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JUDGE CULVER DIES

Judge Barbara Culver — the first female county judge in Midland County and the first Republican woman on the Texas Supreme Court — died Monday. Read more in an upcoming edition.

Upcoming

Large radar facility coming to West Texas

MDC board votes to enter into a promotional agreement with LeoLabs

By Trevor Hawes
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Midland Development Corp. is looking to help an upstart radar company find space junk.

Board members at Monday's monthly meeting voted to approve a promotional agreement with LeoLabs, a California-based space company that will locate softball-size space debris for satellite companies. The deal will provide $12,000 annually for the next five years to help LeoLabs' advertising and marketing efforts, according to the agreement. Total funds are not to exceed $60,000. The first payment will be made on or before Oct. 1.

LeoLabs plans to build a physical radar facility at T-Bar Ranch, land that the city of Midland owns in Winkler County. The city draws water from an aquifer on the T- Bar Ranch property.

In explaining LeoLabs to the board, MDC Director of Business Development Tim Danielson said, "The way the system works right now, space junk is tracked by the U.S. Air Force, but the Air Force is not very forthcoming about the junk to public entities because they don't want our enemies to know how small they can track certain objects.

"Therefore, DirecTV or whoever can have a satellite go out and have no idea that something is approaching," he said. "(LeoLabs') technology will provide an independent, private company tracking this material that other companies can subscribe to so they can get that data."

Danielson said the company eventually will be able to track golf-ball-size objects.

City Councilman J.Ross Lacy, who is also president of Midland Spaceport Development Corp. and is a member of the state's Aviation and Aerospace Advisory Committee, said, "In the low Earth orbit — where all of this is going and you're getting a lot of activity — as much as it costs to launch and put a satellite in that area, you need to make sure the orbit you're going to be in isn't interfering or will get hit and lose a $50 million satellite up there."

City Council will vote today on a lease agreement with LeoLabs. In speaking with the Reporter-Telegram, Lacy said the deal had been in the works for about six months.

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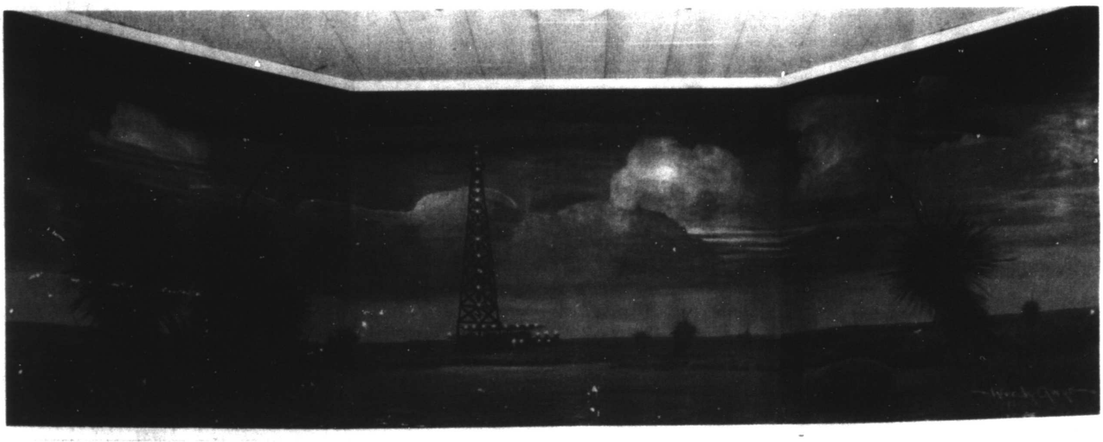
CANVAS CONUNDRUM



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

A mural painted by Woody Gwyn, MHS graduate and renowned southwestern landscape painter, is shown Sept. 1 at Midland High School.

Gwyn's mural at Midland High needs touch-up

By Stewart Doreen
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"(Artists) hope our work will survive ... and that it will mean something to people as time goes by."
- Woody Gwyn

It is hard to think of renowned southwestern landscape painter Woody Gwyn and that his work hasn't mattered.

On the contrary; it matters very much. It doesn't matter if the artwork is on display in Santa Fe, New Mexico, or in Midland at the Museum of the Southwest. Gwyn said the show, which ends this week, is his third at the local museum.

But that doesn't stop his work from being seen.

Gwyn is a graduate of Midland High — Class of 1962 — and for decades, thousands of students have seen Gwyn's work — whether they realized it or not — as they ascended or descended a staircase on the school's east side.

Far above the reach of any student or school employee hangs Gwyn's giant mural of an oil rig at night.

Gwyn is reserved in his comments about the mural because it's been more than five decades since he created the work of art — the gift of the Class of 1962.

"I was 18 years old when I did it," Gwyn said in a telephone interview from his residence at Galisteo, New Mexico. "Dorothy Perkins, an English teacher at the time — it was her idea for me to paint (the mural) on behalf of the graduating class."

He said that the Class of '62 got the materials for him, including linen on which to paint the mural. School officials allowed him to use a classroom by the auditorium as a studio. Gwyn recalls working on the mural most of the school year.

"It is wonderful that it is still there, and there are people that want to save it," he said.

Enter art restoration expert Steven Prins of Santa Fe. He was in Midland last month to inspect the 6-foot-by-18 foot painting. He is expected to provide a report on its condition and offer an opinion of what could be done to restore it.

Recently, the school board addressed the painting and got an update on the privately-funded restoration project. There was even talk about whether — looking ahead — Midland High is the proper place for the Gwyn mural. Could another place, such as the Petroleum Museum, be a better place so more people who appreciate art could see Gwyn's gift?

That's a decision for later. Prins said the painting is "overdue for restoration and that he's honored to be part of the process."

He said people have repainted

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Council to finalize tax rate, budget

■ 4B tax change, civic center funding, chamber building also on agenda

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland City Council is expected to put a bow on the 2016-17 budget, tax rate and the change on a sales tax addition so it can be used to pay for the operations and maintenance at the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

Based on previous votes, at today's meeting the council is likely to approve a $106.4 million budget (a decrease of more than $1 million from last year) and a tax rate of 39.9679 cents per $100 valuation (an increase of more than 3 percent from last year). The new tax rate will increase the taxes paid on a property appraised at $200,000 (assuming no increase in value) from $760 to $799.

The council also is likely to approve the use of a quarter-cent of sales tax to keep more money in the city's general fund. City leaders have used the general fund to pay for operations overruns for the complex — something expected going back to former Mayor Bobby Burns' campaign to make the sports complex a reality in 1999.

In fiscal year 2016-17, the amount for

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EDUCATORS SPEAK OUT

Hightower

"Truly great educators connect with students and do all they can to reach them where they are."

Chris Hightower, Midland ISD director of social studies

Read more on Page 1B.

"Make sure the teacher knows that you care about the work he/she does day in and day out with the students of this community."

Jennifer Seybert, Abell Junior High School principal

Read more on Page 2B.

Seybert

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Gasoline	$1.978	▼	$0.014

The big number
Northeastern Oklahoma will have
32 disposal wells shut down
because they're near a fault line that produced the states's strongest earthquake. Learn more on Page 3A.

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

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Obituaries

Carolyn Joy Claiborne Dickenson

Carolyn Joy Claiborne Dickinson of Midland passed away on September 9, 2016.

Carolyn was born on December 23, 1931 in Quanah, Texas to Stanley and Winona Claiborne. She moved to Big Spring in 1937 and then to Midland in 1945. She graduated from Midland High School in 1949 where she had met James E. Dickinson, Jr. They married on July 28, 1950. They had one son, Robert Michael Dickinson.

Carolyn worked for many years as a Data Entry Operator first at Shell Oil Company then at Permian Corp. and retired from Unocal in 1990. While retired, she worked and volunteered at Baptist Crisis Center. She was a member at First Baptist Church of Midland.

Carolyn dearly loved her three grandsons and two great-grandsons. In fact, two grandsons lived with her up until her death.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James, and her parents, Stanley and Winona Claiborne.

She is survived by her son, Mike Dickinson and his wife Jo Ann of Midland; her brother, James Claiborne and his wife Jo Ellen of Mesquite, Nevada; three grandsons, Davis Dickinson, Bradley Dickinson, and Jason Dickinson; two great-grandsons, Braden Dickinson and Braxten Dickinson; and by several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2016, followed by a Memorial Service at the Chapel at First Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m.

Honorary pallbearers are the ladies of the Naomi Sunday School Class.

Carolyn would like to thank her friend Maureen Thurman for all the kindness she gave her these last years and a thank you and appreciation to Janis Glass for her many years of friendship.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations be made to the Baptist Crisis Center, Box 2382, Midland, Texas 79702.

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

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Jason Albert Tarnowski

Jason Albert Tarnowski, 29, of Columbia, Missouri, passed away Saturday, September 10, 2016 at his home. He was born June 8, 1987 in Omaha, Nebraska the son of Stephen and Barbara (Krehbiel) Tarnowski.

Jason was a graduate of Midland Christian High School. His passion was football. Jason was on the 2004 Midland Christian High School State Championship football team where he was named All-State Offensive Lineman 1st Team 1st Selection. After high school, Jason attended Quincy University, Quincy, Illinois on a football scholarship where he received his Bachelor of Science in Sports Management in 2009.

Jason was employed with Veterans United for the past five years. Before that, Jason did a two-year internship with the Midland Rockhounds, an AA affiliate of the Oakland Athletics in Midland, Texas. Jason loved spending time in the weight room, holding the record for bench press at his high school. His favorite sports team was the St. Louis Cardinals.

Survivors include his parents, Stephen and Barbara Tarnowski of Columbia; one sister, Carissa Tarnowski of Columbia; paternal grandmother, Delores "Dee" Tarnowski of Cuba, Missouri; significant other, Dawn Kay of Columbia; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Stanley Tarnowski and Robert and Shirley Krehbiel.

Friends will be received from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Parker-Millard Funeral Service and Crematory, where a prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Additional visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Cuba, Missouri.

Mass of Catholic Burial will follow at 11:00 p.m. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Fr. Richard Boever officiating. Interment will follow in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Oak Hill, Missouri. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Columbia or the Holy Cross Catholic Church Cuba.

Arrangements are under the direction of Parker-Millard Funeral Service and Crematory, 12 East Ash Street, Columbia, Missouri 65203 (573) 442-7112.

Condolences may be left for the family at *www.parkermillard.com*.

Katie Lovenia Clark Hibler

Katie Lovenia Clark Hibler passed into the arms of Jesus in the company of her family on Friday September 9, 2016 at the age of 87.

Katie was a true Texan, born at home in Anderson County on April 17, 1929. Her family resided at the Sinclair Oil Pipeline Camp near Singleton.

Katie attended college at Texas A&I in Kingsville where she graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education.

Shortly after graduation, Katie married Vernon "Joe" and together they moved to Snyder, Texas where they lived until 1950 and the end of the Snyder Oil Boom. They then moved to Midland, Texas.

Following the death of her husband, Katie went to work for MHMR of Texas as a social worker in elderly care. She spent many days on the roads of West Texas making sure those living in state nursing homes were well taken care of.

Katie was also an avid volunteer serving her community by joining several organizations: The Lion's Club, Beta Signa Phi, Meals on Wheels, Midland Memorial Hospital Volunteers, The Woman's Club, and University Women's Club. She was an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church until she moved to Houston in 2012.

Katie was an accomplished bridge player and joined numerous bridge clubs over the time she lived in Midland. When Katie moved to Houston, she carried the passion of playing bridge with her.

Katie was preceded in death by her loving husband of 19 years, Vernon "Joe" Hibler; father, Carl W. Clark; Sr.; mother, Helen W. Clark; and a brother, Carl W. Clark, Jr.

She is survived by a son, Jay W. Hibler and wife Shelley of Tomball, Texas; her daughter, Marcilyn Hanna and her husband Marc of Fulshear, Texas; and by 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister, Felicia Clark Opel and husband Bob of April Sound, Texas; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Katie was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and loyal friend. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Her memorial service will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday Sept, 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a private graveside services for the family at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, Hospice, or any charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be left at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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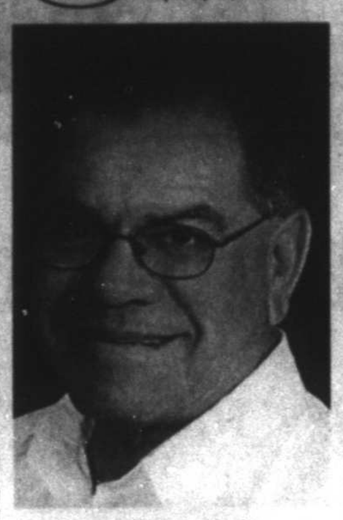

Jesus (Jesse) Z. Jimenez

Jesus (Jesse), Z. Jimenez, 69, went home to be with the Lord on September 10, 2016.

Jesse was born on April 26, 1947 in Candelaria, Texas to Jose and Drucila Jimenez. He graduated from Midland High School in 1966 and proudly served in the United States Army until 1968.

Jesse met and married the love of his life, Berta Ochoa Jimenez, in 1970 and together they shared 46 years of blessed matrimony. Jesse, along with his brother, Ray Jimenez, went on to open their own business, Ray's Auto Seat Covers, in 1972. Together they built a successful and respected business from which they retired 43 years later.

Jesse was an active member of First Baptist Church where he served on the Missions Committee, the Jail Ministry and Brotherhood, as well as being a member of the Gideon Organization. He loved to volunteer for the Christmas Store and Passion Plays at church. Jesse recently served on the Board for the Midland Central Appraisal District.

Jesse's love for life was evident in his big smile and loud laugh. He never met a stranger, and loved to talk to everyone. He was an inspiration and a mentor to many. Jesse especially loved spending time with his family, creating special memories for each to treasure. His love for the Lord exuded in his giving personality.

Left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Berta; son and daughter-in-law, Joe Anthony and Gina Jimenez; his daughter and son-in-law, Adriana and Sammy Jaso; his grandchildren, Jesse, Amerie, Julian, Adrian, Jazmin and Omar; his brothers, Ray (Lala), Joe (Isabel), and Frank Jimenez; and his sisters, Lydia (Raul) Ramos, Elena (Leonard) West, Maria (Luis) Mata, and Elvira Jimenez.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Jose and Drucila Jimenez, and his brother, Manuel Jimenez.

Services will be held Tuesday September 13, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church Midland, 2104 W. Louisiana St., with interment to follow at Resthaven North Cemetery, with Reverend Dr. Darin Wood officiating.

Pallbearers will be Joe Anthony Jimenez, Jesse Jimenez-Sanchez, Sammy Jaso, Ray Jimenez, Joe Jimenez, and Frank Jimenez.

Honorary pallbearers will be Luis Mata and Leonard West.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church Midland Missions Ministry and/or the Gideon Organization.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens & Funeral Home. To send family condolences please sign the guest registry at *www.sunsetodessa.com*.

SUNSET MEMORIAL
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William Marcus (Bill) Dingler, III

William Marcus (Bill) Dingler, III, 79, passed away on the afternoon of September 11, 2016 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, September 14, at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel of the First Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

Bill was born on July 31, 1937 in Gresham, Texas. In the early 50s, his family moved to Pecos, Texas to farm cotton and world-famous Pecos Cantaloupes.

He graduated from Pecos High School in 1956. He married Sondra Kaye (Sonnye) Bell on June 5, 1958. They were married 58 years.

His life was characterized by his ability to adapt to whatever circumstance life brought him. He began his early years as a farmer, which he loved, but throughout the years, he provided for his family in a myriad of occupations. He sold insurance, drove a big rig, packed cantaloupes all over South Texas, Arizona, and California, spent 17 years as an assistant supervisor of a gas plant in Barstow, Texas, and ended his career as a contractor. He owned and operated Marble Unlimited for the last 25 years of his career. In each of his occupations, he was trustworthy and respected among his coworkers and clients.

Bill accepted Christ as his personal Savior while suffering with kidney failure at the age of 10. He told of his paternal grandmother coming to live with his family and that she would sit beside his bed and read the Bible to him and pray. He said that during that extended illness, Jesus saved his life and his soul. He served as a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Pecos, Odessa, and Midland.

Bill enjoyed life. He will be remembered as an avid fan of each of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom he loved deeply. He learned to snow ski in his late 40s and tried to get in as many "runs" as he could during his time on the slopes with family.

He and his bride, Sonnye, traveled in the past 15 years to see much of the world. Together, they shared many wonderful memories and were privileged to see the beauty of much of God's creation together.

He is survived by the love of his life, Sonnye Dingler; a daughter, Kim Doan and her husband Kevin of Midland; a son, William Marcus (Marc) Dingler, IV and his wife Kari of Midland; grandsons, Kyle Doan, Marcus Dingler, and Jonathan Dingler; granddaughters, Kendal Russo and her husband Josh, Kalen Doan, and Rachel Dingler; and three great-granddaughters, Elliana, Mila, and Sofia Russo. Several cousins, nephews, and nieces also survive him.

The family would especially like to thank his nephews David Vinson, for his love and care, and Clifford Vinson, for all the hours of "Pitch."

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions to Armored Outreach International, 105 Main Street, Sweet Springs, MO, 65351.

The family wishes to thank Kristin Nall and Belinda Vizcaino of MMH, Veronica Bordayo and Denise Burillo, both caregivers with Martha Ramirez, and Hospice of Midland for their kind care and attention to Bill over the past weeks.

Arrangements are under the direction of American Heritage.

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Death Notices

Alan Childress Long

Alan Childress Long, 66, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on September 10, 2016.

He is survived by his mother, Nancy Jane Widner; two sons, Jeff Long and Nick Long; three brothers; two sisters.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Engine blade on Southwest jet showed signs of cracking

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — An engine fan blade that showed signs of metal fatigue broke off, causing the emergency landing of a Southwest Airlines jet last month, investigators say.

The plane landed safely in Florida after shrapnel from the broken engine hit the fuselage, leaving a 5-inch by 16-inch hole in the outer layer of aluminum above the left wing and causing the plane to lose cabin pressure.

The National Transportation Safety Board released the details in an update Monday to its investigation of the Aug. 27 incident.

In an emailed statement, a spokeswoman for Dallas-based Southwest said the airline was "continuing to work closely with the NTSB on the investigation of this unique and extremely rare event."

The spokeswoman, Lisa Tiller, said repairs have begun on the plane but no date was known for its return to flying. She declined to comment further, saying Southwest would defer to the NTSB to provide more details about the incident.

Investigators said one blade separated from the engine fan disk during the flight. The root of the blade stayed in place, but the rest broke off and was not recovered.

The NTSB said initial laboratory findings indicated that an area of the titanium-alloy blade stub about one inch long and one-fifth of an inch deep showed signs "consistent with fatigue crack growth."

The engine was made by CFM International, a joint venture of GE Aviation and French company Safran Aircraft Engines.

Richard Aboulafia, an analyst at aviation-research firm Teal Group, said advances in materials and manufacturing have made uncontained engine failures extremely rare, and both the Boeing 737 and the CFM engine have good records.

"Given the experience we have had with this aircraft and this engine, the odds of a systemic problem are basically nil," Aboulafia said. He said it's not necessary to inspect every CFM fan blade on all 737s unless the NTSB decides otherwise after completing its investigation.

John Cox, a former airline pilot and now an aviation-safety consultant, said the NTSB will probably focus on how long the fan blade that broke off had been cracked and why Southwest didn't discover metal fatigue during maintenance checks. He said cracks usually start small and grow slowly.

Southwest said the plane's last maintenance check was Aug. 21.

Multi-engine passenger jets like the 737 are designed to fly on one engine, but so-called uncontained engine failures are dangerous because flying debris can damage systems needed to control the plane or penetrate the cabin.

In 2010, shrapnel from an exploding engine on an Airbus A380 operated by Qantas damaged the fuel, hydraulic and electrical systems and caused a brief fire. The crew landed the plane safely in Singapore.

In 1996, a woman and her son were killed when debris from an engine tore through the fuselage while the Delta Air Lines jet was taking off from Pensacola, Florida. The pilots aborted the takeoff.

In last month's incident, the Southwest plane was flying from New Orleans to Orlando with 99 passengers and five crew members but made an emergency landing in Pensacola after losing cabin pressure. No one was injured.

Debris from the left engine hit the fuselage, wing and tail. NTSB investigators said that although they found a gash in the fuselage skin above the left wing, no engine parts were found in the hole, and the interior passenger compartment was not breached.

The NTSB said it was reviewing maintenance records for the plane. The investigators were being assisted by French aviation authorities.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Police say driver ran over woman multiple times

Houston police say the driver of a pickup ran over a woman multiple times in an apartment complex parking lot.

Police Sgt. Joshua Horn tells the Houston Chronicle that the woman was run over late Sunday night. Police are searching for the driver.

Police say the woman, who suffered cuts and head trauma, was taken to a hospital in critical condition with life-threatening injuries.

Witnesses told investigators the driver of the small pickup ran over the woman, drove to another part of the parking lot, revved his engine, and ran over her again. He then reversed and ran over her for a third time. Finally, he sped out of the parking lot, running over her for a fourth time.

No information was released about what led to the incident.

DALLAS

Police say woman fatally shoots manager of group home

Dallas police say the manager of a group home was fatally shot at the facility by one of two women he was arguing with over money.

Police say the 34-year-old man died after being taken to the hospital Saturday. Police say the man was shot by one of the two women after he tried to block their exit out of the front door.

Police say both women fled the location. Neither of the two women were residents of the group home.

Police say no one in the group home witnessed the shooting but several heard the arguments and the shot fired. It was one of the residents who called 911.

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tulipomania
[too-luh-puh-mey-nee-uh]
noun
1. (in 17th-century Holland) a widespread obsession with tulips, especially of highly prized varieties, as those of a streaked, variegated, or unusual color.

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COUNTERCLOCKWISE: Megan Tobin, of Bellevue, Ohio protests on the grounds of the North Dakota state capitol Friday in Bismarck, N.D. The federal government stepped into the fight over the Dakota Access oil pipeline Friday, ordering work to stop on one segment of the project in North Dakota and asking the Texas-based company building it to "voluntarily pause" action on a wider span that an American Indian tribe says holds sacred artifacts. Tom Stromme/The Bismarck Tribune via AP, Native Americans head to a rally Thursday at the State Capitol in Denver, Colo. to protest in solidarity with members of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe in North Dakota over the construction of the Dakota Access oil pipeline. The tribe argues that the pipeline, which crosses four states to move oil from North Dakota to Illinois, threatens water supplies and has already disrupted sacred sites. David Zalubowski/Associated Press, Protestors against the four-state Dakota Access pipeline march in downtown Friday in Chicago. Demonstrators say they're rallying in solidarity with Native Americans fighting to stop the pipeline. Tae-Gyun Kim/Associated Press, Phil Little Thunder, of Rosebud, S.D. shows his support during the protest on the grounds of the North Dakota state capitol in his pow wow regalia Friday in Bismarck, N.D. Tom Stromme/The Bismarck Tribune via AP

The Dakota Access pipeline, what now?

By James Macpherson
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — A federal judge kept in place Monday a previous work-stoppage order on a small portion of the nearly 1,200-mile (1931 km) Dakota Access oil pipeline while federal agencies review construction permits for the site, which the

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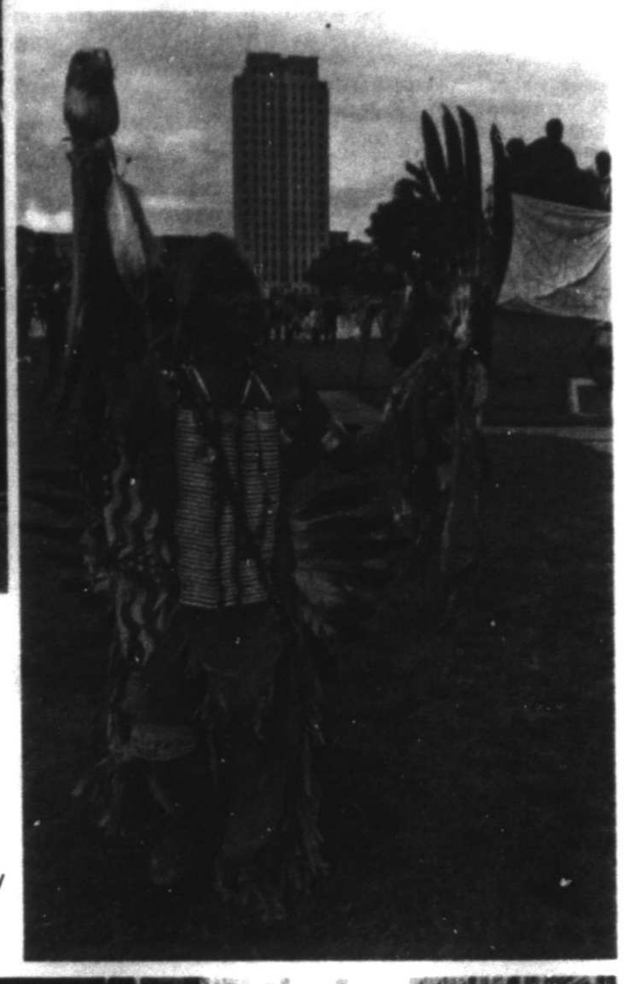

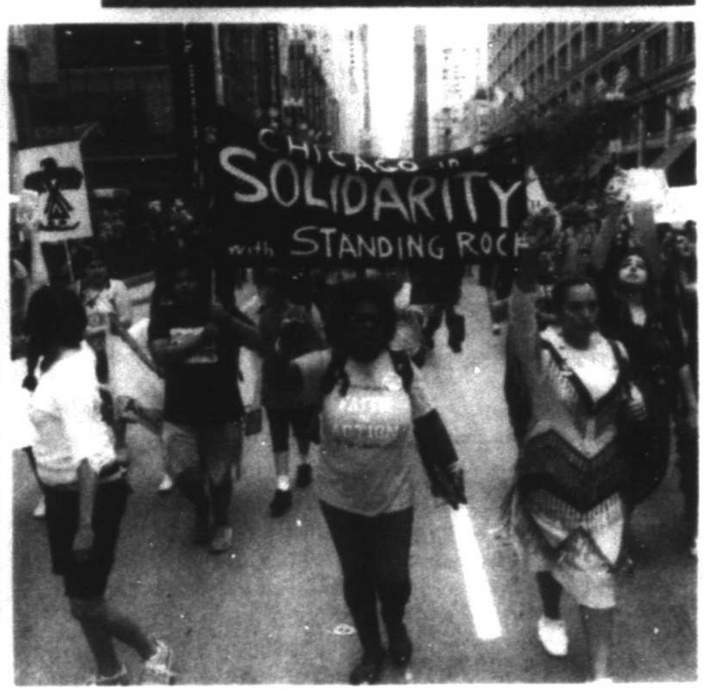

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Employee Talia Pershall, 16, puts syrup back on a shelf while cleaning up at White's Foodliner grocery store Sept. 3 in Pawnee, Okla., following a 5.6 magnitude earthquake that hit just after 7 a.m., in north-central Oklahoma.

Oklahoma, EPA shutter 32 wells in new earthquake-prone area

By Sean Murphy
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — State and federal regulators say 32 disposal wells in northeastern Oklahoma must shut down because they are too near a newly discovered fault line that produced the state's strongest earthquake on record.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission said Monday that 27 wells under its jurisdiction would cease operations, along with five wells in Osage County, which is covered by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rules.

A magnitude 5.8 quake at Pawnee, Oklahoma, on Sept. 3 shook several states. Shortly afterward, geologists speculated on whether the temblor occurred on a previously unknown fault.

In a standard energy field practice, wastewater from oil and gas production is injected deep into the earth. The high pressure has been blamed for triggering an increase in earthquakes.

Regulators shuttered wells within 10 miles of the new fault.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man charged with aggravated assault

A Midland man was arrested Saturday after allegedly threatening a woman with a gun, according to court documents.

Abdias Juda Brito, 22, was being held Monday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a date/family/house member with a weapon.

Police were dispatched in reference to shots fired about 12:30 a.m. Saturday. An officer saw a pickup speeding through an alleyway in the area. Police made a traffic stop and found a man — later identified as Brito — and a woman in the pickup, according to the arrest affidavit. Police were advised of a domestic disturbance complaint involving a man and woman in a similar vehicle.

Brito

Police searched the truck and found a nine mm gun, according to the affidavit. Brito allegedly used the firearm to threaten the woman during an argument and aimed it at the ground while firing.

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

Man faces bank robbery charge

The Midland Police Department has charged a man in connection with a robbery that occurred at Members Financial Federal Credit Union on Sept. 1.

Kevin Renfro, 40, is facing a robbery charge following the incident at Members Financial Federal Credit Union, 3100 N. Big Spring St. Renfro was arrested Thursday by the Lampasas County Sheriff's Office on the Midland County warrant.

Odessa man dies in one-vehicle wreck on SH 158

From staff reports

A 33-year-old Odessa man died Saturday morning in a one-vehicle wreck on State Highway 158, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Efrain Castelan-Ramirez was driving a Peterbilt truck eastbound on SH 158 seven miles east of Midland when the vehicle hydroplaned.

The truck then left the road and rolled, according to the release. Castelan-Ramirez, who was wearing a seat belt, died at the scene.

It was raining at the time of the wreck, which occurred at about 9:40 a.m.

Castelan-Ramirez is the 13th person to die on roads in Midland County this year, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

The most recent fatality was Aug. 31, when a 48-year-old Denver City man died in a one-vehicle wreck on Farm-to-Market Road 1788, 10 miles northwest of the city, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

■ Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m., Midland County Public Library-Downtown, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Every other Tuesday. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Second Tuesday Salon featuring harpist Vincent Pierce. noon, The Rose Building, 415 N. Grant Ave. Odessa. Free. odessaarts.org.

■ Roald Dahl Day celebrates the children's author's birthday with crafts, games and storytime. 4 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250.

■ Permian Basin Fair and Exposition, 5 p.m., Ector Coliseum, Odessa. Permianbasinfair.com.

■ The Honey Badgers at the Permian Basin Fair and Exposition, 6 p.m., Ector Coliseum, Odessa. Permianbasinfair.com.

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

■ "Willie Velasquez: Your Vote is Your Voice," 6 p.m., Ector County Library, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa. Free. It is a documentary about the man who led the Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project which paved the way for Latinos to have a voice in government. Basinpbs.org.

■ Live Trivia, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

■ $2 Tuesdays bowling after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

Meetings

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Community calendar

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday. This month's featured book is "Cowboy Boyd and Mighty Calliope."

Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

■ The dog park at Hogan Park will be closed on Wednesday for maintenance. The city's Parks and Recreation Division will be treating the area for stickers. The Waggin' Trail Dog Park at Beal Park will remain open.

For more information, call David Sanchez at 685-7356.

Source: city of Midland

■ The Permian Basin Board of Realtors is hosting a pancake breakfast 8 a.m. to noon Sept. 24 at 3114 Sunburst Drive. Donations will be accepted for the event, which will benefit the Alzheimer's association.

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway is expected to attend.

Recycling container locations

Large 30-cubic yard open top containers

■ Midland Citizens Collection Station — 4100 Smith Road. 685-7278 — has recycling containers for cardboard, aluminum, paper and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics.

■ Midland College (Chaparral Center) — 3200 N. Garfield Road — Cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ Security Bank Ballpark west side — 5514 Champions Drive — Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics

■ H-E-B — 3325 W. Wadley Ave. — No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard

■ Super Mercado — 2208 N. Big Spring St. — Cardboard

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.

For more information call Keep Midland Beautiful at 688-7745 or visit KMB's website at keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

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Daily 4 evening: 7-3-4-7
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Today in Texas history

Former Texas Gov. Ann Richards died in Austin at age 73.

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 13, the 257th day of 2016. There are 109 days left in the year.

On this date:

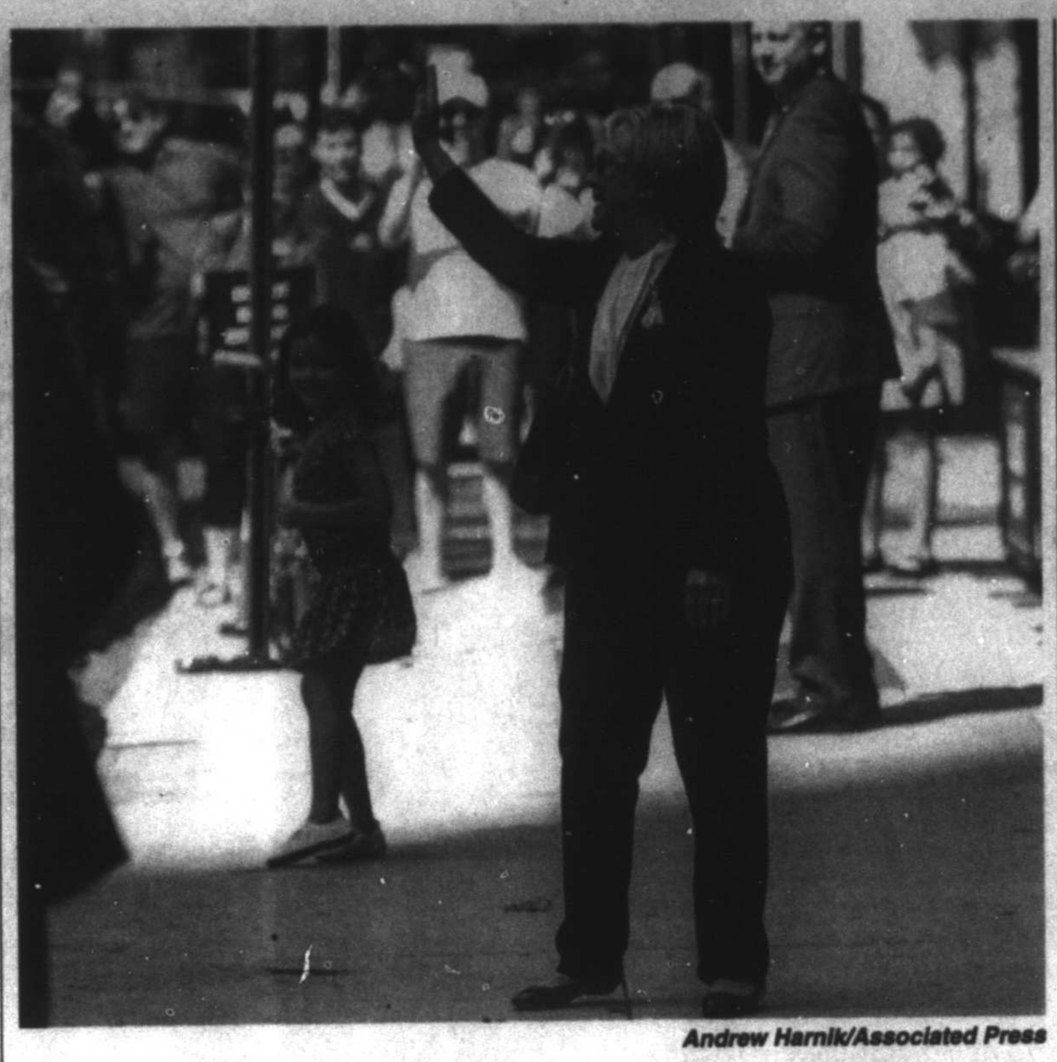
In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate; she became the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

In 1959, Elvis Presley first met his future wife, 14-year-old Priscilla Beaulieu, while stationed in West Germany with the U.S. Army. (They married in 1967, but divorced in 1973.)

In 1962, Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett rejected the U.S. Supreme Court's order for the University of Mississippi to admit James Meredith, a black student, declaring in a televised address, "We will not drink from the cup of genocide."

In 1997, funeral services were held in Calcutta (now Kolkata), India, for Nobel peace laureate Mother Teresa.

Today's birthdays: Rock singer David Clayton-Thomas (Blood, Sweat & Tears) is 75. Olympic gold medal runner Michael Johnson is 49. Christian musician Hector Cervantes (Casting Crowns) is 36.



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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton waves as she leaves an apartment building Sunday in New York. Clinton's campaign said the Democratic presidential nominee left the 9/11 anniversary ceremony in New York early after feeling "overheated."

Pneumonia diagnosis fuels questions about Clinton's health

By Lisa Lerer and Julie Pace
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Hillary Clinton plans to release additional health records, after an abrupt departure from a 9/11 anniversary ceremony Sunday raised concerns about her fitness to serve as commander in chief.

The questions about her health were compounded by the nearly eight hours of silence from Clinton and her team about the health scare, as well as the Sunday evening disclosure she had been diagnosed on Friday with pneumonia. A Clinton spokesman acknowledged Monday that information should have been released more quickly.

Clinton's doctor said the 68-year-old former secretary of state "became overheated and dehydrated" at the 9/11 ceremony in Manhattan. Dr. Lisa R. Barback said Clinton was examined at her home in suburban New York and "is now rehydrated and recovering nicely."

The campaign has asked Barback to prepare Clinton's medical records to be made public, according to spokesman Brian Fallon, and the Democratic nominee is expected to back on the campaign trail by mid-week. Late Sunday, she canceled plans to travel to California for two days of fundraising, campaign events and an appearance on Ellen DeGeneres' talk show.

"There's no other undisclosed condition. The pneumonia is the extent of it," Fallon said, in an interview with MSNBC.

But less than two months from Election Day, it was a problematic visual for Clinton as she tries to project the vigor needed for one of the world's most demanding jobs.

Clinton's team tried to address some of the criticism on Monday morning, arguing that Clinton wanted to keep her full schedule and the fault for the lack of information rested with her staff.

"In retrospect, we could have handled it better," Fallon said. He said that was the staff's responsibility and "we regret that."

No longer can Trump's questions about Clinton's physical stamina be summarily dismissed. The episode was also sure to fuel a vocal group of online conspiracy theorists, deemed "healthers" by some Clinton supporters, who point to videos and photos of Clinton as evidence of her poor health.

In phone-in television interviews Monday morning, Trump was uncharacteristically subdued about Clinton's health issues. On CNBC, he said he takes no satisfaction from her problems. On Fox News, he said he hopes "she gets well and gets back on the trail and we'll be seeing her at the debate." The first of three debates is scheduled for Sept. 26.

Trump also said he had a physical last week and will release detailed health information when he gets the results, which are expected in coming days. "I think they're going to be good. I feel great," he said on "Fox and Friends."

Both candidates have so far released only limited health records.

The incident compounds a difficult time for Clinton as the race enters its final stretch. Despite Trump's numerous missteps, the race remains close and many Americans view Clinton as untrustworthy.

On Friday, Clinton told donors that "half" of Trump's supporters are in a "basket of deplorables" — a comment that drew sharp criticism from Republicans. Clinton later said she regretted applying that description to "half" of Trump's backers, but stuck by her assertion that the he has given a platform to "hateful views and voices."

Trump on Monday called Clinton's remarks "the biggest mistake of the political season." On Fox, he said that being elected to the White House means: "You're the president of all the people."

On Sunday, Clinton left the 9/11 memorial an hour earlier than planned. She had spent about 90 minutes standing with other dignitaries in the sun on a warm and humid day.

Her departure was not witnessed by the reporters who travel with her campaign. Aides provided no information about why she left or her whereabouts for nearly two hours. Clinton's spokesman Nick Merrill eventually said Clinton had gone to her daughter's nearby apartment, but refused to say whether she had required medical attention.

Clinton exited the apartment on her own, wearing sunglasses and carrying a handbag. She waved to reporters and said, "I'm feeling great. It's a beautiful day in New York." She was then driven to her home in Chappaqua, New York.

Bardack said in the state-

Quiet for once: Trump restraint demonstrates new discipline

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For nearly 24 hours, Donald Trump was quiet.

As Hillary Clinton waded through the most perilous stretch of her campaign to date, the GOP presidential nominee held his tongue, allowing amateur footage of his foe stumbling after falling ill to play over and over on TV without his commentary.

The episode underscored a new political reality: After more than a year of off-the-cuff comments and chaotic cleanup, Trump's campaign seems to have found its footing.

Over the past four weeks, with a new leadership team in place, Trump has largely done away with his free-wheeling rallies, replacing them with teleprompter-guided speeches. While he is by no means a typical candidate — he derisively referred to Sen. Elizabeth Warren as "Pocahontas" and questioned the integrity of the FBI and Department of Justice during a morning show call-in on Monday — he has nonetheless refined many of his campaign's rougher edges. He's trying to broaden his appeal and win over the moderate and independent voters he'll need if he hopes to win.

Gone are the endless attacks on his former GOP rivals and his aversion to more intimate campaign events. He has even lifted his extraordinary ban on credentialing particular news outlets he's deemed unfair.

And on the worst weekend of Hillary Clinton's year, Trump stayed largely silent and let her problems make the headlines.

Trump's team had already imposed a day of silence order for Sept. 11, asking supporters to refrain from news interviews and suspending outright campaigning as the nation marked the anniversary of the attacks on the Twin Towers and Pentagon.

But Team Trump even kept quiet Sunday as the news dripped out about Clinton — confusion about where she'd gone after feeling "overheated," video of her needing assistance and then stumbling while entering a van, her campaign's eventual revelation that she'd been diagnosed with pneumonia. There were no gloating tweets, no "told-you-so's" from supporters who've been pushing conspiracy theories about her health.

When Trump re-emerged, in a pair of early-morning phone interviews with friendly TV stations, he was restrained and reserved, at least on the topic of Clinton's health.

"Something's going on," he said on "Fox and Friends," "but I just hope she gets well and gets back on the trail and we'll be seeing her at the debate."

Trump's tone surprised even long-time supporters like Barry Bennett, a former adviser to his campaign.

"That's the most remarkable thing I've seen out of the Trump campaign so far," said Bennett, adding that, "the old Donald Trump would have gone straight to Twitter."

"He's frankly a much better candidate," Bennett said, making the case that, if Trump can stay on message for the next seven weeks, he can win in November.

Jason Miller, Trump's senior communications adviser, credited the discipline to Trump himself, saying that, after months of campaigning, the political novice has seen what works.

"What he's finding now are the best ways to articulate and implement his vision," Miller said, describing the strategy as "letting Trump be Trump — but with discipline."

The new message control follows the campaign's latest leadership shake-up, including the promotion of Kellyanne Conway to campaign manager.

Under her guidance, Trump still veers off-script sometimes. But the candi-

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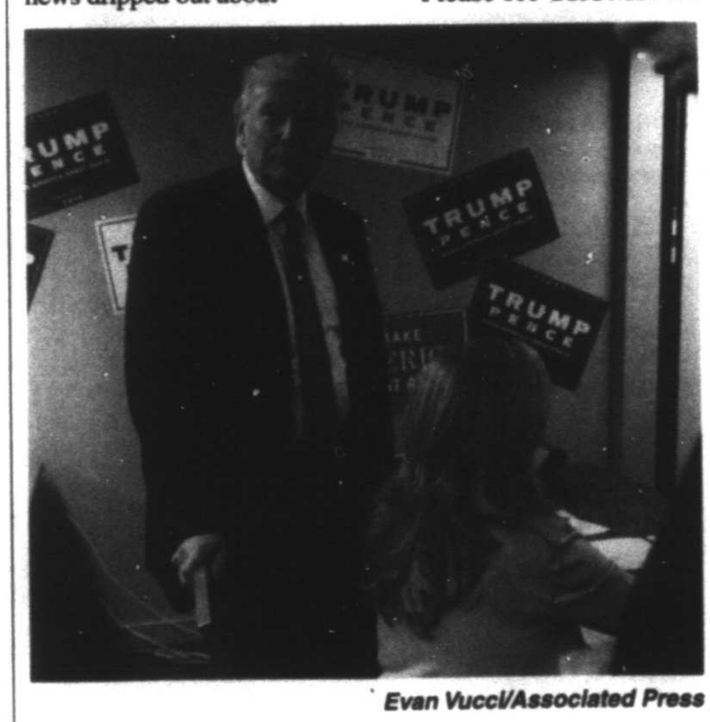

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump visits a call center before a rally Monday in Asheville, N.C.

PIPELINE

From 3A

But much has yet to be settled when it comes to the pipeline that'll run from North Dakota to Illinois, including whether the company will respond to the federal agencies' request for a voluntary, broader work stoppage in that area.

How we got here

Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners obtained federal permits for the $3.8 billion pipeline in July, two years after it was first announced.

The project would carry a half-million barrels of crude oil daily from western North Dakota's oil fields through South Dakota and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Patoka, Illinois, where shippers can access Midwest and Gulf Coast markets.

Supporters say the pipeline would create more markets and reduce truck and oil train traffic.

But the Standing Rock Sioux, other tribes and environmental groups say that the pipeline could threaten water supplies for millions, since it will cross the Missouri River, as well as harm sacred sites and artifacts.

Since April, there's been a tribal protest at the confluence of the Cannonball and Missouri rivers and it has grown considerably — thousands gathered last week. Nearly 40 have been arrested as the protest has grown in size, including Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman David Archambault II.

Key claims

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe sued federal regulators for approving the oil pipeline, challenging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision to grant permits at more than 200 water crossings and arguing that the pipeline would be placed less than a mile upstream of the reservation, potentially impacting drinking water for more than 8,000 tribal members and millions of people who rely on it further downstream.

The lawsuit said the project violates several federal laws, including the National Historic Preservation Act. The tribe also worries the project will disturb ancient sacred sites outside of the 2.3-million acre reservation.

Energy Transfer Partners disputes those claims, saying the pipeline would include safeguards such as leak detection equipment and that workers monitoring the pipeline remotely in Texas could close valves within three minutes if a breach is detected.

The legal process

The Standing Rock Sioux's effort to temporarily block construction near its reservation on the North Dakota-South Dakota border was denied by U.S. District Judge James Boasberg on Friday.

But minutes later, federal officials ordered a temporary halt to construction of the pipeline on Army Corps land around and underneath Lake Oahe — one of six reservoirs on the Missouri River. It also asked for a "voluntary pause" of work by Energy Transfer Partners for 20 miles (32 km) on either side of Lake Oahe, to which ETP has not indicated its position, though it noted in an email that work was ongoing elsewhere in the other four states.

Boasberg declined Monday to grant the tribe's request to "formalize" the government's desired work stoppage, but kept in place an earlier order to halt construction from State Highway 1806 to 20 miles (32 km) east of Lake Oahe.

What's the timetable?

No one — neither the company, nor the tribe, nor federal agencies — has said.

The Departments of Justice, the Army and the Interior said Friday that it won't authorize construction on corps land bordering or under Lake Oahe until it re-examines its permitting decision-making process.

A Dakota Access lawyer said in federal court last week that the portion of the pipeline in North Dakota that's the subject of the legal wrangling would be finished shortly if not for the delays. ETP has said it expects to complete the full pipeline by the end of the year.

Still protesting

The temporary policy victory hasn't dulled the number of people coming to the protest site, according to Standing Rock tribal historian LaDonna Brave Bull Allard. She and others have said is largest gathering of American Indian tribes in a century.

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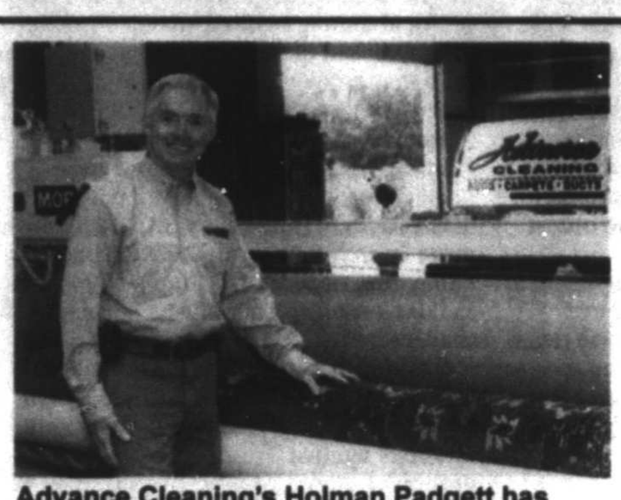

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How often is right for cleaning?

Frequency of cleaning depends on the kind of wood you're burning. Generally, the softer the wood the more often the cleaning. For standard woods like oak or pecan, you should have your chimney cleaned after ever cord of wood.

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OPINION

Pneumonia stumble gives Trump ammunition

■ History indicates Clinton's health issues could offer bigger problems on Election Day

CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

Two weeks before the 1944 election, an already ailing President Franklin D. Roosevelt rode 50 miles in an open car through New York City in a driving rain, hoping to convince voters that he was healthy enough for a fourth term. He succeeded in winning re-election, only to die five months later.

Compare that to midsummer 1988, when, with polls showing Democrat Michael Dukakis leading the presidential race, President Ronald Reagan alluded to rumors that the Massachusetts governor had been treated for depression, declaring, "I'm not going to pick on an invalid." Though Dukakis was healthy, his poll numbers began to decline, and he ultimately lost to Vice President George Bush.

The latter incident shows the potentially damaging political impact of even unfounded rumors about candidates' health in a modern presidential campaign. Besides, the day is long past when a candidate — or a White House — can conceal health issues like Roosevelt did in 1944 and President Woodrow Wilson did after a crippling stroke in 1919.

Hillary Clinton's stumble and near collapse Sunday from pneumonia came after rivals had sought to make political mischief by raising the question of her health with unproven innuendo. In that climate, what appears to be confirming evidence in the form of an oft-repeated video of the event and her campaign's failure to disclose for two days that she had pneumonia could have a very serious effect on this closely contested, very uncertain race.

Though she has been more open about her health than rival Donald Trump, her weekend episode puts a special burden on her to disprove Trump's frequent accusations that she lacks "the mental and physical stamina" to perform the presidency.

There are two mitigating factors. Though Trump's campaign manager immediately questioned Clinton's "transparency," the Republican nominee is a year older than Clinton and has revealed even less about his health. But on Fox News Channel's "Fox and Friends" Monday morning, he said he recently had a full physical, pledging, "When the numbers come in, I'll be releasing very, very specific numbers."

The second is that even Trump acknowledged the physical demands on presidential candidates. Besides, a bout of pneumonia doesn't necessarily confirm his suggestions she is "a weak person," who is "not strong enough to be president." But given her history of blood clots, Clinton needs to refute that by her performance in the coming weeks — especially in the televised debates — and by releasing the complete medical records nominees have traditionally disclosed.

History contains a warning for her. Though it's not unusual for presidential candidates, or even presidents, to get sick, some incidents became symbolic representations of political problems.

In 1996, Republican nominee Bob Dole fell off a campaign platform in Chico, California. Though he soon started joking about it, the incident symbolized the fact that, at 73, he would have been the oldest person elected president.

In the fall of 1979, amid sagging approval ratings, President Jimmy Carter collapsed in a 10-kilometer road race near the Camp David retreat while trying to keep up with more seasoned runners. It became a symbol for his declining political standing.

And as President George H.W. Bush faced a Republican primary challenge from conservative commentator Patrick Buchanan in 1992, he collapsed and threw up at a state dinner in Japan. It came nine months after an earlier collapse while jogging because of what was diagnosed as a thyroid problem, raising questions about the 67-year-old president's health.

Dole, Carter and Bush all lost. If Clinton subsequently loses, future presidential campaign historians may cite this weekend as a precursor of her political demise.

History also shows ways to respond.

In 1984, his age (73) became an issue for President Ronald Reagan's re-election after he gave a meandering closing debate statement that prompted a front page story in The Wall Street Journal. But he escaped political damage with a strong showing in the second debate and a typical Reagan quip that he wouldn't exploit rival Walter Mondale's "youth and inexperience."

But Reagan had more credibility than Clinton. Still, unless she shows more physical problems than have been indicated so far, Clinton may ultimately suffer more from her unfortunate weekend condemnation of half of Trump's supporters as "deplorables," though she subsequently moderated it.

Besides, it's hard to say what voters weighing two unpopular nominees will decide when they measure her weekend missteps against Trump's frequent denigration of ethnic groups, his questionable statements about some issues, his propensity to misrepresent his own past and what even many Republicans decry as a lack of presidential temperament.

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OUR VIEW

Asking Clinton to be open about records won't do any good

The cable news talking heads are calling for Hillary Clinton to release her medical records. After the weekend's medical episode at the 9/11 event and the subsequent announcement that she was diagnosed Friday with pneumonia, they think that disclosing this information will do her right by the voters.

If it were anyone other than Hillary Clinton, that would make sense. At this point there is no reason for the American people to believe that Clinton is shooting straight with them.

For local Democrats, the Clinton campaign has to be a head-shaker. Her Republican opponent made this election hers to lose, and she's close to losing it.

Her handling of the email and server issues has been one of the biggest political disasters in recent memory. It has been one failed attempt after another to cover up the truth. An August Fox News poll showed 36 percent of Americans trusted Clinton. That was before her latest email issues and this health episode. Remember, earlier in the week Clinton had laughed off concerns about her health.

So what if she releases her health records? Does anyone believe Clinton is going to release any information she deems disconcerting? We don't think so. Her history is to release less information and then blame someone else for her or her family's alleged shortcomings.

Clinton is supposed to take off to get some rest. We hope her health does improve. But she knows, her opponent knows and the media that appears ready to pounce knows that she will need her strength. She was caught over the weekend talking about how half of Trump's voters can be placed in to a "basket of deplorables." There was no justification for the attack on people who might be supporting Trump because they dislike her politics, who vote Republican because that's what they do or will vote for Trump because he's the so-called outsider. She mixed them in with the David Dukes and racists who make up a small fringe of Trump's supporters.

Make no mistake — we are not fans of Donald Trump. He doesn't come close to representing the values of conservative West Texans. He's been a disaster of a candidate who appears content to take down the party he represents.

But Clinton is an elitist, is untrustworthy and is an unlikeable candidate who's taken advantage of a political system to personally benefit herself and her family. Now she's asking Americans to elect her to become the next president so she can deliver four more years of President Obama's failed policies at home and abroad. She's no different than Trump in that she will use the politics of divisiveness to get her way, no matter who she has to walk over to make that happen.

She started with Bernie Sanders' voters. She then gave a political stiff-arm to those who requested she tell the truth about her email/server situation. She laughed off those who suggested her health wasn't what it appeared. She continues by degrading decent people who have committed themselves to Trump. Who's next?

We are afraid to ask. You might be next.

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Hillary diagnosis: Secrecy, dishonesty

■ The Clintons vindicate some of the darkest suspicions of their most passionate detractors

RICH LOWRY
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With the Clintons, mistrust always pays. A couple of weeks ago, Hillary was yukking it up with Jimmy Kimmel over the absurdity of rumors that she was hiding something about her health. Look, she can open a pickle jar! That feels so long ago now that her campaign has admitted that she was indeed hiding something about her health — a pneumonia diagnosis late last week.

Some of the diagnoses from afar of Hillary's purported illnesses have been elaborate fantasies, and she might have really been fit as a fiddle when she opened the famous pickle jar. But through her secretive handling of her pneumonia, she has, once again, shown how it never pays to trust a Clinton.

Bill and Hillary have a way of treating the credibility of their allies as a disposable commodity, in this case including the credibility of a protective media.

The press had worked itself into a lather in recent weeks about the illegitimacy of inquiries into Hillary's health. They were repaid by Clinton leaving reporters behind without notice at the Sept. 11 memorial; nearly collapsing when she was out of their view (the incident was captured on video by a bystander); giving them a wave and a misleading "feeling great" outside of Chelsea Clinton's apartment, where she had gone to recover; and leaving them behind yet again to go to her home in Chappaqua and see a doctor.

Her campaign initially said Hillary "overheated" (on a gorgeous and mild morning in New York City). Can happen to anyone, right? Well, yes -- and especially someone walking around with a case of pneumonia.

Bill and Hillary have attracted more than their share of kooky conspiracy theories, but they also have vindicated some of the darkest suspicions of their most passionate detractors.

Only a hater would have believed that Bill Clinton, embroiled in a sexual-harassment case, would have an affair with a White House intern. Only a hardened cynic would think that Hillary, serving as secretary of state and assured to make a front-running campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, with every incentive to keep her nose clean, would mingle private and public business to aid her family's already incredibly well-funded foundation. Only a kook would wonder about her occasional coughing fits.

And we know how all of that turned out. It is a cliche in the press to say that Hillary hurts herself by not being more transparent. But cover-ups have their advantages. If things had bounced differently, Bill might have been able to get away with denying his affair with Monica Lewinsky; we might never have learned of Hillary's private server; and Hillary's pneumonia diagnosis might have been kept under wraps, too.

Surely, the public had a right to know. Millions of people get pneumonia every year, and often it is easily treatable, yet the condition is serious enough that Hillary's doctor told her to scale back her campaign schedule. The public interest in disclosure took a back seat to Hillary's interest in not giving any more fodder to critics questioning her vigor.

Clinton has now been caught being dishonest about an area where public skepticism is most justified. Politicians lying about or concealing health problems is a common feature of every political system the world over, democratic or totalitarian, East or West. Hillary would do well to adopt an uncharacteristic policy of complete transparency about her health records and perform the rest of the way without a disruption more serious than a stray sneeze.

Even if she does, the handling of her pneumonia is a preview of how a second Clinton White House would operate. If she's elected president, inevitably, some outlandish allegation will arise. The Clintons and their defenders will dismiss it as a hateful fantasy, before — when all other options are exhausted — admitting it's actually true.

This is the Clinton pattern over a couple of decades of stoking, and validating, their critics' distrust.

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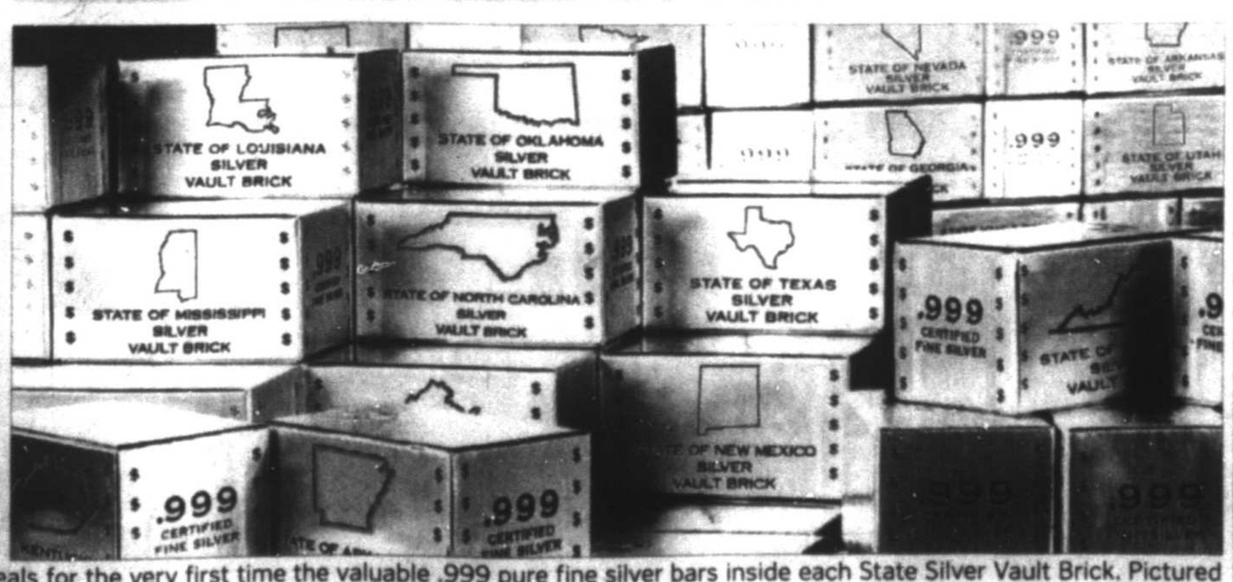

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The city will lease the 150-foot by-100-foot property for $12,000 a year. The $1.5 million radar facility will be built on a construction pad at T-Bar, a place chosen because it has little radio interference.

The site will be operated remotely and will be maintained by about three non-permanent employees, Lacy said, adding that the facility will enable LeoLabs to track debris in the low Earth orbit, which will complement its Alaska-based operation that tracks debris in the polar orbit.

Per the promotional agreement with MDC, LeoLabs will:

■ Brand the radar facility as the Midland Space Radar, or MSR.

■ Promote the MSR on its website and add a link to the MDC website.

■ Include a description and logo for Midland's space activities at Midland International Air & Space Port and the Midland Spaceport Business Park in its promotional materials and presentations.

■ Include a reference to the MSR and the city of Midland's support of the space economy in its press releases.

LeoLabs was spun off from SRI International, according to its website. Its CEO is Daniel Ceperley, its chief technology officer is Michael Nicolls, and its chief engineer is John Buonocore. All three are listed as founders. LeoLabs filed with the California Secretary of State on Jan. 4, 2016. It is incorporated in Delaware.

The deal marks the third space company the city and MDC have cooperated with. The first was XCOR Aerospace, which is developing the Lynx horizontal takeoff and landing suborbital space plane. XCOR is headquartered at Midland International, as is Orbital Outfitters, which develops spacesuits and will operate the city-owned Midland Altitude Chamber Complex.

The city and MDC are also working on a partnership with Scotland's Prestwick Spaceport. The Reporter-Telegram previously reported that XCOR will look to launch the Lynx from Prestwick, with aerospace company Oribital Access serving as the operator. Prestwick-based Orbital Access is eyeing Midland as a possible place for horizontal satellite launches.

A request for more information from LeoLabs about its operation was not returned Monday.

Other MDC business:

■ The board approved the termination of MDC's lease agreement with the city for property at Midland International. The land is the site of World War II-era bunkers, which the MDC was leasing for XCOR Aerospace's use. However, the Federal Aviation Administration restricted the transport of fuel across a runway, thus making impossible the land's intended use under the agreement.

■ The board approved a lease agreement with Loraine at Texas Office Tower Ltd. With Midland Center and the Midland Chamber of Commerce undergoing construction, the MDC was forced to look for a new base of operations. MDC's offices soon will move to 200 N. Loraine St., suite 610, at Centennial Tower, located across the street from the Chamber of Commerce and Centennial Plaza.

MDC will lease a 3,324-square-foot space at an annually rising base-rent price starting at $5,540 per month from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, 2017. The lease expires Sept. 30, 2021.

■ MDC staff noted that while July's unemployment rate of 4.7 percent was a one-tenths increase over June's rate, the civilian labor force grew over that time period. The labor force was 90,335 in June and 90,559 in July.

■ In marketing news, the MDC is looking to contract with Neon Cloud Nine productions for the creation of a video shot from a drone that will film sites and industry for promotional purposes. Executive Director Pam Welch will attend the Team Texas Great States conference in Dallas this week, while Danielson will attend the Space 2016 conference in Long Beach, California, hosted by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, also this week.

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

MURAL

From 1A

places on the mural because of damage. He said his proposal will include treatment options and whether the painting can be removed so it could be remounted on to a new support for preservation purposes.

Gwyn had a passion for art and the stage, according to his sister, Norma (Gwyn) Baumann, MHS class of 1954. She still lives in Midland.

"I love the subject matter, because I love West Texas," Baumann said.

She said the painting is different than what most people who know Gwyn's work would expect. Gwyn told the Reporter-Telegram that while he has returned to Midland several times — most recently five or six years ago — he hasn't seen the painting in decades.

"It is a great thing they are doing (restoring the mural)," he said. "It is wonderful how Midland has been supportive of me throughout the years."

COUNCIL

From 1A

In fiscal year 2016-17, the amount for operations is expected to reach $916,000. Using sales tax revenue for operations means the council can use that amount for street maintenance and other road improvements. The additional funding would give the city about $7.2 million (including $5.3 million in "mill and overlay") for street maintenance in the next fiscal year.

There will be a public hearing scheduled to discuss the use of the quarter-center sales tax for maintenance and operations.

The 4B tax originally was approved by voters to cover debt associated with the building of the stadiums. In the last decade, the council approved that 4B funds could be used for maintenance (with a cap around 10 percent) and capital projects.

In other city business, the council will:

■ vote to approve paying the Midland Chamber of Commerce $1.68 million to terminate and buy out the lease between the city of Midland and the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Burns, the current president of the chamber, has told the Reporter-Telegram he believes the $1.68 million is a fair compensation for the chamber. The $1.68 million will come from the city's hotel/motel fund. There is currently around $14 million in the hotel-motel tax fund.

The chamber building will be demolished and the space will be used as part of the new downtown civic center, which includes convention space and a ballroom.

■ vote on awarding a contract for the Washington Aquatic Center renovation project.

The fiscal impact will be $4.936 million, according to agenda packet documents. The money is expected to come from the General Fund Unappropriated Fund balance. The city reported last week there is $47.8 million in the unappropriated fund.

The new pool will incorporate three large slides, an interactive children's play structure, a lazy river and swimming lagoon, according to city documents. The facility is expected to open in summer 2017.

■ vote to accept and appropriate funding from the Body-worn Camera Program that pays for equipment for a police department body camera project.

■ consider matters related to the issuing of up to $31 million in certificates of obligations to pay for the construction of a new civic center.

The total debt service on $30.84 million — using a rate of 3.6 percent — is $47.558 million, according to the city. The typical annual debt service payment during a 25-year period would be about $1.87 million. With a rate of 2.75 percent, the city would save more than $4 million in interest payments.

The council is expected to use about $12 million from the hotel-motel tax fund and the money collected through COs to pay for the $42.84 million civic center project.

TRUMP

From 4A

sometimes. But the candidate who once called for outlawing teleprompters for presidential candidates now rarely speaks without reading from one.

At a casual "Roast and Ride" event in Iowa last month that featured a long list of elected officials, Trump's staff awkwardly halted the flow of speakers so the devices could be assembled ahead of his remarks.

With the prepared speeches has come a more professional communications apparatus. Trump's team now often previews his speeches to reporters and sends out excerpts and transcripts to aid with stories.

Trump's schedule has evolved as well. He's been holding more intimate events, including roundtables with small groups like miners and military spouses. Last week, he met with about a dozen students, teachers and parents at an Ohio charter school, where he sat at a child-size desk.

The smaller events mean Trump is spending less time in front of fiery rally crowds — crowds that chant "Lock her up!" at the mention of Clinton and wear shirts emblazoned with slogans like "Trump that bitch!" — prompting the asides that often get him in trouble.

Rep. Chris Collins, a longtime Trump supporter, said he believes the campaign team, under Conway's guidance, now has Trump "where he needs to be for the last eight weeks."

Even some of Trump's most vocal critics praised his response both over the weekend and over the last month or so.

Tim Miller, a Republican strategist who helped run an anti-Trump super PAC during the primaries, said that Trump had shown "surprising restraint, to be honest" in responding to Clinton's health episode.

Nonetheless, Miller said he is doubtful about how long it will last and how much it will matter.

"All Trump has done in the last month," he said, "is turn what would have been a landslide into a more standard-fare loss."

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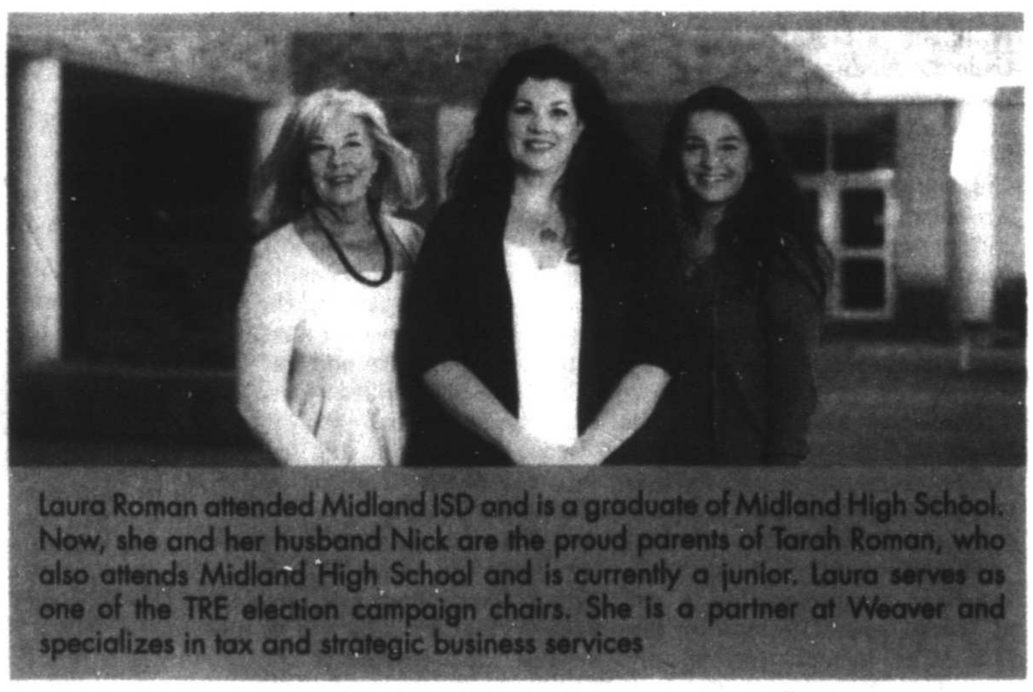
Laura Roman attended Midland ISD and is a graduate of Midland High School. Now, she and her husband Nick are the proud parents of Tarah Roman, who also attends Midland High School and is currently a junior. Laura serves as one of the TRE election campaign chairs. She is a partner at Weaver and specializes in tax and strategic business services

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HB-5 defined five different endorsement "pathways" students could take through high school, and only one of those five, STEM, requires a student to take math up through Algebra II. For all other students, Algebra II and higher math courses are optional. One thing we all believe is that if challenging courses are optional, the chances are pretty high that they won't be taken.

The E3 Alliance recently released a study on math courses being taken by students across the state. The study examined the relationship between the highest level of math students took and passed in high school and their subsequent education outcomes across Texas. The findings supported what the business community has been saying: rigorous math courses in high school are critical for college readiness. The study also shows that even taking and passing Algebra II, now optional for most students, is not nearly enough. Those students who pass Algebra II have only a one in five chance of getting any higher education credential within six years of graduating — that means everything from a four-year bachelor's degree to a two-year associate's degree to even a post-secondary certification for a specific job.

Think about that for a minute. Because of current state law that doesn't require higher level math courses, your kids only have a one in five chance of getting a post-secondary credential of any kind. That doesn't spell success for our children's future or the future of our workforce in Texas.

Compare, for instance, students who only passed a year of math beyond Algebra II, that would be Pre-Calculus. Those students had a one in two chance of getting a college credential, far better than the one in five chance without taking higher math courses. Students who took any AP math were three times as likely to complete college than those who took just Algebra II. So the more rigorous math courses our students take, the better their chances get. Here is the key — four years of math in four years of high school. That goal will be made even easier because soon there will be more math options for students to choose from.

There needs to be a greater awareness among students, families, counselors and our policy makers that it is critical for students to take advanced math classes to greatly increase their chances of graduating career and college ready, completing higher education and competing for high wage jobs. Let's make it our state mantra: Math Matters! It matters for the success of our kids and the future prosperity of our state to continue to grow and develop our workforce.

There is a real cause for concern when we lower our expectations for what our students can achieve. In the past, every time we have raised the bar for our students and teachers, both have answered the bell and raised achievement levels. This is not something we should be fearful of or fight against. Our students and our teachers can meet these challenges if we raise standards. We can't keep lowering academic requirements and expect students to be ready for college, careers and life.

COACHING KIDS TO SUCCESS

Author talks to Milam students about reading

■ Visit by Matt de la Pena kicks off Project Literacy week

By Simone Jasper
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Children's author Matt de la Pena described for Milam Elementary students his journey to becoming an avid reader during a Monday presentation that kicked off Project Literacy 2016.

The annual event is a partnership between the Midland Reporter-Telegram, Wells Fargo and the Midland County Public Library.

Eight Milam elementary first-graders rode with de la Pena, a New York-based author, to the school in a Wells Fargo stagecoach.

"I'm usually on a subway, so it was really cool to be on a stagecoach," de la Pena said.

Students received copies of de la Pena's book "Last Stop on Market Street," which will be distributed to first-graders in local public and private schools throughout the week.

The author told Milam first-graders that he struggled to read in school and encouraged students to have a positive attitude.

"I thought I was a bad student from that point on," de la Pena said. "The truth is, two years later I was as good of a reader as other students."

He also said his upbringing close to the Mexican border in California influenced his works, which include young adult novels and children's books.

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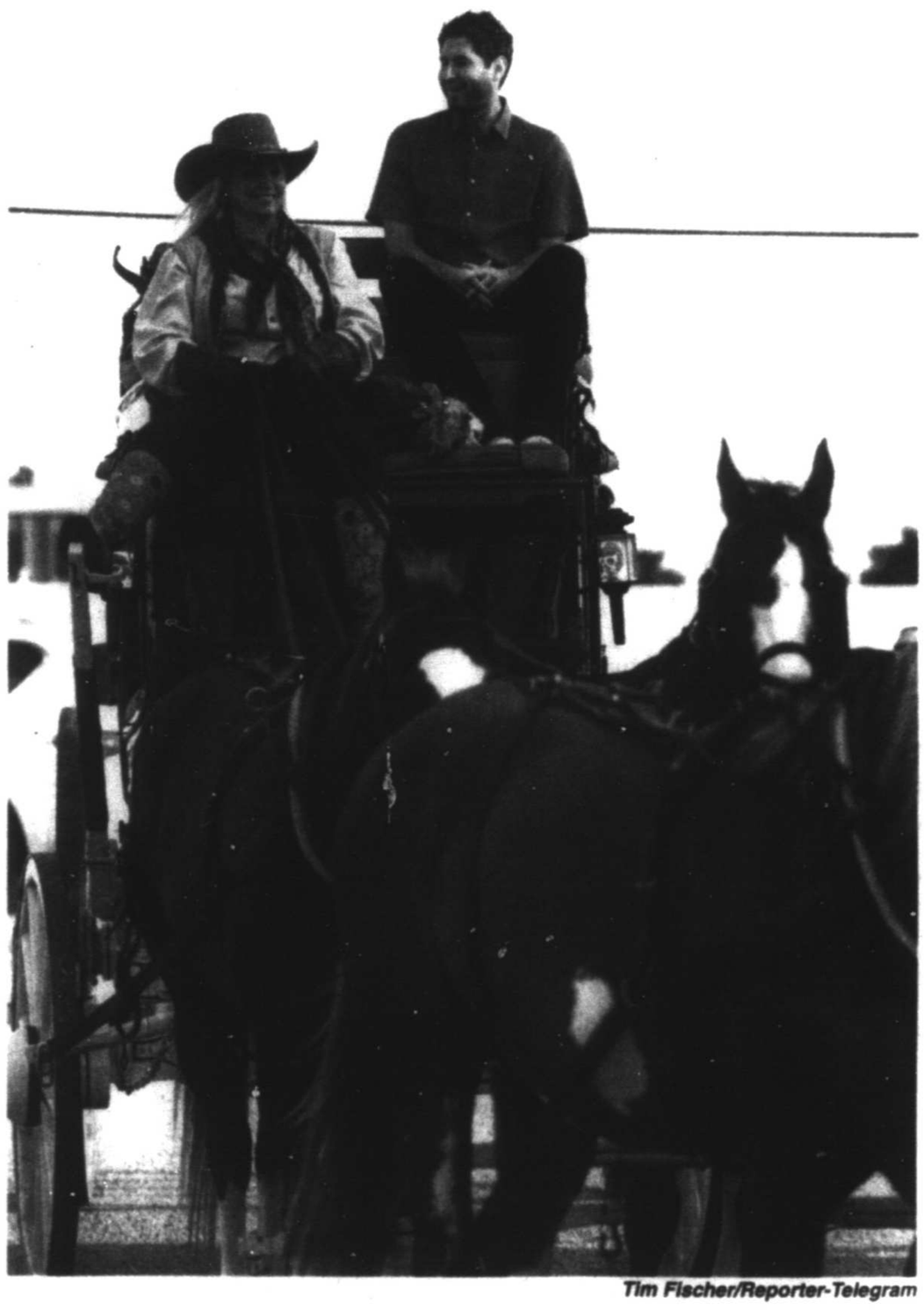

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ABOVE: Wells Fargo stagecoach driver Georgia Cartwright with author Matt De La Pena drive the horses and stagecoach to Milam Elementary on Monday as part of Project Literacy. **BELOW:** De La Pena reads his book, "Last Stop on Market Street," and talks about the story to Milam Elementary first-graders. **See more photos from the event on Page 6B.**

Project Literacy events

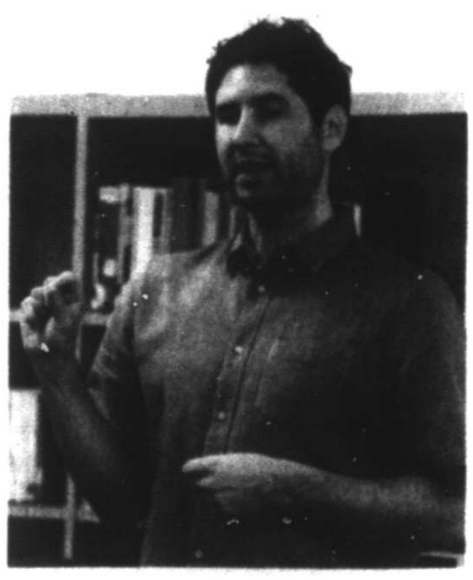
All events are at the Midland County Public Library's Centennial branch.

■ **Today**
3:30-4:30 p.m. Texas Center for the Book, "Haiku's in the Real World, and Write a Letter to your Favorite Author," writing minicamp for up to 15 middle school students.
4:30 p.m. Meet and greet with David Wiesner, "Tuesday" author.
3-6 p.m. Playaway demonstration of Launchpad, tablets with content for children age 3 to 10.

■ **Wednesday**
4:30-6 p.m. Texas Center for the Book, "Picture Book Boot Camp," event for up to 25 high school students and adults.

■ **Thursday**
3:30-4:30 p.m. Texas Center for the Book, "Haiku's in the Real World, and Write a Letter to your Favorite Author," writing minicamp for up to 15 middle school students.
4:30 p.m. Meet and greet with Corey Putman Oakes and Christina Soontornvat, "Dinosaur Boy" and "The Changelings" authors.

■ **Friday**
3:30-4:30 p.m. Texas Center for the Book, "Haiku's in the Real World, and Write a Letter to your Favorite Author," writing minicamp for up to 15 middle school students.
4:30 p.m. Meet and greet with Don Tate, "The Amazing Age of John Roy Lynch" illustrator.



Filing for student financial aid starts Oct. 1

By Sarah Skidmore Sell
Associated Press

School may have just started but it's time to start thinking about next year if your child will be in college.

That's because the date you can begin to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is three months earlier this year — Oct. 1. The FAFSA is used by schools to determine eligibility for student financial aid and is considered the most important document in getting help paying for college.

It's advantageous to file it as soon as possible because some funding is distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. New federal rules also change which year's tax information to use in the application.

The FAFSA filing period used to open on Jan. 1 but it is now Oct. 1. You still have until June 30 to complete the form but again, filing early means a better shot at assistance.

Mark Kantrowitz, of the college information website Cappex.com, said that students who file the FAFSA during the first three months tend to get more than double the grants, on average, of students who file the FAFSA later.

Students and their families will also be required to report income from an earlier tax year, which is intended to make the process easier.

When the FAFSA application period opened on Jan. 1, many families rushed to apply but didn't have all the necessary tax information and had to estimate it. Now applicants will use tax returns from one year earlier. So those applying for aid for the 2017-2018 schoolyear will use their 2015 income information instead of 2016.

Families will be able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer information from their federal income tax returns into the FAFSA. This will not only simplify the form, but also reduce the likelihood that the FAFSA will be selected for verification, Kantrowitz said. Any data that comes unmodified from the IRS to the FAFSA will not be subject to verification. Skipping verification will save families and colleges time and hassle, he said.

He also said that if 2016 income is lower than 2015, the family should appeal to the college financial aid administrator

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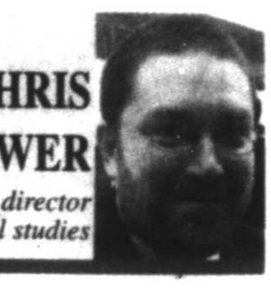

CHRIS HIGHTOWER
Midland ISD director of social studies

Educator can be most influential person in student's life

I received a Facebook message on Aug. 28 from an old friend named James Whitfield asking me to share a video of his students and staff on the first day of school at the Fort Worth area middle school where he is principal. James and I had attended elementary school through high school together and graduated from Midland High in 1996. We both persued careers in education, so if this could help a fellow educator and former schoolmate, I was eager to oblige the request.

Want to see the video?

To watch the Richland Middle School video, go to http://ietv.co/2cIqEcm

INSIDE

Jennifer Seybert: Take time to thank teacher, other school employees.

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As many of you know, the first day of school in a junior high can be a daunting and eye-opening experience for the teenagers trying to find their way in a new setting. I was intrigued on many levels because I have a daughter in junior high and I spent the first day of school here in Midland at Goddard Junior High and can attest to the deer-in-the-headlights look of seventh-graders walking into a new school.

I watched the video and was so impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of the Richland Middle School faculty. James and his staff welcomed students with music, high-fives and dance moves. James has been working to shift the climate and culture of his school and make it a place where anything was possible for students. James has been quoted saying, "We strive to make RMS a magical place that you all love and want to be at. Each day we all take on meaningful and challenging work, but we want to let it be known that we can attack any challenge with a spirit of family and positivity that will keep us on our path towards greatness!"

So, being a fellow educator and wanting to help an old friend I of course re-posted the video.

At the time, this video already had been shared 3,000 times and had been viewed more than 300,000 times on Facebook. But this was just a drop in the bucket as to what this middle school principal would see come to fruition. James wanted to show his students and teachers the power of positivity and the influence of social media. The video has been seen more than 1.2 million times, it has been featured on littletings.com and was even the last inspirational story on Inside Edition on Friday.

The point of conveying all of this is to reiterate the idea that educators can be some of the most influential role models for developing students' lives. Truly great educators connect with students and do all they can to reach them where they are. The multiple issues that teachers and administrators have to address with kids these days is intimidating, but beyond educating and guiding students, teachers and administrators have to inspire kids. We should never forget that

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Take time to thank teachers, other school employees

JENNIFER SEYBERT
Abell Junior High School

We are well on our way into the school year. Books have been distributed, lockers assigned, schedules made (and changed), pencils sharpened and rooms prepared. We have made plans and changed plans. We have planned and collaborated, and our focus has changed from preparation and planning to student excellence and how to get there.

But, school doesn't just begin without the hours of hard work behind the scenes. So, if and when you are out and about in the community, thank a school employee.

If you see a teacher ...

■ Give the teacher a big high five for the work they have done to prepare the classroom for learning.

■ Give the teacher a "thank you" for the hours of planning and collaborating with colleagues to prepare lessons and enrichment and interventions.

■ Make sure the teacher knows that you care about the work he/she does day in and day out with the students of this community and that we know that our teachers in West Texas are passionate about our students.

If you see a counselor ...

■ Give the counselor a pat on the back for the hours of scheduling preparation that happens before school starts and behind the scenes.

■ Give the counselor a great big "thank you" for always having a smile and welcoming spirit for all students as they enter school — some for the very first time.

■ And, make sure the counselor knows that we all know that counselors are the heart behind the school.

If you see a school nurse ...

■ Be amazed at the number of immunizations that our nurses must review and make sure are accurate before the first bell even rings.

■ Give a "thank you" for number of first aid kits prepared, Band-Aids passed out and medicines collected to be given out daily.

■ Make sure that our school nurses know that we know that there are many sick kids every, single day that visit a school nurse for care. We know our nurses provide sometimes urgent, vital care for our students and that does not go unnoticed.

If you see a school police officer ...

■ Shake the officer's hand and say "thank you" for working tirelessly to keep our schools and our facilities safe and secure so that our students can learn. Our officers are on-site at so many different places every, single day so that student learning is not interrupted.

If you see a school volunteer ...

■ Give the volunteer a hug. Our local PTA and parent volunteers are truly amazing. They are always around to lending hand and opening the school year is no different. These volunteers are working opening of school functions, filling concession stands, and recruiting parents to join PTA. The work of a volunteer never ends.

If you see a custodian or food service personnel ...

■ Know that they deserve so many thanks for keeping our school clean and for serving those hot lunches and breakfasts for all students. Behind-the-scenes personnel are our key leaders.

There are many more who give valuable time and energy to the students in our community — from administrators to teacher assistants and secretaries to receptionists. Our schools would not run smoothly without these people. So, if you see a school employee as you pick up your morning coffee or on your evening walk around the neighborhood, take the time to let them know that our community cares about the work they do. Our school employees are one of the biggest resources in West Texas and we must continue to let them know how valuable we think they are.

Let me be first today to say "thank you" for helping our students. Thank you, school volunteers and assistant principals; thank you, attendance clerks and curriculum coaches; thank you coaches and trainers. Thank you directors and sponsors and bus drivers. Thank you teachers. From public schools to private schools and to charters and homeschools, I thank you for educating the future of our community.

Jennifer Seybert is principal of Abell Junior High School.

Universities face congressional scrutiny

■ House committee sets hearing on tuition hikes, tax-free endowments

By Janet Lorin
Bloomberg

It's back to school for university endowments and U.S. lawmakers.

A hearing of a House Ways and Means subcommittee today is set to look at how colleges, through their tax-exempt endowments, are trying to reduce tuition.

The hearing in Washington, which will feature testimony from policy experts and college representatives, comes as many endowments are expected to post investment declines for fiscal 2016.

While school funds have enjoyed double-digit growth for years, sustained low investment returns are becoming more evident now that results are being reported for the year through June 30.

Endowments have come under scrutiny, especially at the richest schools, as the cost of college has risen faster than inflation for decades.

"This is another step that the committee is taking to understand what colleges are doing to address soaring college costs through their endowments and nonprofit-tax status," said Lauren Aronson, a spokeswoman for the House Ways and Means Committee.

Among the expected panelists is Jeff Amburgey, vice president for finance at Berea College, said Tim Jordan, a school spokesman.

The private school in Kentucky's mission is to serve low-income students, and about three-quarters of its operating budget comes from investment returns from its $1.1 billion endowment.

"We are certainly serving the public good with our endowment," Jordan said.

The oversight subcommittee's hearing is separate from its joint inquiry with the Senate Finance Committee, which in February asked the wealthiest 56 private schools questions ranging from endowment spending and fees paid to investment managers to naming rights for donors.

U.S. law doesn't call for endowments to spend 5 percent annually like foundations. Some schools have said

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EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

MC, COM create new scholarship program

Midland College and COM Aquatics have created a new scholarship opportunity for Texas residents. The program includes the opportunity to intern with professional competitive swim and dive team coaches at COM and receive scholarships for MC tuition, fees and housing.

COM is also providing scholarships for swim/dive coach certifications.

The internship/scholarship program is available to students in any major. For more information, contact COM Aquatics at 684-7755.

MC's Fort Stockton branch marks 20 years

FORT STOCKTON — A celebration is planned to mark the 20th anniversary of Midland College's Fort Stockton branch: Williams Regional Technical Training Center.

The center will host Scholars' Dollars Scholarship Donor and Midland College Alumni Reception 7 p.m. Friday at the Grey Mule Saloon in Fort Stockton.

The center wil host a tailgate party beginning 1 p.m. Saturday at the Fort Stockton High School Stadium parking lot. Following the football game, the center will host a community celebration that will continue until 9 p.m. The event will include food vendors, inflatables, games, live music and tours of the WRTTC.

For more information or to RSVP for the reception, call 432-336-7882.

MACS plans public meeting

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

For more information, call 686-0003.

Expansion begins at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI — Ground has been broken for a $60 million expansion at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in a push to bolster science-related studies and research.

Ceremonies were held last week at the site of the planned three-story Life Sciences Research and Engineering Building. The complex should be completed by July 2018.

School President Flavius Killebrew saids the expansion is expected to help A&M-Corpus Christi become an emerging research university. The building will have six instructional labs, 34 research labs and faculty office space.

Texas A&M University System regents last September approved the funding.

Hobbs university faces record enrollment

HOBBS, N.M. — The University of the Southwest is looking at record-setting enrollment this fall.

The Hobbs News-Sun reported officials at the private, Christian liberal arts Hobbs school said enrollment last week was 429. That includes 47 inmates. Both are records for the school.

University of the Southwest president Clint Thurman said last year the school had 343 students, including 25 prisoners.

Officials said the increased enrollment does present problems because the university provides on-campus housing.

Vice President Larry Guerrero said when October rolls around, online enrollment, which stands at 660 now, will increase.

Guerrero attributed part of the increased face-to-face enrollment to the addition of eight sports, all of them team sports. Next year, the university plans to add cheerleading and dance.

LITERACY

From 1B

"The area I grew up in was predominately Mexican," de la Pena said. "I was one of the only kids who was mixed. Now there are mixed kids everywhere."

De la Pena read "Last Stop on Market Street," which tells the story of an inquisitive child and his grandmother on a bus ride.

Sylvia Bernal, director of reading for Midland ISD, said the event had an impact on students.

"I think if kids get to see the author that close, it makes it so much more special," Bernal said. "The enjoyment they have — you can't just get that from reading a book."

Julie Barraza, assistant principal of Milam elementary, said students prepared for the visit by making crafts and reading the book with the school librarian.

"The kids were super excited," Barraza said. "It was an honor for Milam to be chose."

De la Pena attended a public meet and greet Monday night at the Midland County Public Library's Centennial branch. The library will host other award-winning authors and activities throughout the week.

"I think it's amazing a smaller community can be able to put on such a big event," de la Pena said. "There are some big authors coming through. It's especially good for younger kids to be getting the book."

HIGHTOWER

From 1B

students who are inspired by educators can accomplish amazing things and that motivation can stay with them for the rest of their lives.

The mission statement for Richland Middle School is printed on faculty shirts and reads: "Our mission is to create a safe, nurturing environment rich in opportunities for students to learn and grow."

James and I believe you are off to a great start this year and I look forward to seeing your progress. You have reaffirmed to me something that I have vowed to never forget. A great teacher/administrator can change a student's life.

AID

From 1B

for a professional judgment review.

Completing the FAFSA earlier means families can receive critical information like the Student Aid Report (SAR) sooner, says lender Sallie Mae. The SAR includes the Estimated Family Contribution, or EFC, which provides a clearer picture about eligibility for financial aid as families make decisions about colleges.

Visit to Germany tops list of favorite experiences

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of essays by Midland students who visited Europe on Lions Club-sponsored trips.

Logan Elsey, the son of Walter and Veronica Elsey, is a senior at Greenwood High School. His trip to Germany was sponsored by the Midland Northside Lions club.

By Logan Elsey

Visiting Germany in all its splendid, historic grandeur had never been much more than a vague idea to me; the sense of desired adventure had always seemed far-fetched. But this summer that mere desire was replaced by the very tangible reality of actually visiting Germany through sponsorship from the Midland Northside Lions Club.

With the members' blessing, and a will to see what I could see, I set out on June 26 for Germany and was immediately met with adversity. Delays, subsequent missed flights and reschedules tried to stand in the way between Germany and me. I no longer consider myself a novice flyer. Never go through London Heathrow Terminal 5 unless you have at least two hours to do so. Through it all, touching down in Germany to stay for the next three weeks was both relieving and exciting.

Being a family-oriented person, I can say without a doubt that staying with my host family, the Kleins, along with a fellow exchange student, in their little village marked among the top of my list of favorite experiences. In living with them, I immediately came to the realization that beer, bread and sausage truly are the triple kings of German cuisine.

Their excellent manners and sense of humor made me feel at great ease while I stayed with them. Even though I wouldn't say it was like being at home — for it was vastly different — staying with the Kleins was on a footing equivalent in comfort. Some days were spent at a lake near their home, on others we got a chance to mill about and catch our senses. We also took the chance to see a bit of Thuringia upon visiting Coburg Castle one day and the Automobile Museum in Suhl.

My first week in Germany was very hard to beat, but there was still another two weeks of exploration left for me to enjoy. So on July 3, Mrs. Klein drove me and my fellow exchange student to the town of Jena two hours away to meet up with the rest of the youth camp exchange students. From that point onward, the trip took a turn toward being busy but in a good way.

Nearly every day was something or somewhere new. Meeting the mayor of and exploring Jena, learning the history of the trading town of Erfurt, visiting the castle in Eisenach and exploring the city of Weimar were exploits that numbered among the collective experiences of the 22 exchange students.

As the week passed, we all grew closer to each other as friends in Jena, and thanks to the more open society generally found in Europe, we were in turn quite open to conversation of all sorts with one another. Soon our week in Jena came to an end, and it was time to "move headquarters" to the city of Halle. We packed up our things on July 10 and headed for Halle by way of canoe on the River Salle. That week was as busy as the one before with the exploration of Halle and its history, and a visit to Leipzig and, my favorite, doing volunteer work at the recreation house just outside the city.

The morning our whole group departed from Germany was terribly solemn, and as we parted, I shared in a lot of hugs with a lot of friends, who had affectionately given me the nickname "old man."

Now as I sit here at home, it is with impressive affection that I look back upon my escapades in der Deutschland, and the opportunity the Midland Northside Lions Club gave me. I feel that one could experience few things as wonderful as that.

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Melanie Nicholas
every other Sunday in the Reporter-Telegram

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BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck		Watch (N)	Real Housewives	BelowD.	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	The Profit		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Pr.fit (N)		The Profit "Dilascia"		Profit "Flex Watches"	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Taking Fire (P) (N)		(:05) Deadliest Catch		(:05) Taking Fire	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Elena	Bizaard.	Underc.	Girl M.	Bunk'd	Liv/Mad	Backsta.	Friends	Girl M.	Friends
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Hockey Exhibition Game Site: Verizon Center (L)					Studio	Outside the Lines		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter		WNBA Basketball Minnesota vs Chicago (L)				USSF Soccer U.S. Open Cup (L)				Baseball Tonight (L)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped Junior (N)		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Charlie & the Chocolate Fa...		★★★★ The Goonies ('85, Adv) Sean Astin.						The 700 Club		So Raven	So Raven
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	SportsD-ay OnAir	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros Site: Minute Maid Park -- Houston, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Stars inside (N)	WPT Poker	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ 22 Jump Street ('14, Act/Com) Channing Tatum.					Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	★★ Total Recall	
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	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		H.Hunt	House (N)	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Blacksm.	Blacksm.	(:05) Forged in Fire		(:05) Forged in Fire	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Dance Moms "One Last Dance"		Dance Chat "Abby's New Beginning" (N)		DanceMom "Nia and Kendall Face Off" (N)		(:10) Dance Moms		Dance Moms		Dance Chat "Abby's New Beginning"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The 11th Hour		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Rio 2016 Summer Paralympic Games (L)				Advent. Spartan Race		Advent. Spartan Race		Advent. Spartan Race		Advent. Spartan Race	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	GShakers	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master (N)		Ink Mstr	Ink Mstr	Tattoo	Tattoo
SYFY	.66	82	41	57	67	(4:30) ★ Percy Jackson ...		★★ The Hulk ('03, Sci-Fi) Jennifer Connelly, Eric Bana.						★★ The Hulk ('03, Sci-Fi) Jennifer Connelly, Eric Bana.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:30) ★★ Parrish		Dizzy	Pip	★ Sons Of The Dese...		(:15) The Music Box		★★★ A Night at the Opera		Movie	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Silvana Sin Lana		Sin Senos Si Hay Par		Señora acero		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin senos no paraiso	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Say Yes-Dress	Counting On (N)	Counting On "Meet the Parents" (N)		Cake Boss (N)		To Be Announced		(:05) Counting On "Meet the Parents"		(:05) Cake Boss	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Always"		Castle "After the Storm"		Castle "Cloudy With a Chance of Murder"		Castle "Secret's Safe With Me"		Castle "Murder, He Wrote"		Castle "Probable Cause"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Lopez	(:50) Lopez	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS		WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN	19	85				Elementary "Child Predator"		★★★ Die Hard ('88, Act) Alan Rickman, Bruce Willis. A cop visiting from New York helps stop some terrorists in his wife's business building.						★★★ Die Hard (1988, Action) Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia, Bruce Willis.			

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SCRUTINY

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they plan to spend less from their funds, given the expected negative returns this year.

The two congressional committees oversee tax policy. Colleges don't pay taxes on investments earned by their endowments and donors also receive tax deductions. Colleges defended their spending on financial aid in their responses, explaining that schools can't spend their endowments like a bank account because of gift agreements.

Members of the House oversight subcommittee "are deeply concerned that college tuition is spiraling out of control, making higher education out of reach for American families, even when most colleges and universities enjoy significant tax benefits," Peter Roskam, the Illinois Republican who chairs the subcommittee, said in a statement.

Parents welcome the scrutiny. Leslie Detwiler is among some 175 parents who signed a petition in the spring on Change.org protesting Duke University's spiraling cost to attend. Detwiler, who lives in the San Diego area, questions why schools with large endowments and favorable tax status don't do more to help middle-income families that don't qualify for aid. Duke costs $70,000 annually for tuition, room and board and other expenses.

"It's overwhelming to me the amount of money the schools have obtained and is available for them, and I think there could be very positive actions done with it to help those who are in the middle class," said Detwiler, 54, whose daughter is a sophomore.

Tom Reed, a Republican from upstate New York and member of the House subcommittee, has said he plans to introduce a bill that would help middle-income families with tuition, with funding coming from endowments. Reed's staff continues to work on the bill, said Brandy Brown, a spokeswoman.

The joint committees are reviewing the inquiry responses submitted in April. The committees on Thursday asked more than a dozen schools for additional information, with a deadline set for this fall, said Aaron Fobes, a spokesman for the Senate Finance Committee.

Less screaming, more diversity: Texas A&M corps reboots for 21st century

By Matthew Watkins
Texas Tribune

COLLEGE STATION — Life is never easy for members of the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets, an ROTC-like military program that dates to the 1800s. Students wake up before sunrise, endure tough morning conditioning drills and wear stuffy military style uniforms to class in the hot September sun.

But starting this semester, cadets get one small luxury: Fancy coffee. During a recent renovation, a two-story Starbucks was added to one of the Corps' barracks-like dorms. Now, in between 6 a.m. roll call and 9 a.m. class, freshmen with buzz cuts can relax in comfy chairs, sip iced coffee and listen to the soothing sounds of Spanish guitar.

The perk is a small part of a larger effort to move the Corps beyond its hell-raising, hidebound reputation. The Corps of Cadets still clings proudly to traditions — the university calls the group the "keepers of the Aggie spirit" — but it's trying to evolve with an emphasis on academics, diversity and leadership. Upperclassmen are now encouraged to scream less at the freshmen. More time is devoted to school and sleep. And, for two straight years, a woman has been selected as commander, the top student leadership post in an organization that was all male until the 1970s.

In the end, it's a kinder, gentler Corps that's devoted to creating leaders in the military and business worlds.

The changes appear to be working. After decades of stagnation, enrollment is up. And last semester, students in the Corps posted an average GPA of 3.06 — the highest in Corps history.

The man behind most of those changes is Brigadier General Joe Ramirez, who took over as commandant of the Corps in 2010. He credits the Corps with saving his life. As a listless high school student in Houston's Second Ward, he likely wasn't heading to college. Then, he saw the military-style Aggie Band, all of whose members are cadets, marching through Houston before a football game with Rice University. A saxophone player, he decided he had to join.

His time in the Corps led to a career in the Army — military service isn't mandatory for Corps members, but graduates can enter the military as commissioned officers. He returned as commandant 31 years after graduation, and was shocked by what he found.

Corps enrollment had stagnated between 1,800 and 1,900 for decades, while total enrollment at A&M had surpassed 50,000. For almost all of A&M's first century, membership in the Corps was mandatory for undergraduates. By 2010, the group was a minor part of a major school.

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Change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, one path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

FLYING

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Yesterday's Answer: EARWAX, SOBFUL; HARASS; PACIFY; NAPALM, IODINE

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THURSDAY: Partly sunny High: 87 Low: 68

FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 87 Low: 67

SATURDAY: Partly sunny High: 84 Low: 66

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy High: 83 Low: 66

Local forecast

There is a 40 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms today, tonight and Thursday, according to the National Weather Service. There is a 20 percent chance Wednesday and Wednesday night and a chance the rest of the week, according to NWS.

The record high for Sept. 12 is 101 set in 1930. The record low is 51 set in 1975 and 1959. On Sept. 12 of last year, the high was 89 and the low was 68.

Weather brief

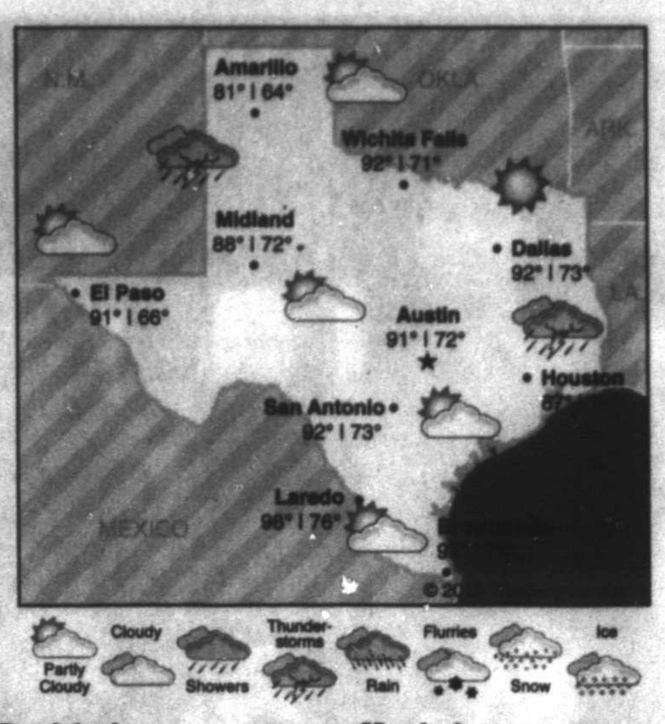
FLORIDA

Tropical Storm Ian forms in Central Atlantic; no threat to US

FORT LAUDERDALE — The season's ninth tropical storm, Ian, has formed in the Central Atlantic Ocean, the National Hurricane Center says.

It poses no threat to land.

According to an 10 a.m. bulletin from the Miami-based hurricane center, Ian was about 1,140 miles southeast of Bermuda and packing maximum sustained winds of 40 mph, just above the threshold for a tropical storm.



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.85 in.
Year total	11.19 in.
Normal total (year to date)	10.55 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	92
Low	70
Normal high	88
Normal low	63
Sunrise	7:32 a.m.
Sunset	7:57 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Sept. 13

Showers Rain T-storms Flurries Snow Ice

Couple fallen out of love should fall out of marriage

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: Is it possible that people can just fall out of love with each other? We have been married for 21 years and have three kids who are older. Over the last five years, my wife and I have stopped communicating. We don't do anything together and have little desire to be with each other anymore.

We are good parents, but as far as being husband and wife, we have pretty much neglected each other emotionally and physically. Neither of us has strayed.

We haven't been to a marriage counselor because I just don't love my wife anymore, and I'm not saying this to be mean. It's just how I feel. We have failed each other miserably as husband and wife, and she deserves better. She has been a great mom to our three kids, and I would never take that away from her.

Can people stay in a loveless marriage? We have talked it over, and we both agree there's nothing left here for each other. I have already told her she needs to do whatever it takes to make herself happy because I can no longer be here for her emotionally or physically. — FELL OUT OF LOVE

DEAR FELL OUT OF LOVE: People sometimes remain in loveless marriages for religious or financial reasons, because they are afraid a divorce would traumatize the children, or because they are afraid of being alone. If you and your wife agree that there is nothing left for either of you, and marriage counseling won't fix the dysfunction in your relationship, then the logical next step would be an amicable separation or divorce.

DEAR ABBY: I have the most amazing husband. He helps with the housework, provides for us and loves me unconditionally. Not a day goes by that I don't hear how precious I am to him. It's like a fairy tale. Except — we never had a formal wedding, just a courthouse ceremony with nobody there but us two. You see, we had to get the paperwork done so I wouldn't have to keep renewing my visa status every few months.

Now we can be together in the U.S. with no issues. But I feel like we skipped an important life milestone, and a wedding would be the perfect opportunity to unite both of our families from around the world.

The problem is my husband is happy with the way things are. He refuses to spend money on a party and says, "If we ever have one, it will be when we are rich, stable and able to afford it by ourselves." (My parents are more than willing to pay!) I feel like a lifelong dream was taken away from me. Your thoughts? — MISSING OUT IN VIRGINIA

DEAR MISSING OUT: My thoughts are you have a stellar husband AND your visa problem is solved. I'd say you have done quite well. If your husband prefers to postpone the fancy celebration until you are more financially stable and foot the bill himself, you should respect him for it. I know I do.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Change of plan

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 4
♡ K J 8 4
♢ K 6
♣ A 9 8 5

WEST
♠ J 9 6 5 2
♡ 10
♢ 10 5 4
♣ Q 10 7 4

EAST
♠ K 7
♡ 5
♢ Q 9 8 7 3 2
♣ K J 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A 10 3
♡ A Q 9 7 6 3 2
♢ A J
♣ 3

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Four of ♣

On the face of it, the slam depends on holding the spades to one loser. The percentage play to accomplish this is to lead low to the queen, and if that loses, later play low to the 10. Our good friend Abner, the great mathematician, tells us that this is a 75 percent play. South was in no hurry to play on spades, so he set out to see what he could learn about the hand.

Declarer won the opening club lead in dummy, ruffed a club, then crossed back to dummy with the king of hearts, drawing trumps in the process. He ruffed another club, then cashed the ace of diamonds and led a diamond to the king. West showed an odd number of diamonds while East showed an even number, if their carding could be trusted. The last club was ruffed and declarer cashed the ace and queen of trumps, noting that West discarded two spades and East two diamonds.

As defenders usually discard first from their longest suit, South could reasonably place West with an original distribution of 5-1-3-4. South backed his logic with his play and played the spades on the assumption that East held a doubleton. South cashed the ace of spades and led low to dummy's queen. All would be well if West held the king, but if the queen lost to a doubleton king in the East hand, East would be end-played and forced to yield a ruff-sluff. Nicely done!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016:

This year you are likely to experience more anger than you are comfortable with. Harness this energy and use it for projects and important discussions. Your family and home are unusually important to you. If you are single, romance continues to be provocative and exciting. Just do not settle. If you are attached, the two of you often think differently. Do not stand on ceremony with your sweetie; it is normal to have different viewpoints. AQUARIUS knows how to pique your interest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Interference in achieving a goal could trigger your temper. You might want to detach and figure out why you feel so angry. You probably are not the only one wondering! Make peace as fast as possible. Do your best to move on with your day. Tonight: Hang out with a close friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Pressure seems to be coming from several different directions. Your juggling skills will become apparent. A loved one could be hot-tempered. You might want to find out why. Tap into your ingenuity. Tonight: Ask for a much-deserved massage, or soak in a hot bubble bath.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You'll move quickly, as you sense that those in your work environment are on the warpath. Recognizing that you don't want to deal with others' anger will allow you to detach. Know that you might need to deal with a loved one's outburst. Tonight: Choose a favorite movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ A trusted partner might not come through for you as you originally had anticipated. A child could be in the center of this situation. Knowing when to pull back and allow other people to deal with this issue will be critical. Tonight: Let someone else be responsible for dinner!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Don't worry about someone else's seriousness, as this person might be going through a phase. Tempers flare when you least expect it, which could make you wonder what is going on. Keep your distance, and you will be much happier. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Listen to your inner vice when dealing with someone difficult. You'll move through a problem quickly as long as you can remain flexible. Don't make a big deal out of this issue unless you want to see an ongoing saga. Tonight: Choose a favorite form of relaxation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could be full of fun and energy, but the same cannot be said for those around you. Tempers flare, and others seem to yell for no reason. Stay mellow. You might want to listen, but stay out of the drama. Smile and say little. Tonight: Don't stand on ceremony with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You might feel as if you are on top of a personal matter, at least until a family member lets you know otherwise. Make wise financial choices, even if you're looking at an essential expenditure. If you can postpone your decision for a while, do. Tonight: Accept a loving gesture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You could be getting ahead of yourself in a situation involving another party. You mean well, and hopefully this person will realize that as well. Be open to conversations, and try not to get too uptight. A lot could change within a month. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite haunt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You will be in a position where you might want to understand what is really going on with someone. Try to put yourself in this person's shoes. As a result, you might gain a whole new perspective. Understanding could prevent a problem. Tonight: Make it your treat!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You are full of energy, and seem content to continue on the same path. You might find a friend to be overly serious, contentious and somewhat confused. Don't judge this person too harshly; he or she might not intentionally be out of sorts. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be wondering how to handle a boss's demands. A temper tantrum could erupt from out of the blue. You might need to be willing to put in extra time. Allow your sense of humor to come out; it will help you gain a new perspective. Tonight: A must appearance.

BORN TODAY

Philanthropist Milton S. Hershey (1857), physician Walter Reed (1851), singer Charles Brown (1922)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Oodles and oodles
6 Airport idlers
10 Poetic foot
14 Kemper of "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"
15 Wintry coating
16 Tennis court surface
17 Work with a loom
18 How some sloganed T-shirts should be washed
20 Toddler's taboo
21 Ocho minus cinco
22 More than rotund
23 Baltic Sea capital
25 RC or Pepsi
27 1998 Bullock/Kidman film involving witchcraft
33 Metal-rich deposits
34 Chicken chow __
35 Catch
37 Dollar competitor
38 High in the sky
40 Flag Day month
41 Maiden name intro
42 Clicker's target
43 Not at all excited
44 Going to the grocery store, the bank, etc.
48 Word on a shoppe sign
49 Data set average
50 "Gone With the Wind" family name
53 Uno card
55 Knight's weapon
59 Unsportsmanlike behavior
61 Divided island of Southeast Asia
62 Twistable cookie
63 Ritz-Carlton rival
64 Scent
65 Chestnut horse
66 "And away __!"
67 Some speeches open with them ... as do this puzzle's four longest entries

DOWN

1 Mended using stitches, with "up"
2 Elizabeth Taylor role, informally
3 Economist Greenspan
4 Acts like Elizabeth Taylor?
5 "Understand?"
6 Former French president Jacques
7 Top-notch
8 Symbol for the lower piano music part
9 __ Lanka
10 Swelling reducer
11 Medicinal houseplant
12 Rodent in a German lab
13 Data unit
19 Ken or Dana of financial journalism
21 __ Friday's
24 "__ all good"
26 Leave out
27 Word after floor or flight
28 Mars explorer
29 "So long!" along the Seine
30 In the middle of
31 Preserve, as ashes
32 Did some wickerwork
36 Hotel count
38 Corrosive liquid
39 In need of a friend
40 Surrealist painter from Barcelona
42 Subsurface woodwork decoration
43 Bikini top
45 Big name in antivirus software
46 Estevez of "The Breakfast Club"
47 Hollywood agent
50 Scent
51 "Big Hero 6" hero
52 Neck of the woods
54 Classic arcade game Donkey __
56 Every which way
57 Obedience school command
58 Historic periods
60 Comics punch sound
61 __ Mahal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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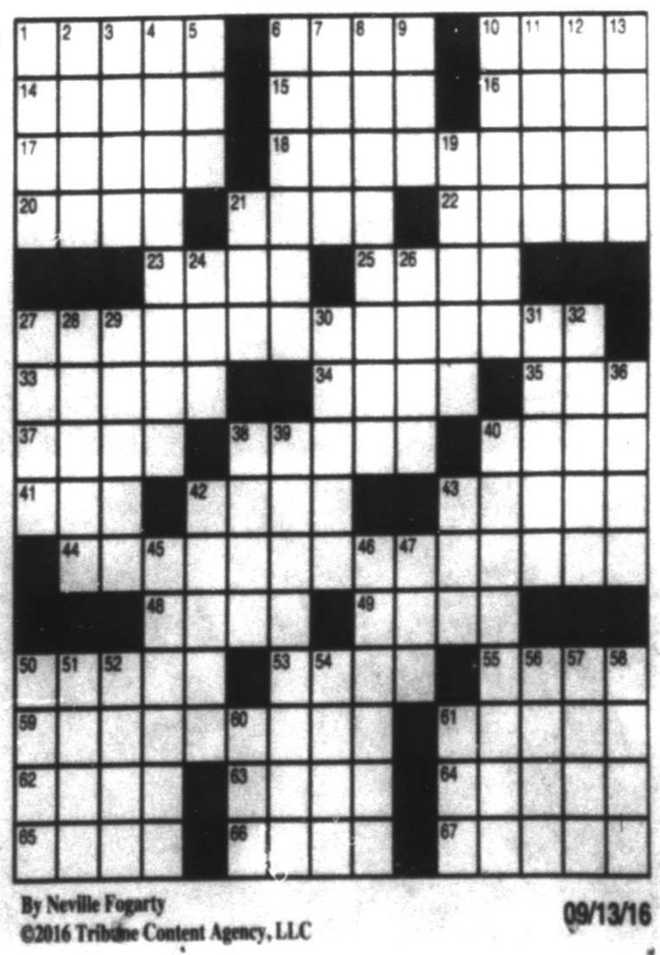

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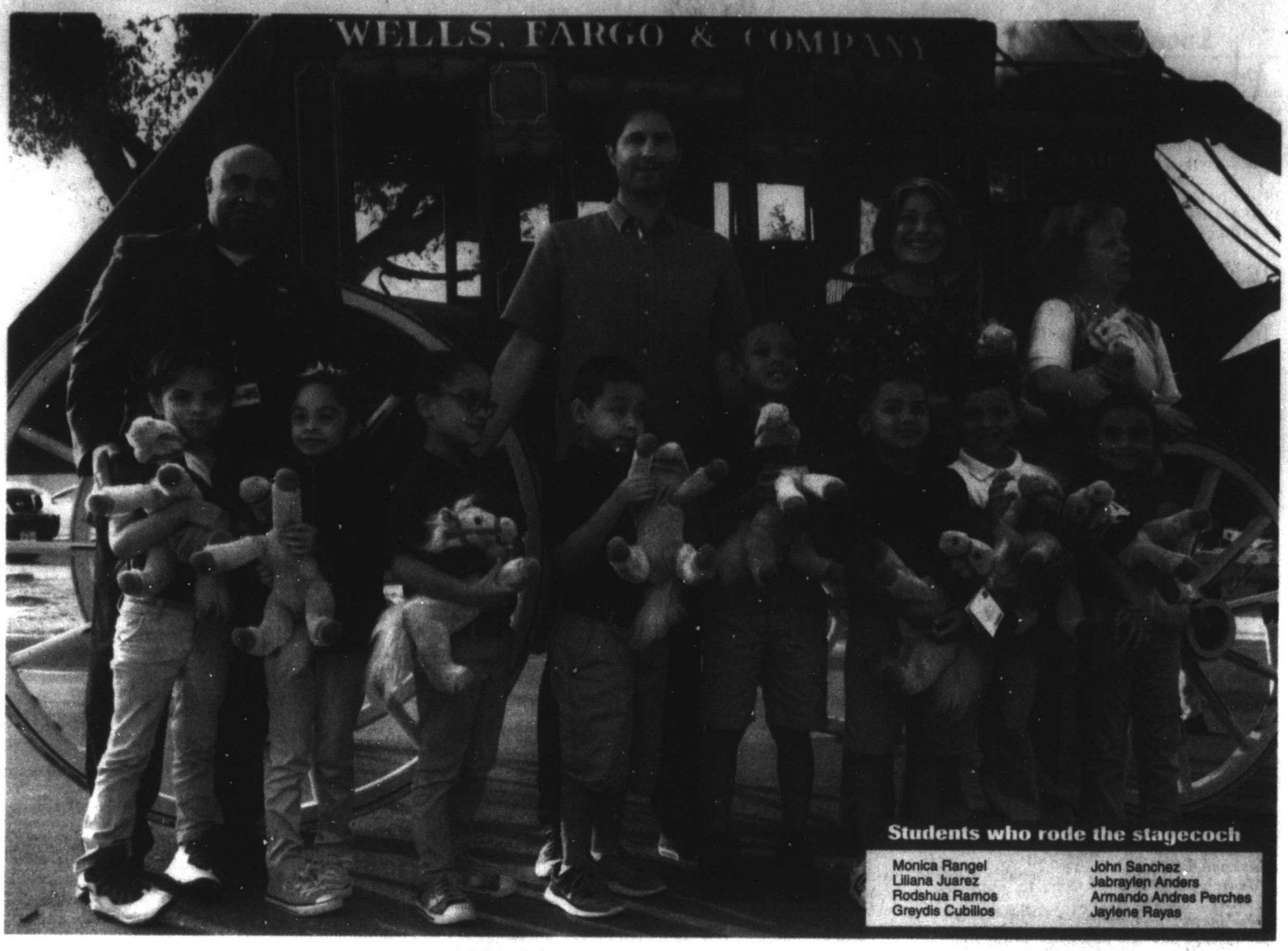

Students who rode the stagecoch

Monica Rangel
Liliana Juarez
Rodshua Ramos
Greydis Cubillos
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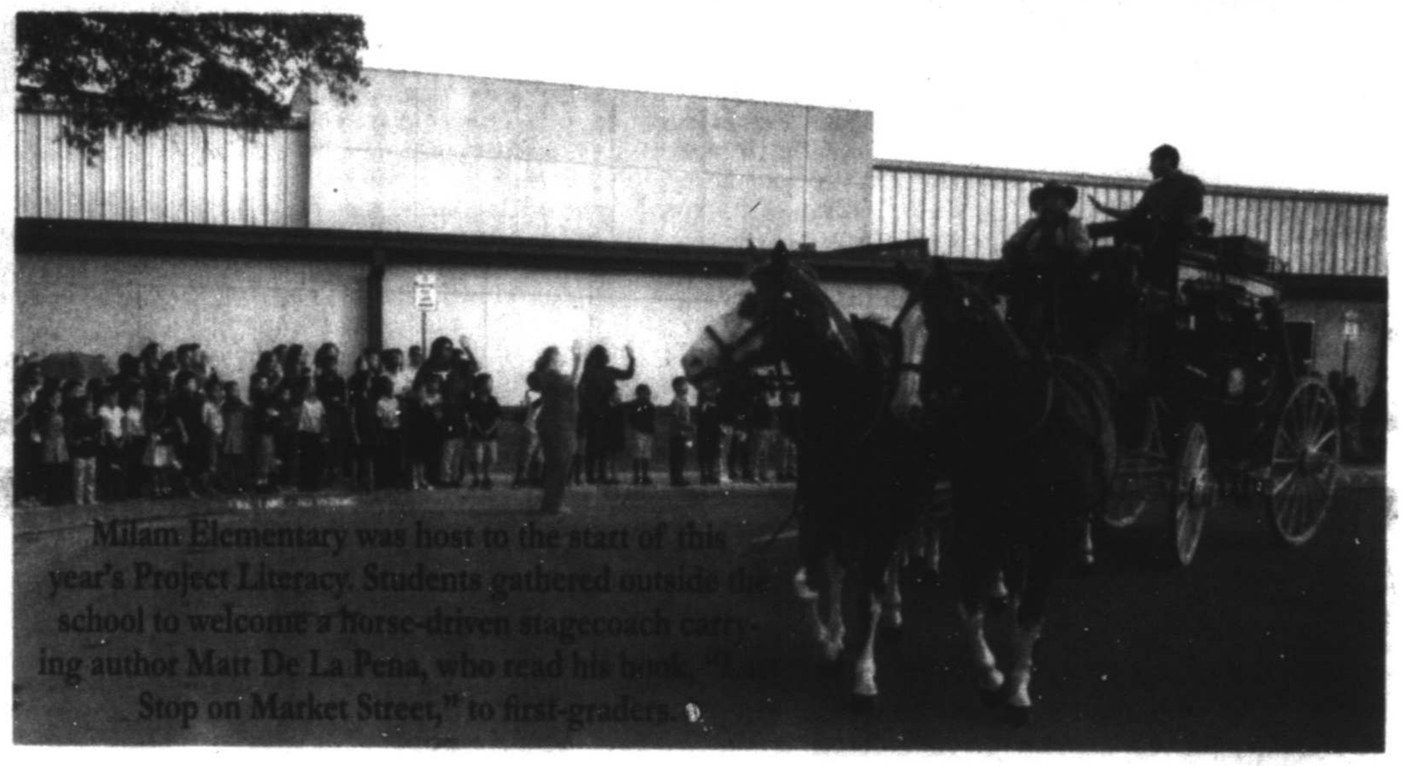
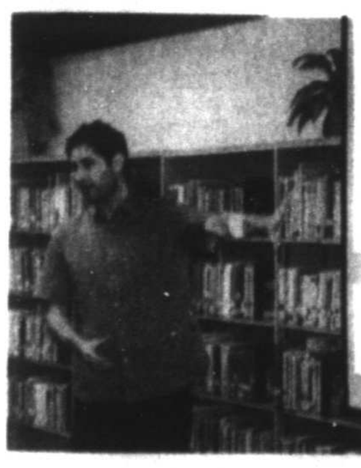


Milam Elementary was host to the start of this year's Project Literacy. Students gathered outside the school to welcome a horse-driven stagecoach carrying author Matt De La Pena, who read his book, "Last Stop on Market Street," to first-graders.



MRT AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Andrews' Kelly stars in wild shootout win

By Oscar LeRoy
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Andrews senior running back Torey Kelly admitted that he was getting a little nervous while his team's game against Levelland was going back and forth with both teams scoring at will.

Kelly

It probably didn't help that the Mustangs were down 70-56 with only 1:33 left in the game.

But the Mustangs rallied, tied the game and then won it in overtime, 77-76, as Kelly scored what proved to be the game-winning touchdown in the extra period.

Other than that touchdown, Kelly played a big part in a game that had close to 1,400 yards of offense combined. He rushed for 165 yards and three touchdowns on 16 carries and he caught four passes for 111 yards and a TD.

Thanks to that performance, Kelly is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"I thought it was a pretty good game, but without my offensive line, I don't think I would have been able to do what I did," Kelly said.

Andrews coach Ralph Mason said Kelly only seemed to get stronger as the game went on.

Kelly did open the game with a bang as he scored his team's first three touchdowns, including a 77-yard TD pass from quarterback Triston Williams, who had a big game himself with 416 yards passing and six TDs.

Still, that start by Kelly and the Mustangs (3-0) might not have been enough because Levelland kept answering in the shootout and had the late advantage.

"It was pretty tough," Kelly said. "I was scared the whole game. It was too close. I was hoping we would get the win and we did."

The defining moment for the team came late in the game when the Lobos had the lead and kept trying to milk the clock.

Mason said despite the odds, his team kept believing.

"Not giving up was big," Kelly said. "Coaches always talk to us about not giving up. We had a talk at halftime, the defense made the adjustments and we just did not give up."

Kelly is enjoying a strong start to this season after missing most of last year with various injuries.

He said he worked hard in the offseason to prepare for a big senior season and he said he was proud of himself for putting in that much work and dedication into coming back strong.

"He's really been doing well in a lot of ways and we hope that continues," said

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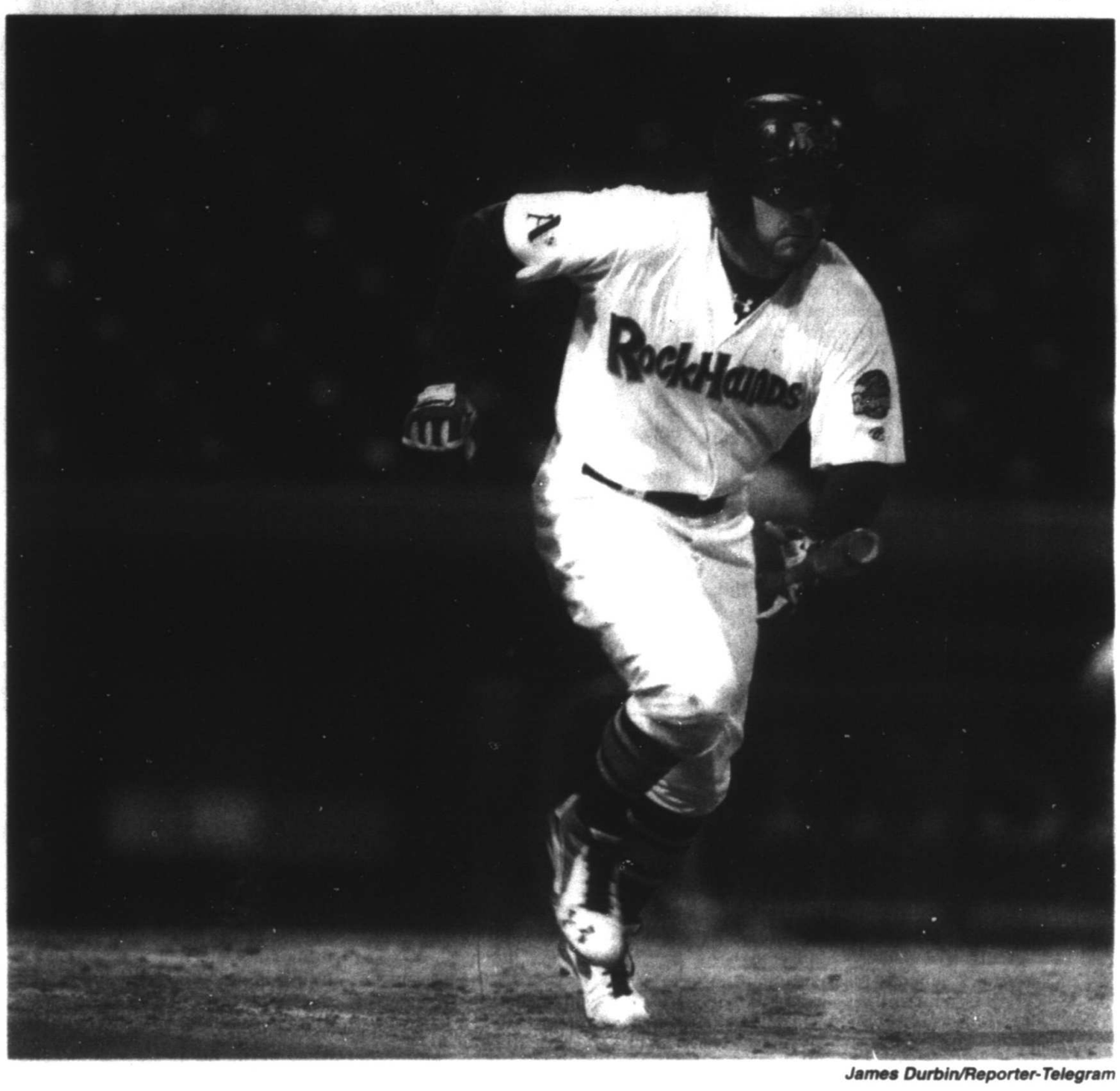
A HISTORICAL RUN?



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The RockHounds' J.P. Sportman runs to first base on a hit against Corpus Christi in Game 4 of the Texas League South Division playoff series Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark.

RockHounds go for 'three-peat' in TLCS

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Midland RockHounds are well aware of the history implications that surrounds this year's Texas League Championship Series.

The RockHounds, winners of the Texas League title in 2014 and 2015, are trying to capture a third-straight championship and achieve what NBA coaching great Pat Riley once called, the "three-peat".

It's a feat so rare that it hasn't occurred in the Texas League since the Fort Worth Panthers strung together six straight championships between 1920-1925.

At 7:05 p.m. today, Midland will begin its quest for three in a row when it visits the Northwest Arkansas Naturals, in a best-of-five TLCS rematch, beginning with Game 1 at Arvest Ballpark in Springdale.

"We knew that there's some history here at stake to be the first team in 90-something years to win three championships in a row," RockHounds manager Ryan Christenson said. "It would be really, really special. It's a very unique situation to do it against Northwest Arkansas."

RockHounds persist after promotions

In the late second half, Midland lost Texas League Player of the Year Matt Chapman, postseason All-Star Franklin Barreto, closer Bobby Wahl, heavily used reliever Andres Avila, former major leaguer Josh Rodriguez and key starting pitcher Daniel Gossett to promotions to Triple-A Nashville.

The RockHounds have also been without Heath Fillmyer, who was placed on the 7-day disabled list recently after posting a 2.54 earned run average in eight starts.

Despite the losses, Midland has pressed on with new additions from high Single-A Stockton, which includes infielders Richie Martin and Joe Bennie, and outfielder James Harris.

On Aug. 25, the Oakland Athletics

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PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

MCS hopes to reap rewards after tough early schedule

By Christopher Hadorn
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No one can accurately claim the Midland Christian football team has backed down from a challenge.

Three games in, the school with an enrollment of 385 has taken on the defending UIL Class 3A Division I state champions in Brock (3-0) and played two of El Paso's better Class 6A programs, Americas (2-1) and Eastwood (2-1).

McClendon

The Mustangs (0-3) showed they belonged, leading by at least two scores at one point in all three games, but in the end couldn't get the desired result of a victory.

Last Friday, the Mustangs stormed out of the gates to a 21-0 advantage over Americas, only to see the Trailblazers bury them with a string of 41 unanswered points en route to a 41-28 loss.

MCS head coach Greg McClendon said his team must learn how to close while leading, but had a positive outlook about where his Mustangs stand as they get ready to host Dallas Texas Alliance of Christian Athletes (1-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mustang Stadium.

McClendon is wiping the slate clean as the Mustangs have two more non-district games to right the ship before opening district versus Grapevine Faith on Oct. 7.

"I absolutely love my team," McClendon said. "All three games have a significant amount of positives and they've got some negatives that we got to fix. We got to finish. We got to do what it takes. We've gotten people down in every game, we got to put them away.

"The first season is over for us and we're 0-3. We will start the second season, it will be the next two ballgames. We're going to come out and win this week."

One glaring positive has been the performance of MCS sophomore quarterback Peyton Powell, who is averaging 210 yards rushing per game and 202 yards passing per contest.

Powell has also rushed for a whop-

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Romo riddle lingers for Cowboys after solid Prescott debut

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Rookie quarterback Dak Prescott moved the Dallas offense in his debut, early when the Cowboys kept settling for field goals, and late when a mental error in the final seconds prevented a try for a long kick in a 20-19 loss to the New York Giants .

The problem is, Dallas still can't find a way to win without Tony Romo.

The Giants bottled up both Prescott's rookie partner in the backfield, running back Ezekiel Elliott, and 2014 All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant. Oh, and a defense that never seemed to get a big stop during a 4-12 season last year failed again in the fourth quarter.

With another NFC East opponent looming Sunday in Washington, the Cowboys are searching for the same answers they were a year ago when they went 1-11 without the injured Romo. The 36-year-old is likely to miss at least another month after breaking a bone in his back in the preseason.

"I think we have a chance to be a good team this season," owner and general manager Jerry Jones said. "A lot of it has to do with what I saw from Dak and really what I saw overall. We did some good things defensively, too."

Elliott was limited to 51 yards on 20 carries, and consecutive 8-yard runs were his longest, including one for his first NFL touchdown. Even with the Giants focusing on the fourth overall pick, Bryant was held to one catch on Prescott's first pass.

Bryant did have a catch-that-wasn't moment similar to the 2014 playoffs against Green Bay when a 24-yard touchdown was overturned by replay. Another deep throw to Bryant in the end zone was broken up.

"That's a guy they're going to game-plan against," Prescott said. "They might be happy about taking some catches away, but we had some chances. We'll continue to attack Dez and go after them in those coverages when they give them to us."

Repeatedly in the fourth quarter

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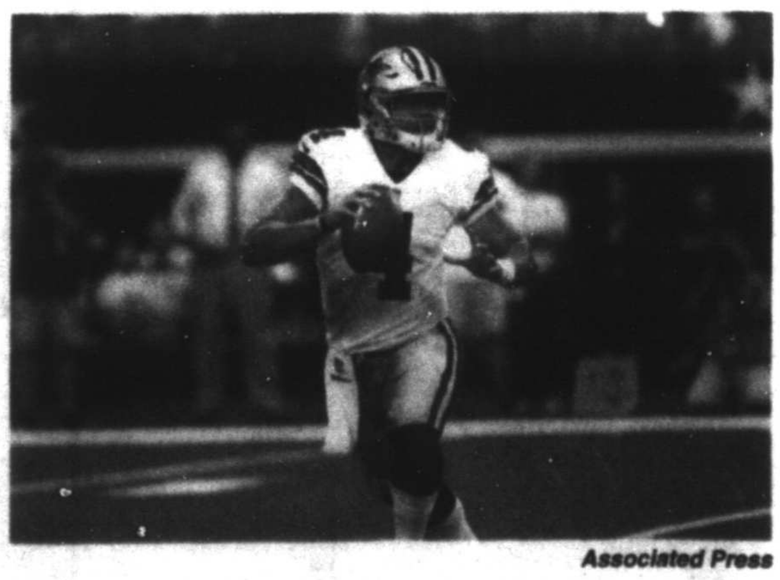

Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) prepares to throw during a game against the New York Giants on Sunday in Arlington.

'HOUNDSWATCH

SATURDAY'S SCORE
Midland 5, Corpus Christi 2

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at NW Arkansas 7:05 p.m.

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Midland at NW Arkansas 7:05 p.m.	Midland at NW Arkansas 7:05 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland 7 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland 7 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland 2 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
BOXING
Eddie Ramirez vs. Kevin Watts, 7 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Arizona Christian at UTPB, 7 p.m., MyTV 16
FUTSAL
World Cup: Colombia vs. Uzbekistan, 6:50 p.m., NBCU
HOCKEY
Exhibition: USA vs. Finland, 6 p.m., ESPN
MLB
LA Dodgers at NY Yankees or Baltimore at Boston, 6 p.m., MLB
Texas at Houston, 7 p.m., FSSW, ROOT
MEN'S SOCCER
AFC Champions: Shanghai SIPG vs. Jeonbuk Hyundai Motors, 5 a.m., OWSPN
UEFA Champions: FC Bayern Munich vs. FC Rostov, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2
UEFA Champions: FC Barcelona vs. Celtic FC, 1:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
UEFA Champions: Paris Saint-Germain FC vs. Arsenal FC, 1:30 p.m., FS2
UEFA Champions: Manchester City FC vs. Borussia Mönchengladbach, 1:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW/FSSW+)
UEFA Champions: PSV Eindhoven vs. Atletico Madrid, 1:30 p.m., ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions: Multi-match 90, 1:30 p.m., FSP
NCAA: Maryland at Rutgers, 6 p.m., BTN
Copa MX: CF Monarcas Morelia vs. Murcielagos FC, 6:50 p.m., ESPNDEP
CONCACAF Champions: Police United FC vs. CF Pachuca, 7 p.m., UDN
US Open Cup Final: FC Dallas vs. New England Revolution, 9 p.m., ESPN2, UDN
Copa MX: Club Santos Laguna vs. CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz, 9:20 p.m., ESPNDEP
CONCACAF Champions: Real Estelí Futbol Club vs. CD Suchitepequez, 11:30 p.m., GALA
PARALYMPICS
Track & Field, Wheelchair Basketball Quarterfinals, 1 p.m., NBCSN
Swimming, Track & Field, Wheelchair Basketball Quarterfinals, 6 p.m., NBCSN
Swimming, Track & Field, Wheelchair Basketball Quarterfinals, 12 a.m., NBCSN
SURFING
Hurley Pro at Trestles, 10 a.m., CBSSN
WNBA
Minnesota at Chicago, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

ON RADIO
MLB
Texas at Houston, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

TENNIS
Midland High at Wolfforth Frenship, 5 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Lee at San Angelo Central, 6 p.m.
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at San Angelo Grape Creek, 6:30 p.m.
Kermit at Midland Christian, 7 p.m.
Andrews at Trinity, 6 p.m.

YOUTH SPORTS

Courtesy photo

The FC Dallas West Texas U12 Boys club soccer team recently took first place at the Plano Labor Day Tournament, as it defeated Austin's One World Soccer Club 2-0 in the championship game. Pictured, **Front row:** Turner Squire, Jayden Rubio, Noah Crumpler, Mark Buckingham, Daniel Bujanda, Ben Simmons, and Diego Ruiz. **Second row:** Coach Kevin Fox, Andrew Fox, Christian Cuellar, Dylan Smith, Sebastian Salazar, Ryan Allen, Jesus Molina, Levi Crowder, Logan Meade, Aidan Castillo, and Coach Todd Meade. **Last Row:** Coach Reese Barden

FCS COACHES POLL

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 10, points and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. North Dakota State (24)	2-0	648	1
2. Richmond (2)	2-0	625	2
3. Sam Houston State	1-0	581	3
4. Chattanooga	2-0	526	6
5. Illinois State	2-0	517	9
6. Jacksonville State	1-1	457	5
7. Eastern Washington	1-1	445	8
8. James Madison	2-0	441	11
9. Montana	2-0	409	15
10. South Dakota State	1-1	398	12
11. Northern Iowa	1-1	376	3
12. Charleston Southern	1-2	371	7
13. McNeese State	1-1	340	10
14. William & Mary	1-1	333	13
15. The Citadel	2-0	298	16
16. Western Illinois	2-0	280	18
17. Portland State	1-1	181	14
18. Villanova	1-1	179	19
19. North Carolina A&T	2-0	161	24
20. Youngstown State	1-1	107	22
21. Southern Utah	1-1	103	23
22. Harvard	0-0	102	21
23. Colgate	0-1	96	20
24. Northern Arizona	0-2	77	17
25. Albany	2-0	74	NR

Others receiving votes: Fordham 62, Eastern Illinois 42, New Hampshire 34, Samford 26, Jackson State 24, Eastern Kentucky 23, Liberty 20, Towson 20, Montana State 19, Grambling State 11, Delaware 10, Cal Poly 7, Valparaiso 6, Wofford 5, North Dakota 4, Monmouth 4, Dartmouth 2, Penn 2, South Dakota 2, Stony Brook 2.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Alec Mills from Omaha (PCL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Recalled INF Renato Nunez from Nashville (PCL). Selected the contract of 1B-OF Matt Olson from Nashville.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled INF Mike Freeman, RHP Cody Martin and INF Dan Vogelbach from Tacoma (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Assigned RHP R.J. Alvarez outright to the minor leagues.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Recalled RHP Abel De Los Santos from Pensacola (SL) and RHP Matt Magill from Louisville (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent RHP Casey Fien outright to Oklahoma City (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Announced Wally Backman will not return as manager of Las Vegas (PCL).
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Reinstated RHP Gerrit Cole from the 15-day DL.
American Association
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Exercised the 2017 contract options on LHP Demetrius Banks, LHP Joe Bircher, RHP Madison Boer, RHP Stephen Boughay, RHP Ray Hanson, RHP Jose Ortega, LHP Kris Regier, LHP Billy Wahrlip, C Mike Fellenti, C Michael Pair, INF Patrick Fiala, INF Darwin Perez, INF Blake Schmit, OF Ethan Chapman, OF JC Linares, OF Cameron Monger, OF Aaron Owen, OF Taylor Zeutenhorst and LHP Josh Ferrell.
Can-Am League
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Exercised the 2017 contract options on LHP Mac Acker, LHP Guillaume Blanchette, RHP Edilson Alvarez, LHP Ryan Bollinger, RHP Nick Cunningham, RHP Matt Doran, RHP Scott Kuzminsky, LHP Porfirio Lopez, LHP Dennis Neal, RHP Matt Rusch, RHP Darin Santangelo, C Reed Lavelina, INF Ryan Brockett, INF Danny Mateo, INF Jesus Merchan, INF Nixon Ruiz, OF Steve Brown, OF Connor Crane, OF Javier Herrera and OF Jesse James.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Signed G-F Xavier Henry.
Women's National Basketball Association
WNBA — Suspended Atlanta G-F Angel Mc-Coughtry for one game for receiving her seventh technical foul of the season.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed CB Trevon Hartfield to the practice squad. Released QB Aaron Murray from the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS — Re-signed FB Jerome Felton. Released FB Glenn Gronkowski.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived CB Dax Swanson.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Waived C Dalton Freeman.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed LB Victor Ochi and WR Wendell Williams to the practice squad. Released RB Rahsean Mostert and WR Myles White from the practice squad.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed WR Chris Harper from the practice squad. Released RB DuJuan Harris.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Placed DE Jacquies Smith on injured reserve.
Canadian Football League
CFL — Fined the Ottawa Redblacks $5,000 and deducted $6,761 from their 2016 salary cap, after a player illegally practiced with the team while on the 6-game injured list.
HOCKEY
ECHL
ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed F Casey Thrush to a one-year contract.
COLLEGE
FORDHAM — Announced Ken Henderson women's assistant tennis coach. Named Samantha Clark director of player development for women's basketball.
OLD WESTBURY — Named Patrick Corvetti men's soccer coach.
TEXAS — Announced track coach Mario Salegna is taking an indefinite leave of absence.

Gibbs is again the favorite at the start of NASCAR's Chase

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The odds are once again stacked for Joe Gibbs Racing, the team with all four of its drivers in NASCAR's playoffs.

Throw in Martin Truex Jr., who is aligned with the team, and the numbers point to a Toyota winning the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship for a second consecutive year.

Kyle Busch gave Toyota its first Cup title last season, and the first championship for team owner Joe Gibbs in a decade. His bid to repeat begins Sunday at Chicagoland Speedway, where the 10-race Chase begins.

His top competition could again come from within his own organization.

Including Truex, who drives for Furniture Row Racing in an alliance with JGR, the five Toyota drivers have combined for 13 wins through the first 26 races. They've led over 4,000 laps and again routed the field in the regular-season finale at Richmond by leading 385 of 407 laps in a Denny Hamlin win.

So can anyone beat their effort?

Well, Gibbs isn't preparing any championship speeches just yet.

"There's so many, I think, well prepared cars. This is going to be a battle," Gibbs said. "There's no way that you can pick a favorite right now. Everybody that's in there is going to have a shot.

So who can beat the Toyota contingent?

■ **KEVIN HARVICK:** Although he has only two wins this year, Harvick should have been in victory lane a few more times.

The 2014 champion has been plagued by recurring pit crew problems, and Stewart-Haas Racing last week made two changes to his team after a slow final stop at Darlington cost him the win.

He doesn't have the finishes to show for how good he's been, but Harvick's 1,211 laps led this year trails only Busch (1,244) and Truex (1,234). He also leads the series in top-five finishes (13) and top-10s (21).

There's nothing at all to suggest Harvick won't be in the final four at the Nov. 20 finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. He made it last year, only to finish second to Busch in his bid to repeat his title.

Few are as hell-bent on winning as Harvick, who takes no prisoners and spares no feelings in his pursuit of a title.

■ **BRAD KESELOWSKI and JOEY LOGANO:** There's no doubt that Team Penske was deeply disappointed not to win the title the last two years.

Keselowski had six wins in 2014 and a strong Chase until a mechanical failure in the first race of the third round put him against the ropes. A pair of top-four finishes wasn't enough to get him into the finale, and he settled for fifth in the final standings.

Last year was Logano's year and he seemed unbeatable, particularly when the Chase began. Like Keselowski the year before, he too won six races, including three straight in the Chase.

But a feud with Matt Kenseth that wouldn't go away blew up badly at Martinsville Speedway (same place as Keselowski's problem a year earlier) and Kenseth intentionally wrecked Logano in a race Logano seemed poised to win.

Logano didn't recover and failed to make the finale as Penske was denied in yet another season it had dominated.

■ **KYLE LARSON:** So, Larson may be a stretch, and definitely not a favorite. But it's hard to count him out considering the way he's running.

Larson has hit a groove this year, especially since winning his Chase-clinching race at Michigan last month. The third-year driver followed it with a third-place finish at Darlington, then hustled from 12th to second on a two-lap overtime sprint Saturday night at Richmond.

Love chooses Fowler, Holmes, Kuchar for Ryder Cup

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

CHASKA, Minn. — When Davis Love III and the U.S. Ryder Cup team come to Hazeltine at the end of the month, they will be looking to avoid an unprecedented fourth straight defeat to the Europeans.

The U.S. has spent two years planning and strategizing in hopes of turning the tide, and Love's first three captain's picks lean heavily on experience as they try to end the skid.

Love chose Rickie Fowler, J.B. Holmes and Matt Kuchar on Monday. He has one more pick to make, too.

The Americans haven't won since Valhalla in 2008, and they have only one rookie on the current roster while the Europeans will be bringing six newcomers to Minnesota.

"Experience is good. We know what to expect. We know how to handle it, how to deal with it," Love said. "We've been there. We're going to learn from our mistakes in the past and build on it."

Love didn't surprise many people with his first three picks. Where he goes for the fourth and final spot may be a little more intriguing.

Love said there was strong debate and discussion with vice captains Tiger Woods, Tom Lehman, Steve Stricker and Jim Furyk late into the afternoon on Sunday before a consensus was finally reached, and those conversations will only increase before he chooses the final member of the team on Sept. 25 after the Tour Championship. The Ryder Cup begins Sept. 30.

Holmes finished 10th in the Ryder Cup standings and called Love last week to tell him how important it was for him to be on the team. Holmes finished tied for fourth at the BMW Championship on Sunday and is one of the few active Americans to have never lost in the event. He went 2-0-1 at Valhalla.

"Some of my greatest memories in golf were at the Ryder Cup at Valhalla," Holmes said. "So just really excited to get back in the Ryder Cup format and get out there and play."

Fowler started the year with a victory in Abu Dhabi and was rolling at the Phoenix Open before losing a two-shot lead with two holes to play. He also lost the 54-hole lead at Wells Fargo and at Barclays, which prevented him from qualifying for the team on points. Fowler was part of the Ryder Cup Task Force aimed at turning around the Americans' fortunes in the event, but he is 0-3-5 in two previous Ryder Cups, both on European soil.

Kuchar was thought of as a favorite for one of the picks given his ability to play with any partner in a team event where chemistry is crucial. He has just one victory in the last two years at the Fiji International, but made a big impression by winning bronze at the Rio Olympics. He is 4-5-2 in his Ryder Cup career and has played on three previous American teams.

"It stinks for me to be sitting on the outside needing a pick," Kuchar said. "I thought I had a nice year, but not nice enough to qualify on points. Team USA is certainly very strong. To have the picks we've had is fantastic."

The three captain's choices join Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth, Phil Mickelson, Patrick Reed, Jimmy Walker, Brooks Koepka, Brandt Snedeker and Zach Johnson, who qualified in the final standings for the Americans.

Left off the initial round of captain's picks was Bubba Watson, currently ranked No. 7 in the world. He won at Riviera, but hasn't won a singles match in three Ryder Cups.

Furyk was also passed over despite finishing tied for fifth and shooting 58 at the Travelers Championship. He did not make it to the BMW Championship, but he lost four months of the season to wrist surgery and only started playing in May.

Other candidates include second-year pros Daniel Berger and Justin Thomas. Berger won at Memphis and Thomas won the CIMB Classic in Malaysia last fall, but the task force decided not to start counting points until 2016.

"We're a sports team and we have to draft the right player for the right position," Love said. "There's going to be a lot of stats and a lot of things to look at. But making our pairings, fitting into the team, doing all the little things you're asked to do, these three guys fill incredible roles and a lot of different roles."

SPORTS ODDS

FAVORITE	OPEN	College Football Thursday TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Houston	6	7½	(OFF)	at CINCINNATI
		Friday		
Baylor	27½	29½	(OFF)	at RICE
Arizona St	18½	18	(OFF)	at UTSA
at UTAH ST	6½	9½	(OFF)	Arkansas St
		Saturday		
E. Michigan	+1	3½	(OFF)	at CHARLOTTE
W Michigan	+1	3	(OFF)	at ILLINOIS
at SOUTH CAROLINA	7	3½	(OFF)	East Carolina
Florida St	+1	2	(OFF)	at LOUISVILLE
at PENN ST	8	9	(OFF)	Temple
Maryland	9	8½	(OFF)	at UCF
at UCONN	8	4	(OFF)	Virginia
at TCU	22	24	(OFF)	Iowa St
at MICHIGAN	20	20	(OFF)	Colorado
at RUTGERS	4½	5½	(OFF)	New Mexico
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	1½	6	(OFF)	at BOWLING GREEN
at UMASS	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	FIU
at WISCONSIN	28	34	(OFF)	Georgia St
at CENT. MICHIGAN	13	13	(OFF)	UNLV
at GEORGIA TECH	7½	6½	(OFF)	Vanderbilt
at UTEP	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Army
at KANSAS ST	18½	22½	(OFF)	FAU
at TOLEDO	22½	21	(OFF)	Fresno St
at VIRGINIA TECH	8	6	(OFF)	Boston College
South Florida	12½	14½	(OFF)	at SYRACUSE
San Diego St	8	11	(OFF)	at N ILLINOIS
W Kentucky	15	17	(OFF)	at MIAMI (OHIO)
at FLORIDA	35	36½	(OFF)	North Texas
at TEXAS TECH	13	11	(OFF)	Louisiana Tech
at KENTUCKY	21½	19½	(OFF)	New Mexico St
at ARKANSAS	31½	31	(OFF)	Texas State
at TENNESSEE	27½	27½	(OFF)	Ohio
at MARSHALL	14½	17	(OFF)	Akron
at NEBRASKA	1	3	(OFF)	Oregon
UCLA	1	3	(OFF)	at BYU
Miami	3½	3½	(OFF)	at APPALACHIAN ST
at OKLAHOMA ST	7	6½	(OFF)	Pittsburgh
at GEORGIA SOUTHERN	30	25	(OFF)	Louisiana-Monroe
at NC STATE	20½	21½	(OFF)	Old Dominion
at SOUTHERN MISS	12½	10	(OFF)	Troy
at LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	2½	3	(OFF)	South Alabama
at MEMPHIS	20	20	(OFF)	Kansas
at NOTRE DAME	6	8	(OFF)	Michigan St
at AUBURN	4	4	(OFF)	Texas A&M
at NORTHWESTERN	1	6½	(OFF)	Duke
Ohio State	+1	2½	(OFF)	at OKLAHOMA
Alabama	8½	10	(OFF)	at MISSISSIPPI
Georgia	7½	6½	(OFF)	at MISSOURI
at LSU	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Mississippi St
Navy	11½	6	(OFF)	at TULANE
at ARIZONA	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Hawaii
at STANFORD	6½	8½	(OFF)	SOUTHERN CAL
Texas	4	8	(OFF)	at CALIFORNIA
at NEVADA	9	11	(OFF)	Buffalo
Utah	13	13	(OFF)	at SAN JOSE ST
at WASHINGTON ST	27½	25	(OFF)	Idaho
		NFL Thursday PK		
at BUFFALO	3	(41)		NY Jets
		Sunday		
at DETROIT	3½	5½	(47)	Tennessee
at HOUSTON	1½	2	(43½)	Kansas City
at NEW ENGLAND	4½	7	(42)	Miami
Baltimore	4	7	(43)	at CLEVELAND
at PITTSBURGH	4	3½	(OFF)	Cincinnati
at WASHINGTON	3½	3½	(OFF)	Dallas
at NY GIANTS	4½	5	(53)	New Orleans
at CAROLINA	13½	14	(OFF)	San Francisco
at ARIZONA	8	6½	(50½)	Tampa Bay
Seattle	4	OFF	(OFF)	at LOS ANGELES
at DENVER	4	6	(45)	Indianapolis
at OAKLAND	5½	4½	(48)	Atlanta
at SAN DIEGO	3	3	(48)	Jacksonville
Green Bay	+1	2½	(45)	at MINNESOTA
		Monday		
at CHICAGO	3	3	(43)	Philadelphia

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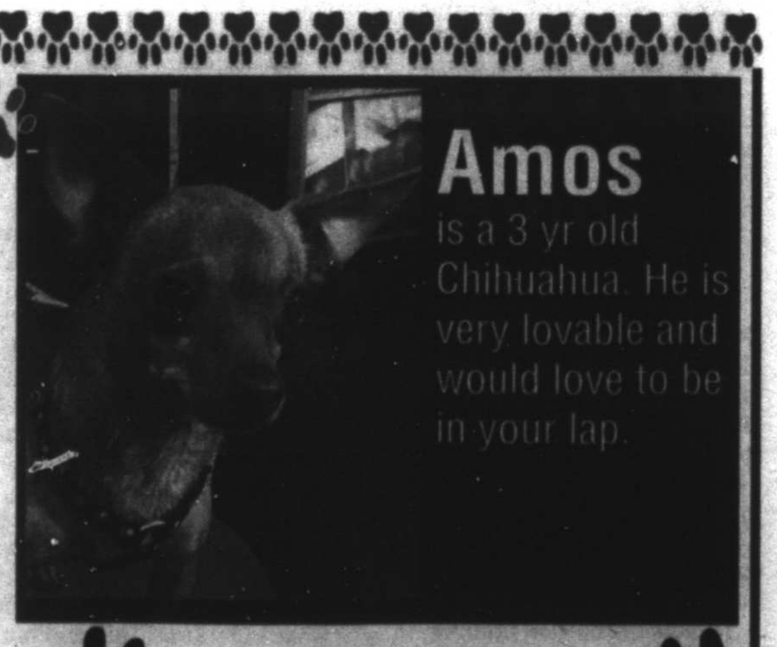

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RockHounds shortstop Richie Martin fields a hit from Corpus Christi in Game 4 of the Texas League South Division playoff series Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark.

Roethlisberger throws for 3 TDs as Steelers beat Redskins

Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Ben Roethlisberger knew the retired Heath Miller, suspended teammates Le'Veon Bell and Martavis Bryant and the injured Markus Wheaton weren't walking through that door. So he put the Pittsburgh Steelers' young, largely untested offense on his shoulders.

Roethlisberger threw for three touchdowns to lead the Steelers to a 38-16 rout of the Washington Redskins on Monday night.

After telling his teammates he believed in not just All-Pro wide receiver Antonio Brown but Eli Rogers, Sammie Coates and others, Roethlisberger recovered a fumble at a pivotal moment and completed 27 of 37 passes for 300 yards in the season-opening victory.

He threw two touchdowns to Brown and another to Rogers. Often playing on the opposite side from Josh Norman and tormenting cornerback Bashaud Breeland, Brown made eight catches for 126 yards.

RockHounds

From 1C

acquired highly regarded second base prospect Max Schrock from the Washington Nationals in exchange for major league reliever Marc Rzepczynski.

Assigned to Midland on Aug. 31, Schrock has since worked his way into the No. 2 spot in the RockHounds' batting order.

Schrock enjoyed a pair of multiple-hit games during Midland's 3-1 series win over the Corpus Christi Hooks in the Texas League South Division Championship.

While the starting rotation hasn't been entirely new, the RockHounds have relied on Corey Walter, who spent a considerable chunk of the season in the bullpen, to start games in the playoffs.

Brandon Mann, a 32-year-old minor league journeyman who began his professional career in 2002, hurled 6 1/3 shutout innings in Saturday's deciding 5-2 win over the Hooks.

"I haven't been to the playoffs with a team or an organization since 2006, so to be back here and get the chance to pitch in this game meant a lot honestly," Mann said.

Christenson said he couldn't pinpoint what got the RockHounds through the South Division series with their makeshift roster.

"I don't know if I can put my finger on one thing," Christenson said.

"It was definitely a team effort," Christenson added. "We played good defense. We had some clutch hits and the pitching was great. It was a true team effort."

The miracle Naturals

Northwest Arkansas finds itself in the TLCS even though it held the worst overall record (65-75) in the North Division. The Naturals clinched the North Division second-half title on the final day of the regular season, squeaking past runner-up Arkansas (35-35) with a 36-34 record.

Taking full advantage of its playoff berth, Northwest Arkansas dispatched Springfield in four games during the North Division series. Springfield carried the North Division's best overall record (75-65).

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MIDLAND VS. NORTHWEST ARKANSAS
Best-of-five
x-if necessary

Game 1: Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m., Tuesday

Game 2: Midland at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m., Wednesday

Game 3: Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

x-Game 4: Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

x-Game 5: Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 2 p.m.

Cowboys

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last season, the Dallas defense couldn't get key stops either to protect leads or give the offense a chance for a rally.

While Brandon Carr set up the only Dallas touchdown with his first interception since Thanksgiving 2013, he also turned Victor Cruz loose in the end zone for the winning score on third down with 6:13 remaining. The Cowboys had stopped the Giants four straight times before the decisive drive that started near midfield.

Something else had a familiar feeling to last year: one of those what-just-happened plays. Instead of getting out of bounds with no timeouts and less than 10 seconds to go, receiver Terrance Williams turned upfield trying to make a potential winning kick even shorter. The game ended at the New York 40 with Prescott unable to get a snap before time expired.

So now, the Cowboys have to work to avoid another familiar feeling: early-season losses piling up while Romo watches from the sideline.

"I think there's a lot of confidence in this locker room," said tight end Jason Witten, who combined with Cole Beasley for 17 of Prescott's 25 completions with the Cowboys working mostly underneath the New York defense. "We'll learn from it. That doesn't minimize the loss."

Especially when it was so similar to the 12 from last season.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RED SOX 12
ORIOLES 1

BOSTON — Wade Miley knows he hasn't been very good since coming to the Orioles.

On Monday night, he was even worse.

Miley retired just four batters — giving up four runs before recording an out — and allowed six runs as the Boston Red Sox ran away from Baltimore for a 12-2 victory.

Since being acquired from Seattle on July 31, the left-hander has gone past the fifth inning just twice in eight starts. He's failed to get out of the second a pair of times.

"It just happened fast. Real quickly it was over it," he said.

Miley fell to 1-5 with Baltimore in the shortest start of his career.

BLUE JAYS 3
RAYS 2

TORONTO — After the final out, that's when things really heated up between the Toronto Blue Jays and Tampa Bay Rays.

Both benches and bullpens cleared after the Blue Jays wrapped up a 3-2 win Monday night, and the skirmish got settled without anyone throwing punches.

After Steven Souza Jr. hit a liner to center for the last out, he traded words with Russell Martin, misunderstanding the Toronto catcher's praise for his hard-hit drive as criticism.

The situation escalated when Blue Jays shortstop Troy Tulowitzki joined the fray with some choice words for Souza.

"Troy decided to jump in and say some things that weren't really necessary," Souza said.

Martin said Tulowitzki "kind of came in there and just kind of blew up in (Souza's) face."

TIGERS 4
TWINS 2

DETROIT — Miguel Cabrera and Ian Kinsler homered, and the Detroit Tigers scored two runs in the seventh inning on close plays at the plate, rallying for a 4-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Andrew Romine slid in safely with the tying run on a double by Jose Iglesias, and Iglesias scored on Kinsler's sacrifice fly to put the Tigers ahead 3-2. Cabrera's homer in the eighth gave Detroit an insurance run, and the Tigers pulled within a game of Baltimore for the American League's second wild card.

ATHLETICS 16
ROYALS 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Royals catcher Salvador Perez spent Monday evening celebrating the birth of his baby boy.

It beat watching his team getting trounced by Oakland.

Khris Davis and Marcus Semien hit three-run homers, the Athletics matched a season high with 17 hits while drawing 10 walks, and Oakland rolled to a 16-3 victory in their series opener.

National League

REDS 3
BREWERS 0

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds didn't exactly overpower the Milwaukee Brewers on Monday. They didn't have to with the pitching they got.

Scott Schebler hit a two-run single in Cincinnati's three-run first inning and four pitchers teamed up on the Reds' eighth shutout of the season in a 3-0 victory over Milwaukee.

Keyvius Sampson started and Blake Wood (6-3), Michael Lorenzen and Raisel Iglesias followed as the Reds posted their seventh shutout since the All-Star break. They went into the game tied with the Cubs, Angels and Marlins for the most second-half shutouts in the majors.

CUBS 4
CARDINALS 1

ST. LOUIS — Kyle Hendricks took a no-hitter into the ninth inning before giving up Jeremy Hazelbaker's leadoff homer, and the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-1 Monday night to close in on the NL Central crown.

Hazelbaker drove an 0-2 pitch into the right-field stands for his 12th home run. Hendricks (15-7), the major league ERA leader at 2.03, was relieved by Aroldis Chapman.

"Just left that one up right there. What are you going to do?" Hendricks said.

Ben Zobrist and Dexter Fowler homered for the Cubs, who lowered their magic number to three for clinching the division title. They lead the second-place Cardinals by 17 games and can wrap up the NL Central with a three-game sweep in St. Louis.

PHILLIES 6
PIRATES 2

PHILADELPHIA — Roman Quinn flashed some needed spark and speed near the top of Philadelphia's lineup.

Quinn had two hits, two RBIs, a stolen base and made a big impression in his second major league game, leading the Phillies to a 6-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Monday night.

A day after he was promoted to the big leagues, Quinn hit second and played right field in his second straight start. Quinn, an accomplished base stealer and the Phillies' second-round draft pick in 2011, could be a fixture in the outfield next season.

With the Phillies long out of contention, manager Pete Mackanin is likely to take a long look in September at a player who could become a starter in 2017 when they hope to inch toward contention.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	81	62	.566	—
Toronto	79	64	.552	2
Baltimore	78	65	.545	3
New York	76	67	.531	5
Tampa Bay	60	83	.420	21
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cleveland	83	59	.585	—
Detroit	77	66	.539	6½
Kansas City	74	69	.517	9½
Chicago	68	74	.479	15
Minnesota	53	91	.368	31
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Texas	85	59	.590	—
Seattle	75	68	.524	9½
Houston	75	68	.524	9½
Los Angeles	63	79	.444	21
Oakland	61	82	.427	23½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	86	58	.597	—
New York	76	68	.529	10
Miami	71	73	.493	15
Philadelphia	64	80	.444	22
Atlanta	56	88	.389	30
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	92	51	.643	—
St. Louis	75	68	.524	17
Pittsburgh	69	73	.486	22½
Milwaukee	64	80	.444	28½
Cincinnati	61	82	.427	31
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Los Angeles	81	62	.566	—
San Francisco	77	65	.542	3½
Colorado	69	74	.483	12
San Diego	59	84	.413	22
Arizona	58	84	.408	22½

Scores & schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's Scores

L.A. Dodgers 8, N.Y. Yankees 2
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 12, Baltimore 2
Detroit 4, Minnesota 2
Oakland 16, Kansas City 3
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, late
Texas at Houston, late
Seattle at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Urias 5-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 6-12), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Smyly 6-11) at Toronto (Dickey 9-14), 6:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Bundy 8-5) at Boston (Price 15-8), 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 5-9) at Detroit (Boyd 5-3), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Cotton 1-0) at Kansas City (Duffy 11-2), 6:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Bauer 11-6) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 11-10), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Griffin 7-4) at Houston (Paulino 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Walker 5-10) at L.A. Angels (Meyer 0-2), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Monday's Scores

L.A. Dodgers 8, N.Y. Yankees 2
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 2
Washington 8, N.Y. Mets 1
Cincinnati 3, Milwaukee 0
Atlanta 12, Miami 7
Chicago Cubs 4, St. Louis 1
Colorado at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Today's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Urias 5-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 6-12), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 13-8) at Washington (Cole 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nova 12-6) at Philadelphia (Asher 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Esch 0-1) at Atlanta (Wisler 6-11), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 5-6) at Cincinnati (Straily 11-8), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 14-8) at St. Louis (Garcia 10-12), 7:15 p.m.
Colorado (De La Rosa 8-7) at Arizona (Ray 7-13), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 2-3) at San Francisco (Suarez 3-3), 9:15 p.m.

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 3, RAYS 2

Tampa Bay .....000 002 000 —2 4 0
Toronto .....000 002 01x —3 6 1

Odorizzi, Boxberger (8) and Maile; Liriano, Benoit (7), Grilli (8), Osuna (9) and Martin. W—Grilli 6-5. L—Boxberger 3-1. Sv—Osuna (32). HRs—Tampa Bay, Longoria (32); Miller (26). Toronto, Carrera (5), Bautista (14).

RED SOX 12, ORIOLES 2

Baltimore .....010 100 000 —2 2 1
Boston .....611 111 20x —12 16 1

Miley, Worley (2), Drake (5), Duensing (7), Aquino (8) and Wieters, Pena; Price, Tazawa (9) and Leon, Vazquez. W—Price 16-8. L—Miley 8-13. HRs—Baltimore, Machado (35), Davis (37). Boston, Young (9), Ramirez (24), Ortiz (33).

TIGERS 4, TWINS 2

Minnesota .....001 100 200 —2 5 0
Detroit .....100 000 21x —4 6 0

E.Santana, Chargois (6), Wimmers (7), Rogers (8), Tonkin (8) and K.Suzuki; Norris, Greene (7), Rondon (8), F.Rodriguez (9) and J.McCann. W—Greene 4-4. L—Wimmers 1-2. Sv—F.Rodriguez (41). HRs—Minnesota, Dozier (40), Suzuki (7). Detroit, Cabrera (32), Kinsler (26).

ATHLETICS 16, ROYALS 3

Oakland .....003 315 004—16 17 0
Kansas City .....000 000 000 —3 7 1

Detwiler, Coulombe (5), Neal (7) and Maxwell; Gee, Pounders (4), Chris Young (4), Flynn (6), Mills (9) and Butera. W—Coulombe 3-1. L—Gee 6-8. Sv—Neal (2). HRs—Oakland, Davis (36), Semien (24).

INTERLEAGUE
DODGERS 8, YANKEES 2

Los Angeles .....130 000 011 —6 11 0
New York .....010 010 000 —2 5 2

De Leon, Pilkas (6), Dayton (7), Blanton (8), Fields (9) and Grandal; Mitchell, Shreve (3), Bleier (4), Pazos (8), Heller (9) and Sanchez. W—De Leon 2-0. L—Mitchell 1-1. HRs—Los Angeles, Puig (10), Turner (27). New York, Castro (21).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
REDS 3, BREWERS 0

Milwaukee .....000 000 000 —0 6 0
Cincinnati .....300 000 00x —3 7 1

W.Peralta, Barnes (7), Suter (8) and Maldonado; Sampson, Wood (5), Lorenzen (7), R.Iglesias (8) and Barnhart. W—Wood 6-3. L—W.Peralta 6-10. Sv—R.Iglesias (3).

NATIONALS 8, METS 1

New York .....100 000 000 —1 5 0
Washington .....240 200 00x —8 10 0

R.Montero, Ynoa (2), Henderson (4), Gilmartin (5), Verrett (7), Edgin (8) and d'Arnaud; Latos, Gott (5), Burnett (6), Lopez (7) and W.Ramos. W—Lopez 3-3. L—R.Montero 0-1. HRs—Washington, Latos (1), Rendon (18).

PHILLIES 6, PIRATES 2

Pittsburgh .....100 000 001 —2 5 1
Philadelphia .....000 001 00x —6 9 2

Cole, Nicasio (3), Bastardo (5), Rivero (7), Hughes (8) and Cervelli; Hellickson, E.Ramos (7), Neris (8), Gomez (9) and Rupp. W—Hellickson 11-9. L—Cole 7-10. HRs—Philadelphia, Galvis (18).

CUBS 4, CARDINALS 1

Chicago .....011 020 000 —4 7 0
St. Louis .....000 000 001 —1 1 1

Hendricks, Chapman (9) and M.Montero; Leake, Socolovich (7), Tuivailala (8), Kieltyka (9) and Molina. W—Hendricks 15-7. L—Leake 9-10. Sv—Chapman (34). HRs—Chicago, Zobrist (15), Fowler (11). St. Louis, Hazelbaker (12).

BRAVES 12, MARLINS 7

Miami .....000 502 000 —7 17 1
Atlanta .....115 001 13x—12 17 0

Cashner, Wittgren (3), Phelps (4), Cervenka (4), Brice (5), Ellington (6), Dunn (7), Rodney (8), Ogando (8) and Realmuto; Foltynewicz, Weber (4), Kind (6), Roe (6), J.Ramirez (7), Ma.Cabrera (8), J.Johnson (9) and Flowers. W—Roe 2-0. L—Ellington 2-2. HRs—Atlanta, Markakis (11).

NFLBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Texans' Cushing out indefinitely with sprained knee ligament

Houston linebacker Brian Cushing has a sprained right medial collateral ligament in his right knee and is out indefinitely.

Cushing was injured in the first quarter of Houston's 23-14 win over the Chicago Bears on Sunday and did not return. Though Cushing is expected to miss some time, the Texans do expect him back this season.

"Brian will be back I would say sooner rather than later," coach Bill O'Brien said. "He's a guy that's obviously played a long time and knows exactly what's wrong and he'll work very hard to get back as quickly as he can."

It's the third time Cushing has missed time with a knee injury, although the first two, which were both to his left knee, were much more serious.

In Week 7 of the 2013 season, Cushing tore the lateral collateral ligament in his left knee and broke his left fibula on a low hit and missed the rest of the season. He had missed the last 11 games of the 2012 season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in the same knee in Week 5 against the New York Jets.

OHIO

Browns' RG3 breaks bone in shoulder, could miss season

BEREA — Robert Griffin III's comeback cracked.

Cleveland's quarterback curse strikes again.

Griffin broke a bone in his left shoulder during the fourth quarter of Sunday's 29-10 loss at Philadelphia and will miss at least eight games — and potentially the season — with an injury that leaves the Browns' muddled QB situation as jumbled as ever.

The franchise's 25th starting quarterback since 1999, Griffin, who signed with the Browns as a free agent in March in hopes of reviving a career that fizzled in Washington, got hurt while trying to run out of bounds.

Griffin was nearing the sideline when he was struck by Eagles rookie defensive back Jalen Mills, who delivered a blow to the QB's chest area.

"It's football and these things happen," Browns first-year coach Hue Jackson said. "It's unfortunate but it does happen in this sport."

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	22	23
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	12
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	7	13
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	23	14
Indianapolis	1	0	0	.000	35	39
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	23	27
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	16	25
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	13	7
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	22
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	38	16
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	10	29
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	33	27
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	21	20
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	35	34
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	27	33

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	20	19
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	29	10
Washington	0	1	0	.000	16	38
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	19	20
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	20	21
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	34	35
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	24	31
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	25	16
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	39	35
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	27	23
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	14	23
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	12	10
Los Angeles	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	21	23

Scores and schedules

Sunday's Scores

Baltimore 13, Buffalo 7
Minnesota 25, Tennessee 16
Houston 23, Chicago 14
Philadelphia 29, Cleveland 10
Cincinnati 23, N.Y. Jets 22
Tampa Bay 31, Atlanta 24
Green Bay 27, Jacksonville 23
Oakland 35, New Orleans 34
Kansas City 33, San Diego 27, OT
Seattle 12, Miami 10
N.Y. Giants 20, Dallas 19
Detroit 39, Indianapolis 35
New England 23, Arizona 21

Monday's Scores

Pittsburgh 38, Washington 16
Los Angeles at San Francisco, late

Thursday's Game

N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games (Sept. 18)

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

Rules committee official: OSU error shouldn't prompt changes

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

The officiating error that gave Central Michigan a last-play chance to beat Oklahoma State is unlikely to lead to changes in the way officials enforce penalties at the end of games.

Rogers Redding, the former national coordinator of officials who sits on the NCAA's football rules committee, told The Associated Press on Monday that the circumstances that led to the mistake were rare. He said the goal is to have rules that stay consistent throughout the game.

Also Monday, Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said he does not want to play future nonconference games without officials from Power Five conferences.

Officials for nonconference games are determined by the schools as part of a contractual agreement. Gundy said he would encourage Oklahoma State athletic director Mike Holder not to sign a contract unless the officials are from a Power Five conference.

In 2008, the College Football Officiating LLC was created by the NCAA and Collegiate Commissioners Association to put all officials under the same umbrella organization and create uniformity in training and education.

What flummoxed the MAC officiating crew Saturday in Stillwater, Oklahoma, was a fourth-down intentional grounding foul against the Cowboys on what should have been the final play of a Cowboys' victory. The penalty calls for a loss of down, not a replayed down.

A quarter cannot end on an accepted foul — such as holding or pass interference — that does require a replay of a down. Only in those situations is any quarter extended with an untimed down.

"The extension of the period really means we're going to go back and redo what we just did because that makes the period not over until you take care of that down," Redding said.

The extra play turned into a crazy long touchdown that gave Central Michigan a 30-27 victory.

The officials admitted their mistake soon after the game. On Sunday, the eight-man crew along with the two replay officials were suspended for two weeks.

But if the rule had been applied correctly, Oklahoma State would have essentially received no penalty for committing a foul. While that might seem unfair, Redding said doing otherwise creates inconsistencies.

"You can say let's make a special case at the end of the fourth quarter, but that's a slippery slope because now do you want to create other circumstances where you want to do things differently toward the end of the game distinct from the end of the first half?" said Redding, who was the longtime coordinator of officials in the Southeastern Conference and now edits the NCAA rule book.

Redding said high-profile mistakes often lead to discussions by the rules committee, which is made up of coaches from all levels of college football, but he would not recommend changing when quarters should be extended.

"It's pretty rare to extend the period at all," Redding said. "It's very rare to extend the game at the end of the fourth period. It's very, very rare to do that on fourth down. And it's extremely rare to have a fourth down at the end of the game where you've got a loss of down. The odds of this are just tiny, but obviously it can happen. And you've got to know it."

As for changing the results of the game, there is simply no method for that in the rule book, Redding said. And the game is over not when the clock hits 0:00, but when officials rule that it has ended. "That's what I think will be changed," Gundy said.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder looked at it differently.

"I make 1,000 mistakes in a ballgame, and they won't let me get any of them back," the 76-year-old Snyder said. "Stuff happens, so to speak."

Other news from around the Big 12:

■ TCU coach Gary Patterson said the motion that quarterback Kenny Hill made in the end zone late in regulation of a double-overtime home loss to Arkansas "had something to do with his religious beliefs." Officials interpreted Hill making a throat-slashing gesture after he scored with just over 2 minutes left in regulation and handed out a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty to the Horned Frogs. The score put TCU ahead 28-20, but the penalty helped set up a short field for Arkansas to drive for the tying score to force overtime. "We got beat by three points in overtime," Patterson said. "That was the most important part of the ball game, not a gesture in the end zone."

■ The Big 12 was 0-3 in Week 2 in nonconference games against Power Five schools, and is 2-4 in such games this season. There are three more this weekend: No. 14 Oklahoma hosts No. 3 Ohio State, Oklahoma State is home against Pittsburgh and No. 11 Texas goes to California.

College football player suspended for punching referee

Associated Press

VENTURA, Calif. — A Southern California community college football player was suspended for five years on Monday for knocking out a referee during a game, but his school said the punch was accidental and the penalty will be appealed.

The commissioner of the Southern California Football Association suspended Mount San Antonio College freshman Bernard Schirmer for what was termed a "Level 1 Decorum Infraction" during Saturday night's game.

A letter from football association Commissioner Jim Sartoris to the college says an official's game report stated that Schirmer was disqualified for an "unsportsmanlike act" — punching a referee and knocking him out cold.

The decision was made after viewing video of the incident and reviewing a report provided by the head referee, Sartoris said.

"This basically ruins his career," said Brian Yokoyama, a sports information director for the school.

Video showed the line judge falling to the ground as he tried to break up a fight on the field. Police said the official, whose name was not released, was struck and knocked unconscious.

"I talked to him yesterday. He's a little sore from going down so hard, but he said he had no headache or anything else," Rich Kollen, director of football operations for the Southern California Football Association, said Monday.

Kollen said the man has not seen a physician. He is scheduled to officiate at another game Saturday.

Schirmer, 19, was immediately ejected from the game and later arrested on suspicion of battery and taken to Ventura County jail. He posted bail Sunday morning. The Ventura County District Attorney's Office will decide whether to charge Schirmer.

Schirmer said he accidentally hit the referee and was truly sorry. He told the Ventura County Star newspaper that he often tries to calm down by hitting himself on the helmet and he didn't realize the line judge was so close.

> *"It clearly showed to us that Bernard, like he's done before, hit himself in the helmet pretty hard and then a split-second after — a frame or two after — you see the official hit with his arm. It wasn't anything intentional. He has no clue that the official was down."*
>
> **Brian Yokoyama,** sports information director for Mount San Antonio College

"My friends were trying to pull me back away from the defensive end," Schirmer said. "I didn't know the ref was right inside of me, bear hugging me."

The school examined enlarged video of the incident frame by frame and came to the same conclusion, Yokoyama said.

"It clearly showed to us that Bernard, like he's done before, hit himself in the helmet pretty hard and then a split-second after — a frame or two after — you see the official hit with his arm. It wasn't anything intentional," Yokoyama said. "He has no clue that the official was down."

The school will appeal the suspension to the California Community Athletic Association, he said.

College officials and police said Saturday that the referee wasn't interested in pressing charges. A video clip of the incident, which happened between plays in the third quarter, was initially used by police to determine whether to arrest the 6-foot-5, 270-pound offensive lineman. It was viewed widely online and was shown on ESPN's SportsCenter.

MCS

From 1C

ping 10 touchdowns to go along with two touchdown passes.

McClendon said Powell has much room to improve, especially when it comes to getting the Mustangs into a more balanced mix of run and pass plays.

"We coach him like he's a senior and he's got to get it right now," McClendon said of Powell. "He's doing an outstanding job. Certainly, he's about to see the rewards of his labor."

MCS is also figuring out things on defense after it lost safety Josh Brown to a season-ending injury. The versatile Cody Wolfe and Blake Ray filled in at the safety spots, while starting safety Landan Troglin was moved to cornerback.

"We're going to keep moving until we get a combination that works back there," McClendon said.

The Mustangs also played reserve Blaine Brunson at linebacker after senior standout Garrett Eddison suffered an injury in last Friday's game. McClendon doesn't expect Eddison's injury to be a long-term issue.

Trinity drops first game

On Thursday night, the Lubbock Titans home school team finished with a flurry during a 68-46 win over Trinity in Wilson.

The Chargers (2-1) were leading 38-24 at one point in the third quarter before the Lubbock Titans left them in the dust by scoring 44 unanswered points.

"That was a wake-up game," Trinity head coach Antwan Alexander said. "Going in overconfident, the boys were and that's a prime example of taking your opponent lightly because at any given time they're able to pull out a win. As the game progressed, they realized that they could do the same things that we could and that fed their confidence."

The Chargers were penalized 13 times for 130 yards, which made Trinity's strong rushing game less effective trying to convert first downs out of long-distance situations.

Those longer down-and-distance situations made it more difficult on Chargers' first-year quarterbacks Daniel Webb and Chesley McDonald.

Alexander said it's been a learning process for McDonald and Webb because 2015 starter and all-state performer Vincent Baiano got so many in-game repetitions over a long period of time.

"We just have to continue to take it one step at a time, build their confidence up and put them in a position that they can succeed," Alexander said of his quarterbacks.

Despite the penalties, Trinity still managed 242 yards on the ground on 38 attempts.

The Chargers visit Imperial Buena Vista (2-1), at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Buena Vista defeated Trinity, 77-30, last year.

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2016 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS (0-3)

Opponents	14	48	29	41	—132
MC*S	28	34	14	21	—97

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Peyton Powell	63	630	10.0	10
Luke Sheppard	23	146	6.3	2
Bryson Harper	4	26	6.5	0
A. Needham	5	16	3.2	0
Blake Ray	1	2	2.0	0
Cody Wolfe	2	-4	2.0	0
Totals	**98**	**816**	**8.3**	**12**

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Peyton Powell	37	68	2	606	2
A. Needham	4	6	0	46	0
Totals	**41**	**74**	**2**	**652**	**2**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Blake Ray	10	195	19.5	1
Luke Watson	11	128	11.6	0
A. Needham	10	116	11.6	0
Cody Wolfe	5	92	18.4	1
Josh Bailey	1	57	57.0	0
Luke Sheppard	3	35	11.7	0
Silas Crews	1	29	29.0	0
Totals	**41**	**652**	**15.9**	**2**

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Peyton Powell	10	0	1	0	62
Luke Sheppard	2	0	0	0	12
Corly Wolfe	1	0	0	0	6
Blake Ray	1	0	0	0	6
Joe Rawicki	0	7	0	0	7
A. Needham	0	0	1	0	2
Zayne Lujan	0	2	0	0	2
Totals	**14**	**9**	**2**	**0**	**97**

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	S	TFL	FC	INT	PD
Threadgill	30	24	54	0	1	0	0
Crews	15	3	18	0	2	0	1
Hooper	13	9	22	0	1	0	0
Schmidt	12	22	34	0	0	0	0
Mowles	12	13	25	0	1	2	1
Eddison	11	15	26	0	0	0	2
Davis	11	6	17	0	0	0	0
Troglin	9	6	15	0	0	2	0
Esan	9	6	15	0	0	0	0
Ray	8	4	12	0	1	0	1
Granizony	6	2	8	0	2	0	0
Brown	5	1	6	0	0	0	1
Russell	4	13	17	0	0	0	0
Brunson	4	1	5	0	0	0	0
Wolfe	3	1	4	0	0	0	1
Stewart	2	2	4	0	0	0	0
Harper	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Needham	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackles, S - sack, TFL - tackle for loss, FC - fumble caused, INT- interception, PD - pass defended.

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
816	272.0	652	217.3	1,468	489.3

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
937	312.3	750	250.0	1,637	562.3

KELLY

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Mason of Kelly, who has 496 yards of total offense this season.

Kelly hopes that game is only a sign of things to come this season and believes the same thing about his team this season.

The Mustangs next travel to face old rival Monahans (1-1) in what may be a very different game from last Friday with the Loboes preferring to run the ball behind their Wing-T offense.

Kelly probably just hopes it doesn't turn into another nail-biting game.

"I think we can do pretty good in this game," he said. "If the line and defense do their jobs, we should come out with a 'W.'"

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Other notable performances

■ Greenwood senior QB **Ben Brockman** helped the Rangers improve to 3-0 in a 42-10 win over Shallowater. He completed 17 of 22 passes for 149 yards and TD to go with 134 yards rushing and four TDs on 20 carries.

■ Midland Christian sophomore QB **Peyton Powell** had another big game for the Mustangs in a 41-28 loss to El Paso Americas. He completed 22-of-29 passes for 374 yards, a touchdown and one interception and rushed for 118 yards and two TDs on 16 carries.

■ Forsan senior running back **Tearell McVae** had 122 yards rushing and two touchdowns on just four carries to help Forsan to a 34-0 win over Stanton.

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

Here is The Associated Press high school poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 and the team's ranking in last week's poll.

Class 6A

School	Record	Total Points	
1. Allen (22)	(3-0)	244	1
2. DeSoto (1)	(3-0)	213	2
3. Converse Judson (2)	(3-0)	211	3
4. Lake Travis	(2-1)	148	5
5. Euless Trinity	(3-0)	131	7
6. Austin Westlake	(2-1)	128	6
7. Cedar Hill	(2-1)	99	8
8. Cibolo Steele	(2-1)	64	9
9. Galena Park North Shore	(2-1)	44	10
10. The Woodlands	(3-0)	40	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. San Angelo Central 27. 12. Katy 12. 13. Round Rock Cedar Ridge 7. 14. Dickinson 3. 15. Tyler 2. 15. Southlake Carroll 2.

Class 5A

School	Record	Total Points	
1. Cedar Park (14)	(3-0)	233	1
2. Aledo (5)	(3-0)	222	2
3. Denton Ryan (2)	(3-0)	200	3
4. Manvel (4)	(3-0)	194	4
5. Frisco Lone Star	(3-0)	142	6
6. Richmond Foster	(3-0)	114	7
7. Denton	(3-0)	65	8
8. Lancaster	(2-1)	58	9
9. Texarkana Texas	(3-0)	45	10
10. Waxahachie	(3-0)	36	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. College Station 18. 12. Temple 11. 13. Lubbock Cooper 9. 13. Grapevine 9. 15. Crosby 5. 16. Dallas Highland Park 4. 17. Port Neches-Groves 3. 18. Dripping Springs 2. 18. Georgetown 2. 20. Canyon 1. 20. Cleburne 1. 20. Waco 1.

Class 4A

School	Record	Total Points	
1. West Orange-Stark (16)	(3-0)	236	1
2. Argyle (7)	(3-0)	221	2
3. Gilmer	(3-0)	176	4
4. Waco La Vega (1)	(3-0)	175	3
5. Carthage	(3-0)	155	5
6. Cuero (1)	(3-0)	116	7
7. China Spring	(3-0)	109	8
8. Liberty Hill	(2-0)	53	9
9. Abilene Wylie	(2-1)	36	10
10. Henderson	(3-0)	28	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Geronimo Navarro 13. 12. Van 12. 12. Celina 12. 14. La Grange 9. 15. Kennedale 8. 16. El Campo 7. 16. Sweetwater 7. 18. Robinson 1. 18. Alvarado 1.

Class 3A

School	Record	Total Points	
1. Brock (21)	(3-0)	246	1
2. Newton (3)	(3-0)	215	3
3. Franklin (1)	(3-0)	194	4
4. Malakoff	(2-0)	173	5
5. Sunnyvale	(3-0)	125	7
6. La Marque	(3-0)	96	8
7. Cameron Yoe	(2-1)	95	2
8. White Oak	(3-0)	79	10
9. Big Sandy Harmony	(3-0)	25	NR
10. Canadian	(1-2)	21	6

Others receiving votes: 11. East Bernard 16. 12. Grandview 15. 13. Crockett 14. 13. Wall 14. 15. Cisco 9. 15. Hallettsville 9. 17. Eastland 6. 17. George West 6. 17. Sonora 6. 20. Elysian Fields 3. 21. Mineola 2. 21. Coleman 2. 21. Bishop 2. 21. Waskom 2.

Class 2A

School	Record	Total Points	
1. Refugio (22)	(2-0)	246	1
2. Bremond (3)	(3-0)	223	2
3. Iraan	(3-0)	190	3
4. Stratford	(2-0)	165	4
5. Albany	(3-0)	149	5
6. Mart	(3-0)	119	6
7. Tenaha	(3-0)	102	7
8. Lovelady	(2-0)	76	9
9. Shiner	(2-1)	46	10
10. Wellington	(3-0)	27	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Muenster 11. 12. Goldthwaite 5. 13. Price Carlisle 4. 13. Weimar 4. 15. Mason 3. 16. Alto 1. 16. Anson 1. 16. Christoval 1. 16. Post 1. 16. Yorktown 1.

AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 2-6A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Odessa Permian	3	0	138	54	1.000
Amarillo Tascosa	3	0	115	63	1.000
San Angelo Central	3	0	187	61	1.000
Midland High	**2**	**1**	**137**	**99**	**.667**
Wolfforth Frenship	2	1	66	77	0.667
Lee	**1**	**2**	**91**	**122**	**.333**
Odessa High	0	3	27	161	.000

Thursday's Games

Bishop Timon (N.Y.) at Odessa Permian; Amarillo Tascosa at Lawton (Okla.) MacArthur. All games start at 7:30 p.m.

Friday's games

Lee vs. Lubbock Monterey; Midland High at Keller; Abilene High at Odessa High; Killeen Shoemaker at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper at Wolfforth Frenship, 7 p.m. All games start at 7:30 p.m. unless noted

District 2-4A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	**3**	**0**	**170**	**119**	**1.000**
Clint	3	0	84	15	1.000
Mountain View	2	1	47	47	.667
San Elizario	1	2	14	49	.333
Fabens	1	2	32	88	.000

Last week's scores

Andrews 77, Levelland 76, OT; Fabens 20, Santa Teresa (N.M.) 14; El Paso High 42, San Elizario 7; El Paso Irvin 34, Clint Mountain View 12; Clint 21, El Paso Austin 7

This week's games

Andrews at Monahans; Clint at Silver (N.M.); Fabens at Pecos; El Paso Cathedral at San Elizario; Clint Mountain View is open

District 3-4A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ab. Wylie	2	1	66	60	.667
Brownwood	1	2	80	80	.333
Big Spring	**0**	**2**	**34**	**97**	**.000**
Snyder	0	2	41	88	.000
Stephenville	0	3	85	127	.000

Last week's scores

Monahans at Big Spring ccd. (weather); Liberty Hill 30, Brownwood 29; Everman 31, Stephenville 24; Abilene Wylie 28, Denison 14; Seminole at Snyder, ccd (weather)

This week's games

Argyle at Abilene Wylie; Big Spring at Canyon; Alvarado at Brownwood; Snyder at Sweetwater; Decature at Stephenville

District 2-4A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Greenwood	**3**	**0**	**139**	**67**	**1.000**
Sweetwater	3	0	154	40	1.000
Seminole	2	0	73	9	1.000
Fort Stockton	2	1	102	87	.500
Pecos	2	1	110	82	.667
Monahans	1	1	80	75	.500
Lamesa	0	3	53	109	.000

Last week's scores

Greenwood 42, Shallowater 10; Monahans at Big Spring, ccd. (weather); Pecos 42, Alpine 18; Sweetwater 52, San Angelo Lake View 6; Seminole at Snyder, ccd. (weather); Fort Stockton 45, Denver City 32; Lubbock Roosevelt 38, Lamesa 23

This week's games

San Angelo Lake View at Greenwood; Andrews at Monahans; Slaton at Lamesa; Fabens at Pecos; Snyder at Sweetwater; Uvalde at Fort Stockton (Saturday)

District 2-3A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Idalou	2	1	55	64	.667
Lub. Roosevelt	1	2	61	66	.333
Coahoma	**0**	**3**	**59**	**129**	**.000**
Colorado City	0	3	31	62	.000
Stanton	**0**	**3**	**8**	**116**	**.000**

Last week's scores

Forsan 34, Stanton 0; Reagan County 47, Coahoma 14; Lubbock Roosevelt 38, Lamesa 23; Idalou 38; Littlefield 21; Christoval 10, Colorado City 0

This week's games

Christoval at Stanton; Coahoma at Sangs; San Angelo TLCA at Colorado City; Post at Idalou; Littlefield at Lubbock Roosevelt

District 4-2A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Anson	3	0	124	46	1.000
Forsan	**3**	**0**	**109**	**19**	**1.000**
Hawley	3	0	121	47	1.000
Post	2	1	102	65	.667
Stamford	0	3	27	112	.000

Last week's scores

Forsan 34, Stanton 0; Anson 40, Jim Ned 20; Coleman 37, Post 7; Hawley 35, Hamlin 14; Merkel 22, Stamford 19

This week's games

Forsan at Reagan County; Albany at Anson; Hawley at Lubbock Christian; Post at Idalou; Haskell at Stamford

District 6-1A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	**2**	**0**	**114**	**22**	**1.000**
Sterling City	2	1	145	77	.667
Westbrook	2	1	154	80	.667
Robert Lee	1	2	141	100	.333

Last week's scores

Santa Anna 58, Robert Lee 57; Sterling City 68, Meadow 22; Westbrook 58, Wellman-Union 0; Garden City was open

This week's games

Balmorhea at Garden City; Iraq at Robert Lee; Sterling City at Aspermont; Westbrook at Water Valley

District 7-1A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Marfa	2	1	149	106	.667
Buena Vista	2	1	121	61	.667
Fort Davis	2	1	104	112	.667
Rankin	**1**	**2**	**86**	**96**	**.333**

Last week's scores

Rankin 54, Sanderson 8; Buena Vista 54, Midessa Homeschool 0; Fort Davis 62, Sierra Blanca 36; Balmorhea 58, Marfa 8

This week's games

Rankin at Grady; Trinity at Buena Vista; Fort Davis at Sanderson; Marfa at Grandfalls-Royalty

District 6-1A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sands	2	1	89	83	.667
Dawson	2	1	161	120	.667
Loop	2	1	102	84	.667
Wellman-Union	1	2	59	129	.333
Grady	**0**	**3**	**103**	**202**	**.000**

Last week's scores

Water Valley 84, Grady 49; New Home 55, Ackerly Sands 6; Dawson 54, Whitharral 6; Westbrook 58, Wellman-Union 0; Loop 36, Whitelaw 12

This week's games

Rankin at Grady; Trent at Ackerly Sands; Dawson at Klondike; Wilson at Loop; Wellman-Union at Plainview Christian

TAPPS Division II, District 1

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Legacy Christian	2	0	82	23	1.000
FW Christian	2	1	104	67	.667
Grapevine Faith	2	1	133	42	.667
FWSW Christian	2	1	103	43	.667
Midland Christian	**0**	**3**	**97**	**132**	**.000**

Last week's scores

Frisco Legacy Christian 28, Dallas Conrad 0; El Paso Americas 41, Midland Christian 28; Dallas Christian 24, Fort Worth Christian 20; Brock 42, Grapevine Faith 35; Fort Worth Southwest Christian 35, Arlington Pantego Christian 7

This week's games

Dallas TACA at Midland Christian; Gainesville State at Fort Worth Christian; Dallas Lincoln at Grapevine Faith; Arlington Grace Prep at Fort Worth Southwest Christian; Frisco Legacy Christian at Lindsay

TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Trinity	**2**	**1**	**144**	**98**	**.677**
Watauga Harvest	2	1	163	97	.667
Ab Christian	1	2	92	131	.333
Denton Calvary	1	2	58	103	.333

Last week's scores

Lubbock Titans 68, Trinity 46; Denton Calvary 52, Goldberg 6; Abilene Christian 30, Trent 20; Watauga Harvest 75, Red Oak Ovilla 27

This week's games

Trinity at Imperial Buena Vista; Savoy At Denton Calvary Academy; Benjamin at Abilene Christian; Watauga Harvest at Plano CHANT

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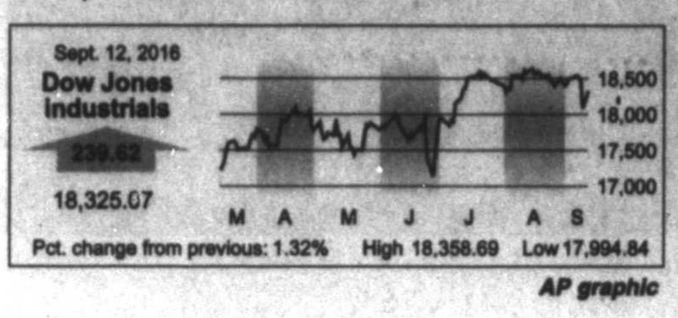

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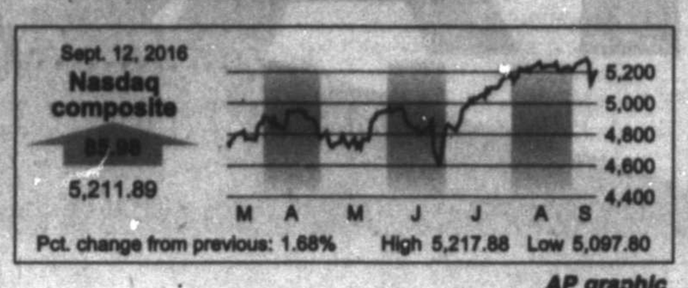

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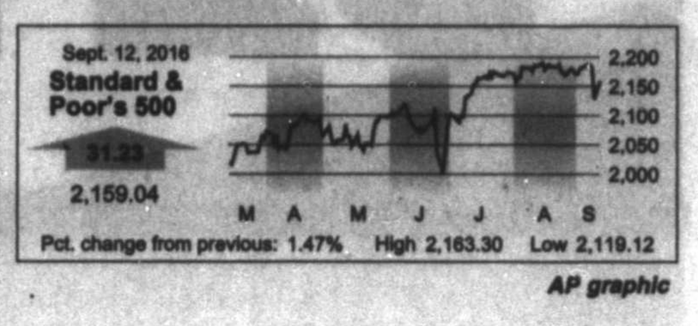

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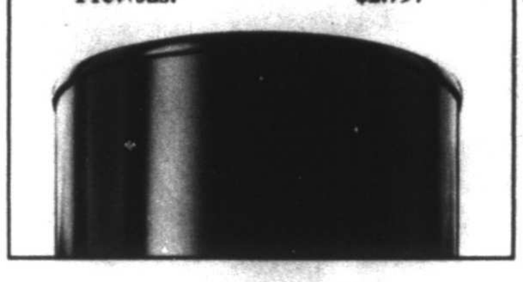

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1573285	216.34	+3.06
iShEMkts	1101574	36.96	+.25
BkofAm	1074189	15.90	+.16
VanEGold	914614	27.04	+.63
B iPVxST rs	678194	36.28	-2.61

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IAMGld g	4.42	+.51	+13.0
AlamosGld	8.78	+.90	+11.4
AmrRity	6.48	+.55	+9.3
EndvSilv g	5.41	+.45	+9.1
CVR Rfng	8.26	+.66	+8.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DxGlMBr rs	22.61	-3.77	-14.3
PUVixST rs	19.40	-3.02	-13.5
DbPsDxlnJB	14.45	-1.99	-12.1
DxBlotBear	20.28	-2.51	-11.0
CSVInwNG	5.87	-.69	-10.5

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Advanced	2,177
Declined	837
Unchanged	80
Total issues	3,094
New Highs	29
New Lows	31
Volume	3,873,568,531

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
B2gold g	156360	2.86	+.16
SandstG g	57865	6.40	+.31
NwGold g	55863	4.84	+.14
SynergyRs	48522	6.94	+.09
Globalstar	38497	1.50	+.10

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmFarm n	7.17	+1.13	+18.7
Total issues	2.59	+.22	+9.3
Silco	7.48	+.59	+8.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RxVrnxWk	13.53	-1.00	-6.9
FlexSolu	2.00	-.13	-6.1
Servdt	10.63	-.57	-5.1
TelInstEl	3.78	-.20	-5.0
BIP Tin	42.00	-1.98	-4.5

Diary

Advanced	214
Declined	148
Unchanged	22
Total issues	384
New Highs	3
New Lows	4
Volume	134,187,840

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	474798	4.14	+.04
Apple Inc	433712	105.44	+2.31
PwShs QQQ	3381806	116.33	+2.06
Zynga	282790	2.84	+.11
Microsoft	279431	57.05	+.84

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SORL	3.55	+.88	+23.7
RaptorPhm	8.98	+1.53	+20.5
Resonant	6.40	+.96	+17.6
Foamix	10.17	+1.38	+15.7
CaesarStne	40.99	+5.26	+14.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GeronCp	2.30	-.56	-19.6
Ntd-ID rs	3.41	-.69	-16.9
CSVixSh rs	21.17	-3.40	-13.8
Tantech n	2.93	-.44	-13.1
DonegalB	19.98	-2.90	-12.7

Diary

Advanced	2,026
Declined	776
Unchanged	168
Total issues	2,970
New Highs	34
New Lows	50
Volume	1,917,837,022

Ford to sell driverless cars to public by 2025, CEO says

Bloomberg

Ford intends to start selling driverless cars to the public by about 2025, its chief executive officer said.

The goal is to lower costs enough to make autonomous vehicles affordable to millions of people, CEO Mark Fields said in a speech Monday at company headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan. After starting with sales of robot taxis to ride-hailing services by 2021, "around mid-decade we'll make vehicles available for people to purchase for themselves," he said.

"We're dedicated to putting autonomous vehicles on the road for millions of people, not just those who can afford luxury cars," Fields said.

The CEO is attempting to chart a new path for the 113-year-old automaker as the industry is roiled by changes from the emergence of the sharing economy and advent of the age of the autonomous car. Over the last month, Fields has revealed plans to roll out the robot taxis — with no steering wheel, gas or brake pedals — and to expand into the mobility business by providing bikes and shuttle services in big cities. He has said he is transforming Ford into an automotive and a mobility company to succeed in this new era.

"We believe this next decade is really going to be defined by the automation of the automobile," Fields told reporters after his speech, adding that he'll offer a more detailed forecast of the autonomous future at Ford's investor meeting Wednesday.

"We're dedicated to putting autonomous vehicles on the road for millions of people, not just those who can afford luxury cars."

Mark Fields, Ford CEO

The robot cars eventually offered to consumers will be completely reworked in ways that will let their occupants enjoy entertainment or conduct business, he told reporters.

Investors have not reacted favorably to the company's push for driverless cars and mobility services, and seem more focused on the profit warnings Ford has issued. Ford lowered its 2016 pretax profit forecast last week to $10.2 billion from at least $10.8 billion because of the cost of an expanded recall of faulty door latches. That came after the automaker said in July its profit outlook was "at risk" due to rising costs and slowing sales as the U.S. auto market plateaus. Ford shares were down 12 percent this year through Friday's close.

Aeropostale wins approval of $243 million sale to mall group

Bloomberg

Teen clothing retailer Aeropostale Inc. won court permission to sell its assets to buyers led by Simon Property Group Inc., which owns Midland Park Mall, and General Growth Properties Inc. after the landlords banded together with liquidators to save jobs and stores — a novel approach that lawyers said could be a model for distressed retailers.

The group prevailed at a Sept. 2 auction with a $243 million bid and a plan to keep open at least 229 stores. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Sean Lane approved the sale in Manhattan court Monday after being told by the retailer's lawyers that the arrangement would save at least 7,000 jobs.

"This could be a model for future restructurings in the years ahead," Ray Schrock, a lawyer for Aeropostale, told Lane.

Simon was a landlord at more than 160 Aeropostale stores at the time of the New York-based chain's bankruptcy in May, according to court filings.

When no bids to buy the company as a going concern emerged, Simon and General Growth, also an Aeropostale landlord, started exploring ways to save a key tenant, according to a court filing by Stanley Shashoua, a vice president at Simon.

Before that, the retailer only had bids to liquidate its assets, including an opening offer from a joint venture of Tiger Capital Group and Great American Group for $184 million, Schrock told Lane.

Hilco and Gordon will conduct some store closing sales and provide working capital for the transactions, Aeropostale's lawyers told the judge. The deal sets aside about $74 million to fund a Chapter 11 plan. A hearing to confirm it is expected in late November, they said.

A backup liquidation bid from senior lender Sycamore Partners would be next in line if the landlord-led deal isn't completed.

The chain filed for bankruptcy after succumbing to competition from big-box stores, online merchants and "fast fashion" rivals. It had about 800 stores before it went into Chapter 11.

Stock leap

U.S. stocks surged Monday after a Federal Reserve official said the central bank shouldn't raise interest rates too soon, which came as a big relief to investors. After a market nosedive on Friday, investors bought safe investments like household goods makers and phone companies. Technology companies also jumped.

Stocks started the day lower following Friday's drop, but they soon rallied. Investors were pleased when Lael Brainard, a member of the Federal Reserve board, said the Fed shouldn't raise interest rates quickly because that could hurt the economy.

David Kelly, chief global strategist for JPMorgan Funds, said he thinks Federal Reserve policymakers seem "noncommittal" and aren't sure if they should raise interest rates now or not. In his opinion, the Fed's cautious attitude toward raising interest rates even a little is causing strong market reactions.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 239.62 points, or 1.3 percent, to 18,325.07. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 31.23 points, or 1.5 percent, to 2,159.04. The Nasdaq composite surged 85.98 points, or 1.7 percent, to 5,211.89.

Metals end mixed

Gold fell $8.90 to $1,325.60 an ounce. Silver lost 37 cents, or 1.9 percent, to $19 an ounce. Copper gained 1 cent to $2.10 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $76.69 Up 4.98

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $130.78 Up 0.31

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.09 Down 0.10

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $95.63 Down 0.42

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.70 Up 0.04

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.65 Down 0.02

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.68 Up 0.99

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $38.87 Up 0.49

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.67 Up 0.01

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.50 Up 0.35

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	16	40.71	+1.00	+18.3
Abraxas	...	...	1.60	+.01	+50.9
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	13.02	+.11	+1.5
AMD			5.94	+.04	+107.0
Alcoa	.12	30	9.78	+.18	...9
Alibaba		35	100.80	+1.18	+24.0
AlonUSA	.60	...	8.20	+.19	-44.7
Ambev	.19e		6.08	+.09	+36.3
Amgen	4.00	17	172.04	+5.49	+6.0
Anadarko	.20	...	57.79	+.07	+19.0
Annaly	1.20	44	10.64	+.18	+13.4
Apache	1.00	...	59.90	+.50	+34.7
Apple Inc	2.28	12	105.44	+2.31	+.2
ApldMatl	.40	23	29.59	+.73	+58.5
ArcelorMit	...	...	6.01	+.16	+86.9
Archrock	.38		11.36	+.09	+51.1
ATMOs	1.88	22	73.23	+1.35	+16.2
AutoData	2.12	27	88.14	+1.57	+4.0
B2gold g	...		2.86	+.16	+180.4
BP PLC	2.40a	...	34.63	+.28	+10.8
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	18.98	...	+10.0
BakrHu	.68	...	49.70	+.56	+7.7
BkofAm	.30f	13	15.90	+.16	-5.5
B iPVxST rs	...	...	36.28	-2.61	...
BarrickG	.08	40	17.77	+.24	+140.8
BasicEnSv	...	...	.61	+.05	-77.1
BerkHa A	...		152235	20.00	+3410.02
BlkHillsCp	1.68	20	58.93	+1.23	+26.9
BrklySq	1.52	39	56.32	+.66	-18.1
BrownFA s	...	31	49.07	+.83	...
BrownFB s	...	...	46.44	+.86	-7.9
CVS Health	1.70f	18	92.04	+.52	-5.9
Caterpillar	3.08	23	81.92	+1.13	+20.5
Celestic g	...	10	10.65	+.02	-3.4
Cemex	.29t	...	8.03	+.23	+49.9
CntryLink	2.16	12	28.04	+.18	+11.4
ChesEng	...	...	8.05	+.43	+78.9
Chevron	4.28	...	102.25	+.98	+13.7
Chicos	.32	74	12.53	+.15	+17.4
Cimarex	.32	...	132.43	+1.82	+48.2
Cisco	1.04	15	31.44	+.59	+16.7
Citigroup	.20	13	47.79	+.62	-7.7
ClayEng	...	...	76.69	+4.98	+159.4
CocaCola	1.40	26	43.19	+.92	+.5
ColgPalm	1.56	26	72.78	+1.92	+9.2
ConAgra	1.00	25	44.46	+1.14	+5.5
ConchoRes	...	77	130.78	+.31	+40.8
ConocoPhil	1.00	...	42.67	+.42	-8.6
CrackerB	4.60f	21	149.73	+2.82	+18.1
CSVInvNG	...		5.87	-.69	-53.1
CSVelIVST	...		36.21	+2.28	+40.3
CrosTim	1.11e	12	18.55	-.43	+42.6
DCP Mid	3.12	20	35.41	+.25	+43.5
DTE	2.92	20	92.56	+1.56	+15.4
Dataram rs	...	...	1.33	-.04	-32.7
DevonE	.24	...	43.19	-.17	+35.0
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	33.29	-2.80	...
DrGMBll s	...	...	20.90	+2.47	...
DxGBull s	...	...	20.70	+1.37	...
Disney	1.42	16	93.64	+1.22	-10.9
DowChm	1.84	17	52.91	-.50	+2.8
EOG Resce	.67	...	92.98	+.33	+31.3
EmpDist	1.04	23	34.11	+.06	+21.5
EnCana g	.06	...	10.27	+.01	+101.8
Energen	.08	...	56.03	-.15	+36.7
EngyTstr	4.22	...	37.95	-1.19	+12.5
EnPro	.84	40	56.32	+.22	+26.2
EntProPt	1.60f	21	27.29	+.48	+6.7
Ericsson	.46e	...	6.89	+.01	-28.3
ExxonMbl	3.00	36	87.29	+.46	+12.0
Facebook	...	45	128.69	+1.59	+23.0
FordM	.60a	6	12.70	+.32	-9.9
FrptMcM			11.06	+.81	+63.7
FrontierCm	.42	66	4.64	+.06	-.6
GATX	1.60	7	42.32	+.48	-.5
GpMultT	.94e	...	7.75	-.02	+3.3
GAInv	1.15e	...	32.65	+.23	+2.2
GenElec	.92	29	30.49	+.36	-2.1
GenMotors	1.52	6	31.18	+.70	-6.3
GtPlainEn	1.05	16	27.01	+.26	-1.1
HP Inc	.50	7	14.49	+.54	+22.4
HalconRs rs	...	...	.30	...	-76.0
Hallibrtn	.72	...	42.40	+.45	+24.6
IAMGld g	...	12	4.42	+.51	+211.3
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	33.74	+.66	+63.2
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.43	+.10	+2.6
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	38.28	+.05	+8.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.96	+.25	+14.8
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	59.01	+.48	+.5
iShIBxHYB	5.09	...	86.07	+.30	+6.8
iShR2K	1.77e	...	122.94	+1.69	+9.2
Intel	1.04	17	36.06	+.84	+4.7
InterDig	.80	20	72.30	+1.95	+47.4
JPMorgCh	1.76	12	67.06	+.41	+2.2
JohnJn	3.20	19	119.16	+.93	+16.0
Keycorp	.34	12	12.62	+.36	-4.3
KimbClk	3.68	21	123.63	+.87	-2.9
KindMorg	.50	36	22.40	+.28	+50.1
Kinross g	...	...	4.26	+.11	+134.1
Kroger s	.48f	14	30.89	-.62	-26.2
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.70	+.04	-2.9
Lubys	...	...	4.32	+.13	-3.4
MarathnO	.20	...	15.47	-.20	+22.9
McDnlds	3.56f	22	115.95	+1.37	-1.9
Merck	1.84	19	63.19	+.70	+19.6
MerMMed	...	40	24.50	+.29	+21.8
MexcoEn	...	...	3.65	-.02	+13.0
MicronT	...	55	17.15	+.34	+21.1
Microsoft	1.44	26	57.05	+.84	+2.8
Nabors	.24	...	10.21	-.04	+20.0
NatGrid	3.35e	...	70.67	+.87	+1.6
NOVlvarious	.20	18	34.07	+.92	+1.7
NokiaCp	.16e	...	5.68	-.02	-19.1
NvPMI	.78e	...	14.75	...	+8.0
NuvPI	.62a	...	15.02	...	+8.5
NSTFB	.55a	...	15.47	+.06	+6.4
NTXGI	.65	...	15.23	-.11	+6.5
OcciPet	3.04f	...	75.86	-.26	+12.2
ParTech	...	39	5.09	...	-24.4
ParkDrl	...	...	2.23	-.08	+22.5
PattUTI	.08	...	19.11	-.05	+26.7
PennaRE	.84	...	23.99	+.24	+9.7
Pmian	.91e	21	7.18	-.10	+41.9
Petrobras	...	...	9.81	+.30	+128.1
Pfizer	1.20	16	34.65	+.55	+7.3
PioNtrl	.06	55	163.21	+2.61	+46.1
PlainsAAP	2.80	29	28.25	+.21	+22.3
Potash	.40m	14	16.76	-.21	-2.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	116.33	+2.05	+4.0
Praxair	3.00	23	118.53	+1.12	+15.8
PrmEgy	...	...	56.80	-3.46	+7.2
PUVixST rs	...	...	19.40	-3.02	...
ProctGam	2.88	25	86.25	+2.01	+11.1
ProUShSP	...	...	16.61	-.48	-16.7
RangeRs	.08	...	42.92	+.68	+74.4
RaptorPhm	...	...	8.98	+1.53	+72.7
RegionsFn	.28f	14	9.92	+.09	+3.3
Rowan	.40	4	13.65	+.21	-19.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	75	49.75	+.17	+8.6
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	183.30	+2.39	+5.4
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	216.34	+3.06	+6.1
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.27	+.12	+7.0
SabnR	2.11e	14	36.93	-.20	+40.6
SanderFm	.88a	15	93.87	+1.38	+21.1
Schlmbrg	2.00	38	78.80	+1.24	+13.0
SiriusXM	...	38	4.14	+.04	+1.7
Smucker	3.00f	19	137.83	+1.90	+11.7
Sprint	...	...	6.92	+.27	+91.2
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	53.68	+.99	+6.3
SP Engy	2.04e	...	70.39	+.69	+16.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.31	+.27	+2.0
SP Inds	1.12e	...	57.85	+.73	+9.1
SP Tech	.78e	...	46.93	+.77	+9.6
SP Util	1.55e	...	49.32	+.86	+14.0
SunocoLog	2.00f	...	29.42	-.90	+14.5
TeletEsp	1.03e	...	10.75	...	-2.8
Tesoro	2.20f	6	81.54	+2.40	-22.6
3M Co	4.44	22	178.10	+2.46	+18.2
Torchmark	.56	15	64.71	+.34	+13.5
TrfConti	.82e	...	21.43	+.21	+7.0
21stCFoxA	.36f	17	23.95	+.56	-11.8
Twitter	...	...	18.15	+.04	-21.6
TylerTech	...	60	169.52	+1.55	-2.8
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US OilFd	...	...	10.64	+.05	-3.3
USSteel	.20	...	17.43	+.40	+118.4
Vale SA	.29e	...	5.40	+.21	+64.1
ValeantPh	...	...	28.62	+.56	-71.8
ValeroE	2.40	9	55.88	+.96	-21.0
VanEGold	.12e	...	27.04	+.63	+97.1
VanE JrGld	...	...	46.54	+2.10	+142.3
VangEmg	1.10e	...	37.72	+.31	+15.3
VulcanM	.80	39	112.11	+4.24	+18.0
WEC Engy	1.98	21	60.18	+1.09	+17.3
WalgBoots	1.50f	25	83.57	+.65	-1.9
WealthIntl	...	...	6.26	+.45	-25.4
WellsFargo	1.52	12	48.54	-.18	-10.7
WstnRefin	1.52	10	27.46	+1.06	-22.9
WhitingPet	...	...	7.81	-.01	-19.4
WmsCos	.80m	...	30.42	+.38	+18.4
XcelEngy	1.36	20	41.42	+.84	+15.3
Xerox	.31	13	9.81	+.22	-7.7
Yamana g	.02m	...	4.62	+.22	+148.4
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18,668.44	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	18,325.07	+239.62	+1.32	+5.17	+11.94
8,358.20	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,925.90	+103.31	+1.32	+5.56	-1.12
723.83	541.62	Dow Jones Utilities	667.52	+11.33	+1.73	+15.52	+21.10
10,903.86	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,741.24	+127.71	+1.20	+5.89	+7.54
5,287.81	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,211.89	+85.98	+1.68	+4.08	+8.45
2,193.81	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,159.04	+31.23	+1.47	+5.63	+10.55
1,581.53	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,545.97	+17.66	+1.16	+10.54	+9.80
22,765.41	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	22,463.50	+305.98	+1.38	+6.12	+9.01
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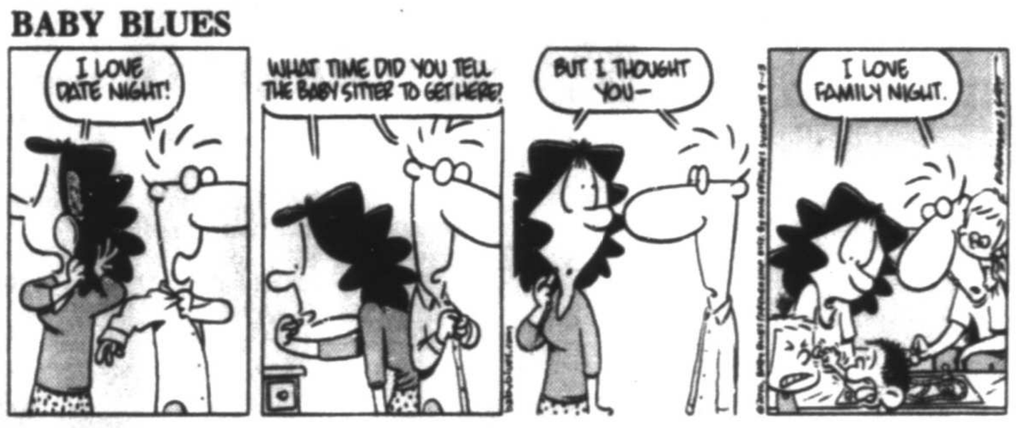

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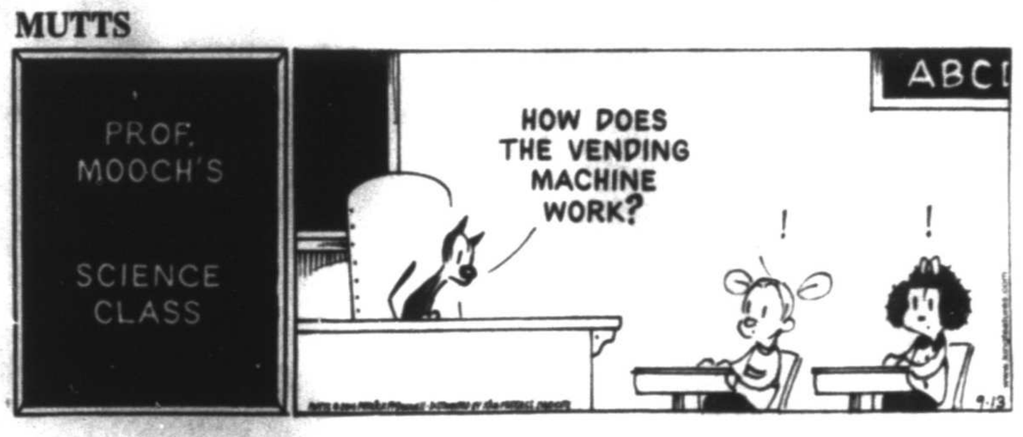

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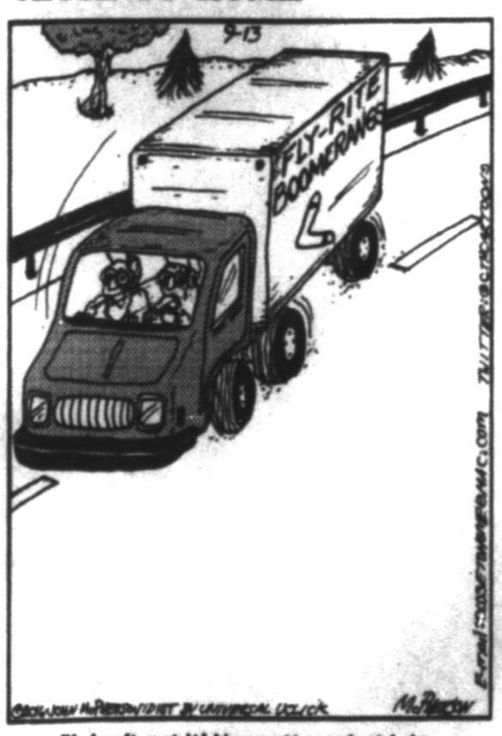

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Local company seeks diesel mechanic with in frame experience, knowledge of cummins and CAT motors. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, 79706

Residential Help Needed: Crew Lead & Laborer

Must pass Drug & Background Screening. Experience with electrical, plumbing, irrigation and or carpentry skills a plus. Pay depending on experience. Apply at: Hunter's Ridge Apartments, 4201 Andrews Hwy, Midland TX 79703

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Local trucking company Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers & Owner Operators, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79706

Class A CDL Drivers

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Title Attorney Trainee: Foster & Harvey, PC is seeking attorneys to join our firm to learn title examination. Comprehensive training provided for bright attorneys willing to learn. The firm is Midland based and committed to excellence in work product. Resumes should be emailed to Tim@fosterandharvey.com

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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The Midland Reporter Telegram has an immediate full time opening in our Production area for the position of:

Post Press Mailroom Packaging Manager

This position is responsible for managing the packaging, mailing and processing of the many publications that we print while managing a staff of approximately 16-associates. Knowledge of 848 inserting machine, Quipp stackers and Dynaric strappers is a plus!

Duties are as follows although not limited to:

- Maintain a teamwork environment for a fast and accurate product packaged each shift with quality control.
- Oversee the duties performed by the mailroom personnel and ensure the task and duties are completed.
- Provide leadership of frontline employees along with the necessary training to develop a quality control standard within the mailroom.
- Must be able to perform under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Perform equipment maintenance.

Requirements:

- Previous supervisory experience preferred.
- Ability to understand and comply with all Company policies.
- Basic literacy, including basic math skills and legible writing.
- Ability to withstand noise, vibration, standing, bending and lifting.
- Basic computer skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to learn working knowledge of all job descriptions within the mailroom.
- Willing to be forklift certified.
- Must be mechanically inclined.
- Must be able to work various shifts as needed.

The successful candidate will report directly to the Director of Production/Facilities
We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package
If you have the qualifications and want to join a GREAT TEAM please send your resume to:
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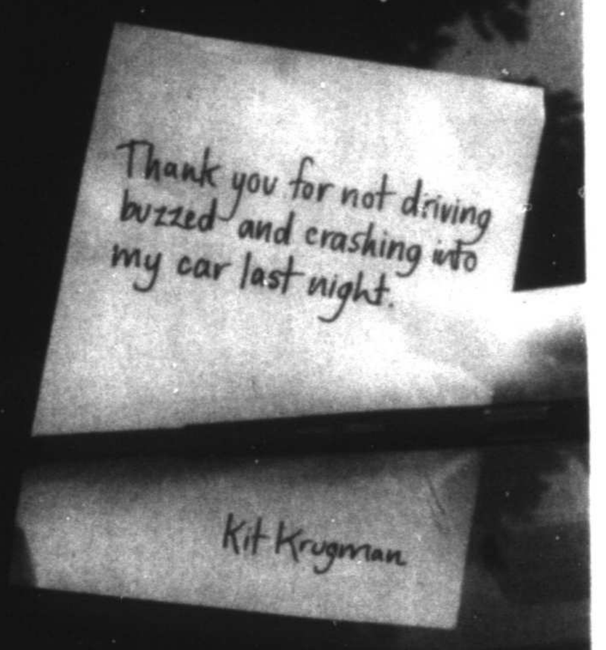

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A public meeting will be held to present information regarding the Financial Rating by the Texas Education Agency regarding Midland Academy Charter School. This meeting will take place October 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Midland Academy room 204. Midland Academy is located at 500 N. Baird St. Midland, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

Ory USA INC. is applying to the Railroad Commission for a permit to commingle oil and gas production into the Green Central Tank Battery, located in RRC District 8 in Howard County. Commingling production will result in reduced surface facility footprint and is the most effective means of producing the reserves.

Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Taylor Stillman, Oxy's representative at (713) 366-5945.

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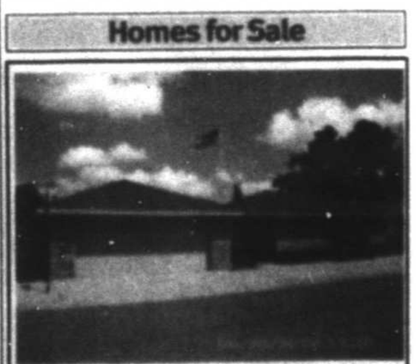

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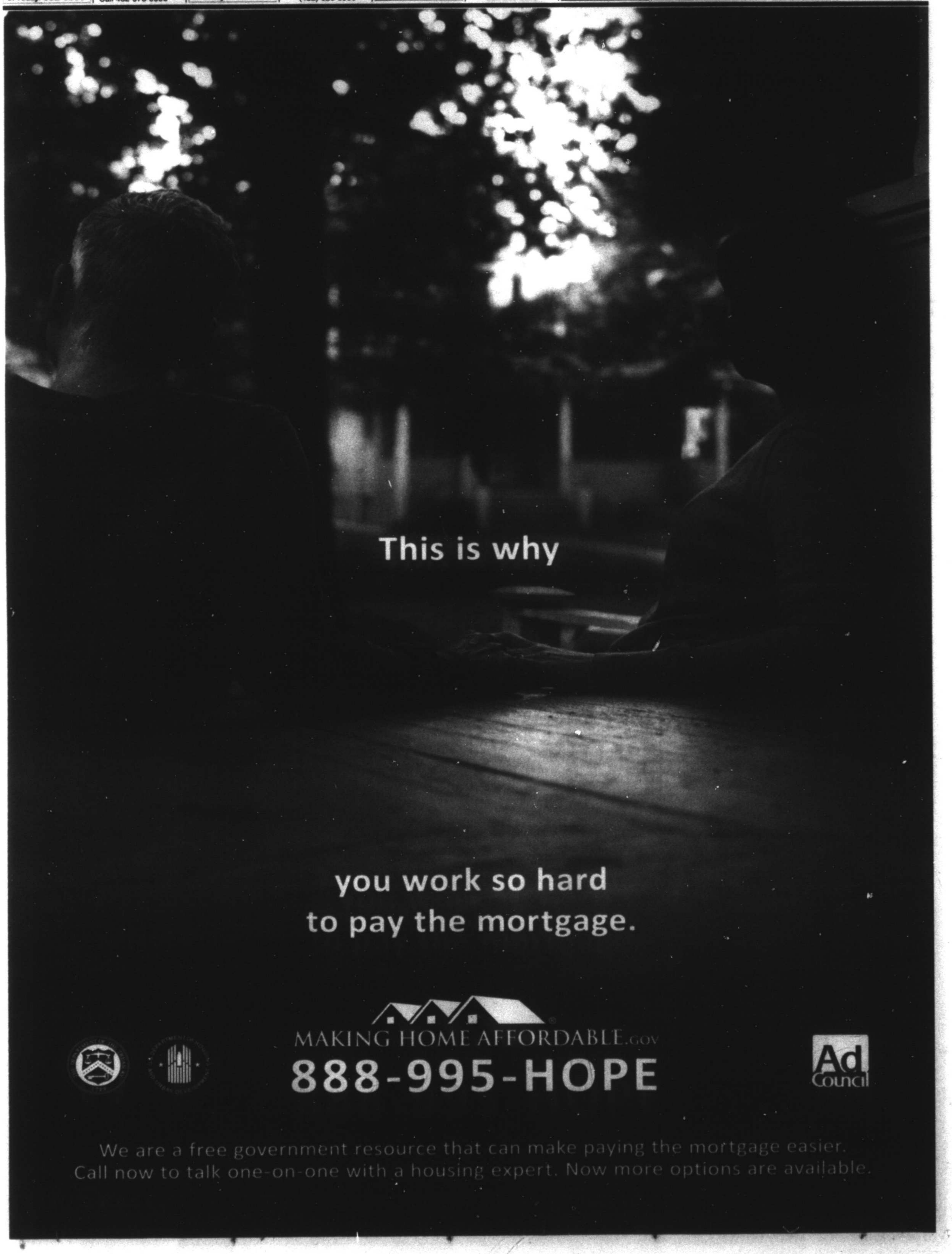

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Nicodonus Lorenzo, left, and Walfre Lopez build animatronic dinosaurs at Billings Productions in Allen on Aug. 29

North Texas animatronics maker brings back the dinosaur

By Nanette Light
Dallas Morning News

ALLEN — The inside of a giant, unmarked Collin County warehouse looks like a mini-Jurassic Park. Four life-size Tyrannosaurus rexes stand side by side — mouths open, teeth bared.

They're among hundreds of prehistoric creatures programmed like robots to walk and roar.

"When you first see our stuff moving, it gives you little chill bumps," Robby Gilbert, director of exhibit displays at Billings Productions, told The Dallas Morning News. The Allen-based company builds giant animatronic dinosaurs and bugs and rents them to zoos and museums in countries including Australia, China, Sweden and Spain.

Here, workers — artists, engineers, ex-fishing guides and former stay-at-home dads — bring these creatures, extinct for millions of years, back to life.

Their heads move left to right, mouths open and close and eyes shift back and forth. But instead of flesh and bone, these behemoths are made from steel and rubber.

"There's quite a few scary animals still around today, but nothing quite like what there used to be," said James West, head fabricator at Billings Productions.

Earlier this month, a forklift picked up the company's newest creature — a quetzalcoatlus, an ancient bird-like animal — like a toy to ship it to the Association of Zoos and Aquariums conference in San Diego for its debut.

Standing 20 feet tall at the crest of its head and with a 30-foot wingspan, the largest known flying animal is about the size of a small private jet. Scientists say it glided through the air millions of years before we existed.

"It's the imagination of what these animals were and knowing that they were real, but you can't picture them alive," Gilbert said.

The company has its roots in North Texas, founded more than a decade ago on Industrial Boulevard in McKinney by husband-and-wife team Larry and Sandra Billings.

People have built animatronic dinosaurs for decades, mostly on small scales for museums. The Billings family found its niche with zoos.

"If a kid reads in a book about a creature, they have no idea what it really looks like," Sandra Billings said. "By us building it, they can remember what they read, and they can visualize it."

The Dallas Zoo featured 20 Billings animals in an exhibit last year. They are part of a message about conservation, said Sean Greene, vice president of guest experiences at the zoo.

"Look at these amazing animals and how big they were, and they're not here anymore," Greene said. "And look at animals like elephants and rhinos and gorillas. We don't want them to go the way of the dinosaurs."

Larry and Sandra Billings didn't set out to build dinosaurs. They fell into the business while working for a contract company in Singapore after their boss bought some fake dinosaurs and sent the two to Irvine, Calif., to manage them. When that company disbanded, Larry Billings decided to build his own.

In the first four months, they built about 60 dinos with a small crew.

"We were sleeping at the shop. I would sleep in the car, and he would sleep in his office," Sandra Billings said.

Larry Billings, who was raised in McKinney, died of a heart attack at age 63, four years after the company launched. But his wife continued to build it, moving the home base and production in 2012 to a 70,000-square-foot warehouse in Allen.

"I wanted to carry on with his dream about what he wanted to do. I didn't want it to just die with him," she said.

Workers at Billings Productions, sometimes referred to as The Dinosaur Company or The Giant Bug Company, have designed and built roughly 350 creatures, including 17 Tyrannosauruses.

Four of them stood side-by-side in the workshop as tools whirred and giant fans blew a breeze into the balmy space.

Behind the T. rexes, workers balanced on ladders to paint the new 20-foot bird-like creature. Artists still have creative liberty when choosing color, but Billings Productions has worked in recent years with paleontologists and professors to build more scientifically accurate, life-size dinosaurs.

"When you discover these fossils and these remains, they only go back together one way," Gilbert said. "When we show these animals off, we can say that's about as accurate as we can get."

In a neighboring room behind a plastic curtain, Michelle Sims puts the final touches on a small-size dinosaur model sculpture. Nearly a dozen close-up shots of glinting bird eyes hang taped above her corner work table.

Sims, a field technician manager, develops eyes for all the creatures. Beady T. rex eyeballs in shades of red, orange and yellow fill a cardboard box in the corner of her desk. More unpainted eyeballs are stored in nearby bins.

"I'm obsessed with dinosaurs," said Sims, who studied drawing, painting and social work in college. "They're so mysterious."

Many of the company's employees share a fascination with dinosaurs. West built his own animatronic dinosaurs in his shop before coming to Billings Productions nearly a decade ago. A former fishing guide who used to weld trailers and build fences, he now installs the dinosaurs' frames and gives them their movements — as if they were alive.

"All these dinosaurs, they started as an idea," West said. "They give me the molds, and I put the bones in them."

California's albino redwoods mystery may be solved

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A researcher may have figured out why albino redwoods turn white in the middle of deep green California redwood forests.

The East Bay Times reported Sunday that scientists know that albino redwoods are genetic mutations that attach themselves to the roots and branches of normal redwood trees and live by drawing sugars off the huge host trees.

Now, San Jose researcher Zane Moore, a doctoral student at UC Davis, has analyzed the needles of the redwood leaves in a lab and found that they contain high levels of the toxic heavy metals nickel, copper and cadmium.

They appear to be drawing away and storing pollution, some of it occurring naturally in the soils and some left from railroads, highways and other man-made sources that otherwise could degrade or kill redwoods.

"They are basically poisoning themselves," Moore told the newspaper. "They are like a liver or kidney that is filtering toxins."

Albino redwoods were first documented in 1866.

Later investigation found that the plants, which grow out of healthy redwoods, are white because of a genetic mutation that leaves them without chlorophyll, the newspaper reported.

Although their locations in many places are kept secret to keep poachers and souvenir hunters away, Moore plans to carefully catalog the locations of albino redwoods across the natural range of redwood forests, which stretches about 400 miles from the Oregon border to Big Sur.

There are roughly 400 such trees in the state with Santa Cruz county having the highest concentration.

Moore's research will be included this week at the annual Coast Redwood Science Symposium in Eureka.

Emily Burns, director of science at Save the Redwoods League in San Francisco, called the results fascinating.

"Albino redwoods are parasites, and if these sprouts have some sort of a function, that's really cool," Burns said.

Additional research is needed, she said, to find answers to find out why there aren't more albino redwoods.

Dave Kuty, who works as a docent at Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park in Felton, California, said the easiest way to see an albino redwood is to hike the park's loop trail near its headquarters and look for Marker 14, where an 8-foot-tall albino redwood is growing.

Helpful tool can determine whether site is down or blocked

Dear PropellerHeads: What are some useful sites you PropellerHeads know about that the rest of us might have missed?

A: Well, that's a pretty loaded question. How much time do you have?

As it turns out, we have collected quite a few URLs over the years that have proven useful in very specific circumstances. We think of these like those tiny scissors on a Swiss Army knife — we only pull them out once or twice a year, but when we need them, we really need them.

First up is a service that lets you type in a website address and then helpfully tells you if that site is reachable from their web server or not. For example, let's say your new favorite site is "Bread People" (breadpeople.tumblr.com), which shows you pictures of what celebrities would look like if they were made out of bread ("celebreadies," they call it). One morning, you try to visit "Bread People" from work but it doesn't come up.

You could rail against the internet gods for depriving you of your happiness, but maybe the real issue isn't that the site is down. Maybe the real issue is that your company's IT administrators have decided you spend way too much time looking at silly websites and they've blocked "Bread People." How do you know who to blame?

Easy. Just go to DownForEveryoneOrJustMe.com and type in the address you're trying to reach. If "Bread People" is down, they'll come back and tell you "It's not just you! http://breadpeople.tumblr.com looks down from here." If they can get to the site, they come back with "It's just you. http://breadpeople.tumblr.com is up." If you can't remember their address, the shorter version is just http://isup.me. (Go ahead — we'll wait here while you use their service to see if their own site is up.)

There are also times when you're troubleshooting Internet connectivity issues and someone (like those cranky IT administrators at work again or help desk support people) will ask you what your IP address is. Your IP address is a number that uniquely identifies your computer on the Internet and finding yours used to involve a fair amount of clicking, arm-waving, typing, and chanting magic spells (i.e., "launching a Windows command prompt"). Now you can just visit WhatIsMyIP.com or type "what is my ip" into Google, which will answer you directly.

Let's leave Internet troubleshooting behind and tackle pictures next. The TinEye service (tineye.com) is a "reverse image search" web site. Perhaps you came across a stunning photo on the web or in an email message and want to track it back to its original source. Or maybe a wacky relative posted a less-than-flattering image of your favorite politician and you're pretty sure it's fake or was at least cropped to give the wrong impression. TinEye can help.

Just upload the image to their site or paste in the URL if the image is already on the web, and they will show you a list of other pages that display the same image or similar images. This can help you find the original source of the image, and even see the original in its entirety before it was altered.

But what about those times when you need an image and don't have one? Maybe you're working on a presentation for work and a color photo of a gorilla would really drive the point home on Slide Number 3. That's where LoremPixel.com comes in.

Named after the placeholder text used in publishing ("lorem ipsum"), this site provides placeholder images for electronic or print use. Just tell them what size image you need, give them a general topic to work with ("abstract," "food," "sports," "nature," etc.), then ask for a color or black-and-white image and voila!

For an even bigger collection of photos searchable by keyword, color, and other attributes, try MorgueFile.com. And yes, they explain the origin of the site's name on their "about" page.

Lastly, just for fun ... Do you have an annoying co-worker who's always asking you questions that you can't answer? Do you try hard not to respond with "Are your fingers broken? Google that yourself!"?

Then LetMeGoogleThatForYou.com (or the abbreviated lmgtfy.com) is for you. Type in a question or search term, hit the button, and they give you a playback URL that you can send to Mr. Helpless in the office. Once he clicks the link, it shows him — step by step, as if he's a baby — how to use Google to find the information he needs. Try http://bit.ly/w2qVoM to see it in action.

If that doesn't get the message across, you can always threaten him with those tiny scissors in your pocket.

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