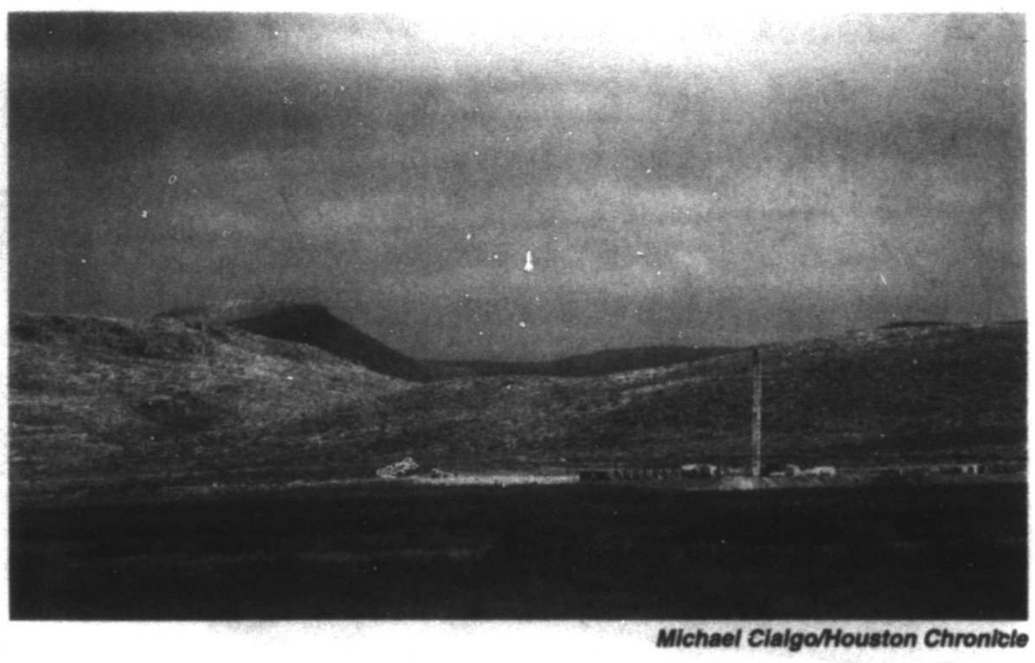
Commissioners can still appoint someone before the November election if a need arises.

Budget and tax rate finalized

The Commissioners' Court approved the $66 million operations budget for the upcoming fiscal year and a tax rate of 15.5992 cents per $100 valuation, which is an increase from the 14.0811-cent rate this year.

Speed limit set

Commissioners approved a 35 mph speed limit on "unmarked roads" inside Midland County. Those roads, which are already marked, will not be impacted, commissioners said.



Michael Ciaglo/Houston Chronicle

A drilling rig sits north of the Davis Mountains on Sept. 16 in Balmorhea. Houston-based Apache Corporation recently announced the discovery of an estimated 15 billion barrels of oil and gas in the area and plans to drill and use hydraulic fracturing on the 350,000 acres surrounding the town.

BALMORHEA

From 1A

"I'd hate to mess this up, just by accident," said Mark Traeger, 54, visiting the park recently from Austin. "You only get one try."

Smoking-gun evidence?

Apache announced earlier this month that it had discovered the equivalent of 15 billion barrels of oil under grasslands north of the Davis Mountains. It explored the land for about two years and spent 18 months acquiring leases for some 350,000 acres. It named the find Alpine High.

Balmorhea sits in the middle of Apache's discovery. Norman Roman, proprietor of Jo's Bar & Grill, also owns rental houses and plans to build temporary housing for oil workers. In the spring, he said, he started seeing fliers calling for a community meeting on the potential environmental impact of Apache's development — an effort that still angers him. He sees the re action as uninformed fear-mongering.

Paul Matta, 47, runs the public housing authority in Balmorhea and sits on the school board. It was Matta who passed out the fliers. Matta said he understands why local businesses would welcome Apache and the money an oil rush could bring. But, he added, "What I'd like to ask all these people is: Do they think the only impact is going to be economic?"

Most scientists agree that fracturing has caused few problems for groundwater. Well leaks are rare — Apache estimates the probability at two-thousandths of a percent. Most water contamination is attributable to human errors such as surface spills, mechanical breakdowns, and, more than anything, poorly constructed barriers between the well pipe and the aquifer.

Aquifer concerns

If Apache drills in the wrong place, it could contaminate the aquifers, said George Veni, who runs a federally funded research institute that has studied the region. The San Solomon Springs are the largest in a series of interconnected waterways in southern Reeves County, fed by rainfall in the area's mountains, and running some 400 miles through porous limestone.

It appears most of Apache's leases are not in the direct path of the springs, said Veni, who conceded he can't know for certain. No one he knows has drawn a detailed map of the aquifers around Alpine High, nor seen one of the oil and gas deposits.

In addition, the San Solomon Springs are unlike most aquifers, which carry water underground through permeable rock. The springs, instead, have sections of narrow caves with rivers running rapidly through them, Veni said. That means if chemicals get into the stream, there could be little time to stop them from contaminating drinking water or threatening endangered species.

Apache is trying to ease such worries. Already, Apache spokeswoman Castlen Kennedy said, the company has shifted plans in response to local concerns. For instance, Apache holds the leases to mineral rights under the state park and the town itself but has promised it won't drill on or under either.

It also said it doesn't plan on using spring water for fracturing operations, instead tapping into underground reservoirs of brackish water. Apache will monitor groundwater over time, watch for contamination and share results with the state, Kennedy said.

Apache has already taken steps toward developing the field, and is selling small amounts of oil. It plans to bring natural gas to market by the second half of 2017 and have operations fully running in 2018. Over 20 years, Apache estimates it could drill 3,000 wells.

Residents who oppose Apache's drilling have few options to stop it, as long as Apache has leased the land and met state conditions for drilling permits, legal specialists said.

'This is Texas'

But Leonard Dougal, an Austin lawyer, said he doesn't think they'll be able to stop the work.

"This is Texas," he said.

Many Balmorhea leaders and residents are choosing instead to trust Apache, including Luis Contreras, owner of Balmorhea Grocery. Still, he said, he can't help worrying about the springs.

"If for some reason something happens," he continued, "Balmorhea would dry up.

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noun
1. lack of social grace, sensitivity, or acuteness; awkwardness; crudeness; tactlessness.
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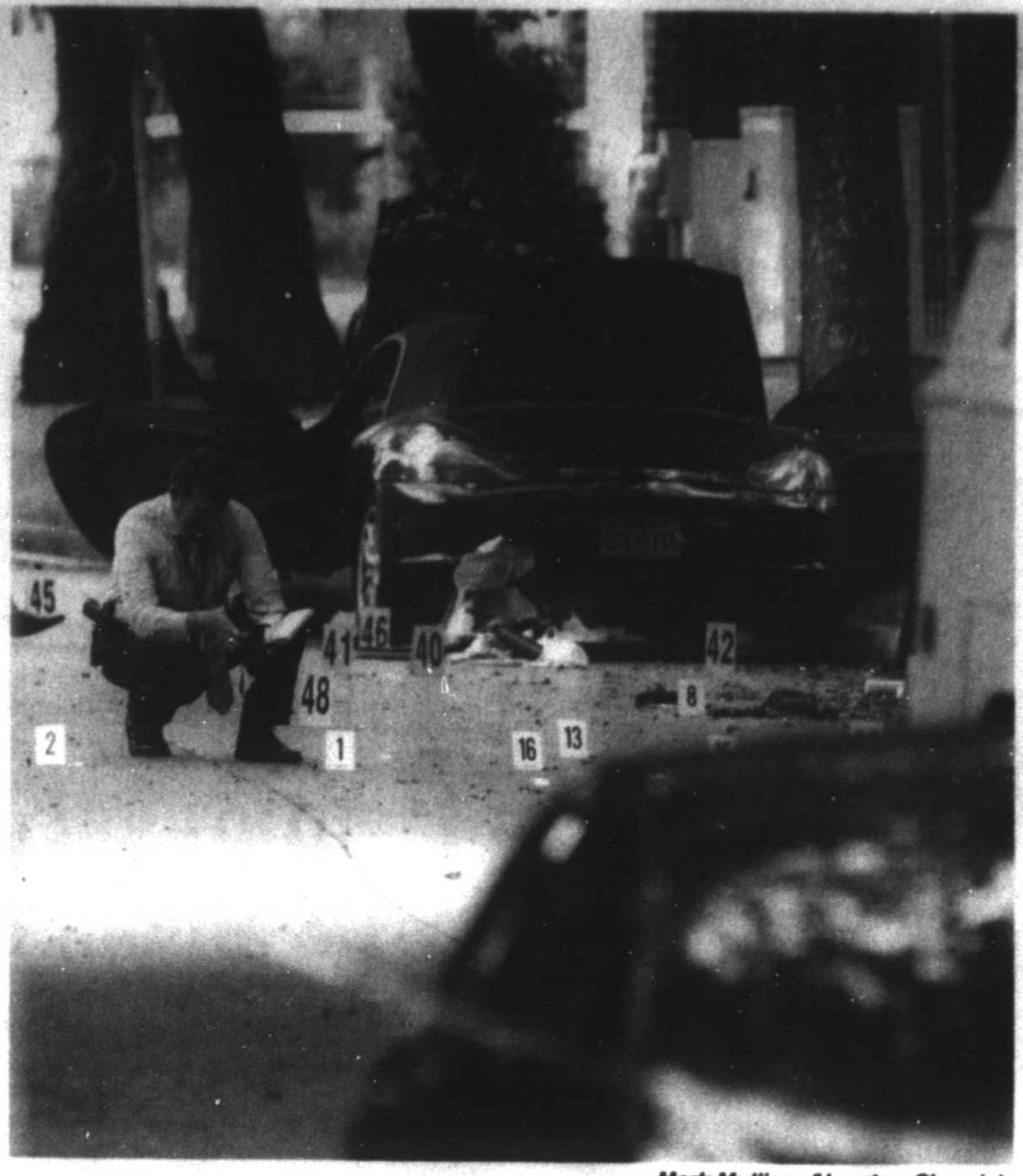

Mark Mulligan/Houston Chronicle

Police investigate the suspect's car Monday after a shooting in Houston. A disgruntled lawyer who had numerous weapons randomly shot at drivers in a Houston neighborhood Monday morning, hitting multiple people, before he was shot and killed by police, authorities said.

Houston gunman had 2 weapons, thousands of rounds

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

"He went his way with his practice and I went with mine. All I can say it's a horrible situation. I'm sad for everyone involved."

Kenneth McDaniel, suspect's former law partner

HOUSTON — A disgruntled lawyer wearing military-style apparel with old Nazi emblems had two weapons and more than 2,500 rounds of live ammunition when he randomly shot at drivers in a Houston neighborhood Monday morning before he was shot and killed by police, authorities said.

Nine people were injured during Monday morning's shootings; six were shot and three had eye injuries from flying glass. One person is in critical condition and another in serious condition, officials said.

Houston Homicide Capt. Dwayne Ready and Interim Police Chief Martha Montalvo did not identify the man and did not have information about a motive. A bomb-squad robot examined a Porsche that police said belonged to the gunman: Texas motor vehicle records in a commercially available database showed the car is licensed to Nathan DeSai at an address in the condo complex.

The property manager of the condo complex also confirmed that police were going through DeSai's residence, where Ready said vintage military items dating to the Civil War and other guns were found the man's apartment.

Authorities first received reports of the shootings about 6:30 a.m., and the man began firing at officers when they arrived. The man had two legally purchased guns — a .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun and a Tommy gun — and an unsheathed knife, Ready said. He also noted that there were 75 spent casings at the scene, which were from officers and the gunman.

Mayor Sylvester Turner told KTRK-TV that DeSai was a lawyer who was "disgruntled" and was "either fired or had a bad relationship with this law firm." But DeSai's former law partner, Kenneth McDaniel, disputed that assertion, saying they jointly closed their 12-year-old law firm in February because of economic conditions related to Houston's energy industry downturn.

McDaniel also said he'd had no contact with DeSai lately and that police called him Monday morning to check on his safety, though they didn't explain why.

"He went his way with his practice and I went with mine," McDaniel said, adding, "All I can say it's a horrible situation. I'm sad for everyone involved."

Calls placed to phone numbers connected to DeSai and his father were not immediately answered. DeSai's father, Prakash DeSai, told Houston television station KTRK that his son lived in the condo complex and drives a black Porsche. He also said his son, whom he saw Sunday, was upset because "his law practice is not going well" and stays upset "because of his personal problems."

The entrance to the condo complex, which is in southwest Houston near the affluent enclave of West University Place, was blocked off with police tape late Monday morning. Several cars with bullet holes and shattered windows were at a nearby strip mall.

Jennifer Molleda and her husband live in the same condo complex as Nathan DeSai. Though she heard gunshots about 6:12 a.m. and called 911, her husband left for work. The 45-year-old called him not long after, and he told her "I'm hit, I'm hit."

After the shooting stopped at 7:15 a.m., Molleda found her husband, 49-year-old Alan Wakim, several blocks away in the parking lot of a nearby strip mall. His Mustang had two shots that went through the windshield, and he told her that he saw a red laser beam before the shots were fired. He was taken to a hospital to be treated.

"He got out of his car, we hugged, we cried," Molleda said, adding that after she saw everything, she believes DeSai was "aiming to kill."

Molleda said she didn't know DeSai very well, and described him as quiet. "He's a normal, average Joe," she said.

Jason Delgado, the property manager of The Oaks at West University condo complex, said DeSai was involved in two recent incidents at the complex.

In August, Delgado said, police were called after roofers working in the complex said DeSai pointed an assault-style rifle at them. He says there wasn't enough evidence to move forward with charges because the man contended he didn't point the gun at roofers. Molleda mentioned the same incident.

And last week, DeSai became upset because of water pressure problems at his home, asked for maintenance help and expressed his displeasure in an email to the management firm that implied he'd "intimidate his way to getting what he was asking for," Delgado said.

Another witness, 30-year-old Antwon Wilson, inadvertently drove into the shooting scene after dropping off his girlfriend at work and could "literally hear the gunfire flying." He managed to flee and escape injury.

Lee Williams left his home in the neighborhood upon hearing gunshots and began directing traffic away from the condo complex, noting that people usually cut through the area to avoid some busier intersections. One car ignored him, he said, and was immediately shot at. Williams couldn't see the gunman because it was dark, but believed he saw the muzzle flashes.

"Whatever cars were going by, he was shooting at them," the 55-year-old said, noting he heard at least 50 gunshots over 40 or so minutes. As he was being interviewed, neighbors came by and patted him on the back, thanking him for keeping people safe.

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Dallas police and fire pension in crisis, retirees concerned

By Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

DALLAS — Still recovering from the July sniper attack that left five law enforcement officers dead, the Dallas Police Department is facing a new crisis as its pension fund approaches insolvency and scores of officers, including Chief David Brown, announce unexpected retirements.

The crisis comes as the Dallas Police Department negotiates with City Hall to raise pay and build its ranks, which union leaders say have been depleted by low pay and poor working conditions. There are currently 3,355 officers in a department that once had 3,600.

Problems with the Dallas Police and Fire Pension system have been simmering for years and were coming to a head when the July 7 sniper attack temporarily united the city. But, in recent weeks, the pension crisis has boiled up again because of fears about the system's viability and pleas for calm from fund administrators.

Brown, who received national acclaim for his handling of the sniper attack, surprised the city on Sept. 1 by announcing his retirement, effective Oct. 22. He then moved up his retirement date to Oct. 4, saying he wanted to take advantage of "time-sensitive opportunities." He did not elaborate.

The head of the department's largest police union did elaborate on his pension concerns when he announced his retirement, also effective Oct. 4.

"I wanted to make sure that I was able to move it and get it invested somewhere safe," the outgoing president of the Dallas Police Association, Ron Pinkston, told local TV. "I don't know anything anybody else doesn't know that has been doing their homework. And hopefully everybody that's in my position, that's thinking about it, is doing their homework, is checking their numbers."

In a statement, Pinkston also accused city leaders of "running off talented officers" with bad pay and benefits and warned that "Dallas is on a dangerous path toward a future marred with fear and violence."

The police and fire pension fund spent almost a decade basing its financial health on artificially inflated asset values from risky real estate investments, according to its executive director. After devaluing those assets to reflect actual worth, the plan is about 45 percent funded and projected to run out of money in less than 15 years, Texas Pension Review Board numbers show.

More than half of the system's $2.5 billion in assets are in deferred retirement funds, according to Kelly Gottschalk, who took over in 2015 after the fund's previous executive director resigned over the investment scandal.

Longtime Texas lawmaker facing ethics questions resigns

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A longtime Texas lawmaker who was under investigation following reports that questioned her use of state funds said Monday she is resigning because of health complications, but not until after the November election.

Democratic state Rep. Dawnna Dukes said injuries suffered in a 2013 car accident, which she has said caused her to miss the majority of the 2015 legislative session, made it no longer possible to provide "active, effective leadership" for her Austin-area district. She was first elected in 1994 and is among the longest-serving Democrats in the Texas Capitol.

Her statement did not mention a criminal investigation that was opened earlier this year after former aides alleged she required them to work on personal projects and errands. The Texas Rangers delivered prosecutors their findings last week, said Gregg Cox, who runs the special prosecution division in the Travis County district attorney's office. Cox said Monday that "the matter is still under review."

The Austin American-Statesman has also found that Dukes filed for $30,000 in gas reimbursements since 2001, eight times more than her fellow Austin legislators combined, and made other expenses that raise questions. She has previously defended how she ran her office.

"I must take the time to focus all of my energy to heal and continue to provide for my young daughter and extended family," Dukes said of her decision to resign.

Dukes said she intends to remain on the November ballot and then have Republican Gov. Greg Abbott call a special election for her seat in her heavily Democratic district. Her Republican challenger, Gabriel Nila, said in a statement "there is no good reason for her to resign 100 days from now" and called on her to leave office immediately.

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"Apollo 13 - The Successful Failure" by Capt. James Lovell is presented by the Davidson Distinguished Lecture Series. 7:30 p.m. today at Midland College Chaparral Center, 3600 N. Garfield St. midland.edu/lovell.

Things to do

- Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m., Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lb.
- Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
- "Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous" with Nizar Ibrahim is part of the Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series. 7 p.m., Petroleum Museum. Free but tickets required. Ptpetro.org.
- Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.
- $2 Tuesdays bowling after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.
- Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.
- Education Foundation of Odessa 15th annual Benefit Concert with Sheryl Crow, 8:30 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. $49-$79. Etix.com.

Meeting

City Council
10 a.m.
Council chambers
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Tax ratification election

When: Oct. 8
Time: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Election Day voting centers: Annex Courtroom, 2110 N. "A" St.; Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250; Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.; Golf Course Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course Road; St. Paul's Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Drive.
Early voting
When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Oct. 3-4
Where: County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.

Online: http://www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/elections/Pages/Current-Election.aspx

Election turnout

Wednesday: 346
Thursday: 373
Friday: 424

Source: Midland County Election's Office

Support groups, club meetings today

- Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.
- Overeaters Anonymous; 5:30-6:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church (room across from ballroom) 553-1031.
- Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org
- PDAP meetings, 7-8 p.m.: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church
- Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.
- Tall City VFW Post 7208 bingo games, 7 p.m., 1303 E. Taylor

Today in history

- "Back the Blue" Block Party is planned for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Rock the Desert fairgrounds, 2000 S. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. The event, organized by the Midland and Odessa police departments, will benefit the Dallas Police Department and DART (Dallas Area Rapid Transit) officers.

There will be car show, face painting, jumpers, live music, a raffle and hot dog lunch. Tickets for lunch and raffle are $5 each.

- Area Agency on Aging and The Patio (which provides respite for caregivers) are presenting Legal Lunch & Learn with elder law attorney Mary Lou Cassidy 11 a.m. Oct. 13 at Midland Luthern Church, 2705 W. Michigan Ave. Topics to be covered include wills, Medicaid, probate, guardianship, power of attorney and durable power of attorney.

To make a reservation, call Susan Frederickson at 262-4962. Deadline to make luncheon reservations is Monday

On this date in Texas

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Daily 4 evening: 6-5-6-6
Daily 4 night: 3-5-5-4
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Texas Two-Step: 18-20-34-35, Bonus: 12
All or Nothing morning: 5-6-8-9-11-13-15-16-18-19-23-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-5-6-7-10-14-16-20-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-4-5-6-7-15-16-17-18-21-22-24
All or Nothing night: 1-3-4-6-7-8-11-15-16-20-22-24
Triple Chance: 3-6-10-14-20-26-37-38-45-51

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Water all over the place

Crews try to shut off the water line on Big Spring Street near Palmer Drive on Monday after a break in the line shot water high in the air. It was a break in a 6-inch line that crews had to cut out and replace, according to the city's spokeswoman. The break left two nearby restaurants without water. The repair was expected to be completed by Monday evening.

Colombia, FARC sign historic peace deal ending long conflict

By Joshua Goodman and Andrea Rodriguez
Associated Press

CARTAGENA, Colombia — Colombia's government and the country's largest rebel movement signed a historic peace accord Monday evening ending a half-century of combat that caused more than 220,000 deaths and made 8 million homeless.

Underlining the importance of the deal, President Juan Manuel Santos and Rodrigo Londono, leader of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, signed the 297-page agreement before a crowd of 2,500 foreign dignitaries and special guests, including U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Many in the audience had tears in their eyes, and shouts rose urging Santos and Londono to "Hug, hug, hug!" But in the end, the two men just clasped hands and the rebel commander, also known as Timochenko, put on a pin shaped like a white dove that Santos has been wearing on his lapel for years. Seconds later five jets buzzed overhead in formation trailing smoke in the colors of Colombia's flag.

During a minute of silence for the war's victims, 50 white flags were raised. Everyone at the event wore white as a symbol of peace.

Santos proclaimed after the signing that the accord will help Colombia to stop the killing, to end the deaths of young people, the innocent, soldiers and rebels alike. He led the crowd in chants of "No more war! No more war! No more war!" and he urged Colombians to vote to accept the accord in the Oct. 2 national referendum that will determine if it takes effect.

Londono called Santos "a courageous partner" in reaching the peace deal through four hard years of negotiations, calling the accord "a victory for Colombian society and the international community."

He also praised FARC's fighters as heroes of the downtrodden in the struggle for social justice, but repeated the movement's request for forgiveness for the war. "I apologize ... for all the pain that we have caused," he said.

The signing was greeted by wild cheers by about 1,000 FARC rebels in Sabanas del Yari, where the group recently concluded its last congress by endorsing the peace deal. "Yes, we can; yes, we can; yes, we can," they shouted, followed by calls for Timochenko to be president.

Earlier in the day, Santos and foreign dignitaries attended a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican's secretary of state, at a baroque church named for St. Peter Claver, a 17th century Jesuit priest revered as the "slave of slaves" for his role aiding tens of thousands of African slaves brought to the New World as chattel.

In a stirring homily, Pope Francis' envoy praised Colombians for overcoming the pain of the bloody conflict to find common ground with the rebels.

"All of us here today are conscious of the fact we're at the end of a negotiation, but also the beginning of a still open process of change that requires the contribution and respect of all Colombians," the cardinal said.

Across the country Colombians marked the occasion with a host of activities, from peace concerts by top-name artists to a street party in the capital, Bogota, where the signing ceremony was to be broadcast live on a giant screen. It was also celebrated by hundreds of guerrillas gathered in a remote region of southern Colombia where last week top commanders ratified the accord in what they said would be their last conference as a guerriila army.

Colombians will have the final say on endorsing or rejecting the accord in the Oct. 2 referendum. Opinion polls point to an almost-certain victory for the "yes" vote, but some analysts warn that a closer-than-expected finish or low voter turnout could bode poorly for the tough task the country faces in implementing the ambitious accord.

REGIONBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico's oil production decreases in early 2016

ALBUQUERQUE — Statistics from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division show a drop in the state's production during the first half of 2016.

The Albuquerque Journal reports that statewide oil production fell nearly 5 percent in the first seven months of the year. The latest statistics show that the production was down by about four million barrels from January to July, dropping to 82 million barrels from 2015's 86 million during the same time period.

The numbers show the first significant drop in New Mexico's oil production since crude prices crashed in 2014. Steeper declines are possible, with prices are unlikely to rise significantly until next year.

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Wes Perry (far right) and wife Roni (far left) sit with mother Ricki Perry, and the children and grandchildren, totaling four generations of Midlanders with a connection to Bowie Fine Arts Academy and Midland schools. Photographed Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 at Bowie Fine Arts Academy.

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It's amazing how new technology that creates the most realistic-looking wood (and stone) patterns can help give your home the warm appearance and feel of the most prestigious homes of the past. All that while giving you the carefree features of ceramic tile.

Have you always wanted the natural colors and varied textures of wood or stone in your kitchen or bath, but were concerned about water or food stains making that impossible? Florida Tile's high definition porcelain (HDP) tile from Southwest Floors does just that.

With older wood grain tile technology the pattern might repeat every few feet, giving your floor an oddly manufactured look. HDP uses digital technology to spread repeats apart by 100 feet, making it much more natural and more appealing to the eye.

And like all top-of-the-line tile, Florida Tile's HDP tile maintains its beauty for years and years against foot traffic, dirt and spills with just a little sweeping and mild mopping.

This type of tile is wildly popular in this area these days," says Southwest Floors' Travis Kendrick. "Wood-look ceramic tile accounts for about 80 percent of the flooring customers buy here. This is the look everyone wants at least somewhere in their home this year."

With any flooring proper installation is the key, and you can rest assured that's what you'll get at Southwest Floors. They use only the best installers, who will only be happy with the work when you are. That way your floor will maintain its beauty and integrity for many years to come.

So many west Texas homeowners are combining the best of the new styles with the rustic charm of pioneer days. That's one reason for the leap in popularity of wood look tile. West Texans love to entertain, and tile gives them that flexibility, worry-free, while maintaining the rustic elegance they want in their décor.

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The aptly named Berkshire series evokes a nostalgic Americana feeling. With its rich colors and hand-scraped texture, Berkshire looks and feels like panels of reclaimed lumber with a rich history. Find this and more amazing flooring at Southwest Floors, 1113 Andrews Highway.

Southwest Floors was opened by Robert Burton in 1990. They carry a wide selection of carpet, tile, wood and vinyl tile flooring. The address is 1113 Andrews Highway, next to McDonald's. The phone number is 689-9312. Store hours are 9-5:30 Monday through Friday and 10-1 Saturday. They accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover.

Can replacing rotting bricks save you money? Yes, by reducing your energy loss

It's almost like letting dollar bills escape through the gaps where bricks in your home are rotting and crumbling away, say George Rood and Jose Martinez of George Rood Masonry.

"Bricks crumble slowly, almost unnoticeably over many years," George points out. "You may not even notice it's happening until there are big gaps in your brickwork."

As the west Texas winds blow through those gaps they leak heat in or out, depending on the season, which makes your HVAC unit work harder to keep up. And there goes that money on your utility bills.

Too many times homeowners don't notice the problem until they try to sell their home, and the inspection shows issues that need repairs. Many area Realtors recommend that their clients call George or Jose when that time comes. But, they say, don't wait until then to take care of things.

"Really, a brief walk around your home can show you the problem areas," Jose says. "If you let us fix them now you can start saving money on heating or cooling right away." Usually the repairs are surprisingly affordable and can be done quickly. There's really no reason to put this job off!

Maybe you need a new fence or a brick patio or walkway around a swimming pool. For that, George or Jose will come to your home and listen to all your plans. They'll help you get the layout that gets you just what you need. Before they start, they will tell you exactly what is needed, what work will be done and what the cost will be, so you can relax knowing there will be no surprises at the end. Estimates, by the way, are free.

This is a hands-on project for George and Jose. One or both of them will be on site, working alongside the crew. Many times, Jorge will be the only bricklayer at the job. Jorge has 25 years' experience in bricklaying, the last 15 of which have been while working with George Rood Masonry. George himself has been a bricklayer for 49 years and has been in the Permian Basin since 1979. Both have lots of experience in brick repair and fence building, and they have deep roots in west Texas.

In fact, if you've seen a fence with columns built in it, spaced about 20 feet apart, that's a concept George introduced to the area. Those columns ensure that fences are strong and sturdy. "Before I came here and started doing that, no one had really used columns before," George says.

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Trans-Pacific Partnership isn't more of the same

CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

If you think the North American Free Trade Agreement exported too many jobs, allowed big corporations to exploit workers and damaged the environment, then you should support the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

The usual anti-trade activists would have you believe the TPP is nothing more than NAFTA on steroids, a new way to move factories overseas, boost corporate profits and hurt American workers. But in reality the TPP would dramatically lower barriers to U.S. goods and, for the first time, allow financial sanctions against countries that abuse workers or pollute.

In short, it is an opportunity to improve existing trade deals, and we'd be foolish to pass it up.

The TPP would overhaul NAFTA and expand trade with Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. China would not be included.

A key misconception is that TPP would increase the flow of cheap, foreign goods and encourage U.S. companies to move overseas. But in fact, 80 percent of goods from TPP countries already enter duty-free, and while the TPP would decrease tariffs on most of the other goods, other nations are required to drop much higher tariffs on U.S. goods.

"We face 70 percent tariffs on autos, 35 percent on chemicals, 55 percent on machinery, 50 percent on beef, 40 percent on poultry, 30 percent on cowboy boots, and all of those tariffs would go to zero or be greatly reduced," U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman said in an interview before speaking at Rice University's Baker Institute. Froman is President Barack Obama's top trade adviser and completed the TPP negotiations.

"We are disproportionately opening other markets since we already have an open market," he added.

The TPP is unlike previous trade agreements that created a list of goods and services and then forged rules about tariffs and quotas. The TPP aims to create a broader framework that establishes principles for trade in any good or service.

Another key difference from NAFTA is that policies enforcing labor and environmental standards, intellectual property rights, freedom of digital commerce and limits on government-owned companies are written into the agreement, and any country violating them will suffer punitive sanctions.

"We're raising these standards in other countries, which makes it a more level playing field and creates more incentives to keep production here, rather than moving abroad," Froman said. "If TPP doesn't move forward, then we don't have the ability to enforce labor rights in Mexico or any other TPP country."

By eliminating other countries' tariffs, the advantage of moving a factory disappears, since U.S. technology and worker productivity more than make up for lower wages elsewhere.

Globalization will always mean that low-skilled jobs will move to where labor is cheapest. Some Chinese companies have moved factories to Africa because Asian labor is too expensive. But with 95 percent of the growth in the global middle class taking place outside the United States, our companies need access to those markets to export goods and create more high-skilled U.S. jobs.

Houston is the classic example. This city, and this state, are the largest exporters in the United States. Skilled labor is in such high demand that hundreds of thousands of people have moved here over the last decade. And while the collapse in oil prices has hurt the energy industry, other sectors, including non-energy manufacturing, are still hiring.

Critics blast the TPP because it includes a mechanism for corporations to bring a complaint about government regulation using the Investor-State Dispute Settlement arbitration system, which exists in more than 3,100 trade agreements, 51 of which include the United States.

Critics say the Investor-State Dispute Settlement system allows companies to force governments to repeal labor and environmental laws, and while there have been abuses overseas, the U.S. government has never lost a case. Again, the TPP would improve this system.

The TPP is also critical to maintaining U.S. leadership. China is offering an alternative to the TPP called the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. That trade deal would include 16 countries and would not have any provisions for labor, food safety, environmental protection or government procurement.

James Baker III, former President Ronald Reagan's chief of staff and the Baker Institute's namesake, said the TPP is essential to improving trade and protecting national security.

"Trade is the foundation of our prosperity and our international influence. The TPP is too important an issue to be decided by political posturing and pandering," Baker said. "Failure to pass the agreement will cede economic and strategic leadership in Asia to China and other countries."

Read the TPP for yourself. It's online at ustr.gov/tpp/. The TPP is not more of the same. It could make trade fairer and freer, and therefore it deserves our support.

OUR VIEW

Openness laws caught ag commissioner

Beaumont Enterprise

In the grand scheme of things, the $2,000 that Texas Ag Commissioner Sid Miller tried to claim on his expenses for two out-of-state trips last year was not that huge. Most state agencies spend that in an hour — or just a few minutes.

But the principle involved was significant: State money is supposed to be spent for state business, not personal uses. Thanks to open records laws, this important point has been detected and reinforced.

To sum up, Miller went to Oklahoma to get a controversial medical injection known as "The Jesus Shot." It is given by a convicted felon who says it takes away all pain for life. Miller also went to a rodeo in Mississippi, where he won $880 in prize money. Both trips occurred in February 2015.

If Miller wants to dabble in "unconventional" medical procedures, that's his decision. If he enjoys the rodeo, more power to him.

But the issue with both trips is that he initially tried to claim them (and many of their related expenses) as official state business.

Travis County prosecutors investigated the trips and decided last week not to press charges after Miller agreed to repay the state an additional $498.

Miller told investigators that he did not understand how some expenditures were supposed to be handled and believed that his personal activities were "incidental to official travel to meet state officials."

The larger point here is that none of this would have been uncovered if Miller's expense claims hadn't been subject to the open records law.

It is highly unlikely he would have volunteered them to reporters with the Houston Chronicle. Thanks to openness laws, however, journalists were able to study the records and discover the discrepancies.

That's a component of ethical government that must never be compromised. If one state official could spend $2,000 inappropriately, eventually another might try to get by with $20,000, and so on. Openness and accountability make it less likely that this would happen.

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Latino host busts stereotypes

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It's an argument you might have heard from nativist Republicans in the Southwest, as well as from union-friendly Democrats in the Rust Belt: "The Mexicans are coming to take your jobs!"

You had better believe it. I know a hardworking Mexican-American radio host in Texas who has taken three of them.

I don't always agree with Chris Salcedo, but I'm proud to call him a friend. His followers know him as the "Liberty Loving Latino," and his voice has never been stronger.

As a Latino conservative who supports Donald Trump and thinks liberalism will ruin America, Salcedo is the stereotype-busting powerhouse of the airwaves. Over the last quarter-century, he has climbed the ladder, thanks to talent, breaks, hustle, networking, perseverance and sweat.

The 45-year-old has a degree in the dramatic arts and initially wanted to be an actor. But he has been performing on a different stage, working in radio and television for most of his life — in his native Southern California, in Washington, D.C., and most recently, in Texas. And all the dues-paying has finally been rewarded.

Salcedo now has not one, not two, but three daily two-hour radio shows broadcasting from the Lone Star State. That means the married father of three girls — ages 9, 13 and 15 — spends 30 hours a week talking on the air, and he still makes it home each night to have dinner with his family.

Even among longtime radio professionals, this kind of workload is virtually unheard of.

Not bad for a guy whose memory of his first radio job, in his early 20s, summons the smell of freshly baked rolls because the tiny radio studio in a small town not far from San Diego was located above a bakery.

Salcedo started out writing the news for others to read, and soon he was reading it himself. Then came a stint as the weatherman for a local TV station, and a move to Dallas to take a job as a reporter. By the time Washington beckoned with an offer to co-anchor a national morning radio show, he was eager to break out of the straitjacket of objective journalism.

Like everyone in broadcast media, Salcedo got jobs and lost jobs, and had his plans turned upside down.

"I was under the illusion that I was in control," he told me. "It's not true. It's great to have a plan, but you have to be ready to change it."

The change that Salcedo made, just three years ago, was to go from an employee to a brand.

"I got tired of depending on other people, and their idea of what I needed to be," he said. "So I created the idea of 'The Chris Salcedo Show.'"

It was a good idea. With a morning show on WBAP-820 AM in Dallas, an afternoon show on KSEV-700 AM in Houston, and a national show on Glenn Beck's digital creation, TheBlaze Radio Network, Salcedo is talking up a storm.

"I like what I do on radio," he said. "I have the ability to express my opinions. In a more structured news environment, it wouldn't be as much fun. Here, I get to do my kind of radio."

Salcedo's kind of radio revolves around what he calls "the beer factor." It's about making listeners feel as if they want to have a beer with him. And that's all about being authentic.

"People can tell when you're being you," he said.

This being an election year, I asked my friend why he became a conservative.

"Because I recognize why the U.S. has been a success," he said. "As we lean toward liberalism, we become less successful — in race relations, foreign policy, domestic policy."

As for backing Trump — a position that, according to the polls, is shared by only one in five Latinos — Salcedo insists the Republican nominee is the most "pro-America" choice on the ballot. And while many Latinos consider Trump's words offensive, Salcedo doesn't see it that way. For him, the immigration debate isn't about race, but border security. He also maintains that Trump is giving voice to the concern shared by many Americans that the country has lost its way

Salcedo is determined to help get us back on track. And whether you agree with him or not, we can expect him to be part of the national discussion for many years to come.

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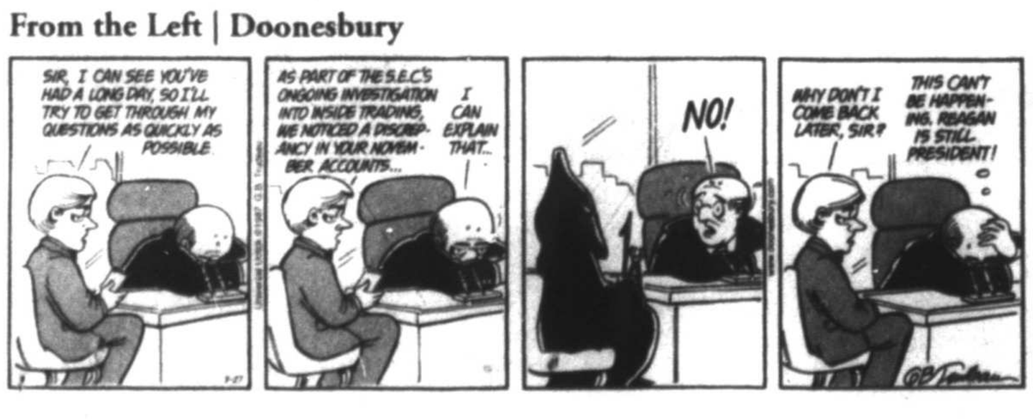

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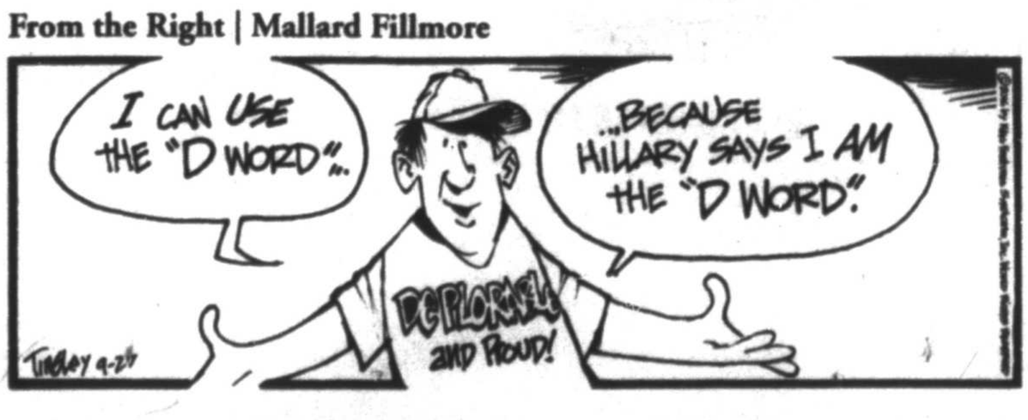

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Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton shakes hands with Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump after the presidential debate at Hofstra University on Monday in Hempstead, N.Y.

Clinton, Trump battle fiercely over taxes, race, terror

By Julie Pace and Jill Colvin
Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — In a combative opening debate, Hillary Clinton emphatically denounced Donald Trump Monday night for keeping his personal tax returns and business dealings secret from voters and peddling a "racist lie" about President Barack Obama. Businessman Trump repeatedly cast Clinton as a "typical politician" as he sought to capitalize on Americans' frustration with Washington.

Locked in an exceedingly close White House race, the presidential rivals tangled for 90-minutes over their vastly different visions for the nation's future. Clinton called for lowering taxes for the middle class, while Trump focused more on renegotiating trade deals that he said have caused companies to move jobs out of the U.S. The Republican backed the controversial "stop-and-frisk policing" tactic as a way to bring down crime, while the Democrat said the policy was unconstitutional and ineffective.

The debate was confrontational from the start, with Trump frequently trying to interrupt Clinton and speaking over her answers. Clinton was more measured and restrained, but also needled the sometimes-thin-skinned Trump over his business record and wealth.

"There's something he's hiding," she declared, scoffing at his repeated contentions that he won't release his tax returns because he is being audited. Tax experts have said an audit is no bar to making his records public. She said one reason he has refused is that he may well have paid nothing in federal taxes. He interrupted to say, "That makes me smart."

Trump aggressively tried to turn the transparency questions around on Clinton, saying he would release his tax information when she produces more than 30,000 emails that were deleted from the personal internet server she used as secretary of state.

Trump's criticism of Clinton turned personal in the debate's closing moments. He said, "She doesn't have the look, she doesn't have the stamina" to be president. He's made similar comments in previous events, sparking outrage from Clinton backers who accused him of leveling a sexist attack on the first woman nominated for president by a major U.S. political party.

Clinton leapt at the opportunity to remind voters of Trump's numerous controversial comments about women, who will be crucial to the outcome of the November election.

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

The televised face-off was the most anticipated moment in an election campaign that has been both historic and unpredictable. Both sides expected a record-setting audience for the showdown at Hofstra University in suburban New York, reflecting the intense national interest in the race to become America's 45th president.

The centerpiece of Trump's case against Clinton was that the former senator and secretary of state is little more than a career politician who has squandered opportunities to address the domestic and international she's now pledging to tackle as president.

"She's got experience," he said, "but it's bad experience."

Both candidates portrayed themselves as best-prepared to lead a nation where many are still struggling to benefit from a slow economic recovery and are increasingly fearful of terror threats at home and abroad. When Trump jabbed Clinton for taking time off the campaign trail to study for the debate, she said, "I prepared to be president, and that's a good thing."

The candidates sparred over trade, taxes and how to bring good-paying jobs back to the United States.

Clinton said her Republican rival was promoting a "Trumped-up" version of trickle-down economics — a philosophy focused on tax cuts for the wealthy. She called for increasing the federal minimum wage, spending more on infrastructure projects and guaranteeing equal pay for women.

Trump panned policies that he said have led to American jobs being moved overseas, in part because of international trade agreements that Clinton has supported. He pushed her aggressively on her past support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade pact while she was serving in the Obama administration. She's since said she opposes the sweeping deal in its final form.

Moderator Lester Holt under scrutiny during debate

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Everyone's aware of the stakes for Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump during the first presidential debate, but there's a third person in the equation who faces a different pressure: Lester Holt.

The NBC News veteran is moderating his first general election debate, making him solely responsible for the questions asked each candidate and for steering the conversation. His performance will be closely watched, particularly in light of a dispute over the extent to which he should call politicians out for making untrue statements.

Holt, 57, has kept quiet about his preparations. The NBC "Nightly News" anchor took over his job last year after predecessor Brian Williams was found to have lied about his role in news stories.

Like the moderators for all three presidential debates this fall, it's Holt's first time in that role for a general election debate. He hosted a Democratic primary forum in January, and has interviewed Clinton and Trump three times each during the campaign.

In a reflection of the attention that will be paid to Holt, his voter registration became an issue last week.

"Lester is a Democrat," Trump said in a Fox News Channel interview. "It's a phony system. They are all Democrats."

Holt, however, is a registered Republican, according to New York state voting records.

Asked about the misstatement on Monday, Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway said on MSNBC that it wasn't a lie because Trump didn't know Holt's voter registration.

Voting records show that Anderson Cooper of CNN, who is moderating the Oct. 9 debate, is registered unaffiliated with a party in New York and Chris Wallace of Fox News, the moderator on Oct. 19, is a registered Democrat in Washington, D.C. Martha Raddatz, who will join Cooper, lives in Virginia, which doesn't register voters by party, and ABC would not discuss her affiliation.

That illustrates on a small scale the issue of to what extent moderators, and journalists covering the debate, should point it out when a candidate says something untrue. It became part of the pre-debate discussion when Holt's NBC colleague, Matt Lauer, was criticized for not confronting Trump earlier this month when the Republican falsely claimed he had not expressed support for the war in Iraq during a forum between the two candidates.

The Clinton campaign says moderators should police false statements. Trump's campaign says it's not their role. Among journalists, there's no consensus.

Janet Brown, executive director of the Commission on Presidential Debates, said on CNN Sunday that in past debates moderators have generally believed the candidates should call their opponents out when something false is said.

"I don't think it's a good idea to get the moderator into essentially serving as the Encyclopedia Britannica," Brown said.

Television networks were skittish Monday in discussing their fact-checking plans in advance. None admitted in advance to plans of flashing graphics onscreen to identify a false statement; that hasn't been done in the past. NBC News said it is teaming with PolitiFact for digital fact-checking. CBS said it will assign fact-checkers that will provide context during the debate on the CBSNews.com web site. In past years, some networks have assigned reporters post-debate to examine the accuracy of particular statements.

The television industry will be watching to see if Monday's debate can smash the previous record for the biggest presidential debate audience, the 80.6 million people who watched the only debate of the 1980 campaign between Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. The most-watched debate this century was the first between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney in 2012, with 67.2 million voters, the Nielsen company said.

During his television journalism career, Holt has been known more for hard work than flashiness. He was a news anchor in Chicago for 14 years before coming to NBC in 2000, and logged long hours on MSNBC during the Iraq War.

The bass guitar is his off-screen passion. Last week he set aside debate prep to play during a Manhattan rooftop party for "Dateline NBC," joining some fellow NBC employees running through songs by Alabama Shakes, Billy Squier and Jefferson Starship.

AP file photo

NBC Nightly News anchor Lester Holt arrives at the 9th Annual California Hall of Fame induction ceremonies at the California Museum on Oct. 28, 2015 in Sacramento, Calif. Holt moderated the first scheduled presidential debate Monday with ABC's Martha Raddatz. CNN's Anderson Cooper and Fox News Channel's Chris Wallace lined up for others.

AP FACT CHECK: Trump, Clinton deny their own words in debate

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump's habit of peddling hype and fabrication emerged unabated in the first presidential debate while Hillary Clinton played it cautiously in her statements, though not without error. They both denied making statements that they are on the record as saying.

A look at some of the claims in the debate and how they compare with the facts:

Trump, denying Clinton's accusation that he supported the Iraq war: "Wrong. Wrong." Later: "That is a mainstream media nonsense put out by her. I was against the war in Iraq."

The facts: There is no evidence Trump expressed public opposition to the war before the U.S. invaded, despite his repeated insistence that he did. Rather, he offered lukewarm support. He only began to voice doubts about the conflict well after it began in March 2003. His first known public comment on the topic came on Sept. 11, 2002, when he was asked whether he supported a potential Iraq invasion in an interview with radio host Howard Stern. "Yeah, I guess so," Trump responded. On March 21, 2003, just days after the invasion began, Trump said it "looks like a tremendous success from a military standpoint." Later that year he began voicing doubts.

Clinton, denying Trump's accusation that she called the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal the "gold standard" of trade agreements: "I did say I hoped it would be a good deal."

The facts: Trump is correct. As secretary of state, Clinton called the deal that was taking shape the "gold standard" of trade agreements, in a 2012 trip to Australia, and championed the agreement in other venues around the world. She did not merely express the hope it would turn out well.

Clinton flip-flopped into opposing the trade deal in the Democratic primary when facing Bernie Sanders, who was strongly opposed to it.

Trump, when Clinton accused him of calling climate change a hoax invented by the Chinese: "I did not say that."

The facts: Yes he did, in the form of a 2012 tweet: "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive." He later claimed he was kidding, but he's also repeated the claim that climate change is a hoax, and one that benefits China.

He tweeted in January 2014: "Snowing in Texas and Louisiana, record setting freezing temperatures throughout the country and beyond. Global warming is an expensive hoax!"

Trump: "I've been under audit for almost 15 years."

The facts: Trump has never provided evidence to the public that he is actually under audit. A letter released by his tax attorneys never used the word, merely describing his tax returns under continuous review. "Review" is not a formal term for any kind of action by the Internal Revenue Service.

Trump has declined to provide the IRS' formal notice of audit to The Associated Press and other news outlets. And former IRS officials have expressed skepticism that anyone would be audited so frequently. Trump cites an audit as the reason he won't release his tax returns.

Clinton: As part of a list of economy-building moves, called for "making college debt free so more young people can get their education."

The facts: Clinton has proposed making college tuition free for in-state students who go to a public college or university. But tuition free doesn't equate to debt free.

Under her plan, the government would pay for in-state tuition at public colleges and universities for students from families earning less than $125,000 a year. That would leave students still bearing the cost of room and board, which makes up more than half of the average $18,943 sticker price at a four-year public university, according to the College Board.

Experts worry about other effects: Will colleges raise tuition once the government starts paying, increasing the cost to taxpayers? Will more students flock to public colleges because of the subsidy, also raising costs?

Trump to Clinton: "You've been fighting ISIS your entire adult life."

The facts: Hillary Clinton was born in 1947 and is 68 years old. She reached adulthood in 1965. The Islamic State group grew out of an al-Qaida spinoff, al-Qaida in Iraq in 2013, the year Clinton left the State Department.

Trump: "My father gave me a small loan in 1975."

The facts: Trump got a whole lot more than a small loan. Aside from $1 million in financing from his father, Trump received loan guarantees, bailouts and a drawdown from his future inheritance. Tim O'Brien noted in a 2005 book that Trump not only drew an additional $10 million from his future inheritance during hard times, but also inherited a share of his father's real estate holdings, which were worth hundreds of millions when they were eventually sold off.

Trump: President Barack Obama "has doubled (the national debt) in almost eight years. ... When we have $20 trillion in debt, and our country is a mess."

The facts: Trump's expressed concern about the national debt obscures that his own policies would increase it by much more than Clinton's, according to the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

Trump's tax cuts would increase the deficit by $5.3 trillion over 10 years, the group found, while Clinton's proposals would boost the deficit by $200 billion. Those increases are on top of an already-projected increase of about $9 trillion over the next decade, according to the Congressional Budget Office. By 2026, debt held by the public would total $23.3 trillion under Clinton's plans, and $28.4 trillion under Trump.

Trump: "The Fed, by keeping interest rates at this level, the Fed is doing political things. ... The Fed is being more political than Secretary Clinton."

The facts: This is a recurrent claim by Trump with no evidence to back it up. It's the Federal Reserve's job to help improve the economy and to the extent that happens, political leaders and their party may benefit. But presidents can't make the Fed, an independent agency, do anything.

Under former chairman Ben Bernanke and current chairwoman Janet Yellen, the Fed has attracted controversy by pegging the short-term interest rate it controls to nearly zero for seven years. After one increase in December, it is still ultra-low at between 0.25 percent and 0.5 percent, a rate that some economists worry could spark a stock-market bubble or inflation. Bernanke was initially appointed by Republican President George W. Bush, and reappointed by President Barack Obama.

One reason Yellen is keeping rates low is that, in some ways, she agrees with Trump that hiring needs to keep growing to provide jobs for Americans who want them.

Trump: "You don't learn a lot from tax returns."

The facts: Americans stand to learn plenty if he releases his tax returns like other presidential candidates have done. They would provide vital information about his wealth, taxes paid, tax avoidance efforts, exact amounts of real estate holdings and charitable donations that can't be gleaned from any other source. For these reasons, every major party candidate for the last 40 years has released at least a few years of recent tax returns.

Trump said a 1970s racial discrimination case against his real estate business was settled "with no admission of guilt" and that the case was "brought against many real estate developers."

The facts: The first claim is technically correct; the second is false.

Trump and his father fiercely fought a 1973 discrimination lawsuit brought by the Justice Department for their alleged refusal to rent apartments in predominantly white buildings to black tenants. Testimony showed that the applications filed by black apartment seekers were marked with a "C" for "colored." A settlement that ended the lawsuit did not require the Trumps to acknowledge that discrimination had occurred. The government's description of the settlement said Trump and his father had "failed and neglected" to comply with the Fair Housing Act.

Trump was wrong to say the suit was brought against many real estate developers — it was specific to buildings rented by his father and him.

Showdown: Congress looks to override Obama veto of 9/11 bill

By Richard Lardner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is poised to override President Barack Obama's veto of a bill that would allow families of Sept. 11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia for the kingdom's alleged backing of the terrorists who carried out the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

The showdown is scheduled for Wednesday. Proponents of the legislation say they have enough votes for what would be a first: During his nearly two full terms in office, Obama has vetoed nine bills. None has been overridden.

While there is broad and bipartisan support for bucking the president, the bill's opponents also are pushing hard to keep the measure from being enacted. They're warning the U.S. will become vulnerable to retaliatory litigation in foreign courts that could put American troops in legal jeopardy.

Here's a look at the key issues surrounding the bill, the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, as the veto override vote nears:

What would the legislation do?

The legislation, known as JASTA, gives victims' families the right to sue in U.S. court for any role that elements of the Saudi government may have played in the 2001 attacks that killed thousands in New York, the Washington, D.C., area and Pennsylvania. Under the terms of the bill, courts would be permitted to waive a claim of foreign sovereign immunity when an act of terrorism occurs inside U.S. borders. Saudi Arabia has objected vehemently to the bill.

Why did Obama veto the bill?

In his veto message issued on Friday, Obama said the bill would disrupt longstanding international principles on sovereign immunity and could create complications with even the closest allies of the United States.

Foreign governments would be able to act "reciprocally" and allow their courts to exercise jurisdiction over the United States and its employees for allegedly causing injuries overseas through American support to third parties, according to Obama. As examples, Obama cited actions taken overseas by U.S.-backed armed militias, the improper use of U.S. military equipment, and abuses committed by U.S.-trained police units.

The bill's proponents have disputed Obama's rationale as "unconvincing and unsupportable," saying the measure is narrowly tailored and applies only to acts of terrorism that occur on U.S. soil.

What's the concern for American troops and secrets?

Rep. Mac Thornberry, the Texas Republican who chairs the House Armed Services Committee, said that even if none of the potential lawsuits against the United States succeeded, "the risks of discovery or trial in foreign courts, including the questioning of government employees under oath, will disclose sensitive information and subject Americans to legal jeopardy of various kinds."

Thornberry is opposed to the bill and is urging his colleagues not to override Obama's veto.

But attorneys for the 9/11 families said U.S. military personnel are not at risk of lawsuits. Should a foreign government enact a law that allows a claim against American service members, that nation would not be reciprocating but engaging in a "transparent and unjustifiable act of aggression" that the U.S. should respond to, they said.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said Monday he is inclined to vote to override and said it looks as though there are enough votes in the House to overturn the president's decision. The House would act after the Senate votes.

Is there heightened tension with a key Middle East ally?

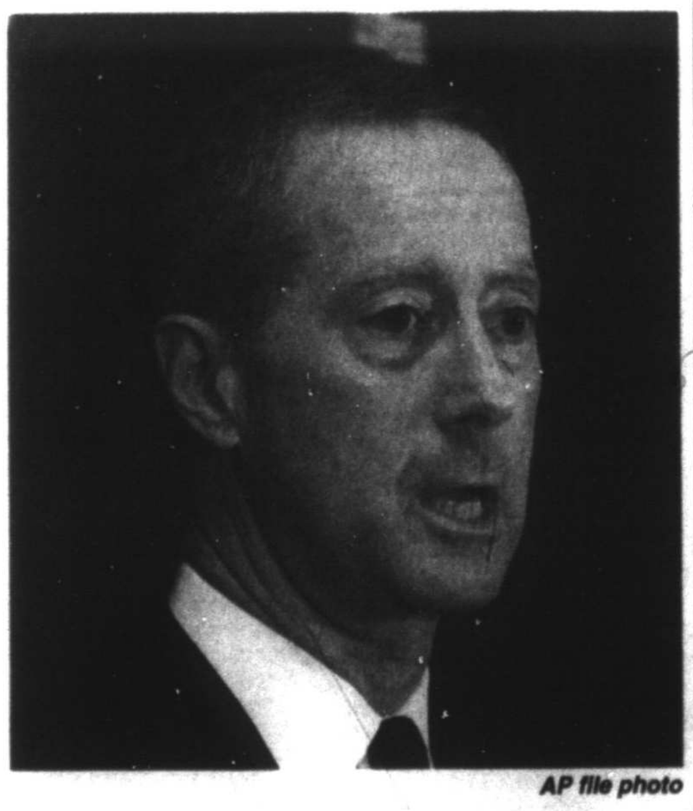
An override of Obama's veto is stoking apprehension about undermining a longstanding yet strained relationship with Saudi Arabia, a critical U.S. ally in the Middle East. Saudi Foreign Minister Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir had previously warned lawmakers they were on a path to turning "the world for international law into the law of the jungle."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., last week advised his congressional colleagues against alienating Saudi Arabia at a time when the U.S. needs the kingdom's support to defeat Islamic State militants. "If you want to lose Saudi Arabia as an ally, be careful what you wish for," said Graham, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "They're the heart and soul of the Islamic world."

How many votes are needed to override a veto?

A two-thirds majority of lawmakers present and voting is required in the House and Senate to override a veto.

Obama has vetoed the fewest bills — just nine — since President Warren G. Harding was in office more than 90 years ago, according to a web page maintained by the offices of the House clerk and historian. Harding served just two years as president before dying of a heart attack in 1923.



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House Armed Services Committee Chairman Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington on May 17. Congress is poised to override President Barack Obama's veto of a bill that would allow families of Sept. 11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia for the kingdom's alleged backing of the terrorists who carried out the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people.

STILL HANGING ON

AP file photo

"Pokemon Go" players begin a group walk along the Embarcadero in San Francisco on July 20. "Pokemon Go" was an instant hit when it debuted in July, as millions of people discovered augmented reality and joined stampedes from Central Park to Sydney capturing Pokemon via their phones. But as the hype subsides, what's next for the game?

'Pokemon Go' fervor has cooled, but the game isn't dead yet

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Does "Pokemon Go" have a second act?

The mobile phone app was an instant hit when it debuted in July. Crowds stampeded after a Vaporeon in Central Park and people fell off cliffs playing it in California.

At an Apple event on Sept. 7, Niantic CEO John Hanke said 500 million people had downloaded the game in just two months. It was the first mobile game to go mainstream in a big way since "Candy Crush" in 2014 or "Angry Birds" in 2012. It was also the first to incorporate augmented reality, a blending of the real and virtual worlds.

But the buzz has decidedly cooled. Last Tuesday, the game ended its reign as the top-grossing U.S. iPhone app after 74 days on top, replaced by "Clash Royale," a popular battling game, according to research firm Sensor Tower. Twitter mentions of the game peaked at 1.7 million on July 11, five days after its launch, according to Adobe Digital Insights. That number had fallen by 98 percent, to 131,000, by Sept. 7, when Apple featured it.

Was it all a summer fever dream? While experts say the game is likely to remain popular for a while, it needs to evolve to have real staying power — just like its namesake digital creatures.

"Almost anything of this sort is a fad," says Steve Jones, a communications professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. "I think we've seen the tapering off."

Down but not out

Of course, an enormous number of people still play the game. Research firm App Annie estimates 1 in 10 smartphone owners in the U.S. are playing; in Japan, that number is 1 in 4. Those U.S. figures are half what App Annie saw the week after the game launched — but to put them in perspective, they still reflect roughly the same user interest as Twitter or Pinterest.

"Pokemon Go" has also been good at keeping people playing after signing up. Its 30-day retention rate is the second best on the Google Play store — behind "Words with Friends," but ahead of other popular games such as "Clash of Clans" and "Clash Royale."

"For a gaming app to be as big as a social network is unprecedented," said, Fabien-Pierre Nicolas, a spokesman at App Annie. "Right now, yes, they're losing a million players every week. But they get a million new players every week."

The longer users interact with the game, the more time a company has to figure out how to get money from them, Nicolas said. It took a year for some successful games like "Clash of Clans," "Puzzle" and "Dragon" to earn revenue of $1 billion, but "Pokemon Go" has already made more than $500 million in revenue in two months alone, according to App Annie. The game is free, but lets users purchase items in the game.

"Pokemon Go" evolution

But with social chatter dying down and a new smartphone game based on a beloved 1990s character — "Super Mario Run" — hitting app stores in December, Pokemon will have to reinvent itself.

Kari Amarosso, a public relations manager at Arizona State University, started playing "Pokemon Go" with her 19-year-old son as a fun mother-son summer activity sparked by 1990s Pokemon-card nostalgia. They'd go to the mall or to meetups like one in Tempe, Arizona, where thousands of people walked around Tempe Town Lake capturing digital monsters.

But the allure wore off after about six weeks, she said. "I lost interest or just plain forgot to play," she says — and her son has stopped as well. "His route doesn't change much from work, to home, and he lost interest," she says.

Niantic has been trying to freshen things up. In September it introduced a "buddy" system, allowing users to pair up with a Pokemon to scoop up game currency called "candy." It has also debuted an Apple Watch app and introduced a $35 wearable device, Pokemon Go Plus, which lights up and vibrates when you're near a Pokestop or a newly appeared Pokemon.

Niantic did not respond to a request for comment.

Hasn't caught them all

Jones suggests the company needs to do more to keep people interested — for example, by adding some kind of social element so that players can interact with each other. His two teenage sons, he notes, have grown slightly less enchanted with the game.

"Young people are used to doing social media and there isn't really messaging as part of the game," Jones said. There have been persistent rumors that Niantic plans to let players trade captured Pokemon with one another, although the company hasn't commented on that.

The big challenge for "Pokemon Go" is to avoid the fate of "Candy Crush," says Pace University marketing professor Larry Chiagouris. Created by King Digital, "Candy Crush" because a smash hit; Activision Blizzard subsequently bought King for $5.9 billion. But while people still play the game, the fervor around it has died down.

When the game was at its peak, "you were getting invited to play Candy Crush every day" on Facebook, he said. "You don't get too many invitations to play Candy Crush anymore."

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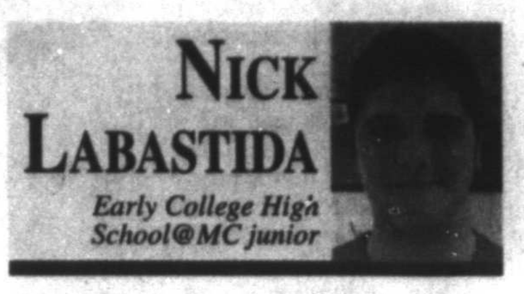

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The tax ratification election on Oct. 8 is crucial for Midland schools, and therefore, all of Midland's residents. What would end up being a $46.50 a year increase for the typical homeowner equals $6.5 million to Midland Independent School District.

As an MISD student, I see that there is no room for budget cuts; we are operating with the bare minimum as it is. Having to send a large chunk of money to Austin because of our school district's "Robin Hood" status has cheated us out of money that would be very well-spent. Our district's buildings could use permanent improvements and renovations, versus the "Band-Aids" that the district is forced to use.

MISD is looking to raise the class-size waiver for the third straight year, which will increase the student-to-teacher ratio. This increase in student population in schools will require either no change in the total of teachers in our schools or an increase in MISD employees. Without the tax increase, the district is looking at eliminating $743,000 in full-time employees at the elementary and secondary levels. This translates to approximately 10 fewer teachers in the classroom. Not only do our students lose educators, but now our community has gained an unemployment problem.

Another way the district would make up for lost revenue would be to have employees contribute $100 a month more to their insurance costs; this is the equivalent of a $1,200 a year pay cut. Currently, teachers receive the most basic of health insurance at no cost for themselves. They still must contribute towards their dependents' insurance or if they need a slightly higher level of health coverage for themselves. For a family of two, this could be about $300 a month. Maybe people don't realize it, but teachers spend quite a bit of their own money on supplies for their classrooms and students. Teachers are already underpaid and do not need another financial obstacle.

Midland schools ranked in the 47th percentile in 2007, but last year we ranked in the zero percentile. That's embarrassing! When people hear "Midland" do we want them to think of our failing schools, especially in a city that the rest of the country equates with oil money.

Studies have shown what common sense has told us: A quality education not only decreases crime and the number of welfare recipients, but also creates more consumers and taxpayers. How? A quality education prepares students for high-earning careers. Research shows that when citizens put money in their community schools,

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BREAKTHROUGH ROLES

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The crowd stands at attention as the Midland High JROTC Honor Guard raises the flag Sept. 9 at the Sept. 11 Memorial ceremony. More women are being involved in JROTC at both Midland and Lee high schools.

Female leadership, participation increase in JROTC programs

By Simone Jasper
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One cadet joined Air Force JROTC after she exhausted other electives. Other cadets drew inspiration from family members who served in the military.

Now the students are among the majority — female leadership of the Midland High JROTC program. Cadet Capt. Natalie Jarratt, group deputy commander, said having female leaders reflects the growing recognition of women in the U.S. military.

"It's a breakthrough year," Jarratt said. "Now women are open to every job in the military. JROTC was never closed to women, but they didn't step up to leadership roles until now."

The trend mirrors the JROTC program at Lee High, in which participation of young women has increased over the past decade. This school year, 32 of the 98 cadets are female.

"It represents a gigantic leap from when I came here in '06," said retired Lt. Col. Barbara Bevins, senior aerospace science instructor at Lee High. "We didn't have 10 females in the whole program."

In previous years, few females served as leaders in Midland High JROTC. Now, they hold three out of four senior staff positions in the program. Young women also have other leadership roles, serving as officers and commanders.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Melynna Morgan, team commander, said seeing young women as leaders has inspired her.

"I'm a better person now watching these seniors become something in this corps," Morgan said. "It makes me want to become something in this corps."

Cadet 1st Lt. Taylor Sharpe, cadet training officer, said participants in Midland High JROTC are encouraged to respect others in the program, no matter rank or gender.

"There's no difference between a man or a woman," Sharpe said. "We're all cadets. We're all expected to respect each other."

In Midland High's JROTC, the male to female ratio is 5-to-1. Nationally, 38 percent of cadets in the Air Force JROTC are female, according to a newsletter published this month.

Retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Jeffrey Deynzer, aerospace science instructor at Lee High, said numbers for female participation in JROTC fluctuate across the country.

"One of the things that catches my eye is watching females rise above the boys, seeking leadership roles," Deynzer said. "We see that in corporate roles, too. I come from a generation when there were always guys in leadership roles. Now women want those positions."

The U.S. military opened all occupations and positions to women in December. But only a fraction of female active-duty military officers served as leaders in 2015, according to Department of Defense data.

Female JROTC leaders at Midland High said they face some backlash within the corps. Jarratt said some males in the program are hesitant to obey them.

"Some younger cadets were raised a certain way all of their lives," Jarratt said. "They won't listen to women."

Outside the corps, the leaders said peers and family members have mixed feelings about their involvement in JROTC. They said some show support while others are critical.

Cadet 2nd Lt. Rheanna Jordan, Raiders commander and cadet training director, said discouragement has pushed her to be a strong leader.

"My goal this year is to prove I deserve to be in that (training) position," Jordan said.

Houston ballot measure could force lawmakers' hand

■ 'No' vote means TEA would assign taxes on commercial properies to property-poor districts

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

Voters in Texas' biggest school district in Texas might do what the nine Republicans on the state's Supreme Court wouldn't do: Force the Legislature to overhaul the way it pays for public education.

Such a move would require some daring. Voters in the Houston Independent School District will have a choice in November to approve spending $165 million raised locally from school property taxes on other, poorer school districts in the state.

The ballot language is opaque, and a pretty good argument for improving the writing skills of the people in charge of state and local governments: "Authorizing the board of trustees of Houston Independent School District to purchase attendance credits from the state with local tax revenues."

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The actual choice presented by that ballot measure? Vote "for" spending $165 million of the district's money in other districts, or vote "against" spending that money and risk taking $18 billion of the district's commercial properties from the tax rolls and assigning them to the tax rolls of another district.

A "No" vote in November — urged by many of the HISD's trustees, the city's mayor and others — would spark some political drama.

About one Texas school district in four spends some of its locally raised money to help educate students in districts that can't raise enough money from their own tax bases. It's called recapture by the policy wonks, but because it takes from "property rich" districts and gives to "property poor" districts, it's more commonly called the Robin Hood system.

When a district's voters refuse to go along — something that hasn't happened — the Texas Education Agency is required to move part of that district's property tax base to another, poorer district.

The agency obviously doesn't move the real estate, but it would assign some of one district's biggest commercial property taxpayers to pay taxes in another district. The law gives a preference to closer districts.

In HISD's case, a "no" vote would

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Children must be shown the importance of education

Last Friday night, I found myself outlining a chapter on temporal discourse analysis for a class I am taking, fielding questions from my students about an essay that was due and working on Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Shells for our family Halloween costumes. Somewhere between the third shell and discussion of intercontextuality, I found myself humming "Once in a Lifetime" by the Talking Heads, specifically, "And you may ask yourself, how did I get here?" Because in that moment, I truly wondered how I got here.

This past summer, I began working on my Ph.D. through Texas Tech. When I told people I had been accepted, though they were excited for me, frequently the questions arose of "why" and "how?" Why pursue more education? And how would I be able to do it with my job and children? I am doing this for me. I told them. It is important to me. And how? I guess I will figure that out.

As I think about my own answers to those questions, I reflect on the challenges for so many of our students. Why are they doing this? For kindergarteners through 12th-graders, the answer would seem simple: because they have to. However, maybe that is part of the problem with modern education. We have drifted away from the idea that education is a privilege that was not always awarded to all citizens. Up until the 1960s, we still had people fighting for the privilege of quality education. Actually, we are still fighting for it today.

Every day, teachers and students walk into classrooms with the odds stacked against them. At least in West Texas, many schools face staffing issues that cause more pressure for existing teachers. They are underpaid. They are dealing with academic, social and cultural issues that are complex in ways for which no teaching program can truly prepare them. Our students, likewise, are struggling with their own issues of trying to keep up, get ahead, fit in.

By the time they reach college age, many of them will have left the education system because they cannot figure out the "why." School is a punishment rather than an opportunity, a box to check before moving on. Why bother?

How did we get here? Though I could say we have lost our way, I'm not sure that we have ever truly had it. Though people love to say, "In my day..." followed by a list of the academic standards they believe should still be applied, few of them contextualize education with the current society. Our population has grown. Logically, more students means a need for more teachers who are qualified. Demands have also increased for accountability and funding, which means we are asking teachers to do more, more, more with very little difference in pay or support. Saying that education was fine 50 years ago and we should just revert back to that is not realistic nor productive in education problem-solving.

It is easy for those who do not work in education to critique the system. Everyone knows how to fix the education system — just ask them. Read the comments section of education articles or the local Facebook groups devoted to community issues. They all know what is wrong with the system, and they know how to fix it — at least for their child. Therein lies the problem. Education is not just for one child or even

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San Antonio student named to national honor band

■ High school tuba player also a member of elite international drum corps

By Silvia E. Foster-Frau
San Antonio Express-News

Christian Cortez wears a necklace with a black and red cross on it. The cross isn't religious in the traditional sense, though for Cortez, it might as well be.

It's a symbol for Crossmen, an international drum corps based in San Antonio.

The side that's all black hangs out now, because it's the off-season. But when the 17-year-old tuba player and other drum corps performers are touring, the red side faces out.

"When I was a baby, I remember my brother showing me how to play stuff on pots and pans," the high school senior said in a recent interview, sitting in his usual haunt at Brandeis High School: the music practice room.

After being selected for the elite Crossmen last year, Cortez continued to reach higher.

This summer, he was the only San Antonian and one of only four Texans selected to play tuba for the prestigious 2016 All-National Honor Ensembles band by the National Association for Music Education.

He will be playing with 671 other high school musicians selected from across the country on Nov. 13 in Grapevine.

"Just like any other kid on a new instrument, the practices were a little rough to hear, but he just got better and better," said Martin

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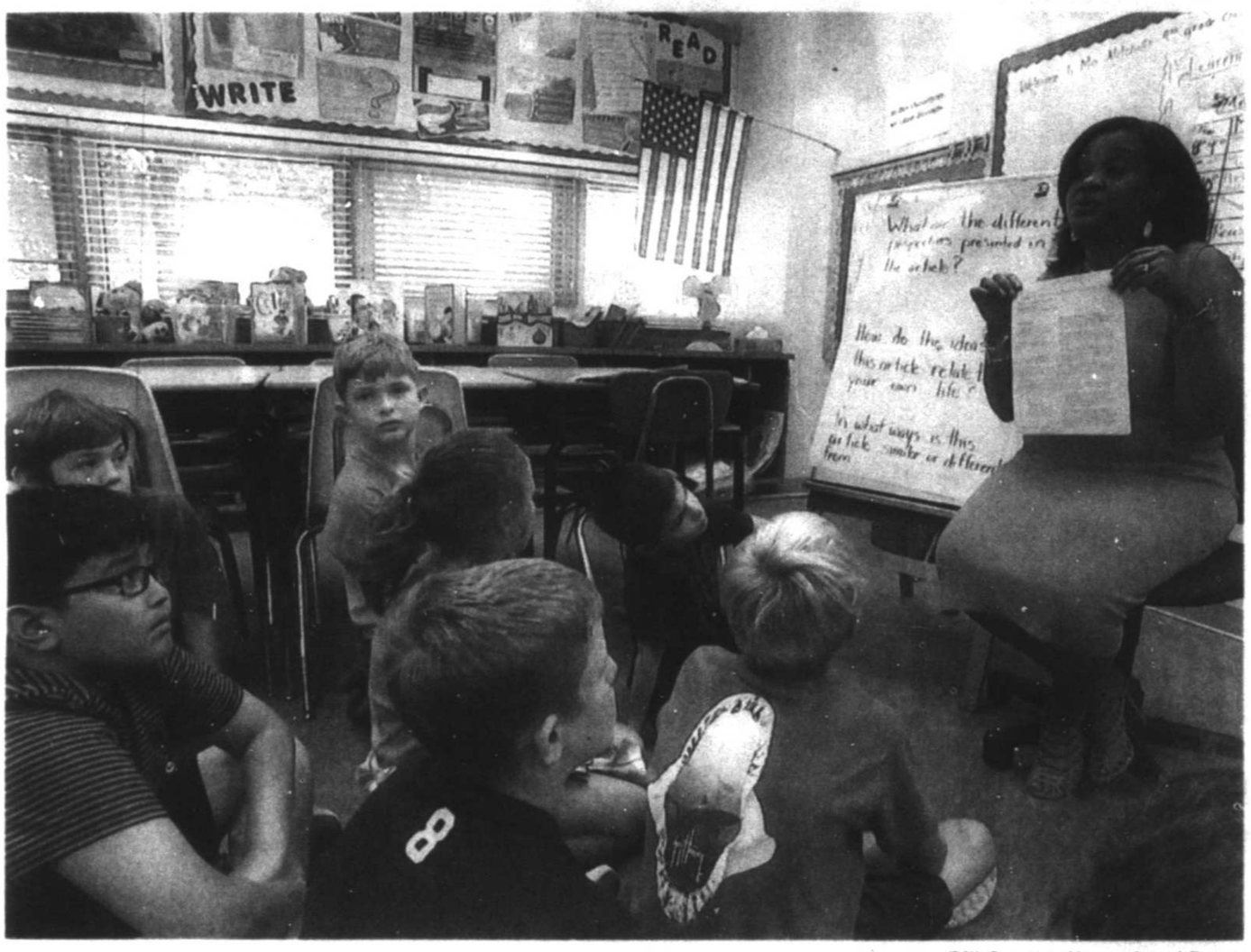
Edward A. Ornelas/San Antonio Express-News

Drum major Christian Cortez, a 17-year-old senior at Brandeis High School, conducts the Brandeis High School Bronco Band during practice Sept. 19 at the school. Cortez is a tuba player and drum major, and was selected for the All-National Honor Ensemble band. The ensemble will perform in November in Grapevine. The Bronco Band competed in the 13th Annual Hornet Invitational Marching Contest on Saturday at East Central High School.

Drum major Christian Cortez, conducts the Brandeis High School Bronco Band during practice.



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In this still image from video, Kimberly Coleman-Mitchell, right, teaches her fourth grade class at Oakridge Elementary School on Sept. 13 in Arlington, Va. Elementary schools in Arlington, South Burlington, Vt., and Holyoke, Mass., are among those that went homework-free at the start of the school year.

Some elementary schools, classes eliminate homework

By Lisa Rathke
Associated Press

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. — Guess what, kids? No homework. Really. All year.

A small but growing number of elementary schools and individual teachers are doing away with the after-school chore to allow kids more time to play, participate in activities, spend time with families, read and sleep.

There's been pushback against homework from parents in recent years who say their children's time is monopolized by other activities, said Steven Geis, president of the National Elementary School Principals' Association.

At North Trail Elementary School, in Farmington, Minnesota, where he is principal, students do what he says is engaging homework.

Some schools and individual teachers are revising their homework policies to ensure that they are effective, he said.

At the Orchard School, a kindergarten-through-fifth grade school in South Burlington, Vermont, the principal there said he's seen more anxiety among students in the last decade. The school opted to do away with homework this school year, based in part on the book "The Homework Myth."

"They're just kids. They're pretty young and they just put in a full day's shift at work and so we just don't believe in adding more to their day. We also feel that we are squashing their other passions and interest in learning," Principal Mark Trifilio said.

Alfie Kohn, the outspoken education lecturer and author of the book, "The Homework Myth," says homework is a case of all pain and no gain.

"The disadvantages of homework are clear to everyone: exhaustion, frustration, loss of time to pursue other interests and often diminution of interest in learning," he said. "Homework may be the greatest extinguisher of curiosity ever invented."

But Harris Cooper, a psychology and neuroscience professor at Duke University, who has been studying the effects of homework for 30 years, disagrees.

He thinks all school children should be doing homework, but the amount and type should vary depending on age and developmental levels.

Cooper led research that reviewed more than 60 studies on homework between 1987 and 2003 and found that homework had a positive effect on student achievement, but the positive correlation was much stronger for students in grades 7-12 than for those in elementary school.

He prescribes homework assignments that are short, simple and lead to success for elementary school kids, he said.

It teaches kids that they don't just learn in the classroom and helps turn them into lifelong learners while improving their sense of independence, and time management and study skills, Cooper said.

"Homework is like medicine. If you take too little, it does nothing. If you take too much, it can kill you," Cooper said. "You've got to get the dose right, and if you do, it can do wonders."

A lot of the backlash is a reaction to some teachers assigning too much homework, he said.

A guideline for many schools is 10 minutes of homework per grade: so 10 minutes in first grade, 20 minutes in second grade and so on.

"We definitely don't say 'no homework' but we try to keep it reasonable," said Cherie Stobie, principal at the K-8 Marion school in Marion, Montana.

"The main benefit is just having the additional time to practice later in the day because research shows that if students practice, you know they take a break after they've learned something and they practice it again later, it's more likely to be retained," she said.

Noelle M. Ellerson, of AASA: The School Superintendents Association, said there has been a small but growing number of schools or teachers revising homework policies or talking about it "whether it's to do away with it or to shift to a policy where homework is the classwork they didn't finish during the day or where the homework of the child is to read with their parents."

At the Orchard School, the children's daily home assignment now is to read books, get outside and play, eat dinner with family — including helping with setting and cleaning up — and get a good night's sleep.

"It's awesome," 9-year-old Avery Cutroni said of the no-homework policy. She had dance and piano lessons after school recently, so said she had a busy schedule. Plus, she's reading more on her own, her mother said.

"I think it gives kids a lot time for mental and physical rest which I think is super important," said Heidi Cutroni, of the school's elimination of homework. "I think it's really good for parent-teacher-student relations in all directions and I think it just gives kids a chance to use their time for what their passionate and excited about."

Esther J. Cepeda
Washington Post Writers Group

Nation is in desperate need of history, civics revival

In our internet-connected world where cute is king and issues of substance tend to be discussed only if there's a catchy meme to share, people are far likelier to know that Sept. 17 was National Apple Dumpling Day than that it marked the beginning of Constitution Week.

Pity the starry-eyed individual who wrote the official proclamation of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day 2016, which the White House sent out to its press list late last Friday:

"The vision of self-government laid out in our Constitution is dependent on Americans doing the hard and sometimes frustrating — yet always essential — work of citizenship," read the proclamation signed by President Obama. "Being a citizen is a responsibility that challenges each of us to stay informed, to speak out when something is not right or not just, and to come together to shape the course our country will take. Citizenship is a commitment, calling on us to stand up for what we believe in and to exercise our rights to protect the rights of others."

It's difficult to imagine a time when our nation's young people were less suited for the responsibilities of citizenship, given public schools' neglect of civics education.

In May 2015, the National Assessment of Educational Progress released its report card on history, civics and geography and found that only 18 percent of all eighth-graders assessed were at or above proficiency (defined as demonstrating competency of subject-matter knowledge, application of such knowledge to real-world situations, and related analytical skills) in U.S. history. Only 23 percent were at or above proficiency in civics.

This came as no surprise to anyone who knows what passes for "history" class in districts across the country.

If you have children in public schools, you know the curriculum is heavy on personal essays about hot-topic "social issues" and light on reading historical texts or having to remember historical dates, figures or events.

In 2015, the conservative-leaning Thomas B. Fordham Institute analyzed public schools' mission, vision and values statements to see whether the educational system views the preparation of students for participation in democratic life as central to education and an essential outcome.

The Fordham Institute found that 60 percent of the country's 100 largest school districts (which represent about 11 million students) had mission statements that did not mention civics, citizenship or democracy. Of all the mission statements they examined, the term "U.S. citizenship" appeared only once.

(As a side note, my own children's school mission statement is a scant 44 words long and heavy on "individual passions" and "meaningful connections." Hey, at least my sons' school observes the pledge of allegiance daily, which is more than I can say for other public schools in my immediate area.)

Along those lines, the Fordham Institute found, the words "patriotic" and "patriotism" did not appear at all in any of the public statements they reviewed.

In a recent column about the ways in which American patriotism can be used to provoke positive political change, The New York Times' David Brooks lamented that "many schools no longer teach American history, so students never learn the facts and tenets of their creed. A globalist mentality teaches students they are citizens of the world rather than citizens of America."

As someone who trained in a social-justice-focused teacher preparation program and has seen a whole lot of social studies homework both as an educator and a parent, I can vouch for Brooks' assertion: There's a lot of overtly anti-American "American History" instruction going on in public schools.

There's an argument for public schools teaching history and civics in a manner that is both rigorous and critical in order to prepare students to make smart

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Dancing With the Stars: The Results (N)				Agent SHIELD "Meet the New Boss" (N)		Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Being Bad" (N)		Bull "The Woman in 8D" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Suspicious Minds" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	MASH "Aid Station"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Caretaker's Cat"		Twilight "The Fear"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Brooklyn 99 (N)	New Girl (N)	Scream Queens "Warts and All" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		The Contenders: 16 for '16 (N)		Frontline "The Choice 2016" Profiles of Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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HBO	300	550	14	14		(5:00) Brooklyn		Steve Jobs ('15, Bio) Michael Fassbender.				Real Sports (N)		(:05) Three Terror		(:05) The Revenant	
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MAX	380	557	17	120	24	Movie	(:50) ★★★ Live Free or Die Hard Bruce Willis.					★★★ Hostage ('05, Act) Bruce Willis.				(:55) Last Man St...	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:10) The Last Witch Hunter Vin Diesel.				★★★ Mad Max: Fury Road Tom Hardy.				(:05) ★★ Magnolia ('99, Dra) Tom Cruise.			
PLEX			96			(5:35) Look Who's...		★ Daddy Day Camp			(:35) ★★★ Harriet the Spy			(:20) ★★ Agent Cody Banks			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	★★ Why Did I Get Married? Tyler Perry.				Inside the NFL (N)		F.State	F.State	Inside the NFL		Doin' Time	
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BET	58	-		40		Movie	★★ First Sunday ('08, Com) Katt Williams, Ice Cube.					One Shot (N)		A Thin Line Between Love and Hate			
BRAVO	65	76		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck		Watch (N)	Real Housewives		BelowD.
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Profit "Honest Foods"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Deadliest "Sacrifice"		Dungeon Cove (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Taking Fire (N)		Deadlie. "Lost at Sea"		(:05) Taking Fire	
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FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped Junior		Chopped		Chopped		Plates (N)	Chopped	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★★ Pitch Perfect Anna Kendrick.				★★★ 10 Things I Hate About You				The 700 Club		So Raven	So Raven
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	SportsDay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Milwaukee Brewers at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Insider (N)	WPT Poker Legends of Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Iron Man 3 ('13, Act) Gwyneth Paltrow, Robert Downey Jr..						Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	★★★ Battle Los Angeles		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The 11th Hour		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Advent. Spartan Race		Adventure Racing Spartan Race				Advent. Spartan Race		Poker After Dark		Poker After Dark	
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SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Mstr "Sparks Fly"		Ink Master		Ink Mstr	Ink Mstr	Tattoo	Tattoo
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	Movie	★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets Nicolas Cage.					Aftermath (N)		★★ Lake Placid ('99, Act) Bill Pullman.			
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one group of children. It is for a generation of future citizens who are all in need of help that cannot be delivered in a one-size-fits all package. Yet, logistically, building an education system that meets the needs of all students is not fiscally feasible, at least not with current priorities.

We then come to the second question posed about my own educational pursuits. How? How can we make this work? First, we as citizens can become more educated: actually attend school board meetings, read policy papers and talk to teachers about their struggles. Look at how funding works and speak to your representatives about issues in educational funding. Figure out what is really going on in classrooms, rather than reminiscing about the past. Ask any teacher you know and they will be able to tell you what kind of struggles they see from both the student and teacher side. See how you can get involved with the school districts in meaningful ways beyond just attending sporting events. This also applies to people who don't have school-age children.

For our students to really grasp the why of education, we must model for them its importance while committing to work on the how. It is only then that we can begin making progress for our children.

Amber Kelly teaches English and history at Howard College and is dean of General Studies.

BALLOT

From 1B

mean taking an estimated $18 billion in property from that district's rolls. The TEA would start with the most valuable properties and work its way down until it has taken away enough property to cover the $165 million or so that HISD owes under the Robin Hood system.

Houston's biggest commercial property taxpayers would be paying taxes in another school district — and they could be asked to pay at a different tax rate up to 15 cents higher than what they'd be paying in HISD.

It means that some school taxes — those used to pay borrowing debts — would probably rise for the taxpayers left behind. The district still has to pay what it owes even with $18 billion pulled out of the tax base. The taxpayers left behind would pay more.

The commercial taxpayers are mobilizing against being moved to a tax roll in another district where they might not own any property. The Austin-based Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, which represents many of them, is warning policymakers of the consequences, both to the departing taxpayers and to those left behind.

So, one might ask, why would anyone in HISD cast a vote that could result in higher tax bills for every taxpayer now in the district?

Because they think the Texas Legislature will blink.

Some of Houston's political leaders think the combination of big, angry taxpayers and a multitude of incensed voters will be enough to force state lawmakers to rework the formulas used to pay for public education and to make sure each district in the state has a reasonably equal financial foundation for its schools.

"I'm counting on the business community to step up," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "And I'm counting on conservatives, too. This would be a redistribution without the consent of the people. I have not found one elected official, including the trustees themselves, that is advocating a yes vote on this deal."

If he and others are right, Turner's former colleagues in the Legislature might take on school finance.

The system is unfair and broken — so much so that half of the state's districts went to court to try to force an overhaul. The Texas Supreme Court agreed in a May ruling that the financing schemes are "byzantine" and "imperfect" but said the system is not unconstitutional. At the same time, the court's opinion suggested lawmakers should enact "transformational, top-to-bottom reforms that amount to more than Band-Aid on top of Band-Aid."

Cool idea, but Texas lawmakers simply don't make major reforms to school finance — this is something that arises every decade or so — unless their hands are forced by the courts.

Or, perhaps, by a game of chicken with taxpayers and voters in the state's largest school district.

LABASTIDA

From 1B

the community gets 19 percent back in future revenue. High schoolers who graduate contribute to their communities for an average of 44 years. Students who spent 12 years in school districts that increased spending by 20 percent, graduation rates rose by 23 percent, adult poverty rates fell by 20 percent, and their family incomes were about 52 percent higher than they would have been without the greater education investment, according to a study on the effect of school finance reforms on academic achievement and adult outcomes by the National Bureau of Economic Research. This means that the ability to break the cycle of poverty is practically in our hands.

Shouldn't our schools be a reflection of our community's values? This election gives Midland residents the opportunity to show their support for education, to show their vision for the future.

I am worried, though, that the fact that this election is not only on a Saturday, but a month before the presidential election, will mean a low voter turnout. Please cast your ballot in favor of education.

Nick Labastida is a junior at Early College High School @ Midland College

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Law boosts graduation rates to record highs

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Critics of a recently passed Texas law that allows students to graduate without passing statewide standardized tests say it has padded graduation numbers and afforded diplomas to students who can't show they have the knowledge they'll need in college, jobs or technical education.

Proponents of Senate Bill 149 say it has provided opportunities for students who struggle because of language barriers or learning disabilities to have a way to succeed in high school, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The newspaper reports that graduation rates in Texas have hit an all-time high and that part of the credit is due to the law, which was signed in 2015.

More than 5,800 students statewide graduated in 2015 despite failing at least one of five end-of-course exams that are part of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR test.

Preliminary data for the 2016 graduating class indicates that even more students graduated in the spring, the newspaper reported.

The new rules, which went into place just weeks before 2015 graduations, allow districts to form review committees composed of teachers, principals and parents to determine whether seniors who fail the required STAAR exams but have met the other course requirements should graduate.

Heather Coit/The News-Gazette via AP

Students walk across the Quad on the University of Illinois campus Oct. 28, 2015 in Urbana, Ill. College tuition may be daunting, but so are the conversations about how to pay for it. Experts say it pays off for parents talk with children early and often about how to cover higher education costs.

Across the state, many of the students who benefited from the new rules were those learning English, said Penny Schwinn, deputy commissioner of academics at the Texas Education Agency. Graduation rates for those students improved by 10 percentage points or more.

Educators said SB 149 has also helped more students with learning disabilities, who often struggle with standardized tests, to get diplomas.

"This is a group of kids who have otherwise met requirements," said Theresa Treviño, president of Texans Advocating for Meaningful Student Assessment. The law "puts the control in local hands. It's a more holistic view of the students."

Treviño said in the group's study of other states, only 14 states require students to pass exams to graduate. Five years ago, it was 25. In 13 of the 14 states, there is a backup option for students who did not pass to graduate, like the one Texas enacted, she said.

But Bill Hammond, CEO of the Texas Business Association and an ardent supporter of rigorous testing, called SB 149 a new way to inflate the state's graduation rate, which has increased more than 8 percentage points since 2009.

"I think there's rampant abuse and the numbers are not substantive," Hammond said. "In the blink of an eye, Texas has shot up with no stated reason other than, in my view, the gaming of the system. If we're going to do better with our children, who are our future, we need to be honest about where we are, which we are not."

EDUCATION BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GHS to offer credit by examination tests

Greenwood High School will be offering credit by examination tests, with or without prior instruction, 8 a.m.-noon Nov. 2-3.

To be eligible to take the test with prior instruction, students must have had instruction in the subject or course as determined by the district and received a grade of at least 60 in the course failed. To receive credit, the student must score a minimum grade of 70 and meet all other district requirements.

To be eligible to earn credit by examination without prior instruction, students must meet all district requirements for that grade level or applicable course. To receive credit, the student must score a minimum of 80 or better.

A copy of the requirements may be picked up in the counselor's office.

A student planning to take an examination for acceleration or credit recovery must register with the counselor by Friday.

Source: Greenwood ISD

MACS plans public meeting

A public meeting is planned for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 11 concerning Midland Academy Charter School's financial rating by the Texas Education Agency. The school is at 500 N. Baird St.

For more information, call 686-0003.

Clarification

Midland ISD's 24/7 Dad program curriculum for teen dads covers financial responsibility in addition to other topics, including pregnancy, discipline and relationships with female partners.

Martin Castaneda, fatherhood engagement coordinator for First 5 Permian Basin at University of Texas of the Permian Basin, said MISD students who are fathers discuss managing money in a section of the 24/7 Dad program. Themes include budgeting and paying child support.

This information was inadvertently omitted in a story published in the Sept. 18 edition.

Philanthropy to TTU system totals $159.4 million for fiscal year 2016

From staff reports

Philanthropic gifts to the Texas Tech University System and its four universities finished the 2016 fiscal by surpassing the second-best fundraising year in the system's history.

The annual total includes donations to the Texas Tech Foundation, which accepts and invests gifts for the support of the system and its universities.

Philanthropic support totaled $159.4 million for the fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31. This marks the highest fundraising total of Robert Duncan's tenure as chancellor and the best end-of-year finish for Angelo State University and the Angelo State University Foundation, according to a press release.

Donations supported a number of top initiatives across the system's four universities, including the arts, a dental school and athlete recruitment and safety.

- A lead gift of $25 million from the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso will establish the Woody L. Hunt School of Dental Medicine, the first dental school to open in the state of Texas in nearly 50 years.
- A gift of $10 million from the J.T. & Margaret Talkington Charitable Foundation to the Texas Tech University College of Visual & Performing Arts is funding a major expansion and renovation of research and academic facilities in the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre.
- A $7 million gift from Gary Petersen supported construction of the Sports Performance Center, a new, multi-sport athletic facility that includes an indoor football practice facility, an indoor track facility, a strength and conditioning center and sports medicine space. The Sports Performance Center is a top priority in The Campaign for Fearless Champions, which continues to make significant progress on its efforts to enhance athletic facilities, invest in scholarship endowments and grow the Leadership Academy.
- A gift of $5 million from the James B. and Lois R. Archer Charitable Foundation named the Archer College of Health and Human Services at Angelo State University and enabled university leaders to expand plans already underway for the college's new building.
- A $2.5 million gift from the Amarillo Area Foundation for residency programs for medical students at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Amarillo campus, will play a critical role in serving the rural health care needs of Texas and eastern New Mexico.

Experts suggest parents talk to kids about college costs

By Sarah Skidmore Sell
Associated Press

College tuition may be daunting, but so are the conversations about how to pay for it.

Experts say it pays off for parents talk with children early and often about how to cover higher education costs. Here are a few of their tips:

Start early

Start talking to your kids as young as possibie, said Judith Ward, a senior financial planner at T. Rowe Price.

Casual conversations at an early age about where you went to college and that you are saving for their education helps sets the expectation that they will go. As they grow older, she suggests talking more specifically about how much is being set aside.

Be specific

Keith Bernhardt, vice president of Fidelity's college savings program, said that by 9th or 10th grade those conversations should still be positive but more specific in terms of available funds.

By 11th grade, talk about schools of interests and look closer into costs and aid options together. Get your financial aid application in early in their senior year and make sure they understand the pros and cons of all options.

Be clear about what you expect them to contribute, too.

Bernhardt points out that by getting kids engaged in conversations about college costs early, it's easier to get them involved in saving too, setting aside allowance, portions of gifts or money from jobs.

"Help them to value the idea of going to college by making them part of the process to help pay for it," he said.

Set parameters

T. Rowe Price found in its research that most kids expect their parents to cover the cost of whatever college they want.

However, most parents say they'll only be able to contribute toward some of the expenses and feel bad about it.

It's important for kids to know that they don't just have a blank check for college, Ward said.

She suggests setting parameters around what you can contribute and what that realistically can pay for

Discuss options

Instead of looking at what isn't possible, talk about what is.

An in-state school might offer as competitive a program as an out-of-state choice at a fraction of the price.

Or a student may benefit from living at home or attending a local college for a portion of their time.

"It doesn't have to be whatever college at whatever cost," Ward said.

It's very likely that the student, the parent or both will consider taking out loans. Bernhardt reminds people to look closely at the terms of various loans and be wary of taking on too much debt. That can impeded a child's start in life after college or a parent's own plans, including their retirement.

Band

From 2B

Cortez, recalling his son's early days.

Cortez chose the tuba in sixth grade, finding he liked its low, rich tones.

"I don't like to be the melody, exactly. I like being in the back part, the part you don't necessarily think about when you listen to it, but it's always there," he said.

Cortez's parents saw his dedication to the instrument and hired private tutor Mike Brumbaugh for Cortez when he was in seventh grade.

By the time he got to eighth grade, Cortez was competing at the high school level at Texas Music Educators Association contests.

Richard Herrera, the band director at Brandeis, reached out to him and offered him one-on-one tuba lessons after school, Cortez said.

Now a drum major at Brandeis, Cortez will help lead his marching band at the Hornet Invitational at East Central High School, the marching band's first competition of the year.

"It lets me know the level of performance that I'm at compared to other people," Cortez said.

The Crossmen toured around the country last year, and it was during their stop in Pennsylvania that Cortez came across the flier for the All-National Honor Ensembles.

Edward A. Ornelas/San Antonio Express-News

Drum major Christian Cortez conducts the Brandeis High School Bronco Band during practice.

When he returned, Cortez began working on an audition video.

It was nerve-wracking, he said. He'd never applied to anything so big,

He and his family were thrilled when he was accepted.

"It was just kind of a culmination of everything," his father said. "All the hard work he's put in all these years — we were just so proud of him. We knew he had the talent in him, and just to see it recognized was pretty awesome."

Cortez plans to apply to Texas State University and University of Denver, which offer music production degrees.

While he hopes to continue playing tuba in college, he said he wanted to major in something that was a more viable career path, such as a studio manager.

He said he didn't want to be "dependent on tuba playing" for a living.

Though he's not majoring in it, Cortez said it's important for students his age and younger to pursue music along with their academic interests.

For those on the fence about picking up a musical instrument, Cortez had some advice:

"Go for it," he said.

"Persevere even if you think you're not doing that well, because it all works out in the end. You can make great things happen if you really work for it."

Cepeda

From 2B

choices about their role in a democratic society.

But most students on the last NAEP civics test could not correctly answer questions about checks and balances or understand the policy implications of a trend using a graph. And they're supposed to someday understand the implications of our current reality-TV presidential election?

"Presidential elections have always been the ultimate 'teachable moment,'" said Robert Pondiscio, a senior fellow at the Fordham Institute, in an email. "Given the strong feelings created by Trump and Clinton, and widespread disappointment in both as reflected in polls, it would be lovely if the election led to an enhanced interest in civic education, or a civics and history revival. We could certainly use it."

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When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

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Local forecast

Dry conditions and basically average temperatures are expected over the new few days, according to the National Weather Service.

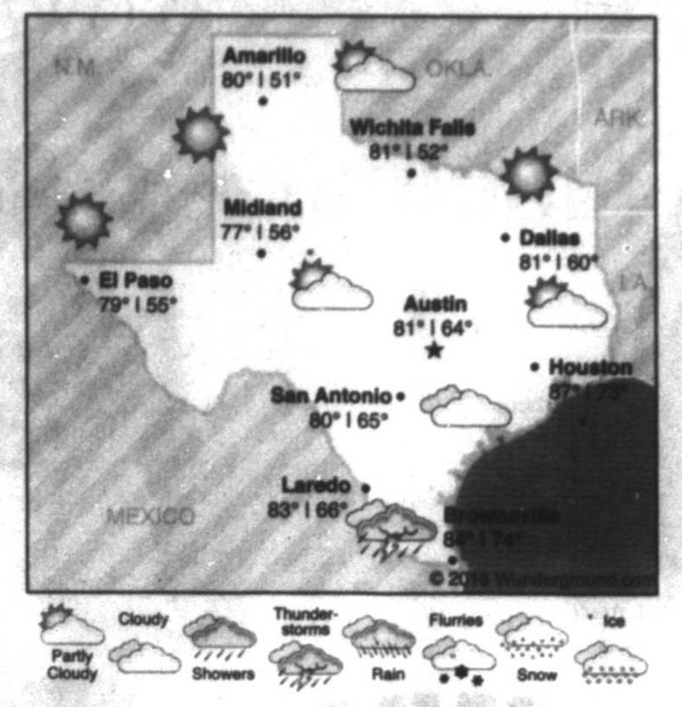
The record high for Sept. 26 is 105 set in 1977. The record low is 44 set in 1989. On Sept. 26 of last year, the high was 90 and the low was 62.

Weather brief

Atlantic Hurricane Season is Seeing More Major Storms

While the U.S. has been in a major hurricane drought since 2005, those top level storms have actually become more common in the Atlantic basin. The reason could be linked to rising sea surface temperatures — fueled in part by global warming — as seen in ocean buoy data collected along the U.S. coast.

Hurricane Wilma — which at one point was the strongest tropical cyclone ever recorded in the Atlantic basin — was the last major hurricane to pummel the U.S., roaring ashore in Florida as a Category 3 storm on Oct. 24, 2005. Since that date, no Category 3 or higher storm — what the National Hurricane Center defines as major hurricanes — has hit anywhere in the U.S.



Precipitation

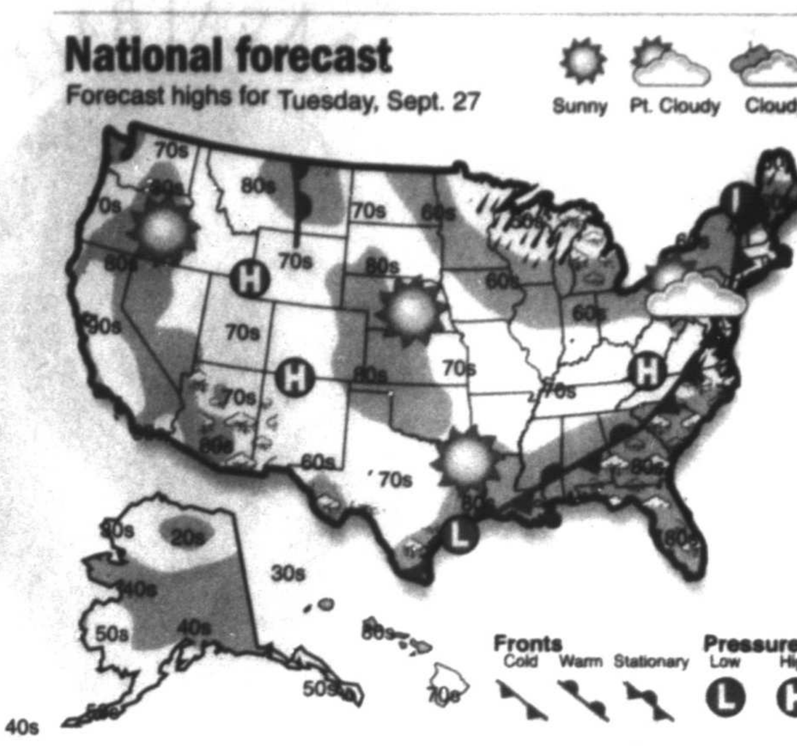
Sunday	Trace
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.98 in.
Year total	12.32 in.
Normal total (year to date)	11.36 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	69
Low	59
Normal high	84
Normal low	59
Sunrise	7:40 a.m.
Sunset	7:38 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Sept. 27



Boyfriend's belittling sister makes woman feel small

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: I've been with my boyfriend, "Jake," for two years. We are both 32. Since the beginning, his sister, "Michelle" (who is 26), has never liked me. Jake admits there's no reason for it. He thinks she's just looking out for him because he's had bad relationships in the past.

Michelle makes me very uncomfortable during family events by making rude comments, and she makes a point of excluding me from any event she is hosting.

She has told people that I "shoved her" and accuses me of refusing to let her talk to her brother. Neither is true.

I have asked Jake to ask his sister to apologize and make amends, but he insists she'll do it when "hell freezes over." He thinks I should try to make amends even though I have never done anything wrong.

I'm at a loss. I don't think I should apologize for something I've never done. Abby, she has belittled me in any encounter we've had. The rest of the family shrugs and says, "That's just the way she is." Michelle has never liked any of Jake's girlfriends, so this seems to be a pattern for her. I'm afraid it will eventually lead to the end of Jake's and my relationship.

I love him very much, and I wish he could see my side on this. Could you please give me some advice, Abby? — **NOT MY FAULT IN ALBERTA, CANADA**

DEAR NOT MY FAULT: Michelle's fixation on her brother isn't normal or healthy. That Jake has been willing to tolerate it and not warn her to knock it off means that as long as you are with him, you will be subjected to her mistreatment.

You may love Jake, but as long as he is under the thumb of his jealous and possessive sister, you will continue to be abused and maligned. My advice is to cut your losses.

DEAR ABBY: I am an African-American woman who was in a relationship with a Hispanic man. I am now a single parent of a beautiful 6-month-old son who is my pride and joy.

My biracial son, who looks exactly like me, is very fair-skinned.

My problem is, any time I leave the house with him, strangers feel the need to ask me rude questions. I have been asked about my child's father's ethnicity, and asked if I was baby-sitting someone else's child.

I'm left flabbergasted and speechless. What should I say the next time a stranger asks about my son's race, which is none of their business? — **COLORBLIND IN TEXAS**

DEAR COLORBLIND: It's normal for people to be curious. If I were you, I wouldn't tell them it's none of their business because if you do, you will come across as angry and defensive.

When your son is older, it may make him wonder if there is something wrong with his appearance. A better way to handle it would be to matter-of-factly just tell the truth and move on.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016:

This year you become much more independent, but find less of a need to demonstrate this quality. You are fiery and full of enthusiasm. People rarely will say "no" to you. Do your best not to allow others to be intimidated by you, and support them in expressing their views. If you are single, you will enjoy dating more than you'd thought possible. Trust yourself to know when the right person comes along. If you are attached, the two of you often get angry with each other, but then make up and experience a range of emotions that you both enjoy. VIRGO can be fussy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Focus on making what you want happen. For many of you, this activity surrounds your work. You have a strong desire to change the status quo. You are likely to elicit excitement from others with this newfound intensity and drive. Tonight: Go for what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You are capable of sitting on an issue for a long period of time. Keep reaching out for more information. Someone could go out of his or her way to give you as much information as he or she can. What you hear will trigger your creativity. Tonight: Celebrate the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You drive a hard bargain more often than you realize. An associate or loved one could feel as if you are pushing him or her too hard. Do not lose sight of your long-term goals. You might change your M.O. once you are able to see the bigger picture. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be driven to change direction, especially as a close associate pushes you to agree with him or her. You know what you want. How you accept what is being offered is important; do it without causing a problem or making a negative comment. Tonight: Return calls.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You'll wake up feeling ready to take on nearly any project or responsibility. You might feel as if you are Superman or Superwoman for the day! You could find that you have a desire to complete a lot of work, errands, etc. Listen to news openly. Tonight: Pay bills first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could be suppressing some feelings, but don't. Let others know what you are thinking after you hear where they are coming from. You still might decide to hold back some thoughts, regardless. A loved one makes it clear what he or she wants from you. Tonight: It is your call.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to see both sides of an argument more clearly. You could be in a situation where you want to have a conversation, whereas the other party would prefer to create uproar. Allow this person to clear this need out of his or her system. Tonight: Keep your cool.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to do a better job of listening. You'll need to express your feelings too, even if the other party would prefer that you didn't. Note how volatile the situation could become. Do not personalize anything you hear right now. Give yourself time. Tonight: Chat with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might not be sure what someone is hinting at, as this person sees what is occurring in an entirely different light. Try to gain a new perspective; discussions will be much easier from that point on. Tonight: Make the most of the night. You could be out till the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You could see someone in a new light. Lie low for now, and listen to others argue. Should you decide to put an end to the discussion, you will be able to. By listening, you will learn a lot about others and where they are coming from. Tonight: Take a walk or head to the gym.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might consider keeping a journal to figure out why you feel out of sorts so often. You'll wonder what you could do to make yourself more relaxed. You'll discover how much easier it is to express your feelings once you have written them down. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might decide that a partner or close associate needs more time. This person could be pushing hard to achieve more of what he or she wants. You will need to establish stronger boundaries. Know that you already have begun the process. Tonight: Listen to an offer.

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U.S. founding father Samuel Adams (1722), baseball player Mike Schmidt (1949), actress Gwyneth Paltrow (1972)

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SOUTH
♠ A 8 6 5 3 2
♡ K Q J 10
♢ A K
♣ 7

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2	Pass	4	Pass
4NT	Pass	5	Pass
6	All pass		

Opening lead: Queen of

This was the club's monthly team competition, and Hard Luck Louie was hard at work. He didn't think anyone would bid the grand slam, but he set out to take all 13 tricks anyway. He won the opening diamond lead with the ace and cashed the king and queen of trumps. He was disappointed with the 4-1 trump split, but he was still on for 13 tricks with a 3-2 split in spades. Louie led a low spade to dummy's king and continued with the jack. East covered the jack with the queen, Louie played the ace, and West ruffed. West exited with his last trump and Louie could no longer take even 12 tricks. "What horrid luck," said Louie. "4-1 splits in both majors! Give me a break."

Lucky Larry also arrived in six hearts with the queen of diamonds lead. He won the diamond lead and, like Louie, cashed two top trumps. Larry led a low spade to dummy's king and continued with the jack, covered by East. Larry wanted to make the best play for his contract in a team game, where the overtrick rarely matters, so he allowed the queen of spades to hold the trick. This paid big dividends when West showed out. East led the king of clubs to dummy's ace. Larry crossed back to his hand with the king of diamonds and led a low spade, ruffing with dummy's ace of hearts. A low heart back to his hand allowed Larry to draw the remaining trump, cash the ace of spades, and claim with all good spades. Well done!

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Civil __
4 Tropical fish with large peepers
10 Add to the staff
14 Jungle swinger
15 Rapper whose professional name sounds like a candy
16 Sport, for ports: Abbr.
17 Kindled
18 Churchgoer's "If it's meant to be"
20 Explorer Ericson
22 Kitchy-__
23 Blame taker
24 Curtain material
26 Another name for the gladiolus
30 Cable box display
32 Dispensable candy
33 High bond rating
34 Geological epoch in which mammals arose
37 Leave __: reward the waiter
38 Post-Cold War hierarchy ... and what is literally contained in the circled squares
42 Mortar carriers
43 __ Fables
44 Nonprofit URL ending
45 Adherent's suffix
47 Muscat residents
51 Out-of-the-office assignment
55 Point of view
56 Peau de __: satin-weave cloth
57 Wide shoe width
59 In any way
60 They're often passed on the road
64 Holiday threshold
65 Starting course
66 Austrian capital
67 "__ Misérables"
68 Chris of "The Good Wife"
69 First female Shuttle pilot __ Collins
70 H.S. 12th-graders

DOWN

1 NYSE locale
2 Per unit
3 Head to bed
4 Brussels' land: Abbr.
5 "Don't worry about me"
6 Copter predecessors
7 Provide with funding
8 Evergreen that's a homophone of a vowel
9 Political refugee
10 Judaism's kosher laws
11 Start
12 Took part in a marathon
13 Cake mix need
19 City southwest of Warsaw
21 Reporter's quintet of questions
25 Ask for Whiskas, perhaps
27 Opinion columns
28 Lion's den
29 Jabber
31 Prefix with friendly
35 Muse of poetry
36 Marlins' MLB div.
37 Source of media revenue
38 "Me neither"
39 Barely beats
40 Valentine card hugs
41 LP measures
42 Baseball inst. in Cooperstown
45 "__ it my way"
46 Turn sharply
48 Orange choices
49 "Well, __!" "What an outrage!"
50 Blood pressure elevator
52 Acid test outcome, possibly
53 Party hearty
54 Nancy Drew creator Carolyn
58 White-tailed coastal bird
60 Nine-digit ID
61 Lav. in Bath
62 Three on a sundial
63 __ Antonio

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

C	A	S	C	A		X	M	E	N		B	A	E	Z
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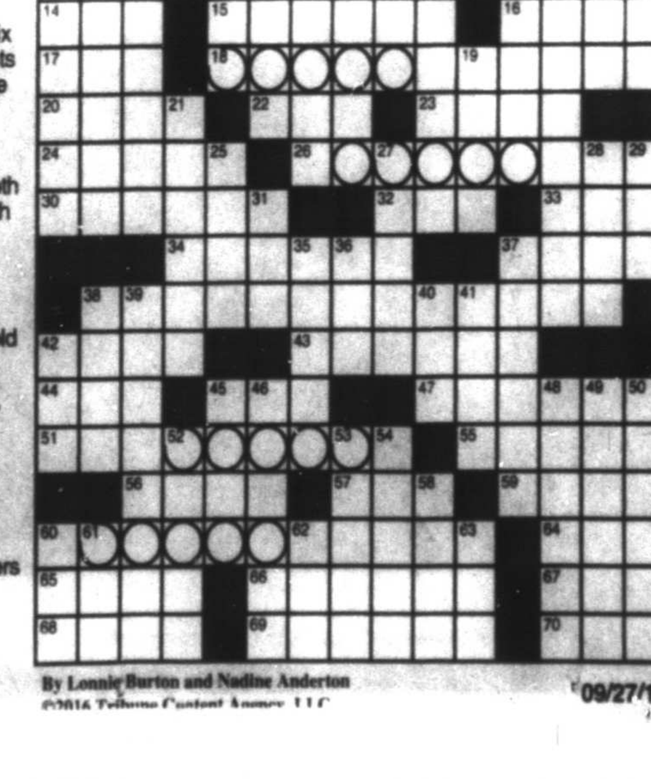

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EXTRA CREDIT

Meet the MHS mascot for the class of 2020

MEATBALL

Owner: MFHS student Shelby Thomas
Trick: Sit and jump

ROWDY

Owner: Andy Acklin and MFHS student Emily Ortega
Trick: Talking

MASERATI

Owner: Natalie Mendoza
Trick: Will "stand" for a treat

BEAST BOY

Owner: Ruben Terrazas
Trick: Looking fierce

CHUBBS

OWNER: MFHS STUDENT GAVYN COOPER
Trick: Plays tackle football

FLASH

Owner: MFHS student Daniah Ramos
Trick: Jumps over a loop

TACO

Owners: Bridget and Trent Green
Trick: Says "Go Dawgs"

Midland Freshman High School students selected its mascot Friday during the Bulldog Beauty Contest. The winning bulldog, Chubbs, will attend the homecoming parade and other spirit events for Midland High's Class of 2020.

DIESEL

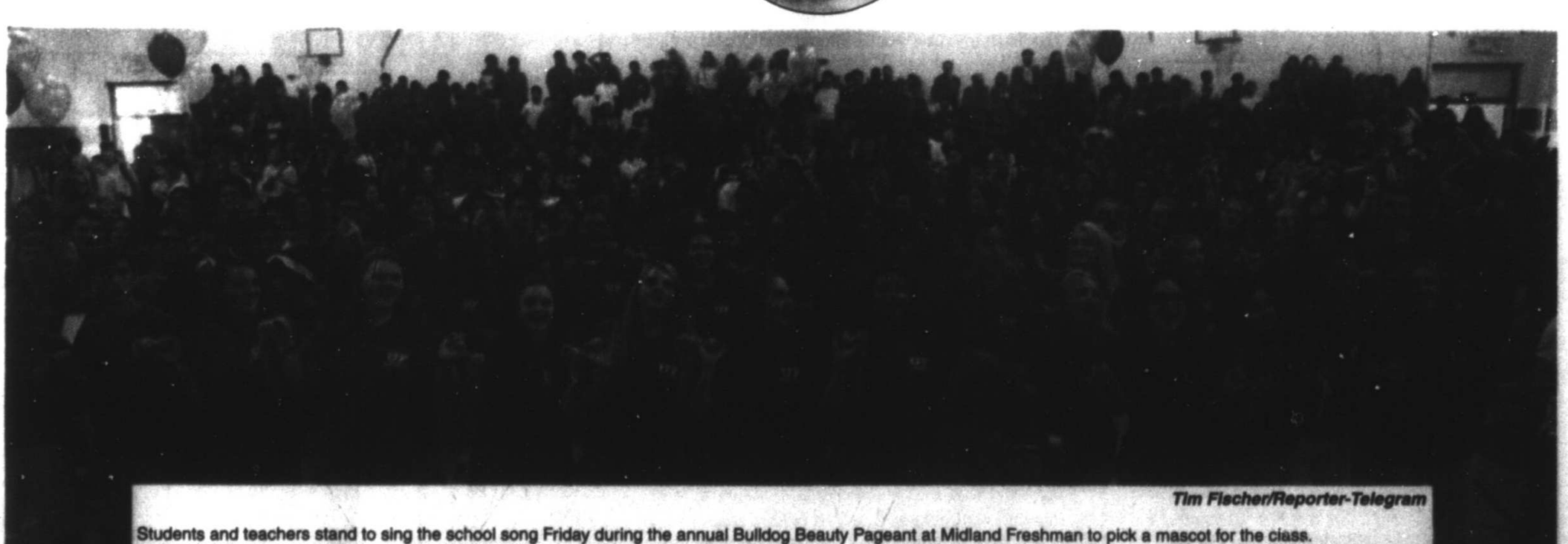
Owner: MFH student Steven Riley
Trick: Snoring

DAISY

Owner: MFHS student Steven Riley
Trick: Gives kisses

ZOEY

Owner: MFHS student Jesus Ramirez
Trick: Being adorable



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Students and teachers stand to sing the school song Friday during the annual Bulldog Beauty Pageant at Midland Freshman to pick a mascot for the class.

MRT AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Pearson powers Coahoma with bruising style

By Oscar LeRoy
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Braden Pearson is not shy about lowering his shoulder pads and getting physical.

That's just his style.

In a wild 78-50 loss to San Angelo Grape Creek on Friday night, the junior running back for Coahoma displayed his physical brand of football. He ran hard and tough, and he gave his team a fighting chance.

Pearson

He finished with 227 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 31 carries and he also completed 3 of 3 passes for 62 yards, a TD and no interceptions when starting quarterback Mason Moore had to leave a series with an injury. If that's not enough, Pearson also played nose guard on defense, despite only being listed at 5-foot-8 and 160 pounds.

Because of that effort, Pearson is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"He was kind of Mr. Everything for us on that night," Coahoma coach Fred Dietz. "He's a solid football player, a great kid and he's fun to coach."

Dietz said Grape Creek was taking the perimeter away from his offense, which opened things up for the Bulldogs' running game. Plus, the offensive line was also arguably having its best game of the season.

"Braden is an incredible runner, especially in between the tackles, plus he's a very physical football player," Dietz said. "Our offensive line created lots of running room and Braden took us on his shoulders. It's not fun to tackle that guy with his punishing style. That will take its toll as the game goes on."

Pearson said he doesn't shy away from that physical style of running and added that he likes it.

"It's just a good feeling when you run over people and gain extra yards," he said.

Pearson added that his effort on Friday night also seemed to fuel his teammates.

"The offensive line did a great job, and it was probably the best they have played all year, and we were able to play fast," he said. "I felt like I ran my hardest and just tried to gain extra yards. Even when (the defenders) had me held, I still tried to run hard. That seemed to give my team confidence because I didn't want to go down easy."

Pearson, who was the starting quarterback on the JV team last year, said he's also prepared to step in at quarterback whenever the team needs him.

Even though the Bulldogs lost the game to fall to 0-4 on the season, Pearson and his teammates have reason to be optimistic after putting up a big fight against a team that is still undefeated.

"I think putting up that big score gives us confidence that we can do it," he said. "If we were worried before that we couldn't do it, now we know for sure that we can."

Coahoma looks to get its first win of the

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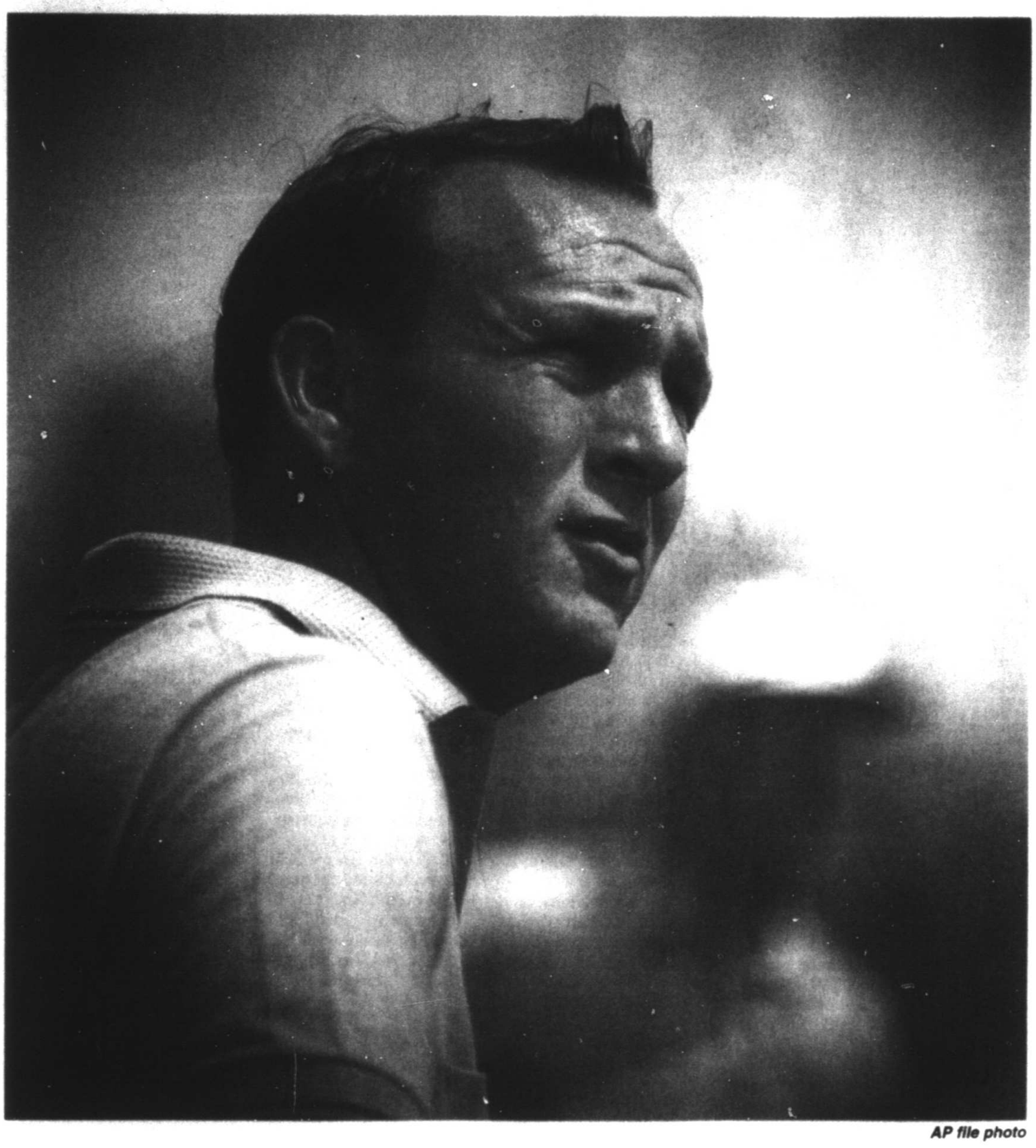
REMEMBERING AN ICON


AP file photo

This 1962 file photo shows Arnold Palmer concentrating on his next move during the Lucky International Open at San Francisco's Harding Park. Palmer, who made golf popular for the masses with his hard-charging style, incomparable charisma and a personal touch that made him known throughout the golf world as "The King," died Sunday in Pittsburgh. He was 87.

Palmer's impact: Grand Slam, TV, private jets

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CHASKA, Minn. — Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Jordan Spieth all chased the Grand Slam, golf's holy grail of winning all four majors in one year.

Arnold Palmer is the one who created it.

When he turned 50, it was Palmer who brought enthusiasm and credibility in 1980 to a fledgling circuit known then as the Senior PGA Tour. And it flourished because no one got tired of watching Arnie. Today, nine players who probably should be retired already have made at least $1 million.

The Golf Channel interrupted coverage of the PGA Tour Champions event Sunday night when Palmer died at age 87, and the network provided continuous reports on his legacy, highlights of his greatest victories and images of the countless relationships Palmer developed. One of those legacies was the Golf Channel itself, which he co-founded in 1995.

"It is not an exaggeration to say there would be no modern day PGA Tour without Arnold Palmer. There would be no PGA Tour Champions without Arnold Palmer. There would be no Golf Channel without Arnold Palmer," PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem said.

Some of Palmer's greatest influences on the game:

Grand Slam

It was rare for Americans to play in the British Open in the decade after World War II, mainly because the prize money wasn't enough to cover travel expenses. Palmer helped return golf's oldest championship to its glory in 1960, and he gave the sport a new standard to chase.

He won the Masters and U.S. Open in 1960 when he traveled over to St. Andrews for the British Open. On the journey across, he raised the notion of the modern Grand Slam — the four professional majors — to sports writer Bob Drum. Palmer was runner-up to Kel Nagle that year. He won the British Open at Royal Birkdale in 1961, and he defended his title the following year at Royal Troon.

Americans followed his lead soon thereafter.

Please see **PALMER**/5C

Cowboys OL Collins headed to IR with toe injury

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — A person with knowledge of the injury says Dallas left guard La'el Collins will be placed on injured reserve with a possible return late in the season because of a right toe injury.

Collins left late in the first half of Sunday night's 31-17 win over Chicago with a toe injury. Speaking to The Associated Press on Monday on condition of anonymity because details of the injury weren't released, the person said Collins has a ligament injury on his right big toe.

Putting Collins on IR opens a roster spot for the Cowboys while giving Collins a chance to return to practice in six weeks and play in a game after eight weeks.

Dallas played the second half against the Bears without the starting left side of its line. Pro Bowl left tackle Tyron Smith was inactive with a back injury. But Collins' replacement is former starter Ron Leary, who lost his job to Collins last season.

Receiver Dez Bryant sprained his right knee on his first catch early against the Bears but returned and caught a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter. Coach Jason Garrett said there was no update on Bryant's status.

PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

Trinity still learning how to finish games

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Trinity football team is still finding its way in non-district play after losing four key seniors from its 2015 TAPPS Six-Man Division I state runner-up squad.

The Chargers (2-2) are on a two-game losing skid, after being outscored by a combined 66-30 in the second half in their defeats to the Lubbock Titans and Imperial Buena Vista.

Alexander

Last week's bye couldn't have happened for a better time for Trinity, as it tries to regroup and iron out some kinks before Friday's 7:30 p.m. showdown with Balmorhea (5-0), the No. 2-ranked team in Class 1A Division II according to sixmanfootball.com, in its home opener at Coombes Field.

Chargers head coach Antwan Alexander said his coaching staff used the bye week to get back to the basics of football, calling the practices "mini two-a-days sessions."

Conditioning and the fundamentals of football were the primary focus of the week.

"We just have to learn how to finish out games," Alexander said.

"We're a very young team," Alexander added. "We got guys playing in positions for the very first time. It's going to take some time to get those guys used to being in that position and knowing that we they need to do at times.

"It can be better. I can be a lot better (as a coach). We just have to continue to practice and continue to equip these guys with the tools that they need to help them succeed."

Trinity has tried to take as much pressure as possible off first-year quarterbacks Daniel Webb and Chesley McDonald by using its rushing attack as its primary source of offense.

With that approach, the Chargers have amassed 701 of their total 925 yards on the ground, which accounts for 75.8 percent of their offensive output.

Logan Ramsey has spearheaded Trinity's running game with 414 yards on 42 carries, to go along with seven rushing TDs, while Jackson Pinnow has contributed with seven rushing scores and 235 yards on 33 attempts.

"That's something that we knew we had to prepare for this year, establish the running game, help us manage the clock," Alexander said. "The team and the boys have picked up on it well. Now it's time to start developing the other wrinkle to the game and that's our passing so we can be a little more balanced."

From the start of the season in August, Alexander made it a point to separate the 2015 and 2016 campaigns as two entirely different seasons and football teams.

Despite that fact, Alexander says his younger players have naturally put pressure upon themselves to live up to what the 2015 seniors achieved.

"That's big shoes trying to fill," Alexander said. "The pressure is on those kids and they know what type of players that we had in those positions (last year). They're just trying to step up and we have to keep their confidence up."

Friday's game can go a long way to building the Chargers' confidence as they host a Bears team that reached the

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BOXING

Perrella vs. Ugas, 7 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

FUTSAL

World Cup Semifinal: Iran vs. Russia, 6:50 p.m., FS2

HOCKEY

World Cup of Hockey Final, Gm 1: Canada vs. Europe, 7 p.m., ESPN

MLB

Boston at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Teams TBA, 6 p.m., MLB

Milwaukee at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

Seattle at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT

MEN'S SOCCER

UEFA Champions: Multi-match 90, 1:30 p.m., FSP

UEFA Champions: Borussia Dortmund vs. Real Madrid CF, 1:45 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

UEFA Champions: PFC CSKA Moscow vs. Tottenham Hotspur FC, 1:45 p.m., FS2

UEFA Champions: Leicester City FC vs. FC Porto, 1:45 p.m., FSN (FSSW/FSSW+)

UEFA Champions: AS Monaco FC vs. Bayer 04 Leverkusen, 1:45 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP

Copa MX: Cruz Azul FC vs. Mineros de Zacatecas, 8:55 p.m., GALA

Copa MX: CF Monarcas Morelia vs. CD Guadalajara, 8:55 p.m., ESPNDEP, UDN

TENNIS

WTA: Wuhan Open, 11 p.m., TENNIS

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

San Diego at Loyola Marymount, 9 p.m., ESPNU

ON RADIO

MLB

Milwaukee at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

Seattle at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

TENNIS

Lee vs. Odessa Permian, Bush Tennis Center, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Midland High at Amarillo Tascosa, 6 p.m.

Abilene Christian at Trinity, 6 p.m.

Monahans at Greenwood, 6:30 p.m.

LATE HS TENNIS

Saturday's late results

WALL 11, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 8

Boys singles

1. Josh Ramos, MCS def. Troy Hoffman 6-2, 6-1; 2. Garrett Bushman, MCS def. Sawyer Murphy 6-1, 6-3; 3. Jonathan Cheatham, MCS def. Kort Alexander 6-4, 6-1; 4. Shawn Labadelle, WHS def. Shawn Ohlsen 6-3, 6-3; 5. Zack Flemming, WHS def. Caleb Fincher 6-1, 6-0; 6. Graham Kelso, WHS def. Carter West 6-4, 6-4.

Boys doubles

1. Ramos-Cheatham, MCS def. Hoffman-Labadelle 6-1, 6-2; 2. Murphy-Alexander, WHS def. Bushman-Ohlsen 7-5, 6-2; 3. Kelso-Jost, WHS def. Fincher-Driggers 6-2, 7-6.

Girls singles

1. Madelyn Hammond, MCS def. Megan Scott 6-0, 6-0; 2. Kristal Wight, MCS def. Alena Ornelas 6-3, 6-4; 3. Samantha Bravo, WHS def. Morgan Stubbs 4-6, 7-6, 10-8; 4. Kennedy Foster, WHS def. Kaitlyn Walker 6-1, 6-1; 5. Hatti Hoffman, WHS def. Alexis Stoneman 6-2, 6-2; 6. Catalina Yzaguirre, MCS def. Paige Taylor 6-2, 2-6, 10-5

Girls doubles

1. Hammond-Wight, MCS def. Ornelas-Bravo 6-1, 6-2; 2. Foster-Taylor, Wall def. Walker-Yzaguirre 7-5, 6-1; 3. Hoffman-Villedos, Wall def. Adler-Gully 6-2, 6-2

Mixed doubles

Scott-Fleming, Wall def. Stubbs-Jones 6-2, 6-0

MASON 17, MIDLAND CHRISTIAN 2

Mason winners listed first unless otherwise noted

Boys singles

1. Caleb Horne def. Ramos 6-2, 6-4; 2. Bushman, MCS def. Roman Coe, 6-1, 6-2; 3. Slade Townsend def. Cheatham 6-0, 6-1; 4. James Schwerther def. Ohlsen 6-2, 6-2; 5. Ethan Powell def. Mason Driggers 6-0, 6-1; 6. Rudy Rochat def. Fincher 6-1, 6-0

Boys doubles

1. Horne-Powell def. Bushman-Ramos 6-2, 6-3; 2. Schwerther-Townsend def. Ohlsen-Fincher 6-1, 6-2; 3. Rochat-Bierschwale def. Driggers-Jones 6-1, 6-2

Girls singles

1. Hammond, MCS def. Ryli Ruffin 6-1, 6-3; 2. Lanie Schmidt def. Wight 6-4, 6-4; 3. Kate Gillespie def. Stubbs 6-2, 6-0; 4. Raegan Glentz def. Walker 6-2, 6-0; 5. Grace Chapman def. Stoneman 6-2, 6-1; 6. Sloan Townsend def. Yzaguirre 6-1, 6-2

Girls doubles

1. Ruffin-Schmidt def. Hammond-Wight 6-7, 6-1, 10-4; 2. Glentz-Gillespie def. Walker-Yzaguirre 6-0, 6-0; 3. Townsend-Dudney def. Stoneman-Adler 6-2, 6-0

Mixed doubles

Chapman-Coe def. Cheatham-Stubbs 6-1, 6-3

YOUTH SPORTS

JV Tennis

Midland High 17, Odessa Permian 2

FCS COACHES POLL

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 25, points and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (26)	3-0	650	1
2. Sam Houston State	3-0	610	2
3. Chattanooga	4-0	587	3
4. Jacksonville State	3-1	575	4
5. Eastern Washington	3-1	541	5
6. James Madison	3-1	494	7
7. Richmond	3-1	479	9
8. Charleston Southern	2-2	425	11
8. Western Illinois	3-0	425	13
10. The Citadel	3-0	411	10
11. Montana	2-1	356	6
12. Northern Iowa	1-2	331	14
13. Eastern Illinois	3-1	323	16
14. Villanova	3-1	312	15
15. Youngstown State	2-1	236	17
16. South Dakota State	1-2	191	18
17. William & Mary	2-2	189	8
18. Cal Poly	3-1	184	NR
19. Harvard	2-0	169	19
20. Illinois State	2-2	165	12
21. Albany	4-0	161	23
22. McNeese State	2-2	145	20
23. North Carolina A&T	2-1	127	22
24. Southern Utah	2-1	88	NR
25. Colgate	1-2	53	21

Others receiving votes: Wofford 41, Stephen F. Austin 38, North Dakota 31, Fordham 15, Northern Arizona 13, Elon 12, Central Arkansas 10, Stony Brook 8, Sacred Heart 7, Eastern Kentucky 6, Prairie View A&M 6, Portland State 3, Towson 3, Tennessee State 3, Dartmouth 2, Idaho State 2, Samford 1, Southeastern Louisiana 1, Indiana State 1.

AFCA COACHES POLLS

Division II

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Northwest Missouri St. (30)	4-0	750	1
2. Grand Valley St. (Mich.)	4-0	713	2
3. West Georgia	4-0	658	3
4. Shepherd (W.Va.)	4-0	637	4
5. Ashland (Ohio)	4-0	622	5
6. Texas A&M-Commerce	3-0	586	6
7. Henderson St. (Ark.)	4-0	563	8
8. Indiana (Pa.)	3-0	533	9
9. Slippery Rock (Pa.)	4-0	511	10
10. Midwestern St. (Texas)	3-0	458	11
11. Tuskegee (Ala.)	4-0	424	12
12. Sioux Falls (S.D.)	4-0	386	14
13. Ferris St. (Mich.)	3-1	374	7
14. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	4-0	365	15
15. Assumption (Mass.)	4-0	325	17
16. Florida Tech	4-0	302	19
17. Colorado Mesa	4-0	289	18
18. North Alabama	2-1	261	20
19. Minnesota St.	3-1	178	21
20. Harding (Ark.)	4-0	172	25
21. North Carolina-Pembroke	4-0	123	NR
22. Central Missouri	3-1	116	13
23. Emporia St. (Kan.)	3-1	97	NR
24. California (Pa.)	3-0	71	NR
25. Augustana (S.D.)	3-1	48	16

Division III

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Mount Union (Ohio) (39)	3-0	1047	1
2. Wis.-Whitewater (1)	3-0	994	2
3. Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas) (2)	3-0	964	3
4. St. Thomas (Minn.)	4-0	936	4
5. Wis.-Oshkosh	3-0	871	5
6. Wheaton (Ill.)	4-0	800	6
7. North Central (Ill.)	4-0	768	7
8. Johns Hopkins (Md.)	4-0	728	9
9. Wis.-Platteville	3-0	724	11
10. Hardin-Simmons (Texas)	3-0	644	12
11. Linfield (Ore.)	1-1	516	14
11. Salisbury (Md.)	3-0	516	15
13. St. John Fisher (N.Y.)	4-0	472	16
14. St. John's (Minn.)	3-1	467	8
15. Huntingdon (Ala.)	3-0	393	17
15. Hobart (N.Y.)	4-0	393	18
17. Wittenberg (Ohio)	3-0	356	20
18. East Texas Baptist	3-0	256	22
19. Thomas More (Ky.)	3-1	238	19
20. Dubuque (Iowa)	4-0	232	21
21. Franklin (Ind.)	3-1	169	23
22. Stevenson (Md.)	4-0	166	NR
23. Wabash (Ind.)	2-1	164	10
24. St. Lawrence (N.Y.)	4-0	156	25
25. Christopher Newport (Va.)	4-0	111	N

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

National League

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Acquired INF Chris Bostick from Washington for C Taylor Gushue and cash considerations. Placed INF Josh Harrison on the 60-day DL.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — F Paul Pierce announced his retirement following the 201-6-17 season.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed OL Colin Kelly to the practice squad. Terminated the practice squad contract of OL Jason Weaver.

DETROIT LIONS — Waived LB Zaviar Gooden.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released DE Sterling Bailey from the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released DL Anthony Johnson.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed RB Brandon Wilds to the practice squad. Released RB Dominique Williams from the practice squad. Claimed TE Austin Seferian-Jenkins off waivers from Tampa Bay.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Released FB Marcel Reece.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Announced the retirement of OL Anthony Davis.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Released DE Reuben Frank.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BOSTON BRUINS — Signed F Brad Marchand to an eight-year contract extension.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Released Fs Tyler Barnes, Bryn Chyzyk, Jeremy Langlois, Trevor Mingoia, Evan Mosey; D Jonathan Carlsson, Nick Mattson and G Eric Levine from their tryout agreements. Released F Radovan Bondra, John Dahlstrom, Nathan Noel and Roy Radke from training camp and returned them to their junior hockey teams.

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Signed F Jeremy Akeson, G Brandon Anderson, D Matt Chiarantano, D Bobby Domin, D Bobby Gertsakis, F Tyler Gjurich, F Al Graves, G Nick Niedert, F Mark Petaccio and D Zach Sarig to tryout agreements.

COLLEGE

TEXAS — Suspended senior football G Kent Perkins one game, following his arrest last week for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

FEDEX CUP LEADERS

Through Sept. 25

Rank Player	Points	YTD Money
1. Dustin Johnson	22	$9,365,185
2. Jason Day	20	$8,045,112
3. Adam Scott	20	$6,473,090
4. Rory McIlroy	18	$5,790,585
5. Patrick Reed	28	$5,679,575
6. Jordan Spieth	21	$5,538,470
7. Russell Knox	25	$4,885,906
8. Kevin Chappell	27	$4,501,050
9. Hideki Matsuyama	23	$4,193,954
10. Jimmy Walker	25	$4,148,546
11. Justin Thomas	28	$4,126,366
12. Phil Mickelson	22	$4,022,628
13. Brandt Snedeker	27	$3,960,142
14. Paul Casey	22	$3,885,560
15. Matt Kuchar	26	$3,819,678
16. Ryan Moore	23	$3,701,034
17. William McGirt	28	$3,614,972
18. Bubba Watson	19	$3,492,842
19. Kevin Na	26	$3,441,291
20. Kevin Kisner	27	$3,424,354
21. Henrik Stenson	14	$3,397,373
22. Emiliano Grillo	25	$3,371,705
23. Brooks Koepka	21	$3,322,393
24. Daniel Berger	26	$3,290,764
25. Sergio Garcia	15	$3,242,156
26. Si Woo Kim	34	$3,068,369
27. J.B. Holmes	22	$2,969,608
28. Charl Schwartzel	19	$2,936,027
29. Scott Piercy	24	$2,905,349
30. Jason Dufner	28	$2,879,884
31. Branden Grace	18	$2,878,868
32. Rickie Fowler	23	$2,713,563
33. Graeme McDowell	21	$2,596,170
34. Roberto Castro	27	$2,520,574
35. Smylie Kaufman	28	$2,508,174
36. Jhonattan Vegas	27	$2,478,980
37. Louis Oosthuizen	17	$2,422,079
38. Gary Woodland	26	$2,392,044
39. Bill Haas	24	$2,390,199
40. James Hahn	26	$2,367,521
41. Charley Hoffman	26	$2,350,239
42. Fabian Gomez	26	$2,227,040
43. Jim Herman	29	$2,091,274
44. Justin Rose	18	$2,085,365
45. Daniel Summerhays	28	$2,045,968
46. Harris English	27	$2,014,283
47. Charles Howell III	25	$1,974,362
48. Jamie Lovemark	27	$1,940,890
49. Danny Willett	9	$1,938,132
50. Jason Kokrak	28	$1,934,250
51. Jon Curran	30	$1,902,481
52. David Lingmerth	24	$1,863,783
53. Tony Finau	28	$1,814,790
54. Ryan Palmer	23	$1,794,141
55. Billy Hurley III	20	$1,770,400
56. Chris Kirk	28	$1,762,335

Chaps finish 2nd at High Country Shootout

From staff reports

RUIDOSO, N.M. — A few bogeys down the stretch cost the Midland College men's golf team at the High Country Shootout on Monday at The Links at Sierra Blanca.

The Chaparrals shot a 280 during the final round to finish with a three-round total of 832, five shots back of Odessa College, which shot a 270 on Monday.

MC sophomore Stefan Cronje also finished in second place in the medalists standings with a 202 total, five shots back of OC's Adam Blomme. Fellow Chaps Ben Murray (207) finished in a tie for fourth, while Michael Salazar (210) finished in a tie for seventh.

MC will next play in the NJCAA National Golf Preview Oct. 10-11 in Garden City, Kansas.

High Country Shootout

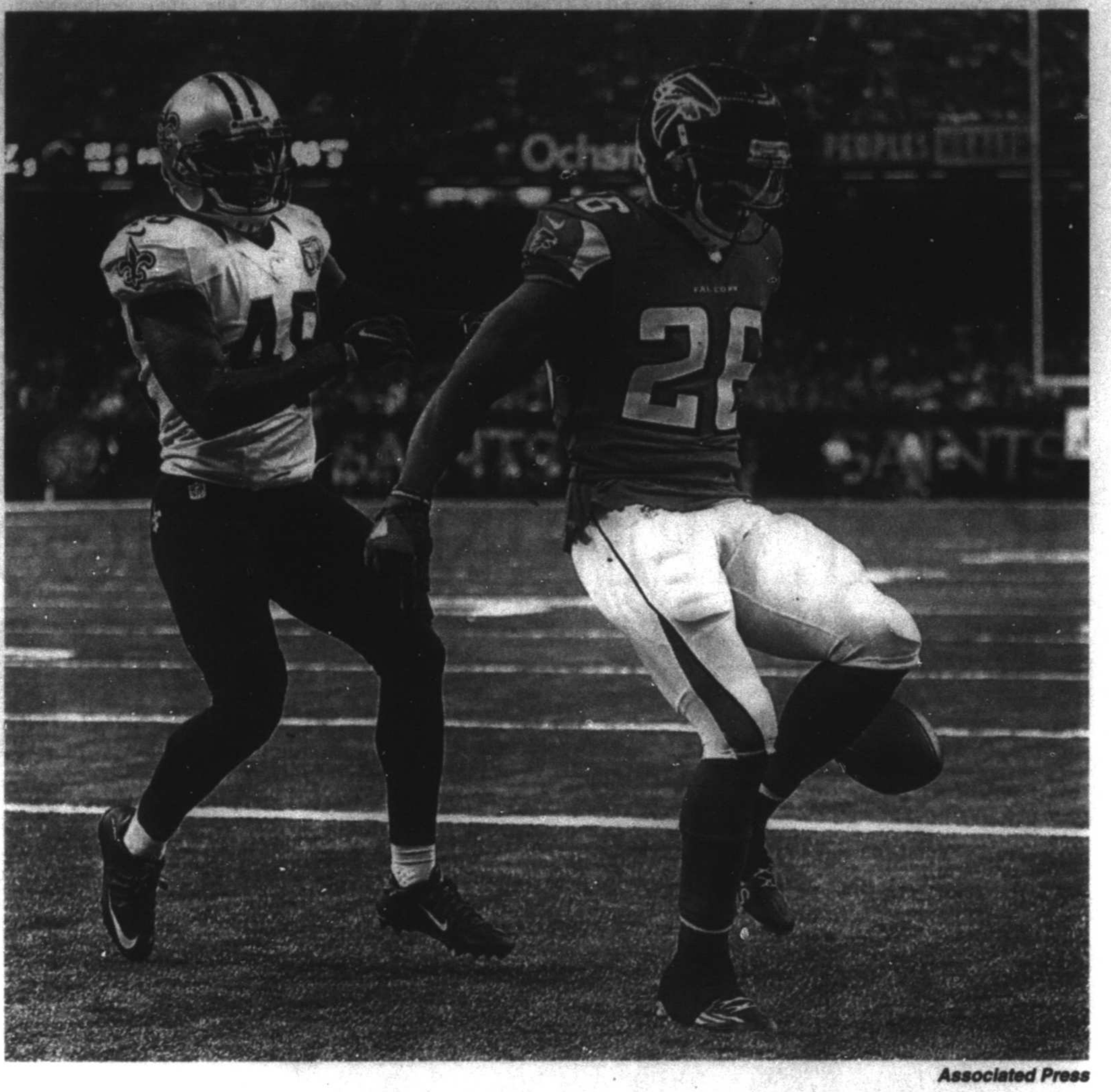
The Links at Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso, N.M.

Monday's final results

Team standings – 1. Odessa College 277-280-270—827; 2. Midland College 278-274-280—832; 3. New Mexico JC 289-278-282—849; 4. Dodge City CC 287-281-285—853; 5. South Mountain CC 282-290-284—856; 6. Odessa College II 282-289-294—865; 7. Mesa CC 291-290-285—866; 8. New Mexico Military Institute 291-288-289—868; 9. Western Texas College 291-288-290—869; 10. McLennan CC 291-291-294—876; 11. Eastern Arizona College 303-289-287—879; 12. Garden City CC 292-302-307—901

Medalists standings — 1. Adam Blomme, Odessa College, 64-68-65—197; 2. Stefan Cronje, Midland College, 67-66-69—202; 3. Van Thomas, Odessa II, 68-67-68—203; 4. (tie)Ben Murray Midland College, 68-70-69—207; Augustin Hole, Odessa College, 71-69-67—207; 6. Ryan Bailey, South Mountain, 69-73-67—209; 7. (tie) Michael Salazar 71-68-71—210; Paul Montoya, NMMI, 72-69-69—210; 9. Dustin Lewis, Odessa College, 70-75-66—211; Ryan Cahill, Eastern Arizona, 72-71-68—211

Midland College – Stefan Cronje 67-66-69—202, Ben Murray 68-70-69—207, Michael Salazar 71-68-71—210; Coleman Houston 72-72-71—215, Hudson Ross 75-70-75—220. Midland College individuals – Thomas Bailey 69-76-75—220, Tommy Parker 75-75-77—227



Associated Press

Atlanta Falcons running back Tevin Coleman (26) crosses into the end zone for a touchdown in front of New Orleans Saints free safety Vonn Bell (48) in the second half of a football game in New Orleans on Monday.

Freeman, Coleman lift Falcons past Saints, 45-32

By Brett Martel
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Tevin Coleman rushed for three touchdowns, Matt Ryan passed for two TDs, and Deion Jones returned an interception 90 yards for a score to help the Atlanta Falcons beat the winless New Orleans Saints 45-32 on Monday night.

The game was played nearly 10 years to the day after the Saints' memorable return to the Superdome on Sept. 25, 2006, 13 months after Hurricane Katrina. But there would be no reprise of New Orleans' dominant and emotional 23-3 triumph a decade ago.

The Saints' depleted defense struggled to slow down Devonta Freeman, who rushed for 152 yards and caught five passes for 55 yards. Coleman also was effective in the passing game out of the backfield, with three receptions for 47 yards to go with his 42 yards rushing.

Ryan finished with 240 yards passing for Atlanta (2-1) which did not turn the ball over and moved into sole possession of first place in the NFC South.

Drew Brees put up his usual big numbers — 376 yards and three TDs passing — but his interception for a touchdown on a tipped pass early in the fourth quarter gave the Falcons a 45-25 lead that proved too much for New Orleans to overcome.

Special teams blunder

A cruel irony for the Saints was the way they lost the early momentum on — of all plays — a Falcons punt. A decade earlier, the Saints seized the early momentum on Steve Gleason's block of a Falcons punt that was recovered for a touchdown.

Hampered Julio

Atlanta star Julio Jones played despite missing a couple practices during the week because of a sore calf. He did not make his first catch until the second half, on the sixth pass of the game intended for him. That play went for 16 yards. That was his only catch.

FALCONS 45, SAINTS 32

Atlanta	7	21	10	7	—45
New Orleans	7	10	8	7	—32

First Quarter

NO—Fleener 2 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 8:25.

Atl—T.Coleman 2 run (Bryant kick), 5:21.

Second Quarter

Atl—Freeman 13 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 14:53.

NO—Thomas 3 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 9:55.

Atl—T.Coleman 2 run (Bryant kick), 5:31.

Atl—Hardy 4 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), :28.

NO—FG Lutz 57, :00.

Third Quarter

Atl—T.Coleman 6 run (Bryant kick), 12:03.

NO—Kuhn 3 run (Ingram run), 7:38.

Atl—FG Bryant 21, 2:58.

Fourth Quarter

Atl—D.Jones 90 interception return (Bryant kick), 13:37.

NO—Ingram 5 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 10:00.

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	Atl	NO
First downs	26	32
Total Net Yards	442	474
Rushes-yards	31-217	23-115
Passing	225	359
Punt Returns	0-0	1-0
Kickoff Returns	2-54	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-90	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-30-0	36-54-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	2-17
Punts	2-45.0	2-41.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-35	5-75
Time of Possession	27:26	32:34

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Atlanta, Freeman 14-152, T.Coleman 12-42, Ryan 5-23. New Orleans, Ingram 15-77, Hightower 3-19, Brees 2-9, Cooks 1-6, Kuhn 1-3, Lewis 1-1.

PASSING—Atlanta, Ryan 20-30-0-240. New Orleans, Brees 36-54-1-376.

RECEIVING—Atlanta, Freeman 5-55, T.Coleman 3-47, Sanu 3-31, Tamme 3-28, Gabriel 2-33, Hardy 2-26, J.Jones 1-16, Robinson 1-4. New Orleans, Fleener 7-109, B.Coleman 7-78, Thomas 7-71, Cadet 6-32, Ingram 4-30, Lewis 3-43, Cooks 2-13.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	1.000	81	45
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	62	78
Miami	1	2	0	.333	64	67
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	71	68
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	2	1	0	.667	42	53
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	81	95
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	42	57
Jacksonville	0	3	0	.000	54	84
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	57	44
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	65	66
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	56	75
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	54	84
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	84	57
Kansas City	2	1	0	.667	69	49
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	80	79
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	87	73

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	0	0	1.000	92	27
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	77	60
N.Y. Giants	2	1	0	.667	63	61
Washington	1	2	0	.333	68	92
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	104	91
Tampa Bay	1	2	0	.333	70	101
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	76	70
New Orleans	0	3	0	.000	92	83
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	64	40
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	75	67
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	81	85
Chicago	0	3	0	.000	45	83
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Los Angeles	2	1	0	.667	46	63
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	52	37
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	73	83
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	79	63

Scores and schedules

Sunday's Scores

Green Bay 34, Detroit 27
Oakland 17, Tennessee 10
Denver 29, Cincinnati 17
Minnesota 22, Carolina 10
Baltimore 19, Jacksonville 17
Buffalo 33, Arizona 18
Washington 29, N.Y. Giants 27
Miami 30, Cleveland 24, OT
Seattle 37, San Francisco 18
Kansas City 24, N.Y. Jets 3
Philadelphia 34, Pittsburgh 3
Indianapolis 26, San Diego 22
Los Angeles 37, Tampa Bay 32
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Games

Atlanta 45, New Orleans 32

Thursday's Game

Miami at Cincinnati, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games (Sept. 25)

Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 8:30 a.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 12 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Jets, 12 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 12 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 12 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 12 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 12 p.m.
Denver at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
New Orleans at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 26

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

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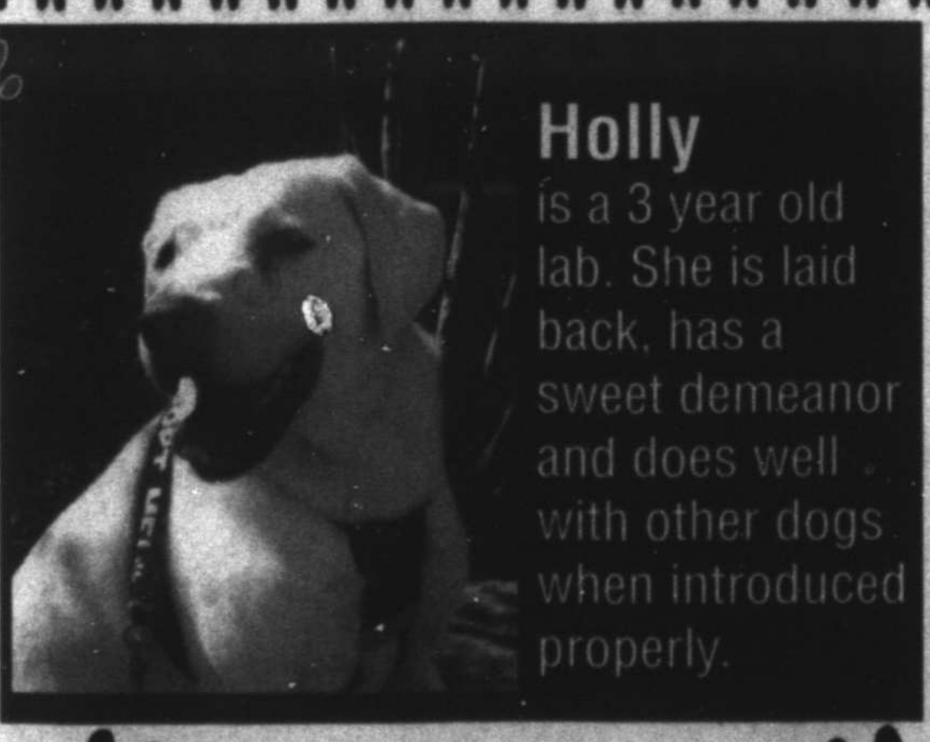

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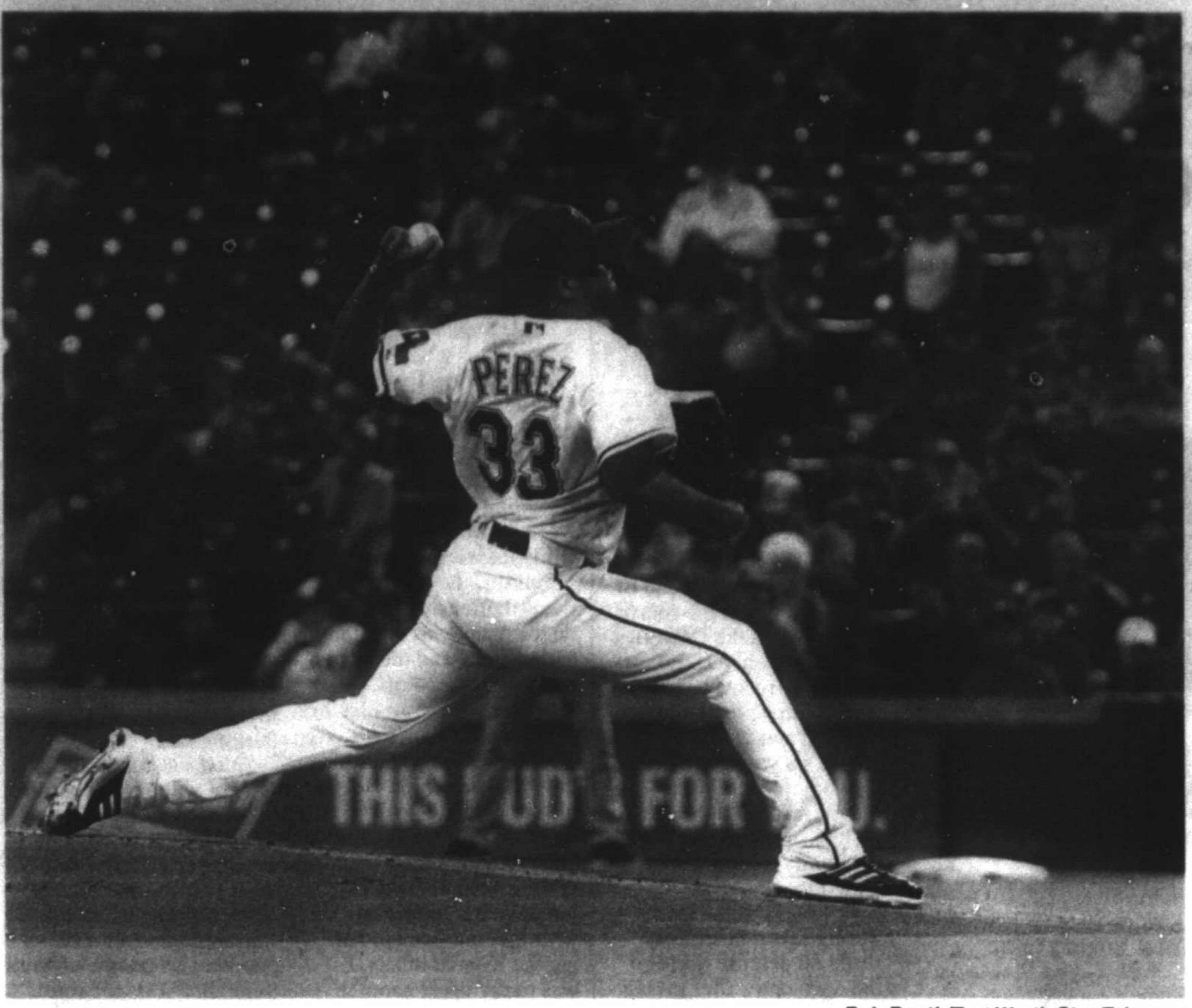

Bob Booth/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Martin Perez (33) throws in the first inning against the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday at Globe Life Park in Arlington.

Villar homers twice, Garza wins as Brewers beat Rangers 8-3

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Jonathan Villar had two home runs and a career-high five RBIs and Matt Garza beat his former team as the Milwaukee Brewers defeated the Texas Rangers 8-3 on Monday night.

The loss dropped American League West-champion Texas one-half game behind the Boston Red Sox in the race for the league's best record. The Cleveland Indians pulled within one-half game of the Rangers.

Villar, the major leagues' stolen base leader with 59, hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning and a three-run shot in the seventh. He also doubled.

Garza (6-8) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings. He spent the second half of the 2013 season with Texas as a rental acquisition from the Chicago Cubs, going 4-5 with a 4.38 ERA. It was Garza's first appearance against Texas since 2010.

Rangers starter Martin Perez (10-11) was looking to set a career high for wins in a season. He gave up a season-high eight earned runs and nine hits in 6 2/3 innings. His home record this season fell to 8-3.

Jonathan Lucroy, who played 6 ½ seasons for Milwaukee before being traded to Texas on Aug. 1, faced his previous team for the first time. Lucroy went 1 for 4.

Jeremy Jeffress, acquired by Texas in the same trade, made his first appearance since being reinstated Friday from the restricted list. He was arrested on a drunken driving charge in Dallas on Aug. 26 and was sent to an inpatient rehab clinic. Jeffress retired all four batters he faced.

Short hops

Milwaukee clinched fourth place in the NL Central. Perez added to his major league-leading total of groundball double plays induced with his 36th of the season in the sixth inning. Elvis Andrus and Carlos Gomez, another former Brewer, both had three hits for Texas.

Trainer's room

Brewers: RHP Taylor Jungmann won't pitch again this season after suffering a hip abductor during his start last Saturday night, which was his first in the majors since April.

Rangers: OF Shin-Soo Choo (left forearm fracture) had three hits and two walks batting in all seven innings of an Instructional League game on Monday . Manager Jeff Banister said he hopes to get RHP Tony Barnette (strained oblique), who last pitched on Sept. 4, into Tuesday night's game.

Up next

Brewers RHP Jimmy Nelson (8-15) leads the NL in losses after getting off to a 3-1 start. Rangers RHP A.J. Griffin (7-4) lasted only 1 2/3 innings last Tuesday in Anaheim, allowing three hits and four walks. If Texas elects to go with four starters in the Division Series, Griffin is a contender for the final slot.

'A lot of pain' as Marlins cope with Fernandez's death

By Steven Wine
Associated Press

MIAMI — Jose Fernandez's name and number showed on the video screen at Marlins Park on Monday when his teammates took the field, preparing to face the New York Mets without him.

Fernandez made his major league debut against the Mets in 2013 and was scheduled to face them again Monday night. Instead, Miami mourns and the Marlins are pushing on without their 24-year-old ace, who was killed in a boating accident early Sunday.

"Deep in our hearts there is a lot of pain," third baseman Martin Prado said. "Somehow we've got to overcome that."

His death sent shock waves throughout Major League Baseball. Fernandez and two other men were killed when his 32-foot SeaVee slammed into a rock jetty that extends off the southern tip of South Beach. A Coast Guard crew going out on patrol discovered the wreck at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, authorities said.

The boat landed upside down, with its engines partially submerged, its bow pointed skyward and debris scattered over the large jagged rocks.

The exact time of the accident and who was behind the wheel have yet to be determined, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said. There's no immediate indication that alcohol or drugs factored into the crash, added a commission spokesman, Lorenzo Veloz.

Also killed were Emilio Macias, 27, and Eduardo Rivero, 25, according to Darren Caprara, operations director of the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office. The medical examiner will establish the cause of death for all of the victims.

Fernandez is the registered owner of the vessel. The wreck was taken from the scene to a secure facility where investigators will examine the evidence, the commission's statement said.

All of the Marlins players planned to wear Fernandez's No. 16 in Monday's game, the team said.

Fans established a memorial on the plaza outside the ballpark entrance, leaving dozens of flower arrangements — daisies, carnations, roses and lilies, the result as colorful as Fernandez's personality. There were also candles, and messages scrawled on balls, balloons, photos and jerseys.

Fernandez won the NL Rookie of the Year award and became a two-time All Star; he also was expecting his first child, with his girlfriend. But his backstory made his death even more heart-wrenching: He escaped from Cuba by boat on his fourth try as a teenager, and when his mother fell into the Yucatan Channel during the journey, he jumped in and pulled her out.

The Marlins canceled their Sunday afternoon game against Atlanta, but there were pregame tributes and moments of silence for him throughout both leagues. Many teams hung jerseys with his name and number.

"This was not only one of the greatest pitchers in the modern game, but one of the finest young men you'd ever meet, who played the game with passion and fun and enjoyed being out there," Mets manager Terry Collins said.

Marlins players and team officials gathered to grieve together; some failed to hold back their tears.

"All I can do is scream in disbelief," said Hall of Famer Tony Perez, a Marlins executive and native of Cuba. "Jose won the love of all. I feel as if I had lost a son."

Nighttime speed limits have been established in the waters off Miami for holidays but officials have resisted requiring licenses and safety training for adult boaters, said Terry Claus, a fishing charter captain who advocated for tougher safety regulations after a July 4, 2014, crash in Biscayne Bay killed four people.

News photos of the boat involved in Fernandez's death appear to show that it had blue interior lights, a decorative feature that — if they were on — could have impaired the driver's vision, Claus said.

"You're surrounded by all this blue light, and you can't see what's in front of you," Claus said, adding that a boater safety course would have explained the danger.

"Those blue lights are supposed to be on at the dock to make the boat look pretty, but when you're on the ocean, everyone can see you but you can't see anyone else."

Wildlife commission spokesman Rob Klepper said he could not confirm whether the vessel had interior lights that may have impaired the driver's vision.

Miami's Government Cut is a busy channel for cargo and cruise ships, smaller fishing boats and personal watercraft. At 3:15 on Sunday, it was nearing high tide and the jetty that protects its entrance was partially submerged.

So if the boat was going fast enough for the bow to rise out of the water, "then it's very possible that he could not see any of those rocks in front of him," Claus said.

Also, while the area is well lit at night by South Beach's neon hotels and condominiums, this also creates a glare that can make spotting a safe route through the channel more difficult, Claus said.

"Especially if you're going fast, there's too much to take in," Claus said. "There's a lot of lights, there's a lot of markers for the cruise ships — red lights flashing, green lights flashing, white lights flashing, and there's a lot of boats running around. You have to be alert, and you have to slow down."

A native of Santa Clara, Cuba, Fernandez spent months in prison after trying to defect. At 15, he and his mother finally made it to Mexico, and were reunited in Tampa, Florida, with his father, who had escaped from Cuba two years earlier.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

INDIANS 7
TIGERS 4

DETROIT — Cleveland clinched the AL Central title, overcoming an injury to ace right-hander Corey Kluber in a victory over Detroit.

Kluber left after four innings with right groin tightness, joining Carlos Carrasco and Danny Salazar in a group of talented Cleveland pitchers dealing with injuries. But even those concerns were secondary when the Indians poured onto the field to celebrate their first division title since 2007.

Buck Farmer (0-1) allowed four runs in five innings for the Tigers, who fell two games behind Baltimore for the second AL wild card.

Andrew Miller (10-1) won in relief, and Cody Allen pitched the ninth for his 30th save in 33 chances.

YANKEES 7
BLUE JAYS 5

TORONTO — Mark Teixeira hit a tying homer in the ninth inning and Aaron Hicks added a winning blast as New York avoided a four-game sweep.

Leading 3-2 heading to the ninth, Blue Jays manager John Gibbons called on Jason Grilli (7-6) to close it out because Roberto Osuna was unavailable after pitching the previous two days.

Teixeira tied it 3-all with a one-out drive into the second deck drive in right. Didi Gregorius singled and Hicks followed with a two-run homer.

Tommy Layne wrapped up his first save by getting Troy Tulowitzki to foul out. Adam Warren (4-2) got the win behind two perfect innings.

WHITE SOX 7
RAYS 1

CHICAGO — James Shields pitched six effective innings for his first win in two months, Justin Morneau and Carlos Sanchez each hit a two-run homer and Chicago beat Tampa Bay.

Shields (6-18) allowed one run and seven hits, using six strikeouts to help wriggle out of several jams and help Chicago win its third straight.

Tampa Bay's Drew Smyly (7-12) allowed three runs and seven hits over five innings in losing for the first time since July 18 at Colorado.

National League

MARLINS 7
METS 3

MIAMI — Dee Gordon and the Miami Marlins wore their emotions on the sleeves of their No. 16 jerseys.

Jose Fernandez would have loved it.

Gordon homered leading off the first inning for the Marlins, who totaled 14 hits and mixed cheers with the tears of the past two days by beating the New York Mets 7-3 on Monday night in their first game since Fernandez died in a boating accident.

Adam Conley pitched three scoreless innings subbing for Fernandez, who had been scheduled to make his final start of the year. Justin Bour went 3 for 3 and Gordon had four hits, including one that will go down in Marlins lore.

Paying tribute to their charismatic ace, the left-handed-hitting Gordon stepped to the plate as a righty leading off the first. After one pitch, Gordon switched to his customary left side — and pulled a 2-0 delivery into the upper deck for his first homer of the season.

DIAMONDBACKS 14
NATIONALS 4

WASHINGTON — All-Star catcher Wilson Ramos left Washington's loss to Arizona with an apparent right knee injury that could be a major blow to the NL East champions.

Ramos landed awkwardly on his right leg after jumping to catch a relay throw in the sixth inning. He immediately called for medical attention and clutched at the same knee he injured badly during the 2012 season, when he tore his ACL and medial collateral ligament.

Washington was already without reigning NL MVP Bryce Harper due to a thumb injury, slugging second baseman Daniel Murphy (strained glute) and 15-game winner Stephen Strasburg (elbow).

This loss left the Nationals one game ahead of the Dodgers for home-field advantage in the series.

Tanner Roark (15-10) allowed five runs in four innings.

Zack Godley (5-4) got the win behind three scoreless innings in relief.

REDS 15
CARDINALS 2

ST. LOUIS — Joey Votto and Adam Duvall hit two of Cincinnati's four homers in a rout of St. Louis.

Reds starter Tim Adleman (3-4) retired the first 10 Cardinals he faced and went a career-long seven innings. It was his first win since Aug. 19.

Jaime Garcia (10-13) lasted just one inning in the shortest outing of his career.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Boston	92	64	.590	—
Toronto	86	70	.551	6
Baltimore	85	71	.545	7
New York	80	76	.513	12
Tampa Bay	65	91	.417	27

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	91	65	.583	—
Detroit	83	73	.532	8
Kansas City	79	77	.506	12
Chicago	75	81	.481	16
Minnesota	56	100	.359	35

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Texas	92	65	.586	—
Seattle	82	73	.529	9
Houston	82	74	.526	9½
Los Angeles	69	87	.442	22½
Oakland	67	88	.432	24

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	91	65	.583	—
New York	83	74	.529	8½
Miami	78	78	.500	13
Philadelphia	70	86	.449	21
Atlanta	63	92	.406	27½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	100	56	.641	—
St. Louis	81	75	.519	19
Pittsburgh	77	79	.494	23
Milwaukee	71	86	.452	29½
Cincinnati	66	90	.423	34

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	90	66	.577	—
San Francisco	82	74	.526	8
Colorado	73	83	.468	17
San Diego	66	90	.423	24
Arizona	65	91	.417	25

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

Wild Card glance

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Toronto	86	70	.551	—
Baltimore	85	71	.545	—
Detroit	83	73	.532	2
Seattle	82	73	.529	2½
Houston	82	74	.526	3
New York	80	76	.513	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
New York	83	74	.529	—
San Francisco	82	74	.526	—
St. Louis	81	75	.519	1
Miami	78	78	.500	4
Pittsburgh	77	79	.494	5

Scores and schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's Scores

N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 5
Cleveland 7, Detroit 4
Milwaukee 8, Texas 3
Chicago White Sox 7, Tampa Bay 1
Seattle at Houston, late
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

Boston (Price 17-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 8-11) at Toronto (Sanchez 13-2), 6:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Clevinger 2-2) at Detroit (Verlander 15-8), 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Berrios 2-7) at Kansas City (Kennedy 11-10), 6:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 8-15) at Texas (Griffin 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Hernandez 11-6) at Houston (Fiers 11-8), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Cobb 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 16-9), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Mengden 2-8) at L.A. Angels (Nolasco 7-14), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Monday's Scores

Chicago Cubs 12, Pittsburgh 2
Arizona 14, Washington 4
Miami 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Milwaukee 8, Texas 3
Cincinnati 15, St. Louis 2

Today's Games

Arizona (Godley 4-4) at Washington (Scherzer 18-7), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 10-8) at Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 3-6), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 13-9) at Miami (Koehler 9-12), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 11-14) at Atlanta (Teheran 6-10), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 8-15) at Texas (Griffin 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Stephenson 2-2) at St. Louis (Wainwright 12-9), 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (De Leon 0-0) at San Diego (Clemens 3-5), 9:10 p.m.
Colorado (Marquez 1-0) at San Francisco (Cueto 17-5), 9:15 p.m.

Texas box

BREWERS 8, RANGERS 3

Milwaukee	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Villar 2b	4	2	3	5	C.Gomez lf	4	0	3	2
D.Sntna rf	5	0	1	2	Desmond cf	4	0	1	1
Braun lf	4	0	1	0	Beltran dh	4	0	0	0
Carter dh	3	0	0	0	Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0
H.Perez 1b	4	0	1	0	Odor 2b	4	0	0	0
Or.Arca ss	4	0	0	0	Lucroy c	4	0	1	0
Mldnado c	3	2	2	0	Mrland 1b	4	0	0	0
M.Reed cf	4	2	1	0	Mazara rf	3	1	0	0
Y.Rvera 3b	3	2	1	1	Andrus ss	4	2	3	0
Totals	34	8	10	8	Totals	35	3	8	3

Milwaukee .... 003 020 300—8
Texas .... 002 010 000—3

E—M.Reed (1). DP—Texas 1. LOB—Milwaukee 3, Texas 6. 2B—Villar (36), Maldonado (7), C.Gomez (21), Andrus (31). HR—Villar 2 (18). SB—C.Gomez (18). CS—Braun (5). S—Villar (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Garza W,6-8	6	6	3	3	1	3
Torres	1	2	0	0	0	2
Barnes	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cravy	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Perez L,10-11	6 2-3	9	8	8	3	3
Jeffress	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Leclerc	1	1	0	0	0	1

T—2:51. A—27,263 (48,114).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

YANKEES 7, BLUE JAYS 5

New York .... 100 000 015 —7 11 1
Toronto .... 102 000 002 —5 6 2

L.Severino, Holder (2), Pazos (3), Yates (4), Bleier (5), Warren (7), Betances (9), Layne (9) and Sanchez; Happ, Biagini (8), Cecil (8), Grilli (9), D.Barnes (9) and Ru.Martin. W—Warren 7-4. L—Grilli 7-6. Sv—Layne (1). HRs—New York, Hicks (8), Teixeira (14).

INDIANS 7, TIGERS 4

Cleveland .... 020 020 120 —7 8 0
Detroit .... 020 010 100 —4 10 1

Kluber, Otero (5), Shaw (6), Miller (7), Allen (9) and R.Perez; Farmer, Ryan (6), J.Wilson (7), A.Wilson (8), B.Rondon (9) and J.McCann. W—Miller 10-1. L—Farmer 0-1. Sv—Allen (30). HRs—Cleveland, Perez (3), Crisp (2). Detroit, Martinez (22).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

DIAMONDBACKS 14, NATIONALS 4

Arizona .... 000 505 031—14 13 0
Washington .... 010 300 000 —4 8 1

Bradley, Delgado (4), Godley (5), Escobar (8), Bracho (9) and Castillo; Hernandez, Roark, Petit (5), Gott (6), Ra.Martin (7), Giolito (8) and W.Ramos, P.Severino. W—Godley 5-4. L—Roark 15-10. HRs—Arizona, Lamb (29), Tomas (30), Segura 2 (19), Haniger (4).

MARLINS 7, METS 3

New York .... 000 020 010 —3 7 0
Miami .... 142 000 00x —7 14 1

Colon, Ynoa (3), Montero (5), Goeddel (6), Edgin (7), Henderson (8) and d'Arnaud, Plawecki; Conley, Dunn (4), Ellington (5), Brice (6), Cervenka (6), McGowan (6), Phelps (7), Barraclough (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto. W—Dunn 5-1. L—Colon 14-8. HRs—Miami, Gordon (1).

CUBS 12, PIRATES 2

Chicago .... 100 406 100—12 18 0
Pittsburgh .... 000 000 020 —2 10 2

Hendricks, Strop (7), H.Rondon (8), Chapman (9) and Contreras; Kuhl, Z.Phillips (4), Brault (6), Coke (7), Hughes (9) and Cervelli, Stallings. W—Hendricks 16-8. L—Kuhl 5-4. HRs—Chicago, Baez (14), Bryant (39). Pittsburgh, Joyce (13), Freese (13).

REDS 15, CARDINALS 2

Cincinnati .... 210 740 100—15 22 0
St. Louis .... 000 110 000 —2 6 0

Adleman, W.Peralta (8), De Los Santos (9) and Barnhart, Lopez; J.Garcia, Wacha (2), Weaver (4), Kiekhefer (5), Mayers (6), Tuivailala (8), Williams (9) and Molina, C.Kelly. W—Adleman 3-4. L—J.Garcia 10-13. HRs—Cincinnati, Selsky (1), Duvall 2 (31), Votto (26).

Preliminaries done in Big 12, focus now on conference race

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Brad Tollefson/Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury cheers after Jonathan Giles scored a touchdown during an NCAA college football game against Louisiana Tech in Lubbock on Sept. 17. With all the non-conference games completed, there will be only head-to-head matchups in the Big 12 over the last 10 weekends of the regular season.

All of the preliminaries are over, and it's time for Big 12 coaches to focus on trying to win a conference title.

"That's the fun part about conference. It doesn't matter what you do those first three games," Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury said Monday. "It's all about what you do moving forward."

With all the non-conference games completed, there will be only head-to-head matchups in the Big 12 over the last 10 weekends of the regular season.

Six teams — No. 22 Texas, West Virginia, Kansas State, Texas Tech, Kansas and Oklahoma — will play their conference openers this week. While the league is already in a precarious position in trying to get back into four-team College Football Playoff for the second year in a row, there could still be a wide-open race to the Big 12 title.

Oklahoma (1-2), which made it into the CFP last season, already has losses to top-10 teams Houston and Ohio State, and is one of four league teams coming off an open date. But the Sooners are 0-0 in the quest to repeat as Big 12 champions and win the league for the 10th time under coach Bob Stoops.

"That's a big deal to us, and we've done it a fair amount," Stoops said during the weekly Big 12 coaches teleconference. "That's been the frustration for me is I don't feel we've played up to what we're capable of. And we may not still have won, I get that, but you want to be able to at least play the way you're capable of. We're only three games into it and we've got to be able to do that here this week, and start doing that going through the Big 12."

The first full week of Big 12 play gets an early start with Kansas (1-2) playing at Texas Tech (2-1) on Thursday night.

Then on Saturday, No. 13 Baylor (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) goes to Iowa State (1-3, 0-1); No. 21 TCU (3-1, 1-0) hosts Oklahoma; No. 22 Texas (2-1) is at Oklahoma State (2-2, 0-1); and Kansas State (2-1) plays at West Virginia (3-0).

With Baylor the league's highest-ranked team and the only one with four wins so far, acting head coach Jim Grobe was asked if he felt like the Bears were the early conference favorite.

"Oh no, not at all," Grobe said. "I don't think anybody really feels comfortable or knows how their team's going to be in the next two or three games. I think once you get about a little over halfway through the season, things start to sort out a little bit. But it's way too early to have any sense of where you stand in the league."

Some other notes from the weekly Big 12 call:

■ Oklahoma State's Justice Hill ran for 122 yards and a touchdown in his first career start; it was the most yards for an Oklahoma State true freshman against a Big 12 opponent since the league was formed in 1996. But the league's newcomer of the week also had two fumbles Saturday that led to Baylor touchdowns. The last one came at the end of a 12-yard run in the fourth quarter when the Cowboys were down only 28-24. The Bears recovered at their 1, drove the length of the field and won 35-24.

"He's a young talent," Cowboys coach Mike Gundy said. "You've got to let him play because he has the ability to turn a short gain into a big gain."

■ Texas coach Charlie Strong said adjustments made on defense during the open date, after giving up 50 points at California, were not with personnel. "It's about tweaking it and making sure we put guys in position where they can be successful," he said.

■ Coach Matt Campbell said Iowa State got into a rhythm using quarterbacks Joel Lanning and Jacob Park in a 44-10 home win over San Jose State, after both also played in the Big 12 opener at TCU. Campbell said he felt "it might be in our best interest to give both of those guys the opportunity" to play after both progressed late in fall camp and early in the season.

Texas offensive lineman suspended following DWI arrest

By Mark Rosner
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas coach Charlie Strong has suspended senior guard Kent Perkins for Saturday's game at Oklahoma State following his arrest last week for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

Perkins, the most experienced offensive lineman on the team, was arrested early Friday and the team had the weekend off.

"I don't drink, so I have a pretty hard stance on alcohol," Strong said Monday. "He's a senior. He's old enough (21) to drink. I tell them all the time, if you are intoxicated, and you get behind a wheel, not only are you risking your life, but you are risking the lives of others. I was really upset about it. There is going to be counseling, community service and punishment within our program."

With Perkins out, next in line at right guard are sophomores Alex Anderson and Jake McMillon. Strong also has the option of shifting other players who have trained at multiple positions.

Perkins said he was "terrified" while sitting in jail wearing handcuffs.

"I'm thankful to God nothing physical happened to me or anybody else," Perkins said.

"It was a stupid mistake. It's not who I am. I apologize for that," he added. "That's not me, that's not my character, that's not what I'm about. This will never happen again. I know I disappointed a lot of people. I let people down. I think that hurts the most."

Oklahoma St. WR Washington deals with extra coverage

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Baylor had no intention of allowing James Washington burn the Bears the way the Oklahoma State receiver had torched nearly every other unit he had faced.

The Bears took notice after Washington caught nine passes for 296 yards and two touchdowns against Pittsburgh two weekends ago. Baylor didn't stop him completely — he had six receptions for 89 yards last Saturday — but the Bears double-covered him and kept him contained in a 35-24 victory.

Washington leads the Big 12 and ranks sixth nationally with 122 yards receiving per game. His Cowboys look to take advantage of the openings his presence creates when they host No. 22 Texas on Saturday.

"He's going to start to see some coverages," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said Monday.

Oklahoma State offensive coordinator Mike Yurcich said Washington was solid against Baylor, despite the extra attention.

"He was still open quite a bit Saturday," Yurcich said. "He did a pretty good job of getting open. He's a pretty determined guy. You've got to do a good job on him. Even if you double cover him, you've got to do a good job on him."

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regional final in 2015.

"(It's) a game that can change the direction of our season," Alexander said. "With a team like Balmorhea and the way they're playing right now, everything is clicking for them."

MCS plans to keep up intensity during bye week

Unlike Trinity, Midland Christian heads into its open date week on a roll.

The Mustangs (2-3) have won two straight, which included an impressive 42-14 rout of first-year Class 6A school Alvin Shadow Creek, Saturday in Alvin.

MCS outnumbered Shadow Creek, 27-10, in first downs and outgained the Sharks, 510-256, in total offense.

The Mustangs enjoyed a successful day on the ground, rushing 42 times for 322 yards. MCS quarterback Peyton Powell was stellar, running 25 times for 201 yards and five touchdowns.

Despite the high rushing output, Midland Christian head coach Greg McClendon doesn't feel his offensive line is playing its best football as MCS has two weeks to prepare for rival Grapevine Faith (4-1) in its TAPPS Division II, District 1 opener on Oct. 7 at Mustang Field.

"There's times we knock them off the ball and there's other times I don't see our face and our hands," McClendon said of his offensive line. "We got to get better. Football is not a perfect sport, but in my mind I see perfect plays. We're not there yet.

"We need to have a great open date week and get better, plain and simple across the board at every position. We don't have time to take a breath and relax and think this is a dead week or something. This is a week that we really need to make huge strides and get better."

McClendon also identified red zone offense as another area of concern.

"Goal-line offense needs to be better and cleaner," McClendon said. "We got to be really sharp down there, it gets tough to score. We need to be sharp. We don't need to be inside the 10 and walk away without scoring touchdowns."

McClendon says the bye week practice will be similar to two-a-days practice sessions, with a major focus on conditioning.

"We sat down as a coaching staff and we identified things that we need to get better at every position group," McClendon said. "Every position group has plenty to work on."

"After two wins, I'm probably being pretty nit picky, but I see a lot of things that we need to get better at," McClendon added.

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2016 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS
(2-3)

Opponents	21	48	36	41	—146
MCS	62	70	28	21	—181

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Peyton Powell	92	945	10.3	17
Luke Sheppard	34	201	5.9	4
Bryson Harper	15	99	6.6	0
A. Needham	9	61	6.8	0
Garrett Eddison	4	31	7.8	0
Joseph Bermea	2	16	8.0	0
Tristen Davis	3	12	4.0	0
Blake Ray	2	9	4.5	0
Silas Crews	3	3	1.0	0
Cody Wolfe	2	-4	2.0	0
Totals	166	1,373	8.3	21

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Peyton Powell	56	101	4	874	5
A. Needham	11	18	0	138	0
Blake Ray	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	67	120	4	1,012	5

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Blake Ray	16	294	18.4	4
Luke Watson	18	209	11.6	0
A. Needham	13	157	12.1	0
Cody Wolfe	6	92	18.4	1
Luke Sheppard	5	74	14.8	0
Josh Bailey	2	62	31.0	0
Joseph Bermea	2	50	25.0	0
Silas Crews	2	41	20.5	0
Coy Stewart	3	33	11.0	0
Totals	67	1,012	15.1	5

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Peyton Powell	17	0	1	0	104
Luke Sheppard	4	0	0	0	24
Blake Ray	4	0	0	0	24
Joe Rawicki	0	15	0	0	15
Cody Wolfe	1	0	0	0	6
A. Needham	0	0	2	0	4
Zayne Lujan	0	2	0	0	2
Bryson Harper	0	0	1	0	2
Totals	26	17	4	0	181

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	S	TFL	FC	INT	PD
Threadgill	42	33	75	0	2	0	0
Crews	24	5	29	0	5	1	1
Mowles	18	17	35	0	3	2	1
Hooper	17	14	31	0	2	1	1
Eddison	16	16	32	0	0	0	2
Schmidt	14	28	42	0	0	0	0
Esan	11	9	20	1	2	0	0
Davis	11	7	18	0	0	0	0
Ray	11	7	18	0	1	1	1
Troglin	9	7	16	0	0	2	0
Brunson	9	2	11	0	1	0	0
Graniczny	8	2	10	0	3	0	0
Russell	5	15	20	0	0	0	0
Brown	5	1	6	0	0	0	1
Stewart	5	4	9	0	0	0	0
Wolfe	4	3	7	0	0	0	1
Needham	4	1	5	0	0	0	1
Bailey	3	3	6	0	0	0	0
Breeding	2	3	5	0	0	0	0
Harper	2	2	4	0	0	0	0
Gibbs	2	2	4	0	1	0	0
Watson	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Lujan	2	0	2	0	1	0	0
Thomason	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Musquiz	2	2	4	0	1	0	0
Madrid	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Patty	1	1	2	0	1	0	0
Wilkerson	0	3	3	0	0	0	0
Duncan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Patterson	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Loftis	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Weathers	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackles, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss, FC - fumble caused, INT- interception, PD - pass defended.

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,373	274.6	1,012	202.4	2,385	477.0

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,030	206.0	934	186.8	1,964	392.8

PEARSON

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season with a trip to San Angelo TLCA — another team looking for its first victory — on Friday night.

"We don't need to be taking them lightly," Pearson said. "We need to play hard no matter what."

With his bruising style, you can bet that Pearson won't be taking it easy on any opponents this season.

Other notable performances from last week

■ In addition to Braden Pearson's big night, **Joe Escobedo** rushed for 112 yards on seven carries for Coahoma.

■ Midland Christian sophomore quarterback **Peyton Powell** had another monster game for the Mustangs in a 42-14 win over Alvin Shadow Creek. He rushed for 201 yards and five touchdowns on 25 carries and completed 15 of 24 passes for a touchdown, 180 yards and two interceptions.

■ Greenwood senior running back **Stace Bell** helped the Rangers to a 59-8 victory over Fort Stockton as he rushed for 170 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries, he kicked a 31-yard field goal and added kicked six extra points.

■ In Andrews' 21-14 win over Big Spring, Mustang senior running back **Torey Kelly** rushed for 127 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winning 9-yard TD run with 2:50 remaining in the game, on 18 carries.

Not to be outdone, Big Spring's junior running back **Robert Valencia** rushed for 192 yards and two TDs on 24 carries.

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AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 2-6A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
San Angelo Central	4	0	240	74	1.000
Odessa Permian	4	1	221	106	.800
Amarillo Tascosa	4	1	180	111	.800
Midland High	**4**	**1**	**208**	**134**	**.800**
Wolfforth Frenship	3	2	134	130	.600
Lee	**1**	**4**	**129**	**220**	**.200**
Odessa High	0	5	55	255	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Wolfforth Frenship	1	0	40	28	1.000
Midland High	**1**	**0**	**47**	**14**	**1.000**
Tascosa	1	0	41	21	1.000
SA Central	0	0	00	00	.000
Lee	**0**	**1**	**14**	**47**	**.000**
Odessa High	0	1	21	41	.000
Odessa Permian	0	1	28	40	.000

Sept. 23 scores
Midland High 47, Lee 14; Wolfforth Frenship 40, Odessa Permian 28; Amarillo Tascosa 41, Odessa High 21; San Angelo Central was open

Friday's games
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa; Wolfforth Frenship at Midland High; Odessa High at San Angelo Central; Odessa Permian is open

District 2-4A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	**5**	**0**	**234**	**173**	**1.000**
Clint	5	0	175	43	1.000
Mountain View	3	2	116	68	.600
Fabens	1	4	66	186	.200
San Elizario	1	4	17	129	.200

Last week's scores
Andrews 21, Big Spring 14; Clint 59, Tornillo 0; Denver City 21,Clint Mountain View 20; El Paso Cathedral 30, Fabens 12; Anthony 36, San Elizario 0

This week's games
Lubbock Coronado at Andrews; San Elizario at Tornillo; Anthony at Fabens; Clint and Clint Mountain View are open

District 3-4A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ab. Wylie	3	1	129	67	.750
Brownwood	2	2	116	115	.500
Stephenville	1	4	175	216	.200
Snyder	0	3	41	143	.000
Big Spring	**0**	**4**	**62**	**160**	**.000**

Last week's scores
Andrews 21, Big Spring 14; Abilene Wylie 53, Brownfield 7; Brownwood 36, Giddings 35; Levelland 55, Snyder 2; Stephenville 55, Graham 28

This week's games
Big Spring at Canyon; Perryton at Snyder; Stephenville at Lubbock Monterey; Abilene Wylie and Brownwood are open

District 2-4A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Greenwood	**4**	**0**	**198**	**75**	**1.000**
Sweetwater	4	0	234	78	1.000
Seminole	3	1	121	48	.750
Pecos	3	2	216	164	.600
Monahans	2	2	147	137	.500
Fort Stockton	2	3	137	178	.400
Lamesa	1	3	81	127	.250

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Greenwood	**1**	**0**	**59**	**8**	**1.000**
Monahans	1	0	27	19	1.000
Sweetwater	1	0	80	38	1.000
Lamesa	0	0	00	00	.000
Fort Stockton	0	1	8	59	.000
Pecos	0	1	38	80	.000
Seminole	0	1	19	27	.000

Last week's scores
Greenwood 59, Fort Stockton 8; Monahans 27, Seminole 19; Sweetwater 80, Pecos 38; Lamesa was open

This week's games
Seminole at Greenwood; Fort Stockton at Pecos; Sweetwater at Lamesa; Monahans is open

District 2-3A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Idalou	2	3	85	130	.400
Lub. Roosevelt	2	3	103	133	.200
Colorado City	1	4	78	97	.200
Coahoma	**0**	**4**	**109**	**207**	**.000**
Stanton	**0**	**4**	**8**	**144**	**.000**

Last week's scores
Grape Creek 78, Coahoma 50; Merkel 28, Stanton 0; Iraan 35, Colorado City 7; Muleshoe 31, Idalou 9; Lubbock Roosevelt 42, Floydada 40

This week's games
Coahoma at San Angelo TLCA; Alpine at Stanton; Reagan County at Colorado City; Denver City at Idalou; Abernathy at Lubbock Roosevelt

District 4-2A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Anson	4	1	155	91	.800
Hawley	4	1	179	115	.800
Forsan	**4**	**1**	**158**	**68**	**.800**
Post	4	1	186	86	.800
Stamford	1	4	64	166	.200

Last week's scores
Forsan 35, Morton 7; Anson 31, Roscoe 14; Mason 62, Hawley 27; Post 49, Slaton 0; Hamlin 28, Stamford 2

This week's games
Wink at Forsan; Anson at Windthorst; Hawley at Seymour; Post at Farwell; Stamford at Olney

District 6-1A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sterling City	4	1	276	101	.800
Garden City	**3**	**1**	**205**	**73**	**.750**
Westbrook	3	1	210	108	.750
Robert Lee	2	2	193	144	.500

Last week's scores
Garden City 56, Rankin 6; Robert Lee 52, Highland 44; Sterling City 64, Hermleigh 6; Westbrook 56, Grady 28

This week's games
Imperial Buena Vista at Garden City; Robert Lee at Rankin; Sterling City at Richland Springs; Dawson at Westbrook

District 7-1A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Buena Vista	4	1	213	88	.800
Marfa	3	2	333	172	.600
Fort Davis	2	3	185	266	.400
Rankin	**1**	**4**	**120**	**189**	**.200**

Last week's scores
Garden City 56, Rankin 6; Imperial Buena Vista 48, Sanderson 0; El Paso Faith 84, Fort Davis 53; Marfa 50, Dell City 0

This week's games
Robert Lee at Rankin; Imperial Buena Vista at Garden City; Grandfalls-Royalty at Fort Davis; Fort Hancock at Marfa

District 6-1A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Loop	3	1	128	100	.750
Dawson	3	2	195	174	.600
Sands	2	2	142	141	.500
Wellman-Union	2	3	113	205	.400
Grady	**1**	**4**	**176**	**286**	**.2000**

Last week's scores
Westbrook 56, Grady 34; Meadow 58, Ackerly Sands 53; Amherst 54, Dawson 6; Loop vs. Gustine, ccd.; Hart 44, Wellman-Union 14

This week's games
New Home at Grady; Sands at Ira; Ropes at Wellman-Union; Dawson and Loop are open

TAPPS Division II, District 1

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Christian	4	1	167	107	.800
Grapevine Faith	4	1	213	50	.800
FWSW Christian	4	1	184	66	.800
Legacy Christian	2	2	158	136	.500
Midland Christian	**2**	**3**	**181**	**146**	**.400**

Last week's scores
Midland Christian 42, Alvin Shadow Creek 14; Fort Worth Christian 28, Whitesboro 14; Grapevine Faith 45, Kerens 0; Fort Worth Southwest Christian 47, Fort Worth Temple Christian 10; Colleyville Covenant Christian 58, Frisco Legacy Christian 27

This week's games
Dallas TACA at Fort Worth Christian; Grapevine Faith at Dallas Gateway Charter Academy; Colleyville Covenant Christian at Fort Worth Southwest Christian; Midland Christian and Frisco Legacy Christian are open

TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Trinity	**2**	**2**	**171**	**142**	**.500**
Denton Calvary	2	2	96	125	.500
Watauga Harvest	2	3	210	213	.400
Ab. Christian	1	3	92	196	.250

Last week's scores
Strawn 65, Abilene Christian 0; Fort Worth THESA 61, Watauga Harvest 12; Trinity and Denton Calvary were open

This week's games
Balmorhea at Trinity; Denton Calvary Academy at Union Hill; Rising Star at Abilene Christian; Waco Vanguard at Watauga Harvest

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLLS

Here is The Associated Press high school poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in last week's poll:

Class 6A

School	Record	Total	Points
1. Allen (23)	(4-0)	245	1
2. DeSoto (2)	(4-0)	224	3
3. Euless Trinity	(4-0)	167	5
4. Lake Travis	(4-1)	164	4
5. Cibolo Steele	(4-1)	137	8
6. Austin Westlake	(4-1)	120	6
7. The Woodlands	(4-0)	85	9
8. Galena Park North Shore	(3-1)	61	10
9. Converse Judson	(4-1)	58	2
10. San Angelo Central	(4-0)	48	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Cedar Hill 22, 12. Round Rock Cedar Ridge 21. 13. Katy 8, 14. Waco Midway 6, 16. Southlake Carroll 5, 17. San Benito 1, 17. Longview 1, 17. Beaumont West Brook 1, 17. Arlington Bowie 1.

Class 5A

School	Record	Total	Points
1. Cedar Park (12)	(5-0)	229	1
2. Aledo (5)	(4-0)	223	2
3. Denton Ryan (4)	(5-0)	204	3
4. Manvel (4)	(4-0)	194	4
5. Richmond Foster	(5-0)	142	5
6. Waxahachie	(5-0)	99	8
7. Lancaster	(4-1)	91	7
8. Texarkana Texas	(5-0)	70	9
9. College Station	(5-0)	31	NR
10. Frisco Lone Star	(3-1)	29	10

Others receiving votes: 11. Denton 16, 12. Grapevine 12, 13. Lubbock Cooper 8, 13. Dallas Highland Park 8, 15. Georgetown 4, 16. Canyon 3, 16. Dripping Springs 3, 16. Cleburne 3, 19. CC Calallen 2, 19. Port Arthur Memorial 2, 19. Port Neches-Groves 2.

Class 4A

School	Record	Total	Points
1. West Orange-Stark (16)	(5-0)	230	1
2. Argyle (6)	(4-0)	220	2
3. Carthage	(3-0)	191	3
4. Waco La Vega (2)	(5-0)	176	4
5. Cuero (1)	(5-0)	139	5
6. China Spring	(5-0)	135	6
7. Henderson	(5-0)	82	8
8. Gilmer	(4-1)	67	7
9. Geronimo Navarro	(5-0)	39	10
10. Abilene Wylie	(3-1)	36	9

Others receiving votes: 11. Van 18, 12. Celina 13, 13. Sweetwater 11, 14. El Campo 8, 15. Gladewater 1, 15, Godley 1.

Class 3A

School	Record	Total	Points
1. Brock (20)	(5-0)	245	1
2. Newton (4)	(5-0)	218	2
3. Franklin (1)	(5-0)	198	3
4. Malakoff	(4-0)	183	4
5. Sunnyvale	(5-0)	137	5
6. White Oak	(5-0)	107	7
7. Cameron Yoe	(4-1)	101	6
8. Crockett	(5-0)	47	10
9. Canadian	(2-2)	37	9
10. Wall	(3-1)	22	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Big Sandy Harmony 14, 12. Cisco 13, 13. Hallettsville 12, 13. Sonora 12, 15. East Bernard 6, 16. Elysian Fields 4, 16. Mineola 4, 16. Rockdale 4, 16. George West 4, 20. La Marque 3, 21. New London West Rusk 2, 21. Gunter 2.

Class 2A

School	Record	Total	Points
1. Bremond (19)	(5-0)	244	2
2. Iraan (1)	(5-0)	207	3
3. Refugio (5)	(3-1)	179	1
4. Mart	(5-0)	177	5
5. Tenaha	(5-0)	157	6
6. Lovelady	(4-0)	118	7
7. Stratford	(3-1)	83	9
8. Wellington	(5-0)	77	10
9. Albany	(4-1)	51	4
10. Price Carlisle	(5-0)	25	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Muenster 20, 12. Shiner 14, 13. Crawford 8, 14. Goldthwaite 6, 15. Mason 4, 16. Evadale 2, 16. Christoval 2, 18. Burton 1.

An empty playground: somber times and reflection for sports

Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

It's supposed to be a place where we retreat from the realities of life, a place where we can immerse ourselves for a few hours in another world. Sports have always seemed to do that for us, even if the refuge they offer is temporary at best.

Lately, though, the playground just hasn't been that much fun.

We were reminded about it on a fall Sunday, where we said a melancholy goodbye to one towering figure and tried to deal with the pain of losing yet another. Vin Scully had just finished saying goodbye to an adoring crowd at Dodger Stadium when word came in that Arnold Palmer had died in Pittsburgh.

The day had already gotten off to a sobering start, when joy was snuffed out in Miami. The images of a speedboat crushed on rocks were horrific to wake up to, and the tragic death of rising of magnetic young star Jose Fernandez seemed incomprehensible and yet so utterly final.

Reality intruded, and it came at us like a Fernandez fast ball exploding into a catcher's mitt. Even the spectacle that is a Sunday in the NFL didn't seem the same on a day more suited to somber reflection than celebration.

Yet celebrate they did, in football stadiums around the country and in the stands at Dodger Stadium, where a dramatic walk-off home run to clinch the division was followed by Vinny singing goodbye to a crowd that didn't know whether to cry or scream themselves silly. Hollywood couldn't have scripted the end any better, but the reality was that after 67 years Vin Scully was walking off himself.

It's all part of the cycle of life, but that didn't make it any easier. I fought off tears myself watching at home with my sons, knowing that part of the soundtrack of my life wouldn't be heard anymore.

Maybe it's a generational thing, but for my generation it's been a tough few months. The heroes of our youth are fading away, and too many of them are passing away.

Baby boomers everywhere ache when they hear the news. It's always another reminder that nothing lasts forever, and that their own mortality is just as precarious as that of the people they cheered for so many years.

I saw it in Louisville in June, as the procession of cars carrying Muhammad Ali's casket drove slowly through the city streets. If Ali was magnificent, so was the outpouring of love from people who reached out just to touch the hearse or throw flowers on the windshield.

Ali transcended his sport like no athlete ever, becoming a symbol for a generation and a hero to so many. He stood tall even as he trembled in his later life and his voice was muted from the effects of Parkinson's.

It seemed like he would live forever, but the sad reality is that no one ever does.

We lost The Greatest, and that seemed almost impossible. Now we've lost The King, and we have to deal with that.

Like Ali, Arnie was more than just a golfer. His mark was made in a different way, but the son of a greenskeeper brought a rich man's sport to the common man and transformed the way we thought about golfers.

I just missed seeing Arnie a few months ago, and will always kick myself for it. Two of my colleagues that day at Latrobe Country Club in Pennsylvania did discover him outside his beloved workshop, and reported back that he was still sharp as ever and hadn't lost the sense of humor that endeared him to so many.

I remember the Arnie that tried to shake every hand as he made his way around Augusta National a few years back in his final Masters. I walked with him that day, and remember most the looks of delight in the faces of people as he detoured off the fairway to greet them.

Mostly, though, I'll remember him as I remember Ali. Both out conquering the world in their prime, seemingly without a care in the world.

Ali was the greatest athlete I've ever seen, and Arnie was as cool as he made golf seem. Vinny was the kind uncle whose voice was always there, allowing us to forget the daily struggle in our lives on so many nights.

Their absence leaves a void in my life, and I'm sure I'm hardly alone. Actually, I know I'm not alone because I've heard from so many who feel the same way.

The playground seems awfully empty about now.

Life without Duncan begins for the new-look Spurs

By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Life without Tim Duncan has officially begun for the San Antonio Spurs, even if they aren't quite ready to accept it.

For the first time since Bill Clinton was in the White House and "Men In Black" was a box office hit, the Spurs will open training camp without Duncan.

During the team's annual media day Monday, San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich joked that Duncan is being fined daily — "$2,500 a day, every day that he does not show up."

"I wasn't here with him that long so it's not as dramatic for me as it will be for everybody else, but it definitely feels like he should walk in any moment but he hasn't yet," Spurs forward LaMarcus Aldridge said.

Duncan retired in July after 19 seasons as arguably the greatest power forward of all time. A two-time MVP, Duncan led San Antonio to five NBA titles and helped set a selfless, team-first standard that is the envy of many sports franchises.

The transition from the Spurs' reliance on the Big Three of Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili began in earnest last season with the addition of Aldridge and the continued growth of Kawhi Leonard. San Antonio continued the makeover in the offseason with the signing of Pau Gasol, but that doesn't soften the blow of losing Duncan.

"I think it's going to hit me more tomorrow when we get on the court," Parker said. "We're definitely going to miss him. You can't replace a guy like that. He's been the face of the franchise for the last two decades. It's going to be weird. It's going to be weird without him, especially now that we have a lot of young guys, a lot of new faces and so it's going to be a lot of teaching to do at the beginning of the season."

Duncan will attend some practices to assist with coaching, but it will be up to Parker, Ginobili and the other veterans to acclimate the largest number of new faces in Popovich's 20 seasons as Spurs coach.

San Antonio added 11 new players to its training camp roster, including rookies Dejounte Murray and Davis Bertans and free agents like Gasol and David Lee.

"It's a lot of fun just to think about new bodies and new blood in the gym," Popovich said. "Not just the players, the staff. I don't know half of the names of the new staff we hired in the film room, interns and management and all that kind of thing. A lot of people walking around, both players and staff. It will be exciting who comes up with what ideas, who plays well and who fits together."

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> **Greg Popovich,** San Antonio Spurs coach

Gasol is the most critical addition. Entering his 17th season, the 7-foot center has won two NBA championships and made his sixth All-Star appearance last season while with the Chicago Bulls.

Stepping into Duncan's place in the starting lineup will be one of the biggest challenges of his career.

"Tim has been so exceptional and unique," Gasol said. "He is considered by most of us the best power forward that has ever played the game. So, I'm not coming here to fill his shoes and the spot that he left, but I'm here to make the best that I can to fit in as best as I can and to work with the guys that are here to win a title and work as hard as I can to do that. It's an opportunity, it's a privilege but at the same time, it's a huge challenge."

Gasol's presence will help ease the burden on Leonard and Aldridge.

The All-Star forwards led San Antonio to a franchise-record 67 victories last season before falling to the Oklahoma City Thunder in the Western Conference semifinals.

"I think everybody has to take on that burden," Aldridge said. "It's not a one-player's job, no one can be Tim Duncan. It's going to be everyone's job."

Arnold Palmer's legacy overshadows the Ryder Cup

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CHASKA, Minn. — The flag at half-staff over Hazeltine National was enough to take the edge off the Ryder Cup.

Arnold Palmer occupied everyone's thoughts on Monday.

"There's a hole in the game that can't be filled," Phil Mickelson said.

Tributes poured in for Palmer, who died Sunday at age 87. Even as European players arrived from an overnight flight out of Heathrow Airport, any conversation about the Ryder Cup was secondary to their thoughts on the King.

Alastair Johnston, the CEO of Arnold Palmer Enterprises, said Palmer had gone to Pittsburgh for a heart procedure in a bid to improve "the quality of life he was severely losing." The surgery was to be Monday morning. He said his condition deteriorated over the last few days.

A private funeral in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, was scheduled for later in the week. Johnston said that would be for "pure family, direct relationships." He said a public ceremony to commemorate Palmer's life would be held at 11 a.m. on Oct. 4 at St. Vincent College.

And the Ryder Cup made it clear it did not want to go on without Palmer.

PGA of America President Derek Sprague said there would a video tribute and a moment of silence before the high-charged matches begin Friday. He also said players would pay homage to Palmer, though details have not been decided.

"It was tough waking up this morning and starting over," U.S. captain Davis Love III said. "I know everybody on our team was just kind of crushed last night. ... This is a big blow for golf, but we knew it was coming, unfortunately, since maybe even before the Bay Hill tournament this year when we saw him. His legacy will live on forever, especially through the Ryder Cup."

The Ryder Cup was but a small part of Palmer's contributions to golf and sport. He played on six teams, all of them American victories during a time when they faced a Britain & Ireland squad that was overmatched. Palmer holds the U.S. record for most matches won (22), and in 1963 at East Lake he holds the distinction as being the last Ryder Cup playing captain. Palmer went 4-2 that year.

Europe has won the last three times in the Ryder Cup, and tension typically runs high as soon as its players arrive at the golf course.

Momentum was building toward the start of the week when Rory McIlroy rallied over the final holes to beat Ryan Moore in a playoff and win the Tour Championship and the FedEx Cup. Love was at Hazeltine preparing to tape a segment to be played at halftime of the NFL game announcing his final captain's pick (Moore). His son texted him with the news of Palmer's death, which changed everything.

"A bomb of that magnitude goes on in the golfing world ... it has ripples," Zach Johnson said.

How much does it alter the rest of the week?

Love and European captain Darren Clarke said they would alter their speeches at the opening ceremony Thursday.

"It's almost like we are all dealing with the loss of a family member," Love said. "Arnold is going to want us to put this behind us and go play, and it's going to be tough to do. But we are definitely going to draw inspiration from his spirits. We already had pictures of him in our locker room and team room, and we'll add a few more. He'll be with us forever."

Joe Burbank/Orlando Sentinel via AP

Flowers and rosary beads at the makeshift memorial honoring golf legend Arnold Palmer, at Palmer's parking spot at the Golf Channel studios, in Orlando, Fla., on Monday. Palmer died Sunday in Pittsburgh.

PALMER

From 1C

"His contribution to The Open Championship was, and remains, immeasurable," R&A chief executive Martin Slumbers said.

Television

Palmer came along about the time television began to take an interest in golf, and he quickly became a star. Two years after CBS Sports first televised the Masters, Palmer won the first of his four green jackets. The marriage of Palmer and TV sent golf to an unprecedented level of popularity.

Frank Chirkinian, the late golf producer for CBS Sports, once said Palmer "had more charisma than any 10 guys I ever met. Maybe more than any 100. You just had to know to keep the camera on him."

Endorsements

One of the more pivotal moments in the history of modern golf — all sports, for that matter — was the handshake agreement between Palmer and IMG founder Mark McCormack to represent him in contract negotiations.

Palmer was more than a golfer. Companies couldn't get enough of him, and he capitalized on the opportunity. His earnings went from $6,000 a year to more than $500,000 in the first two years of his agreement. He had deals with Pennzoil and Rolex, Cadillac and United Airlines, Callaway and Heinz Ketchup.

In 2011, nearly 40 years after his last PGA Tour victory, Palmer was No. 3 on Golf Digest's list of top earnings at $36 million a year. He trailed only Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson.

Golf Channel

Palmer and Joe Gibbs founded a new network in 1995 called the Golf Channel, which immediately was panned as a waste of air time. Tennis magazine described it as "24 hours of chubby guys in bad clothes speaking in jargon that only they understand."

In the early days, even Palmer had his doubts, and the question arose whether investors should cut their losses. They asked Palmer what he thought, and his answer is now on a wall at Golf Channel headquarters in Orlando, Florida.

"I said, 'Let me say this to you: If I didn't try to hit it through the trees a few times, none of us would be here,'" Palmer said in 2015.

Now, every golf fan knows about the European team at the Ryder Cup because Golf Channel televises the European Tour, along with the LPGA Tour, the PGA Tour Champions and the weekday rounds of all PGA Tour events.

Private travel

Palmer piloted his first aircraft in 1956, and 10 years later, he had a license to fly jets that now are the standard mode of transportation for top players, even though most are merely passengers.

He set a record in 1976 when he circumnavigated the globe in 57 hours, 25 minutes and 42 seconds in a Lear 36. He stopped flying his Cessna Citation 10 when he was encouraged not to renew his license at age 81.

Former Dallas player Greg Hardy arrested on cocaine charge

Associated Press

RICHARDSON — Former Dallas defensive end Greg Hardy, who remains unsigned after a tumultuous 2015 season revolving around his domestic violence case in North Carolina, has been arrested on a cocaine possession charge in Texas.

Jail spokesman Tim Weed in the Dallas suburb of Richardson said Hardy was arrested early Monday and booked on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was released on $5,000 bond Monday afternoon.

Hardy's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, declined to comment.

The 28-year-old Hardy signed with Dallas as a free agent last year after Carolina decided not to bring him back as a result of the domestic case.

Hardy was suspended for the first four games last season over the domestic incident, and his production with the Cowboys dropped off considerably after photos of bruised ex-girlfriend Nicole Holder were posted by Deadspin.

After Hardy was convicted by a judge, prosecutors dropped his case during the appeal because Holder couldn't be located to testify.

The NFL originally suspended Hardy for 10 games over the incident, but an arbitrator reduced the ban to four games.

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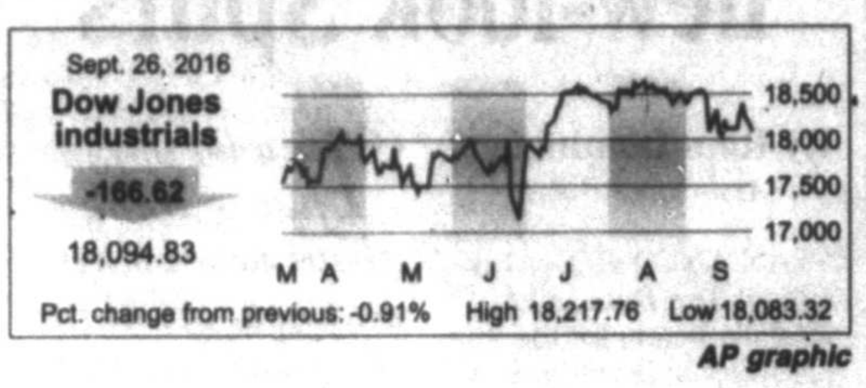
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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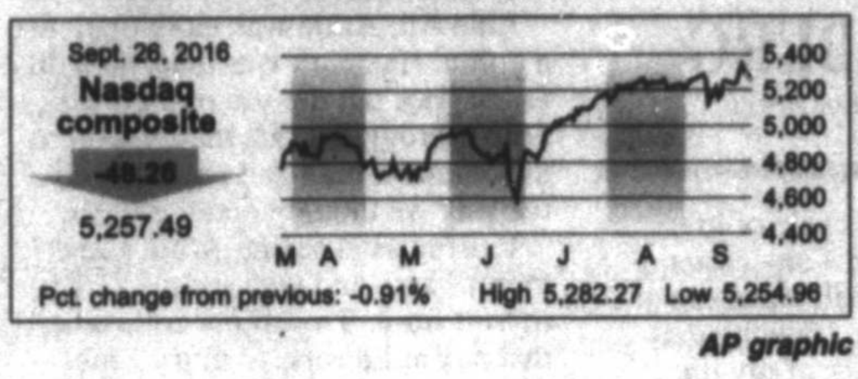

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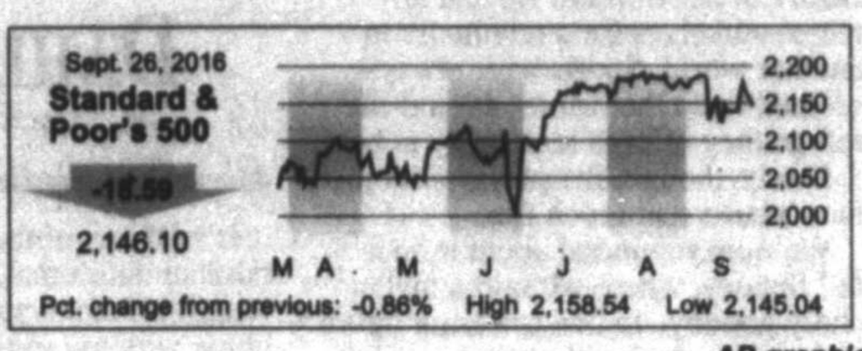

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday:	$45.93
Previous:	$44.48

POSTED

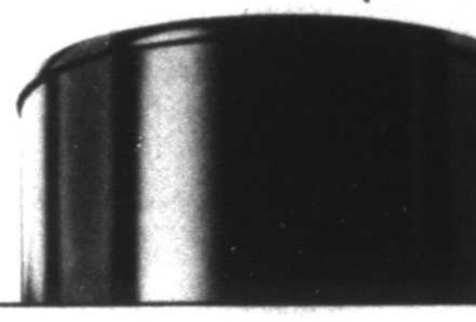
Monday:	$42.25
Previous:	$41.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday:	$37.85
Previous:	$36.60

NATURAL GAS

Monday:	$2.997
Previous:	$2.955



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MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	928122	15.09	-.43
Twitter	917791	23.37	+.75
S&P500ETF	796092	214.24	-1.75
SPDR Fncl	535675	19.07	-.31
ProctGam	529879	87.85	+.09

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Chemtura	32.64	+4.46	+15.8
WLyonHm	18.76	+1.06	+6.0
Ampco	10.92	+.58	+5.6
KnotOffsh	20.47	+1.06	+5.5
WestmRs s	5.71	+.28	+5.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HlthSth wt	2.30	-.31	-11.9
iPBtaLvstk	36.00	-4.14	-10.3
SunTr wtB	5.10	-.40	-7.3
DeutschBk	11.85	-.90	-7.1
DxLatBll rs	82.30	-6.12	-6.9

DIARY

Advanced	838
Declined	2,178
Unchanged	81
Total issues	3,097
New Highs	52
New Lows	16
Volume	3,106,133,273

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BatsGl n	43283	30.35	-1.45
NwGold g	38459	4.51	-.06
SynergyRs	32601	6.54	+.11
BarcGSOil	26860	5.54	+.10
B2gold g	21315	2.89	-.01

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ActiniumP	2.00	+.21	+11.7
RxVimxWk	13.05	+.80	+6.5
Aerocntry	9.45	+.57	+6.4
VolitionRX	5.61	+.33	+6.3
OncoCyte n	5.19	+.24	+4.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FtsrcAst	15.45	-1.15	-6.9
YumaE pfA	2.90	-.20	-6.5
EnnEn rs	2.07	-.13	-5.9
RxVimxInF	33.51	-2.11	-5.9
AvinoSG g	2.07	-.12	-5.5

DIARY

Advanced	123
Declined	225
Unchanged	26
Total issues	374
New Highs	8
New Lows	3
Volume	104,975,607

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ArrayBio	981514	6.61	+2.96
SiriusXM	444155	4.17	-.04
Novavax	371260	2.35	+.09
Apple Inc	282389	112.88	+.17
Intel	233807	36.65	-.54

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ArrayBio	6.61	+2.96	+81.1
RealG rs rs	2.65	+.65	+32.5
Actua	12.20	+1.93	+18.8
GW Pharm	126.06	+18.50	+17.2
SumTher n	10.02	+1.29	+14.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RetailMNot	8.92	-2.35	-20.9
HimaxTch	8.63	-2.10	-19.6
SkyPFtJc rt	8.20	-1.71	-17.3
AcordaTh	22.99	-4.29	-15.7
LandsEnd	15.46	-2.54	-14.1

DIARY

Advanced	683
Declined	2,147
Unchanged	154
Total issues	2,984
New Highs	59
New Lows	34
Volume	1,618,538,234

Oil speculators abandon hope of OPEC reaching supply accord

Bloomberg

Oil investors turned bearish at the fastest pace in more than a year as they lost confidence that OPEC will reach a deal with other producers to limit supply at a gathering this week in Algiers.

Money managers increased bets on falling prices by half as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries kept pumping at a record rate before the meeting. Prices rose as high as $47.62 a barrel this month as OPEC officials conducted meetings from Vienna to Paris to Moscow in attempts to reach consensus. Oil tumbled on Sept. 23 after Saudi Arabia was said to dismiss prospects for an output agreement.

"The rhetoric around the meeting is ringing hollow," said John Kilduff, a partner at Again Capital LLC, a New York hedge fund focused on energy. "What they say and do are completely different since they continue to increase production."

Money managers increased their short position in West Texas Intermediate crude by 50,558 futures and options during the week ended Sept. 20, according to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Bets on rising prices dropped for a fourth week, the longest stretch of declines in 14 months.

WTI futures declined 3.3 percent to $43.44 a barrel in the report week. Crude climbed 3.3 percent to close at $45.93 on Monday.

More than 800,000 barrels a day of additional crude is pouring into the global market this month as Russian output climbs while Libya and Nigeria restore disrupted supplies, according to their ministry officials. The global oil-market surplus, once projected to wind down this year, will drag into late 2017, the International Energy Agency said on Sept. 13.

"They need to do something soon," said Michael Lynch, president of the Strategic Energy & Economic Research in Winchester, Massachusetts. "An additional 800,000 barrels of crude is a big addition."

Saudi Arabia expects the Algiers meeting to be a chance to consult rather than reach a decision on output levels, an OPEC delegate familiar with the nation's oil policies said Sept. 23. Prices climbed to a two-week high earlier that day after Saudi officials were said to have made a proposal to their Iranian counterparts to lower the kingdom's production in exchange for Tehran agreeing to freeze its own, currently at 3.6 million barrels a day.

Money managers' short position in WTI climbed to 151,637 futures and options. Longs fell 1.9 percent to the lowest level since July. The resulting net-long position decreased 28 percent.

In other markets, net-bullish bets on gasoline rose 7.5 percent to 21,835 contracts, the most since May as futures declined 0.9 percent in the report week. Wagers on ultra low sulfur diesel went from net length to net short, as bets on falling prices outnumbered those for gains for the first time since April. Futures decreased 1.3 percent.

Stocks slide

U.S. stocks slumped Monday, and banks took the biggest losses. Deutsche Bank plunged as investors worried about the financial health of Germany's largest bank. Pfizer pulled drugmakers down after it announced it won't break up into two companies.

Stocks fell for the second day in a row. Banks were hurt by a drop in bond yields, which means lower interest rates and smaller profits on loans. Consumer companies fell as home improvement retailers were affected by a slowdown in sales of new homes.

European banks tumbled after the German magazine Focus said Deutsche Bank won't get a government bailout if it asks for one. Its report, published Friday, cited "government circles" as its source.

"There's some stress in the banking industry there, and questions about whether governments have the will to step in," said Steve Chiavarone, associated portfolio manager for Federated Investors.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 166.62 points, or 0.9 percent, to 18,094.83. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 18.59 points, or 0.9 percent, to 2,146.10. The Nasdaq composite dropped 48.26 points, or 0.9 percent, to 5,257.49.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold edged up $2.40 to $1,344.10 an ounce. Silver dipped 21 cents to $19.60 an ounce. Copper stayed at $2.20 a pound.

Britain's Labour Party would ban hydraulic fracturing for shale gas

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Britain's opposition Labour Party would ban hydraulic fracturing for shale gas if it wins the next general election, according to its energy spokesman Barry Gardiner.

Labour had previously supported only a moratorium on the process until the industry met certain environmental safeguards. On Monday, Gardiner altered the policy, saying the need to tackle climate change makes emissions-free renewables a more viable energy option.

Fracturing "locks us into an energy infrastructure that is based on fossil fuels long after our country needs to have moved to clean energy," he said in a speech at Labour's annual conference in Liverpool, northern England.

The policy shift adds more uncertainty to an industry that's struggled to get up and running despite tax breaks and the easing of planning restrictions since 2010. The U.K. estimated in 2013 it may have as much as 1,300 trillion cubic feet of gas locked in shale formations in northern England — enough to supply Britain's needs for 47 years, based on a 10 percent extraction rate. The Conservative government vowed on Monday to continue supporting shale gas.

Third Energy U.K. Gas Ltd. was given the right to frac an existing U.K. natural gas well in May. That would be the first use of the practice since 2011, when Cuadrilla Resources Ltd. unknowingly drilled into an area with a fault, sparking earth tremors and a moratorium. A decision on Cuadrilla's application to drill and fracture eight wells, seen as a bellwether for the industry, is due on Oct. 6.

"If we want to maintain the right of the general public to access heat and power securely, manage climate change and create U.K.-based jobs, then we need to develop renewables, nuclear and natural gas from shale," Ken Cronin, chief executive officer of the industry group U.K. Onshore Oil and Gas, said in a statement.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $77.14 Up 1.12

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $126.51 Up 1.48

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.20 Up 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $90.31 Up 1.39

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.41 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.52 Up 0.02

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.43 Down 0.52

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $35.86 Up 0.18

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.32 Up 0.16

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.87 Down 0.20

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		15	5.07	+.11	+126.3
AT&T Inc	1.92	16	41.14	-.14	+19.6
Abraxas	...	...	**1.60**	**+.01**	**+50.9**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**12.99**	**-.11**	**+1.2**
AMD			6.32	-.23	+120.2
Alibaba		37	105.89	-1.82	+30.3
AlonUSA	.60		7.97	-.34	-46.3
Amgen	**4.00**	**17**	**173.53**	**-1.27**	**+6.9**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**58.54**	**-.96**	**+20.5**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**59.94**	**-.08**	**+34.8**
Apple Inc	2.28	13	112.88	+.17	+7.2
ApldMatl	**.40**	**23**	**29.35**	**-.31**	**+57.2**
ArcelorMit			6.06		+88.5
Archrock	.38		11.86	+.17	+57.7
ArrayBio			6.61	+2.96	+56.6
ATMOS	**1.68**	**23**	**76.67**	**+.03**	**+21.6**
AutoData	2.12	27	88.19	-.28	+4.1
BP PLC	**2.40a**	...	**33.68**	**-.28**	**+7.7**
BakrHu	.68		49.16	-.08	+6.5
BkofAm	.30f	12	15.09	-.43	-10.3
B iPVxST rs			35.62	+1.82	...
BaringsCp s	1.20		16.91	-.09	-2.0
BarrickG	.08	41	17.92	-.19	+142.8
BasicEnSv			.53	+.02	-80.2
BerkHa A	...	**14**	**216160.00**	**-1590.00**	**+9.3**
BlkHillsCp	**1.68**	**21**	**63.43**	**+.41**	**+36.6**
BrMySq	**1.52**	**39**	**55.48**	**-1.00**	**-19.3**
BrownFA s	...	**31**	**49.25**	**-.44**	...
BrownFB s	...	...	**46.96**	**-.42**	**-6.8**
CVS Health	1.70f	17	89.92	-.68	-8.0
Caterpillar	3.08	23	82.37	-.07	+21.2
Celestic g		10	10.47	-.09	-5.1
CntryLink	2.16	12	27.31	-.11	+8.5
Chemtura			32.64	+4.46	+19.7
ChesEng			6.62	-.01	+47.1
Chevron	**4.28**	...	**98.78**	**-.44**	**+9.8**
Chicos	.32	72	12.28	-.26	+15.1
Cimarex	.32		124.58	+.78	+39.4
Cisco	1.04	15	31.07	-.27	+15.3
Citigroup	.64f	12	45.89	-1.26	-11.3
ClayEng	...	...	**77.14**	**+1.12**	**+160.9**
CocaCola	**1.40**	**25**	**42.05**	**-.69**	**-2.1**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**26**	**73.11**	**-.14**	**+8.7**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**24**	**43.04**	**-.51**	**+2.1**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	...	**75**	**126.51**	**+1.48**	**+36.2**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**	...	**40.02**	**+.08**	**-14.3**
Coty	.28f	37	23.57	+.18	-8.0
Coty wi	...	...	23.04	+.14	-1.1
CrackerB	4.60	19	136.29	-1.85	+7.5
CSVelIVST	...	...	35.97	-2.15	+39.4
CSVLgCrd rs		...	...	21.06	+1.26
...					
CrosTim	**1.11e**	**11**	**18.05**	**-.35**	**+38.7**
DCP Mid	3.12	20	33.88	-.63	+37.3
DTE	2.92	21	96.63	-.22	+20.5
Dataram rs	...	...	1.19	-.04	-39.9
DeutschBk	.83e	...	11.85	-.90	-50.9
DevonE	**.24**	...	**39.64**	**+.10**	**+23.9**
DrGMBll s	...	...	18.20	-.69	...
DxGBull s	...	...	19.74	-.52	...
Disney	**1.42**	**16**	**91.96**	**-1.31**	**-12.5**
DowChm	**1.84**	**17**	**52.13**	**-.11**	**+1.3**
EOG Rescs	**.67**	...	**89.26**	**-.49**	**+26.1**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**23**	**34.04**	**-.06**	**+21.3**
EnCana g	.06	...	9.26	+.16	+81.9
Energen	.08	...	53.67	+.70	+30.9
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	37.37	-.43	+10.8
EnPro	**.84**	**40**	**55.94**	**-.50**	**+27.6**
ENSCO	.04	...	7.30	+.07	-52.6
EnteroM rs	...	...	.15	+.01	-92.4
EntProdPt	1.60f	21	27.12	-.16	+6.0
Ericsson	.46e	...	6.90	-.03	-28.2
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**33**	**83.06**	**-.39**	**+6.6**
Facebook	...	45	127.31	-.65	+21.6
FordM	.60a	6	12.01	-.16	-14.8
FrptMcM	...	...	10.51	-.12	+55.2
FrontierCm	.42	62	4.36	+.03	-6.6
GATX	**1.60**	**7**	**42.06**	**-.55**	**-1.2**
GabMultT	**.94e**	...	**7.55**	**+.08**	**+.7**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**32.47**	**-.29**	**+1.7**
GenElec	**.92**	**28**	**29.54**	**-.35**	**-5.2**
GenMotors	1.52	6	31.80	-.32	-6.5
GtPlainEn	**1.05**	**17**	**27.94**	**+.10**	**+2.3**
Hallibrtn	**.72**	...	**41.38**	**-.46**	**+21.6**
HimaxTch	.13e	24	8.63	-2.10	+5.2
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	33.41	-.46	+61.6
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.53	-.11	+3.4
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	37.52	-.79	+6.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.84e	...	37.08	-.55	+15.2
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	58.71	-.55	...
iShR2K	1.77e	...	123.23	-1.58	+9.4
Intel	**1.04**	**18**	**36.65**	**-.54**	**+6.4**
InterDig	1.20f	22	77.50	-.70	+58.0
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	11.00	-.09	+69.2
JD.com	...	...	26.54	-.30	-17.7
JPMorgCh	1.92	12	65.78	-1.47	+.3
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**117.78**	**-1.03**	**+14.7**
Keycorp	.34	11	12.01	-.30	-8.9
KimbClk	**3.68**	**21**	**125.51**	**-1.22**	**-1.4**
KindMorg	.50	35	21.78	-.16	+46.0
Kinross g	...	...	4.26	-.04	+134.1
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.39	-.01	-20.6
Lubys	...	...	**4.15**	**-.06**	**-7.2**
MarathnO	.20	...	14.41	-.08	+14.5
MastThera	...	...	.12	-.00	-70.7
McDnlds	3.56f	22	116.53	-.64	-1.4
Merck	1.84	18	62.15	-.81	+17.7
MeritMed	...	**38**	**23.48**	**-.48**	**+26.3**
MexcoEn	...	...	3.53	+.03	+9.3
MicronT	...	56	17.36	-.12	+22.6
Microsoft	1.56f	26	56.90	-.53	+2.6
Nabors	.24	...	10.30	+.30	+21.0
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**70.97**	**+.44**	**+2.1**
NOilVarco	.20	18	33.89	...	+1.2
NikeB s	.64	25	54.40	-.75	-13.0
Novavax	...	...	2.35	+.09	-72.0
NSTFI3	**.55a**	...	**15.54**	**+.01**	**+6.9**
NTXQI	**.65**	...	**15.34**	**+.08**	**+6.3**
OasisPet	...	...	9.45	+.30	+28.2
OcciPet	**3.04f**	...	**69.32**	**-.28**	**+2.5**
PainThera	...	...	1.33	-1.40	-24.0
ParTech	...	**40**	**5.25**	**+.08**	**-22.0**
ParkDrl	...	...	**2.03**	**-.04**	**+11.5**
PattUTI	**.08**	...	**19.02**	**+.22**	**+26.1**
PennaRE	**.84**	...	**24.01**	**+.01**	**+9.8**
Prmian	.31e	20	7.03	+.01	+38.9
PetrbrsA	...	...	8.23	-.16	+142.1
Petrobras	...	...	9.01	-.17	+109.5
Pfizer	**1.20**	**15**	**33.64**	**-.62**	**+4.2**
PioNtrl	.08	52	174.57	-.96	+39.2
PlainsAAP	**2.80**	**30**	**30.06**	**+.19**	**+30.1**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	117.34	-.99	+4.9
Praxair	**3.00**	**22**	**116.43**	**-.41**	**+13.7**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrmEgy	...	...	**58.00**	...	**+9.4**
PUVixST rs	...	...	18.28	+1.79	...
ProctGam	**2.68**	**24**	**87.85**	**+.09**	**+10.6**
RangeRs	.08	...	38.53	+.37	+56.6
RegionsFn	.26f	13	9.56	-.22	-.4
RiteAid	...	54	8.04	-.05	+2.6
Rowan	.40	4	13.56	+.20	-20.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	72	47.47	-.50	+3.7
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	180.75	-1.67	+3.9
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	214.24	-1.75	+5.1
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	36.06	-.09	+19.3
SabnR	2.11e	14	36.54	+.10	+39.1
Salesforce	...	...	70.19	-.20	-10.5
SanderFm	**.96f**	**15**	**95.70**	**+.72**	**+23.5**
Schlmbrg	2.00	37	75.58	-.34	+8.4
SiriusXM	...	38	4.17	-.04	+2.3
Smucker	3.00f	19	137.72	+.54	+11.7
Sprint	...	...	6.65	+.01	+83.7
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	52.89	-.45	+4.8
SP Engy	2.04e	...	67.34	-.30	+11.6
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	19.07	-.31	-1.5
SunocoLog	2.00f	...	29.16	-.11	+13.5
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	...	**10.42**	**-.20**	**-5.8**
Tesoro	2.20f	6	81.85	-1.76	-22.3
3M Co	4.44	22	175.95	-1.44	+16.8
Torchmark	**.56**	**15**	**63.20**	**-.65**	**+10.8**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Transocn	...	...	9.52	+.42	-23.1
TriContl	**.82e**	...	**21.10**	**-.13**	**+5.4**
21stCFoxA	.36f	17	23.79	-.14	-12.4
Twitter	...	...	23.37	+.75	+1.0
TylerTech	...	**60**	**170.60**	**-2.29**	**-2.1**
UBSI	**1.32**	**19**	**36.76**	**-.96**	**-.6**
US OilFd	...	...	10.43	+.24	-5.2
USSteel	.20	...	19.55	+.60	+145.0
Vale SA	.29e	...	5.38	-.04	+63.5
ValeantPh	...	...	25.89	-1.83	-74.5
ValeroE	2.40	9	54.29	-1.38	-23.2
VanEGold	.12e	...	26.78	-.24	+95.2
VulcanM	**.80**	**40**	**113.44**	**+1.39**	**+19.4**
WEC Engy	1.98	22	62.76	-.21	+22.3
WPX Engy	...	...	11.83	+.32	+106.1
WalgBoots	1.50f	24	80.68	-1.37	-5.3
Weathfintl	...	...	5.51	-.06	-34.3
WellsFargo	1.52	11	44.88	-.86	-17.4
WstnRefin	1.52	10	25.90	-1.62	-27.3
WhitingPet	...	...	7.52	+.03	-20.3
WmsCos	.80m	...	30.36	+.02	+18.1
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**20**	**43.10**	**+.03**	**+20.0**
Xerox	**.31**	**13**	**9.98**	**+.06**	**-6.1**
Yahoo	...	...	42.29	-.51	+27.1
Yamana g	.02m	...	4.41	-.08	+137.1
Zynga	...	...	2.83	-.01	+5.6

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18,668.44	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	18,094.83	-166.62	-.91	+3.84	+13.08
8,358.20	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,914.69	-22.30	-.28	+5.41	+3.11
723.83	547.22	Dow Jones Utilities	692.43	-1.81	-.26	+19.83	+22.04
10,903.86	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,624.88	-93.11	-.87	+4.75	+10.66
5,342.88	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,257.49	-48.26	-.91	+4.99	+15.70
2,193.81	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,146.10	-18.59	-.86	+5.00	+14.05
1,581.53	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,542.52	-8.30	-.54	+10.29	+14.02
22,785.41	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	22,367.52	-189.58	-.84	+5.67	+13.19
1,263.46	943.09	Russell 2000	1,240.94	-13.68	-1.09	+9.25	+13.79

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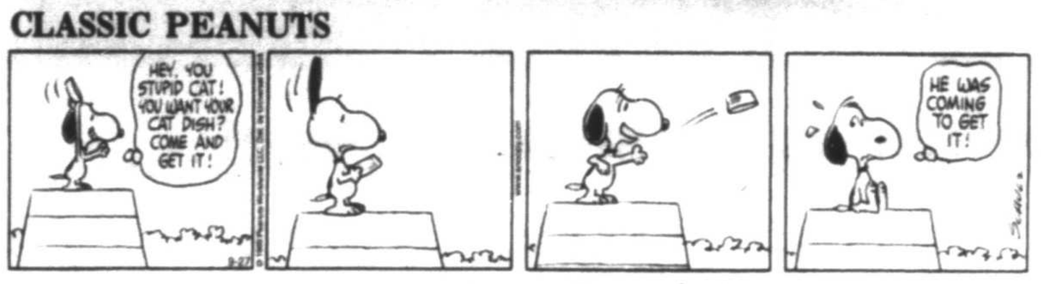

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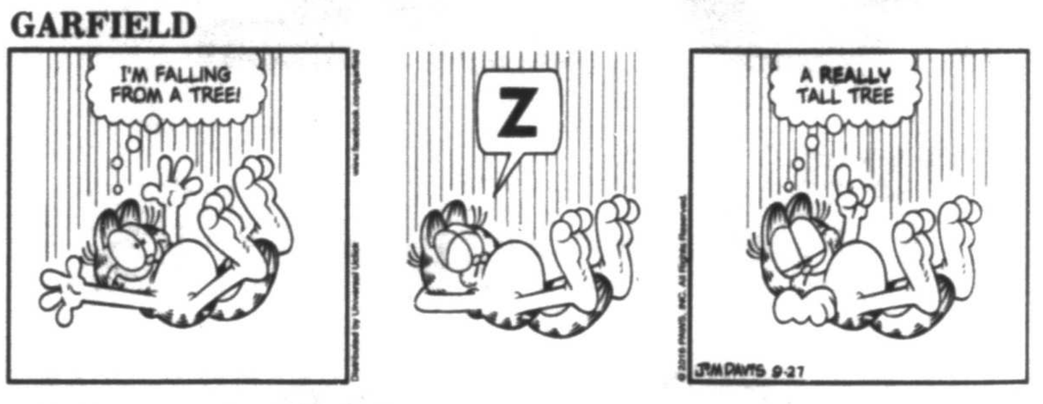

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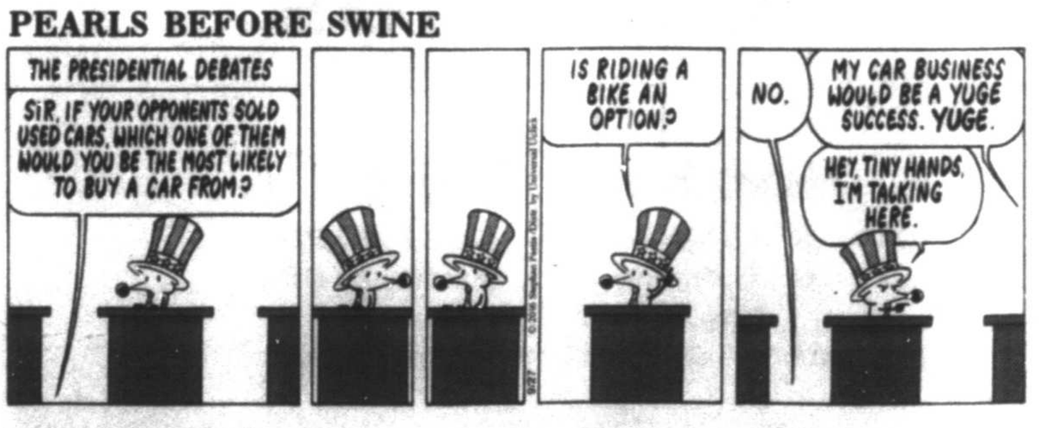

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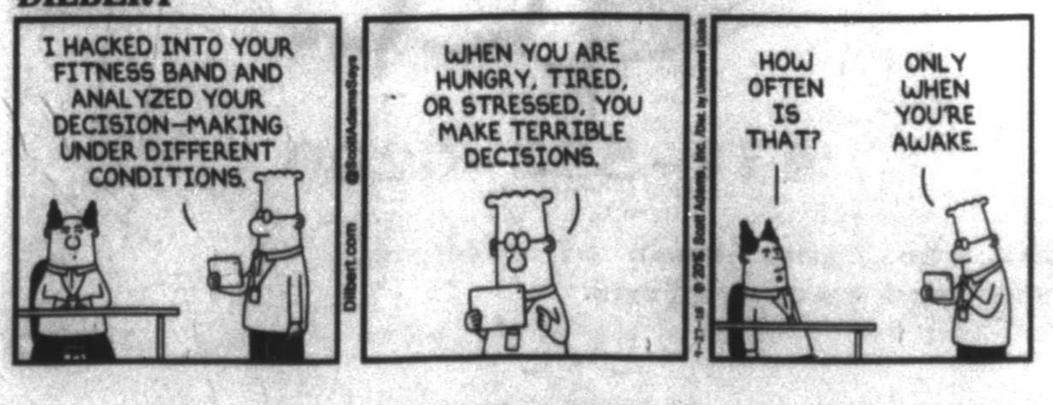

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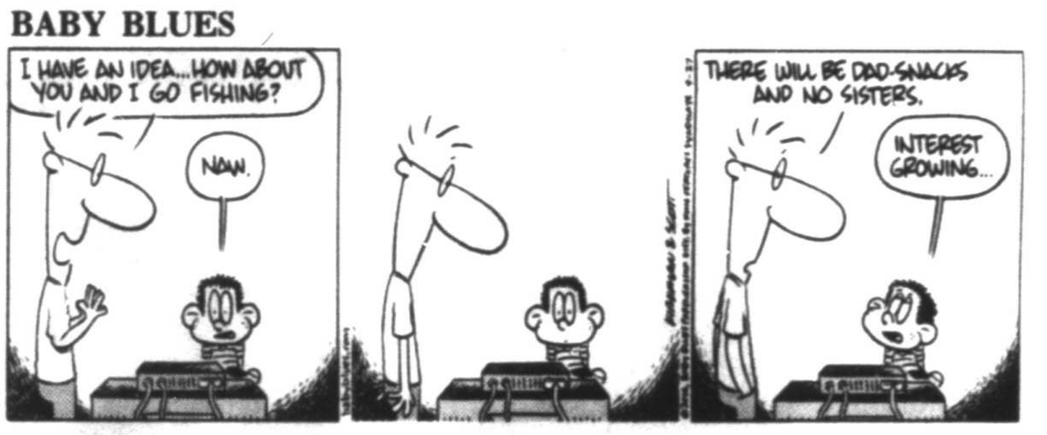

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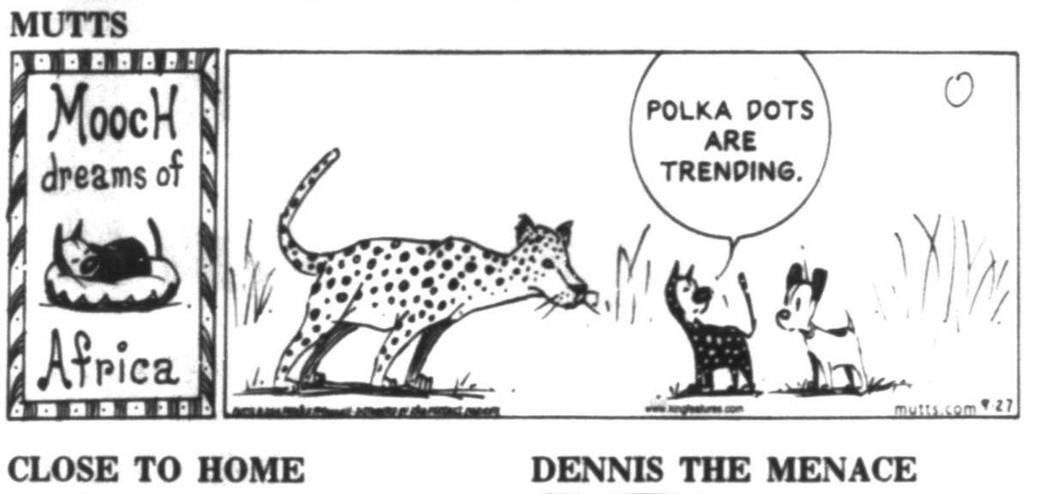

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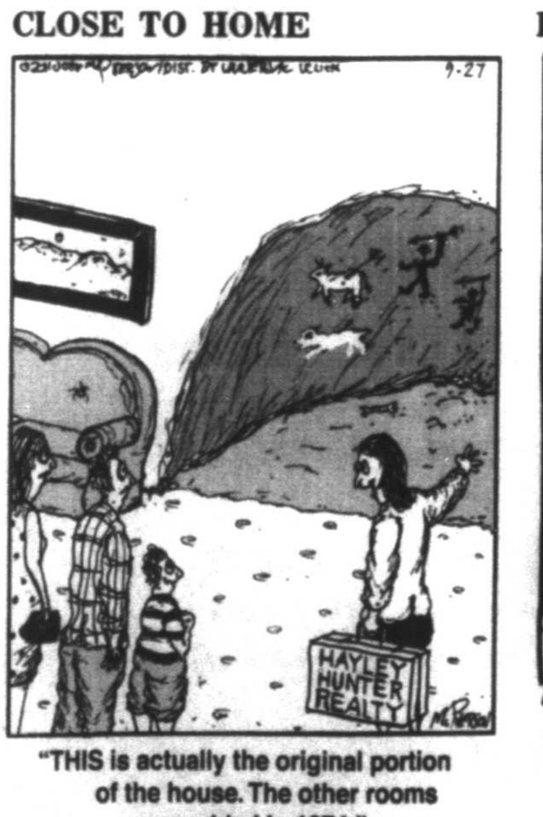

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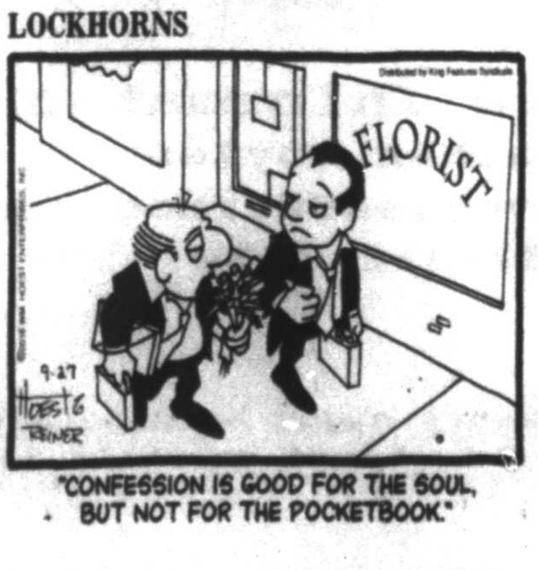

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Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A public meeting will be held to present information regarding the Financial Rating by the Texas Education Agency regarding Midland Academy Charter School. This meeting will take place October 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Midland Academy room 204. Midland Academy is located at 500 N. Baird St. Midland, Texas

Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

Oxy USA INC. is applying to the Railroad Commission for a permit to commingle oil and gas production into the Green Central Tank Battery, located in RRC District 8 in Howard County. Commingling production will result in reduced surface facility footprint and is the most effective means of producing the reserves.

Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Taylor Stillman, Oxy's representative at (713) 366-5945.

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