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Lindsey Buckingham and Christine McVie perform Sunday.

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Appeals court grants Young stay of execution

Death row inmate's case goes to Midland County district court

By Simone Jasper
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The Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas on Wednesday issued an order granting a motion for Clinton Lee Young's stay of execution. Young, 34, was convicted in Midland County and had an execution scheduled for Oct. 26.

The court's order states the case is remanded to the trial court after meeting requirements of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 11.071, section 5. The requirements were "regarding his first allegation, in which he contends that false or misleading testimony was introduced at trial," according to the order.

Young was sentenced to death in 2003 after he was convicted of the murders of Doyle Douglas and Samuel Petrey. The two were fatally shot during a 2001 crime spree.

Young's attorneys from the Office of the Federal Public Defender recently submitted an application for a writ of habeas corpus and asked the appeals court for a stay. The case will now go to the 385th Judicial District Court, according to information from the attorneys' office.

"I am very grateful to the Criminal Court of Appeals for granting this stay and for giving me a chance to prove my innocence in court," Young said in the office's press release.

The attorneys' application for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in the 385th Judicial District Court on Oct. 2. The document referred to the testimony of David Lee Page, a co-defendant in the case.

"We are confident the court will conclude that Page lied under oath to save himself, and that our client is innocent of the crime that put him on death row," said Margo A. Rocconi, chief of the Capital Habeas Unit for Office of the Federal Public Defender, in the press release.

Another claim in the application was that Young was "entitled to relief" under Article 11.073 because "previously unavailable scientific evidence shows he did not cause the death of Samuel Petrey." The court's order states Young didn't meet the requirements of that article.

DNA on a pair of gloves found near Petrey's body matched Page, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The gloves were recently tested and found to contain gunshot residue.

Page, 35, is serving a 30-year sentence for aggravated kidnapping, according to TDCJ records.

'Shine as they come'



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Scooter Harris rests next to his shoe polishing station in the ClayDesta atrium Wednesday. Harris is a 1954 graduate of Carver High School, which at that time was an all-black high school. Harris has been shining shoes for more than 20 years but he says he doesn't know how many shoes he shines in a day. "I just shine as they come" said Harris, "I don't try to keep up with it."

JumBurrito offers free burrito for those who vote

■ Cuevas: 'We have to get that 10 percent number up'

By Stewart Doreen
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For those who need an incentive to vote in the next election, Jose Cuevas is serving one up.

The owner of JumBurrito restaurants said he is giving a free burrito to people who vote in the road bond election.

He says the offer is all about reinforcing community participation.

"It is a shame we have 10 percent voter turnout for major elections or events," Cuevas said. "We need to get that number up."

Ross Ramsey
When Texans aren't engaged, Texans don't vote.
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Cuevas said Midlanders who vote during the two-week early-voting period or on Election Day, Nov. 7, can come to a JumBurrito restaurant, hand over the "I voted" sticker and have a burrito of their choice. He made the same offer during the mayor's race in 2013.

To receive a free burrito, a person is not required to vote one way or another; the requirement is that they participate in the process. The former at-large city councilman said higher turnouts give a bigger megaphone to the voters about what they want from government.

Cuevas said he is personally for the

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MISD to host 2 more Listen and Learn events

■ District hopes for 'standing room only'

From staff reports

Community members wanting to provide input that Midland ISD leaders can use in its next strategic plan can attend one of the remaining two Listen and Learn events.

The fourth of five meetings is scheduled to take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today at True-Lite Fellowship, 3001 N. "A" St. The final Listen and Learn event is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 26 at Martinez Bakery, 206 E. Florida

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The big number
23 thousand points
is what the Dow Jones Industrial finished above Wednesday. Page 5C

Word of the Day: antithesis
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Texas cities also woo Amazon with diversity, arts, sunshine

By Diana Heidgerd
Associated Press

DALLAS — Economic incentives are expected to be major selling points for a number of Texas cities making pitches to Amazon for the Seattle-based company's second headquarters and the estimated 50,000 jobs that would come with it.

Formal proposals are due to the company Thursday.

The Associated Press recently spoke with business leaders around Texas to find out why they believe their respective cities would provide the best fit for Amazon.

Here's a look at their responses:

AUSTIN:

Mike Berman, a spokesman for the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, says the region is especially appealing to Amazon because it's the kind of place where everybody can fit in.

"Austin is cool and innovative and extremely accepting and diverse," he said.

DALLAS:

Kourtny Garrett, the CEO of Downtown Dallas Inc., cited the area's business climate as a draw for Amazon, plus the low cost of living and the region's light rail system.

"Downtown Dallas is a completely new destination over the last decade. We've had over 110 percent residential growth, we have a very strong base of young, educated talent and an environment that is culturally rich and fun," Garrett said.

HOUSTON:

Bob Harvey, president & CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership, praised community and individual efforts following Hurricane Harvey, which made landfall Aug. 25 in Texas and dumped record rainfall that swamped parts of Houston.

"I think the world saw Houston at its best in the local recovery efforts," Harvey said. "People did see a community that's unique in its ability to respond to an emergency."

SAN ANTONIO:

San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff on Oct. 11 announced the area was no longer bidding for the Amazon project, saying the public process was creating a bidding war among states and cities.

The letter to Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos also says media reports suggest that San Antonio might not have been on the company's "short list."

"It's not that we wouldn't love to have Amazon select San Antonio. Any city would. We know that Amazon and San Antonio are culturally compatible and that we both have eyes strategically set on the future — smart growth, municipal resiliency, and connectivity are areas we plan for and invest in today. If Amazon follows the approach that it took in Seattle by building a massive urban campus to support 50,000 employees, the company's impact could accelerate our plans in a transformative way," the letter said.

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road bond referendum, which will appear on the ballot along with state propositions.

"Transportation is one of the most important things," Cuevas said. "Those should be easy sells."

JumBurrito has four locations in Midland – 1301 Lamesa Road, 2101 W. Wadley Ave., 4509 N. Midkiff Road and 908 S. Midkiff Road. JumBurrito also has two locations in Odessa. The two-week early-voting period for the road bond and state propositions begins Monday. Early voting will be at the Midland County Annex. Election Day is Nov. 7, when there will be 12 locations for voting.

Obituaries



Alvin Allen Faglie

July 13, 1944-
October 12, 2017

Alvin Allen Faglie went home to Glory on angels wings on October 12, 2017 at Midland Memorial Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. Alvin was born to Bud and Betty Faglie on July 13, 1944 in Ballinger, Tx. His home going celebration will be this Saturday Oct. 21, 2017 at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship at 901 N. Midland Drive with Pastor Bill Foster officiating.

He grew up in Waco where he was educated and enlisted in the Navy. He served 4 years on the USS Sablo submarine as an electrician , an E-5, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal; the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; the Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Star. He served 2 years in the Navy Reserve.

Alvin began his trucking career at the age of 26 and for the next 47 years was devoted to it as both an employee and owner/operator of Faglie Trucking. He became employed with Plains All-American in 2010 and was determined to work until his body just couldn't any more, so that he could provide a future for his boys and he did exactly that. He had a very strong work ethic and if he wasn't at work, he was working around the house or in the yard which he kept pristine . When he was finished with his, he would go work in his daughter's yard.

Instead of retiring, Alvin and Shirley adopted 3 little boys who needed a great Dad and Al was the man for the job.; he had a heart as big as Texas and a passion to provide for his three sons and teach them all he knew about being a Godly man and providing for his family; he gave them the stability of a Christian home and a chance of a future and poured his love and devotion into them while teaching them to be men of integrity. Al was known for his hard work, honesty, faith in God and love of his Lord Jesus Christ. Al was a faithful husband, father, Papa, son, brother and friend to all who knew him. The joy of his life was his family.

Preceding him in death were his parents and his three younger brothers, Joe Dale Faglie, Martin Neal Faglie and Johnny Ray Faglie. We know they are all together today catching up and more than likely playing some 42.

Al is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 33 years, Shirley Baker Faglie ;his sons, Caleb and Jack Faglie of Midland, Tx. Rex Faglie of Gainesville, Tx. His son, Allen Dale Faglie and his wife, Danielle of Midland, Tx. His daughter, Dawn Busbee and her husband Rickey of Midland, Tx. Daughter Sharla Miles of Conroe, Tx. Daughter Sharron McInnis of Gatesville, Tx. His beloved grandchildrer. all of Midland, Tx, Kaylea Busbee (Shayde Lewis-honorary grandson) Greyson Busbee, Ellie Belle Busbee and Allen Dale Faglie, Jr. His babies were his passion and driving force in his life and there is nothing that he wouldn't do for them.

Memorials may be made to Teen Challenge of the Permian Basin P.O. Box 251, Midland, Tx 79702



Bessie Mae Barnett

Bessie Mae Barnett, 86, passed from this life on Oct. 14, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas.

Bess was born in Texarkana, Texas, on Jan. 12, 1931 to Margaret and Thurman Fish. She graduated from Texas High in Texarkana and continued her education to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas State College for Women and a Master's Degree in Education from East Texas State University.

Bess moved to Midland in 1961 and taught first grade at Lamar Elementary School until her retirement in 1986. She enjoyed gardening, birdwatching and anything related to nature. She joined Christ Presbyterian Church (now Grace Presbyterian) in 1961 and was an active member serving as an elder and Sunday School teacher. She particularly enjoyed Bible study with her church friends.

She joined the educational sorority National Kappa Kappa Iota, Delta State Texas, Beta Pi Chapter in 1971 and was active until her move to San Antonio to be closer to her daughter, granddaughter and great-grandsons.

Bess was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Thurman Fish, and her son, Ken Barnett.

She is survived by her daughter Margaret Erickson; son-in-law Richard Erickson; granddaughter Elizabeth Jordan and husband Brian Contine; great grandsons Oliver and Henry Contine; sister-in-law Diana Fish; cousin Audrey Brooks and numerous cousins and friends in Midland.

Visitation will be held 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19 at Ellis Funeral Home. The graveside service will be Friday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church with Reverend Cheryl Homsher officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 North Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705.

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

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Hazel Marie Fulgham

Hazel Marie Fulgham, 90, passed away on October 16, 2017.

Hazel was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma on May 19, 1927 to L.H. and Viola Larrabee.

Hazel was married to S. W. "Bill" Fulgham on March 9, 1944 in Natchez, Mississippi. They were married for 67 years.

Hazel worked for Grammar-Murphy and Dillard's for 20 years

Hazel had a love for song and music from an early age. She sang for the USO shows during World War II. She was involved in church activities and loved cooking, sewing and her family.

Hazel is preceded in death by her husband and sister, Pauline Loflin.

Hazel is survived by her daughter Jan Acker and husband Les of San Angelo, Texas; son Bill Fulgham and wife Donna and daughter Karen Crume both of Midland, Texas; grandchildren Barbara Lee and husband Johnny of Midland, Blake Crume of Midland; J.B. Crume of Maricopa, Arizona, Heather Pritchard and husband Austin of Sherman, Texas, James Childers of Boerne, Texas and Candice Fain and husband Jerad of Midland; sister, Bea Watkins of Arlington, Texas and nephew Bill Loflin and wife Terri of Arlington; ten great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home from 5 pm to 8 pm on Thursday, October 19, 2017. A Funeral Service will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 2 pm with Mike Vestal officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Westside Church of Christ at 4410 W. Illinois Midland, Texas 79703 or a charity of your choice.

The family of Hazel Fulgham wishes to thank Mary Gowen for her personal assistance and also Home Hospice. A special thanks to Nurses Unlimited caregivers Karen, Kay, Kelly, Lola, Tommie and Victoria.

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Janice Smith Bullock

Janice Smith Bullock, 60 of Midland, passed away on Monday, October 16, 2017. Memorial Services will be at 3:00pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel on Friday, October 20, 2017 with Rev. Dan Love officiating.

Janice was born on October 5, 1957 in Houston, Texas to Al and "Bunny" Smith. She attended school and graduated from Bellaire High School in Houston. After attending Texas Tech University, Janice and Gary Bullock were married on February 16, 1980. Together, they had three wonderful children who were the joy of her life. The family moved to Midland in 1992 where Janice graduated with a Master's in Education from the University of Texas Permian Basin to fulfill her lifelong dream of working in education. While with Midland Independent School District, Janice was humbled and honored to receive the MISD Teacher of the Year along with Texas Region 18 Teacher of the Year awards. Upon retiring from education, her favorite pastime was reading and relaxing with family and friends at Lake LBJ. Spending time at the lake always brought many wonderful memories back when she spent time at the lake with her family as a young girl.

Janice is survived by her husband, Gary Bullock; daughter, Laura Caldwell and husband Tanner; daughter, Melissa Campion and husband Sean; and son, Austin Bullock and fiancé Morgan Johnson. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Allison and Avery Caldwell and Lizzy Campion, all of who were her pride and joy. Additional family surviving Janice include her sister, Patty Horridge and husband Mike; brother, Glenn Smith and wife Margie Becker; brother, Rick Smith and wife Susan; and sister-in-law, Ellen Smith along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family. Janice was very loved and will be greatly missed.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved brother, Mack Smith.

The family would like to express great gratitude to the many care givers and friends that helped make the last few months of her life comfortable.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Midland, American Cancer Society, or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Pilar N. Chavez

Pilar N. Chavez, 83 of Midland, passed away on Sunday, October 15, 2017, surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer. She left this earth with grace and dignity as the woman that she always was and will forever be. The family will be accepting guests from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with a Rosary beginning at 7:00 pm that evening. Memorial services will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine at 1:00 pm, Friday, October 20, 2017.

Pilar was born on October 12, 1934 in Mexico to Jose and Antonia (Hernandez) Nava. She married her husband of 62 years, Eusebio Chavez, on January 28, 1955. In 1963 they moved to Midland where they raised their family of 3 children. A humble and kind woman, she never wanted to call attention to herself and did so by living a simple life. She followed Christ in everything that she did and led by example, filling her life with love for her family and friends. We all learned from her advice, guidance, and encouragement and will never forget the life lessons she taught us. She was an excellent cook, seamstress, and loved the beauty of flowers. Her greatest joys were being with her family, cooking for them, and spending her days in her garden. Abuelita or "Welita" was the appellation favored by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she adored and who equally adored her. Her strength and resilience inspired everyone who knew her. Her life, full of love, extended over 8 decades, and when God called her she accepted his invitation knowing that her work here was done. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and friend who will never be forgotten and will always live on in our hearts.

Honorary pallbearers will be her grandsons, Marcus Chavez, Matthew Chavez, Blaine Chavez, Michael Chavez, Cherlie Falcon, Cody Falcon, Clay Falcon, and Albert Valenzuela.

She is survived by her husband, Eusebio "Pancho" Chavez; daughter, Socorro Corrales and husband Rudy; son, Saul Chavez and wife Christina; 2 brothers and 3 sisters; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pilar is preceded in death by her parents, Jose and Antonia Nava; son, Sammy Chavez; and 1 brother and 2 sisters.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards her MD Anderson Cancer Center doctors and nurses, Compass Hospice nurses, and family & friends who helped care for her.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

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Death Notices

Salomon Lujan, Jr.

Salomon Lujan Jr., 24 of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

Viewing will be Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 1:00pm - 9:00pm at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel with a prayer service starting at 7:00pm.Viewing will also be Friday, October 20, 2017 from 9:00am - 9:00pm at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel with a prayer service starting at 7:00pm . Funeral Service will be Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 10:00am at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home and Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

He is survived by his parents Salomon and Petra Lujan, grandfather Francisco Orona, brother Eric Lujan, sister Karime Lujan, one nephew and one niece.

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

Velma S. Fuentes

Velma S. Fuentes, 55 of Fort Stockton formally of Midland. passed away on Monday, October 16, 2017.

She is survived by her husband Raul Fuentes, daughters Viviana and Victoria Fuentes, sisters Hope Sanchez, Gloria Flores and Yolanda Ramirez.

She is preceded in death by her parents Augustine and Santos Sanchez and sister Irma Gonzalez.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Sheriff: Fire kills Texas woman and her 5 children

Associated Press

"It's a very emotional task and our hearts, first and foremost, go out to the family."

Mark Davis, Hardin County Sheriff

SILSBEE — A woman and her five children were killed in a fire that quickly engulfed their Texas home, authorities said Wednesday.

Flames were already shooting from the home near Silsbee, about 80 miles northeast of Houston, when a neighbor called 911 about 12:15 a.m., Hardin County Sheriff Mark Davis said.

The home, a small structure converted at some point into a residence, was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived, Davis said. He said all six bodies were found in the home after the blaze was extinguished, and the family was likely sleeping when they were overcome by heat, flames and smoke.

"It gives the appearance of being a very fast-moving fire," said Davis.

Davis did not release their names because officials were still working to notify family members of the deaths. However, family pastor Randy Feldschau identified the dead as Ashley Pickering, 31, and her children: Camden, 3; twins Cash and Cavence, 4; Serenity, 7; and Cristian, 11. The twins' 5th birthdays were to have been next week.

The children's father, who didn't live at the home, was distraught when he arrived later, said Davis, who described the scene as "horrific."

"It's a very emotional task and our hearts, first and foremost, go out to the family," the sheriff said. "But we're also looking at our first-responders, especially our firefighters. It's a very difficult situation to be dealing with deaths like this that include so many children."

The cause of the fire is under investigation, but Davis said it doesn't appear to have been deliberately set.

"We're not seeing anything at this point to give us cause that it's suspicious," he told The Associated Press.

Relatives of the victims live in a house in front of the burned home, but it wasn't damaged.

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Antithesis
[an-tith-uh-sis]
noun
1. opposition; contrast.
2. the direct opposite (usually followed by of or to).



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Things to do

■ Midland Job Fair and Expo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Grand Texas Hotel, 4300 W. Wall St.

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m., and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysarab.com.

■ Storytime at the Library, 10:30 a.m., (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m., (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ MOSC: West Texas Winds perform a free brown bag concert, 11:45 a.m., ClayDesta Plaza, 6 Desta Drive. MOSC.org.

■ Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

■ The Wild Texas Film Tour, 6:30 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. It is a short film and speaking tour covering wildlife, adventure, and conservation stories from across the state. Hosted by filmmaker and conservationist Ben Masters. $20. Wildfilmtour.com.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8585.

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

■ JB and the Moonshine Band, Harry Luge, 7 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10 rockinrodeomidland.com.

■ Llano Estacado Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist training, 7 p.m., Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ Breaking Benjamin, 8 p.m., La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $37.50. Haciendamidland.com.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Minka and Scott Sibert, with Cisco Equipment, were honored Tuesday as Samaritan of the Year. The Samaritan Counseling Center's 2017 Family of the Year Celebration Luncheon was at Green Tree Country Club.

Loop 250 meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation will host a public meeting next week about the overpass project at Loop 250 and County Roads 1150 and 60. The meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave.

The meeting is designed to provide information about the proposed project and to gather input from the public. Maps of the project area and other displays will be available for review and comment. TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions. The meeting will begin at with an open house. A brief presentation is scheduled at 6 p.m. with a question-and-answer session afterward.

Verbal and written comments from the public regarding this project are encouraged. Comments may be submitted either at the public meeting or in writing within 15 days of the public meeting and must be postmarked by Nov. 8 to be included as part of the official public record. For additional information, please contact Robert Ornelas, P.E., Director of Transportation, Planning and Development, TxDOT Odessa District Office, 3901 E. Highway 80, Odessa, TX, 79761, by telephone at (432) 498-4697, or email Robert.Ornelas@txdot.gov.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Airport so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

Honor those who served

There are many organizations in operation right here in the Permian Basin that are at the task of serving all kinds of needs for present and former members of our military. Some of them are:

■ Show of Support (687-2167)
■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Flu vaccination available

The City of Midland Health & Senior Services is offering flu vaccinations this month.

Vaccinations can be obtained on a walk-in basis from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m.-noon Friday at 3303 West Illinois Ave. Suite 22.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 4-9-1
Pick 3 day: 8-7-0
Pick 3 evening: 9-3-4
Pick 3 night: 8-2-8
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Daily 4 night: 1-1-1-1
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All or Nothing evening: 1-2-6-7-13-14-15-19-20-21-22-24
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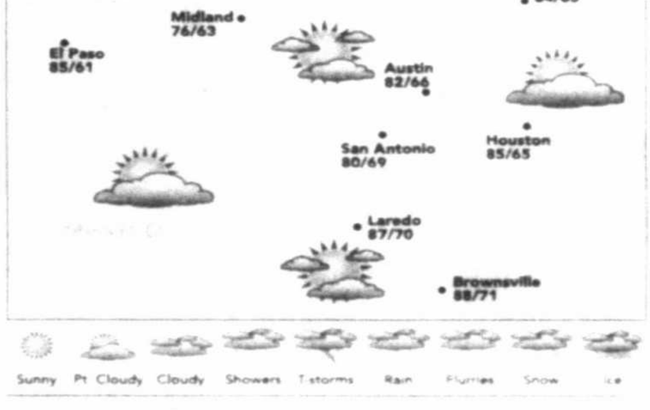
Weather

Wednesday's temperatures
High 86
Low 52
Normal high 77
Normal low 51

Oct. 18's records
Record high: 91, set in 1995
Record low: 37, set in 1968 and equaled in 1989 and 1999

Precipitation
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Wednesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.09 in.
Year total ..... 16.90 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 12.74 in.

Winds
Average speed: 10.4 mph
Highest speed: 16 mph
Highest gust speed: 20 mph



Today's forecast
High: 76
Low: 62
Conditions: Partly sunny during the day/mostly cloudy at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: 10 percent during the day/20 percent at night
Sunrise ..... 7:55 a.m.
Sunset ..... 7:12 p.m.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Libra if born before 9:41 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Thursday, Oct. 19, 2017:**

This year you will experience a lot of change in your life. You will be offered a new beginning, and as a result, your life becomes more dynamic and exciting. If you are single, someone could enter your life and sweep you off your feet. Give yourself a year to find out if this bond and person stack up to your initial impression. If you are attached, your creativity delights your sweetie. You will witness this person becoming more spontaneous as a response to you. As a result, your relationship evolves. SCORPIO sometimes wishes he or she had your social skills.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Others take the lead even if you would prefer to take charge. You could stun others with your reaction. You are not sure which way to go or what feels right as opposed to what your office structure dictates. Get feedback. **Tonight:** Defer to a loved one -- as if you have a choice!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could be out of sync with a co-worker, though you will gain a great deal of insight from this experience. You will have to let go of a need to control others in order to jump through some of the hoops of a difficult situation. **Tonight:** Let someone else make the first move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your imagination could come up with some uncomfortable scenarios if you let it run wild. A friend only contributes to those feelings. A new beginning in a relationship becomes possible, and for some of you, a new relationship could be on the horizon. **Tonight:** Get some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Your playfulness emerges after a sudden development that could at first throw you off your game. You will get past the issue once you encourage a discussion. You are about to experience an unusual yet fulfilling situation develop in your daily life. **Tonight:** All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You cannot be distracted for long, as surprises keep popping up around you. You have to be grounded in order to handle everything that you must. The unexpected takes a toll on you, but you can handle it. You might decide to make a resolution to change how you deal with problems. **Tonight:** At a favorite spot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Be aware of the financial implications of a situation. Make sure you understand what is coming forward in the near future. A partner could shake up the status quo with his or her ideas and actions, especially involving spending and saving. Make sure you are on the same page. **Tonight:** Flow with the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Understand what is happening around you more clearly. You might decide that you can't do much more than you already have. With the help of a partner, you'll gain an important insight. What a sense of relief! **Tonight:** Make it your pleasure to respond to a loved one's request.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ The daylight hours could be unnerving, as you cannot seem to get your sea legs. You keep getting tossed a new issue or a surprise. You'll handle what you must, probably wishing you could create a little more stability. Once the Moon enters your sign, a mellowness takes over -- at least for you. **Tonight:** Zero in on what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ A friendship plays a strong role in your choices. Remember that ultimately it is your choice. You might have mixed feelings as you observe what is happening around you. Later on, you might stop and reflect on how you might change a pattern here. **Tonight:** Make it an early night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ The unexpected continues to shake up the status quo. You might want to take a firm stand against such upheaval. Be honest with yourself -- you have very little control over others. Emphasize what is important to you in an important meeting or get-together. **Tonight:** Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Pressure builds with sudden calls, messages and perhaps a quickly scheduled meeting. You have the intention of taking the lead with an important project. Others might challenge or disagree with you, but ultimately their tune will change. **Tonight:** Count on a late dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Detach and take a complete view of what is going on around you. At the same time, give some thought to the players and why they have chosen the path they have chosen. A caring, open attitude draws others toward you rather than sticking to their position. **Tonight:** Consider starting the weekend now!

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When Texans aren't engaged, Texans don't vote



ROSS RAMSEY
Texas Tribune

Texas is about to have one of its periodic and deeply disappointing tests of civic engagement — a November election built around constitutional amendments and not around warring political personalities.

Conflict and advertising and the tons of news coverage generated by candidates and campaigns drive turnout. It's easy to chart: More Texans vote in presidential years than in gubernatorial years, partly because of the relative power of those offices but also because of the overwhelming focus on national campaigns. In last year's presidential election, more than 8.9 million Texans voted. In the 2014 race for governor between Greg Abbott and Wendy Davis, 4.7 million voted.

In between those two elections, fewer than 1.6 million Texans turned out for a constitutional amendment election. That one actually had a couple of issues of interest to ordinary voters, including an attempt to lower property taxes for homeowners, a plan to increase state spending on highways and transportation by up to $5 billion and an end to the requirement that statewide elected officials live in the state capital. Each of the seven proposals on that ballot passed easily.

Most of the state's voters slept through it.

The 2013 election was a yawner, attracting only 1.1 million voters. Everything passed, including an amendment legalizing reverse mortgages in Texas.

2011? Only 690,052 Texans showed up — of the 12.8 million who were registered to vote at the time — to vote on 10 amendments. They voted three of them down, proving that the few who bothered weren't there to simply smile and nod. Still, the relatively local and technical measures on that ballot failed to attract a crowd.

The pattern, though, is that constitutional amendment elections draw small crowds of mostly agreeable voters. In 2009, just over 1 million Texans approved 11 amendments. In 2007, about the same number of voters okayed each of the 16 amendments before them.

You see how this goes.

This year's line-up is not exactly front-page news; most of the scant attention the election has attracted comes from a proposal to ease restrictions on borrowing against home equity.

Here's a decidedly non-scientific way to test voters' interest: Have you heard people talking about it? At this time a year ago, did you hear people talking about the presidential election?

Early voting begins Monday. Election Day is Nov. 7. There are seven proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution that would change state law for sports raffles, savings contests run by financial institutions, the tenure of state appointees who haven't been replaced and so on.

It's an election where each vote is fractionally more important than normal: With fewer voters showing up, each vote counts for more. And changes to the constitution are more permanent — most of the time — than the changes in officeholders that attract more voters to most other elections.

Texans, like voters in most places, have proved they're more interested in deciding which people will govern than on the sometimes-narrow policies presented in these off-year elections.

You can't blame the low turnouts for elections like this one on partisan redistricting, though ballot access laws that arguably make it more difficult to vote certainly don't help.

You can blame the legislators who schedule these elections, often on dates when low turnout is all but assured — when contests that might get the kind of attention and debate that attracts widespread interest, and with it, citizens who want to register their views.

You can always blame voters, since turnout is a measure of how many people came to the polls to register their opinions. But they're capable of getting interested. It's been a long time now, but the Texas Lottery was approved in a constitutional amendment election that drew almost 2.1 million voters — at a time when there were only 7.8 million registered voters in the state. More recently, Texas voters approved a state constitutional ban on same-sex marriage in 2005 (a provision later voided by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling). The turnout for that 2005 vote topped 2.2 million.

Civic engagement is, after all, about engagement. Boring or narrow issues don't attract voters. But if you interest them, they will come.

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"After the fifth meeting, we will do a full breakdown of the consensus from the posters (where ideas are ranked), and from each of those, we will create a strategic plan for a direction moving forward," said Elise Kail, executive director of Accountability and Data Systems for the district. "We will develop a plan in support of what we are doing or wanting to change."

At Listen and Learn events, community members are brought up to speed on what is taking place inside the district and then have the opportunity to provide input on things the district should keep doing, things the district should stop doing and things the district should start doing.

Superintendent Orlando Riddick told the Reporter-Telegram previously that Listen and Learn sessions are not like traditional town hall events.

"I want to hear your concern; I want you to be vested, and I want you to be involved," Riddick said after the first Listen and Learn event in September. "I want you to hold me accountable for the actions that come out based on the information we collected."

Kail said about 150 members from the community have attended the first three Listen and Learn events held at Crestview Baptist Church, Brew St. and Casa de Amigos. Midland ISD officials are hoping for "standing room only" for the last two.

"The community has been open and participatory in the meetings," Kail said.

Along with the information provided through Listen and Learn events, Midland ISD is taking community comments from people online about what they believe makes a "great school." The district has the ability to take comments in English. Spanish and Hakha Chin.

Last three meetings

The following are top items for input received from the first three Listen and Learn Tour events. The top five from each topic during each session are listed.

Sept. 14

Things to keep doing

- Keep professional learning communities and collaboration opportunities 34
- Keep expanding magnet schools and fine arts programs 27
- Keep growth mindset and no-excuses philosophy 19
- Keep communication from school to home in native language 13
- Keep over-communicating with parents 13

Things to stop doing

- Stop one-size-fits-all instruction 17
- Stop doing the things we always did just because we did them 16
- Stop overwhelming kids with homework 14
- Stop imposing politically correct agenda on our community and our kids 10
- Stop overcrowding classrooms 9
- Stop not communicating and wasting time and disrespecting adults, teachers and students 9

Things to start doing

-Start to plan for future bonds for elementary and secondary schools 28
-Start homework help after school 16
-Start recognizing importance of fine arts 16
-Start more vocational training 13
-Start preparing kids for the real world and thinking beyond graduation 12

Sept. 21

Things to keep doing

- Keep open communication and the efforts on shifting community perception 15
- Keep expecting excellence and creating bigger goals for self and students 14
- Keep magnet programs 13
- Keep vocational training 9
- Keep professional learning communities 4

Things to stop doing

- Stop allowing discipline disruptions 15
- Stop citing policy and rules over common sense 11
- Stop placing a focus only on college degrees 10
- Stop retaining teachers who don't want to or shouldn't be teaching 9
- Stop unhealthy food options 5

Things to start doing

- Start a bond for secondary 17
- Start growing mentoring and support quality teachers 13
- Start affective discipline and classroom management 10
- Start more opportunities for classes that prepare students with practical life skills 10
- Start recruiting students for career training 6
- Start providing all kids G1 learning opportunities

Oct. 12

Things to keep doing

- Keep professional learning communities 30
- Keep performing arts, career and technology and extracurricular activities 24
- Keep supporting teachers 15
- Keep all aspects of communications methods possible in multiple directions 11
- Keep positive discipline 8

Things to stop doing

- Stop lower expectations for challenging students 13
- Stop the heavy emphasis on testing, which causes anxiety 9
- Stop singling out students in front of others 8
- Stop bussing kids away from their neighborhood schools 8
- Stop the cookie-cutter industrial model of education 8

Things to start doing

- Start curriculum development that includes cultural awareness and diversity 21
- Start new grade reconfiguration (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) 20
- Start more creative and parent-involved initiatives 19
- Start having administrators substitute for a day 7
- Start magnets at the secondary school level 6
- Start exposure to and resources for different student populations 6
- Start budgeting more for tutorials 6

Execution halted amid alleged confession scheme

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — A judge on Wednesday halted the execution of a man known as the Houston area's "Tourniquet Killer" so authorities can investigate an alleged scheme in which the inmate says a fellow death row prisoner asked him to confess to another killing.

Anthony Allen Shore was scheduled to be given a lethal injection Wednesday evening, but the judge withdrew the execution warrant at prosecutors' request just hours before Shore was set to die. His death was rescheduled for Jan. 18.

"If this was my day, God's will be done. He gave me another 90 days," the 55-year-old Shore said in reaction to the execution delay, according to a Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman.

Another convicted killer, Larry Swearingen, allegedly tried to convince Shore to take responsibility for the 1998 killing of 19-year-old Melissa Trotter, according to Montgomery County District Attorney Brett Ligon. Swearingen was convicted of her slaying and put on death row for it. His execution is scheduled for Nov. 16.

Ligon said investigators from his office spoke with Shore on Tuesday and he told them he wouldn't cooperate with Swearingen and instead chose to expose the scheme. Swearingen tried a similar scheme before his trial for Trotter's killing, the prosecutor said.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused an appeal from Swearingen last October. His attorneys have long wanted additional DNA testing of evidence they say could show he didn't kill Trotter.

Trotter was last seen in December 1998 leaving a college in Montgomery County, just north of Houston. Her body was found about a month later farther north in the Sam Houston National Forest. She had been strangled.

The four killings that led to Shore getting the death penalty occurred from 1986 to 1995. He confessed to the slayings of the four female victims after a tiny particle collected from under the fingernail of 21-year-old Maria del Carmen Estrada, whose body was dumped in a Houston Dairy Queen's drive-thru lane, was matched to his DNA.

Estrada's 1992 killing went unsolved for more than a decade. Shore received eight years' probation and became a registered sex offender in 1998 for sexually assaulting two relatives, but it took five years before authorities made the DNA match tying him to Estrada's death.

"I didn't set out to kill her," Shore, a former tow truck driver and phone company repairman, told police in a taped interview played at his 2004 trial for Estrada's slaying. "That was not my intent. But it got out of hand."

Estrada was walking to work the morning of April 16, 1992, when Shore offered her a ride that she accepted.

Shore blamed "voices in my head that I was going to have her, regardless, to possess her in some way."

Besides Estrada, he confessed to the slayings of 15-year-old Laurie Tremblay, who was found beside a trash bin outside a Houston restaurant in 1986; 9-year-old Diana Rebollar, who was abducted while walking to a neighborhood grocery store in 1994; and 16-year-old Dana Sanchez, who disappeared in 1995 while hitchhiking to her boyfriend's home in Houston.

Shore's lawyers told the jurors who convicted him of capital murder in 2004 that Shore desired the death penalty and wanted it to be known, which they said went against their advice to him.

During the appeals process, lawyers appointed to represent Shore argued he suffered from brain damage early in life that his trial attorneys didn't discover and the brain injury affected his decision about wanting the death penalty. A federal appeals court earlier this year rejected the appeal, and two weeks ago the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review his case.

Then on Wednesday as Shore waited to be executed at the Huntsville prison, he received word that his punishment was being delayed.

Ligon, the district attorney in Montgomery County, reached out to Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg, saying he wanted Shore's execution date moved to allow an investigation into the alleged confession scheme to be completed. Ligon asked Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to issue a one-time, 30-day reprieve to "prevent" Shore and Swearingen "from perpetrating a fraud upon the criminal justice system."

Ogg then obtained a court order withdrawing the execution warrant for Wednesday and resetting Shore's punishment for Jan. 18, which she said was the soonest legally available date.

"It is always the first responsibility of prosecutors to see that justice is done," Ogg said in a statement. "Shore's execution is inevitable."

Albuquerque sells sunshine, trying to lure new Amazon HQ

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico might not have the most money to offer Amazon as it decides where to put a second headquarters, but officials say nearly limitless sunshine, hazard-free weather and a diverse population should make the state competitive.

The e-commerce giant has set Thursday as the deadline for bids from Albuquerque and dozens of other cities competing to lure Amazon. The company is promising $5 billion of investment and 50,000 jobs over the next decade and a half.

Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry has already pointed to the city's 310 days a year of sunshine in a letter to Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.

Berry's chief of staff, Gilbert Montano, said the city has been laying the groundwork to attract big employers like Amazon and build entrepreneurial opportunities with investments in the workforce and infrastructure.

Montano said Tuesday that Albuquerque should be a major contender — confirming that the city will submit a proposal that includes what he called some creative real estate solutions focused on a downtown area that city officials say is undergoing a renaissance.

"We're ready for the opportunity, and our residents are excited about the prospect of Amazon's phenomenal career opportunities," Montano said in a statement.

Montano did not offer specifics, but he mentioned a competition underway to change Albuquerque's skyline with a towering state-of-the-art space for offices, retail and living in the heart of downtown.

Just to the south, he says the complex of steel and glass that make up the historic rail yards is another property that would work for Amazon.

Due to nondisclosure agreements, the city is keeping quiet about what kind of tax breaks and other financial incentives it may offer. But officials with the state Economic Development Department and local business groups say it has become a statewide effort to put New Mexico on Amazon's radar.

"We don't have the checkbook, if that's what you want to call it, that Illinois or whomever — pick a state — has. It's going to be the total package," said Matt Geisel, the state economic development secretary.

"New Mexico is a great place to do business and it's a great place to live. What we offer is unique and compelling and you layer those things up."

Geisel, who moved to New Mexico years ago as part of a corporate relocation program, opted to stay at the end of his stint and he said the same has been true of many other workers recruited to the state.

While quality of life means different things to different people, he said New Mexico has food, brew and art scenes as good as anywhere plus year-round affordable outdoor recreation, short commute times and plentiful blue skies.

"Sunsets and vistas aren't going to win the project, but it does definitely throw a little green chile salsa on our overall offering," Geisel said.

On a more serious note, the Albuquerque mayor and others say the region boasts a talented labor pool with a significant number of people who have doctorate degrees — most in the science and technology fields.

New Mexico is home to two national laboratories, military research installations, the nation's first purpose-build commercial spaceport and one of the world's premier astronomical radio observatories.

DA changes grand jury policy for officer shootings

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The district attorney in Austin says she won't pursue possible charges against local police officers involved in three shootings because of a change in how her office handles such cases.

Travis County District Attorney Margaret Moore said she'll only take cases to grand juries if she believes a shooting was unlawful or if the facts about what happened are in dispute, the Austin American-Statesman reported . The policy change is meant to expedite the resolution of cases.

Former District Attorney Rosemary Lehmberg took all lethal-force cases to grand jury. Travis County grand juries have seen dozens of cases regarding police officers using deadly force, but jurors have only indicted one officer in the past decade.

Prosecutors in Moore's office said they decided not to pursue a case against officers involved in the three recent shootings after "thorough factual and legal analysis."

Officers often have to wait months to testify before a grand jury, according to police officials. And community groups, including the local chapter of the NAACP, have said prosecutors should focus on possible cases of officer misconduct instead of taking every case to a grand jury.

"We have already agreed in our community, no matter whether they go forward or not, we have a responsibility as a civil rights organization to examine, critically, her basis for not going forward," said Nelson Linder, president of the Austin NAACP. "Clearly, I think there are certain cases that should not go, but we are going to look for a balance."

Prosecutors are currently reviewing how to handle nine other police shooting cases, said Dexter Gilford, who leads the Civil Rights Division at the Travis County District Attorney's Office. The policy change doesn't affect civil lawsuits or investigations of whether officers violated department policy.

Suspect in Maryland office park shooting is apprehended

By Juliet Linderman
Associated Press



Patrick Semansky/Associated Press

People gather across the street from the scene of a shooting at a business park in the Edgewood area of Harford County, Md., on Wednesday. A gunman killed several co-workers and wounded others at Advanced Granite Solutions before fleeing the scene, authorities said.

EDGEWOOD, Md. — A man with a lengthy criminal past who showed up for work at a countertop company on Wednesday and shot five of his co-workers has been arrested, authorities said. Three of them were killed and two critically wounded.

Less than two hours later, Radee Labeeb Prince drove to a used car lot about 55 miles away in Wilmington, Delaware, and opened fire on a man with whom he had "beefs" in the past, wounding him, police said.



Prince

The shooting rampage set off a manhunt along the Interstate 95 Northeast corridor. Police cruisers were stationed in medians, and overhead highway signs displayed a description of Prince's sport utility vehicle and its Delaware license plate. The FBI assisted state and local authorities in the manhunt.

Prince was "apprehended a short time ago in Delaware by ATF and allied law enforcement agencies," the Harford County Sheriff's Office in Maryland tweeted Wednesday night.

Wilmington Police Chief Robert Tracy said Prince was arrested in Glasgow, 20 miles southwest of Wilmington, after a tip led authorities to his vehicle. Prince was spotted nearby and discarded a handgun when he saw police had recognized him. He ran about 75 feet before being captured. No one was hurt in the apprehension.

Authorities said it wasn't clear why Prince opened fire with a handgun on his colleagues.

The sheriff's office said Wednesday night on its Facebook page that the people who died were Bayarsaikhan Tudev, 53, of Virginia; Jose Hidalgo Romero, 34, of Aberdeen, Maryland, and Enis Mrvoljak, 48, of Dundalk, Maryland.

Prince is a felon with 42 arrests in Delaware. Court records showed he had been fired from a Maryland job earlier this year after allegedly punching a co-worker and threatening other employees. He also faced charges of being a felon in possession of a gun, was habitually late paying his rent, was repeatedly cited for traffic violations and was ordered to undergo drug and alcohol counseling in recent years.

The rampage began Wednesday about 9 a.m. at the Emmorton Business Park in Edgewood, Harford County, Maryland, Sheriff Jeffrey Gahler said. Deputies arrived in four minutes but Prince had already fled.

Kevin Doyle of Thornhill Properties said he was getting tools from his truck when he heard screaming and saw three men running from the office park. The men told him someone was shooting and he asked if they had called 911. They said no, even though, Doyle said, they had phones in their hands.

"I think they were just so scared, they didn't (call 911). They had a look of terror," he said.

The victims and the suspect worked for Advanced Granite Solutions, which designs and installs countertops, the company owner told The Associated Press. Prince has been an employee for four months, working as a machine operator, owner Barak Caba told AP in a brief telephone interview. Caba was shaken and would not provide additional details.

The second shooting took place at the 28th Street Auto Sales and Service shop in Wilmington, Delaware. The police chief wouldn't elaborate the history the victim and Prince had, other than to say: "This individual knew the people he wanted to shoot."

The victim was shot in the vicinity of his head and once in the body but was expected to survive.

Police followed Prince briefly, but they lost him and haven't seen or heard from him since, the chief said. On Wednesday night, police in Delaware said Prince's car had been found unoccupied, a spokeswoman said.

Prince was fired from JPS Marble and Granite earlier this year and scared his previous employer so badly that he tried to get a restraining order in February.

At one point, Prince's former boss Philip Siason said: "He came to see me, cursed and yelled at me about unemployment benefits. I felt very threatened because he is a big guy and very aggressive on me."

A Harford County District Court judge denied the order, saying the case didn't meet the required burden of proof.

Investigators were treating the shooting as a case of workplace violence and didn't see ties to terrorism, said Dave Fitz, a spokesman for the Baltimore FBI field office.

Since November 2014, Prince has rented a three-bedroom town house in Elkton — about 35 miles (56 kilometers) from the office complex — with his girlfriend, according to a Maryland property manager.

Prince often paid his rent late, but was always polite and cooperative, said Heather Todd of Homes for Rent. The company filed eight petitions for nonpayment against the couple, but they always ended up paying and the company never had to schedule an eviction.

Prince faced several gun charges in March 2015 in Cecil County, including being a felon in possession of a firearm and carrying a handgun in vehicle. However, the charges were dropped about three months later. It's not clear why.

Wilmington, Delaware, police said Prince had 15 felony convictions there. In King County, Washington, in 2014, he was cited for leaving the scene of an accident and driving with a suspended license, according to Komonews.com.

Court records also showed that he was required to undergo drug and alcoholism counseling at the time.

Prince racked up four traffic citations in King County in 2012 and 2013, mostly for speeding.

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Country stars honor shooting victims at CMT Artists show

NASHVILLE — Country singer Jason Aldean and other stars honored victims of a mass shooting at a country music festival in Las Vegas instead of handing out awards at the CMT Artists of the Year show.

The awards show Wednesday night pivoted to focus on victims of the shooting, as well as those recovering from hurricanes and wildfires, with a night of somber tributes, inspirational anthems and voices lifted in harmony.

Aldean, who was on stage when the shooting started Oct. 1, stood on stage with the night's other award winners, including Luke Bryan, Florida Georgia Line, Chris Stapleton and Keith Urban, to dedicate the night to music fans.

Aldean closed out the show with a group performance of "I Won't Back Down" by Tom Petty.

PENNSYLVANIA

Principal spends night on roof after Harvey fundraiser

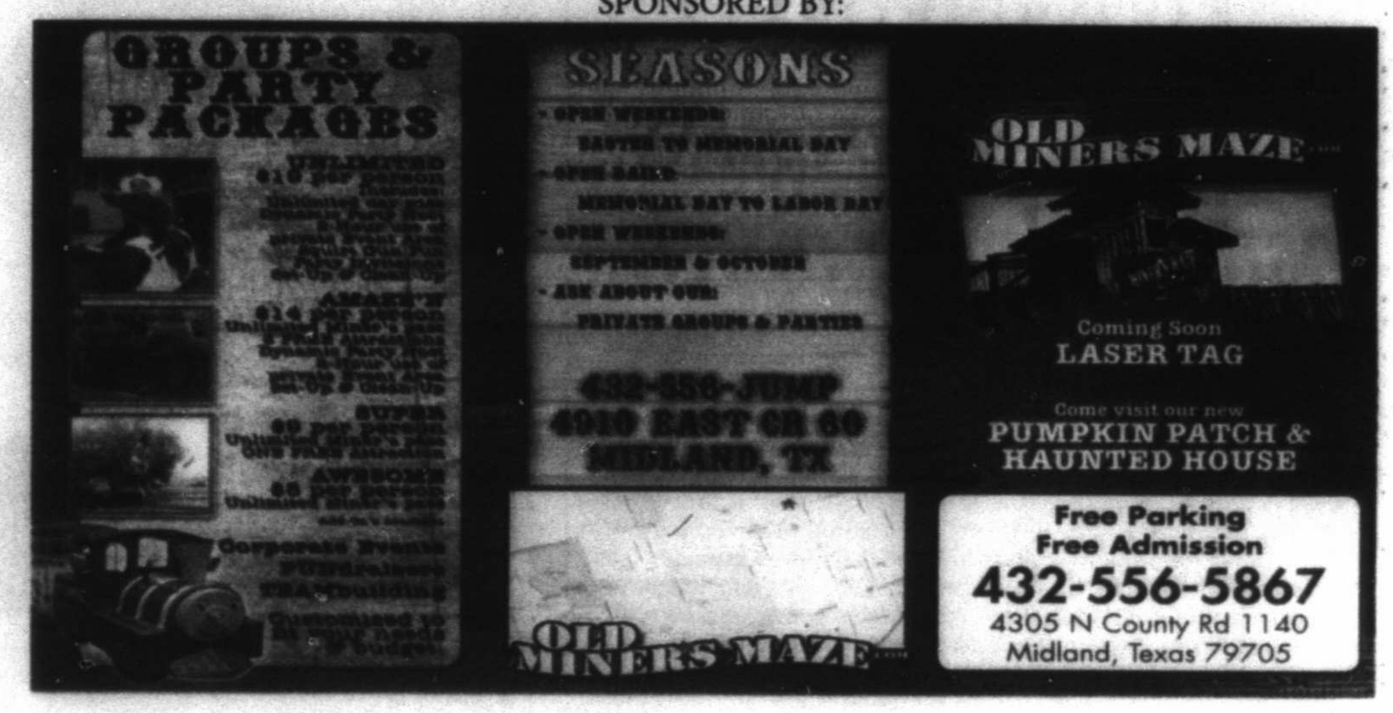
NEWTOWN— A Pennsylvania school principal has spent a chilly night on the roof after his students raised money for a school in Houston after Hurricane Harvey.

Tim Long was awake Wednesday on the roof of the Newtown Middle School.

Long had told his students he would sleep on the roof if they raised $8,000 for the elementary school in Houston that they had adopted after Harvey. It took them two weeks to do it.

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Trump is the 'talent,' not the head of state

■ The president 'is what you get when you put the talent in charge'



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In high school civics I was taught that, in America, the president has many roles, often divided in other countries. He's commander in chief, head of state, chief administrator and executive, the head of his party, chief diplomat, legislative leader and, according to some lists, "the guardian of the economy."

I think we need to add another job description: He's the talent.

In Hollywood — and increasingly journalism, business and government — "the talent" is the person who must be catered to above all others. With few notable exceptions, you can get another executive producer or director, but you can't get another Barbra Streisand or Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Hollywood is full of stories of the talent making ridiculous demands and issuing absurd fatwas to protect their egos. Streisand instructed — through aides, of course — that the help at a London hotel not look her in the eye. Sean Penn had a serf swim the polluted and dangerous waters of the East River to get him a cigarette. Mike Myers halted production of "Wayne's World" because he didn't have margarine for his bagel.

Writing about the unfolding scandals around Harvey Weinstein — a rare example of off-screen talent — Washington Post movie critic Ann Hornaday described the time-honored Hollywood reflex to "circle the talent."

"When times get tough — when a reporter or newbie or 'civilian' dares to challenge the behavior of a Hollywood eminence — the impulse is to close ranks around who has more power, money, fame and, perhaps most crucially, talent," Hornaday wrote.

"Did a star lash out at a clumsy boom operator on a film set? Circle the talent, fire the crew member. Does a director have a drug problem that's endangering an entire production? Circle the talent and quash the expose. Is a movie mogul serially abusing young women and enlisting his employees as accomplices? Circle the talent and lie, ignore, attack, move on. They're worth it, goes the rationalization. No one else can do what they do."

Washington is full of people who think they're the talent. I once knew an intern who was in an elevator with a politician-turned-pundit. Even though the "celebrity" was standing right next to the elevator buttons, he told the intern in the back corner: "That button isn't going to press itself."

Much has already been said about how our ratings-obsessed president is a product of reality television. When he picked his Cabinet, he reportedly saw it as both a staffing and a casting challenge. "That's the language he speaks," an inside source told the Washington Post. "He's very aesthetic. You can come with somebody who is very much qualified for the job, but if they don't look the part, they're not going anywhere."

Trump's well-documented tendency to dislike it when members of his administration get more attention — i.e., get more screen time or appear on the cover of Time magazine — is classic talent behavior, as is his need to have more ice cream than his guests.

Trump, who likes a good entourage, even in the Oval Office, is by many accounts consumed by his reviews in the press.

On the infamous "Access Hollywood" tape that was released a year ago, Trump was heard explaining that he could get away with his alleged groping of women because "when you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything."

My friend Rob Long, a veteran Hollywood TV producer, saw it all coming back in January. "President Trump is the actor starring in your series who is going to make your life miserable for the next four years," Long wrote in Variety. "President Trump is what you get when you put the talent in charge."

Sen. Bob Corker's jab last week that the White House is an "adult day-care center" prompted Chief of Staff John Kelly to take over the press briefing to deny the story.

"I was not brought to this job to control anything but the flow of information to our president so that he can make the best decisions," Kelly told reporters. "So, again, I was not sent in to — or brought in to — control him."

Maybe that's true, but it sure sounds like what someone circling the talent would say. As does much of what passes for conservative commentary about the talent-in-chief these days.

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OPINION EXTRA

'Raising awareness' isn't helping much

"Awareness must be raised."

"A spotlight must be brought to this crucial issue."

"We must all think about our own culpability."

These tired nostrums are repeatedly deployed in our politics to explain why someone complains about a broad problem or tells a specific story of victimization without accompanying evidence that would allow us to act. Accusations of institutional racism rarely come along with specific allegations regarding specific police officers. If allegations and names were included, we could all look at the evidence and determine whether or not to call for consequences. Stories of sexual assault and harassment at work are often told without naming names. If those people were named, authorities could investigate; the media could begin collecting data; and we could do something about it.

But that would be useful. We don't want useful measures. We want to note how terrible things are generally.

Why?

What drives us to ignore the obvious fact that most Americans oppose specific evils and would side against those evils when presented with evidence of them occurring?

Perhaps it's our innate drive toward establishing a feeling of moral superiority. You don't get to feel morally superior when you name someone who acts in criminal fashion; you're just a witness, and witnesses are useful members of society, bettering society actively rather than criticizing it from the outside.

Or perhaps it's the burden that comes along with evidence. It's much easier to gain sympathy by telling a story about victimization without naming names — a story nobody can contradict, since you're not getting specific. In fact, if you *do* get too specific about allegations of sexual assault, as actress Lena Dunham did, your allegations might be called into question. And if you *do* get too specific about allegations of police racism and brutality, as the Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett did, your accusations might be debunked.

So, is it worthwhile to complain about generalized problems without providing specific instances upon which we can agree and against which we can fight? Only on a marginal level — and in some ways, it's actually tremendously counterproductive. It may be useful to "raise awareness" among police officers about being careful in their procedures so as not to be accused of racism, for example. It may be useful to "raise awareness" among men in offices about being careful around female employees so as not to be accused of harassment. But it may also be counterproductive to rage against the system generally because it leads to false and widespread perceptions that *all* police officers are cursed with the original sin of racism, or that *all* men are cursed with "toxic masculinity."

So, here's an idea: Let's all call out bad action when we see it and be as specific as possible about it. We can all agree on what a bad guy looks like; there isn't much debate about Harvey Weinstein. But if we continue to promote the importance of "raising awareness" rather than providing evidence, our groundless distrust for one another is bound to grow and metastasize.

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Trump cooks up soufflé of dysfunction



DANA MILBANK

Washington Post Writers Group

I had dinner over the weekend at the "soft opening" of a buzzy new restaurant, where a pedigreed chef offers an ambitious menu at a price of nearly $40 per entree.

It was more soft than opening.

The bartender, asked for a cocktail, spilled rail liquors into a glass with abandon.

The duck arrived so bloody it appeared to have gone from pond to plate without pausing before a heat source. The quail was foul, and the waiter — there was only one, and he spent most of his time attending to a solo diner who appeared to be the chef's wife — did not know whether they had wines by the bottle or what they might cost.

The appetizer plates remained on the table until it was time for dessert, which we had to skip to get home by daybreak.

"This," one of my dining companions said, "is how John Kelly must feel every day."

Precisely. The White House chief of staff is the maitre d' at a restaurant opening gone horribly wrong. The dishes are coming out ill-timed and half-baked, if they come out at all. The chef clearly has no idea how to cook, and all he seems to do is yell — at servers, line cooks, investors and, particularly, restaurant reviewers. The chef has paranoid hypotheses about other restaurateurs sabotaging him. The tables are mostly empty, and the few loyal patrons are queasy.

Thanks to Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., we now have a mental image of the White House as an "adult day-care center" for President Trump. Gabe Sherman writes in Vanity Fair that presidential confidants describe him as "unstable," "losing a step" and "unraveling." The Washington Post's Ashley Parker and Greg Jaffe find some Trump aides "spend a significant part of their time devising ways to rein in and control the impetuous president, angling to avoid outbursts."

Kelly himself speaks of a fragile boss: "When we go in to see him now, rather than onesies and twosies, we go in and help him collectively understand what he needs to understand to make these vital decisions."

Maybe he was better off in a onesie?

The White House as adult day-care center is an attractive metaphor, though incomplete.

It suggests those managing the patient are professionals.

Though this is true of Kelly, many others seem as unbalanced and inexpert as the patient.

Hence the "soft opening" metaphor: The kitchen and wait staff have just discovered their celebrity chef is barking mad and doesn't know how to cook, but they can't do anything about it because they're having trouble enough figuring out how the dishwasher works.

Consider the menu at Restaurant Trump this week:

The president's nominee for drug czar, Rep. Tom Marino, R-Pa., has to be returned to the kitchen after The Post and CBS News' "60 Minutes" report he helped pass legislation making it harder for the Drug Enforcement Administration to act against big drug companies (which Trump complains are "getting away with murder").

Trump was apparently unaware of this.

The president cooks up an utter falsehood when he proclaims "President Obama and other presidents, most of them, didn't make calls" to the families of fallen U.S. troops. He then politicizes the death of Kelly's son.

The president serves up a denunciation of some of his fellow Republicans for "not getting the job done," saying they "should be ashamed of themselves."

The most worrisome dish coming from Trump's kitchen, though, is his new specialty: hostage taking.

Trump on Friday said he would kill the Iran deal — unless Congress does something to save it.

Trump threatened to pull the plug on Obamacare funds, potentially causing millions to lose health care — unless, he said, Congress passes a new health-care program.

Before that, he said he would kill the DACA program protecting immigrant "dreamers" — unless Congress enshrines it in law.

In each case, the dare is the same: Stop me before I kill again.

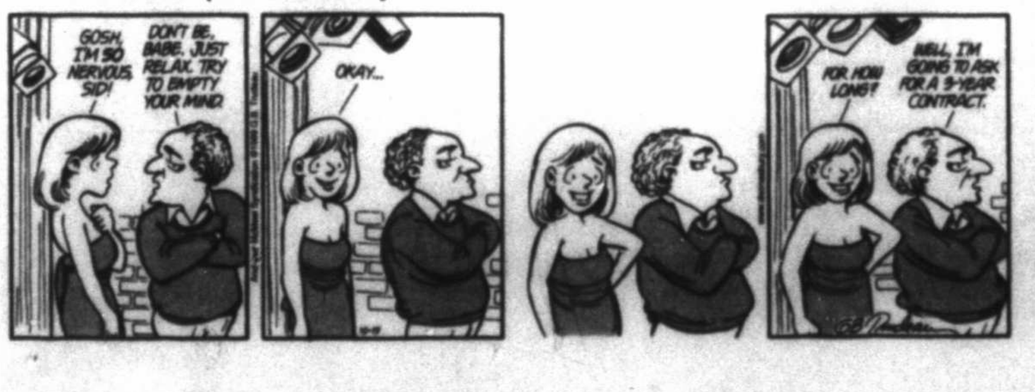
Congress struggles these days even to name post offices.

Only a madman would think Congress could swallow what Trump has ordered for them.

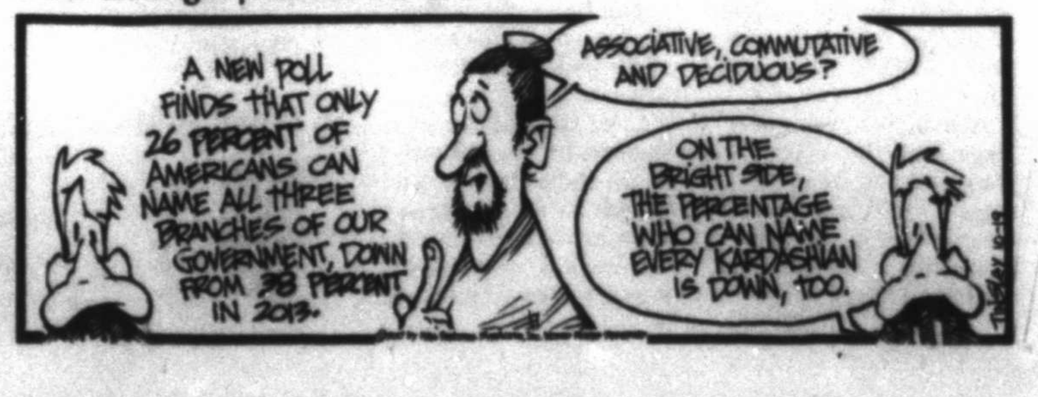
As we left the restaurant Saturday, two women outside asked how it was. We explained about the "soft opening." The women said they tried the place a month earlier and were told, then, too, it was a "soft opening."

How long can a "soft opening" continue before it's a flop? How long can this White House continue to serve slop before we accept that the chef is mad?

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GOP, Dem senators push health deal as Trump keeps distance

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The authors of a bipartisan plan to calm health insurance markets said Wednesday they'll push the proposal forward, even as President Donald Trump's stance ricocheted from supportive to disdainful to arm's-length and the plan's fate teetered.

"If something can happen, that's fine," Trump told reporters at the White House. "But I won't do anything to enrich the insurance companies because right now the insurance companies are being enriched. They've been enriched by Obamacare like nothing anybody has ever seen before."

The agreement by Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., on a two-year extension of federal subsidies to insurers that Trump has blocked gained an important new foe. The anti-abortion National Right to Life said it opposed the measure because it lacked language barring people from using their federally subsidized coverage to buy policies covering abortion, said Jennifer Popik, the group's top lobbyist.

In another blow, Doug Andres, spokesman for House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Ryan "does not see anything that changes his view that the Senate should keep its focus on repeal and replace of Obamacare." With hard-right conservatives wielding considerable influence and unwilling to prop up President Barack Obama's health care law, it was unclear if Ryan would be willing to even bring the measure to his chamber's floor.

Overall, it was a bad day for the bipartisan accord, with several Republicans conceding that it likely needed Trump's backing to survive.

"Without the president supporting it, I don't think you have the votes in the House or the Senate," No. 3 Senate GOP leader John Thune of South Dakota told reporters, adding, "We're stalled out."

Alexander and Murray shook hands on their agreement this week after months of intermittent talks. Failure to restore the federal payments to insurers could result in higher premiums for millions buying their own individual policies and drive carriers from unprofitable markets. Many in Congress would love to avoid blame for two such tumultuous events.

The compromise has won warm endorsements from Democrats and some Republicans. It includes steps won by Republicans to make it easier for insurers to avoid some coverage requirements under Obama's 2010 overhaul.

But Trump has lambasted the subsidies as insurance company bailouts.

"It's not a full approach and we need something to go a little further," said White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

The money reimburses carriers for lowering copayments and deductibles for about 6 million lower-income customers, which the companies must do under Obama's statute.

Without those funds, insurers would likely boost premiums by an average 20 percent, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has projected. This would especially hit many buying their own health insurance who make too much to qualify for tax credits that help reduce premiums for lower earners.

Confusingly, Trump praised the bipartisan agreement early Tuesday as a "very good solution," only to berate it in an evening speech. Some said his objections Wednesday to enriching insurers could be addressed by strengthening language in the compromise to ensure the money directly benefits customers, not companies.

"We will keep working on it," said Alexander. He said he and Murray would formally unveil the bill Thursday and predicted that "some form of the proposal" would become law by year's end. It could become part of a must-pass bill preventing a federal shutdown due in December.

"The president has had six positions on our bill," Murray told reporters. Asked if the measure was still alive, she said, "Of course it is."

Alexander said Trump called him Wednesday morning and encouraged him to continue his effort, but left wiggle room.

"I may want to add something to it," Alexander said in a brief interview with The Associated Press, describing what Trump told him about the deal. "And it may have to be part of a larger negotiation."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, criticized the plan, saying: "It would last two years and spend a whopping amount of money and not solve the problem and lead us down a path of never getting the problem done." Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has been non-committal.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said to address Trump's aversion to enriching insurers, Democrats had offered to delay the measure's inpact for a month after enactment to let insurers lower premiums after payments were restored. Insurers in some states have installed higher premiums for next year, anticipating the subsidies would end. Schumer said White House officials rejected that idea.

GOP co-sponsors include Sens. John McCain of Arizona, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Tennessee's Bob Corker. Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D., said Alexander has eight or nine Republican co-sponsors, and Democrats plan to provide an equal number to build bipartisan pressure.

Also behind the measure were America's Health Insurance Plans, the giant trade group for insurers; AARP representing the elderly; the National Retail Federation, which lobbies for merchants plus doctors, hospitals and patients groups.



Carolyn Kaster/Associated Press

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, talks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday.

IRS still enforcing Obama-era insurance mandate

WASHINGTON — Contrary to widespread perceptions, the IRS still appears to be enforcing the unpopular Obamacare requirement that most people carry health insurance or risk a fine.

The agency says on its website that it will automatically reject electronic returns for tax year 2017 that don't specify if the taxpayer had health insurance. That insurance requirement, known as the individual mandate, is the top target of so-far fruitless efforts by Republicans to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Under the ACA, taxpayers are supposed to specify if they had coverage, or they were eligible for an exemption, or if they will pay the fine. But several million skip over that question and file "silent" returns.

This year the IRS continued to process such returns. However, taxpayers who skipped the health care question took a chance that they might later get a letter from the tax agency demanding answers.

Last week, the IRS released a new policy saying the health insurance question must be answered up front on tax returns. "Taxpayers remain obligated to follow the law and pay what they may owe at the point of filing," the agency said on its website. With paper returns, processing may be suspended and refunds delayed.

The shift got little attention amid major "Obamacare" announcements from the White House. President Donald Trump ended a key health insurance subsidy. Tuesday a bipartisan deal was announced in the Senate that may yet preserve the subsidies, and Trump initially indicated he would support it. But later he appeared to backtrack.

The IRS has gone back and forth on how to treat silent returns.

As former President Barack Obama left office, the tax agency had planned to start rejecting such returns with the 2017 tax filing season — similar to what it will do next year.

But as one of his first acts, Trump ordered government agencies to provide relief from "Obamacare."

So the IRS decided to keep processing returns that failed to answer the health care question, and follow up later with taxpayers.

Some supporters of the health care law took that as a sign that the IRS would no longer enforce the insurance requirement. Failure to carry coverage can bring a fine of $695, or 2.5 percent of income, whichever is greater. Critics have accused the administration of ignoring the law in an attempt to "sabotage" the ACA.

That assessment may shift now.

"I would say that the IRS has and continues to enforce the individual mandate," said Gordon Mermin of the nonpartisan Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center.

"The (earlier) announcement was interpreted by some as weakening of the mandate but really it just said they weren't going to step up enforcement," added Mermin. "Now it appears they are going to increase compliance."

The reason for the IRS policy shift appears to have nothing to do with the contentious politics of the health care law. There's evidence that resolving the health insurance question up front when a return is filed makes the whole process simpler for most people.

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
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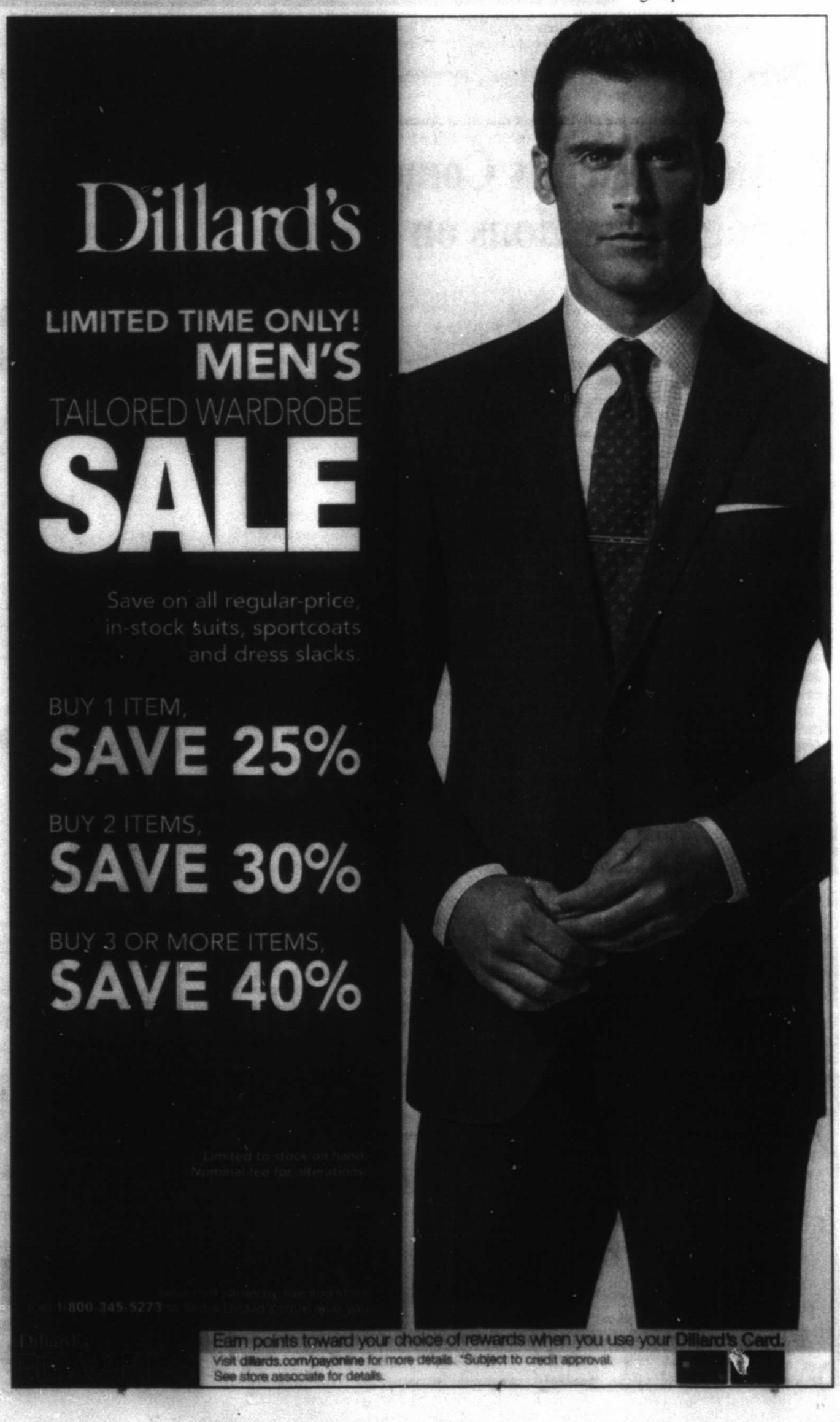
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Under fire, Trump defends call to soldier's grieving family

By Jonathan Lemire and Jennifer Kay
Associated Press

MIAMI — President Donald Trump emphatically rejected claims Wednesday that he was disrespectful to the grieving family of a slain soldier, as the firestorm he ignited over his assertions of empathy for American service members spread into a third contentious day. "I have proof," he insisted.

The controversy over how Trump has conducted one of the most sacred of presidential tasks generated new turmoil in the White House. After one slain soldier's father accused the president of going back on a promise to send a check for $25,000, the White House said the money had been sent.

Chief of staff John Kelly, a retired Marine general whose son was killed in Afghanistan, was left angry and frustrated at the way the issue has become politicized. The dispute was fresh evidence of Trump's willingness to attack any critic and do battle over the most sensitive of matters — and critics' readiness to find fault with his words.

The aunt of an Army sergeant killed in Niger, who raised the soldier as her son, said Wednesday that Trump had shown "disrespect" to the soldier's loved ones as he telephoned them to extend condolences as they drove to the Miami airport to receive his body. Sgt. La David Johnson was one of four American soldiers killed nearly two weeks ago; Trump called the families Tuesday.

Rep. Frederica Wilson, a Florida Democrat who was in the car with Johnson's family, said in an interview that Trump had told the widow that "you know that this could happen when you signed up for it ... but it still hurts." He also referred to Johnson as "your guy," Wilson said, which the congresswoman found insensitive.

Cowanda Jones-Johnson, who raised the soldier from age 5 after his mother died, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the Democratic congresswoman's account was correct.

"Yes, the statement is true," she said. "I was in the car, and I heard the full conversation.

At the airport, widow Myeshia Johnson leaned in grief across the flag-draped coffin after a military guard received it.

"She was crying for the whole time," Wilson said. "And the worst part of it: When he hung up you know what she turned to me and said? She said he didn't even remember his name."

Trump started the storm this week when he claimed that he alone of U.S. presidents had called the families of all slain soldiers.

AP found relatives of four soldiers who died overseas during Trump's presidency who said they never received calls from him. Relatives of three also said they did not get letters.

Obama and George W. Bush — saddled with far more combat casualties than the roughly two dozen so far under Trump — did not call all those soldiers' families, either, but both did take steps to write, call or meet bereaved military families.

Chris Baldridge, the father of Army Cpl. Dillon Baldridge who was killed in June in Afghanistan, told The Washington Post that when Trump called him, he offered him $25,000 and said he would direct his staff to establish an online fundraiser for the family. But Baldridge said it didn't happen.

The White House said Wednesday that a check has been sent. And Trump spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said it was "disgusting" that the news media were casting his "generous and sincere gesture" in a negative light.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said protocol requires that the Pentagon and White House Military Office prepare and confirm an information packet before the president contacts grieving family members, a process that can take weeks. She said Trump has made some form of contact with every family for whom he has received the appropriate information.

Trump, who tangled with a Gold Star family during last year's presidential campaign, fiercely denied Rep. Wilson's version of events. He declared on Twitter: "Democrat Congresswoman totally fabricated what I said to the wife of a soldier who died in action (and I have proof). Sad!"

He later insisted that he "didn't say what that congresswoman said, didn't say it at all. She knows it."

In private, he bitterly complained to associates about the flare-up, believing the press was eager to paint his response in a negative light, according to two people who recently spoke to him but were not authorized to comment publicly about private conversations. His anger was echoed from the White House briefing room podium by Sanders, who said she was "appalled" by what she described as Wilson's efforts to politicize the tragedy.

"Just because the president said 'your guy' doesn't mean he doesn't know his name," said Sanders. She added that while no recordings of the conversation existed, several senior officials, including Kelly, witnessed the call and described Trump's manner as "respectful" and "very sympathetic."

Wilson did not back down from her account.

Like presidents before him, Trump has made personal contact with some families of the fallen but not all. What's different is that Trump, alone among them, has suggested he's done a better job of honoring the war dead and their families. He said Tuesday: "I think I've called every family of someone who's died" while suggesting past presidents had not.

Trump's delay in publicly discussing the lives lost in Niger does not appear to be unusual, judging from past examples, but his comments are. He went so far Tuesday as to cite the death of Kelly's son to question whether Obama had properly honored the war dead.

Kelly was a Marine general under Obama when his Marine son Robert died in 2010. "You could ask General Kelly, did he get a call from Obama?" Trump said on Fox News radio.

Sanders said Obama did not call Kelly but it was not clear if some other form of contact was made. She added that Kelly was "disgusted" the condolence calls had been politicized but said she was not certain if the chief of staff knew Trump was going to talk about his son publicly.

Two White House officials said Kelly was also frustrated that the controversy had distracted from a significant military win over the Islamic State in Raqqa, Syria.

Former Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, who led the Pentagon for a portion of the time Kelly served as commander of U.S. Southern Command, was bitterly critical of Trump's comments.

"If there is one sacred ground in politics it should be the ultimate sacrifices made by our military," Hagel wrote in an email to the AP. "To use General Kelly and his family in this disgusting political way is sickening and beneath every shred of decency of presidential leadership. Beyond the dignity of the office." Johnson was one of four soldiers killed in an ambush by dozens of Islamic extremists during a joint patrol by American and Niger forces, U.S. military officials say.



Alan Diaz/Associated Press

Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Fla., talks to reporters Wednesday in Miami Gardens, Fla. Wilson is standing by her statement that President Donald Trump told Myeshia Johnson, the widow of Sgt. La David Johnson killed in an ambush in Niger, that her husband "knew what he signed up for." In a Wednesday morning tweet, Trump said Wilson's description of the call was "fabricated."

Sessions defends Comey firing, dodges questions on Trump

By Eric Tucker and Sadie Gurman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Jeff Sessions strongly defended President Donald Trump's firing of James Comey, but at a Senate hearing Wednesday repeatedly declined to discuss private conversations with the president about the dismissal, frustrating Democratic lawmakers who wanted to link the firing of the FBI director to a broader inquiry into Russian election meddling.

The repeated, often-testy questioning about the Russia investigation, coming even as Sessions spearheads sweeping changes to the Justice Department in the areas of LGBT rights, criminal justice and immigration, illustrates the extent to which the probe continues to shadow Sessions even though he recused himself months ago.

Sessions advised the Senate Judiciary Committee at the outset of his first oversight hearing as attorney general that he would not answer any questions about conversations with the president that he considered confidential. He largely adhered to that principle during the five-hour hearing, refusing to say what Trump told him about his reasons for wanting to fire Comey, whether Trump confided in him his concern about "lifting the cloud" of the Russia investigation and whether he had asked him to drop a criminal case against Sheriff Joe Arpaio in Arizona.

Sessions deflected the questions by maintaining that presidents are entitled to have private discussions with Cabinet secretaries, saying at one point, "I do not confirm or deny the existence of any communication between the president that I consider to be confidential."

Still, Sessions' defense of the Comey firing — and his insistence that it stemmed from the handling of the Hillary Clinton email case — was consistent with the initial explanation by the White House. It was, he said, "the first time I'm aware of" in which an FBI director had performed the traditional role of Justice Department prosecutors by announcing on his own the conclusion of a federal investigation — that no charges would be brought against Clinton.

He said he was further galled when Comey, shortly before his firing, insisted to Congress that he would have taken the same actions again.

"That was a fairly stunning event for both of us and it did highlight the problem more significantly than it had been before," Sessions said, referring to Deputy Attorney General Rosenstein.

Though he refused to say whether he discussed with Trump Comey's involvement in the Russia investigation, he did say that the president had asked him and Rosenstein for their recommendations about what to do with Comey.

But that explanation has been muddled by Trump himself, who days after the May 9 firing said he would have fired Comey even without the Justice Department's recommendation and that he was thinking of "this Russia thing" when he dismissed him.

The circumstances of Comey's firing are among many events being investigated by Robert Mueller, who was appointed as the Justice Department's special counsel to look into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to influence the outcome of the 2016 election.

After initially balking at the question, Sessions said Mueller's team had not interviewed him as part of its investigation.

The hearing marked a return to the Judiciary Committee for Sessions, who served on it for years as a Republican senator. Yet his interactions with his former peers have been frayed as attorney general, particularly amid Democratic accusations that he provided misleading testimony at his confirmation hearing about his contacts with the Russian ambassador.

He bickered with Sen. Al Franken, a Minnesota Democrat, who accused him of having moved the "goalpost" in his denials about his contacts with the ambassador.

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COUNTRY TIMES TWO Casey Donahew celebrates 15 years in music with a concert at Dos Amigos. Harry Luge opens the show. 7 p.m.

SUNDAY



WINDY DAY The West Texas Winds will perform the chamber concert "Vive le Francais!" at the Rea Greathouse Recital Hall. 3 p.m.

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MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Geostorm," "Only the Brave," "Same Kind of Different as Me," "The Snowman," "Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween."
Closing: "Flatliners," "It," "Kingsman: The Golden Circle," "The Lego Ninjago Movie."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Geostorm," "Only the Brave," "Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween."
Closing: "Blade Runner 2049," "Flatliners," "It," "The Lego Ninjago Movie."

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 4



HEAT INDEX: Music legends at Wagner Noel are among weekend's big events

By Rich Lopez
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The Wild Texas Film Tour at the Yucca

The conservation film tour stops in Midland with speaker Ben Masters. The event features Texas wildlife adventures, short films and filmmakers, biologists, photographers and other experts to give new insight on the vast animal landscape of the Lone Star State.

6:30 p.m. today at Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Road. $20. wildfilmtour.com.

"Disney's Beauty and the Beast" at Greenwood High School

The students of Greenwood take on one of Disney's biggest hits. Based on the Oscar-winning animated feature, the show follows Belle, who comes across a beastly owner of an enchanted castle. The show includes the now-classic songs "Be Our Guest" and "Belle" along with added songs. The stage version was nominated for nine Tony awards including best musical. You have two opportunities to see GISD theater students take on this tale as old as time.

7:30 p.m. Friday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Greenwood High School, 2700 Farm-to-Market Road, 1379. $10-$15. Gisdtheatre.ticketleap.com.

Roar with Laughter at Midland Downtown Lions Club

This comedy revue, now in its 14th year, is also a fundraiser for the Midland Northside Lions Club. Local funny types crack jokes and perform skits, while emcee Mary Lou Cassidy keeps the laughs in order. All proceeds go to the Lions Youth Exchange, Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Texas Lions Camp for diabetic and handicapped children and Midland College scholarships. Advance tickets available at Abacus Computers, Dillard's and Liberty Tax Service.

7:30 p.m. Friday at 200 Plaza St. $18.

"Swan Lake" at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Often considered the greatest of all ballets, the dramatic splendor of Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake" will take over the Wagner Noel stage. Presented by the Russian Grand Ballet, dancers will tell the story of love and deception between Odette, the white swan, and Odile, the evil black swan. The four-act ballet features a cast of more than 50 dancers.

7:30 p.m. Saturday at 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35$65. wagnernoel.com.

Lindsey Buckingham and Christine McVie at Wagner Noel

What started three years ago when McVie rejoined Fleetwood Mac has turned into one of the most acclaimed side projects in recent music history. Buckingham and McVie collaborated and experimented with songs on their eponymous album from this summer. Now on tour, the two bring new originals and some familiar tracks to their show.

8 p.m. Sunday. $69.75 to $139.75.

Rosanne Cash at Wagner Noel

People might lump Rosanne Cash into the country label because of her famous father, Johnny Cash, but her music is so much more. Her sounds and lyrics delve deep into Americana, pop and folk sensibilities. Her live shows are thus are an eclectic mix of hits like "Seven Year Ache" and "I Don't Know Why You Want Me," as well as her 2014 Grammy-winning album "The River and the Thread." John Leventhal performs with Cash.

8 p.m. Monday. $35-$65.

Actor takes a seat in the director's chair in new MCT production

By Rich Lopez
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Midland theater fans are likely familiar with Daniel Collins' zany antics during Summer Mummers. Or perhaps, it's his scene-stealing flare in a number of Midland Community Theatre shows. He has an unforgettable presence on stage, but his return to comedy this time is flipped. Collins now finds himself in the director's seat with the 2016 McLaren Comedy Festival's winning show, "A Nice Family Christmas," which opens Friday. His first directorial effort has been a mixed bag of feelings, but he's getting the hang of it.

"It's nerve-wracking but also exciting," he said. "As someone who's done theater for 18 years in some capacity, it's so different on this side."

The actor's life is far different. Collins' job before was to know his lines and understand his character. This time around, he has to know everyone's job and make sure they knew it as well.

In "A Nice Family Christmas," newspaper reporter Carl has to produce a holiday story, and he finds inspiration in his

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Courtesy photo

Actor Daniel Collins, right, finds himself in the director's seat with the 2016 McLaren Comedy Festival's winning show, "A Nice Family Christmas," which opens Friday.

MCT'S 2018 SEASON

The theater has announced shows for its upcoming season. A mix of comedies, family shows and musicals make up the season with two big premieres bookending the year. The shows include:

Jan. 26-March 3 | "Mamma Mia"
March 2-25 | "The Jungle Book" by the Pickwick Players
May 4-19 | McLaren Comedy Festival show TBA
April 6-21 | "A Comedy of Tenors"
July 13-22 | "On the Town"
Sept. 7-29 | "Clue the Musical"
Oct. 5-14 | "Alice in Wonderland" by the Pickwick Players
Oct. 19-Nov. 10 | "Til Beth Do Us Part"
Nov. 16-Dec. 15 | "Elf the Musical"



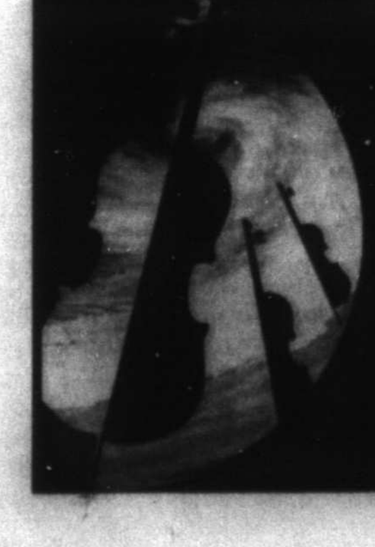
Katie Walsh
Tribune News Service

'Only the Brave' is gripping story of heroes

Wildland firefighting is a mysterious art: a delicate dance with a raging, unpredictable force. It's bested only with a unique mastery of weather, fuel and wind to extinguish fire with fire itself. If our image of firefighting is a big red truck and a hose, "Only the Brave," directed by Joseph Kosinski, tweaks that image, introducing audiences to a crew of yellow-shirted mountain men wielding chainsaws and pickaxes, firefighters battling fire with ditches and torches.

"Only the Brave," written by Ken Nolan and Eric Warren Singer, is based on the GQ article "No Exit," by Seth Flynn, which recounts, in efficient and devastating detail, the 2013 Yarnell Fire in Arizona and the Granite Mountain hotshots crew. The film lifts these men from the page

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

EVENTS

Midland Job Fair and Expo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., today at Grand Texas Hotel, 4300 W. Wall St.

Pink the Park: A tribute to those affected by breast cancer. The event features a walk, activities for all ages and a sign dedication to display at the park or take home. 9 a.m. Saturday at Grafa Park, 1908 N. Midkiff Road.

Pink Out at the Midland YMCA will feature the water class Aqua Strong, massages and haircuts by Midland College, prizes. Open to the public. 8:30 a.m., Saturday at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St.

The Fourth annual **Power of the Purse** features Sonia Manzano from "Sesame Street." Hosted by United Way of Midland. Proceeds benefit Midland ISD early childhood reading programs. 11 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. State Highway 349. Sponsor and underwriter opportunities available. Uwmidland.org.

FAMILY & YOUTH

Writing is Magic teen writing club for ages 13-19 is a creative writing club with writing time and weekly topics that will meet monthly. 4:30 p.m., every first Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

"Good Day, Good Night" storytime, 11 a.m. Saturday at Barnes and Noble, 2617 W. Loop 250 N. Free. barnesandnoble.com.

ShopkinsLive! 7 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m., (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m., (2-6 years). Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m., (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m., (2-6 years). Thursdays. Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m., (2-6 years) Fridays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. 6-10 p.m., Friday, noon-8 p.m., Saturday and noon to 6 p.m., Sunday. 4305 N. County Road 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m., Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

FINE ART & DANCE

"Swan Lake" by the Russian Grand Ballet. 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

CLOSING: The 39th annual Invitational Haley Library Art Show and Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., through Friday. Haley Memorial Library & History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. haleylibrary.com.

CLOSING: Dagan Sherman's "Strange Landscapes." Friday at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

CLOSING: "Apparaality" featuring works by Amanda and Elliott Lunson through Oct. 29. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

The 40th annual **Fall Exhibition by Midland Arts Association.** The show runs through Nov. 10 at the Allison Fine Arts Building at Midland College, 3600 Garfield St. maatx.org.

"Ground Zero 360: A 9/11 Retrospective" on display through Dec. 3 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum..org.

FOOD & DRINK

Midland Downtown Farmers Market. The market is open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Wine and Canvas, 4 p.m., Saturday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80. $32.64. eventbrite.com.

A Night in Italy with food by Curb Side Bistro. The event hosted by Young Professionals of Odessa benefits Odessa Christmas in Action. 6:30 p.m. Saturday at The Rose Building, 415 N. Grant Ave., Odessa. Ypodessa.org.

GAMES

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

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m., Tuesdays at Basin Burger House.

Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m., Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., Wednesdays at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m., Wednesdays at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

LECTURES, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Art Social: "Eric Sloane: Sky Painter." The gallery talk is hosted by curator Wendy Earle discussing the artist's life and works. 10 a.m. today at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $5. museumsw.org.

Book Talk: "Theft by Finding" part one. Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities Executive Director Randy Ham will lead a discussion on the David Sedaris book. The event precedes the author's appearance in November. 7 p.m. today at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa.

4-H Photography Meeting, 9 a.m., Saturday at I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center, 2001 S. Midland Drive.

Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays at the Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher. The class is for all levels. 10 a.m., and 6 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

MUSIC

AMERICANA SINGER-SONGWRITER

Marty Thompson, Matt Glass. 7 p.m. Friday at Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

Rosanne Cash, John Leventhal, 8 p.m. Monday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35-$65. wagnernoel.com.

CLASSICAL

MOSC: West Texas Winds perform a free brown bag concert. 11:45 a.m. today at ClayDesta Plaza, 6 Desta Drive. MOSC.org.

MOSC: "Vive le Francais!" with West Texas Winds. 3 p.m. Sunday at Rea-Greathouse Recital Hall, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. MOSC.org.

COUNTRY

JB and the Moonshine Band, Harry Luge, 7 p.m., today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10 rockinrodeomidland.com.

Your Brother's Uncle, 7 p.m., Friday at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave. dosamigos.com.

Michael Player, 8 p.m. Friday at Escape Lounge, 3001 E. Business Loop 20, Odessa.

The Jon Young Band, 9 p.m. Friday at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Casey Donahew, Harry Luge, 7 p.m., Saturday at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave. $25 advance, $30 door. Dosamigos.com.

Trouble No More, 9 p.m. Saturday at Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Hwy 80. .

DJ/DANCE

#HangoverSundays, 7 p.m., Sunday at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., Friday and Sunday at The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

KARAOKE

Karaoke, 9 p.m., Sunday at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m., Tuesdays at Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

Karaoke and pool tournament, Tuesdays at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

LATIN

Banda el Recodo, Banda Los Recoditos, 8 p.m. Friday at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $50. Haciendamidland.com.

ROCK

Breaking Benjamin, 8 p.m. today at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $37.50. Haciendamidland.com.

Lindsey Buckingham and Christine McVie, 8 p.m. Sunday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $69.75 to $139.75. Wagnernoel.com.

Shields, 8 p.m. Sunday at Riley's Bar and Grill, 3421 W. Wall St.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Llano Estacado Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist training, 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Odessa Jackalopes play Topeka RoadRunners, 7:11 p.m., today-21 at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. Jackalopes.org.

Smash 2017 Tennis Tournament and Dance benefiting Bynum School. 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. State Highway 349.

Permian Basin Holy Cross Catholic High School Golf Tournament, 7 a.m. Saturday at Hogan Park Golf Course, 2600 N. Fairgrounds Road. $100-$400. Birdeasepro.com.

Family Nite roller skating, Sundays from 2-5 p.m., and 7-9 p.m., at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway. Kcsnuttyroller.com.

Run 4 the MARC Opportunity Park, 9 a.m. Saturday at Opportunity Park, 2701 N. "A." St. $10-$30. raceplanner.com.

Fall 1: Adult Volleyball League. Fall games are Tuesdays through Tuesday. Co-ed teams and rules apply. 7 p.m., at Sherwood Park, Odessa. $100 per team, cbranscum@odessa-tx.gov.

Yoga at the Museum for museum members. 8 a.m., Wednesdays at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum..org.

Meditation with Art with Lynn Alsup. 6 p.m., Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

Kundalini Yoga with Kasie Lunson. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat and dress in comfortable clothing. 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

Adult Kickball, 2 p.m., Thursdays. Visit facebook.com./groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m., Thursdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

ROAD TRIP

Marfa 100. The 100k bike race will have water and snack stations, medic and mechanic support. Queen tribute band Magnifico will perform after the race. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday. Hotel Saint George, 105 S. Highland Ave. $100. Runsignup.com.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Film Festival at the Lofts hosted by screenwriter and filmmaker David Perkins. This weekly independent film series will feature a variety of genres and filmmakers Skyping in. 6 p.m., at Wall St. Lofts, 100 W. Main St. $10. RSVP to 685-7041.

The Wild Texas Film Tour is a short film and speaking tour covering wildlife, adventure, and conservation stories from across the state. Hosted by filmmaker and conservationist Ben Masters. 6:30 p.m. today at Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. $20. Wildfilmtour.com.

"A Nice Family Christmas," 2016 McLaren Comedy Festival winner. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Opens Friday and runs through Nov. 11 at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

"Disney's Beauty and the Beast," 7:30 p.m. Friday at Greenwood High School, 2700 Farm-to-Market Road, 1379. $10-$15. Gisdtheatre.ticketleap.com.

"Two Small Pieces of Glass" dome show, 1 p.m., Tuesdays-Sundays, 3 p.m., Sundays through Saturday. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"My Backyard" dome show for children, 4 p.m., Tuesdays-Sundays through Saturday. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org

COMING SOON

OCTOBER

Halloween Story Time for ages 2-6. 11:30 a.m., Oct. 26 at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Midland Storytelling Festival: Workshops for Youth. The workshops prepare young participants for the Storytelling Contest for Youth Tellers in November. 5 p.m. Oct. 26 at Midland County Public Library downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Free but registration is required. makingmemoriesmidland.com.

College Gameday Social by YPE. 5:30 p.m., Oct. 26 at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado Ave.

Midland Need to Read's fifth annual **Autumn Fete. Guests** enjoy wine, beer and bourbon tastings, a gourmet buffet meal and shop through goods by selected vendors. 6 p.m., Oct. 26 at Midland Country Club, 6101 N. State Highway 349. $150. midlandneedtoread.org.

Hauntcert 2017: "Rebels on Broadway" featuring the combined orchestras of Alamo and Abell junior high schools and Lee Freshman High School. 6:45 p.m. Oct. 26 at Lee High School's Stan Cobb Auditorium. A costume contest will precede the concert in the cafeteria at 6:15 p.m. 3500 Neely Ave. Free.

Jason Boland & the Stragglers, 8 p.m., Oct. 26 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $12. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Midland Y Halloween Carnival will feature an obstacle course, dancing, princess and superhero appearances and more. Canned good donations will be accepted. 6 p.m., Oct. 27 at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. $5.

I Love the '90s Tour with Vanilla Ice, Salt 'N' Pepa with Spinderella, Coolio, All 4 One, Tone Loc and Young MC. 7 p.m. Oct. 27 at La Hacienda Event Center, 12610 State Highway 191. $50. haciendamidland.com.

Halloween Bash with DJ Pauly D ("Jersey Shore") and Teresa Giudice ("The Real Housewives of New Jersey"). Celebrity costumes encouraged. 8 p.m. Oct. 27 at High Sky Wing, 9612 Wright Drive. $75. haciendamidland.com.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market Founders Day Celebration with birthday cake, jumpers, photo booth and more. This marks the closing of the summer season of the market. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Oct. 28. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

"Mary McScary" and "Creepy Pair Underwear!" Halloween storytime. 11 a.m. Oct. 28 at Barnes and Noble, 2617 West Loop 250 N. barnesandnoble.com.

Fiddlestick Farms: Halloween costume contest, helicopter rides and fireworks. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Oct. 28 and 29 at 5610 E. County Road 120. fiddlesticksfarms.com.



HALLOWEEN AND FALL CELEBRATIONS

Third Thursday Reading will feature the book "Halloween Surprise" with [illegible]es given to each child. The monthly event is part of the Laura Bush Literacy Program. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. today at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

SciFriday: "Frankenstein." The Museum of the Southwest's film series closes with this 1931 classic in time for Halloween. Complimentary refreshments will be offered. 7:30 p.m., Friday at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. $5 donation. Museumsw.org.

Teen Zombie Walk hosted by Midland County Public Library benefiting Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals. Cash or Amazon Wish List donations accepted. 11 a.m. Saturday at C.J. Kelly Park, 5500 [illegible] Drive. lonestarsanctuary.org.

Fiddlestick Farms 10th anniversary: Curious George, helicopter rides and fireworks. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 22 at 5610 E. County Road 120. fiddlesticksfarms.com.

Halloween Concert with the Permian Basin String Quartet. 2 p.m. Saturday at Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Free.

Ghouls Just Wanna Have Fun shopping event with more than 50 vendors, trick or treating, Halloween photo booth and more. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa. Free.

Halloween at Sibley where guests can touch live snakes, purchase and carve a pumpkin, roast s'mores and enter the haunted family trail walk. 5 p.m. Saturday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Free. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Monster Mash by the Knights of Columbus. 6 p.m., Saturday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave. Admission is one bag of candy per family and two canned good for each child. Event benefits St. Vincent de Paul. $3 for hamburger or hot dog meal.

The fourth annual **Trunk or Treat.** Costumes encouraged and canned food donations welcome for the jubilee Center of Midland. 5:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave.

Slime Time. Guests 6 and older can learn to make slime of all types. Dress appropriately for this messy activity. 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Halloween Story Time for ages 2-6. 11:30 a.m., Wednesday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

ON STAGE & SCREEN



'MONSTER HOUSE'

How to choose an age-appropriate scary movie for your little monster

By Caroline Knorr
Common Sense Media

Scariness comes from fear of the unknown, from surprise and from fears about the loss of a loved one. Different things scare different children; it's not always possible to predict what will frighten a particular kid. Young kids are frightened more by creatures that older children know don't exist. Abrupt noises, eerie sounds, and music create tension in both younger and older children. Psychological suspense, with its threats of impending doom, can terrify your middle-school kids.

Movies with scary images, intense danger, loud noises, and — above all — blood and gore, can create all sorts of disturbances. Among them are anxiety, sleep disruption, and fears about possible situations. Children younger than 7 can't easily distinguish between fantasy and reality — even if you tell them "it's not real." You will know if your kids have become too frightened when they start having sleep problems, irrational fears, and obsessions with things like zombies. Scary and disturbing images and sounds can affect vulnerable kids for years.

Tips for parents of all kids

Know what they're watching — and whether it's appropriate. Check out Common Sense Media reviews, which offer age recommendations and provide age-appropriate selections.

Practice your poker face. Some research suggests that kids will become more scared if they see that you are scared by something in a movie or on TV.

Tips for parents of young kids

Choose media with care. Kids under 7 will believe what they see. When picking media, nothing should be more startling than "Boo!" Kids over 5 may like haunted houses, mysteries and things popping out everywhere, but stick to animation, which helps them realize that it's fantasy. Be careful with monsters, skeletons, aliens and zombies. Avoid any dangerous material involving characters near their age.

Be prepared for when things do go bump in the night. If your child is frightened, give him physical comfort, a glass of water, or a distraction. Kids 2 to 7 respond well to magical remedies and nightly rituals, such as cleaning the monsters out of the closet.

Don't be surprised if your kids suddenly like a little scary stuff. Kids who are 8-to-10 years old can handle being scared for longer

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New Netflix series 'Mindhunter' looks at an elite FBI profiling unit during the 1970s

By Meredith Blake
Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — To meet Jonathan Groff and Holt McCallany, stars of the Netflix series "Mindhunter," you'd never suspect they recently spent 10 long months consumed with the darkest reaches of the human psyche.

Groff, a charmer known for playing the lead in HBO's "Looking" and King George in the original Broadway version of "Hamilton," laughs generously as McCallany, a seasoned character actor and gabby raconteur with a booming voice, shares a story about training to throw out the first pitch at a Mets game.

Yet given their obvious rapport, it's easy to see why they were cast as the leads in "Mindhunter," which debuts Friday. The psychological drama, executive produced by David Fincher and Charlize Theron, follows a pair of trailblazing FBI agents as they interrogate notorious real-life murderers in an effort to understand — and maybe prevent — the senseless urge to kill.

Groff stars as Holden Ford, a clean-cut but open-minded young agent intent on shaking up the hidebound agency, while McCallany plays Bill Tench, a cynical veteran who asks what might be the series' central question: "How do we get ahead of crazy if we don't know how crazy thinks?"

In 2017, when criminal profiling has long since become standard practice — and spawned an entire pop culture subgenre in the pro-cess — the need to understand the origins of violent behavior seems obvious.

But "Mindhunter" is set in the 1970s, an era when the starchy culture of the FBI still reflected the narrow worldview of longtime director J. Edgar Hoover, says McCallany.

"The FBI was one of the most conservative law enforcement agencies in the world, so empathizing with killers to try to understand the traumas they experienced in their childhoods and how that gives us insight into their behavior was not something Hoover was interested in."

Yet the nature of crime itself seemed to be changing radically at the time. The social turmoil of the '60s and '70s also brought with it what appeared to be a terrifying new breed of criminal — brutal murderers like David Berkowitz (a.k.a. "Son of Sam"), Ted Bundy and Richard Speck who killed repeatedly and without apparent motive other than bloodlust. Establishing "means, motive and opportunity," as law enforcement officers had been trained to do, was no longer enough.

The series is based on the book "Mind Hunter: Inside the FBI's Elite Serial Crime Unit," a nonfiction account written by John E. Douglas, a pioneering FBI profiler who interviewed and studied some of the country's most notorious violent offenders over the course of a 25-year career. (Groff plays a fictionalized version of Douglas, who's also said to have inspired characters in "The Silence of the Lambs" and "Criminal Minds." McCallany is a fictionalized version of FBI agent Robert Ressler, believed to have coined the term "serial killer.")

Theron became familiar with Douglas' writing when she was researching serial killer Aileen Wuornos for her Oscar-winning role in Patty Jenkins' 2003 film "Monster."

A few years later, she optioned "Mind Hunter," envisioning it from the beginning as a five-season television series, one that would take a more unsettling view of criminality and human nature than your standard catch-the-bad-guy-in-an-hour procedural.

Douglas and his colleagues were "really climbing an uphill battle with the FBI at that time, which just really did not function on any kind of empathy or understanding of these people," Theron says by phone. "I think a huge part of where we are in understanding aberrant behavior is because of his work."

The "Mad Max: Fury Road" star, who says she's fascinated by "any kind of severe behavior," was drawn to the material despite its disturbing nature.

"I always want to know why. Why is it that somebody has the need to control in the ultimate way like Berkowitz did or (so-called 'Co-ed Killer') Ed Kemper did? A lot of people think it's really strange, my mother included, but I think it's healthy to want to turn the light on and want to understand something that's scary."

She brought the project to Fincher, a storyteller known for delving into the homicidal mind in such films as "Se7en" and "Zodiac."

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dysfunctional family. The cast includes Justin Tate, Misty Muesing and Joe Thomason, who Collins has worked with before.

Thus, the leadership role initially was daunting.

"I talked with Cody Tumlin and Ben Spencer, who have both directed, and I met with Tim Jebsen a couple of times. I definitely don't think I could have done this without their advice," he said. "Now, I think I got my sea legs a bit."

So much so, he is ready to do it all again.

"This is a new position for me but my experience has led me to this so it's nice to use my knowledge in different ways," he said. "Yeah, I wouldn't mind directing again. Now I have a process and found a rhythm I like."

IF YOU GO

"A Nice Family Christmas," the 2016 McLaren Comedy Festival winner opens Friday and runs through Nov. 11. 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. $28. mctmidland.org.



'ONLY THE BRAVE'

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and brings them to life.

Kosinski, who has a background in architecture, is known for his meticulous visual style and digital effects. That has made for some coolly stylish, if emotionally remote films, but "Only the Brave" is decidedly warm-blooded, thanks to the detail brought to the characters and their relationships, which are the priority.

Kosinski and the writers studiously lay out the necessary parts and tools for this affecting story in the same way that Eric Marsh (Josh Brolin) packs his knapsack with gear. Training montages, pranks and close calls demonstrate the way these men use their tools in the wilderness — swiftly cutting "lines" in the ground, cutting down trees, and using flame against flame. We understand the danger when we see their last resorts, protective foil shelters, unfurled in drills and pranks, and hopefully, never in the field.

The focus on protocol, procedure and planning is tantamount to the way this story unfolds, but it's also a reflection of the way Eric's mind works, and the way he leads his team. He doggedly pursues a Type 1 certification unheard of for his municipal department, and inspires the group of roughneck men to follow him into the fire with a potent blend of passion, dedication, obsession and preparation. That obsession often puts him at odds with his wife, Amanda (Jennifer Connelly), a headstrong, loving woman who rehabilitates horses, and often her husband too.

Brolin, bearded and soot-streaked, has never been better, in a role that seems written for him. His Marsh is tough, gritty and fair, but his brand of masculinity, which his men imitate, draws its strength from vulnerability and fellowship. "Only the Brave" celebrates the jocular, physical friendship of men, as mentors, brothers, enemies, and co-workers.

James Badge Dale is excellent in a supporting role as Marsh's hard-charging deputy, while Taylor Kitsch steals every scene he's in playing an impishly charming dirtbag. But the film revolves around the relationship between Marsh and Brendan McDonough (Miles Teller). Skittish McDonough, nicknamed Donut, is a former junkie who applies for the squad when he becomes a father. Marsh recognizes himself in Donut and takes a chance on him.

While Kosinski's film works thanks to its big beating heart, he never sacrifices the visuals. The wilderness aflame is a stunning, surreal and terrifying beauty: pines falling off cliffs, sending up a fireworks show; nightmares of burning bears charging through the woods. The majesty of these images is in service of the story and the people in it — a true-life tale that will grasp onto your heart and hold on long after the credits roll.

'Only the Brave'

4 out of 4 stars
Cast: Josh Brolin, Miles Teller, James Badge Dale, Taylor Kitsch, Jeff Bridges, Jennifer Connelly, Andie MacDowell
Directed by Joseph Kosinski
Running time: 2 hours, 13 minutes
Rated PG-13 for thematic content, some sexual references, language and drug material.

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ON SCREEN

FILM CAPS

"American Made" (R) Tom Cruise stars as an unlikely pilot flying secret missions for the CIA. With Domhnall Gleeson, Sarah Wright, E. Roger Mitchell, Jesse Plemons, Lola Kirke. Written by Gary Spinelli. Directed by Doug Liman.

"Blade Runner 2049" (R) Ryan Gosling stars as an officer searching for Harrison Ford's Deckard, 30 years after the events of the first film. With Ana de Armas, Sylvia Hoeks, Robin Wright, Mackenzie Davis, Dave Bautista, Jared Leto. Written by Hampton Fancher and Michael Green; story by Fancher, based on characters from a novel by Philip K. Dick. Directed by Denis Villeneuve.

"The Foreigner" Jackie Chan stars as a London businessman forced to face his violent past when his teenage daughter is taken from him. With Pierce Brosnan. Written by David Marconi; based on a novel by Stephen Leather. Directed by Martin Campbell.

"Geostorm" (PG-13) The web of satellites designed to protect the Earth from extreme climate change begins attacking it. With Gerard Butler, Jim Sturgess, Abbie Cornish, Eugenio Derbez, Ed Harris, Andy Garcia. Written by Dean Devlin & Paul Guyot. Directed by Devlin.

"Happy Death Day" (PG-13) In a horror twist on "Groundhog Day," a college student experiences her death over and over again until she unmasks her murderer. With Jessica Rothe, Israel Broussard, Ruby Modine, Charles Aitken, Laura Clifton. Written by Scott Lobdell and Christopher Landon. Directed by Landon.

"Kingsman: The Golden Circle" (R) Sequel to the 2014 hit finds the secret organization teaming with U.S. spies to thwart a common enemy. With Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, Taron Egerton, Mark Strong, Halle Berry, Channing Tatum, Jeff Bridges. Written by Jane Goldman & Matthew Vaughn; based on a comic book by Mark Millar and Dave Gibbons. Directed by Vaughn.

"The Meyerowitz Stories (New and Selected)" (NR) Three adult siblings grapple with the impact their domineering father has on them. With Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller, Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson, Elizabeth Marvel, Grace Van Patten. Written and directed by Noah Baumbach. Streaming on Netflix.

"The Mountain Between Us" (PG-13) A journalist and a doctor stranded on a snowy mountaintop after a plane crash must rely on each other to survive. With Kate Winslet, Idris Elba, Beau Bridges. Written by Chris Weitz and J. Mills Goodloe, based on the novel by Charles Martin. Directed by Hany Abu-Assad.

"My Little Pony" (PG) The beloved equine toys go to the movies as the Mane 6 embark on a journey to save Ponyville. Voices by Uzo Aduba, Emily Blunt, Kristin Chenoweth, Taye Diggs, Michel Pena, Zoe Saldana, Liev Schreiber, Sia. Written by Meghan McCarthy, Rita Hsiao, Michael Vogel; based on the television series created by Lauren Faust. Directed by Jayson Thiessen.

"Only the Brave" (PG-13) The story of the Granite Mountain Hotshots, a unit of firefighters facing a momentous fire. With Josh Brolin, Miles Teller, Jeff Bridges, James Badge Dale, Taylor Kitsch, Jennifer Connelly. Written by Ken Nolan and Eric Warren Singer; based on a GQ article by Sean Flynn. Directed by Joseph Kosinski.

"Same Kind of Different as Me" (PG-13) An art dealer attempts to save his marriage by befriending a homeless man. With Greg Kinnear, Renee Zellweger, Djimon Hounsou, Jon Voight. Written by Michael Carney & Alexander Foard and Ron Hall, based on the book by Hall, Denver Moore and Lynn Vincent. Directed by Michael Carney.

"The Snowman" (R) The leader of an elite detective squad fears a dormant serial killer is back in action. With Michael Fassbender, Rebecca Ferguson, Charlotte Gainsbourg, J.K. Simmons. Written by Matthew Carnahan, Soren Sveistrup, Peter Straughan, Hossein Amini; based on the book by Jo Nesbo. Directed by Tomas Alfredson.

"Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween" (PG-13) The popular hyphenate follows up his 2016 horror comedy with a fright romp set at a haunted campground. With Cassi Davis, Patrice Lovely, Yousef Erakat, Lexy Panterra, Andre Hall. Written and directed by Perry.

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'MINDHUNTER'

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"I just thought he must be somewhat obsessed with serial killers the way that I am, and I was happy to find out that he was," she says.

Theron and Fincher spent several years developing the project with writers Joe Penhall and Jennifer Haley, putting together 10 scripts and a series bible and formulating an approach that blends fact and fiction. The decision was made to take creative license with Groff and McCallany's characters, while adhering scrupulously to the real-life biographies of the killers portrayed in the series, such as Kemper.

Eventually, they brought the project to Netflix, which had successfully partnered with Fincher on "House of Cards." Fincher directed four episodes of "Mindhunter" and is, by all accounts, very much its creative leader.

"One of the amazing things about this experience is that finally a TV show that is director-friendly," says McCallany, who was eager to work with Fincher again after small parts in "Fight Club" and "Alien 3." "When a director is empowered on a television set the same way he would be on a film set, it's an incredible thing."

Groff, a Fincher newbie, says the director has "no blind spots."

"Some directors are good with writers, and some directors are good with cameras, and some are good with actors. The sort of chilling thing about David is he can do everybody's job better than they can do it, so there's this immediate level of respect and hard work."

Unlike some of his collaborators, Groff says he was "not a serial killer person. When I first picked up the book, it took me a long time to get through it because I found it so disturbing."

Groff recalls that, from the outset, Fincher "wanted to blow up the comic-book villain idea of a serial killer," the notion of an urbane evil genius a la Hannibal Lecter who drinks fine wine and listens to classical music.

"One of the things that is so chilling about 'Mindhunter' is that it humanizes the serial killers, these sad, (messed-up) guys with damaged pasts and mental problems. It's so much scarier to look at them as human beings," he adds.

For a show about serial killers, "Mindhunter" is a psychological deep-dive that features a lot more talking than gore — as Theron puts it, "there is nothing about this that is fast-burning." One of its most riveting early scenes features two men conversing over egg-salad sandwiches in a prison cafeteria.

"We'll be the only two FBI agents in TV history to go multiple seasons without pulling out our guns and going, 'Stop!'" jokes McCallany. "People looking for gunfights and car chases gotta look elsewhere."

But for anyone interested in psychology rather than splatter, "Mindhunter" may be highly binge-able.

"Selfishly, I just really forced David to make me my own TV show that I, as a viewer, would want to watch," says Theron, who is nevertheless confident there are many out there like her. "I can't be the only freak."

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periods of time — in fact, they love it. Bring on the phantoms and ghoulish faces, but continue to choose films without gore or physical harm. Some intense moments are fun as long as the resolution involves a happy ending.

TIPS FOR PARENTS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS

Pushing boundaries may be OK. Some kids of this age are ready to be scared silly. You still should be mindful of blood and gore, but in general skeletons, monsters, and aliens are okay.

Even so, stick to movies that have humor mixed in, or those with safe-and-sound endings.

Give reassurance when necessary. Other kids still scare easily. Middle school is when scary movies start being a big part of sleepovers and movie outings with friends. Even if your child isn't ready for the scarier stuff, it can be hard for her to tell that to friends who want to see the latest zombie flick.

Let your children know that it's ok to be scared and to tell their friends they'd rather watch something else.

TIPS FOR PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL KIDS

They may be ready for more than you think. Developmentally, teens can handle dramatic and psychological suspense, but kids under 16 still shouldn't see slasher horrors, especially those that feature kids in dire danger or that have lots of gore.

Mind the messages. Many scary movies now pair horrific graphic violence with sexual situations — not a great combination for kids exploring newfound sexuality. Be sure to talk with them about the content of the movie they're seeing and the messages it may convey. Check Common Sense Media's reviews for conversation starters.

Dig into the vault. If you like scary movies too, try introducing your teens to some of the horror and suspense classics. Just make sure that any younger siblings are already tucked in bed.

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'MAUDIE'

Biopic of Nova Scotian folk artist is thoughtful, absorbing

Reeler & Stream

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"Maudie" (PG-13) Maud Lewis was a folk artist who lived most of her life in a one-room cabin in Nova Scotia that had no electricity or running water. But this uplifting biopic paints her as full of life with an almost childlike wonder that was manifested in her work. As an artist, she used scrap pieces of wood, the walls and windows of her house as her canvas. Sally Hawkins plays the plucky, spirited little woman to perfection in this biopic that will leave you wanting more. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"The House" (R) No matter how much you plead with the film gods, the soul of this movie was claimed by evil forces long before it reached theaters. Will Ferrell again plays a sort of goofy manchild — a persona that peaked with "Elf" — while co-star Amy Poehler's talents are rarely used other than to play straight man to Ferrell's antics. Even those antics seem subdued, though, as the laughs fall short. **D**

MORE REVIEWS

"Armed Response" (R) Dull action fare admittedly takes on a new, sleeker look once it's revealed that the thing killing everybody is more of an it than a who. However, that excitement flares out quickly, leaving, once again, dull action fare. **D-**

"Bedeviled" (R) Horror tale in the tradition of series such as "Final Destination," "Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Saw" in which the characters meet their fate in a creative way. This film's updated take is centered around social media, and that's where the creativity ends. We know the way these things work: teens are gonna die, but the manner in which they perish fails to live up to tradition. **C+**

"Born in China" (G) Disney nature documentary that focuses on three animal families — a snow leopard and her two cubs, a golden snub-nosed monkey tribe and a giant panda and her cub is certainly beautiful to look at. A segment toward the end that goes unresolved is troubling, though. A Google search provides an answer, but it seemed suspect. It's something that has haunted me ever since, and if you love animals, too, you might want to skip this one. **C-**

"Coffin 2" (unrated) Five people are given a drug that paralyzes them then tied are up in a room to await their fate. The film was written, directed, edited and produced by the same guy, who wasn't busy enough already, so he stars in it, too. There is an assumption, then, that because he knows every detail of the movie inside out, his audience will, too. Nope. It is so confusing that it doesn't help to start the film over to see if something was missed. **D**

"Dean" (PG-13) Vanity project written and directed by Demetri Martin can be cute and clever, enhanced by a touching sidebar featuring Kevin Kline and Mary Steenburgen and more so by the character who is a cat lady trapped in a man's body. The self-centered character played by Martin is a different matter. Moody and selfish, he becomes intrusive quickly and the film suffers terribly. **B-**

"Once Upon a Time in Venice" (unrated) It's trying valiantly to be a baby Quentin Tarantino film but doesn't measure up. However, it's funny and one of the best films Bruce Willis has been in for quite some time. **B**

"Open Water 3: Cage Dive" (R) The most shocking thing about this film is that the series has made it to a third movie after the second was so profoundly repulsive. The first was original and thought-provoking. This new one takes the POV approach — as if someone would want to film themselves being eaten by sharks. **F**

"Pilgrimage" (not rated) Engrossing period piece about a group of monks in 13th century Ireland who are carrying a religious artifact — the stone used to kill a holy man — across the country. Attention to detail is impeccable, and it drives this character study along with good, old-fashioned storytelling. **B+**

"Wish Upon" (PG-13) The premise is fetching — a teenage girl finds a magical box that grants the finder seven wishes — but as she squanders her power — without realizing the death and destruction that follows — the fun is gone and the story becomes strained and ridiculous. **C-**

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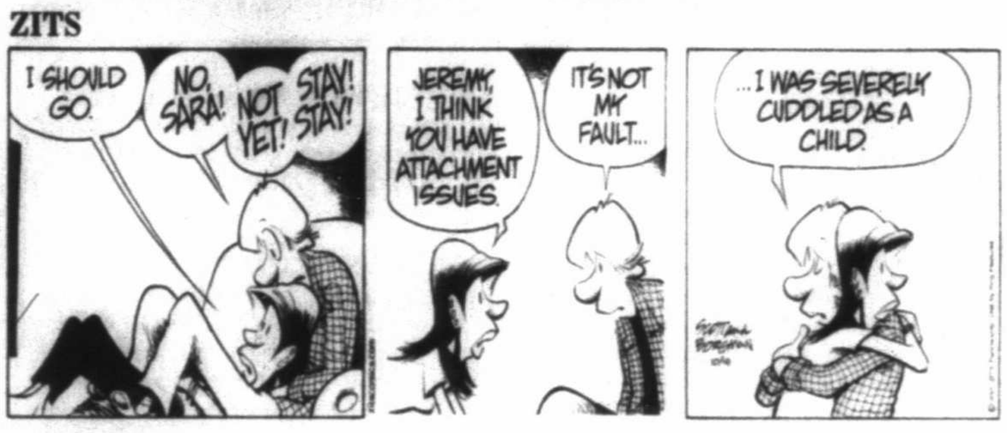
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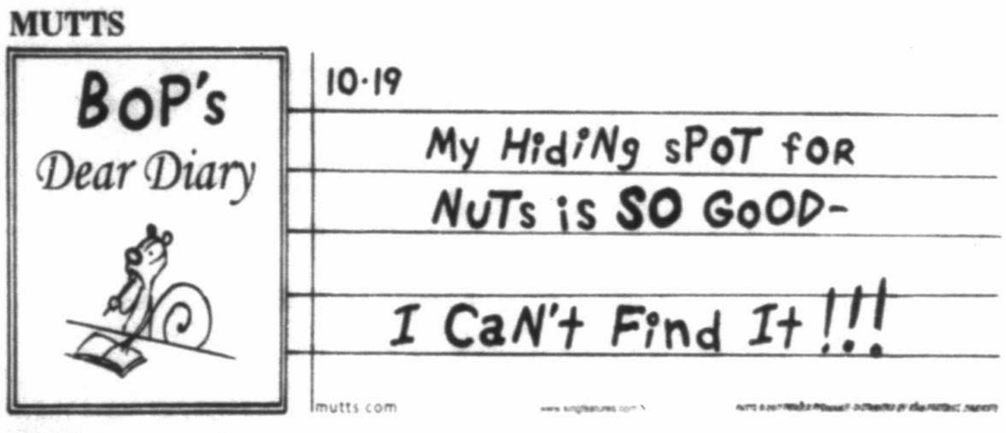
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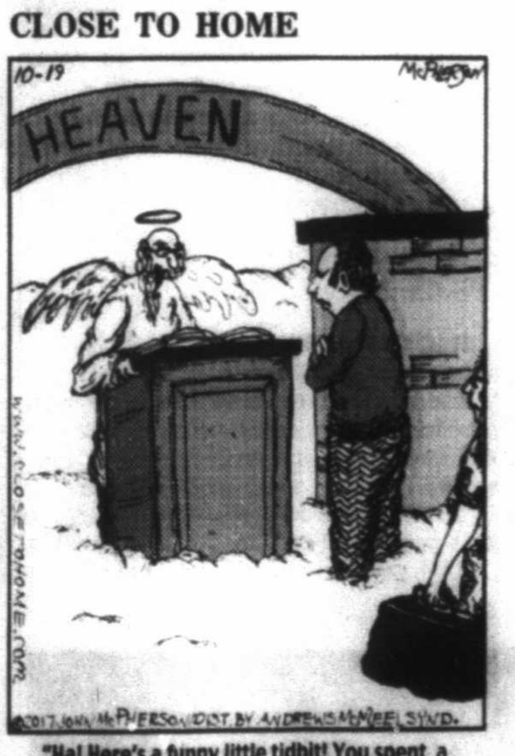
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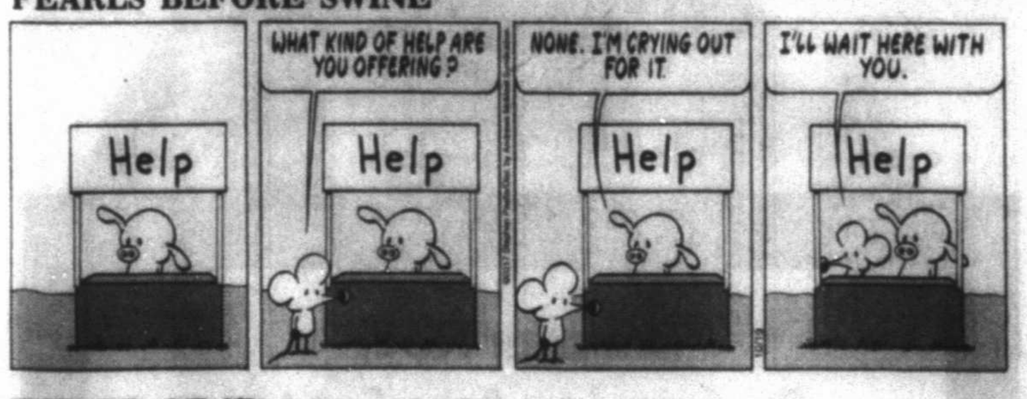


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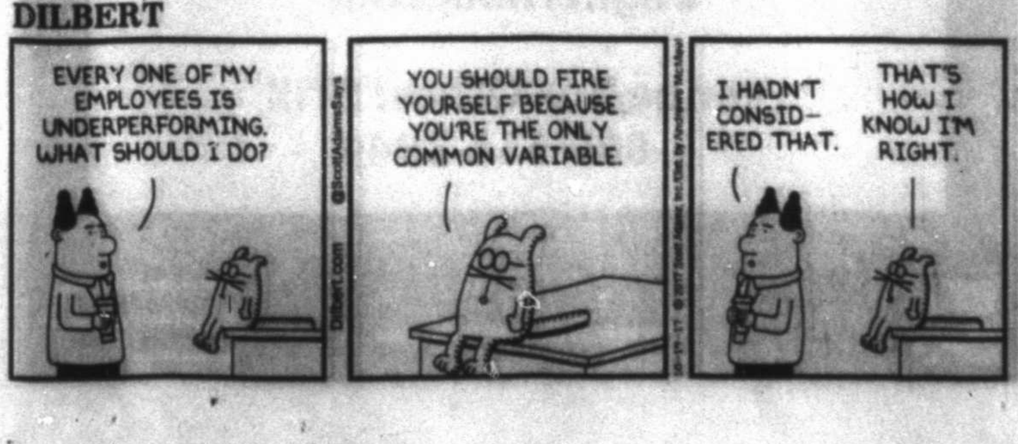
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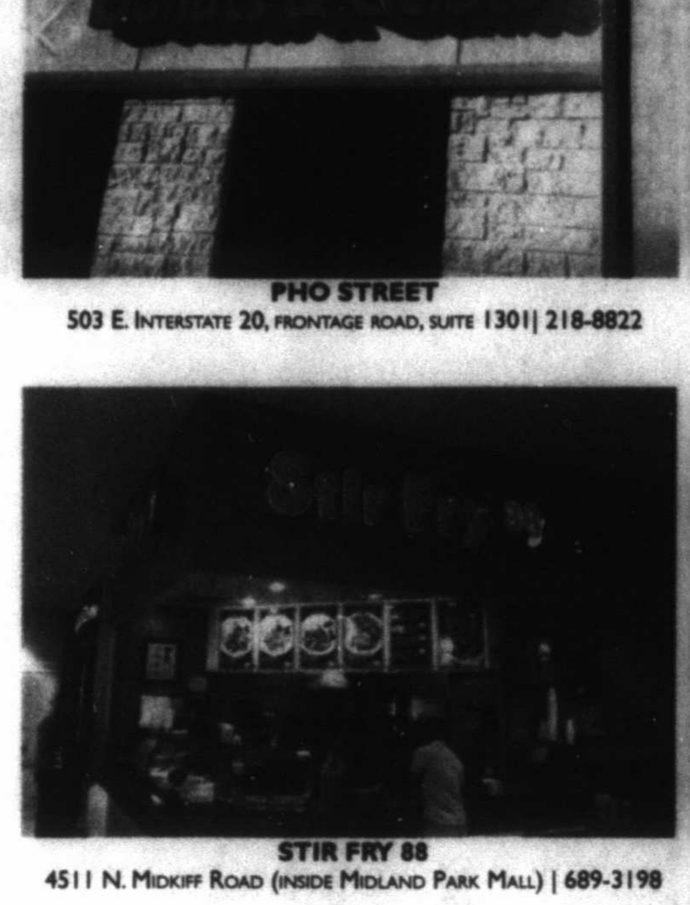
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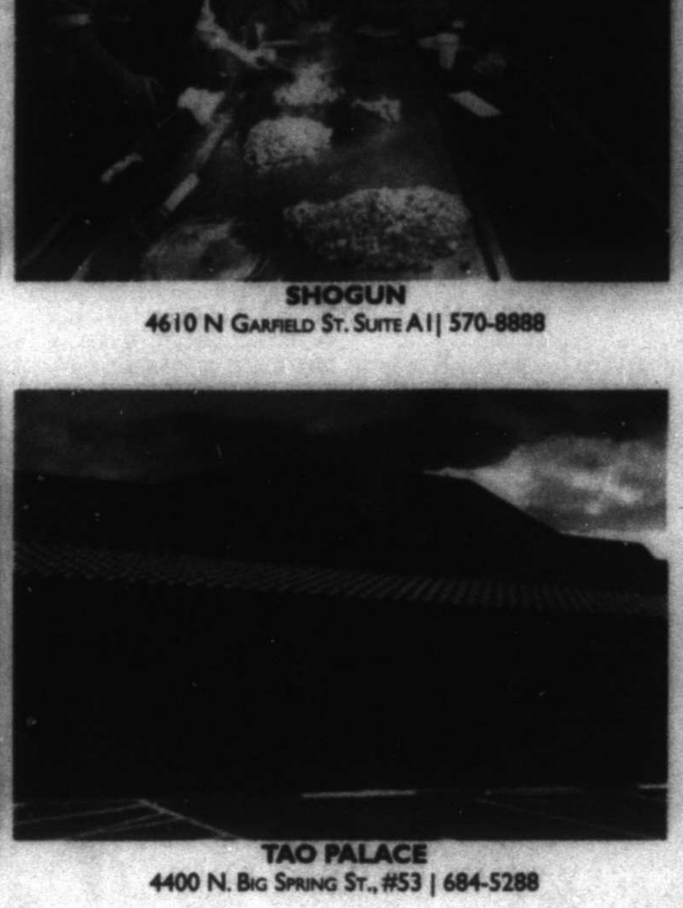
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GRAND BUFFET Extensive all-you-can-eat Asian buffet includes a hodge-podge of options including Chinese dishes, salads, seafood, Jell-o, fried okra, sushi and a Mongolian grill station. 2510 W. Louisiana Ave. | 688-8881 | $ | 2 spoons

THE GREAT WALL Chinese takeout restaurant offers large portions from extensive menu. Try the General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp and add an order of egg rolls or spring rolls. 2215 N. Midland Drive | 694-5555 | $ | 3 spoons

I LOVE PHO For the inexperienced, pho is a traditional Vietnamese soup made with rice noodles, broth, herbs and usually a meat. For those familiar with the dish, this spot is earning rave reviews. Dine-in or take-out, try a pho or vermicelli entree then add a spring roll and some black or green tea from the extensive beverage menu. 3303 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 135 | 218-7772 | $ | 5 spoons

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KUO'S CHINESE RESTAURANT Friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere. Try the cashew chicken or Mongolian steak with a fried cream cheese wonton. 3303 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 152 | 697-8888 | $ | 4 spoons.

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MOON GARDEN Try one of the lunch specials like broccoli with garlic sauce or kung pao shrimp. The Chinese restaurant is housed in what used to be a Red Lobster — just in case you were wondering about the nautical decor. 2319 W. Loop 250 N. | 570-1165 or 685-3012 | $ | 2 spoons

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STIR FRY 88 Located inside Midland Park Mall, this eatery boasts a healthier alternative to its cuisine by using only vegetable oil and no MSG. 4511 N. Midkiff Rd., 689-3198 | $ | 3 spoons.

SUN WOK CHINESE CAFE One of the city's newest Chinese eateries got off to a rocky start but customers now are raving about the food, service and atmosphere. 2410 Rankin Hwy suite 108. | 218-7858 | $ | 4 spoons

TAO PALACE Sushi and an extensive selection of stir fry, pad thai, curry and just about every traditional Chinese food you can imagine. Formerly Taste of China. 4400 N. Big Spring St., #53, 684-5288 | $ | 3 spoons

THAI HOUSE Strip-center kitchen offering classic Thai and Chinese dishes in a modest, straightforward setting. 9 Meta Dr. | 687-3373 | $ | 2 spoons

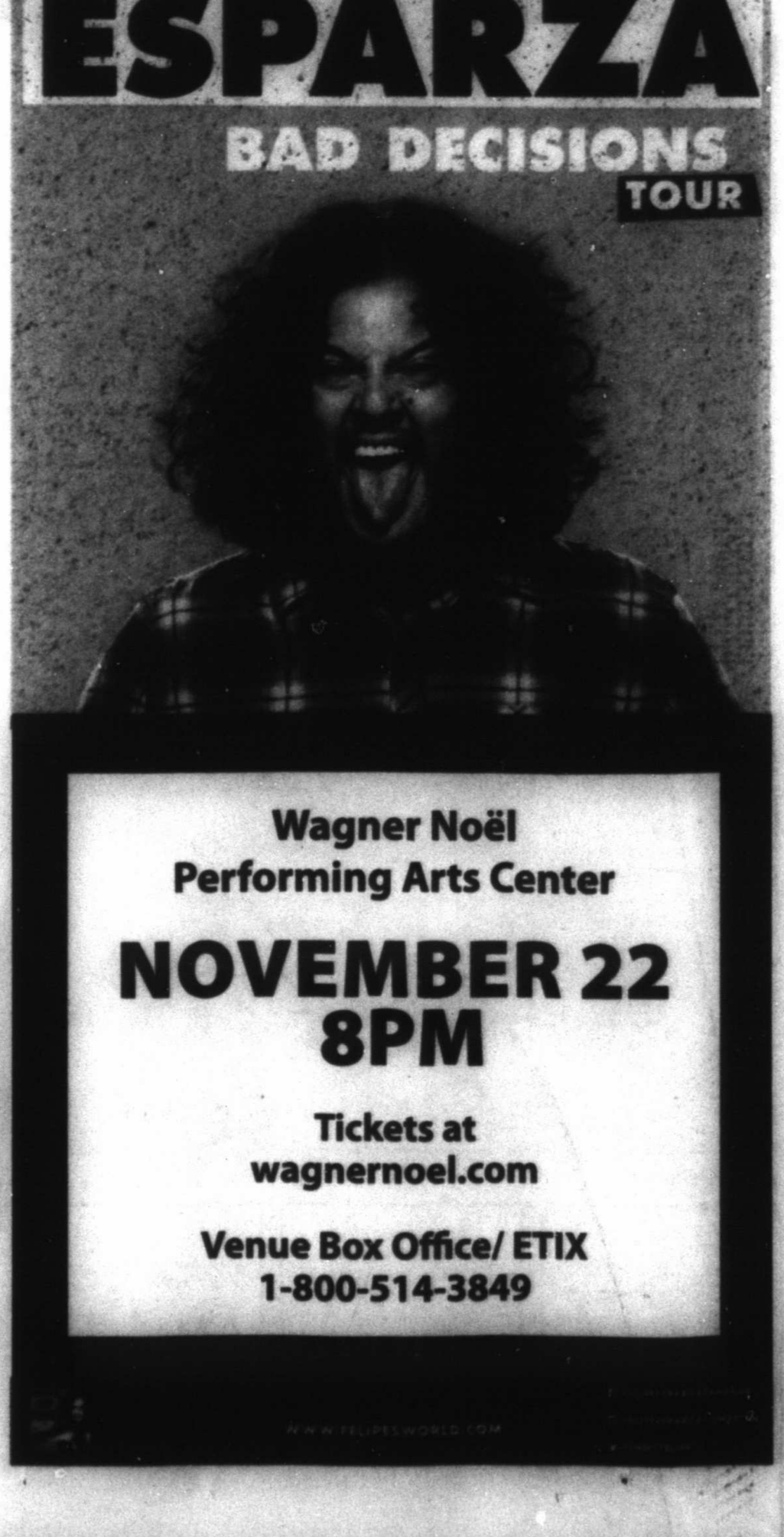
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Yankees top Keuchel, Astros for 3-2 lead in ALCS

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Masahiro Tanaka pitched seven innings of three-hit ball and the New York Yankees finally solved Houston Astros nemesis Dallas Keuchel, beating the ace lefty 5-0 on Wednesday for a 3-2 lead in the AL Championship Series.

Gary Sanchez hit an RBI single off Keuchel and later homered to help the wild-card Yankees win for the third straight day at home and move within one victory of their first trip to the World Series since 2009.

The teams head back to Houston for Game 6 on Friday night, when Justin Verlander and the reeling Astros will try to regain their footing following an off day and force a decisive Game 7. Luis Severino is scheduled to start for New York.

Just days ago, Houston was up two games to none and appeared to be closing in on its second World Series appearance. But the Astros, like defending AL champion Cleveland before them, have been unable to put away these poised Yankees, who improved to 6-0 at home in this postseason in front of their cheering, chanting fans.

Aaron Judge, Greg Bird and Didi Gregorius also delivered big hits as New York chased Keuchel in the fifth and handed him his first postseason loss. The 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner had been Yankees kryptonite throughout his career, entering 6-2 with a 1.09 ERA in eight career starts against New York, including a pair of scoreless outings in playoff wins.

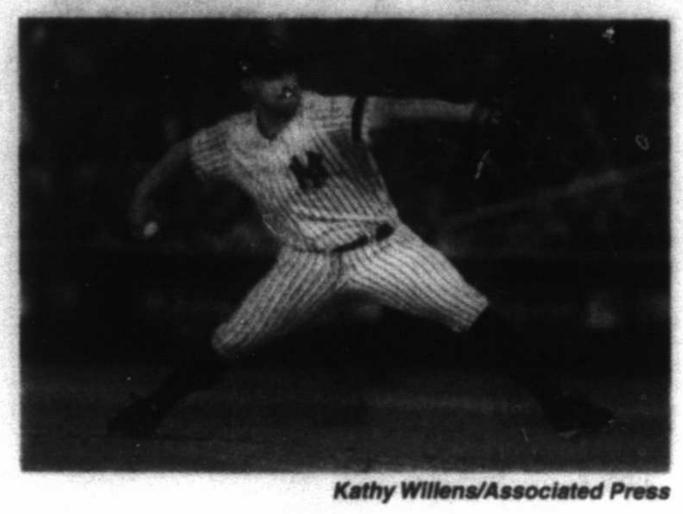
Both of those came at the expense of Tanaka, who lost 3-0 to Keuchel in the 2015 AL wild-card game at Yankee Stadium and 2-1 in Game 1 of this series.

But this night belonged to Tanaka and the Baby Bombers.

New York finally broke through against Keuchel with two outs in the second, when Starlin Castro doubled to deep left-center and scored on Greg Bird's sharp single. Cheering fans almost sounded surprised by the hit — big enough for Bird to flash both thumbs down, doubling up on the Yankees' playful sign to each other for clutch swings.

In the third, Judge grounded an

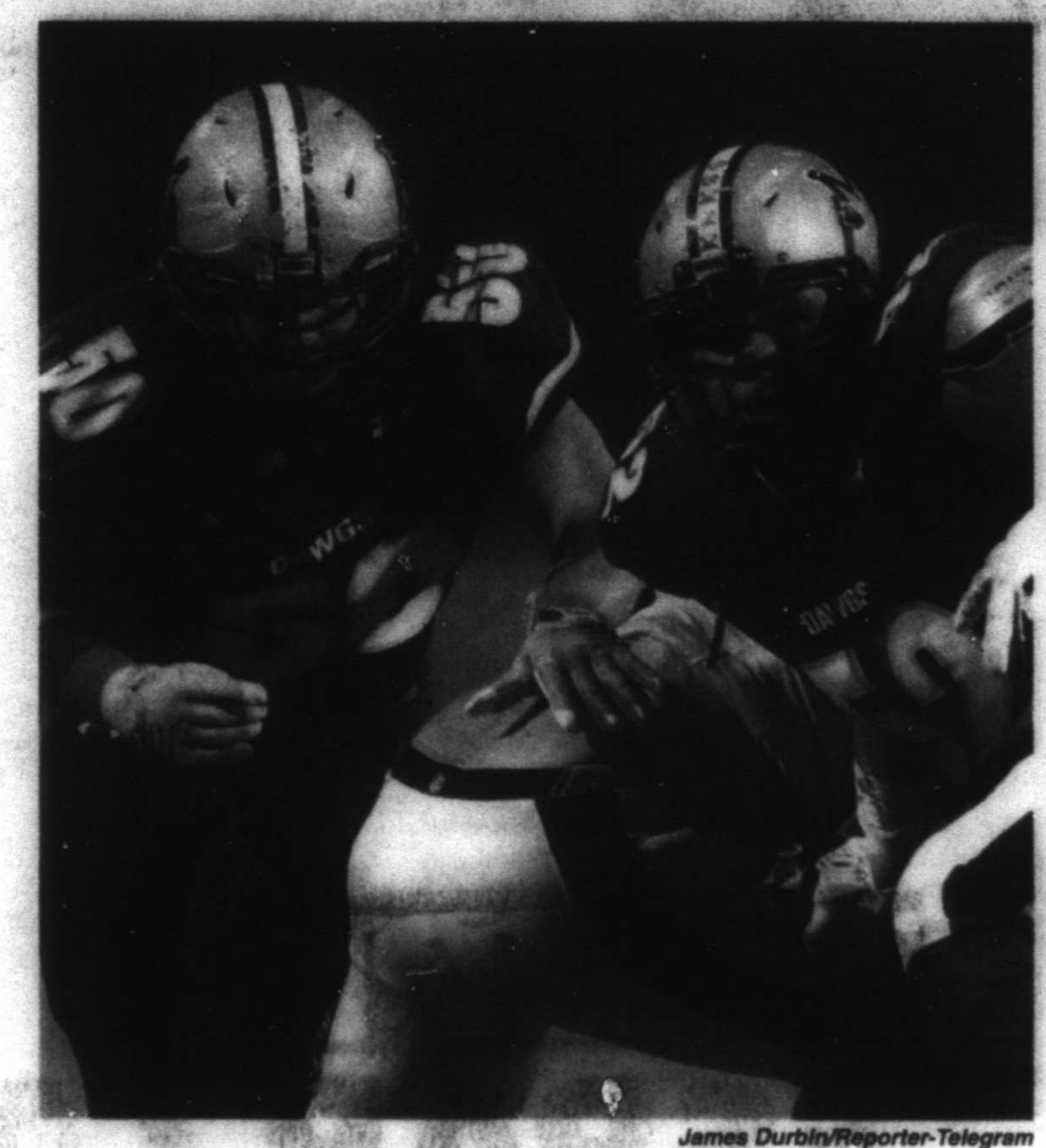
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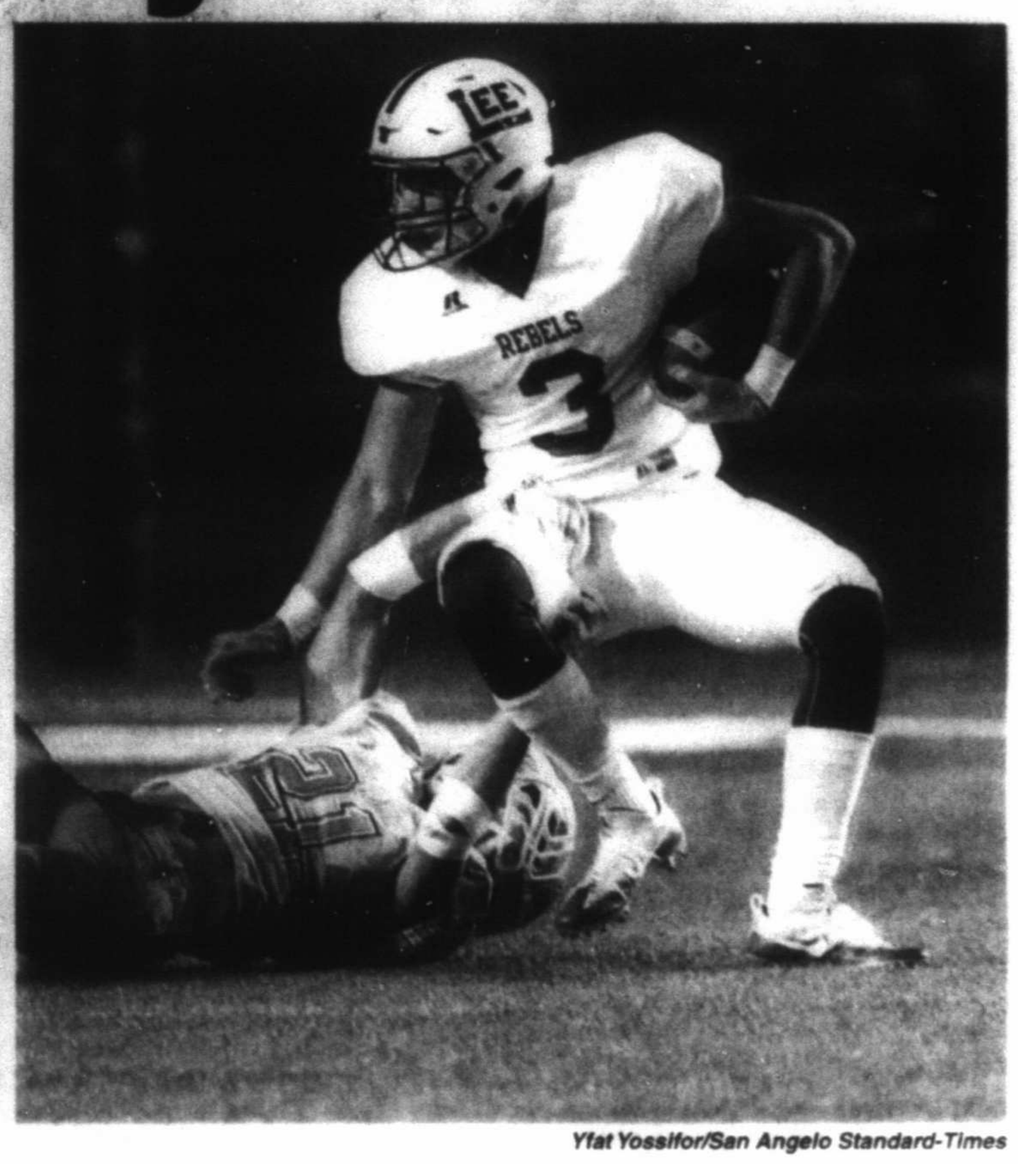
New York Yankees relief pitcher Tommy Kahnle throws during the eighth inning of Game 5 of the American League Championship Series against the Houston Astros on Wednesday in New York.

Unshaken by defeat



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Isaiah Hernandez (50) and Ethan Ruiz (52) try to get past the Permian offensive line Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.



Yfat Yossifor/San Angelo Standard-Times

Central's Jakobe Green attempted to pull down Lee's Grant Brown on Friday at San Angelo Stadium.

MHS REPORT

Bulldogs showing unity, progress on defense

By Christopher Hadorn
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After enduring some early lumps, the Midland High defense has started to find its way in District 2-6A play.

The Bulldogs (1-6, 1-2 in District 2-6A) enjoyed their best defensive performance of the season by holding Wolfforth Frenship to seven points and 220 yards in a 21-7 road win on Oct. 6.

Fast forward to last Friday, the MHS defense limited No. 14 Odessa Permian and its highly productive veer rushing attack to only seven first-half points and 14 points through three quarters. Permian eventually capitalized off two Bulldogs' turnovers in the fourth quarter, rolling to a 35-9 win.

As MHS regroups during its open week, it's evident the defense has come a long way since the first three games when the team yielded an average of 49 points per contest and allowed 26 plays for 20 yards or more.

"They are playing hard," Bulldogs head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz said of the defense. "I think they've played really hard the last couple of weeks. The one thing that I have noticed about our defensive kids, they seem to really have gelled. The kids are getting along really good. I think they're learning how to play for each other.

"I think the pieces are fitting together. Defense is kind of like a puzzle. You got to have guys fitting in the right spots. You have to have guys that trust other people to do their job and I think defensively, our guys have done that."

MHS has also been more opportunistic of late compared to the first three games when it had only one defensive takeaway. In the Frenship game, Bulldogs defensive back Tony Zarate recorded his team's first interception of the season, a key turnover that thwarted a Tigers' late drive.

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LEE REPORT

Rebels look to refocus after head-scratching loss

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Lee head coach Clint Hartman said beyond what's on the surface, he and his staff can't explain exactly what happened to the Rebels in the first quarter of last Friday's 52-28 loss at San Angelo Central.

Facing a district title contender without star linebackers and senior defensive captains Isaiah Nunez and Kougar Rodriguez may account for some of the trouble. The intensity of the environment at San Angelo Stadium and poor collective special teams play could answer other parts of the question.

But one thing Hartman knows for certain: The loss has presented the Rebels a golden opportunity to re-focus themselves for their final three District 2-6A games. Lee (6-1, 2-1 in District 2-6A) will look to find its footing again when it hosts Odessa High (2-4, 0-2) in its homecoming game at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

As usual, the Rebels' "24-hour policy" has been in full effect this week.

"That's the big thing is to get them refocused," Hartman said. "You can't have a hangover and then let Odessa High come in here and not be prepared to play, because they'll beat your butt. I think our kids understand that. We tell them, 'Win or lose, you've got 24 hours to be happy or sad.' As of 10 a.m. Saturday I was over the last game and I'm looking toward Odessa."

Since his arrival last March, Hartman's vision for the program has been for it to hoist the Class 6A state championship trophy. He doesn't want his players to lose sight of that goal. So, in the team huddle following the loss, Hartman reminded the Rebels of what their 1998 brethren experienced en route to the first of three consecutive state titles.

That season Lee rolled to a 7-0 record to

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Lee, MHS still have work to do against 2-6A blue bloods

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In present day District 2-6A, it's clear to me that San Angelo Central and Odessa Permian have become the big games on the schedules of the Midland ISD football teams.

A win against either the Bobcats or Panthers can catapult a team toward a district championship or a playoff berth.

Last Friday, both Midland ISD programs had a chance to measure themselves against Central and Permian and neither one could muster a win.

Lee visited Central in a showdown of undefeated teams, the first time that's happened between the two squads in 31 years.

The Rebels picked the worst time to play their worst quarter of the season, burying themselves with a 35-0 deficit early in the second quarter.

The Bobcats coasted to a 52-28 victory over Lee, showing why they are gunning for a fifth-consecutive district title this season. Central (6-0, 2-0 in District 2-6A) has won 12 consecutive district games and holds a 24-2 district record since the start of the 2013 season.

While it was a disappointing outcome for a Rebels team with high expectations, it's important to remember that San Angelo Stadium is a house of horrors for virtually any opposing team not named Allen in recent years. Even if Lee (6-1, 2-1) has to travel to El Paso for a potential bi-district playoff game, it will not play in a tougher road venue this season than last Friday in the Concho Valley.

There are plenty of reasons for the Rebels to stay optimistic and look forward to the future despite their setback.

Team 57 still carries the district's most potent rushing attack, which says a lot in a league that has Permian and Amarillo Tascosa. And there's still plenty of football left to be played, so Lee is very much alive for a share of the District 2-6A title.

The Nov. 10 meeting between the Rebels and Permian (5-0, 2-0) could decide which team hangs a District 2-6A championship banner.

As for Midland High, it certainly earned some respect around the district for the way it hung tough with Permian for three quarters during Friday's 35-9 loss to the Panthers at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Bulldogs trailed Permian 7-3 at halftime and 14-3 through three quarters before fading in the fourth quarter.

MHS (1-6, 1-2) played with physicality against a Panthers team that prides itself on controlling the line of scrimmage. Bulldogs head coach Tim Anuszkiewicz said his young team showed plenty of positives in the perfor-

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Boxing

Gabriel Rosado vs. Glen Tapia, 10 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP

College Football

Louisiana at Arkansas State, 6:30 p.m., ESPNU

Memphis at Houston, 7 p.m., ESPN

Golf

EPGA: Andalucia Valderrama Masters, 1st Round, 8:30 a.m., GOLF

PGA: The CJ Cup at Nine Bridges, 1st Round, 9 p.m., GOLF

EPGA: Andalucia Valderrama Masters, 1st Round, 5 a.m., GOLF

High School Football

Dalton (Ga.) at Harrisburg (Ga.), 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

Major League Baseball

NLCS Game 5: LA Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., TBS, CNN Esp

Men's Soccer

UEFA Europa: FC Astana vs. Maccabi Tel Aviv FC, 10 a.m., FSP

UEFA Europa: FK Crvena Zvezda vs. Arsenal FC, Noon, FS2

UEFA Europa: OGC Nice vs. SSC Lazio, Noon, FSP

UEFA Europa: Olympique de Marseille vs. Vitoria SC Guimaraes, Noon, FSN (FSSW)

UEFA Europa: SK Vardar vs. Real Sociedade, Noon, ESPNDEP

UEFA Europa: Everton FC vs. Olympique Lyonnais, 2 p.m., FS1

UEFA Europa: AC Milan vs. AEK Athens FC, 2 p.m., FS2

UEFA Europa: Villarreal vs. SK Slavia Praha, 2 p.m., FSP, ESPNDEP

Motorsports

K&N Pro West Series: NAPA Auto Parts 150, 2:30 p.m., NBCSN

Whelen Series: Sunoco World Series 150, 5 p.m., NBCSN

National Basketball Association

New York at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., TNT

LA Clippers at LA Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT

National Football League

Kansas City at Oakland, 7:25 p.m., CBS, NFL, Amazon Prime

National Hockey League

Dallas at Arizona, 9 p.m., FSSW

Tennis

ATP: Stockholm, Quarterfinals, 5 a.m., TENNIS

Women's College Volleyball

Washington at Stanford, 10 p.m., ESPNU

Women's Soccer

NCAA: LSU vs. Texas A&M, 6 p.m., SEC

Friendly: USA vs. Korea Republic, 7:30 p.m., FS1

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

MINNESOTA TWINS — Announced they will decline the 2018 contract option on LHP Glen Perkins.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Assigned RHP Chris Smith outright to Nashville (PCL).

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Announced chief baseball analyst Tony La Russa is leaving the organization.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS — Suspended F Bobby Portis eight games for injuring teammate Nikola Mirotic during a fight at practice.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Signed G Vander Blue to a two-way contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed PK Dustin Hopkins on injured reserve. Signed PK Nick Rose.

OLYMPIC SPORTS

USA SWIMMING — Named Lindsay Mintenko National Team Division senior executive.

COLLEGE

BIG TEN CONFERENCE — Suspended Penn State hockey player Nate Sucese one game.

LOUISVILLE — Fired athletic director Tom Jurich.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	172	159
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	89	74
Miami	3	2	0	.600	61	84
N.Y.Jets	3	3	0	.500	109	130

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	3	3	0	.500	146	164
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	156	110
Houston	3	3	0	.500	177	147
Indianapolis	2	4	0	.333	119	195

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	118	102
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	114	124
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	84	83
Cleveland	0	6	0	.000	94	157

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	177	130
Denver	3	2	0	.600	108	97
L.A. Chargers	2	4	0	.333	116	131
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	124	126

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	5	1	0	.833	165	122
Washington	3	2	0	.600	117	113
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	125	132
N.Y Giants	1	5	0	.167	105	132

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	128	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	145	116
Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	121	109
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	118	121

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	4	2	0	.667	122	103
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	147	135
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	161	149
Chicago	2	4	0	.333	105	148

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.667	179	138
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	110	87
Arizona	3	3	0	.500	119	158
San Francisco	0	6	0	.000	113	146

Today's Game

Kansas City at Oakland, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at Buffalo, noon

New Orleans at Green Bay, noon

Baltimore at Minnesota, noon

Tennessee at Cleveland, noon

N.Y. Jets at Miami, noon

Jacksonville at Indianapolis, noon

Arizona vs L.A. Rams at London, UK, noon

Carolina at Chicago, noon

Dallas at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.

Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 3:25 p.m.

Denver at L.A. Chargers, 3:25 p.m.

Atlanta at New England, 7:30 p.m.

Open: Detroit, Houston

Monday's Game

Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	7	6	1	0	12	34	22
Tampa Bay	7	5	1	1	11	27	23
Ottawa	6	3	1	2	8	20	13
Detroit	7	4	3	0	8	23	21
Florida	5	2	3	0	4	17	20
Boston	5	2	3	0	4	14	18
Buffalo	7	1	4	2	4	18	28
Montreal	6	1	4	1	3	10	22

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	6	5	1	0	10	21	13
New Jersey	6	5	1	0	10	26	17
Pittsburgh	7	4	2	1	9	25	29
Philadelphia	6	4	2	0	8	26	16
Washington	7	3	3	1	7	23	24
Carolina	4	2	1	1	5	12	11
N.Y Islanders	6	2	3	1	5	15	18
N.Y Rangers	7	1	5	1	3	17	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	7	5	2	0	10	23	18
Chicago	7	4	2	1	9	27	18
Colorado	7	4	3	0	8	20	17
Nashville	6	3	2	1	7	18	17
Dallas	6	3	3	0	6	14	14
Winnipeg	6	3	3	0	6	18	23
Minnesota	4	1	1	2	4	15	16

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	6	5	1	0	10	20	15
Los Angeles	5	4	0	1	9	16	9
Calgary	6	4	2	0	8	17	17
Vancouver	5	2	2	1	5	12	14
Anaheim	6	2	3	1	5	12	17
San Jose	5	2	3	0	4	13	16
Edmonton	5	1	4	0	2	11	19
Arizona	6	0	5	1	1	12	25

Wednesday's Scores

Toronto 6, Detroit 3

St. Louis 5, Chicago 2

Montreal at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay at Columbus, 6 p.m.

Vancouver at Boston, 6 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

Nashville at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

New Jersey at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.

Edmonton at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Carolina at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Dallas at Arizona, 9 p.m.

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College Football

Thursday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
HOUSTON	3½	3	(61½)	Memphis
ARKANSAS ST	12	12½	(64)	Louisiana-Lafayette

Saturday

SMU	7½	8½	(65)	CINCINNATI
FAU	6½	3½	(63½)	North Texas
TCU	38	37½	(60½)	Kansas
UTSA	18½	21½	(51½)	Rice
ALABAMA	33	34½	(50½)	Tennessee
Oklahoma St	6	7½	(65)	TEXAS
West Virginia	9½	9	(71½)	BAYLOR
Auburn	13	14½	(54½)	ARKANSAS
FLORIDA ST	6	6	(57)	Louisville
S. ALABAMA	5	5	(60½)	Louisiana-Monroe
NOTRE DAME	3½	4	(60½)	SOUTHERN CAL
Oklahoma	12½	12½	(58)	KANSAS ST
TEXAS TECH	5	6	(71)	Iowa St

Thursday

Kansas City	2½	3	(47½)	OAKLAND

Sunday

Tennessee	7	6½	(46)	CLEVELAND
Jacksonville	4	3½	(40½)	INDIANAPOLIS
PITTSBURGH	6	5½	(41)	Cincinnati
MINNESOTA	4	5½	(39½)	Baltimore
MIAMI	5½	3	(38½)	NY Jets
BUFFALO	1½	OFF	(OFF)	Tampa Bay
Carolina	3	3	(49½)	CHICAGO
New Orleans	1½	6½	(47½)	GREEN BAY
LA Rams	3	3½	(47½)	Arizona
Dallas	4½	6	(47)	SAN FRANCISCO
Seattle	7½	5½	(39)	NY GIANTS
LA CHARGERS	+2½	1½	(42)	Denver
NEW ENGLAND	4½	3	(54)	Atlanta

Monday

PHILADELPHIA	6	4	(48½)	Washington

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Oct. 19

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

Oct. 21

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

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

At Turning Stone, Verona, N.Y. (HBO), Demetrius Andrade vs. Alantez Fox, 12, middleweights; Jezreel Corrales vs. Alberto Machado, 12, for Corrales' WBA Super World super featherweight title; D'Mitrius Ballard vs. Andrii Sarategui, 10, super middleweights; Lamont Roach Jr. vs. Luis Hinojosa, 10, junior lightweights.

Clean play lifts MC to sweep of Clarendon

By Will Korn
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The Midland College volleyball team refused to be average on Wednesday night.

A Lady Chaps squad, that has at times been hamstrung by inconsistent mental focus, took a set to settle into form. But after MC cut down on its early unforced errors, it coasted to a 25-14, 25-11, 25-10 sweep of visiting Clarendon College in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference match at Chaparral Center.

Sophomores Taylor Smith and Midland Classical Academy grad Kristen Johnson each posted 10 kills to lead second-place MC (24-3, 6-1 in WJCAC) to its seventh straight victory. Luisa Nieto and Cali Barger added eight and seven kills, respectively, for the Lady Chaps in the win.

Prior to Wednesday's match, MC coach Tammie Jimenez said she expected Clarendon (6-20, 1-6 in WJCAC) to be competitive despite its lowly record. With the help of nine unforced MC errors, the Lady Bulldogs delivered on that expectation and found a way to hang around in the first set despite a 12-2 Lady Chaps run midway.

MC clinched the set with the final three points, but Jimenez knew her team needed to tighten up its play in the next frames.

"We talked about being more efficient with our movement, more efficient with our transitions, reading better and just taking care of the ball better," Jimenez said.



Smith

The Lady Chaps answered the call with a much cleaner second set. MC committed just three errors, which helped to magnify a key 10-2 spurt midway through. As it did in the first set, MC finished strong with the last three points.



Johnson

Smith, who was a force for the Lady Chaps at the net all evening, said she and her teammates just needed to wake up and take control of the match.

"We started understanding it's game time, it's time to go, it's time to put balls down in play and that's when we started picking it back up," said Smith, who also recorded 1 ½ blocks. "We realized that (Clarendon) is not just going to lay down for us. We've got to fight for every point that we get.

"We wanted to make sure we stayed focused and didn't play silly. (We wanted to) make sure we stayed up and weren't average. That's what coach always tells us, 'Refuse to be average.'"

Putting the opponent away as soon as possible was an issue in last Wednesday's four-set home win against West Texas College, as MC mysteriously dropped the third frame after comfortably winning the first two.

MC minimized its miscues in the final set and had the Lady Bulldogs on their toes with an overwhelming attack nearly blemish-free.

"When we're playing a team that isn't on our level, we need to make sure we don't just go through the motions and just pound the ball," Smith said.

Jimenez added her team played with a sharper mental awareness from start to finish in the win. She said the key was each player taking a simpler approach within the game plan to produce a more convincing result.

"This match we were focused on every individual making two adjustments – whatever those two adjustments might be, whether it's improving the passing game, improving their serving and just being focused on two things," Jimenez said. "If we can improve two things at a time, player by player, we make better strides."

Desi Marmolejo had 17 assists and eight digs for MC, while Enia Agaj added five kills and 10 digs. Libero Lauren Hermes had 10 digs and four aces for the Lady Chaps.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE DEF. CLARENDON COLLEGE 25-14, 25-11, 25-10

Midland statistics

Kills – Taylor Smith 10, Kristen Johnson 10, Luisa Nieto 8, Cali Barger 7, Enia Agaj 5, Breann Schreiber 5, Desi Marmolejo 1

Assists – Ashley Van Gisson 21, Marmolejo 17, Lauren Hermes 4, Nieto 2, Agaj 1

Digs – Agaj 10, Schreiber 10, Hermes 10, Marmolejo 8, Van Gisson 5, Johnson 3, Nieto 1, Barger 1

Blocks – Smith 1.5, Johnson 1.5, Nieto 1.5, Barger 1, Schreiber 0.5

Aces – Van Gisson 1, Agaj 1, Nieto 1

Records: Clarendon 6-20, 1-6 in WJCAC; Midland 24-3, 6-1 in WJCAC

Next: Frank Phillips College at Clarendon College, 2 p.m. Saturday; Midland College at Odessa College, 2 p.m. Saturday

ALCS

From 1C

RBI double just inside the third base line and past a diving Alex Bregman. Brett Gardner sped all the way around from first and scored with a headfirst slide.

Bregman's throwing error on Chase Headley's infield single aided the Yankees in the fifth. Keuchel pitched around Judge and walked him with two outs before Sanchez lined a run-scoring single into the left-field corner.

Going into that at-bat, Sanchez was 1 for 16 with seven strikeouts in the series — and 0 for 8 with 6 strikeouts against Keuchel overall.

Gregorius then grounded an RBI single up the middle that grazed the glove of diving second baseman Jose Altuve. With the score 4-0, that was it for Keuchel after he yielded his most runs ever to New York.

Sanchez hit his third postseason homer off Brad Peacock in the seventh to make it 5-0.

Despite beautiful weather in the Bronx, the Astros didn't take batting practice on the field. If they were hoping that might help their slumping hitters reset, it didn't.

The highest-scoring team in the majors this season, Houston batted .153 through the first four games of the series and fared no better against Tanaka. The normally reserved right-hander from Japan, who can opt out of his $155 million contract this winter, has been at the top of his game in October and showed rare emotion on the mound during this one.

He worked around a leadoff double in the second, when the Yankees — with a stingy Keuchel undoubtedly in mind — successfully played their infield in with Yuli Gurriel on third and one out in a scoreless game. Tanaka later spun around and shouted in excitement after striking out struggling table-setters George Springer and Josh Reddick with two on to end the fifth.

Tanaka received treatment on his leg between starts after being struck by Reddick's liner in Game 1, but showed no ill effects. Keeping the ball down with his slider and splitter, he struck out eight and walked one.

MLB PLAYOFF GLANCE

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
American League
New York 3, Houston 2

Friday, Oct. 13: Houston 2, New York 1
Saturday, Oct. 14: Houston 2, New York 1
Monday, Oct. 16: New York 8, Houston 1
Tuesday, Oct. 17: New York 6, Houston 4
Wednesday, Oct. 18: New York 5, Houston 0
Friday, Oct. 20: New York (Severino 14-9) at Houston (Verlander 15-8), 7:08 p.m. (FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 21: New York at Houston, 7:08 p.m. (FS1)

National League
Los Angeles 3, Chicago 1

Saturday, Oct. 14: Los Angeles 5, Chicago 2
Sunday, Oct. 15: Los Angeles 4, Chicago 1
Tuesday, Oct. 17: Los Angeles 6, Chicago 1
Wednesday, Oct. 18: Chicago 3, Los Angeles 2
Thursday, Oct. 19: Los Angeles (Kershaw 18-4) at Chicago, 7:08 p.m. (TBS)
x-Saturday, Oct. 21: Chicago at Los Angeles, 2:08 or 7:08 p.m. (TBS)
x-Sunday, Oct. 22: Chicago at Los Angeles, 6:38 p.m. (TBS)

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All Games Televised by Fox

Game 1: Tuesday, Oct. 24
Game 2: Wednesday, Oct. 25
Game 3: Friday, Oct. 27
Game 4: Saturday, Oct. 28
Game 5: x-Sunday, Oct. 29
Game 6: x-Tuesday, Oct. 31
Game 7: x-Wednesday, Nov. 1

NBA ROUNDUP

HAWKS 117, MAVERICKS 111

DALLAS — Dennis Schroder scored 28 points in his first game as the front man for Atlanta and the rebuilding Hawks spoiled rookie Dennis Smith Jr.'s solid Dallas debut, beating the Mavericks 117-111 in the opener Wednesday night.

Marco Belinelli, a familiar face for the Mavericks as a former rival with San Antonio, added 20 points and was 4 of 6 from 3-point range to help the Hawks in their first game after letting Paul Millsap leave in free agency and dumping Dwight Howard.

Smith scored his first NBA points on an alley-oop dunk to open the Dallas scoring and finished with 16 points and a game-high 10 assists.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 10 points on 4-of-14 shooting and the 38-year-old German joined Kobe Bryant (Lakers) as the only players to reach 20 seasons with the same franchise. He was on the bench in the back-and-forth closing minutes.

Dewayne Dedmon followed a miss by Schroder for a layup to put Atlanta up 113-111 with 58 seconds left. Taurean Prince rebounded a missed 3 from Belinelli with the shot clock off and made both free throws for a four-point lead.

Schroder, Nowitzki's German countryman, was 13 of 26 from the field and led the Hawks with seven assists. All but three of his shots were inside the 3-point line.

The 19-year-old Smith, the ninth overall pick and Dallas' most important draft choice since Nowitzki 19 years ago, wasn't the only first-round rookie to play well. Atlanta's John Collins, the 19th pick, scored 14 points.

SPURS 107, TIMBERWOLVES 99

SAN ANTONIO — LaMarcus Aldridge had 25 points and 10 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs held on for a 107-99 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday night while opening the season without leading scorer Kawhi Leonard.

The Spurs were without Leonard and Tony Parker, but they had enough to hold off the revamped Timberwolves.

Minnesota bolstered its young lineup with the addition of veterans Jimmy Butler, Jamal Crawford, Taj Gibson and Jeff Teague. The quartet helped the Wolves rally from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter, but the Timberwolves only managed two field goals after taking a 92-91 lead with 5:02 remaining on an 18-foot jumper by Butler.

Butler finished with 12 points and Crawford had 10. Andrew Wiggins led Minnesota with 26 points and Karl-Anthony Towns had 18.

Aldridge had one of his most complete games with the Spurs, two days after signing a three-year, $72 million extension. He shot 9 for 21 from the field and had four assists.

He was limited to five attempts in the first quarter as the Spurs did not go out of their way to get the ball to their 6-foot-11 forward, but instead let him ease into the contest.

It's part of San Antonio's plans to make Aldridge more comfortable after two frustrating seasons with the Spurs.

Aldridge's running dunk on a bounce pass from Manu Ginobili gave the Spurs a 100-92 lead with 1:42 remaining.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	4	0	1.000	—
Brooklyn	3	1	.750	1
Toronto	2	2	.500	2
Philadelphia	1	3	.250	3
New York	0	4	.000	4

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	3	1	.750	—
Orlando	3	2	.600	½
Miami	3	2	.600	½
Atlanta	2	2	.500	1
Charlotte	1	3	.250	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	3	1	.750	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	½
Detroit	2	2	.500	1
Milwaukee	0	3	.000	2½
Cleveland	0	4	.000	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	3	0	1.000	—
Dallas	3	1	.750	½
Memphis	2	1	.667	1
San Antonio	2	2	.500	1½
New Orleans	1	2	.333	2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	5	0	1.000	—
Oklahoma City	3	1	.750	1½
Portland	3	1	.750	1½
Minnesota	2	1	.667	2
Denver	3	2	.600	2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	1	2	.333	—
Phoenix	1	2	.333	—
L.A. Clippers	1	2	.333	—
Sacramento	1	3	.250	½
L.A. Lakers	1	4	.200	1

Wednesday's Scores

Boston 106, Charlotte 100
Miami 117, Washington 115
Philadelphia 128, Brooklyn 114
Houston at Memphis, late
Portland at Phoenix, late

Today's Games

Dallas at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

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12/31 Toasting for Tails New Year's Eve Party at DoubleTree

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REPORTER-TELEGRAM FOOTBALL PREDICTIONS

Week 7
Oct. 12–Oct. 15



Chris Hedorn
Season: 109-31
Percent: .779



Oscar LeRoy
Season: 107-33
Percent.: .764



Evan Winston
Season: 104-36
Percent: .743



Will Korn
Season: 97-43
Percent: .693

High school

Odessa High at Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee	Lee
Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Amarillo Tascosa	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian
San Angelo Central at Wolfforth Frenship	San Angelo Central	San Angelo Central	San Angelo Central	San Angelo Central
Fort Worth SW Christian at Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Midland Christian	Fort Worth SW Christian	Midland Christian
Trinity at Willow Park	Willow Park	Willow Park	Willow Park	Willow Park
Fabens at Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews	Andrews
Abilene Wylie at Big Spring	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie	Abilene Wylie
Coahoma at Idalou	Coahoma	Idalou	Coahoma	Coahoma
Lubbock Roosevelt at Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton	Stanton
Garden City vs. Milford at Santa Anna	Garden City	Milford	Milford	Milford
Dawson at Grady	Grady	Grady	Dawson	Dawson

College

Iowa State at Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Iowa State	Texas Tech
UTPB vs. Quincy at Miami, Oklahoma	UTPB	Quincy	UTPB	Quincy
Oklahoma State at Texas	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Texas
Kansas at TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU	TCU
West Virginia at Baylor	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia
Memphis at Houston	Houston	Memphis	Memphis	Houston
Oklahoma at Kansas State	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Kansas State
USC at Notre Dame	USC	Notre Dame	USC	Notre Dame

NFL

Dallas at San Francisco	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas

LEE MVPS



Standard

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Bostick

OFFENSE
Colby Standard, Sr., QB

Against the Bobcats, Standard completed 14 of his 19 passes for 250 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. He also ran 22 times for 122 yards and a score.

DEFENSE
Michael Hinojosa, So., LB

In the absence of captains Nunez and Rodriguez, Hinojosa stepped up for the Rebels once again. He notched a team-high 14 total tackles (10 solo) and three for a loss.

SPECIAL TEAMS
Jonathan Bostick, Sr., Gunner

Hartman praised Bostick's energy and hustle on Lee's special teams units against Central.

MHS MVPS



Galindo



Simmons



Terhune

OFFENSE
Michael Galindo, Sr., WR

Galindo had five receptions for 75 yards and a long catch of 24 yards in the Bulldogs' 35-9 loss to Permian last Friday. Galindo had a 20-yard reception in the fourth quarter, which set up MHS' only touchdown of the game.

DEFENSE
Logan Simmons, Sr., DE

Simmons had five tackles, one tackle for loss, one sack and a fumble recovery against the Panthers. Simmons has emerged as a playmaker in the last three games, making at least one big defensive play in each contest.

SPECIAL TEAMS
Jalen Terhune, Sr., KR/PR

Terhune had a 30-yard punt return against Permian. Terhune finished with 98 all-purpose yards from receiving, kickoff returns and punt returns.

LEE

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start, smashing opponents by an average of nearly 30 points per game. But then came a hiccup – unable to recover from a flurry of turnovers, the Rebels fell flat in a 21-14 road loss against Abilene Cooper.

Hartman noted that former Lee coach John Parchman and his players took the loss as a teaching moment, reset themselves and proceeded to reel off eight consecutive games to bring home the state championship.

Two years later, the Rebels stumbled against Odessa High in a 27-17 loss in their sixth game of the 2000 season. But again, Lee kept sight of its objective and completed the three-peat with a 33-21 victory over Austin Westlake nine weeks later.

Just as Parchman's Rebels took those losses and bettered themselves because of it, Hartman believes his players are capable of the same this year.

"We compared it (to the 1998 season) to let these kids know that every goal they still have out there is still there," Hartman said. "But if we don't fix the little things – special teams and fundamentals – if we don't do that, eventually somebody is going to put their pads up for good four or five weeks down the road.

"The sin would be not learning the lessons of (the Central) game. The sin isn't that we had the problems, but if we don't correct them that's our fault. We have no confidence issue and our kids can bounce back. We feel good and they feel good."

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Rebel Yells

■ Standard, who fired his 12th and 13th touchdown passes of the season last Friday, will be wearing Jacob Power's honorary No. 37 jersey this week against Odessa High.

■ The Rebels recorded a season-low 61 total tackles against the Bobcats, including eight for a loss. They totaled over 100 tackles in each of the previous two games against Midland High and Amarillo Tascosa.

■ The defense also had a difficult time generating pressure, as it was credited with only one quarterback hurry. Lee was averaging just over 7 ½ quarterback hurries per contest entering the Central game.

■ Friday is Lee's homecoming game. The Rebels last homecoming victory came in a 35-16 win against El Paso El Dorado on Sept. 18, 2015.

■ At 2-1, Lee is currently tied with Amarillo Tascosa for third place in the District 2-6A standings, but hold the head-to-head tiebreaker over Tascosa by virtue of its 56-42 win on Oct. 6.

2017 Lee statistics
(5-1, 2-1)

Opponents	76	52	27	39–194
Lee	83	113	77	68–319

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Josh Traylor	103	1,097	10.7	16
Avery Akbar	79	718	9.1	9
Colby Standard	85	721	8.5	6
Y'Mari Collins	10	54	5.4	0
Felix Hinojosa	4	54	13.5	1
Isaiah Harvey	7	30	7.5	1
Isaiah Ramirez	1	10	10.0	0
Totals	289	2,684	9.3	33

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Colby Standard	82	135	4	1,340	11
Felix Hinojosa	2	4	0	29	1
John Henry Garcia	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	84	140	5	1,369	12

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Grant Brown	23	478	20	6
Sheldon Bass	23	334	14.5	3
Loic Fouonji	7	153	21.9	2
Tyler Madrid	10	138	13.8	1
Avery Akbar	7	91	13.0	0
Josh Traylor	6	81	13.5	0
Isaiah Ramirez	3	53	17.7	0
John Henry Garcia	3	20	6.7	0
Jordan McDonald	1	17	17.0	0
Fernando Hernandez	1	10	10.0	0
Totals	84	1,375	16.4	12

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	S	TP
Josh Traylor	16	0	0	0	0	96
Avery Akbar	9	0	0	0	0	54
John Thompson	0	43	0	0	0	43
Colby Standard	6	0	0	0	0	36
Grant Brown	6	0	0	0	0	36
Sheldon Bass	3	0	0	0	0	18
Loic Fouonji	2	0	0	0	0	12
Tyler Madrid	1	0	0	0	0	6
Felix Hinojosa	1	0	0	0	0	6
Isaiah Harvey	1	0	0	0	0	6
Team	0	0	2	0	2	4
Totals	45	43	1	0	2	319

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Loic Fouonji	17	636	37.4
Totals	17	636	37.4

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	S	CF	FR	FO	INT
Isaiah Nunez	42	29	72	8	2	1	0	3	0
Kougar Rodriguez	30	25	55	4	1	0	0	0	
Karl Taylor	30	20	50	5	0	1	0	3	1
Michael Hinojosa	37	11	48	7	1	0	0	0	0
Adraylt Burnett	27	20	47	2	1	0	0	1	0
Mykai Pertile	26	12	38	1	0	0	0	2	0
Joseph Hart	20	12	32	5	0	0	0	0	0
Elijah Prince	23	7	30	2	0	0	0	6	0
Jaiven White	13	15	28	3	1	0	0	1	0
Zack Morales	19	3	22	0	1	0	0	0	1
Logan Acosta	12	8	21	1	0	0	0	4	0
Trey Jacobo	9	8	17	0	0	0	0	3	0
Nathan Lopez	6	10	16	1	0	0	0	1	0
Deravion Spragler	8	7	15	2	1	0	0	0	1
Javien Johnson	8	5	13	1	0	0	0	0	
Oscar Valadez	3	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Isaiah Garza	5	8	13	2	0	0	1	0	0
Isaiah Harvey	8	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tracy Mackey	6	4	10	2	2	0	0	0	0
Daedrian Madrid	7	3	10	4	2	1	0	0	0
Jonathan Bostick	2	6	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dylan Goode	2	6	8	1	2	0	0	0	0
Owen Sullivan	6	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Y'Mari Collins	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keenan Leal	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryce Jones	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trent Low	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abraham Mendez	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dakota Meeks	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joe Cervantez	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loic Fouonji	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Henry Garcia	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlos Rodriguez	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - Solo tackle, AT - Assisted tackle, TT - Total tackle, TFL - Tackle for loss, S - Sack, CF - Caused fumble, FR - Fumble recovery, PD - Pass defended, INT - Interception

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
2,684	383.4	1,369	195.6	4,053	579.0

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,408	201.1	1,322	188.9	2,730	390.0

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While it was a confidence booster in some respects for MHS, the fifth-place Bulldogs are in need of victories in order to reach for the postseason for a fourth-straight season.

Following this week's open date, MHS visits third-place Tascosa (6-1, 2-1) and hosts first-place Central in consecutive games, and those outcomes will determine whether the Bulldogs are postseason-bound or not.

MHS hasn't knocked off Central since 2011, but it may need to snap that dubious losing streak against the Bobcats — the district's gold standard, in order to extend its season into mid-November.

In November, Lee and Midland High will have a chance to prove themselves against Permian and Central, and much will be riding on those outcomes.

Here is a look at this week's District 2-6A games:

Odessa High at Lee, 7:30 p.m. Friday

Coming off a bye, the Bronchos (2-4, 0-2) are in need of a victory to re-enter the playoff race. OHS is much improved with its speed-laden squad, but it's uncertain whether standout dual-threat QB Trey Smith will play. The Bronchos offense will score points, but Lee's explosive running game will be the difference.

Lee 42, Odessa High 28

Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian, 7:30 p.m. Friday

Tascosa is certainly not intimidated by Mojo as it stunned the Panthers 17-10 in a 2015 area playoff and edged Permian 21-10 last year. Both teams operate similar run-oriented offenses with risky pitch plays, so the key might be which team takes care of the football and doesn't fumble at inopportune times.

Permian 31, Tascosa 28

San Angelo Central at Wolfforth Frenship, 7:30 p.m. Friday

The winless Tigers (0-7, 0-3) have fallen under hard times under first-year head coach Jay Northcutt, averaging just 9.3 points in their three district games. Bobcats junior QB Maverick McIvor has been on a torrid streak, throwing for 5 TD passes in four straight games.

Central 49, Frenship 14

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Last week, MHS was able to strip the ball out of Permian's grasp, as Bulldogs defenders Jordan Ortega and Logan Simmons had fumble recoveries in the first quarter.

Anuszkiewicz was disappointed that none of the defensive turnovers turned into points for the MHS offense.

"We have to learn how to finish, capitalize on the good things that are our defense is doing," Anuszkiewicz said. "I think the biggest factor that I see is that those kids are playing together as a unit right now."

Junior defensive tackle Isaiah Hernandez, senior linebacker Angel Nabarrette and Simmons, a senior defensive end, have stepped up their performance during the Bulldogs' recent turnaround on defense.

Hernandez was a force on the inside against Permian, registering seven tackles and one tackle for loss to earn defensive MVP honors from the coaching staff this week.

"The neat thing about Isaiah, he kind of flew under the radar all year," Anuszkiewicz said. "I think last year, he started out on our Purple JV team and he's a worker. He has a great motor. He doesn't blow assignments, so he is playing really well. I think he's been a big surprise for us.

"It's kind of neat to see a kid just stay the course and keep working and put himself in a position to be competitive. A year ago, I'm not sure I would have thought he'd be in this position, but that's just a credit to Isaiah and the kind of kid he is. He is an unselfish player. He doesn't say a whole lot, but his actions speak a lot louder than words."

Meanwhile, Simmons' play on the outside has forced the MHS coaches to move senior leader Stetson Abney from the defensive end position to the tackle spot in order to get their best players on the gridiron. Simmons had a tackle for loss and a sack against the Panthers.

The Bulldogs defense will face another challenge against a run-oriented team when they visit Amarillo Tascosa (6-1, 2-1) and its wishbone offense at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 27.

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Bulldog Bites

■ A vaunted Permian run defense held MHS' rush attack to only 66 yards on 23 attempts. It was by far the worst performance of the season for a Bulldogs run offense that is averaging 213.7 yards a game.

"We came in Monday and watched the film, we were a little bit disappointed in our run blocking," Anuszkiewicz said. "We felt like there were some plays there that we either missed one block here or one block there, so that gives us something to work on."

■ MHS left offensive tackle Omar Villanueva earned the coaching staff's honor for being the top performing offensive lineman against Permian, the third time he has earned the distinction this season.

Galindo, wide receiver Sam Hullender, Nabarrette, Simmons, Hernandez and Terhune were also recognized at the booster club meeting.

■ MHS currently sits in fifth place in the District 2-6A standings at 1-2, one game back of a playoff spot. Anuszkiewicz believes three wins is the target to secure one of the four playoff spots with three games remaining.

"Simply put, we got to win two out of three games," Anuszkiewicz said. "If we can win two of three, I think we can be a playoff team with three wins in this district. We've got to go and finish games."

2017 MIDLAND HIGH STATISTICS
(1-6, 1-2)

Opponents	73	86	50	65–274
MHS	40	38	28	53–159

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Timothy Gates	104	562	5.4	6
DQ Harris	58	385	6.6	1
Suddin Sapien	59	322	5.5	3
Elijah Turner	18	131	7.3	0
Caedon McDonald	6	31	5.2	0
Nic Gonzales	3	27	9.0	0
Matt Prater	6	22	3.7	0
Riggs McDonald	3	16	5.3	0
Totals	257	1,496	5.8	9

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Suddin Sapien	58	122	3	780	8
Riggs McDonald	23	45	1	282	3
Elijah Turner	1	4	0	41	0
Totals	82	171	4	1,113	11

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jalen Terhune	13	321	24.7	3
Michael Galindo	9	248	13.1	
Darius Manning	11	155	15.5	
Sam Hullender	5	64	12.8	
Ricky Rodriguez	5	46	9.2	
Caedon McDonald	6	55	9.2	
Timothy Gates	6	53	8.8	
DQ Harris	6	39	6.5	
Elijah Turner	1	49	49.0	
Campbell Keithley	1	38	38.0	
Josh Lehrer	1	10	10.0	
Nic Gonzales	1	5	5.0	
Totals	82	1,113	13.6	11

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Timothy Gates	8				48
Ivan Campos	1	16	0	3	25
Suddin Sapien	1				6
Jalen Terhune	3				18
Darius Manning	1				6
DQ Harris	1				6
Michael Galindo	1				6
Ricky Rodriguez	1				6
Ross Marker	1				6
Josh Acrey	1				6
Sam Hullender	1				6
Simon Glenn	1				6
Totals	22	16	1	3	159

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	In20
Nic Gonzales	33	1,147	34.8	59	7
Elijah Turner	3	97	32.3	39	1
Totals	36	1,244	34.6	59	7

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	Long
Tony Zarate	1	0	0.0	0
Totals	1	0	0.0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	S	FC	FR
Eastman	54	17	71	5	1	1	1
Marker	23	17	40	4	1	1	0
Glenn	33	4	37	5	3	0	0
Nabarrette	26	7	33	3	1	1	0
Zarate	26	3	29	0	0	0	0
Brown	24	5	29	0	0	0	0
Hernandez	13	15	28	4	0	0	0
Abney	21	7	28	5	3	0	1
Ortega	19	9	28	4	3	0	2
Porter	14	4	18	0	0	0	0
Simmons	6	5	11	3	2	0	1
Acrey	13	0	13	0	0	1	0
Horne	9	4	13	3	0	0	0
Ruiz	5	7	12	1	1	0	0
McCullough	6	3	9	1	0	0	0
Ryan	5	3	8	1	0	0	0
York	3	5	8	1	0	0	0
Mayfield	3	3	6	1	0	0	0
Williams	2	3	5	0	0	0	0
Nathvad	2	3	5	0	0	0	0
Kirkland	2	3	5	0	0	0	0
Mills	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Gonzales	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Aaron	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Vargas	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Salazar	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Portillo	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
C. McDonald	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackle, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss, FC - fumble caused, FR - fumble recovery

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,496	213.7	1,113	159.0	2,609	372.7

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,753	250.4	1,425	203.3	3,176	453.7

No. 25 Memphis looks to build on success

By Jeremy Rakes
Associated Press

HOUSTON — No. 25 Memphis is looking for more after earning its first Top 25 ranking since 2015.

The Tigers (5-1, 2-1 American) will get their first chance do that when they visit Houston (4-2, 2-1) on Thursday night in key divisional showdown.

"Just because we have a number in front of our name doesn't give us any added advantage," coach Mike Norvell said. "If we want to keep that, we've got to go out there and play to the best of our abilities. We're grateful for the exposure, we're grateful for the recognition from people across this country on where our program is going. But just like anything else, you've got to earn it."

The last time Memphis was ranked, the Cougars came from behind to beat the Tigers, 35-34, in Houston on Nov. 14, 2015. Last year, Memphis defeated the Cougars, 48-44, in the regular-season finale.

The Tigers are in a tough stretch after handing Navy its first conference loss last week. Memphis forced five turnovers against the Midshipmen, and Norvell knows the defense will be important again against the Cougars.

Suspension on hold again, Cowboys' Elliott returns to team

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Ezekiel Elliott was back with the Dallas Cowboys on Wednesday, his six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations on hold again after the star running back served a day of it waiting for another reprieve that eventually came.

Last year's NFL rushing leader left no doubt that he will keep fighting a legal battle that so far has lasted six weeks with hearings in three courts in three states.

A fourth hearing — and the second in a New York court — should happen before the end of the month.

"It's fighting for your name, that's what it is," Elliott said. "I think my representatives have done a good job just going out there and fighting for me. It's been a lot of hard work and it's definitely a tough job. They've definitely served me well."

Elliott was granted his second temporary restraining order, this one from a New York judge , Tuesday night, clearing him to play Sunday at the San Francisco 49ers.

He likely will be eligible the following week at Washington based on the court's timeline for another hearing.

The 22-year-old Elliott was suspended in August by Commissioner Roger Goodell after the league concluded following a yearlong investigation that he had several physical confrontations in the summer of 2016 with Tiffany Thompson, his girlfriend at the time.

The NFL investigated after prosecutors in Columbus, Ohio, decided not to pursue the case in the city where Elliott starred for Ohio State, citing conflicting evidence. Elliott denied the allegations under oath during his NFL appeal.

"When you get accused of something of that magnitude, you kind of get labeled as an abuser," Elliott said Wednesday.

"And that's just not me, that's not how I want to be seen. That's not how I want to represent my family. It's just important for me to fight."

Elliott's teammates are behind him, even if it is a distraction. And at least one player is willing to acknowledge it is, along with owner Jerry Jones' self-induced saga of threatening to bench players who don't stand for the national anthem. Both issues percolated during the bye last week.

"Just been some tough things going on," linebacker Justin Durant said. "Obviously some stuff that's out of our hands. Trying to deal with it the best way we can."

Elliott was suspended Tuesday when the Cowboys returned from their week off.

The NFL placed him on the suspended list Friday, a day after a federal appeals court overturned a Texas court's injunction that had kept Elliott on the field in Weeks 2-5.

With the ruling in New York, Elliott didn't miss any practice time. He was on the field for the first full workout Wednesday.

"I don't find it frustrating," said quarterback Dak Prescott, who teamed with Elliott last year for a pair of remarkable rookie seasons that helped carry the Cowboys to the best record in the NFC.

"I find that there's nothing I really can do. Just as I said, we'll take it week by week. And as of this week, he's playing so that's all we're worried about."

The Cowboys (2-3) have already matched last season's loss total, as has Prescott with his interceptions (four).

Since the 49ers are winless at 0-6, a return to the playoffs could get difficult if Dallas doesn't win.

But the outlook is already brighter than it was over the weekend, when the Cowboys were thinking they would have to find a way to rebound without their top running back until late November.

"For us it's really been status quo," coach Jason Garrett said. "Control what we can control. We think Zeke's done an excellent job of focusing on what he needs to do. We certainly try to do that as a football team. So nothing's really changed from our perspective."

NOTES: DT Stephen Paea retired last week after consulting with medical staff over a knee injury the 29-year-old had been battling for several weeks. The Cowboys placed him on injured reserve and have yet to fill the roster spot. ... All-Pro LB Sean Lee returned to practice during the bye and is expected to play against the 49ers after missing two games with a hamstring injury.



Ron Jenkins/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott (21) ad quarterback Dak Prescott (4) run off the field celebrating during an NFL game against the Green Bay Packers on Oct. 8 in Arlington. Elliott, on Tuesday, was granted another legal reprieve in the running back's fight to avoid a six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations, clearing him to play Sunday at San Francisco.

NFL will stage draft in Dallas next April

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL draft is headed for Dallas.

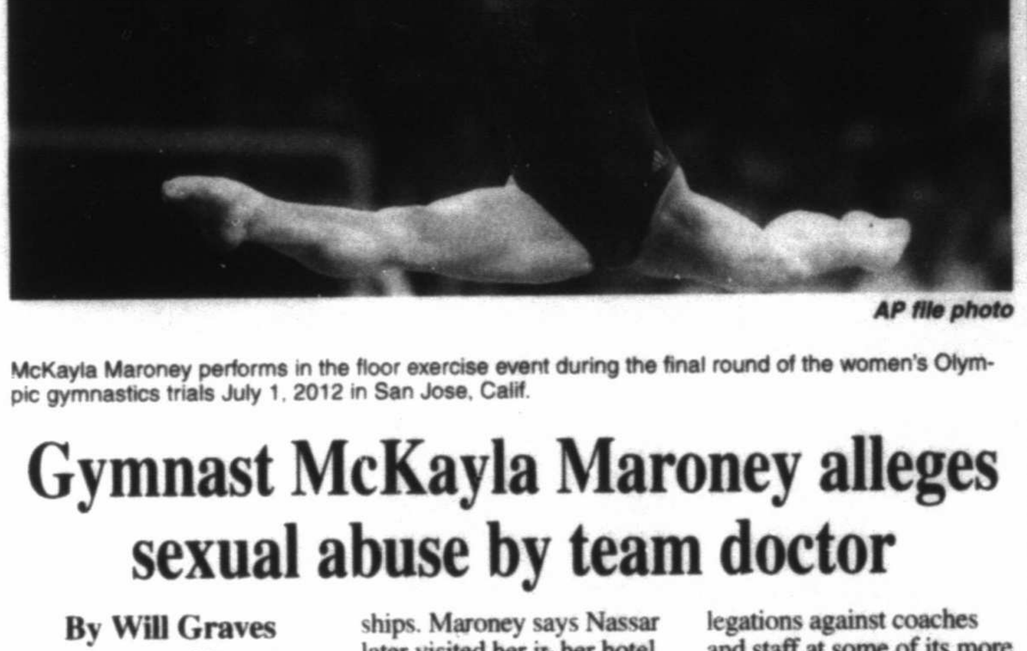
Well, for AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, which the Cowboys call home. It's the first time the draft will happen in an NFL stadium.

The Cowboys will host the 2018 draft from April 28-30. Virtually every NFL city, plus the Pro Football Hall of Fame site in Canton, Ohio, has expressed interest in holding the draft now that the league moves it around.

After decades in New York, the draft was moved to Chicago in 2015 and was held there again in 2016. It drew huge crowds, whetting the NFL's appetite for taking bids to host it.

Last year, the draft was in Philadelphia at the iconic Art Museum steps. It drew 250,000 fans for the first draft held outdoors.

"I really think we came up with an idea and concept that will deliver a unique experience unlike anything seen at the NFL draft so far," said Cowboys executive Charlotte Jones Anderson.



AP file photo

McKayla Maroney performs in the floor exercise event during the final round of the women's Olympic gymnastics trials July 1, 2012 in San Jose, Calif.

Gymnast McKayla Maroney alleges sexual abuse by team doctor

By Will Graves
Associated Press

Two-time Olympic medalist McKayla Maroney says she was molested for years by a former USA Gymnastics team doctor, abuse she said started in her early teens and continued for the rest of her competitive career.

Maroney posted a lengthy statement on Twitter early Wednesday that described the allegations of abuse against Dr. Larry Nassar, who spent three decades working with athletes at USA Gymnastics but now is in jail in Michigan awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to possession of child pornography. Nassar also is awaiting trial on separate criminal sexual conduct charges and has been sued by more than 125 women alleging abuse.

Nassar has pleaded not guilty to the assault charges, and the dozens of civil suits filed in Michigan are currently in mediation.

Maroney, now 21, says the abuse began while attending a U.S. National team training camp at the Karolyi Ranch in the Sam Houston Forest north of Houston, Texas. Maroney was 13 at the time and wrote that Nassar told her she was receiving "medically necessary treatment he had been performing on patients for over 30 years." Maroney did not detail Nassar's specific actions.

Maroney, who won a team gold and an individual silver on vault as part of the "Fierce Five" U.S. women's team at the 2012 Olympics in London, said Nassar continued to give her "treatment" throughout her career. She described Nassar giving her a sleeping pill while the team traveled to Japan for the 2011 world championships. Maroney says Nassar later visited her in her hotel room after the team arrived in Tokyo, where he molested her yet again.

"I thought I was going to die that night," Maroney wrote.

Maroney did not immediately return an interview request from The Associated Press. Attorneys for Nassar had no comment.

Maroney says she decided to come forward as part of the "#MeToo" movement on social media that arose in the wake of allegations of sexual misconduct against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein.

"This is happening everywhere," Maroney wrote. "Wherever there is a position of power, there is the potential for abuse. I had a dream to go to the Olympics, and the things I had to endure to get there, were unnecessary and disgusting."

Maroney called for change, urging other victims to speak out and demanding organizations "be held accountable for their inappropriate actions and behavior."

Maroney is the highest profile gymnast yet to come forward claiming she was abused by Nassar. Jamie Dantzscher, a bronze medalist on the 2000 U.S. Olympic team, was part of the initial wave of lawsuits filed against Nassar in 2016. Aly Raisman, who won six medals while serving as the captain of the U.S. women's team in both 2012 and 2016, called for sweeping change at USA Gymnastics in August.

USA Gymnastics launched an independent review of its policies in the wake of the allegations against Nassar in the summer of 2016 following reporting by the Indianapolis Star that highlighted chronic mishandling of abuse allegations against coaches and staff at some of its more than 3,500 clubs across the country.

In June, the federation immediately adopted 70 recommendations proffered by Deborah Daniels, a former federal prosecutor who oversaw the review. The new guidelines require member gyms to go to authorities immediately, with Daniels suggesting USA Gymnastics consider withholding membership from clubs that decline to do so. The organization also named Toby Stark, a child welfare advocate, as its director of SafeSport. Part of Stark's mandate is educating members on rules, educational programs, reporting and adjudication services.

USA Gymnastics praised Maroney's strength in a statement on Wednesday, adding it is "outraged and disgusted" by Nassar's alleged conduct.

"We are strengthening and enhancing our policies and procedures regarding abuse, as well as expanding our educational efforts to increase awareness of signs to watch for and reporting suspicions of abuse, including the obligation to immediately report," USA Gymnastics wrote. "USA Gymnastics, its members and community are committed to working together to keep our athletes as safe as possible."

The organization had initially agreed to purchase the training facility at the Karolyi Ranch following longtime national team coordinator Martha Karolyi's retirement shortly after the 2016 Olympics ended. The organization has since opted out of that agreement. The organization also fired president Steve Penny in March. A replacement has not been named.

Oklahoma vs Kansas St pits oldest, youngest FBS coaches

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Bill Snyder coached his first game as Kansas State's head coach in 1989.

At the time, Lincoln Riley had just turned six.

Now, they will match wits. Kansas State's Snyder is, at 78, the oldest coach in the Football Bowl Subdivision. Riley, Oklahoma's 34-year-old prodigy, is the youngest. Their teams will face off Saturday when the ninth-ranked Sooners travel to Manhattan to face the Wildcats.

Snyder has been a head coach for 26 years and has a career record of 205-108-1. In the months following his sudden offseason promotion to head coach, he has gained even more respect for Snyder's body of work.

"I'm not going to be doing it at 78, I can tell you that much," Riley said. "It's amazing. It's just — I can't even comprehend it, honestly. Honestly, even now being in this role, I probably appreciate it even more with what he's done and how he's — as everybody said, it's one of the greatest coaching jobs in history, any sport, anywhere."

Riley said he likes the way Snyder has been able to plug people into his system and remain successful. Snyder has relied heavily on junior college players over the years.

"His longevity, the consistency, the way those guys have played for so long — and then, he does it with new players year-in and year-out," Riley said. "It's remarkable."

Snyder said he hasn't followed Riley for long, but he likes what he has seen so far. Snyder said he can see Riley's work in quarterback Baker Mayfield's progress. Riley was Oklahoma's offensive coordinator in 2015 and 2016, and Mayfield finished fourth and third in the Heisman balloting those years. Mayfield set the NCAA record for passing efficiency last season.

"I know that in his tenure at Oklahoma that he's brought a very productive offense to the table," Snyder said of Riley. "I think he's matured his quarterback a great deal and has really been pretty beneficial in his development, which has been tremendous."

Snyder continues to make an impression on the younger generation with the letters he sometimes sends opposing players after games. Mayfield has received three of them over the years and values them greatly.

"It can't get much better than him," Mayfield said. "People around college football have so much respect for him. Obviously, they do at Kansas State. He's been there for a while and it's a special thing to have respect from a guy like that because he's very well-known and he's established."

Kansas State has had a bit of an up-and-down start. Even though the Wildcats are 3-3 and coming off a 26-6 loss to TCU, Mayfield considers the Wildcats to be a dangerous foe.

"It's always fun playing against his teams because they're always fundamental and they're well-coached and you've got to play well to beat them," he said. "If you make mistakes, they're going to capitalize."

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear main lake, stained to muddy up the river; 72-78 degrees; 3.83 feet low. Black bass are fair on 7-inch Power Worms, spoons, topwaters and jigs. Crappie and bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on live bait and punch bait.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 73-79 degrees; 1.53 feet low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

COLORADO CITY: 14.69 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water off color; 72-78 degrees; 0.68 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, white squarebill crankbaits and watermelon seed flukes. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 73-78 degrees; 2.35 feet low. Black bass are fair to good chrome/black Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and shaky-heads. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and live shiners.

NASWORTHY: 73-77 degrees; 1.26 feet low. Black bass are fair on lipless crankbaits, Texas rigs and black/blue jigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 72-76 degrees; 9.95 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Shad/Blue Glimmer ChatterBaits, Texas rigs and shaky-heads. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 71-78 degrees; 36.63 feet low. Black bass are fair on squarebill crankbaits, Texas rigs and ¼-oz. green pumpkin jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 74-79 degrees; 0.31 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits early, later switching to Carolina rigs, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs and tail spinners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 50 feet low. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 72-79 degrees; 0.08 feet high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and Sexy Shad colored crankbaits. Crappie are fair on live minnows around structure. White bass are fair on live bait and Little Georges. Blue catfish are fair on cut and live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 71-78 degrees; 23.75 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 73-78 degrees; 20.55 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and spinnerbaits. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

CENTRAL

AUSTIN: Water stained; 68-78 degrees; 0.8 feet low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, squarebill crankbaits and chrome Rat-L-Traps. Sunfish are fair to good on cut nightcrawlers. Catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

BASTROP: Water stained; 76-82 degrees. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and chartreuse Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on frozen shrimp and bloodbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water stained; 79-83 degrees; 1.66 feet low. Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits and topwaters. Hybrid striper are good on live shad. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on hot dogs and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 78-82 degrees; 2.33 feet low. Black bass are good on green pumpkin and redbug soft plastic worms near docks in 4-8 feet, chartreuse/white spinnerbaits in 3-5 feet, and on white flukes in newly flooded grass early and late. White bass are fair on U1 Fishies off lighted docks at night in 15-25 feet. Crappie are very good on minnows and white or shad U1 Fishies over brush piles in 8-15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 80-84 degrees; 1.94 feet low. Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits, Rat-L-Traps, and chartreuse crankbaits in 8-20 feet. Striped bass are good on Red Fins, Zara Spooks, and drifting or free lining live bait in 25-40 feet. White bass are fair on Tiny Traps and 2-inch plastic swim baits along the river channel. Crappie are good on pink/white tube jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are good on liver, live minnows, and cheesebait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on live and dead shad.

CANYON LAKE: Water stained; 81-85 degrees; 2.61 feet low. Black bass are fair on Smokin' Green Devil's Tongues on drop shot rigs and Texas rigged 6-inch pumpkin Scoundrel worms along main lake bluffs in 12-25 feet. Striped bass are fair jigging 1-oz. Pink Minnows at daylight. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are fair on smoke grubs and pumpkin Curb's jigs with craw trailers in 10-25 feet. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink/white tube jigs upriver. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with live goldfish and perch.

COLEMAN: Water stained; 79-83 degrees; 1.72 feet low. Black bass are good on chartreuse spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are fair on shad spoons. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are good on shad patterned Pop-R's and Spittin' Images early. Red eye perch are good on worms in 2-6 feet. Channel and blue catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 77-81 degrees; 0.15 feet low. Black bass are good on shad colored spinnerbaits and crankbaits, and on topwaters early and late. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows, hellbenders, and silver spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on glinkbait, liver, and nightcrawlers.

GRANGER: Water stained; 78-82 degrees; 0.11 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are fair on U1 Fishies off points. Crappie are good on chartreuse jigs tipped with Berkley Crappie Nibbles in 7-15 feet. Blue catfish are fair on fresh shad. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.

LBJ: Water stained; 80-84 degrees; 0.64 feet low. Black bass are good on Curb's buzzbaits, clear swim baits, and watermelon/purple flake Whacky Sticks in 5-15 feet early. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on U1 Fishies at night. Crappie are fair on live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on minnows and liver. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 79-83 degrees; 1.28 feet low. Black bass are slow. White bass are fair on shad colored U1 Fishies. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 77-81 degrees; 2.25 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are fair on white striper jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on stinkbait, shrimp, and shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 78-82 degrees; 7.01 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are good on minnows at night. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows, nightcrawlers, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 79-83 degrees; 1.45 feet low. Black bass are fair on tequila sunrise Power Baits. White bass are good on watermelon red and green pumpkin soft plastics in 15 feet. Crappie are good on minnows in 15 feet. Channel and blue catfish are fair on chicken livers and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water stained; 79-83 degrees; 0.92 feet low. Black bass are fair on dark soft plastic worms and crankbaits in 6-18 feet. Striped bass are fair on white grubs and jigging spoons in 30-40 feet. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers and fresh cut bait in 25-40 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and spinnerbaits. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on bloodbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water stained; 78-82 degrees; 4.35 feet low. Black bass are fair on yellow/white spinnerbaits and crankbaits, and on topwaters on-by. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and pet spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are fair on frozen shrimp, liver, and dough bait.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 81-85 degrees; 25.59 feet low. Black bass are fair on white or chartreuse frogs and spooks in newly flooded vegetation. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Catfish are fair on live bait. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Charlie Brown	Toy Story	Scandal "Day 101" (N)		Murder "Was She Ever Good at Her Job?" (N)	Local 2 News (N)	(3D) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(3D) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	NFL Kick (L)	NFL Kick (L)	(2D) NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Oakland Raiders Site: Oakland Alameda Coliseum -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				(1S) News (N)	(5D) The Late Show		(5D) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "Deluge"	MASH "The Interview"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Lost Last Act"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "The Blade's Path" (N)		The Orville "Old Wounds"		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Faith for Families	Our Messiah	Fruits of Zion	Biblical Israel
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A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Mother of Two"		The First 48 (N)		The Eleven "Paradise Lost" (P) (N)		The Eleven "Russian Roulette" (N)		(:05) The First 48 "Officer Down"		(:05) The First 48	
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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	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi M.	StuckMid	Bizaard.	Raven's.	Underc.	Liv/Mad	Bizaard.	Raven's.	StuckMid	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Countdown (L)		NCAA Football Memphis at Houston Site: TDECU Stadium (L)						SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SprtC (N)	H.S. Football -- Kennesaw, Ga. (L)						SprtC (N)	Boxing Golden Boy (L)			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson		Hannity	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:45) ★ Addams Family Values			(:55) ★★★ Hocus Pocus ('93, Com) Bette Midler.					The 700 Club		★★ ParaNorman	
FSSW .	37	38	50	45	29	Power of Sports	The Pulse: TAAM	Fantasy Football Hour (N)		Cowboys Insider	Stars Pre-game (L)	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Arizona Coyotes Site: Gila River Arena -- Glendale, Ariz. (L)					Post-game (L)
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ Ride Along		★ Grown Ups 2 ('13, Com) Adam Sandler.				Better (N)	Better	Better	★ Ride Along Ice Cube.		
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipVega	FlipVega	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House (N)	FlipVega	FlipVega
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Forged "The Cutlass"		Forged In Fire "Weapons of War" (N)				Ice Road Truckers (N)		(:05) Ice Rd. Truckers		(:05) Forged in Fire	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Project Runway "Client on the Go"		Runway (N)	(:50) P.Runway	Project Runway "Unconventional" (N)		"Driving Miss	American Makeover"	"Emergency (N)	TBA	Project Runway	(:50) P.Runway
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Mecum10	Mecum10	Octane	Octane	Motoclub	Motoclub	Drive (N)	Drive (N)	Hammers	Hammers	Motoclub	Motoclub
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Dude Per	★★★ Shrek Forever After Mike Myers.				Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ Taken ('08, Thril) Liam Neeson.				★★★ Goodfellas ('90, Cri) Ray Liotta.			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★★ The Facility		Jordana Brewster.		Van Helsing (N)		Ghost Wars (N)		★ Trick'r Treat ('08, Adult) Anna Paquin.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	MLB Postseason Pre-Game (L)		MLB Baseball National League Championship Series (L)							MLB Game (L)	Conan Carl Reiner. Pokey LaFarge	
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Manhunt in ...			★★★★ The Crowd James Murray.			★★★★ Sounder ('72, Dra) Cicely Tyson.			★ Night of the Hu...		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Sin Senos Sí Hay (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Sí Hay Par	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Amber's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Bettie Jo's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Nikki's Story"		My 600-lb Life "June's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Amber's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Bettie Jo's Story"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Lady on the List"		NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Oklahoma City Thunder Site: Chesapeake Energy Arena (L)						NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)			
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern "Integrity"	Modern Family	★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman Helen McCarthy must learn to stand on her own two feet after separating from her husband.						★ Diary of a Mad Black Woman Helen McCarthy must learn to stand on her own two feet after separating from her husband.			
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops "Liar Liar #4"	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Extreme hoarding poses risk to mom's house and health

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My 36-year-old son lives with me, which benefits both of us. I am retired, and his income helps. The problem I'm having is he hoards garbage.

It's terrible. There's garbage on his bed, and it has reached the ceiling in other parts of the room. This has been going on for many years.

Two years ago, I filled up two large garbage bags to throw out. It didn't even make a dent. When he got home, he was furious and deducted $50 from the rent because he felt I needed to have consequences for what I did. I realized then how serious this is. I know it's a health hazard as well as a fire hazard.

I'm at my wits' end. I understand this has to do with loss, and he has had many, including a dad who left when I was pregnant. There has been no contact during his lifetime. Please help. — SON'S A HOARDER

DEAR SON'S A HOARDER: Your son is suffering from a mental disorder. There is help for it — IF he is willing to admit that he needs it.

A licensed mental health professional could help him understand why he is hoarding and motivate him to change the habits that have led to it. There are also medications that can lessen his compulsion to hoard.

However, it won't happen unless you finally put your foot down and inform your son that what he's doing is a health and safety hazard, and a risk you will no longer tolerate. Tell him that unless he gets help, he will no longer be able to live under your roof.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 68-year-old male reader, married, with many friends and acquaintances. My best friend ("Brent") has a long-time girlfriend ("Judy") we are with all the time. There is also another couple ("Tom" and "Sue") we like very much.

The six of us have gone out and had what I thought was a good time, but when I proposed another get-together, Judy said she felt Sue was condescending and unfriendly to her. I have never experienced this with Sue, and I didn't observe anything like that when we were all together, but I suppose I could be oblivious.

My problem is, there are times it's awkward to not invite Tom and Sue (as well as the fact I have fun with them and would like them there). Is there something I can do to change this situation? — AWKWARD IN THE EAST

DEAR AWKWARD: Do not get into a squabble between the two women. If Judy prefers not to socialize with Sue, she may not accept an invitation if she knows Sue will be present, which is her privilege. Because you like both couples, see them separately until this blows over — if it ever does. If you are asked why the dynamic has changed, tell Brent the truth about what Judy told you so he won't think it has anything to do with him.

DEAR READERS: Today marks the celebration of Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. It spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, knowledge over ignorance and hope over despair. My best wishes to all who celebrate it.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Eight the great

North-South vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠A 9 4 3
♡6 5 2
◇7 5 3 2
♣A 8

WEST
♠10 7 6
♡K 10 8 3
◇K Q J 6
♣K 5

EAST
♠K J 8 2
♡J 9 7
◇A 10 9 8 4
♣7

SOUTH
♠Q 5
♡A Q 4
◇Void
♣Q J 10 9 6 4 3 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
5♣	All pass		

Opening lead: King of ♡

South in today's deal was Australian expert Stephen Burgess. Burgess is known for opening the bidding at a high level — sometimes at the six level! A former partner once raised his six-level opening to seven holding two aces. The partner was instructed that he could never do that again unless he held all four aces.

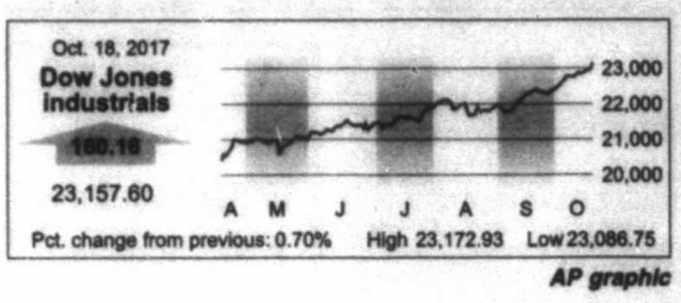
At first glance, it seemed that the success of the contract would depend on winning finesses in both clubs and hearts. The precious eight of clubs in dummy gave the contract an extra chance, and Burgess took advantage of it. Burgess ruffed the opening diamond lead and led a low club to dummy's eight. That was a good start.

Burgess now led a low spade toward his queen. Had the queen lost to West's king, Burgess would still need a winning heart finesse to make his contract. East had the king of spades and he hopped up with it in order to shift to a low heart. Burgess could have tried the heart finesse for a possible overtrick, but that would have been fatal on this deal. West would have won and knocked out the ace of clubs while the spades were still blocked.

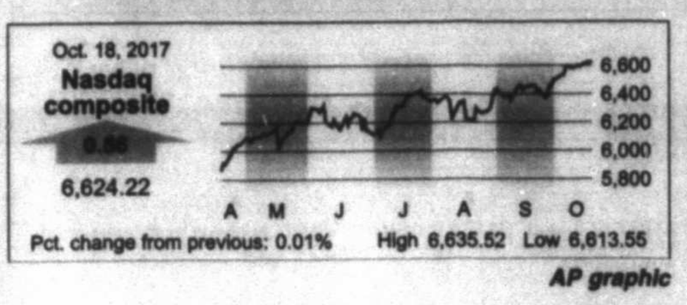
Burgess knew that he already had a good thing in his pocket and he wasn't tempted to try for the overtrick. He rose with his ace of hearts, cashed the queen of spades, and led a club to dummy's ace. That drew the last trump and Burgess could safely discard a heart on the ace of spades and concede only one heart trick to the defense. Nicely played!

BUSINESS & OIL

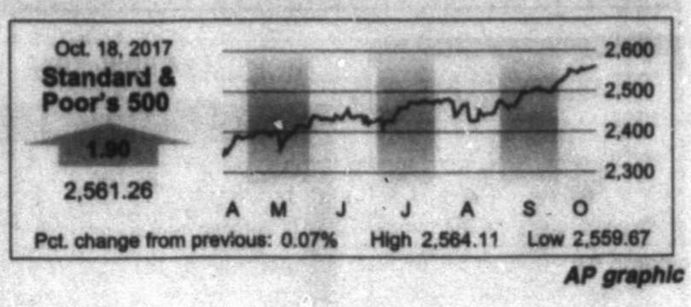
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $52.04
Previous: $51.88

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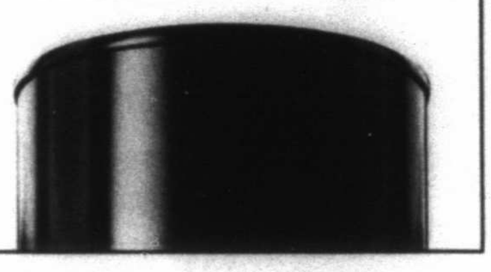
Wednesday: $48.50
Previous: $48.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $44.50
Previous: $44.50

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.854
Previous: $2.962



IBM soars most since 2009 after forecasting revenue growth

Bloomberg

After more than five years of declining sales, IBM says it will finally show investors it can grow again. Wall Street cheered, sending the shares up the most in more than eight years.

Some of that sales boost will come from one of the company's legacy hardware businesses, rather than the new services such as cloud and data analytics on which IBM has been pinning its prospects for growth.

Fourth-quarter revenue is projected to be $22 billion to $22.1 billion, which will represent as much as a 1.5 percent bump from the same period in 2016. It also tops analysts' average estimate of $21.8 billion. In the last quarter of the year — historically IBM's strongest — revenue will improve by as much as $2.9 billion sequentially, boosted in part by sales of its new mainframe server, Chief Financial Officer Martin Schroeter said Tuesday on a call to discuss earnings.

"The mainframe is going to drive a lot of the positive growth in the fourth quarter," said Josh Olson, an analyst at Edward Jones & Co. "When you're selling mainframes, you're also selling a lot of software and services with that." He rates the stock a hold.

If IBM achieves its outlook, it will end a 22-quarter streak of shrinking sales. During the third quarter, International Business Machines Corp. came the closest to stemming that decline since the same period in 2016. Getting back to growth on the top line has been a major goal for Chief Executive Officer Ginny Rometty and a milestone investors are looking for as proof that the company can finally climb out of its rut.

The shares closed trading at $159.53 Wednesday in New York, up nearly 9 percent, and were the top gainer in the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. IBM's intraday high was $161.23 per share, and the stock helped push the Dow to a new closing high of 23,157 points.

The mainframe business is cyclical, and analysts aren't convinced that IBM can sustain growth after server sales start tapering off. To prove it has reached the inflection point, IBM will need to show that its other categories — in particular its newer businesses including cloud software and services — can pick up the slack, Olson said. Analysts see positive signs in some of those areas, but are looking for continued growth before saying IBM's turnaround is successful.

"They definitely have some potential going into 2018 in certain parts of the business, and you couldn't say that a few years ago," said Daniel Ives, head of technology research at GBH Insights. "It's an execution story and 2018 will be a huge proving year for Rometty and IBM."

Total revenue in the third quarter was $19.15 billion, a decrease of less than 1 percent from a year earlier, but higher than the analyst average estimate of $18.6 billion. Growth came from hardware, as well as the group that houses much of its software products.

Cognitive solutions, a segment that includes Watson analytics and other newer products for IBM, grew 3.9 percent, after a decline during the prior period. The systems unit also reported a gain, helped by improved sales in data storage products and the new mainframe server, which became available late in the third quarter, Schroeter said in an interview.

"Cognitive solutions has attracted a lot of our investment, and when we look at underlying performance, it captures and reflects a lot of the new strategic imperative areas we're going into," Schroeter said. These "strategic imperatives" include analytics, security and Watson-branded products and are a key indicator for IBM's future success. "We saw pretty broad-based growth across all cognitive solutions elements," he said.

Big Blue had a rough first half, missing revenue estimates for the first two quarters. The stock is down more than 11 percent this year, while the broader technology sector has been soaring to records.

IBM's status as a bellwether stock that paid high dividends had kept many investors hopeful that the company could turn things around, but the multiyear revenue declines have eroded confidence. Warren Buffett, once IBM's most vocal champion and largest shareholder through his Berkshire Hathaway Inc., soured on the company and sold about a third of Berkshire's investment in IBM earlier this year.

Under Rometty, Armonk, New York-based IBM has been working to add revenue in cloud-based software and services. These newer operations now make up more than 40 percent of IBM's total sales. But legacy businesses continue to deteriorate. Rometty has also invested more in artificial intelligence technology under the Watson brand, peddling the suite of products as IBM's future and the driver for long-term growth. But the company doesn't break out sales for Watson services and folds the group under the cognitive solutions segment — implying Watson isn't yet big enough to be material.

Operating profit, excluding some items, was $3.30 a share in the quarter ended Sept. 30, compared with the average analyst estimate of $3.28. IBM improved its gross margins from the previous quarter, in line with Schroeter's forecast. That's in part because IBM increased its software sales, which is highly profitable, and in part because the company is also growing its cloud business, which has better margins the bigger it gets, he said.

Record highs for major US stock indexes; Dow passes 23,000

A day of modest gains on Wall Street resulted in more milestones for U.S. stocks Wednesday as the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 23,000 points for the first time.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index and Nasdaq composite also finished at record highs.

Technology stocks and financial companies led the gainers as investors weighed the latest batch of company earnings. Strong quarterly results drove IBM shares to their biggest one-day gain since 2009. Those gains accounted for much of the 30-company Dow's record high.

All told, the Dow picked up 160.16 points, or 0.7 percent, to 23,157.60. The S&P 500 index rose 1.90 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,561.26. The Nasdaq added 0.56 points, or 0.01 percent, to 6,624.22. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gained 7.65 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,505.14.

The S&P 500 and Dow also set records on Monday and Tuesday.

The Dow closed above 22,000 for the first time on Aug 2. The Dow is up 3,395 points this year, or 17.2 percent.

Metal prices fall

Gold fell $3.20 to $1,283 an ounce. Silver slid 4 cents to $17 an ounce. Copper lost 2 cents to $3.18 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $133.06 Down 0.36

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.57 Up 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $102.19 Down 0.42

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.52 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.39 Up 0.15

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.05 Down 0. 05

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $14.54 Up 0.07

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $33.92 Down 0.06

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.09 Up 0.11

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.10 Down 0.05

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	538940	26.48	+.28
SPDR Fncl	508584	26.31	+.14
AT&T Inc	360035	35.71	-.52
EnCana g	351994	11.79	+.37
iShEMkts	340899	46.50	+.11

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CGG rs	5.57	+1.07	+23.8
RAIT pfC	14.71	+1.71	+13.2
RAIT pfA	13.68	+1.21	+9.7
IBM	159.53	+12.99	+8.9
Hi-Crush	9.65	+.70	+7.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Supvalu rs	17.09	-2.29	-11.8
BrghtSch n	24.31	-2.54	-9.5
Hornbeck	3.58	-.32	-8.2
ChinRap n	10.50	-.93	-8.1
CmtyHlt	5.98	-.45	-7.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,506
Declined	1,395
Unchanged	123
Total issues	3,024
New Highs	165
New Lows	29
Volume	2,832,496,662

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TransEnrg	427530	3.69	-.31
22ndCentry	53110	2.67	-.11
NDynMin g	45525	2.09	+.10
Ampliph rs	42168	1.30	-.22
NwGold g	38077	3.54	-.14

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IncOpR	9.39	+.49	+5.5
BoweMcd	3.62	+.19	+5.5
NDynMin g	2.09	+.10	+5.0
Ballantry	6.20	+.25	+4.2
Majesco n	5.75	+.23	+4.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacGE pfH	26.40	-3.14	-10.6
VirnetX	5.10	-.60	-10.5
Ashford	62.33	-6.14	-9.0
Tekung n	3.37	-.30	-8.2
TransEnrg	3.69	-.31	-7.8

DIARY

Advanced	156
Declined	182
Unchanged	23
Total issues	361
New Highs	5
New Lows	7
Volume	141,738,627

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	422374	41.65	+1.26
Cree Inc	214416	34.16	+4.82
Intel	202949	40.25	+.46
SpectPh	190357	19.67	+5.21
JD.com	185961	40.32	+.73

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OceanPw rs	2.00	+.56	+38.9
SpectPh	19.67	+5.21	+36.0
CellectR wt	2.73	+.63	+30.0
ChnaInfoH n	28.90	+6.48	+28.7
Veritone n	37.65	+8.13	+27.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AkariTh rs	4.50	-1.90	-29.7
SodiRltyA n	3.65	-1.25	-25.5
InfinityPh	2.10	-.60	-22.2
RestorRob n	7.01	-1.76	-20.1
ImmuneDs	6.55	-1.65	-20.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,634
Declined	1,244
Unchanged	219
Total issues	3,097
New Highs	152
New Lows	48
Volume	1,660,122,215

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		15	5.95	+.29	-41.7
AT&T Inc	1.96	13	35.71	-.52	-16.0
AbbVie	2.56	20	96.04	+3.87	+53.4
Abraxas	...	**51**	**2.04**	**+.01**	**-20.6**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**15.45**	**-.02**	**+21.5**
AMD			14.07	-.09	+24.1
Alibaba		51	179.61	+4.29	+104.5
Allergan	2.80	13	187.15	-10.63	-10.9
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.84	-.17	-14.0
Ambev	.06e	7	6.82	-.01	+38.9
Amgen	**4.60**	**16**	**186.28**	**+.09**	**+27.4**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**48.77**	**-.13**	**-30.1**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**42.65**	**-.11**	**-32.8**
Apple Inc	2.52	19	159.76	-.71	+37.9
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**55.34**	**+.21**	**+71.5**
Archrock	.48	...	11.95	-.05	-9.5
ATMOS	**1.80**	**24**	**86.43**	**+.21**	**+16.6**
AutoData	2.28	31	113.90	+.21	+10.8
BP PLC	**2.38**	**29**	**38.72**	**+.03**	**+3.6**
BkofAm	.48f	15	26.48	+.28	+19.8
B iPVixST rs		...	34.64	-.18	...
BarringsCp s	1.20	...	15.78	.13	+1.9
BasicEnS		...	45		...
BerkHe A	**...**	**18281290.03**	**+240.00**	**+15.2**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78**	**20**	**67.26**	**-.34**	**+9.7**
BrMfgSq	**1.56**	**25**	**63.70**	**-.48**	**+9.0**
BrodeCm	.22	29	11.81	+.04	-5.4
BrownFA s	**...**	**33**	**56.57**	**-.49**	**+22.3**
BrownFB s	**...**	...	**55.76**	**-.31**	**+24.1**
CVS Health	2.00	13	74.10	+1.47	-6.1
CaesarsEnt	...	...	12.30	+.40	+44.7
CallonPet	**...**	**35**	**11.13**	**...**	**-27.8**
Caterpillar	3.12	34	131.29	+.75	+41.6
Celestic g	...	9	12.33	+.01	+4.1
Cemex	.29t	...	8.03	-.06	+4.0
CntryLink	2.16	8	18.65	-.37	-21.6
ChesEng	...	9	3.77	-.01	-46.3
Chevron	**4.32**	**67**	**118.15**	**-2.07**	**+.4**
Chicos	.33	10	7.40	+.21	-48.6
Cimarex	.32	37	115.03	-1.29	-15.4
Cisco	1.16	18	33.55	-.05	+11.0
Citigroup	1.28	14	73.12	+.93	+23.0
ClevCliffs	...	6	7.34	+.16	-12.7
CocaCola	**1.48**	**28**	**46.40**	**-.12**	**+11.9**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**25**	**74.44**	**-.52**	**+13.8**
Comcast s	.63	20	36.20	-.27	+4.9
ConAgra	**.85**	**19**	**34.10**	**-.11**	**-13.8**
ConchoRes	**...**	...	**133.06**	**-.36**	**+.3**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**40**	**49.71**	**-.01**	**-.9**
Coty	.50	...	15.76	-.24	-13.9
CrackerB	4.80	24	156.29	+.47	-6.4
CSVLgNG rs		...	10.23	-.17	-77.9
Cree Inc			34.16	+4.82	+29.4
CresTim	**1.10e**	**14**	**14.55**	**...**	**-19.0**
DCP Mid	3.12	18	33.57	-.98	-12.5
DTE	3.30	23	110.55	+.39	+12.2
DevonE	**.24**	...	**35.22**	**-.51**	**-22.9**
Disney	**1.56**	**17**	**98.25**	**-.11**	**-5.7**
eBay s		6	37.97	+.48	+27.9
EOG Resrc	**.67**	...	**96.66**	**-.79**	**-4.4**
EnCana g	.06	23	11.79	+.37	+.4
Energen	.08	...	53.77	+.38	-6.8
EnPro	**.88**	**54**	**79.67**	**+.58**	**+18.3**
ENSCO	.04	2	5.38	-.20	-44.7
EntProdPt	1.69f	19	25.48	-.65	-5.8
Ericsson	.11e	...	5.98	+.08	+2.6
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**31**	**82.76**	**-.20**	**-8.3**
Facebook		36	176.03	-.08	+53.0
FordM	.60a	13	12.19	-.08	+.5
FrptMcM		...	14.83	-.10	+12.4
GATX	**1.68**	**11**	**64.28**	**+.33**	**+4.4**
GasMatT	**.94e**	...	**9.44**	**...**	**+30.4**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**36.40**	**+.07**	**+16.7**
GenElec	**.96**	**21**	**23.12**	**-.07**	**-26.8**
GenMotors	1.52	7	45.12	+.10	+29.5
GoPro		...	9.47	+.24	+8.7
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**21**	**32.07**	**-.11**	**+17.3**
Hallibrtn	.72	...	43.77	-.89	-19.1
HostHotls	.80e	12	19.85	+.51	+5.4
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	7.94	-.38	+16.6
iShGold		...	12.31	-.05	+11.1
iShBrazil	.67e	...	42.70	+.06	+28.1
iShEMkts	.59e	...	46.50	+.11	+32.8
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	69.54	+.20	+20.5
iShR2K	1.77e	...	149.52	+.71	+10.9
Ignyte	...	...	16.25	+1.90	+206.6
Inplxon rs	...	...	.44	+.05	-88.0
Intel	**1.09**	**18**	**40.25**	**+.46**	**+11.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
InterDig	1.40f	9	76.00	+1.40	-16.8
IBM	6.00f	12	159.53	+12.99	-3.9
JD.com	...	...	40.32	+.73	+58.5
JPMorgCh	2.24f	15	97.99	+.37	+13.6
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**140.66**	**-.11**	**+22.1**
Keycorp	.36	17	18.58	+.39	+1.7
KimbClk	**3.88**	**19**	**117.30**	**-.96**	**+2.8**
KindMorg	.50	64	18.58	-.10	-10.3
Kroger s	.50	11	20.67	+.19	-40.1
LegacyRes	...	...	1.52	+.01	-28.3
Level3	...	29	52.93	-.54	-6.1
Lubys	**...**	...	**2.42**	**-.03**	**-43.5**
MannKd rs	...	...	4.13	-.62	+29.7
MarathnO	.20	...	13.77	-.19	-20.5
McDnlds	4.04f	28	165.77	+.37	+36.2
Merck	1.88	16	63.51	+.29	+7.9
MerMkfed	**...**	**53**	**42.16**	**-.25**	**+89.1**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.39	+.15	-12.2
MicronT	...	9	41.65	+1.26	+90.0
Microsoft	1.68f	27	77.61	+.02	+24.9
MorgStan	1.00	14	50.15	+1.03	+18.7
Nabors	.24	...	7.07	-.25	-56.9
NOilVarco	.20	82	34.52	-.40	-7.8
Neothetics	...	...	1.33	-.39	+18.8
Netflix s	...	...	195.54	-3.94	+57.9
NikeB s	.84	22	52.30	+.30	+2.9
NSTFI3	**.55e**	...	**15.08**	**-.03**	**+6.4**
NTXQI	**.66**	...	**14.69**	**...**	**+7.1**
Nvidia	.56	55	197.58	-.17	+85.1
OcciPet	**3.09**	...	**64.63**	**-.01**	**-6.3**
OceanPw rs	...	...	2.00	+.56	-32.2
Oracle	.76	23	49.58	+.39	+29.5
PDC Engy	**...**	**35**	**48.54**	**-.84**	**-33.1**
PG&E Cp	2.12f	13	58.44	-1.00	-7.1
PerTech	**...**	**26**	**10.82**	**+.18**	**+93.9**
ParkDrl	**...**	...	**1.00**	**+.02**	**-61.5**
PetMTI	**.08**	...	**19.82**	**-.71**	**-27.5**
Penney	...	9	3.53	+.09	-57.5
PennaRE	**.84**	**7**	**10.47**	**-.04**	**-44.8**
Pmrian	.63e	26	9.20	...	+19.3
Petrobras	...	...	10.45	-.04	+3.4
Pfizer	**1.28**	**15**	**35.83**	**-.37**	**+10.3**
PlsNtrl	.08	...	145.09	-.28	-19.4
PlsbrsAAP	**2.20**	**16**	**20.33**	**+.48**	**-37.0**
PwShs QQQ1.52e		...	148.86	-.18	+25.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Praxair	**3.15**	**25**	**139.90**	**-1.54**	**+19.4**
PrmEgy	**...**	...	**48.00**	**...**	**-11.1**
PUVixST rs	...	...	16.07	-.15	...
ProctGam	**2.78f**	**24**	**92.77**	**-.03**	**+10.3**
Protalix	...	...	.83	+.18	+86.5
RangeRs	.08	21	19.00	-.45	+44.7
RiteAid	...	93	1.85	+.04	-77.5
Rowan	.40	6	13.24	-.25	-29.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	92	60.53	-.17	+11.3
SpdrDJIA	3.99e	...	231.46	+1.61	+17.2
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	255.72	+.25	+14.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	33.35	-.32	-19.5
SPI Eng lf	...	...	.14	+.01	-31.7
SabnR	2.27e	19	41.40	+.45	+17.8
SanderPm	**1.28f**	**13**	**147.94**	**+2.22**	**+57.0**
Schlmbrg	2.00	59	65.91	-.59	-21.5
SiriusXM	.04f	38	5.75	+.04	+29.2
Smucker	3.12f	14	104.14	-.51	-18.7
Snapinc A n	...	...	15.75	-.34	-35.7
SwstnEngy	...	50	5.47	-.12	-49.4
SpectPh	...	...	19.67	+5.21	+344.0
SPDR Fncl	.48a	...	26.31	+.14	+13.2
TeletEap	**1.20e**	...	**10.52**	**+.01**	**+14.3**
TevaPhrm	1.36e	5	14.62	-.12	-59.7
3M Co	4.70	25	218.27	+.52	+22.2
Torchmark	**.60**	**18**	**82.16**	**+.27**	**+11.4**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TransEnrg	...	...	3.69	-.31	+183.8
Transocn	...	10	10.31	-.48	-30.1
TriContl	**1.00e**	...	**25.90**	**...**	**+17.5**
TylerTech	**...**	**56**	**176.16**	**+.54**	**+23.4**
UBSI	**1.32**	**19**	**37.25**	**+.56**	**-19.5**
US Bancrp	1.20f	16	53.27	-.61	+3.7
US OilFd	...	...	10.48	-.01	-10.6
USSteel	.20	...	27.25	+.62	-17.4
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.15	-.11	+33.2
ValeantPh	...	3	12.39	-.42	-14.7
ValeroE	2.80	25	77.62	...	+13.6
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.33	-.09	+11.5
Vereit	.55	14	8.23	+.01	-2.7
VerizonCm	2.38f	10	48.65	+.25	-8.9
ViacomB	.80	7	25.82	-.75	-26.4
VulcanM	**1.00**	**37**	**116.94**	**-.07**	**-6.6**
WEC Engy	2.08	22	65.70	+.20	+12.0
WalgBoots	1.60f	14	67.74	+.34	-18.1
Wealthfrnt	...	...	3.80	-.16	-23.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	53.41	+.22	-3.1
WhitingPet	...	...	5.17	-.09	-57.0
WmaCos	1.20	42	29.69	-.23	-4.7
XcelEngy	**1.44**	**22**	**48.73**	**+.01**	**+19.7**
Xerox rs	1.00	12	32.84	+.09	+42.8
Zynga	...	...	3.88	+.04	+51.0

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23,002.20	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	23,157.60	+160.16	+.70	+17.18	+27.22
10,080.51	7,885.70	Dow Jones Transportation	9,899.67	+75.53	+.77	+9.46	+22.75
755.37	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	739.62	-.95	-.13	+12.13	+12.19
12,377.89	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	12,371.02	+21.05	+.17	+11.89	+16.70
6,632.50	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,624.22	+.56	+.01	+23.06	+26.26
2,559.71	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,561.26	+1.90	+.07	+14.40	+19.46
1,826.23	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,821.89	+5.55	+.31	+9.71	+18.76
26,841.50	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	26,635.38	+24.16	+.09	+13.70	+19.42
1,514.94	1,158.08	Russell 2000	1,505.14	+7.65	+.51	+10.91	+23.11

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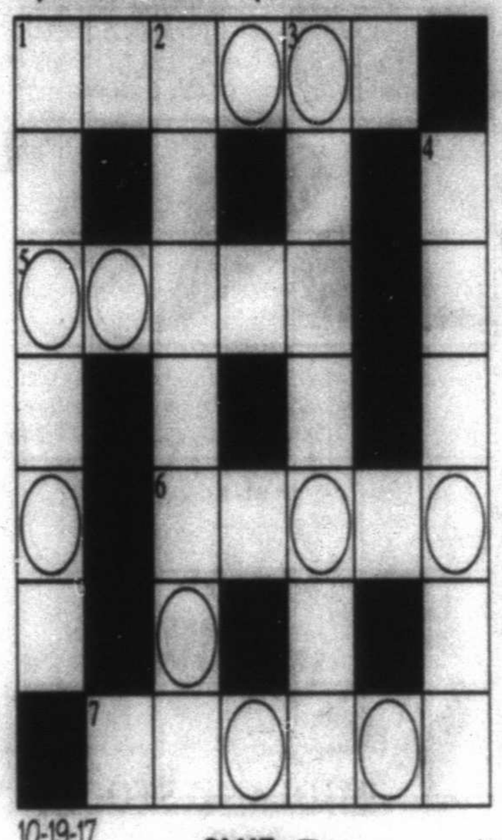
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CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ practice	GRATTE
5. Mass ___	DIMAE
6. Sobbed	DECIR
7. Around the longest	SLODET

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. House of worship	MEETLP
2. Extreme	CLAARID
3. Shifty	AEEISVV
4. Critic, expert	NPIUTD

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BONUS

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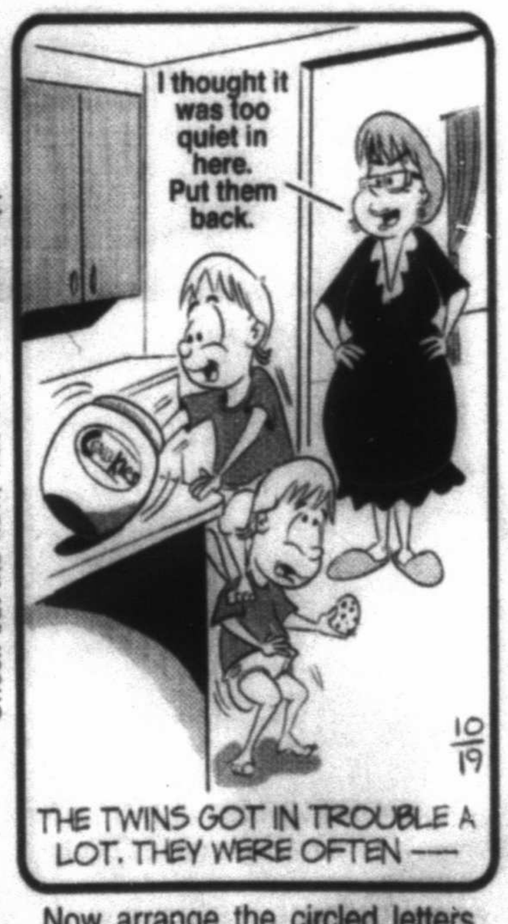
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ACROSS

1 Wing it
6 Doing battle
11 Quarterback Brady
14 "Fun With Dick and Jane" (2005) actress
15 Hourglass, e.g.
16 Political commentator Navarro
17 Southern dish, so we hear
19 Tap site
20 Justice Dept. branch
21 Fair
22 What "A" is for, in Sue Grafton's mystery series
24 Hot rod?
25 World's navigable waters, so we hear
27 __ Friday
30 Savory Chinese snack
31 Manufacturing facility
32 Manhattan developer?
33 #1 texting pal
36 Welcome relief, so we hear
41 Sevilla sun
42 Nice way to say no?
43 __ signs
44 "I bet!"
47 Composes, as music for a poem
48 Suggestive dance, so we hear
50 Put on
51 Hindu class
52 Works on walls
53 Nursery complaint
56 __ Dhabi
57 Warning hint, so we hear
61 "Little ol' me?"
62 "Middlemarch" novelist
63 Flowed back
64 Soup cooker
65 Criticize sharply
66 Butch and Sundance chasers

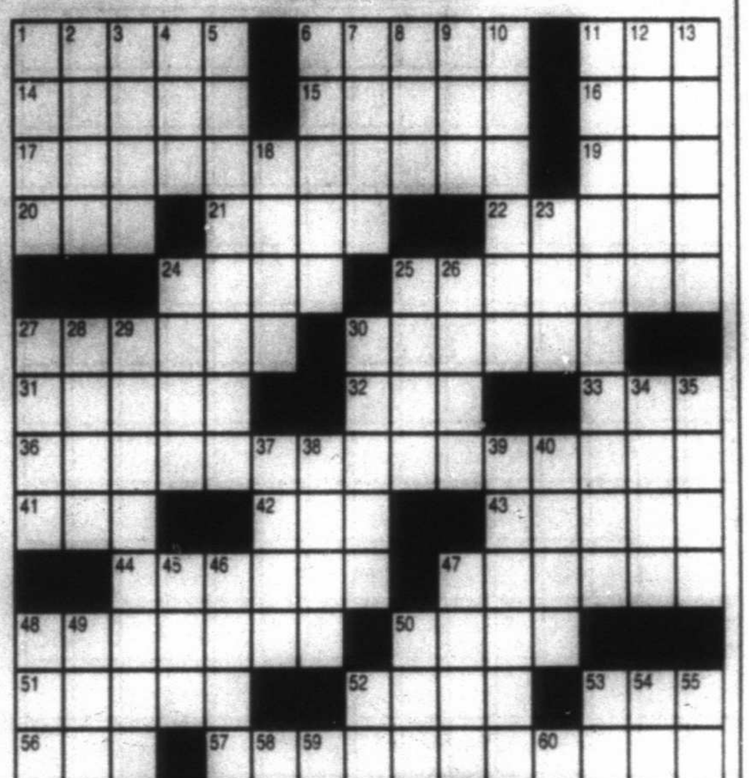
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1 Goya's "Duchess of __"
2 Muscle used to raise your hand in school, for short
3 Lollygag
4 "Monsters, __"
5 Spokesperson's route?
6 Till now
7 In those days
8 Gum ball
9 Galaxy download
10 Maintain, as roads
11 Bookie's work
12 Last non-AD yr.
13 Tricks
18 Wicked
23 Cut of lamb
24 Belted out
25 Burn slightly
26 They may ring or have rings
27 Calculating pros
28 Plus
29 Outfit with bell-bottom trousers
30 Steak named for its shape
34 Bravo automaker
35 Dough used in baklava
37 Letter-shaped fastener
38 One might be made of sheets and pillows
39 Exceed, as a boundary
40 Bris, e.g.
45 Flop's opposite
46 Gushed
47 Go it alone
48 Rapscallion
49 Just not done
50 Quick with comebacks
52 Funk
53 Halloween decor
54 All in favor
55 Literary alter ego
58 Stadium cry
59 Wrestler Flair nicknamed "The Nature Boy"
60 "Entourage" channel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

O	P	T		E	L	A	P	S	E		O	S	S	A
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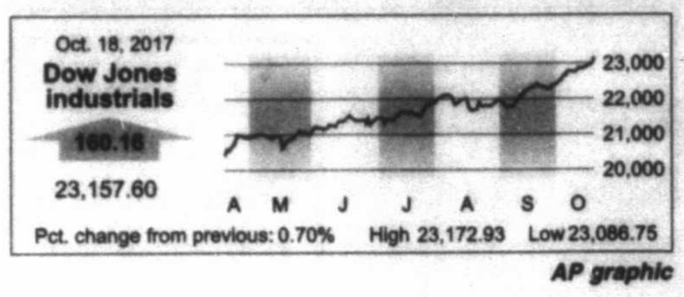
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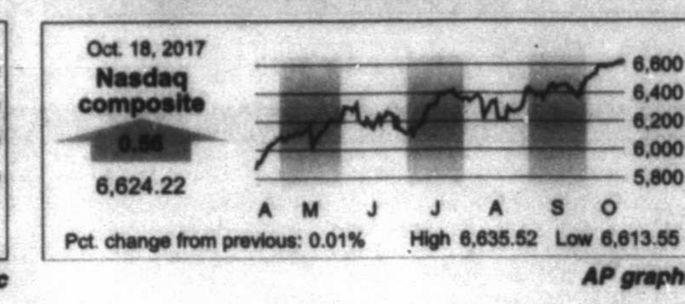
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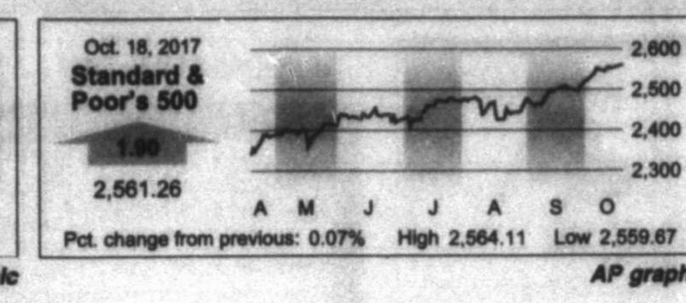
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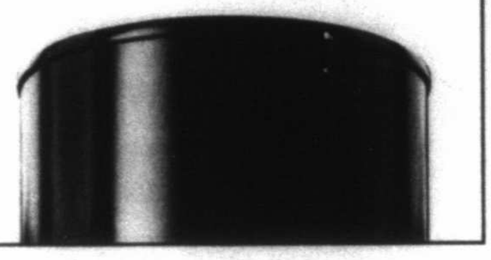
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WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $44.50
Previous: $44.50

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.854
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IBM soars most since 2009 after forecasting revenue growth

Bloomberg

After more than five years of declining sales, IBM says it will finally show investors it can grow again. Wall Street cheered, sending the shares up the most in more than eight years.

Some of that sales boost will come from one of the company's legacy hardware businesses, rather than the new services such as cloud and data analytics on which IBM has been pinning its prospects for growth.

Fourth-quarter revenue is projected to be $22 billion to $22.1 billion, which will represent as much as a 1.5 percent bump from the same period in 2016. It also tops analysts' average estimate of $21.8 billion. In the last quarter of the year — historically IBM's strongest — revenue will improve by as much as $2.9 billion sequentially, boosted in part by sales of its new mainframe server, Chief Financial Officer Martin Schroeter said Tuesday on a call to discuss earnings.

"The mainframe is going to drive a lot of the positive growth in the fourth quarter," said Josh Olson, an analyst at Edward Jones & Co. "When you're selling mainframes, you're also selling a lot of software and services with that." He rates the stock a hold.

If IBM achieves its outlook, it will end a 22-quarter streak of shrinking sales. During the third quarter, International Business Machines Corp. came the closest to stemming that decline since the same period in 2016. Getting back to growth on the top line has been a major goal for Chief Executive Officer Ginny Rometty and a milestone investors are looking for as proof that the company can finally climb out of its rut.

The shares closed trading at $159.53 Wednesday in New York, up nearly 9 percent, and were the top gainer in the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. IBM's intraday high was $161.23 per share, and the stock helped push the Dow to a new closing high of 23,157 points.

The mainframe business is cyclical, and analysts aren't convinced that IBM can sustain growth after server sales start tapering off. To prove it has reached the inflection point, IBM will need to show that its other categories — in particular its newer businesses including cloud software and services — can pick up the slack, Olson said. Analysts see positive signs in some of those areas, but are looking for continued growth before saying IBM's turnaround is successful.

"They definitely have some potential going into 2018 in certain parts of the business, and you couldn't say that a few years ago," said Daniel Ives, head of technology research at GBH Insights. "It's an execution story and 2018 will be a huge proving year for Rometty and IBM."

Total revenue in the third quarter was $19.15 billion, a decrease of less than 1 percent from a year earlier, but higher than the analyst average estimate of $18.6 billion. Growth came from hardware, as well as the group that houses much of its software products.

Cognitive solutions, a segment that includes Watson analytics and other newer products for IBM, grew 3.9 percent, after a decline during the prior period. The systems unit also reported a gain, helped by improved sales in data storage products and the new mainframe server, which became available late in the third quarter, Schroeter said in an interview.

"Cognitive solutions has attracted a lot of our investment, and when we look at underlying performance, it captures and reflects a lot of the new strategic imperative areas we're going into," Schroeter said. These "strategic imperatives" include analytics, security and Watson-branded products and are a key indicator for IBM's future success. "We saw pretty broad-based growth across all cognitive solutions elements," he said.

Big Blue had a rough first half, missing revenue estimates for the first two quarters. The stock is down more than 11 percent this year, while the broader technology sector has been soaring to records.

IBM's status as a bellwether stock that paid high dividends had kept many investors hopeful that the company could turn things around, but the multiyear revenue declines have eroded confidence. Warren Buffett, once IBM's most vocal champion and largest shareholder through his Berkshire Hathaway Inc., soured on the company and sold about a third of Berkshire's investment in IBM earlier this year.

Under Rometty, Armonk, New York-based IBM has been working to add revenue in cloud-based software and services. These newer operations now make up more than 40 percent of IBM's total sales. But legacy businesses continue to deteriorate. Rometty has also invested more in artificial intelligence technology under the Watson brand, peddling the suite of products as IBM's future and the driver for long-term growth. But the company doesn't break out sales for Watson services and folds the group under the cognitive solutions segment — implying Watson isn't yet big enough to be material.

Operating profit, excluding some items, was $3.30 a share in the quarter ended Sept. 30, compared with the average analyst estimate of $3.28. IBM improved its gross margins from the previous quarter, in line with Schroeter's forecast. That's in part because IBM increased its software sales, which is highly profitable, and in part because the company is also growing its cloud business, which has better margins the bigger it gets, he said.

Record highs for major US stock indexes; Dow passes 23,000

A day of modest gains on Wall Street resulted in more milestones for U.S. stocks Wednesday as the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 23,000 points for the first time.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index and Nasdaq composite also finished at record highs.

Technology stocks and financial companies led the gainers as investors weighed the latest batch of company earnings. Strong quarterly results drove IBM shares to their biggest one-day gain since 2009. Those gains accounted for much of the 30-company Dow's record high.

All told, the Dow picked up 160.16 points, or 0.7 percent, to 23,157.60. The S&P 500 index rose 1.90 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,561.26. The Nasdaq added 0.56 points, or 0.01 percent, to 6,624.22. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gained 7.65 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,505.14.

The S&P 500 and Dow also set records on Monday and Tuesday.

The Dow closed above 22,000 for the first time on Aug 2. The Dow is up 3,395 points this year, or 17.2 percent.

Metal prices fall

Gold fell $3.20 to $1,283 an ounce. Silver slid 4 cents to $17 an ounce. Copper lost 2 cents to $3.18 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $133.06 Down 0.36

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.57 Up 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $102.19 Down 0.42

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.52 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.39 Up 0.15

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.05 Down 0. 05

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $14.54 Up 0.07

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $33.92 Down 0.06

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.09 Up 0.11

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.10 Down 0.05

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioAm	539849	26.48	+.29
SPDR Fncl	508584	26.31	+.14
AT&T Inc	360035	35.71	-.52
EnCana g	351994	11.79	+.37
iShEMkts	340899	46.50	+.11

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CGG rs	5.57	+1.07	+23.8
RAIT pfC	14.71	+1.71	+13.2
RAIT pfA	13.68	+1.21	+9.7
IBM	159.53	+12.99	+8.9
Hi-Crush	9.65	+.70	+7.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Supvalu rs	17.09	-2.29	-11.8
BrghtSch n	24.31	-2.54	-9.5
Hornbeck	3.58	-.32	-8.2
ChinRap n	10.50	-.93	-8.1
CmtyHlt	5.98	-.45	-7.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,506
Declined	1,395
Unchanged	123
Total issues	3,024
New Highs	160
New Lows	29
Volume	2,832,496,962

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TransEnbx	427530	3.69	-.31
22ndCentry	53110	2.67	-.11
NDynMn g	45825	2.09	+.10
Amplph rs	42168	1.30	-.22
NwGold g	38077	3.54	-.14

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IncOpR	9.39	+.49	+5.5
BovieMed	3.62	+.19	+5.5
NDynMn g	2.09	+.10	+5.0
Ballantry	6.20	+.25	+4.2
Majesco n	5.75	+.23	+4.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacGE pfH	26.40	-3.14	-10.6
VimetX	5.10	-.60	-10.5
Ashford	82.33	-6.14	-9.0
Takung n	3.37	-.30	-8.2
TransEnbx	3.69	-.31	-7.8

DIARY

Advanced	156
Declined	182
Unchanged	23
Total issues	361
New Highs	5
New Lows	7
Volume	141,738,627

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	422374	41.85	+1.26
Cree Inc	214416	34.16	+4.82
Intel	202949	40.25	+.46
SpectPh	190357	19.67	+5.21
JD.com	185961	40.32	+.73

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OceanPw rs	2.00	+.56	+38.9
SpectPh	19.67	+5.21	+36.0
Cellectbi wi	2.73	+.63	+30.0
ChinaIntNH n	28.90	+6.44	+28.7
Veritone n	37.85	+8.13	+27.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AkariTh rs	4.50	-1.90	-29.7
SocilFltyA n	3.85	-1.25	-25.5
InfinityPh	2.10	-.60	-22.2
RestorRob n	7.01	-1.76	-20.1
ImmuneDs	6.55	-1.65	-20.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,634
Declined	1,244
Unchanged	219
Total issues	3,097
New Highs	152
New Lows	48
Volume	1,660,122,215

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		15	5.95	+.29	-41.7
AT&T Inc	1.96	13	35.71	-.52	-16.0
AbbVie	2.56	20	96.04	+3.87	+53.4
Abraxas	...	51	**2.04**	**+.01**	**-20.6**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**15.45**	**-.02**	**+21.6**
AMD			14.07	-.09	+24.1
Alibaba		51	179.61	+4.29	+104.5
Allergan	2.80	13	187.15	-10.63	-10.9
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e		10.84	-.17	-14.0
Ambev	.06e	7	6.82	-.01	+38.9
Amgen	**4.60**	**16**	**186.28**	**+.09**	**+27.4**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**48.77**	**-.13**	**-30.1**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**42.65**	**-.11**	**-32.8**
Apple Inc	2.52	19	159.76	-.71	+37.9
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**55.34**	**+.21**	**+71.5**
Archrock	.48		11.95	-.05	-9.5
ATMOS	**1.80**	**24**	**86.43**	**+.21**	**+16.8**
AutoData	2.28	31	113.93	+.21	+10.8
BP PLC	**2.38**	**29**	**38.72**	**+.03**	**+3.6**
BkofAm	.48f	15	26.48	+.28	+19.8
B iPVxST rs			34.64	-.18	
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.78	-.13	+1.9
BasicEnS			.45		
BerkHa A	**...**	**1828**	**1290.03**	**+240.00**	**+15.2**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78**	**20**	**67.26**	**-.34**	**+9.7**
BrMySq	**1.56**	**25**	**63.70**	**-.48**	**+9.0**
BrodeCm	.22	29	11.81	+.04	-5.4
BrownFA s	...	**33**	**56.57**	**-.49**	**+22.3**
BrownFB s	...	...	**55.76**	**-.31**	**+24.1**
CVS Health	2.00	13	74.10	+1.47	-6.1
CaesarsEnt	...	...	12.30	+.40	+44.7
CallonPet	...	**35**	**11.13**	...	**-27.8**
Caterpillar	3.12	34	131.29	+.75	+41.6
Celestic g		9	12.33	+.01	+4.1
Cemex	.29t	...	8.00	-.06	+4.0
CntryLink	2.16	8	18.65	-.37	-21.6
ChesEng		9	3.77	-.01	-46.3
Chevron	**4.32**	**67**	**118.15**	**-2.07**	**+.4**
Chicos	.33	10	7.40	+.21	-48.6
Cimarex	.32	37	115.03	-1.29	-15.4
Cisco	1.16	18	33.55	-.05	+11.0
Citigroup	1.28	14	73.12	+.93	+23.0
ClevCliffs	...	6	7.34	+.16	-12.7
CocaCola	**1.48**	**28**	**46.40**	**-.12**	**+11.9**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**25**	**74.44**	**-.52**	**+13.8**
Comcast s	.63	20	36.20	-.27	+4.9
ConAgra	**.85**	**19**	**34.10**	**-.11**	**-13.8**
ConchoRes	...	...	**133.06**	**-.36**	**+.3**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**40**	**49.71**	**-.01**	**-.9**
Coty	.50	...	15.76	-.24	-13.9
CrackerB	4.80	24	156.29	+.47	-6.4
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	10.23	-.17	-77.9
Cree Inc			34.16	+4.82	+29.4
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**14**	**14.55**	...	**-19.0**
DCP Mid	3.12	18	33.57	-.96	-12.5
DTE	3.30	23	110.55	+.39	+12.2
DevonE	**.24**	...	**35.22**	**-.51**	**-22.9**
Disney	**1.56**	**17**	**98.25**	**-.11**	**-5.7**
eBay s		6	37.97	+.48	+27.9
EOG Resrc	**.57**	...	**96.66**	**-.79**	**-4.4**
EnCana g	.06	23	11.79	+.37	+.4
Energen	.08	...	53.77	+.38	-6.8
EnPro	**.88**	**54**	**79.67**	**+.58**	**+18.3**
ENSCO	.04	2	5.38	-.20	-44.7
EntProdPt	1.69f	19	25.48	-.65	-5.8
Ericsson	.11e	...	5.98	+.08	+2.6
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**31**	**82.76**	**-.20**	**-8.3**
Facebook	...	36	176.03	-.08	+53.0
FordM	.60a	13	12.19	-.08	+.5
FrptMcM		...	14.83	-.10	+12.4
GATX	**1.68**	**11**	**64.28**	**+.33**	**+4.4**
GasMatT	**.94e**	...	**9.44**	...	**+30.4**
GAInv	**1.15e**	...	**36.40**	**+.07**	**+16.7**
GenElec	**.96**	**21**	**23.12**	**-.07**	**-26.8**
GenMotors	1.52	7	45.12	+.10	+29.5
GoPro	...	...	9.47	+.24	+8.7
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**21**	**32.07**	**-.11**	**+17.3**
Hallibrtn	.72	...	43.77	-.69	-19.1
HostHotls	.80a	12	19.85	+.51	+5.4
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	7.94	-.38	+16.6
iShGold	...	...	12.31	-.05	+11.1
iShBrazil	.67e	...	42.70	+.06	+28.1
iSh EMkts	.59e	...	46.50	+.11	+32.8
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	69.54	+.20	+20.5
iShR2K	1.77e	...	149.52	+.71	+10.9
Ignyta	...	...	16.25	+1.90	+206.8
Inpixon rs	...	...	.44	+.05	-88.0
Intel	**1.09**	**18**	**40.25**	**+.46**	**+11.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
InterDig	1.40f	9	76.00	+1.40	-16.8
IBM	6.00f	12	159.53	+12.99	-3.9
JD.com	...	...	40.32	+.73	+58.5
JPMorgCh	2.24f	15	97.99	+.37	+13.6
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**140.68**	**-.11**	**+22.1**
Keycorp	.38	17	18.58	+.39	+1.7
KimbClk	**3.88**	**19**	**117.30**	**-.98**	**+2.8**
KindMorg	.50	64	18.58	-.10	-10.3
Kroger s	.50	11	20.67	+.19	-40.1
LegacyRes	...	...	1.52	+.01	-28.3
Level3	...	29	52.93	-.54	-6.1
Lubys	...	...	**2.42**	**-.03**	**-43.5**
MannKd rs	...	...	4.13	-.62	+29.7
MarathnO	.20	...	13.77	-.19	-20.5
McDnlds	4.04f	28	165.77	+.37	+36.2
Merck	1.88	16	53.51	+.29	+7.9
MeritMed	...	**53**	**42.15**	**-.25**	**+69.1**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.39	+.15	-12.2
MicronT	...	9	41.85	+1.26	+90.0
Microsoft	1.68f	27	77.61	+.02	+24.9
MorgStan	1.00	14	50.15	+1.03	+18.7
Nabors	.24	...	7.07	-.25	-56.9
NOilVarco	.20	82	34.52	-.40	-7.8
Nephetics	...	...	1.33	-.39	+18.8
Netflix s	...	...	195.54	-3.94	+57.9
NikeB s	.84	22	52.30	+.30	+2.9
NSTFtl	**.56e**	...	**15.08**	**-.03**	**+6.4**
NTXCti	**.66**	...	**14.69**	...	**+7.1**
Nvidia	.56	55	197.58	-.17	+85.1
OcciPet	**3.00**	...	**64.63**	**-.01**	**-9.3**
OceanPw rs	...	...	2.00	+.56	-32.2
Oracle	.76	23	49.58	+.39	+29.5
PDC Engy	...	**35**	**48.54**	**-.84**	**-33.1**
PG&E Cp	2.12f	13	58.44	-1.00	-7.1
PerTech	...	**26**	**10.82**	**+.18**	**+83.9**
ParkDrl	...	...	**1.00**	**+.02**	**-81.5**
PattUTI	**.08**	...	**19.62**	**-.71**	**-27.5**
Penney	...	9	3.53	+.09	-57.5
PennaRE	**.84**	**7**	**10.47**	**-.04**	**-44.8**
Pmian	.63e	26	9.20	...	+19.3
Petrobras	...	...	10.45	-.04	+3.4
Pfizer	**1.28**	**15**	**35.83**	**-.37**	**+10.3**
PioNtrl	.08	...	145.09	-.26	-19.4
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**18**	**20.33**	**-.48**	**-27.0**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	148.88	-.18	+25.6

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Praxair	**3.15**	**25**	**139.90**	**-1.54**	**+19.4**
PrmEgy	...	...	**48.00**	...	**-11.1**
PUVIxST rs	...	...	16.07	-.15	...
PrudtGam	**2.78f**	**24**	**92.77**	**-.03**	**+10.3**
Protalix	...	...	.83	+.18	+86.5
RangeRs	.08	21	19.00	-.45	-44.7
RiteAid	...	93	1.85	+.04	-77.5
Rowan	.40	6	13.24	-.25	-29.9
RoyDShlA	3.76	92	60.53	-.17	+11.3
SpdrOJIA	3.98e	...	231.46	+1.61	+17.2
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	255.72	+.25	+14.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	33.35	-.32	-19.5
SPI Eng lf	...	...	.14	+.01	-31.7
SabnR	2.27e	19	41.40	+.45	+17.8
SanderFm	**1.28f**	**13**	**147.94**	**+2.22**	**+57.0**
Schlmbrg	2.00	59	65.91	-.59	-21.5
SiriusXM	.04f	38	5.75	+.04	+29.2
Smucker	3.12f	14	104.14	-.51	-18.7
Snapinc A n	...	...	15.75	-.34	-35.7
SwstnEngy	...	50	5.47	-.12	-49.4
SpectPh	...	...	19.67	+5.21	+344.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	26.31	+.14	+13.2
TelefEsp	**1.20e**	...	**10.82**	**+.01**	**+14.3**
TevaPhrm	1.36e	5	14.62	-.12	-59.7
3M Co	4.70	25	218.27	+.52	+22.2
Torchmark	**.80**	**18**	**82.16**	**+.27**	**+11.4**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TransEnbx	...	...	3.69	-.31	+183.8
Transocn	...	10	10.31	-.48	-30.1
TriContl	**1.00e**	...	**25.90**	...	**+17.5**
TylerTech	...	**58**	**176.16**	**+.54**	**+23.4**
UBSI	**1.32**	**19**	**37.25**	**+.55**	**-19.5**
US Bancrp	1.20f	16	53.27	-.61	+3.7
US OilFd	...	...	10.48	-.01	+10.6
USSteel	.20	...	27.25	+.62	-17.4
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.15	-.11	+33.2
ValeantPh	...	3	12.39	-.42	-14.7
ValeroE	2.80	25	77.62	...	+13.6
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.33	-.09	+11.5
Vereit	.55	14	8.23	+.01	-2.7
VerizonCm	2.38f	10	48.65	+.25	-8.9
ViacomB	.80	7	25.82	-.75	-26.4
VulcanM	**1.00**	**37**	**116.94**	**-.07**	**-8.6**
WEC Engy	2.08	22	65.70	+.20	+12.0
WalgBoots	1.60f	14	67.74	+.34	-18.1
WealthInt	...	...	3.80	-.16	-23.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	53.41	+.22	-3.1
WhitingPet		...	5.17	-.09	-57.0
WmsCos	1.20	42	29.69	-.23	-4.7
XcelEngy	**1.44**	**22**	**48.73**	**+.01**	**+19.7**
Xerox rs	1.00	12	32.84	+.09	+42.8
Zynga	...	...	3.88	+.04	+51.0

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
23,002.20	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	23,157.60	+160.16	+.70	+17.18	+27.22
10,080.51	7,885.70	Dow Jones Transportation	9,899.67	+75.53	+.77	+9.46	+22.75
755.37	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	739.62	-.95	-.13	+12.13	+12.19
12,377.89	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	12,371.02	+21.05	+.17	+11.89	+16.70
6,632.50	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,624.22	+.58	+.01	+23.06	+26.26
2,559.71	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,561.26	+1.90	+.07	+14.40	+19.45
1,828.23	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,821.89	+5.55	+.31	+9.71	+18.78
23,641.50	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	26,635.38	+24.16	+.09	+13.70	+19.42
1,514.94	1,158.08	Russell 2000	1,505.14	+7.65	+.51	+10.91	+23.11

SUDOKU

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

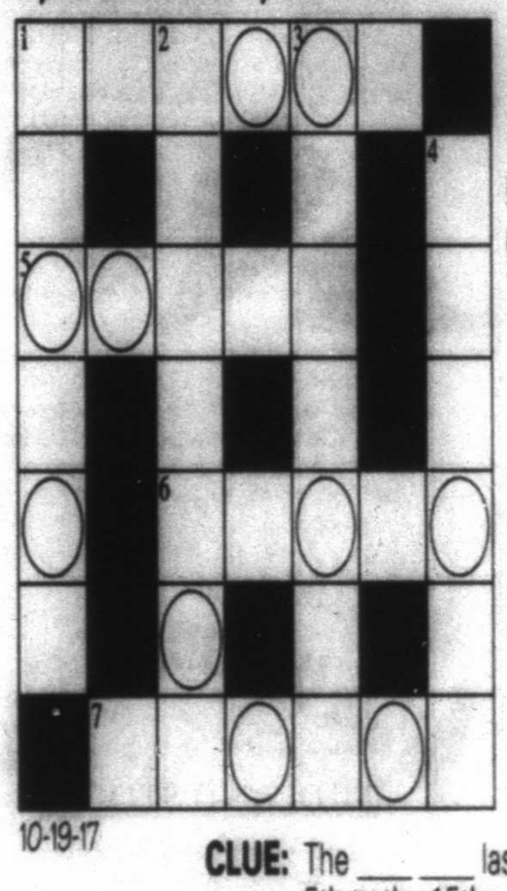
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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ practice	GRATTE
5. Mass ___	DIMAE
6. Sobbed	DECIR
7. Around the longest	SLODET

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. House of worship	MEETLP
2. Extreme	CLAARID
3. Shifty	AEEISVV
4. Critic, expert	NPIUTD

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

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CLUE: The ___ ___ lasted from the 5th to the 15th century.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Target 5A-Middle 6A-Cmdr 7A-Oldest 1D-Temple 2D-Radical 3D-Eleanor 4D-Plumbs B-Middle Ages

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Wing it
6 Doing battle
11 Quarterback Brady
14 "Fun With Dick and Jane" (2005) actress
15 Hourglass, e.g.
16 Political commentator Navarro
17 Southern dish, so we hear
19 Tap site
20 Justice Dept. branch
21 Fair
22 What "A" is for, in Sue Grafton's mystery series
24 Hot rod?
25 World's navigable waters, so we hear
27 __ Friday
30 Savory Chinese snack
31 Manufacturing facility
32 Manhattan developer?
33 #1 texting pal
36 Welcome relief, so we hear
41 Sevilla sun
42 Nice way to say no?
43 __ signs
44 "I bet!"
47 Composes, as music for a poem
48 Suggestive dance, so we hear
50 Put on
51 Hindu class
52 Works on walls
53 Nursery complaint
56 __ Dhabi
57 Warning hint, so we hear
61 "Little ol' me?"
62 "Middlemarch" novelist
63 Flowed back
64 Soup cooker
65 Criticize sharply
66 Butch and Sundance chasers

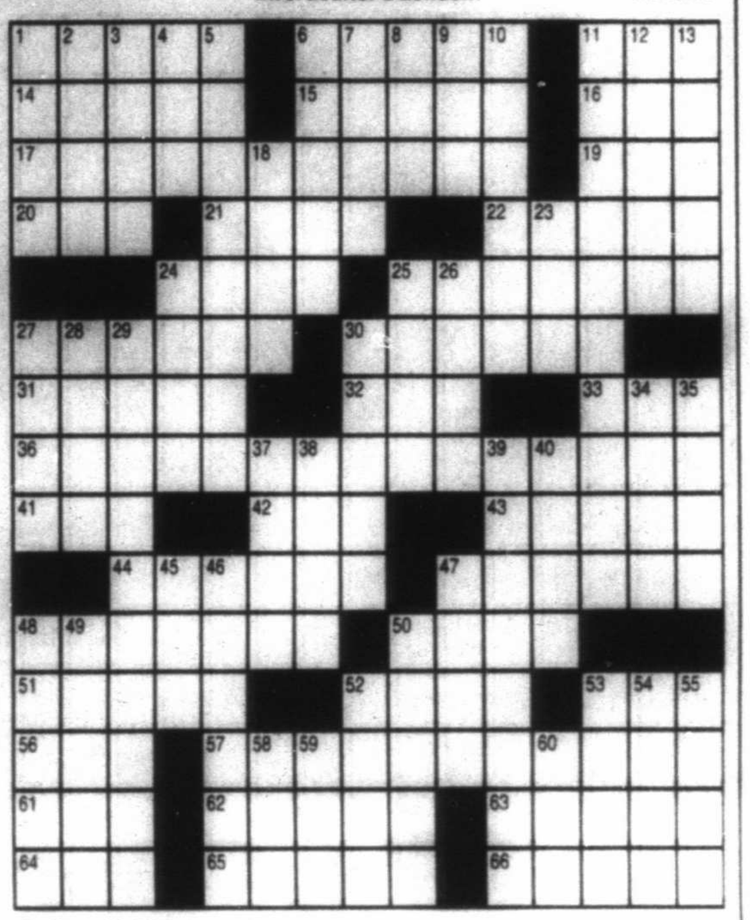
DOWN

1 Goya's "Duchess of __"
2 Muscle used to raise your hand in school, for short
3 Lollygag
4 "Monsters, __"
5 Spokesperson's route?
6 Till now
7 In those days
8 Gum ball
9 Galaxy download
10 Maintain, as roads
11 Bookie's work
12 Last non-AD yr.
13 Tricks
18 Wicked
23 Cut of lamb
24 Belted out
25 Burn slightly
26 They may ring or have rings
27 Calculating pros
28 Plus
29 Outfit with bell-bottom trousers
30 Steak named for its shape
34 Bravo automaker
35 Dough used in baklava
37 Letter-shaped fastener
38 One might be made of sheets and pillows
39 Exceed, as a boundary
40 Bris, e.g.
45 Flop's opposite
46 Gushed
47 Go it alone
48 Rapscallion
49 Just not done
50 Quick with comebacks
52 Funk
53 Halloween decor
54 All in favor
55 Literary alter ego
58 Stadium cry
59 Wrestler Flair nicknamed "The Nature Boy"
60 "Entourage" channel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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CROSS

2.

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2. _____ _____ _____

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Today's Answers:

1. Holy Cross
2. A single-spaced manuscript

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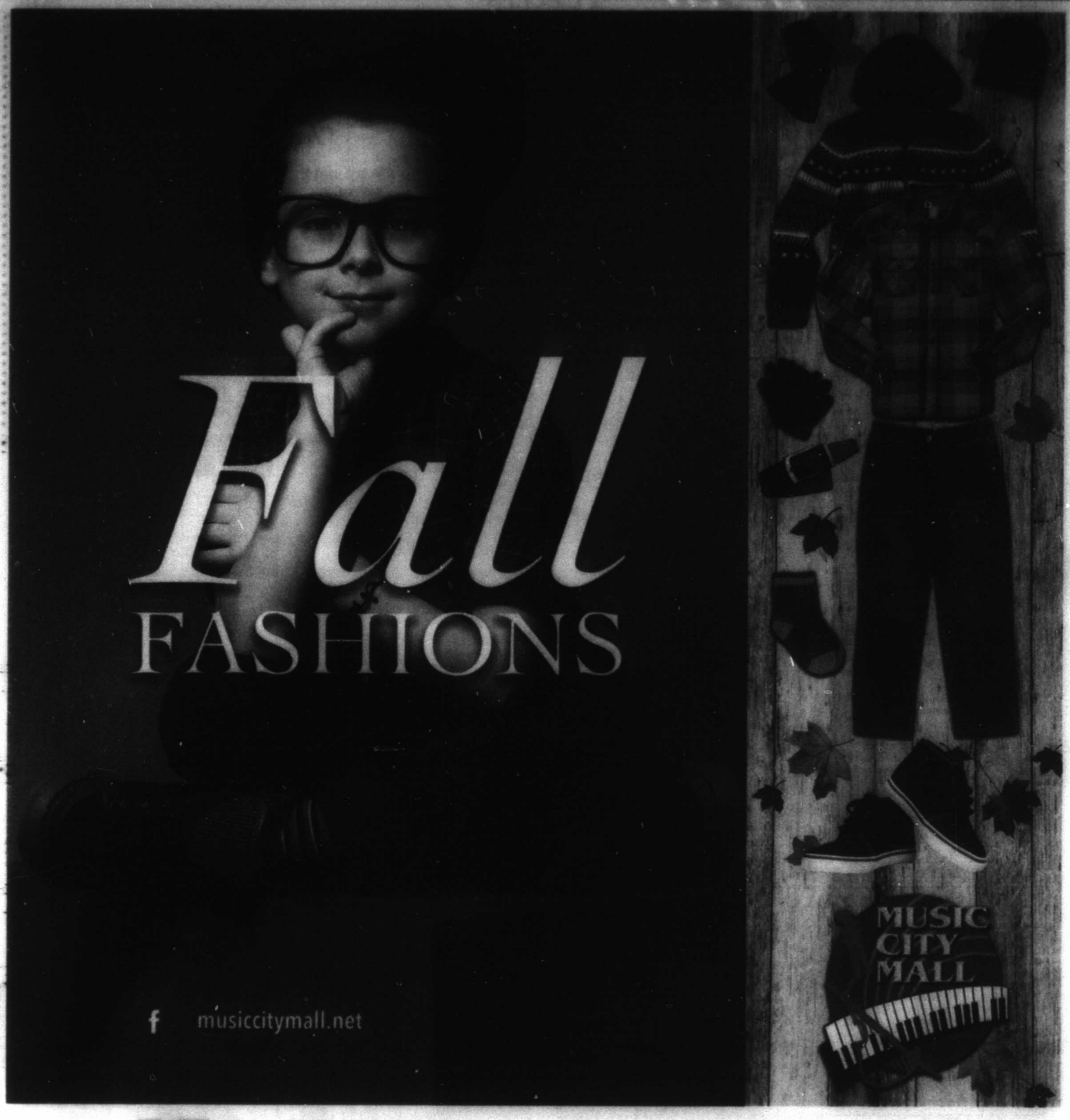
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The MRT has an opening for a Field Service Representative. The individual would be responsible for assisting with the delivery and distribution of our newspaper, other contracted products, and niche publications.

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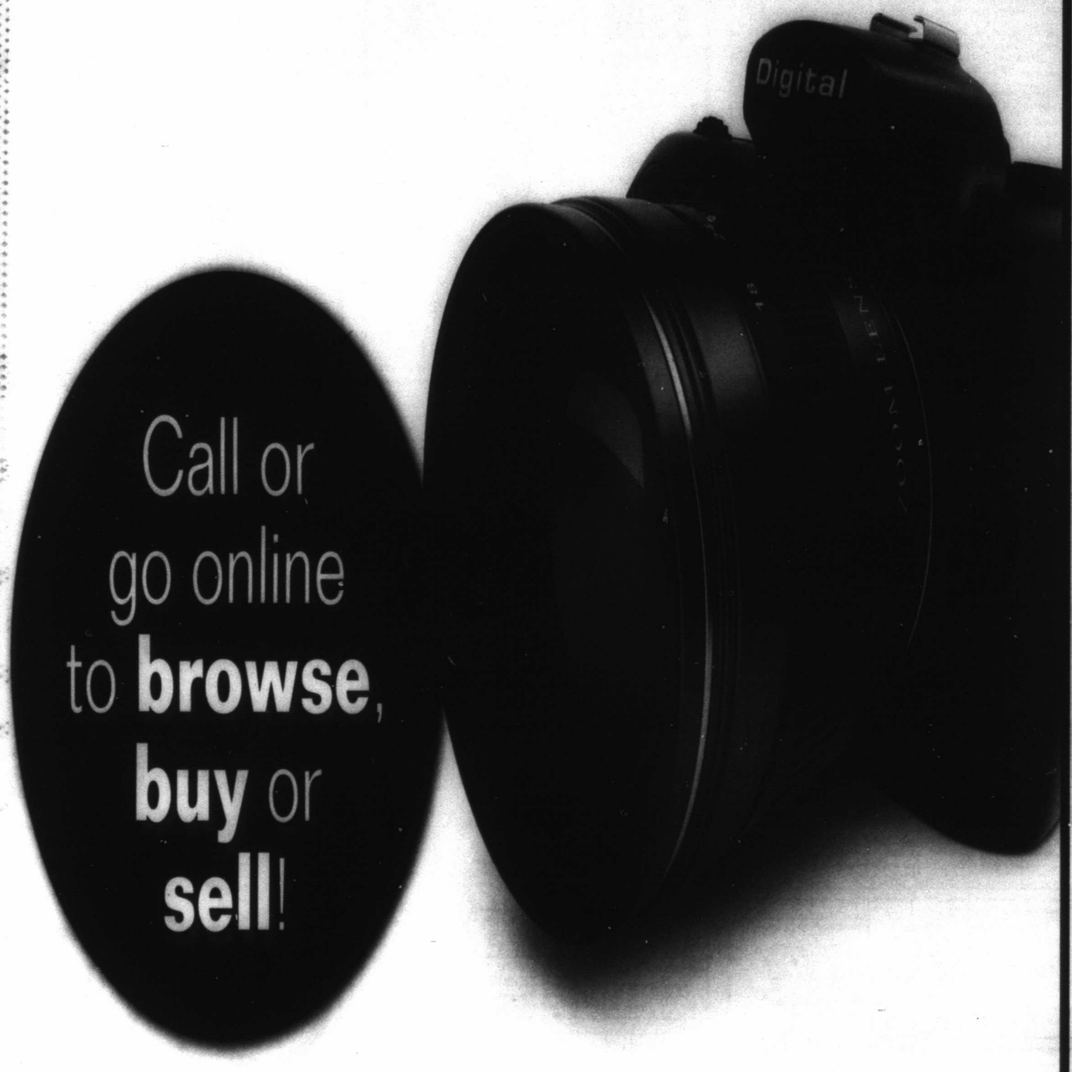
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Midland, Texas

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The Midland Independent School District invites qualified vendors to submit a sealed bid(s) for **Bid #17-34 Technology Items** through the MISD electronic bid system. Bids will be publicly opened and read in accordance with the bid documents in the office of Rebecca Mull, Director of Procurement Services, at 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, Texas at **2:00 P.M. C.S.T on Thursday, November 16, 2017**. Bid documents may be obtained by registering as a supplier at www.midlandisd.com/domain/44. For any questions, contact MISD Procurement Services department at (432) 240-1965.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday - November 7th, 2017 - 1:00 PM at 2107 North Fairgrounds Rd. - Midland, TX. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash; immediate removal is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes the contents of the following delinquent tenants: Jeffrey Timpson, Household Goods; Ellen Manuel, Household Goods; Dominique Stone, Household Goods; Jasmin Zubia, Household Goods; Sergio Navarrete, Household Goods; Terry Taylor, Household goods; and Aztlan Torres, Household goods. Property from the above listed delinquent tenants will be sold as individual units. For further information, contact Affordable Self Storage at 432-684-0033.

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ATTN: Joe Wells

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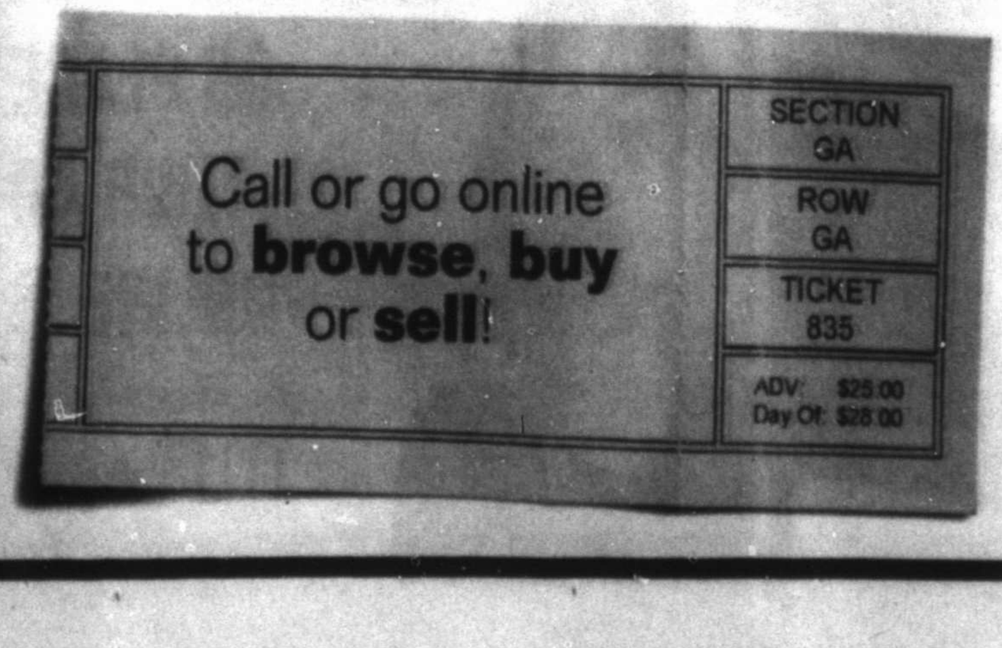
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Otters: Oodles of Fun!

Sea otters spend a lot of time swimming and hunting for food, but still have plenty of time for play. And watching a sea otter at play brings a smile to nearly anyone's face.

Sea otters are mammals and need to breathe air. They rest on their backs riding the swells of the sea. To keep from floating away, they wrap themselves in kelp that is growing out of the sea floor.

Standards Link: Life Science: Students know that living organisms have distinct structures and body systems that serve specific functions in survival.



Food Rocks!

Sea otters eat crabs, clams and red sea urchins. Cracking the hard shells of these animals is a challenge, but the sea otter has found a solution. It is one of the few animals to use a tool.

A hungry sea otter finds a rock on the sea floor, tucks it beneath a flap of loose skin under a forelimb, grabs a few clams and swims to the surface. Once there, the otter rolls over onto its back and places the rock on its chest. It bangs a clam against the rock until it breaks open then scoops out and eats the morsel of meat.

Circle what should come next in each row.



Fabulous Fur

Sea otters have very little body fat and rely on their fabulous fur to keep them warm in the cold Pacific _____. Their fur is thick—really thick—perhaps the _____ fur in the world. If you were to put a penny on a sea otter, it would _____ about 250,000 hairs. That is more than twice the _____ of hair on your entire head.

Otter fur holds tiny air bubbles, which serve as insulation against the _____.

If a sea otter's fur gets _____, it won't hold air as well. These creatures clean themselves often so that their fur can do its job.

Draw a line to where each missing word belongs.

COLD
COVER
OCEAN
DENSEST
DIRTY
AMOUNT

Extra! Extra!

The Outstanding Letter 'O'

Imagine a world without the letter O. Using an article from today's newspaper, cross out all the words containing the letter O. Give the article to a friend. Can your friend understand the article?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand word meanings from context clues.

Find the otter that is different from the others.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Otter Appetite

Each day, a sea otter eats one-fourth of its own weight in food.

That would be like:

- a 60-pound person eating **5 + 5 + 5 = _____** pounds of food in one day.
- a 100-pound person eating **10 + 12 + 3 = _____** pounds of food in one day.
- a 148-pound person eating **15 + 17 + 5 = _____** pounds of food in one day.

Do the math to find out how many pounds of food each person would eat if he or she were a sea otter!



Standards Link: Number Sense: Solve problems using addition.

Kid Scoop Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

OTTERS
PACIFIC
KELP
URCHINS
CLAMS
TOOL
DENSEST
MORSEL
SWELLS
SOLUTION
BUBBLES
WEIGHT
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ROCKS

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E	L	C	G	M	T	O	T	O	U
S	A	R	H	I	O	T	O	R	L
P	E	U	T	L	R	I	A	H	O
R	S	T	S	E	S	N	E	D	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Otter Home

Read the classified ads listing homes for sale. Based on what you learned from today's *Kid Scoop* page about otters, write a classified ad describing the perfect home for an otter.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief descriptions about objects.



What is The best way To catch a crab?

ANSWER: Have someone throw it to you.

Weekly Writing Corner

Talking Otter

Students imagine interviewing an otter.

Hi, we are interviewing a talking otter. Otters are amphibious mammals. They can be on land or water.
Students: So, how long can you stay underwater, Mr. Otter?
Mr. Otter: I can stay three or four minutes.
Students: Wow, that is a long time! What do you like to eat?
Mr. Otter: I love to eat crayfish, crabs, and fish, but I will eat mice and birds if I have to.
Students: Why are you such a good swimmer?
Mr. Otter: My body is tapered, I have short limbs and most important, webbed paws. Well, I have to go.
Students: OK. Bye!

Delaney and Halley, 3rd grade

Akil: Excuse me, Mr. Otter, may I please interview you about the sea?
Mr. Otter: Sure!
Akil: Thank you. My first question is do you still live with your mom?
Mr. Otter: No. Between five and eight months of age sea otters leave their mothers to make it on their own.
Akil: Is it true you have front paws shaped like mittens?
Mr. Otter: Yes. All sea otters have paws shaped like mittens.

Akil, 4th grade

This is Jasmyn from WJAZ TV coming at you from Woody's Pond in sunny Florida. I have Mr. O, the talking otter. Mr. O, I heard that you were really a sea otter. What caused you to move?
Mr. O: I have lived as a sea otter, and it just wasn't the life for me.
Jasmyn: Why not?
Mr. O: Because with all the clams we eat I hate to share. So I moved here because there are more clams than any one otter can eat and I didn't have to share with anyone. Yum O!!!

Jasmyn, 5th grade

Most otters stay close to home and live in the kelp forest. I would ask the otter where he would most like to travel. I think that he would say he would like to swim over to Hawaii to the warm waters where he could enjoy sun bathing and meeting new friends.

Spencer 5th grade

I would ask a sea otter what he would like to eat for dinner. He would tell me his special favorite is clams and mussels and sometimes urchins and that he can use a rock to open the shells while he lies on his back.

Gregory, 4th grade

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