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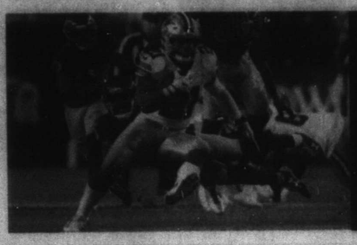

COWBOYS WIN

Despite wet conditions, Ezekiel Elliott rushed for 150 yards and two scores as the Cowboys defeated their division rival, the Washington Redskins.

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Oil industry jobs on rise as prices stabilize

Analyst: Sense of positivity the likes of which we haven't seen since 2013

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Oil companies and their equipment suppliers cut an estimated 440,000 jobs worldwide in recent years after crude prices plummeted in 2014.

But as prices stabilize above $50 a barrel, most companies expect to expand their workforces over the next year, according to a survey of the global oil industry by NES Global Talent, a recruiting firm in the United Kingdom.

Eighty-nine percent of surveyed energy employers — across North America, Europe, the Middle East and South America — believe they'll boost staffing levels over the next 12 months, with 60 percent of those saying their recruiting efforts will be "significant" and 48 percent saying salaries could increase by 5 percent.

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Energy profits surge as recovery moves toward firmer ground.

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Almost one-third of the surveyed companies said they haven't cut any jobs within the past year and believe their staffing levels will remain flat. Eleven percent expect to cut jobs, making the next 12 months the first period that the industry expects to bring on more workers than it lets go.

Twenty-three percent of these companies said they will increase their workforces by 5 percent, and 19 percent pegged the increase at 5 percent to 10 percent. Another 17 percent said they'll expand their payrolls by more than 10 percent.

NES said U.S. shale drillers have led the expansion, with Halliburton, the largest oil field services company in North America, posting the largest number of job openings this year. In Texas, oil and gas companies have added about 30,000 jobs over the past year, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

"There is a sense of positivity the likes of which we haven't seen since 2013," said Alex Fourlis, a managing director of Oilangasjobsearch.com, which partnered with NES to conduct the survey. "This is key to kick-start projects that haven't been viable in a while."

PUMPKIN PATCH POSE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A family poses for a photo in the pumpkin patch at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Saturday.

Trinity School recognizes alumni

■ 2007 graduate who works with city's homeless among those selected for hall of honor

By Simone Jasper
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While John-Mark Echols was in the workforce, his faith drove him to dedicate his life to serving Midland's homeless community.

Echols

Johnson

Beal

"I was in oil and gas like everybody else, and I was doing what I thought I was supposed to be doing, climbing the corporate ladder," Echols said. "About two years ago, we just felt called into full-time homeless ministry."

After Echols and his wife, Briana, sold their home, they stayed with their young daughter in an RV. They lived in a community with formerly homeless people and wanted to bring the concept to Midland. Echols, now a father of two, co-founded The Field's Edge, a nonprofit that envisions a permanent community of tiny houses for the homeless.

He is also director of a breakfast truck for the local nonprofit Breaking Bread Kitchen. Echols, a 2007 graduate of Trinity School, said his alma mater introduced him to opportunities for service involvement.

Echols on Thursday was one of three alumni recognized for their local contributions at the second annual Trinity Alumni Hall of Honor.

"It feels really good to know that the work we're doing is being noticed because a lot of what we're doing right now is behind the scenes — in planning and development," Echols said before the event.

He also stays involved with his alma mater through attending sporting events and his recent 10-year class reunion. He was grateful he had been nominated and selected for Thursday's recognition.

"I think I might be the youngest one to be honored so far, and I never thought it'd be something that I would have," Echols said. "It's a huge honor."

Echols and this year's other honorees, Dr. Premila Singh Johnson and Stuart Beal, were acknowledged at an event that included a reception and dinner program in the school's Commons building.

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Ballot watch: What 7 proposed constitutional amendments do

Early Voting today

Times: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Midland County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — No statewide offices are up for grabs on this year's ballot and congressional and legislative races elections are still a year away. But Texans are being asked to vote on seven amendments to the state Constitution — which has already grown to among the nation's longest thanks to so many past changes.

The Legislature had proposed 673 constitutional amendments, with 491 approved by voters, 179 defeated and three failing to make the ballot for "reasons that are historically obscure," according to a report last year by the Texas Legislative Council. Here's a look at the proposed changes that could add to that list:

Proposition 1 would allowing qualifying, partially disabled veterans or their surviving spouses to get exemptions from some property taxes if their home was donated by charity for less than market value. This is meant to fix a state constitutional amendment approved in 2013 that provided property tax exemptions for disabled veterans living in fully donated homes — which inadvertently excluded veterans who paid some of the cost of their homes.

Proposition 2 seeks to reduce restrictions on Texans borrowing against equity in their homes. It would allow access to more credit and lower fees associated with some home equity loans, while exempting some costs from counting toward caps on what can be charged. It also aims to let farmers and ranchers get home equity loans on agricultural property. Texas only legalized home equity loans 20 years ago but imposed restrictions to discourage homeowners' overborrowing against inflated home values. This amendment would ease what its supporters now say were unnecessarily cautious controls.

Proposition 3 would limit how long many gubernatorial appointees can serve in their posts. If passed, it mandates that most appointees whose term has expired but who haven't yet had a replacement named continue serving only until the end of the next legislative session — rather than until a new appointee is named, as often happens currently. The aim is limit gubernatorial appointees retaining long-expired posts for extended periods.

Proposition 4 would require that judges notify the Texas attorney general's office when the constitutionality of state laws are challenged. It also aims to mandate that those judges rule within 45 days if the laws are constitutional or not.

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Energy profits surge as recovery moves toward firmer ground

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Big energy companies posted surging third-quarter profits last week, extending a nearly yearlong comeback for Houston's most important industry after an oil bust bankrupted scores of companies and led to thousands of job losses.

Exxon Mobil and Chevron, the two largest U.S. oil producers, each reported Friday that profits rose more than 50 percent while Houston's ConocoPhillips, the third largest, said Thursday that it swung to a $400 million profit after losing $1 billion a year ago. All said they were boosted by rising U.S. oil prices that settled at nearly $54 a barrel Friday.

The Houston refiner Phillips 66, chemical maker LyondellBasell and energy service companies Schlumberger and Halliburton also reported strong profits last week, suggesting the tentative recovery is moving to firmer ground as fuel demand rises, stockpiles decline and companies hire workers by the thousands. Oil and gas companies have added some 30,000 field workers in Texas over the past year — nearly a third of the jobs they cut here during the downturn — to work active drilling rigs and hydraulic fracturing equipment in the Permian Basin and elsewhere.

"We never know if we're totally out of it yet, but things are looking positive," said Brian Youngberg, an analyst at Edward Jones in St. Louis. "Higher oil prices are a big tailwind they have now."

U.S. oil prices rose $1.26 to settle at $53.90 a barrel in New York on Friday, the highest point since late February, and Brent, the international oil benchmark, climbed above $60 a barrel for the first time in two years.

Shrinking inventories

Prices have risen in recent weeks as Saudi Arabia and other OPEC producers have limited crude production and appear poised to extend output cuts until the end of next year as data shows global oil supplies and demand are beginning to come into balance after a prolonged glut. In the U.S., fuel stockpiles continue to fall, with total petroleum inventories shrinking by 12.2 million barrels earlier this month, according to the Energy Department.

The Energy Department estimates that oil inventories around the world fell by 500,000 barrels a day in the third quarter, extending the longest draw of global stockpiles in three years. Meanwhile, the International Energy Agency recently reported that worldwide oil demand has risen faster than expected, with an increase of 2.3 million barrels a day in the second quarter.

The global energy job market appears to have stabilized as well. NES Global Talent, a recruiting firm in the United Kingdom, said a recent survey of energy companies showed that 89 percent plan to increase staff over the next year, and 60 percent expect to significantly step up recruiting.

Analysts still expect a slow climb for oil prices and the industry as oil supplies, while perhaps shrinking, remain plentiful. And while the recovery is proceeding, it remains uneven, with the offshore sector still struggling as prices, while much improved from the $26 a barrel low point in early 2016, remain too low to justify the massive investment needed to develop deepwater fields.

More rigs in Permian

Exxon and Chevron both plan to send more drilling rigs to the prolific oil fields in West Texas. But they and other oil companies remain cautious of volatile oil markets, where, only a few months ago, prices were sliding toward $40 a barrel. Exxon and Chevron touted strategies to remain frugal, seeking to pump oil more efficiently, as investors push for increased financial discipline.

"We're being returns-focused and we're spending our money on what we think will be most economic," Chevron CEO John Watson told investors Friday. "The outcomes we've achieve have largely been a function of the commodity price environment. We made $26 billion when oil was high and we make nothing when oil was $42."

Exxon spokesman Jeff Woodbury said the Irving-based oil company plans to increase its fleet of drilling rigs from 20 to 30 in the Permian Basin in West Texas by the end of next year and begin drilling horizontal wells that run sideways for 3 miles, in an effort to boost the amount of oil and gas it pumps by 20 percent by 2025. But he cautioned the company is still highly selective in its investment plans.

"What we're trying to do is well within our means," he said.

A boost after Harvey

Exxon posted a 50 percent increase in profits in the third quarter, even though Hurricane Harvey's floodwaters cost Exxon some $160 million after two major Gulf Coast facilities were disabled for weeks. The company earned $3.9 billion, or 93 cents a share, compared with $2.7 billion, or 63 cents a share, in the same three months a year earlier, on revenues that jumped 13 percent to $66.2 billion.

Meanwhile, Chevron's multibillion-dollar push into the Permian has lifted oil production there by 30 percent over the past year. Chevron recently put its 15th rig to work in the Permian, and it plans to boost its fleet to 20 rigs over the next year.

Chevron reported a 54-percent jump in net income, banking $2 billion, or $1.03 a share, in the July-September period, compared with $1.3 billion, or 63 cents a share, in the same three months last year. Revenue rose from $29.2 billion to $33.9 billion.

"They're focusing on the big picture of maximizing returns rather than maximizing growth," Youngberg said. "That should help push oil prices higher."

The increased number of working drilling rigs and rising demand for equipment and services in the Permian Basin has benefited Houston's oil field service companies, including Halliburton and Schlumberger.

On Monday, Halliburton said its third-quarter profits came in at $365 million, up from just $7 million this time last year, and its revenues climbed 42 percent to $5.4 billion, with almost 60 percent of that coming from North America. Its top oil field services rival, Schlumberger, earlier this month reported a $545 million third-quarter profit, and CEO Paal Kibsgaard credited almost all of the growth to surging activity in North America.

Meanwhile, Houston refiner Phillips 66 said its profits rose more than 60 percent to $823 million. Its refining profit margins doubled over last year after Hurricane Harvey drove gasoline and diesel profit margins higher as prices spiked nationwide. Those fatter margins came even though the storm knocked out the company's Sweeny refinery outside of Houston in September.

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UT/TT Poll: Texas voters say U.S. is headed in the wrong direction

■ By a two-to-one margin, Texas voters believe the country is going the wrong way, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

By a two-to-one margin, Texas voters believe the country is going in the wrong direction, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

While 29 percent said the United States is on the right track, 61 percent said it's going in the wrong direction. They took a more sanguine view of the state's direction: 43 percent said Texas is on the right track, while 40 percent said it's going in the wrong direction.

Even so, three-quarters of voters said the U.S. economy is either better (43 percent) than it was a year ago, or as good (33 percent) as it was then. Only 22 percent said the country's economy has worsened in the last year. The state economy also got good marks, with 76 percent saying it is better than or the same as a year ago.

Almost half said their families are doing about the same economically as they were a year ago, while 31 percent said things are better now and 21 percent said they have worsened.

Most important problems

Political corruption/leadership is the most important problem facing the country today, according to 14 percent of the state's voters. That item topped the list, followed by five items that each were ranked most important by 7 percent of the voters: the economy, national security/terrorism, immigration, health care and moral decline.

The concerns varied by party. Democrats, who are out of power in Washington, listed political corruption/leadership as the most important problem facing the country, as did 13 percent of independents and 8 percent of Republicans. Republicans, on the other hand, put moral decline at the top of their list (11 percent), a sentiment shared by 5 percent of independent voters and 2 percent of Democrats. National security/terrorism and immigration were close behind among Republican voters, ranking second and third on the list, respectively.

Immigration and border security continued to be the top issue facing Texas, according to respondents, together listed by 27 percent of voters. Two other items — hurricane recovery and political corruption/leadership — were listed by at least 10 percent of voters.

Those top two issues were ranked first by 44 percent of Republican voters and 30 percent of independents, but only 8 percent of Democrats had them at the top. Democratic voters' first choice for most important problem facing the state, once again, was political corruption/leadership, followed by hurricane recovery. (Hurricane recovery ranked relatively high with other groups as well, landing in third place on both the Republican and independent voters' rankings of top issues.)

The University of Texas/Texas Tribune internet survey of 1,200 registered voters was conducted from Oct. 6 to Oct. 15 and has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.83 percentage points. Numbers in charts might not add up to 100 percent because of rounding.

This is one of several stories on the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll, including: The political climate of the state; Texas voters on Confederate memorials, guns, immigration and other issues; grading President Trump, his qualities and his response to top issues; rating the top figures and institutions in state politics; and their impressions from Hurricane Harvey.

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Obituaries

Gilbert Cruz Gallegos

Gilbert Cruz Gallegos (AKA The Hood), 64, of Midland, Texas, entered into eternal peace on Saturday, October 28, 2017 surrounded by his family.

Gilbert enjoyed spending time with friends and family. He loved to cookout and watch his favorite football team, the San Francisco 49ers with all his boys. He also enjoyed chasing his grandsons around and supporting his granddaughter in all her sporting events. He enjoyed going to dinner and watching telenovelas with his beautiful wife. He loved giving his sisters a hard time over the Cowboys. Most of all he enjoyed just being with all his family.

He leaves his many memories to be cherished by his loving wife of 43 years, Socorro Gallegos of Midland; his sons, Gilbert and wife Christi, and Chris and wife Alex; grandchildren, Ashlyn, Rhys, and Rico; his stepbrothers, Jessie Mirelez of Amity, Oregon, Lupe Flores and Manuel Herrera, both of Snyder, Texas, and Frank Garcia of Midland; sisters, Felicia Gallegos of Midland, Maria Nava of Plano, Texas, and Peggy Marquez of Grand Prairie, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Maria Gallegos; his stepmother, Felicita Gallegos; two brothers, Greg Gallegos and Manuel Gallegos; five sisters, Gloria Ramon, Celia Martinez, Alice Ramirez, Juanita Ramirez, and Virginia Rios; two nephews, Fidel Ramon, Jr. and Manuel Angel Ramirez; and one niece, Elousia Ramon Galan.

Visitation will be held today, Monday, October 30, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. and the family will also be receiving friends from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Stephens Catholic Church. Interment will follow to Resthaven Memorial Park.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Sherry Davis

Sherrell Lynn Baker was born to Barbara and Will Baker on February 4, 1961 in Midland, Texas and was raised by Doris and Dell Truelove (always known as Mother and Daddy.) She attended Midland schools, and graduated from Odessa High School with a small JROTC academic scholarship in 1979 and briefly attended Midland College.

She married Cliff Davis in 1980 and they shared two wonderful children, Christie and Sarah, until their divorce. She loved fishing, playing golf, and tennis and was an avid (or rabid as some might say) Dallas Cowboys fan. She enjoyed crocheting and sewing for her daughters and grand boys. She worked the Special Olympics track and field events many years ago and said it was a great day of joy for her and would like any donations to go there in lieu of flowers.

Sherry was employed by Qualified Printers for over 20 years and then bounced around several places before becoming and independent bookkeeper with her own little business. She was also USTA Local League Coordinator for many years and secretary to the Midland Tennis Club.

After 35 years, in December 2014, she received her Associated Degree from Midland College in business administration and recently received her Bachelor in Organizational Management at Midland College.

Survivors include her daughters, Christie and Sarah; grandchildren, Braxton, Bryson, and Bentley; brothers, Dannie Truelove, Butch Darby, and Tony St. John; and one sister, Melissa Truelove.

She was preceded in death by both parents, Barbara and Will; grandparents, Doris and Dell Truelove and Webb Hinson; one brother, Billy Darby; and a son, James David Davis.

Her best friends Liz "Bit" Lingle and Debbie Murray will forever be in her heart; the Three Musketeers are no more.

At the family's request, could everyone wear blue to the Memorial Service as this was her favorite color.

The family will be receiving friends on, Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

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

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Death Notices

Christopher Espudo

Christopher Espudo, 35, of Midland, Texas, has gone to be with his Heavenly Father.

A funeral service is set for Monday, October 30, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow to Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Rubi Marisol Molina Rocha; his daughters, Kalina Ann Espudo, Adilene Idaly Espudo. and Angie Rubi Espudo; and his mother, Angelica Espudo.

Wayne Piette

Wayne Piette, 86, passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2017 in Midland.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 1, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Mass will be at St. Ann's Catholic Church on Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Ginny; and daughters, Renee Richards, Suzanne Piette, Pam Logan, Nancy Piette, and Jennifer Boggs.

Ballot

From 1A

Proposition 5 would let minor league teams, women's teams and entities like golfing events and motorsports associations hold chartable raffles in Texas. A state constitutional amendment approved in 2015 began allowing teams like the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Astros to hold cash raffles at games. This amendment would let more teams and sports do so.

Proposition 6 seeks to offer property taxes exemptions to surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty. It's similar to exemptions already given in Texas to surviving spouses of veterans killed while serving. The Legislature already approved first responder tax exemptions, which are set to take effect if this amendment passes.

Proposition 7 would allow banks and credit unions to offer raffles and other prizes to people opening savings accounts. Twenty-plus states have already approved "prize-linked" savings accounts legislation. The proposition is backed by the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a liberal, Austin-based think tank, which says that similar laws elsewhere have allowed more than 75,000 prize-linked savings accounts containing more than $175 million to open since 2009.

Trinity

From 1A

Honorees received portraits and will be commemorated with plaques on a school wall. A selection committee considered nominees' professional and community service involvement as well as dedication to the school.

"There (are) some alumni doing some amazing things that have truly brought so much honor and distinction to the school, and we want to celebrate them on hopefully an annual basis and continue to grow and expand the Hall of Honor," said Kobi Lincoln, director of institutional advancement.

Lincoln said one key consideration for selection to the Hall of Honor was servant leadership, which is part of the mission at Trinity School.

For Johnson, a 1994 graduate and parent of three students, community involvement has allowed her to encourage others to be active givers. She serves on boards for MARC and Midland Festival Ballet and views those roles as ways to give back.

"This community has given so much to me," Johnson said. "I grew up here and so (many) of the awards and different scholarships and things that I was given along the way were made possible by people in this community."

As an internal medicine physician with her own practice, Johnson has received acknowledgement for her professional work. She is chair of the Trinity Alumni Association and said the Hall of Honor recognition had meaning.

"I went to this school from 3 years old to 18, so it's my second home," Johnson said. "It's like being honored by family, and that is really awesome."

Beal, the third honoree, has also maintained a connection with Trinity School over the years. He graduated in 1981, at a time when the school educated students only through the ninth grade. Beal and his wife, Kate, recently co-chaired the Campaign for Trinity, which raised nearly $18 million for building projects and renovations.

"I enjoy doing it," Beal said. "When you raise money, you get to see the best in people."

He is also involved with First Presbyterian Church and the Midland Memorial Hospital board. Beal, who works in the oil and gas industry, has two sons who attended Trinity School and another who is currently enrolled.

"That's been a large part of our lives, and we want the school to be successful," Beal said. "We're hopefully doing our part to make that happen."

Last year, the Hall of Honor recognized Joe McSpadden, class of 1981; Amy Doris Bell, class of 1999; and Cameron Salehi Kelly, class of 2004.

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Early Voting

Times: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today
Where: Midland County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.
On the ballot: State propositions (for all voters) and $100 million road bond for voters inside the city of Midland
Notes: Election Day is Nov. 7. ... There will be 12 Election Day vote centers.

Things to do

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

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

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

■ Open Shop Nights are every Monday hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public, 6:30-9 p.m., 602 S. Main St. Visitors can watch members cut rock and work on lapidary projects. midlandgemandmineral.org.

■ Studio Ghibli Fest 2017: "Spirited Away" (subtitled), 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. $13.50. fathomevents.com.

Trunk or Treats today

Trunk or Treat with the MPD. The Midland Police Department invites families to this safe and friendly event, 6-8 p.m., Midland Police and Communications Center, 601 N. Loraine St. Costumes encouraged.

Trunk or Treat, 7-9 p.m., Harvest Time Church, 8300 Highway 191. Free.

State of the Economy

The Midland Chamber of Commerce presents the 2017 State of the economy luncheon 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

Midland Chamber of Commerce hosts this annual luncheon to engage and inform the public about its current economic status — plus challenges, opportunities and projections for the future of our economy.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Oct. 30, the 303rd day of 2017. There are 62 days left in the year.

Falcon cheer

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

UTPB cheerleaders perform during the game against Midwestern State on Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

On this date:

In 1938, the radio play "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, aired on CBS.

In 1948, the U.S. government announced the end of shoe rationing, effective at midnight.

In 1953, Gen. George C. Marshall was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. Albert Schweitzer received the Peace Prize for 1952.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb, the "Tsar Bomba," with a force estimated at about 50 megatons.

In 1974, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, known as the "Rumble in the Jungle," to regain his world heavyweight title.

In 1985, schoolteacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe witnessed the launch of the space shuttle Challenger, the same craft that carried her and six other crew members to their deaths in Jan. 1986.

Five years ago: A weakening Superstorm Sandy inched inland across Pennsylvania, leaving behind it a dazed, inundated New York City, a waterlogged Atlantic Coast and a moonscape of disarray and debris; the New York Stock Exchange was closed for a second day from weather, the first time that had happened since the Great Blizzard of 1888.

Source: The Associated Press

How sick are you?

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

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

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

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 432-685-7278 to schedule this service.

Source: City of Midland

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Weather

Sunday's temperatures
High 76
Low 38
Normal high 74
Normal low 47

Oct. 29's records
Record high: 90, set in 1933
Record low: 27, set in 1980

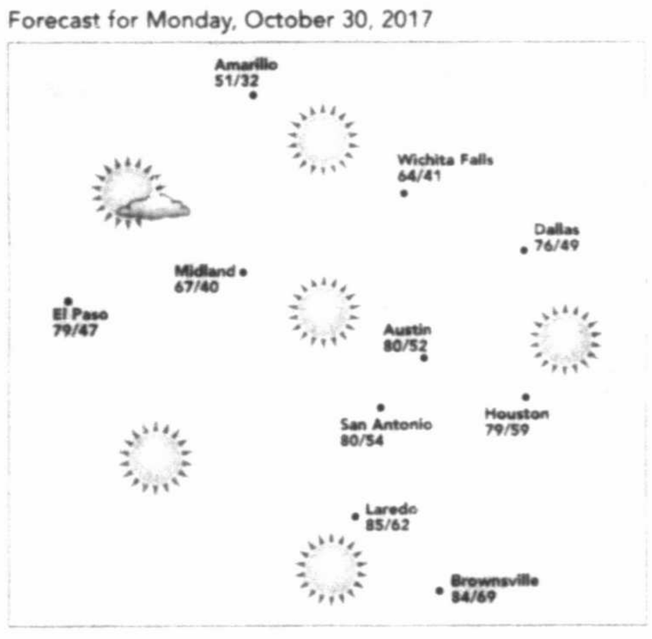
Precipitation
Saturday ..... 0.00 in.
Sunday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 0.09 in
Year total ..... 16.90 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 13.24 in.

Winds
Average wind speed: 7 mph
Highest wind speed: 14 mph

Today's forecast
High: 65
Low: 40
Conditions: Sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 8:04 a.m.
Sunset ..... 7:00 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, October 30, 2017



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Scorpio and a Moon in Pisces.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Monday, Oct. 30, 2017:**

This year marks a new life and luck cycle. The first year often is considered the most fortunate. New beginnings become possible and successful. You are more upbeat than you have been in a long time. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone of significance, though how the relationship evolves depends on what you want. Do not commit until you are sure you have met the right person. If you are attached, your more upbeat nature draws in your significant other even closer. The two of you might make a major decision that will affect the development of your bond. CAPRICORN knows how to get you to react!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might feel pressured to give your full attention to a situation involving your finances. Others seem to have strong views. Follow your instincts with this matter, and you will come out ahead. You will feel good, too. **Tonight:** When you want to initiate a conversation, do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You demonstrate unusual insight and understanding. You also view a changeable situation with greater perspective than most people do. In many ways, you exhibit knowledge and forethought with this matter. Learn to trust yourself. **Tonight:** Time for fun and laughter!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your intensity regarding a work-related matter flows into other aspects of your day. You have unusual stamina and energy. When you take the lead or decide to express yourself to a group, a more idealistic facet of your personality emerges. **Tonight:** A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ While you are willing to let someone else call the shots, you still want others to listen to your input. They actually might back off when they sense your enormous reservoir of creativity. Some even might feel that you are more qualified to lead. **Tonight:** The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You have the right idea as you dive into the workweek. You sense a change in the wind's direction. You are determined to accomplish as much as possible as you face an intense amount of work. You also could clear out a lot if you can work from home. **Tonight:** Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Others observe you with admiration; their perspective about what you are capable of is transforming. You seem inspired and willing to let go of the pragmatic fussiness that often is associated with you. Let your imagination take the lead. **Tonight:** Opt for more spontaneity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Getting going takes a lot of energy and drive. A family member might be equally inspired to keep you at home! You need to deal with an investment that could affect your personal life. You alone can decide if this expenditure and risk works for you. **Tonight:** Paint the town red.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You blaze a new trail and break some patterns once and for all. You have a tendency to get stuck in a routine. Clearly, you are feeling inspired to do otherwise, and will see the enormous benefits of doing so. **Tonight:** Make any final Halloween preparations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You could be full of fun and energy. However, don't lose your sense of equilibrium and go haywire. Maintain good sense and a strong idea of what you want from a situation. You easily could go overboard if you are not careful. **Tonight:** Meet friends for dinner at a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might feel uncomfortable with trusting someone else as much as you have lately. Right now, you are likely to manifest that which you desire. Trust your sixth sense, and make decisions accordingly. A meeting proves to be important. **Tonight:** Can anyone say "no" to you?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might want to maintain a low profile. A hunch you have that involves your finances needs to be listened to. You tend to make a strong impression wherever you go. You do not need to worry about not being noticed. **Tonight:** Make it an early night, if you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You know what will work and what won't. However, you must deal with others in order to reach a mutual agreement. You will work to that end, and succeed, unless you get tired of making your points. In either case, you will emerge successful. **Tonight:** With a favorite person.

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ECISD bond, tax election day looms

Election Day is Nov. 7 for Ector County Independent School District's proposed $291,172,291 bond issue and tax rate election.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Early voting runs through Friday.

The proposed bond would include lifecycle projects, new schools, fire and safety upgrades, a districtwide fiber network, completion of the girls' locker room at Permian High School, refurbishing the weight room at Odessa High School and renovation of the bathrooms at Ratliff Stadium.

The bond and tax ratification election would bring the district's total tax rate to $1.45 per $100 valuation. It is currently $1.15 per $100 valuation.

If the tax ratification election passed, it would take effect this year. If the bond passes, it would be added on in 2018.

Anita Campbell, Ector County Appraisal District's chief appraiser, said tax bills mailed out before the Nov. 7 election are calculated using the $1.28 tax rate for ECISD that assumes the tax ratification election or TRE will pass.

The ad valorem tax rate of $1.28 per $100 valuation is 0.109049 cents higher per $100 valuation than the school district's rollback tax rate.

Tax code section 31.01 requires the assessor to prepare and mail a tax bill to each property owner listed on the tax roll or to that person's agent by Oct. 1 or as soon thereafter as practicable each year, according to the state comptroller's website.

Campbell said Oct. 1 is not really practical as some tax entities don't set their tax rates until the very end of September.

If the TRE fails at the polls, tax statements will have to quickly be recalculated and mailed out again with a decrease in the ECISD tax rate and the difference in any payments already made will have to be refunded, she said.

Campbell said she doesn't have a total cost estimate yet on what it would take to mail out a new batch of tax bills but it would be the same cost as the current mailouts — a figure that she said should be available by Wednesday.

If the TRE passes on Nov. 7, it would result in a 13 cent increase from 2016's rate of $1.15 per $100 valuation that would take effect this year.

If the ECISD bond also passes, it would result in an additional 17 cent increase in 2018 that would bring the ECISD tax rate to $1.45 per $100 valuation, a 26.09 percent increase from 2016's tax rate.

Also on the ballot are seven propositions from the Texas Legislature asking voters to ammend the Texas Constitution and for residents in Ector County outside the city limits of Odessa, a proposition from the county to create a sales tax district at a rate of 1.25 percent.

Source: The Odessa American

Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

Members of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Louisiana National Guard help rescue an elderly resident Aug. 30 from the Golden Years Assisted Living home, which was flooded from Tropical Storm Harvey in Orange. Deaths at nursing home facilities in Texas and Florida after recent hurricanes made landfall have left families of residents, law enforcement officials and state regulators questioning evacuation decisions. Experts on aging say the risk of illness and death increases for elderly residents who are evacuated and advocate for a patient-by-patient risk assessment system in the future.

Nursing homes struggled with choice to evacuate in hurricane

By Claudia Lauer and Terry Spencer
Associated Press

DALLAS — Murky water started seeping into a Port Arthur nursing home four days after administrators decided to shelter in place. Volunteers — one even brandishing a gun — demanded relocation of the elderly residents, at least two of whom died in the days after police ultimately ordered the evacuation.

The deaths of elderly residents at Lake Arthur Place and other Texas and Florida facilities after hurricanes made landfall in August and September have heightened scrutiny of the evacuation procedures at nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

"A lot of things went wrong, and went very tragically wrong," said Chip Ferguson, a lawyer representing families who have filed civil lawsuits against two Port Arthur nursing homes.

It's difficult for investigators to determine whether decisions on when to evacuate played a role in the deaths. That's partly because many older residents at the facilities have underlying medical conditions, and local emergency officials use different criteria to decide whether to categorize a death as storm-related.

Thirteen residents of a Hollywood, Florida, nursing home that sheltered residents in place during Hurricane Irma died in the weeks after the storm left the overheated facility without power for air conditioning for days.

A man being evacuated from a Friendswood, Texas, nursing home facility during Hurricane Harvey was found dead on a charter bus. And another man died in a Corpus Christi, Texas, nursing home that decided to shelter in place during Harvey, although the county medical examiner's office said it was not called to investigate that death as being storm-related.

The Texas Health Care Association, which represents long-term health care providers, including the state's nursing homes, said about 4,000 patients in more than 160 nursing home and assisted living facilities were evacuated either before Harvey made landfall or during the intense rain and flooding in the days after. Nearly 33,000 patients in hundreds of other facilities sheltered in place.

"A greater emphasis has been placed on sheltering in place in recent years, given the challenges and issues that can go with evacuations of this population," said Kevin Warren, the chief executive officer and president of the association.

Kathryn Hyer, the director of the University of South Florida's Center on Aging, said a study she co-authored found that nursing home patients who were evacuated during a hurricane had a 3 to 5 percent higher chance of dying within 90 days than those who stayed put and an 8 percent higher chance of being hospitalized.

She also said hurricanes can change their forecast tracks, which poses another danger in evacuating. As Irma neared Florida, some nursing homes on the Atlantic coast moved their patients 100 miles or more to the Gulf Coast, only to have the storm's track also move west, forcing a retreat.

"You shelter in place until you can't shelter in place," Hyer said.

Until the evening of Aug. 29, when the swirling, rain-swollen remnants of Harvey shifted, sheltering in place seemed like the right decision for the two Port Arthur nursing homes owned by Dallas-based Senior Care Centers. Then 26 inches of water fell and started seeping into the homes.

The company's official statement said once water started entering the facilities, on-site administrators called for help. By that time, county emergency personnel were overwhelmed with similar calls for help.

Members of the Cajun Navy, a group of volunteers with private boats mostly from Louisiana, began offering help to water-logged residents. But Lake Arthur Place staff declined the offer, concerned about releasing frail residents to volunteers without medical training.

Statements to Port Arthur police and reports by officers who responded paint a picture of desperate events. A member of the Cajun Navy allegedly pulled a gun during an argument, demanding access to patients. Police were called, and an administrator was handcuffed as he tried to block officers from taking patients because he feared they weren't really police.

Since then, police have seized records and communication as part of a criminal investigation into whether the evacuation delay endangered the elderly residents. Families of several residents also have filed formal complaints and lawsuits against the facility alleging mistreatment of residents.

Christine Mann, a spokeswoman for Texas' Health and Human Services Commission, said 90 Harvey-related complaints were filed against 53 nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other long-term care centers between Aug. 25 and Oct. 9. She said the agency will investigate each of the Harvey-related claims, the vast majority of which involved allegations of patient neglect.

Florida regulators took swift action against the Hollywood nursing home, suspending the facility's license and launching an investigation into why the 150 patients weren't evacuated to an air-conditioned hospital across the street until after the first deaths occurred.

Gov. Rick Scott issued an executive order requiring nursing homes to install generators that can power air conditioners, but nursing homes are challenging that order in court.

So far, no one in either state has been criminally charged over the incidents.

Darrell Pile, chief executive officer of the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council, oversees the coordinated trauma care and medical response teams in a 25-county area of Southeast Texas during disasters. He said some of the issues with knowing when and if to evacuate during Harvey came because no one could predict the record-breaking amount of rain dumped in the span of a few days.

Pile's staff made calls in advance asking each facility if they would shelter or evacuate. In the end, his group helped organize emergency medical evacuations at 20 nursing home and elder care facilities, not including facilities like Lake Arthur where volunteers evacuated residents.

"There were a few instances where a better decision should have been made," Pile said.

Ferguson said the residents were taken in small boats to a vehicle that could transport them on the flooded roads to the evacuation shelter. From there, many were flown by helicopter or driven to other facilities to handle medical needs.

"That would be traumatic for a healthy, younger person, but even more so for this population," Ferguson said.

Photo of first rotary drilling rig in West Texas surfaces

By Paul Wedding
Odessa American

Oil drilling in the Permian Basin has made great advancements due to technological growth, making room for automation and cutting down the amount of workers needed.

That hasn't always been the case, Richard Knight, a 68-year-old Odessa native, has shown in a photograph of his father alongside 22 other oil rig workers standing next to the very first rotary drilling rig in the Permian Basin, which he gave to the Permian Petroleum Museum archives Friday, (Oct. 20).

The photograph shows Knight's father, Richard Weldon Knight, wearing a suit and tie and a fedora nonchalantly tipped to the side, as well as his uncle, Russell Knight, crowded around the drill with the rest of the drilling team, composed of three separate crews meant to man the rig at all times. His father worked as a derrickman, occupying the top of the derrick to guide the drill pipe as it drills down.

"The oil business in '35 was a whole new ball game," Knight said. "It was little, nothing really fancy or sophisticated. The technology had gone crazy for drilling cable tools where you had to bang it in a little at a time to rotary drills. It was exciting."

Rotary drills worked differently in that they rotated to drill down to the oil, as opposed to cable rigs they used prior to that, which needed to be struck and forced down to reach the oil. The rotary drilling method was about 60 percent quicker than the cable drilling method, he said.

The drilling team for the rig was separated into three crews, Knight said, manning the drill in eight-hour shifts as it pulled up oil. Now, he said, drilling crews work in 12-hour shifts.

"Two people could do what three could years ago," he said.

Drilling is even more efficient now thanks to automation, Knight added.

"Now, it's like sitting in a big recliner," he said, referring to the driller. "Everything's all automated; one man can run it all."

The oil business is more lucrative than ever, Knight said.

"Y'all are going to be the biggest beneficiary of it," he said, referring to the Permian Basin region. "You can fall over more money than you can probably get. My father used to always tell me it's not hard to make it, it's just hard to keep it."

Oil drilling, however, was cheaper in his father's day, Knight mentioned, as 10 to 15 dollars of oil would cost just around 30 cents to pull out.

Despite advancements in the industry, Knight said many younger people don't want to work in the oil business now.

"I can't understand, because there's more money to be made now than there was back then," he said. "For the younger people that would do it, it takes a little work, a little ambition, and a lot of them don't have it."

Knight's father had been working in the oil business since he was 14 years old, Knight said, driving a water truck in a horse-drawn wagon from rig to rig near Corsicana. After working for Gulf Oil for around 30 years, he left for Angola in 1964 to start drilling in the Cabinda province of Angola. Knight also worked in the oil industry as a mud engineer, and later sold oil wells, before retiring, and now lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

STATEBRIEFS

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ODESSA

Shakespeare Festival returns Nov. 17-Nov. 18

The Odessa Shakespeare Festival is scheduled to return to the Globe Theatre next month.

The event kicks off at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 with a performance of "Taming of the Shrew" followed by "Shakespeare's Greatest Hits" at 7 p.m. Nov. 18. All plays will be performed by the Texas Shakespeare Festival, a six-actor group out of Kilgore.

General admission tickets are $10 per performance or $15 for both performances. Odessa College students can get in free with a student ID while other students with ID can attend for $5 per play. Tickets will be available online at the link below or at the door at each performance.

The festival is sponsored by Odessa Arts.

HOUSTON

Gulf Coast CEO of American Red Cross quits

The CEO the Texas Gulf Coast American Red Cross says he's quitting because he disagrees with decisions related to the organization's response to Hurricane Harvey.

David Brady's departure comes only six month after he took the job.

Brady says it's "not fair" to the organization to have a leader "filled with that much doubt" and says he doesn't feel valued.

The Red Cross says in a statement it's grateful for his contributions and that its work supporting Harvey-affected families will continue.

The organization has come under fire for delays involving shelters and problems with a program providing $400 in cash to storm-ravaged households. The Houston Chronicle reports that as of mid-October, the Red Cross has authorized payment of more than $190 million to more than 477,000 households.

AUSTIN

Authorities say 3 shot by gunman dressed as Santa

Austin police say a man dressed as Santa Claus is in custody after shooting at least three people at a Halloween party.

Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Service officials say three of the victims have been hospitalized — two of them in critical condition and a third with serious wounds that aren't considered life-threatening. A fourth person was hurt at the scene but refused treatment. Police Detective Lee Knouse says the gunman was arrested Sunday morning without incident at a home on the same street as the shooting scene. He says specific charges related to the shootings will be filed once authorities complete their investigation.

HOUSTON

One woman dead, 2 wounded in shooting

Houston police say three women have been shot — one of them fatally — as they were sitting in a car.

Authorities say one woman was dead at the scene early Sunday morning on the city's southeast side. The other two have been taken to a hospital.

The victims haven't been identified and police haven't released information about the shooter.

ARLINGTON

Student identified as victim in attack by girlfriend's dad

Police in North Texas have identified a 22-year-old Arlington college student as the victim shot and killed by his girlfriend's father.

The gunman later was found dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Arlington police say the daughter is being treated after being run over Friday night at a shopping center by her father's vehicle while she was trying to help her fatally wounded boyfriend, Omar Soto. He was an architecture student at the University of Texas at Arlington. Her wounds are not life-threatening.

Police are trying to determine why the father apparently followed the couple, fatally shot the boyfriend and ran over his daughter.

Police early Saturday found the father's pickup and his body. Names of the father and daughter haven't been released.

DALLAS

Body of girl, 3, released; death cause pending

The Dallas County Medical Examiner has released the body of 3-year-old Sherin Mathews, who was missing for two weeks until she was found dead inside a culvert, but isn't disclosing who's been given custody of her remains.

Authorities have said the cause of her death is pending. The child's body was found a week ago not far from her parents' home in suburban Dallas. Her father, Wesley Mathews, reported her missing and is jailed on a charge of injury to a child. He's told police he removed her from home after she choked on milk. He initially said he sent the girl outside at 3 a.m. because she refused milk.

About two dozen people attended a prayer and candlelight vigil for her Saturday at the India Association of North Texas.

Patrick Semansky/Associated Press

Cynthia Richburg prepares a product for shipment Aug. 3 at an Amazon fulfillment center in Baltimore. While jobs have been lost in brick-and-mortar stores, many more have been gained from e-commerce and warehousing. Amazon accounts for much of the additional employment.

Why the explosive growth of e-commerce could mean more jobs

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the robots came to online retailer Boxed, dread came too: The familiar fear that the machines would take over, leaving a trail of unemployed humans in their wake.

"I had a lot of people asking me, 'What is going to happen to us?'" says Veronica Mena, a trainer for the e-commerce startup. Anxiety had rippled through her co-workers after company executives announced plans to open an automated warehouse in nearby Union, New Jersey.

Yet their fears didn't come to pass.

When the new warehouse opened this spring, workers found that their jobs were less physically demanding than at the previous, manual warehouse in Edison, New Jersey. And rather than cutting jobs, the company added a third shift to keep up with rapidly growing demand.

What happened at Boxed — and has occurred elsewhere — suggests that widespread fears about automation and job loss are often misplaced. Automation has actually helped create jobs in e-commerce, rather than eliminate them. By accelerating delivery times, robotics and software have made online shopping an increasingly viable alternative to bricks-and-mortar stores, and sales have ballooned at online retailers.

The surge in e-commerce has required the rapid build-out of a vast network of warehouses and delivery systems that include both robots and human workers. Even if the robots replace some people in each warehouse, the proliferation of new warehouses should still generate hiring for years to come.

"We're not looking to do the same work with half the people," said Rick Zumpano, vice president for distribution at Boxed. "Since we're growing, we need everyone."

Jobs have been lost at storefront retailers, which have suffered under the e-commerce onslaught. But worries about a "retail apocalypse" wiping out many of the nation's 16 million retail jobs have missed a more important trend: E-commerce actually leads to more jobs by paying people to do things we used to do ourselves.

When people shop online, tasks that consumers once did — driving to a store, searching through aisles for a product, bringing it to a cashier and paying for it — are now done by warehouse employees and truck drivers. People spend less time shopping than in the past, research shows.

That means the bankruptcies and store closings in the retail sector aren't the complete picture. Michael Mandel, an economist at the Progressive Policy Institute, calculates that the number of e-commerce and warehousing jobs has leapt by 400,000 in the past decade, easily offsetting the loss of 140,000 brick-and-mortar retail jobs.

Amazon accounts for much of the additional employment. Yet it's also at the vanguard of automation. Since 2014, Amazon has deployed 100,000 robots in 25 warehouses worldwide. At the same time, it's nearly tripled its hourly workforce, from roughly 45,000 to nearly 125,000.

Online grocery shopping is also creating more jobs. Walmart is expanding its online grocery pickup service to 2,000 stores, double the 1,000 where it is now available. The company has created a new class of workers —"personal shoppers" — to fill all the orders.

All these trends have been helped by automation's ability to hold down costs.

And even with automation, there are still jobs at all these warehouses for people to do.

Barbara Ward, 56, is a packer at Boxed, and like all her colleagues, she writes a thank-you note for each order she packages. When a customer has ordered diapers, a packer might write a congratulatory note.

At Amazon's Baltimore warehouse, employees called "stowers" are needed to stock the shelves that are carried by robots. And that requires human judgment: Software suggests to workers where each item should be placed. But it's an employee's responsibility to make sure the shelves, which are tall and narrow, remain balanced.

The explosion of online commerce is also building demand for higher-paying jobs in software and robotics. Nearly 14 percent of software job listings are now posted by retailers, according to data analyzed by Glassdoor, the job recruitment website. That share has doubled from 2012, says Andrew Chamberlain, Glassdoor's chief economist.

Automation and robotics will only get more sophisticated in the future, which will threaten some jobs.

"What's going to happen next is robotic arms, combined with vision technology and suction technology," says Marc Wulfraat, president of MWVPL, a consulting firm. "You can be darn sure that Amazon will take the first swing at it."

But it could take several years for such robots to be put into widespread use. For now, they work mostly with items in boxes and other rigid shapes, Wulfraat says. They can't yet handle bulkier items such as basketballs or softer items like clothes.

And Mandel argues that if robotic pickers lower costs further, it could create new markets for products and services, such as custom-made goods.

Wulfraat predicts that hundreds of smaller warehouses will be built in large cities to shorten delivery times to as low as an hour, particularly for groceries. Amazon already has 53 such facilities, and its competitors will be forced to follow suit. Those facilities will be smaller and cheaper and won't be worth fully automating.

Automation is also more likely in the coming years to make up for labor shortages rather than replace workers, Wulfraat says. Any warehouse workers displaced by automation will easily find jobs elsewhere.

"I don't see hundreds of thousands of workers unemployed and on the street," he said.

Surge in e-commerce compensates for loss in store jobs

The number of e-commerce and warehousing jobs has leapt by 400,000 in the past decade, easily offsetting the loss of 140,000 brick-and-mortar retail jobs.

Percent change in jobs: 0 to -100 | 0 to 49 | 50 to 124 | 125 to 249 | 250 to 499 | 500 to 1,980

Electronic shopping jobs		General warehousing jobs		Private jobs	
0.2 mil.	204 %	0.8 mil.	46 %	120.5 mil.	6 %
Jobs in 2016	Up from 2007				

NOTE: White indicates no data

SOURCE: Progressive Policy Institute AP

Associated Press

Most have little fear of robots taking jobs

By Christopher S. Rugaber
Associated Press

Eric Risberg/Associated Press

People wait for their lunch orders to be ready Dec. 8, 2015 at Eatsa in San Francisco. A new survey suggests that Americans vastly prefer dealing with people when they order food at a restaurant, rather than robots, but in most other settings they don't particularly care. That may partly explain why the small, automated restaurant chain Eatsa, which sells food without cashiers or waiters, had to close five of its seven restaurants in October.

WASHINGTON — Most Americans believe their jobs, and the jobs of those they live with, are safe from automation — at least for the next decade, according to an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll.

And more than half think automation could make their work easier or more efficient in the future.

The findings suggest that while Americans express concern about how automation technology might cause some other people to lose jobs, they are less worried about its effect on themselves.

Fifty-seven percent of respondents said they thought it unlikely that they or someone in their household will be replaced at work by automation within the next 10 years, the survey found. A nearly identical proportion — 56 percent — said they consider it at least somewhat likely that their job will be improved by automation. Many think, for example, that such technology has made jobs safer.

The poll's key findings echo those of other recent surveys. The Pew Research Center found in a survey released this month that 70 percent of Americans believe it unlikely that they will lose their jobs to automation.

Those assessments may well prove accurate, according to recent analyses that foresee far fewer job losses resulting from automation compared with studies several years ago that had suggested that up to half of U.S. jobs could be replaced over the next two decades.

A report released this month by the education company Pearson, Oxford University and the Nesta Foundation found that just one in five workers are in occupations that will likely shrink by 2030.

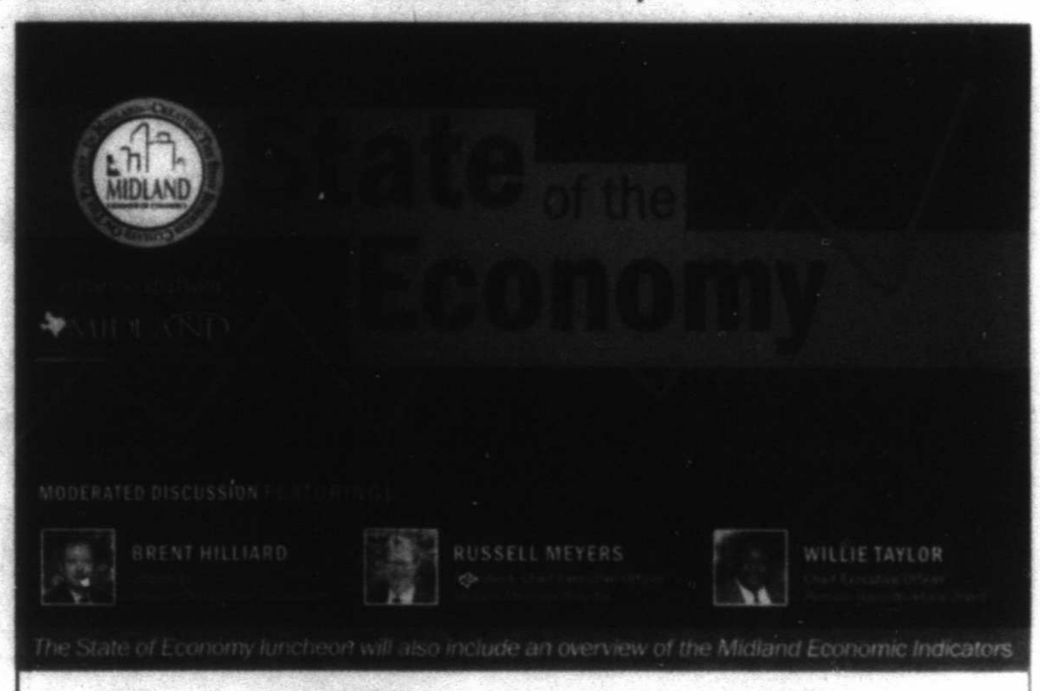
Still, the AP-NORC survey found that many Americans worry about the effects of new technologies on their daily lives and the job market. Three-quarters of respondents said they think it at least somewhat likely that "people will be more isolated from one another." And most say robots have cost jobs in factories — a view supported by academic research and data showing that factories are now producing more with fewer employees. Three-quarters foresee at least some likelihood that many retail workers will be replaced by automation.

A wide gap also exists in how people with different levels of education respond to such questions. Americans without college degrees are twice as likely as those with degrees to say it's very likely automation will cost them or someone in their household a job. That is in line with studies that have found that lower-skilled work is more likely to be automated.

Among the poll's other findings:

■ Americans vastly prefer dealing with people, rather than machines, when they order food at a restaurant. But in most other settings, many don't particularly care. Seventy percent of respondents said they preferred ordering food from a person. Nineteen percent said it made no difference. Just 10 percent said they preferred self-service. But at a supermarket checkout line, roughly half preferred the self-service option or had no preference. That may partly explain why the small automated restaurant chain Eatsa, which sold food without cashiers or waiters, had to close five of its seven restaurants last week.

■ Most Americans still aren't using the latest technologies, some of which could introduce groundbreaking automation in the future. Uber, for example, is testing self-driving cars, which could over time eliminate work for its drivers as well as taxi drivers. Yet just a quarter of Americans use Uber or Lyft, the survey found. And barely 30 percent use a voice-activated personal assistant such as Apple's Siri or Amazon's Alexa. Just 29 percent at least occasionally pay for goods or services with their phones, rather than with cash or credit cards.



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OPINION

Shop, even work, online this holiday season

■ The number of Americans saying they plan to visit a department store this year dropped to 28 percent

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Holiday shoppers say they will do half of their shopping online this season, and many seasonal retail workers will find themselves working from home this year.

In an internet-age twist on retail jobs, online stores will need more online staff to answer consumer questions. And workers can do those jobs from anywhere with an internet connection.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, in-store sales fell 7.2 percent in December 2016, marking 23 consecutive months of declines. In a new survey from consulting and accounting firm Deloitte, Americans said for the first time that they plan to spend more of their holiday shopping budget online.

"This year, we saw a jump in the number of consumers who were doing research online and making purchases there," Deloitte researchers determined. "Survey respondents plan to spend 51 percent of their budget online, compared with 42 percent in-store."

The average American family will spend $1,226 on holiday gifts this year, with families earning more than $100,000 a year setting aside $2,226 for the season. That's about $1 trillion, but more Americans than ever will spend on experiences and celebrations rather than objects.

Twenty-seven percent of the people Deloitte surveyed said they want a great experience, such as travel, a meal or a party, rather than something that comes in a box. A quarter of respondents said they will attend more holiday events and spend less on gifts.

The average American household, though, will still spend $430 on wrapped gifts this year. And wherever possible, shoppers will look for the best deal online. The big losers are department stories, which mostly sell commodity brands that can be found at multiple outlets. The number of Americans saying they plan to visit a department store this year dropped to 28 percent, a 3 percentage point drop from last year, Deloitte said.

Making matters worse for brick-and-mortar retail, there is a large generational difference in habits. While baby boomers and seniors say they will spend nearly half of their holiday budgets in stories, millennials will spend more than 60 percent of their budgets online.

The key to getting shoppers into stores is great digital advertising of unique items sold with a rich in-store experience, Deloitte found.

These trends are also affecting employment patterns, particularly since the unemployment rate is a low 4.2 percent. To attract the best retail workers capable of offering consumers a great experience, stores are offering more hours, higher pay and better benefits, according to Snagajob.com, a job search engine that specializes in hourly employment.

"With most hourly job seekers able to secure a job in less than a week, it's clearly a job seeker's market, and employers must pay close attention to this group's preferences if they want to staff up adequately for the holidays," Snagajob CEO Peter Harrison said. More than 91 percent of retailers will pay higher than minimum wage this year, the company found.

And while consumers may be online, that doesn't mean they don't have questions about products. Retailers are responding by hiring fewer seasonal workers to walk the showroom floor and employing them instead to work from home in online chat rooms.

J.C. Penney, Williams-Sonoma, the Home Shopping Network and Amazon are all advertising for help dealing with the expected surge of online shoppers, according to global outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

"Most of these jobs will be answering customer questions and concerns through phone, email or web-based chat services," said Andrew Challenger, the company's vice president. "These types of positions are great for older job seekers or those who may have a difficult time getting to an office or being on their feet."

Online retail work could also help home caregivers responsible for young children or elderly family members. Getting those workers back into the paid workforce is critical to increasing the labor participation rate and addressing poverty.

In the past I've warned readers about the loss of retail jobs as more shopping moves online. Amazon and other online retailers are hiring, but they will not provide a job for every retail worker displaced by online shopping. These online jobs, though, will ease that pain.

"While there is a lot of worry that the increase in e-commerce is going to hurt the amount of jobs available in the retail space, these selling channels bring new opportunities as the industry pivots," Challenger said.

The nature of work continues to evolve, and there are new opportunities that many people don't know about. As technology evolves, so must we.

Telecommuting offers an opportunity for many people who are unemployed because of their age, disability or personal commitments to begin earning again. And they can feel good about becoming a kind of online Santa Claus who makes sure the goodies arrive on time.

GUEST VIEW

If you want to cover games, be respectful

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

No matter what form, bullying and hateful speech is never funny, appropriate or acceptable.

This might seem like a lesson we learn as children in grade school — a lesson adults should know.

But the Star-Telegram reported Friday on a sports play-by-play announcer who called teenagers on an opposing team names and mocked a student's weight.

Last week, Mark Banton, who calls Cleburne High School games for JacketRadio.com, covered an Arlington Seguin football game where he called the Seguin Cougars players the "Cougroes."

He also mocked a cheerleader's weight.

That a 63-year-old man would use racial and derogatory terms when speaking about children is unfathomable. Bullying at any level is inexcusable, and adults know better.

Not only did the announcer use derogatory language toward children that will last far longer than the weekend, he contributed to creating a potentially hostile environment for students and their families.

You can stand up today and speak out for the Seguin players, cheerleaders and others who are treated poorly. Give them your voice, lend your support, be vocal when you see this type of behavior.

Everyone can help make it clear this behavior is not normal.

It is unclear whether Banton made previous comments this year, the first that JacketRadio.com broadcast Cleburne's games. We do know he is no longer affiliated with the website and will not call Cleburne games.

Schools and districts determine who receives rights and credentials for sports events (the Star-Telegram covers hundreds of events each year). Though districts don't always require a contract, there should be a process to evaluate the growing number of webcast announcers.

The state University Interscholatic League doesn't govern broadcasts or webcasts of regular-season games, but school districts should still engage in a vetting process. They should adhere to the same policies as educators and students.

Because — who wants to tune into a high school football game just to hear an adult announcer mock or criticize children and call them racist names? That isn't what Friday night football is about.

Going to a high school football game is part of the high school experience. It's part of the fiber and culture of living in Texas. Yet the purpose is still education.

Sportsmanship, personal betterment, learning how to work as a team — these are the goals of high school sports, not an adult's selfish amusement.

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Are we headed to a NAFTA showdown?

■ Opposition to a U.S. withdrawal from the pact would come not only from Mexico and Canada but also from U.S. business and farm interests, which fear a loss of sales if NAFTA is crippled

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The NAFTA war is heating up. It's a confusing conflict because perceptions are driven by political rhetoric, not economic reality.

NAFTA, of course, stands for the North American Free Trade Agreement, which has eliminated most tariffs among the United States, Mexico and Canada. During the campaign, candidate Donald Trump denounced NAFTA as a bad deal for the United States. He vowed to improve or scrap it. The trouble is that NAFTA actually isn't a bad deal for the United States.

Consider. Canada and Mexico are the first and second largest markets for U.S. exports. In 2015, these exports — counting both goods (such as computers) and services (such as tourism) — amounted to $600 billion. That's more than a quarter of total U.S. exports and almost four times U.S. exports to China.

Why would we want to attack our best foreign markets? But what about the massive trade deficit with Mexico? On inspection, it turns out not to be so large.

It's true that Mexico had a $63 billion surplus in goods traded with us in 2016. But it also runs a deficit with the United States in services. Likewise, Canada runs a slight overall deficit with us in goods and services. Counting these trade flows, the United States runs about a $50 billion deficit with the two countries on total trade of $1.2 trillion. The US deficit roughly equals 4 percent of NAFTA trade.

It's a good deal for us and our partners. We all get more consumer choice. We all get more competition, which holds down prices. Jobs are created in all the countries. To be sure, some American jobs are lost, as factories move to Mexico. This is hard on the displaced workers, but so is competition that eliminates American jobs for other American jobs. Overall, benefits exceed costs.

No matter. The Trump administration is obsessed with economic nationalism and reducing America's trade deficit, which — after China — it blames on NAFTA. Negotiations are underway to defuse U.S. complaints, but the lack of progress leaves open the possibility that Trump will withdraw from NAFTA.

The administration's increasingly acerbic rhetoric suggests that a showdown may be approaching. "I am surprised and disappointed by the resistance to change from our negotiating partners," said Robert Lighthizer, the U.S. trade representative and chief American negotiator, after the last bargaining session. "We have seen no indication that our partners are willing to make any changes that will ... [reduce] these huge trade deficits."

Opposition to a U.S. withdrawal from the pact would come not only from Mexico and Canada but also from U.S. business and farm interests, which fear a loss of sales if NAFTA is crippled. "We're going to fight like hell to protect the agreement," said Tom Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, in a recent speech outlining his group's position.

Indeed, some critics of the administration speculate that its proposed remedies are so extreme that they're intended to cause a breakdown of negotiations. For example, one U.S. proposal would require that NAFTA be renewed every five years and be terminated if all three countries didn't agree that it should continue.

"The business community is worried about the disruption of supply chains," says Chad Bown, a trade expert at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. Supply chains are networks of contractors, spread over long distances including between countries, making components for the same product. Supply chains need dependable trade, which would be threatened if NAFTA could be ended every five years.

Under NAFTA, any country can withdraw with six months' notice. Whether Trump could unilaterally withdraw — without the concurrence of Congress — under U.S. law is unclear. A move to abandon NAFTA would almost certainly be challenged in court. That is all that can be said with confidence.

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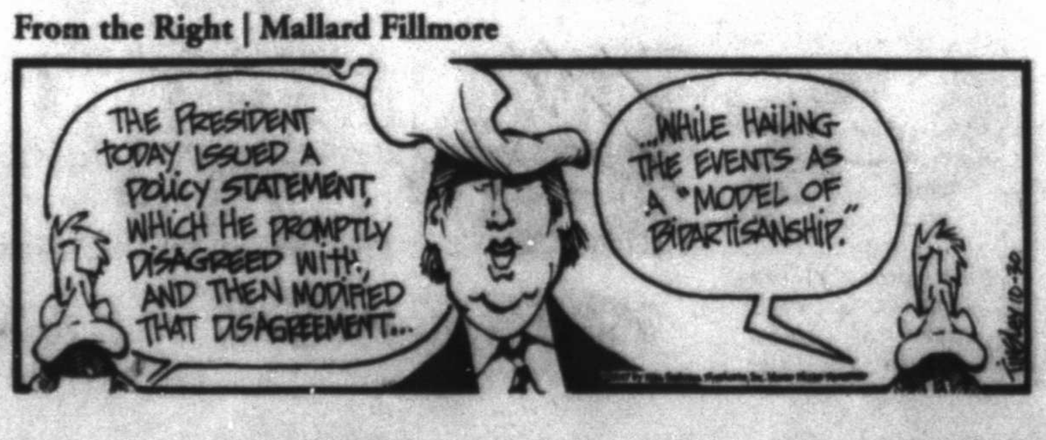

Full recovery from California wildfires may take years

By Kathleen Ronayne
Associated Press

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — It will take at least months and likely years to fully recover from devastating wildfires that ripped through Northern California earlier this month, destroying at least 8,900 structures and killing 42 people, Sonoma County officials said Saturday.

"We don't control these things, and it makes you realize how small you are in the world when something like this happens," Sonoma County Sheriff Rob Giordano said. "I don't think we understand the level at which it is going to impact lives, and the community will be different."

Giordano spoke before hundreds of people gathered at a college in Santa Rosa, one of the hardest-hit cities, for a memorial service to honor the lives lost in the deadliest series of wildfires in California history. The fires sparked Oct. 8, eventually forcing 100,000 people to evacuate.

Before a bell rung 42 times to commemorate the dead, Giordano and other officials praised the ordinary and extraordinary acts of heroism by first responders and community members as the firefight raged on for more than a week. Some firefighters worked days on the front line, refusing to take breaks, while sheriff's dispatchers continued taking calls even as the fire came close to taking out their building.

"The night of Oct. 8, we were all tested," Santa Rosa fire Chief Tony Gossner said.

U.S. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and five members of Congress spent Saturday attending the memorial, touring the fire ravaged areas and gathering advice from federal, state and local officials on what Congress can do to aid the recovery efforts. In a briefing in Santa Rosa, officials asked them to ease red tape that will make it easier to erect temporary housing and to ensure the Environmental Protection Agency has the resources it needs to clean up any hazardous material before it infiltrates the water supply.

The EPA has assessed 740 properties so far, while the Federal Emergency Management Agency has given out $6 million worth of rental and other assistance to displaced Californians, officials said. Officials estimate the cleanup of debris and other hazardous materials will last into early 2018. The losses are estimated to be at more than $1 billion.

Pelosi and U.S. Rep. Mike Thompson, who represents Santa Rosa, said they must make their fellow lawmakers in Washington understand the unprecedented nature of the fires, the deadliest in California history. They drove through a neighborhood near Coffey Park where entire streets are wrecked, with only burned-out cars and charred remains of once-standing houses lining the streets.

"It was just unfathomable the amount of destruction that we saw," Pelosi said. "My colleagues will have to understand this is different from anything else, many times over."

But Pelosi said Northern California's response to the fires can serve as a national model for disaster response if done right. She urged her colleagues in Congress to think beyond the incremental rebuilding needs to consider the big picture of helping the region better prepare for and mitigate damage from future disasters. Obtaining the appropriate amount of relief money will require detailed documentation of homes lost and other destruction, she said.

Santa Rosa alone lost five percent of its housing stock, Pelosi said.

"What would we like to see the result be? Let's engineer it back from there," she said of the rebuilding efforts.

On top of the devastation, authorities have had to deal with looting in neighborhoods where fires raged. Santa Rosa police said two more people arrested late Saturday following a high-speed chase through city streets along the southern edge of a burn zone.

The Santa Rosa Police Department has corrected the name of one of the two people who were arrested on suspicion of looting in neighborhoods devastated by wildfires earlier this month.

A man the department previously identified as 29-year-old Sean Kranyak has now been identified as Johnathon Leon Lee Conner of Monterey County. Conner and 22-year-old Cristina Marsh could face charges including looting, conspiracy and vehicle theft. It wasn't known Sunday if they have attorneys.

The department said on its Facebook page that additional felony charges have been filed against Conner for allegedly using another victim's stolen information to identify himself.

Witnesses called police after the pair was spotted allegedly loading pilfered goods into a truck.

Police previously reported looting arrests as the fires burned. Santa Rosa imposed a curfew in evacuation zones because so many houses were empty.

Thompson and other members of Congress, meanwhile, were asked to look at ensuring immigrants living in the country illegally are not at risk if they contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They were also asked to look into improving the system for alerting people of pending disasters, a more difficult task now that more homes rely on cellphones instead of landlines.

It will be a tale of 2 countries as open enrollment begins

By Kyle Potter
Associated Press

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A woman walks past the Briva Health enrollment office for MNsure, Minnesota's insurance marketplace Thursday in Minneapolis. Health care consumers in most of the country are encountering a world of confusion and chaos as the open enrollment period to sign up for coverage approaches. The outlook is decidedly different in the 12 states that operate their own marketplaces.

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The Trump administration's efforts to undermine the Affordable Care Act have health care advocates and insurers concerned that the open enrollment period will be one of chaos and confusion.

That's not true everywhere.

A dozen states operate their own health insurance marketplaces, maintaining control over advertising and the help they can offer consumers. That will create a striking difference when open enrollment begins Wednesday between those states and the others that rely on the federal marketplace, essentially creating a tale of two countries.

For the individual health insurance market in much of the country, the Trump administration has slashed spending on advertising by 90 percent and drastically reduced budgets for the groups that help consumers choose a plan.

It cut the open enrollment period in half, to six weeks. Shortening the sign-up window further, the federal government will shut down its online marketplace, healthcare.gov, for 12 hours of maintenance nearly every Sunday during open enrollment.

The 12 states with their own exchanges are free to chart their own course and make it easier on consumers.

Nine have extended open enrollment beyond Dec. 15 — by a week in some states and six weeks in others.

They also can make their own decisions about spending because their budgets are free from Washington politics. State-run exchanges typically pay for their operations through fees charged to insurers on plans sold through their marketplace.

Minnesota, Colorado and Washington will continue heavy advertising for their exchanges. Thousands of enrollment specialists will continue to help consumers navigate insurance plans in California and New York.

For many of these states, 2018 looks like a payoff for the political risks and costs they assumed when they decided to set up their own exchanges.

"When I think about what's going on at the federal level, I'm sure glad we have the reins here at the state," said Allison O'Toole, director of Minnesota's health insurance exchange, MNsure.

With the help of a separate and costly state program that is keeping premiums stable for 2018, O'Toole said she thinks Minnesota's exchange may be on track for its best year yet.

No state is totally immune from the spikes in insurance premiums since the health care overhaul launched in 2014.

Many states are bracing for double-digit rate hikes in the individual market, from an average increase of 12.5 percent in California to jumps of roughly 45 percent in Florida and nearly 60 percent in Iowa. Premiums for the most popular plans are up 34 percent nationwide, on average.

Millions of shoppers, whether they buy coverage on HealthCare.gov or through their state's marketplace, will see another modest spike after Trump's decision earlier this month to halt payments to insurers that help cover some consumers' deductibles and co-pays. Trump called those cost-sharing payments "bailouts" to insurance companies.

The federal subsidy on actual premiums remains, but some state officials are concerned that consumers will be confused and believe those, too, have been eliminated. The worry is that they simply would not bother to shop for a plan, thinking they couldn't afford it. About 12 million Americans buy individual overage on the exchanges, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The morning after Trump's Oct. 12 announcement, Colorado's Connect for Health exchange sent an email blast to current and prospective enrollees, stressing that "financial help is still available for 2018."

That's the kind of autonomy that gives states with an independent marketplace an upper-hand, said Larry Levitt of the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation.

"That's where state-based exchanges are maybe in the best position to help stabilize markets, by just putting extra resources into educating consumers in a very confusing time," he said. "They have the ability to dial that up at times like this."

Amid the changes at the federal level, California is staying the course. As always, open enrollment on Covered California, the state marketplace, will run through January.

Its $66 million advertising budget is steady from last year — and more than six times the total that HealthCare.gov will spend in all 38 states it covers.

Peter Lee, Covered California's executive director, was perplexed by the Trump administration's decision to gut advertising spending. With premiums on the rise and confusion mounting, promotion and marketing are more critical than ever, he said.

"Health insurance needs to be sold. To walk away from selling it is a formula for increased costs," Lee said.

In Washington state, lawmakers set aside an extra $1.5 million to help their marketplace cut through the confusion.

The state's Healthplanfinder has added four enrollment centers — for a total of six — and is running digital and radio ads that promote the exchange as a beacon of stability amid the uncertainty in much of the rest of the nation.

Chief Marketing Officer Michael Marchand is grateful for Washington's independence from the federally run marketplace. That is particularly true when it comes to so-called navigators, the specialists who fan out across the state to help consumers study various plans and enroll.

State-based exchanges in Washington and elsewhere are maintaining their funding levels at a time when the federal government has slashed navigator grants from $63 million to $36 million.

"They have to play by the house rules," Marchand said of the states using the federal marketplace. "That's a difficult thing."

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Clooney's 'Suburbicon' tanks, 'Saw' sequel No. 1 with $16.3M

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — George Clooney's "Suburbicon" notched one of the most dismal wide-release debuts in recent years on a sluggish pre-Halloween weekend where the horror sequel "Jigsaw" topped all releases despite an underperforming debut.

The eighth "Saw" film landed at No. 1 with $16.3 million in North American ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday. That came in below industry expectations and suggested the revived "Saw" franchise isn't connecting with audiences the way other recent horror entries have.

In its first release since the Harvey Weinstein scandal began unfolding, the beleaguered Weinstein Co. feebly released a horror sequel of its own: "Amityville: The Awakening." It played in an unusual Saturday-only engagement on just 10 screens, and grossed a mere $742.

"Jigsaw" distributor Lionsgate also claimed the No. 2 spot with $10 million in the second week of release for "Tyler Perry's Boo 2! A Madea Halloween."

Made for about $10 million, "Jigsaw" comes seven years after the notoriously gruesome franchise — famously dubbed "torture porn" — bid adieu with "Saw 3D: The Final Chapter."

Critics weren't happy to see its return, giving "Jigsaw" a 39 percent Rotten Tomatoes score. The Hollywood Reporter said the film "now feels like an outlier in a horror marketplace dominated by films that typically favor spooks over spurts." Opening-weekend moviegoers also weren't overwhelmed, giving the film a modest B CinemaScore.

But that rating still easily surpassed the D-minus grade that greeted Clooney's latest directorial effort. Despite debuting on more than 2,000 screens, "Suburbicon" managed just $2.8 million, making it one of Paramount Pictures' worst performing wide-releases ever and marking a new box-office low for Clooney as a director and star Matt Damon.

"Obviously we are disappointed in these results which we don't feel are indicative of the quality and message of his original movie," said Kyle Davies, president of distribution for Paramount.

"Suburbicon," which debuted at the Venice Film Festival, was crafted as a fusion between an old Joel and Ethan Coen home-invasion comedy script and a more pointed satire of racism in a 1959 suburb. Critics didn't respond well to the mix, either; its Rotten Tomatoes score is just 26 percent fresh.

Paramount paid $10 million for domestic distribution rights for the Black Bear Pictures production, made for about $25 million. The studio has recently backed several divisive releases from respected filmmakers, including Darren Aronofsky's "mother!," which also sputtered at the box office and garnered an even worse F CinemaScore.

The Miles Teller PTSD drama "Thank You For Your Service," directed by "American Sniper" writer Jason Hall, also opened weakly with $3.7 million in 2,054 theaters for DreamWorks and Universal.

Business overall was slow ahead of Halloween. Weekend ticket sales totaled about $75 million, according to comScore, making it the second-lowest grossing frame of the year in the U.S. and Canada. But overseas, where "Thor: Ragnarok" began its worldwide rollout, was a different story. The Disney release grossed $107.6 million internationally from about 52 percent of the marketplace. The "Thor" sequel opens in North America, China and elsewhere on Friday.

Yet a release in China couldn't rescue the box-office disappointment "Blade Runner 2049." Denis Villeneuve's film, starring Ryan Gosling and Harrison Ford, added $16.6 million overseas this weekend, including its China debut. The film, distributed by Warner Bros. in North America and Sony internationally, has earned $223.4 million globally in three weeks of release.

Hilary Bronwyn Gayle/Paramount Pictures via AP

This file image released by Paramount Pictures shows Julianne Moore, left, and Matt Damon in a scene from "Suburbicon."

Ticket sales

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Jigsaw,"	$16.3 million
2. "Boo 2! A Madea Halloween,"	$10 million
3. "Geostorm,"	$5.7 million
4. "Happy Death Day,"	$5.1 million
5. "Blade Runner 2049,"	$4 million
6. "Thank You for Your Service,"	$3.7 million
7. "Only the Brave,"	$3.5 million
8. "The Foreigner,"	$3.2 million
9. "Suburbicon,"	$2.8 million
10. "It,"	$2.5 million

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at International theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Thor: Ragnarok,"	$107.6 million
2. "Geostorm,"	$49.3 million
3. "Suck Me Shakespeer 3,"	$18.3 million
4. "Blade Runner 2049,"	$16.6 million
5. "Kingsman: The Golden Circle,"	$13.4 million
6. "Jigsaw,"	$9.5 million
7. "Coco,"	$8.4 million
8. "Never Say Die,"	$6.9 million
9. "It,"	$6.3 million
10. "Marry Me, Dude,"	$5.3 million

Insider Q&A: Pinterest CEO Ben Silbermann talks AI, rivals

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

Silbermann

NEW YORK — Pinterest often gets lumped in with social media apps like Instagram, Snapchat or Facebook, but people don't use it to meet new people or to keep in touch with old classmates. It's designed more to let you get in touch with your own interests, tastes and hobbies.

"There other people also using it, but the goal is not to make friends with them or talk with them," says Ben Silbermann, the company's CEO and co-founder. "It's really just to get ideas for your life."

The online visual discovery service launched in 2010. Still privately held, Pinterest is valued at more than $12 billion based on its latest funding round. It has 200 million monthly users.

Silbermann spoke to The Associated Press about new technologies and competition. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: What kinds of things do you see people pinning and looking at that you weren't seeing a year ago?

A: Every day we are surprised (by) what users think to use Pinterest for. New things that are getting really popular are things like tattoos. We see a lot of enthusiasts, car enthusiasts, woodworking enthusiasts, who are using Pinterest to get ideas for that.

Q: You are using AI, like with Lens where you can take a photo or screenshot of something and find it on Pinterest. What are some of the challenges of AI?

A: We use machine learning, or AI, in two big ways. One is to help you get personal recommendations that align with your taste. And the challenge there is that a lot of times people know what they like when they see it but they might not know how to communicate that in words. So we work really hard to try to understand your taste even if you can't quite describe it and show you things that are similar.

And the other one is an area we call computer vision. We really think that in the future the camera is going to be the next keyboard. It's going to be a fundamental way that you learn about the world around you.

Q: You just hit 200 million monthly users. Can you talk about the demographics of your user base now vs. when you started out?

A: A lot of our early users were in the U.S., a lot of them were women and a lot of them were in the Midwest where I grew up. So they weren't what you think about stereotypical tech early adopters. The last couple of years we have grown really fast outside of the U.S. in places like Western Europe, Japan and Brazil. And ... with that growth we see more and more diversity in how people are using the service.

Q: Can you talk about the ways Pinterest makes money and any new plans?

A: The way we make money is advertising. And the reason that advertising has always made sense to us as the right model is that people come to Pinterest to get ideas. Ideas for their home or ideas for clothes. And what they really want eventually, after they get inspiration, is to figure out, "Where can I buy that?" or "Where can I make that part of my life?"

That's what some of our best advertisers are doing, helping them kind of close the loop. That's pretty different from a lot of services where you are there to do one thing, maybe be entertained or talk to your friends or watch a show, and advertisers just say, "Hey, now that we have your attention, we'll use that attention for something else."

Q: Are you worried about larger competitors, like Amazon with its recent Spark feature, copying what you are doing?

A: What I always tell our team is that a lot of those companies are building the features that we released months or years ago. We need to keep focusing on building the next set of things that would make our users really happy and really love this service. There will always be competitors that are copying what have already built and have shown is working.

Halloween Coloring Contest

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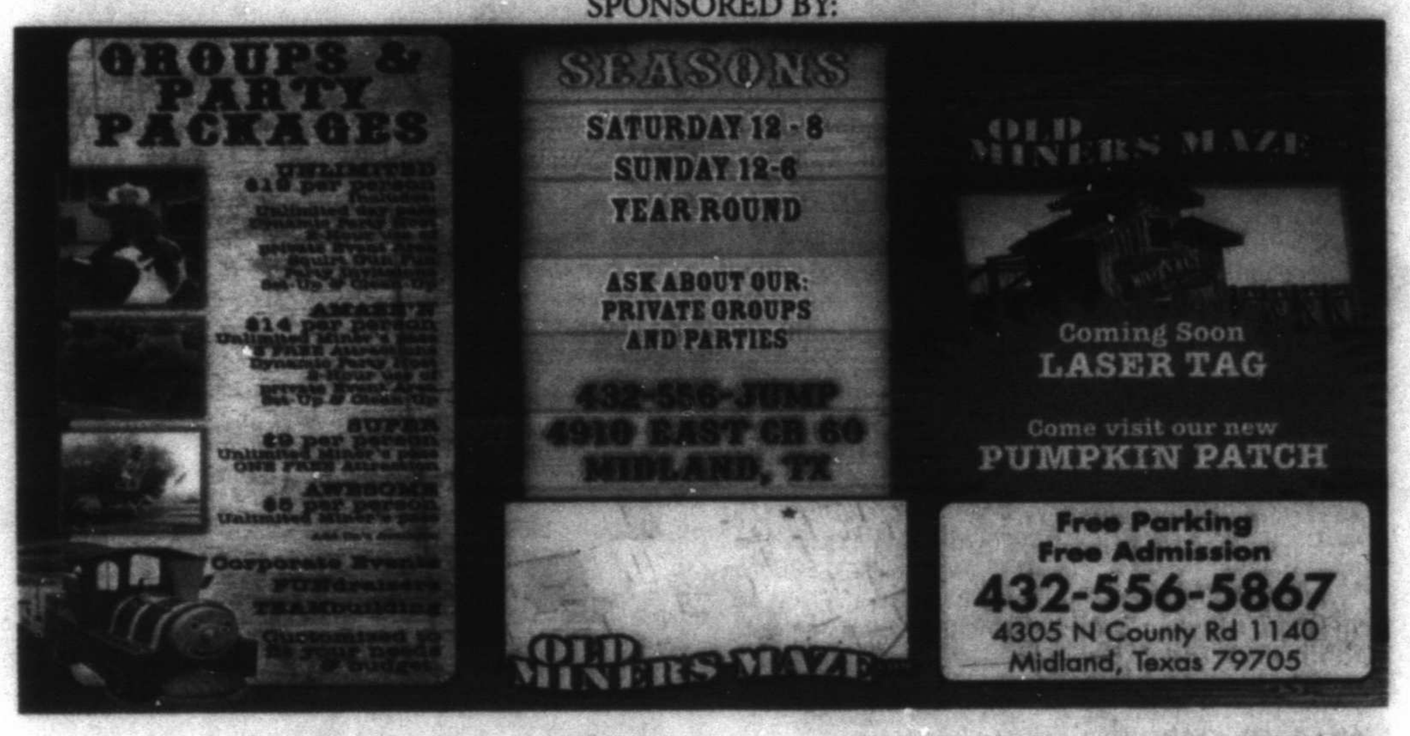

Contest Rules:

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

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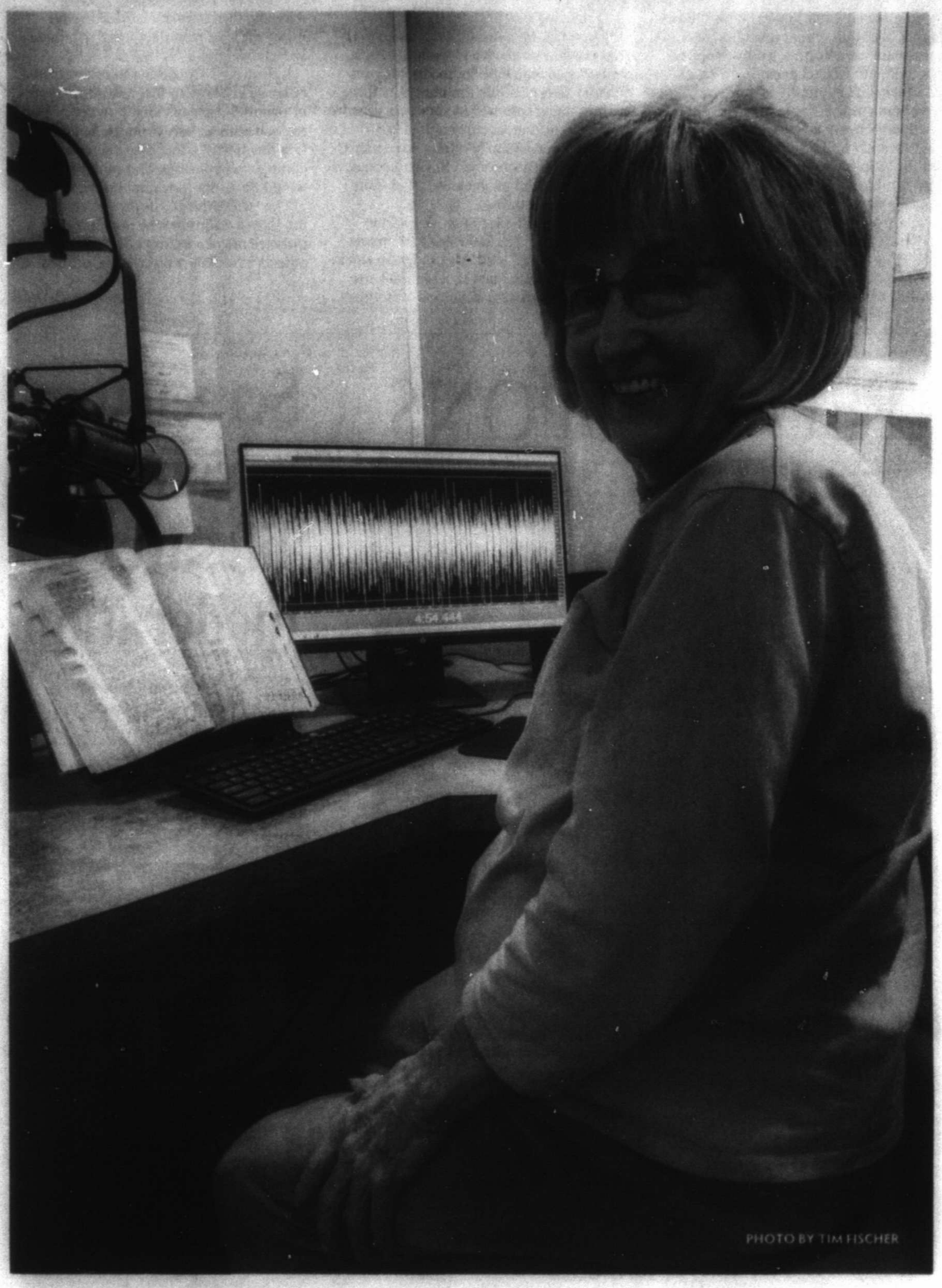

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EXA KAYE LUMAN

RECORDING LIBRARY OF WEST TEXAS, MIDLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Professional and community involvement: I volunteer at the Recording Library of West Texas, and I am Precinct 403 chair, Midland County Democratic Party. I taught computer information systems courses at South Plains College in Levelland for 25 years. Before that, I was a housewife, mother of three and piano teacher in Bledsoe.

How did you decide to serve the community as a volunteer at the Recording Library of West Texas? There was an insert in my water bill. I asked whether a West Texas accent was acceptable, and (volunteer coordinator) Cindy Johnson said that it was.

How did you get involved with the Midland County Democratic Party? My parents instilled in me a belief in the importance of the right to vote and fair elections. My mother, Faye Ainsworth, was the Democratic precinct chair in Bledsoe for many years.

What talents and skills do you share with the community through your role at the recording library and the Democratic Party? I have a love of reading and the ability to speak clearly. As a Democratic Party member, I served as a poll watcher. I've occasionally kept the minutes for our secretary, Margie Titus. I am still trying to learn as much as I can about civil rights and voting rights.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a volunteer? I learned not to put your hand on the microphone and not to make noises that will be recorded. The needs of our recording library listeners were surprising to me. They need to hear the obituaries and the grocery ads. As a Democrat, I was surprised that there were not more of us.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? Reading for the blind is very important. Also, I just enjoy doing it. I like to think about the people who may be listening to the articles, books and ads that I am reading. I hope they get some benefit from them. Maybe they even get a laugh, now and then. Democratic Party membership is important because of my belief in civil rights, voting rights and fair elections.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I moved here in 2012 after my husband died in 2011. I will stay here because my daughter, Exa René Franks, lives here. I own a home here, and I have made good friends since moving here. Midland people were friendly and kind from the beginning, and they still are.

What else would you like our readers to know about you? I am named for my grandmother, Exa Estelle Brumley Ainsworth. I have two granddaughters, Erin Exa Franks and Exa Ines Rendon. I don't know where the name Exa originated, but it was kind of popular in the 1880s.

To learn more about the library, go to www.recordinglibrary.org/about/ and click "listen to live RLWT radio."

"HER FAMILIAR, FRIENDLY VOICE IS A COMFORT AND A JOY TO OUR LISTENERS"

I have had the pleasure of knowing Exa Kaye for many years, and she is an exceptional person. Her giving spirit is quite special.

Exa Kaye has been a volunteer at the recording library since 2013, and she dedicates several hours three days a week to record literature for the visually impaired. She does more than just read words on paper; she puts her heart into every project. Her familiar, friendly voice is a comfort and a joy to our visually impaired listeners.

I admire the way she has jumped into the Midland community since she moved here. She has spent time getting to know the community, especially ways to serve.

She will record any type of material — from grocery ads to complicated textbooks to rap lyrics. I have heard our staff say many times, "Maybe we can ask Exa Kaye to do it?" She never turns them down.

Volunteers are the heart of our organization. In 2016, Exa Kaye gave more than 350 hours of her personal time in service to our listeners. For the last five years, she has consistently been one of our top three volunteers in service hours.

Exa Kaye is truly invaluable to our organization and to the community. Her intelligence is only exceeded by her loving kindness toward all. I am very proud to know her.

Trish Humes Speight, *executive director, Recording Library of West Texas*

"SHE'S WELL-VERSED IN MANY ASPECTS OF WHAT WE DO HERE"

Exa Kaye is a brilliant and talented woman. She's well-versed in many aspects of what we do here because she's always eager to learn something new.

I've had the pleasure of visiting with her about her life. I quickly learned she has seen a lot of things that would have broken lesser people. Not only has she seen her way through them, she's managed to do so without becoming bitter.

She lights up any room she enters. I'm betting that if anyone knows the secret to being happy in life, it's Exa Kaye Luman.

Chris Brown, *station manager, Recording Library of West Texas*

To read additional "testimonial" to Exa Kaye Lumen, visit mrt.com.

"SHE HAS A KEEN EYE, A WILLING HEART AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES"

Exa Kaye Luman is someone I am proud to call my friend. She has taught me much over the past few years. After farming and teaching in the Panhandle, Exa brought her talents to Midland. She has a keen eye and a willing heart and doesn't just show up; she actively participates, and we are all the better for it.

Exa has served the Midland County Democratic Party well, both as a poll watcher and an election worker. There are not many people who are willing to be at a polling place to work at 6 a.m., but just about every election, Exa can be counted upon to be there with a smile and her endless supply of note pads.

While poll watching, she keeps pages of handwritten notes, making sure, to the best of her ability, that every election judge working at her polling place does so within the prescribed lines set forth by the Legislature. Her copious note-taking has come in handy in her capacity as stand-by secretary when the elected secretary is unable to attend.

I am very pleased to be honoring Exa Kay Luman in this way. She and her entire family should be proud that she is recognized as an outstanding member of our community.

David Rosen, *Midland County Democratic Party chair*

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3-D printing used to create lunar lander's legs

By Oliver Sachgau
Bloomberg

In what promises to be one small step for space travel, and one giant leap for the next generation of manufacturing, an Israeli startup is planning to land a vehicle on the moon that has crucial parts made using 3-D printing technology.

SpaceIL is among five teams vying for Google's $30 million in prize money to get a spacecraft to the moon by the end of March.

One of the startup's suppliers, Zurich-based RUAG Space, advised turning to 3-D printing to manufacture the legs of its unmanned lunar lander. With financial stakes high and a tight deadline, SpaceIL engineers were at first deeply skeptical, according to RUAG executive Franck Mouriaux. They finally acquiesced after a lot of convincing.

"Space is very conservative," Mouriaux said recently at the first ever conference for the industry to be held in Munich, a city that has emerged as a global hub for development of the process also known as additive manufacturing. "We need to convince people that this technology is real."

The executive's pitch highlights the hurdles faced by proponents of industrial 3-D printing.

They say deep-seated reluctance to try the production method is holding back wider acceptance of the technology on factory floors. While the market is forecast to quadruple within six years to more than $26 billion, according to a 2017 study by consultant Wohlers Associates, it's still mostly confined to small projects and customized businesses rather than mass manufacturing.

"There's still a lot of work to do to make sure we can make additive manufacturing work," said Alexander Susanek, head of BMW's Plant 0, a German site where the carmaker develops prototypes. Already, the company is working on using additive manufacturing to reduce vehicle weight.

Industrial 3-D printing uses lasers and other technology to fuse ultra-thin layers of material such as metal powder or polymers, building parts from the bottom up. In a few hours, a machine can construct complex components that otherwise would be difficult or impossible to make.

This offers the possibility of creating lighter, more flexible designs. For instance, incorporating hollow tubes into objects to reduce weight or divert heat is

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AUTOMATED COUPONS

Myung J. Chun/Los Angeles Times/TNS

Honey is a quickly growing Los Angeles start-up that has amassed 5 million monthly users largely through word of mouth.

Honey extension helps online shoppers save money

By David Pierson
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Ryan Hudson was trying to order pizza online for his two children when he was prompted to enter a coupon code at checkout.

Hudson knew better than to bother searching for a discount. His kids were hungry and he didn't have time to scan the internet for coupons that had either expired or didn't apply to the cheese pizza he wanted to order.

"And then it hit me. 'Why can't I just automate the process?'" said Hudson, a computer engineer turned entrepreneur.

The software Hudson cobbled together that night would form the basis for a startup he cofounded called Honey.

Headquartered in downtown Los Angeles, Honey offers a free extension for Google Chrome, Firefox and Safari that aggregates discount codes for whichever shopping site a user visits.

When it comes time to make an online purchase, the extension automatically applies any code it finds that saves the shopper the most money. Since there's no need for customers to navigate away from a checkout page in search of coupons, shoppers who use Honey's extension are 55 percent more likely to complete a transaction than those that don't, the company says.

"It's better for the shopper because you don't have that feeling you paid too much," said George Ruan, Honey's other cofounder. "But it's also better for the merchant because people are completing the purchase."

Honey's extension, which appears at the top right corner of the browser, works with thousands of online stores. The company's 5 million users save an average of $32 a month. Already this year, users have collectively saved $170 million through discounts, more than the $109 million saved all of last year.

Honey compiles information about the coupons that work and the ones that don't through its users (kind of like how drivers feed traffic data to Waze). The company says it does not share that data with any third parties.

In addition to its extension, Honey operates a website promoting shopping deals, which garners 10 million unique monthly visitors.

"We see a lot of opportunity to make it easier for people to shop across stores," said Hudson, 37, who launched the company in 2012 with Ruan. "There hasn't been anybody helping the average consumer solve this problem."

The company makes money from commissions earned by directing users to specific merchants. Honey splits those commissions with users who sign up for a no-cost rewards program called Honey Gold.

Hudson and Ruan scraped together $100,000 to launch the company, but have since raised $40.8 million in venture backing — most of which came from a previously unreported $26 million Series C funding round in March led by Anthos Capital.

The infusion of cash has helped Honey launch a hiring spree. The company started the year with 30 employees. It now has 100 and has plans to add another 50 staffers.

Bryan Kelly, managing partner at Anthos, said Hudson and Ruan never pitched the startup to his firm. Rather, Anthos employees discovered Honey because they were hooked on the

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Survey: People will pay a lot for self-driving technology

By Eric D. Lawrence
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT — Some consumers say they are wary of a driverless car future, but a new survey says the beginnings of the technology that will power that future are already available on most new vehicle models and many consumers are willing to pay thousands of dollars for them.

That self-driving technology has come in the form of active safety features, such as adaptive cruise control, blind-spot detection and automatic parking, which can help a vehicle avoid a collision. The survey found that such features, which were available on less than a quarter of new vehicles in 2012, are now available on more than 60 percent of new models.

"While most may be skeptical when asked if they want a car that drives itself, many consumers might not know that if they've bought a car recently, they could already be experiencing the early stages of automotive autonomy," according to the survey.

The national survey, which was conducted Sept. 19-24, took responses from 1,500 U.S. residents 18-74 who bought or leased a vehicle in the last three years. The survey follows the J.D. Power 2017 U.S. Tech Choice Study released in April, which showed

Andrej Sokolow/DPA/Zuma Press/TNS

A Google self-driving car moves along the roadway at the company's headquarters on May 17, 2016 in Mountain View, Calif.

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Screen time can be 'lifesaver' in moderation

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Parents of small children have long been hearing about the perils of "screen time." And with more screens, and new technologies such as Amazon's Echo speaker, the message is getting louder.

And while plenty of parents are feeling guilty about it, some experts say it might be time to relax a little.

Go ahead and hand your kid a gadget now and then to cook dinner or get some work done. Not all kids can entertain themselves quietly, especially when they are young. Try that, and see how long it takes your toddler to start fishing a banana peel out of the overflowing trash can.

"I know I should limit my kid's screen time a lot, but there is reality," said Dorothy Jean Chang, who works for a tech company in New York and has a 2-year-old son. When she needs to work or finds her son awake too early, "it's the best, easiest way to keep him occupied and quiet."

Screen time, she says, "definitely happens more often than I like to admit."

She's not alone. Common Sense Media, a nonprofit group focused on kids' use of media and technology, said in a report Thursday that kids 8 and under average about 2 hours and 19 minutes with screens every day at home. That's about the same as in 2011, though it's up from an hour and a half in 2013 — the last time the survey was conducted — when smartphones were not yet ubiquitous but TV watching was on the decline.

While the overall numbers have held steady in recent years, kids are shifting to mobile devices and other new technologies, just as their parents are. The survey found kids spend an average of 48 minutes a day on mobile devices, up from 15 minutes in 2013. Kids are also getting exposed to voice-activated assistants, virtual reality and internet-connected toys, for which few guidelines exist because they are so new.

MIXED MESSAGE

Some parents and experts worry that screens are taking time away from exercise and learning.

But studies are inconclusive. The economist Emily Oster said studies have found that kids who watch a lot of TV tend to be poorer, belong to minority groups and have parents with less education — all factors that contribute to higher levels of obesity and lower test scores. For that reason, it's "difficult to draw strong conclusions about the effects of television from this research," Oster wrote in 2015.

The Common Sense survey found that kids whose parents have higher incomes and education spend "substantially less time" with screens than other children. The gap was larger in 2017 than in previous years.

For more than a quarter century, the American Academy of Pediatrics held that kids under 2 should not be exposed to screens at all, and older kids should have strict limits. The rules have relaxed, such that video calls with grandma are OK, though "entertainment" television still isn't. Even so, guidelines still feel out of touch for many parents who use screens of various sizes to preserve their sanity and get things done.

After all, what's the point of putting on an episode of "Daniel Tiger" so you can do laundry if the nation's pediatricians insist you sit with your kid while she's watching it?

"My kids are not any more or less crazy than your average toddlers because we watch a little TV," said Jenny Hopf, a mother of two who co-founded Momidarity, an online video service for moms to connect with each other. "When used at the right time, it's a lifesaver."

Jen Bjorem, a pediatric speech

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)		The Good Doctor "Not Fake" (N)	Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait	9JKL (N)	Me, Myself (N) / Donuts (N)	Scorpion "Queen Scary" (N)	CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family / ALF	Hogan's Heroes / Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Spanish Cross"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lucifer (N)		The Gifted "boXed in" (N)	Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family / Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Faith for Families	The Wings of Truth	Update News	Manl Erfan	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"	Light of the Southwest "Part 2"	Update News	Housecall	Aleph Course	Sounds of Shofar
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	The Voice "The Knockouts Premiere"		The Brave "The Seville Defection" (N)	NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Rd. "Our 50 States - One" (N)		American Masters "Edgar Allan Poe" (N)	Secrets of the Dead "Ben Franklin's Bones"	Poe "The Black Cat"	Theater of the Mind "Trilogy of Terror"
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FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) ★ Grosse Poin...		★★★ Beyond the Sea Kevin Spacey.			★★ Dis-Lovely (04, Bio) Kevin Kline.			(:55) ★ Brokeback ...	
HBO	300	350	14	14		LastWeek	News (N)	★ X-Men Origins: Wolverine		(:50) Doors	(:05) The Deuce		(:20) Curb Your Enth.	★ John Wick: Cha...	
HBO2	302	351	15	101	23	(4:30) ★ Minority Re...		The Deuce (N)		(:15) Curb	(:50) V.Principals (N)	Spielberg A look at the 50-year career of Steven Spielberg.			
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MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:30) ★ The Limey		★★ Daredevil Ben Affleck.		(:45) ★★ S.W.A.T. Samuel L. Jackson.			TourBus	(:15) ★ Central Inte...	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		Movie	(:25) ★ The Forest Natalie Dormer.		★ Ouija: Origin of Evil		(:40) ★★ Final Destination			(:20) ★ Wrong Turn	
PLEX			96			(5:15) ★ Fragile		★★ The Skulls			(:50) ★★ Stargate Kurt Russell.			(:55) ★ White Noise 2: The Light	
SHOW	320	545	19	140	25	Movie	(:45) White	(:15) ★★ Bad Moms ('16, Com) Mila Kunis.		White	Ray Donovan		White	Ray Donovan	
TMC	336	572	22	155	26	(5:30) ★ ★★ Primeval		(:05) ★★★ Punisher: War Zone			★ Bad Ass ('12, Act) Danny Trejo.		★★ Bad Ass 2: Bad Asses		
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CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360	CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight	A. Cooper 360	
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FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Halloween Baking		Halloween Baking		Halloween Baking	Chopped "Spooked"		Halloween "Beware"	Halloween Baking	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:40) ★ Addams Family Values		(:50) ★★ Hocus Pocus ('93, Com) Bette Midler.			The 700 Club			★ Hocus Pocus	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	TMS Race Preview	SportsDay OnAir (N)	Mavericks Insider	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Utah Jazz Site: Vivint Smart Home Arena -- Salt Lake City, Utah (L)			Mavs Post (L)	Cowboys/Conf. (N)	SportsDay OnAir
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ Dracula Un...		★★★ X-Men: Days of Future Past (14, Adv) Ian McKellen, Hugh Jackman.						★ X-Men: Days of Future Past	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) ★ A Very Merr...		★ A Heavenly Christmas Kristin Davis.			★ Once Upon a Holiday Briana Evigan.			★ Hats Off to Chri...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Tiny H.	Tiny H.	Tiny H. / Tiny H.	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Tiny H. / Tiny H.
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MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)	The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow
NBCSN	38	43				NASCAR America (L)		Super High Roller		Super High Roller	Super High Roller		Super High Roller		Super High Roller
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Lip Sync	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House / F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends / Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops / Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops / Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★ ★★★ The Sixth Sense Bruce Willis.				★ Texas Chainsaw 3D			★ The Night Before Halloween		
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy / Family Guy	American Dad!	American Dad!	Conan		Joker's Wild / Conan
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Second husband fails to earn sister-in-law's approval

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My sister "Eileen" is married to her second husband, a man I'll call Harry. He's nice, but some of his choices landed him in jail for a while. I'm polite when we see him, but I don't trust him.

Eileen and Harry live beyond their means. They rent a large house and buy luxury cars rather than something more economical.

These are my observations; I never mention them to my sister. Although she's happy to give advice on what's wrong with my life, she becomes defensive if anyone else says anything about how she lives.

My concern is she refuses to visit or spend time with me and my family without her husband. Before our mom's death a few years ago, I offered to buy her an airline ticket to fly here for a few days to visit.

Because she's very organized, I recently invited her to come — at my expense — and offered to pay her to help me declutter my house. She declined both invitations because I wouldn't buy a ticket for Harry. (I didn't have the money.)

I think my sister's marriage is very co-dependent. Abby, what should I do? — WANTS SOME SISTER TIME

DEAR WANTS SOME SISTER TIME: While Harry may have made some poor choices in the past — for which he has paid the penalty — he seems to make your sister happy.

Assuming that you have told her you love and miss her and would like to be able to spend "sister time" with her, I think it's time to accept that they are a package deal and stop trying to separate them.

Because you crave sister time, offer to go there and visit her.

She seems to be happily living the life she has chosen, so stop putting negative labels on her relationship with her husband.

DEAR ABBY: I never thought I'd be writing you, but I have a situation that needs an objective opinion.

My husband works for a small company owned by a nice couple. They have a teenage daughter who keeps asking to baby-sit our three kids. Abby, we have a special needs child and a new baby. Although the girl seems to be kind and responsible, our children would be a challenge for an adult, let alone a teenager.

Also, we are on a very tight, one-income budget with money needed for therapies. I don't want to mention it because I don't want to insinuate they aren't paying my husband enough, but it is a serious deterrent.

How can I gracefully decline her offers without offending my husband's employer? Keeping him in good standing with his company is my primary concern because he works hard and loves his job. — ANONYMOUS IN THE USA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Explain your refusal as an abridged version of what you wrote to me. Thank the girl for her kind offer and tell her that because your older child has special needs and the baby requires constant supervision, you prefer not to have anyone baby-sit until they are older. The explanation is reasonable, logical and the truth.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

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

♠ J 10 8 2 ♡ A K Q 10 3 ◊ 4 ♣ A J 8

With the opponents passing, you open one heart and partner responds one no-trump. What is your rebid?

A — Too strong to pass and not good enough to reverse into two spades. What's left? We would bid two clubs.

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

♠ 10 9 8 7 4 ♡ 8 7 5 ◊ A 8 7 ♣ 4 3

Partner opens one diamond and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

A — Most experts will respond anytime they have an ace, especially when they have a five-card major. Bid one spade.

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

♠ Q ♡ K J 9 8 ◊ Q 8 6 ♣ A 9 8 4 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass

What call would you make?

A — Two hearts would show extras and this is a bare minimum. Two clubs would show six, or at least five good ones. Bid one no-trump.

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

♠ 9 ♡ A Q J ◊ J 10 ♣ A J 10 9 8 4 3

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1◊	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass

What call would you make?

A — Three no-trump might reach on a good day, but it is not likely. Bid three clubs.

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App Store Official Charts for the week ending Oct. 22

Top Paid IPhone Apps:
1. Minecraft, Mojang
2. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
3. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
4. ARIMOJI by Ariana Grande, Bkstg Inc.
5. NBA 2K18, 2K
6. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
7. Tiny Wings, Andreas Illiger
8. iSchedule, HotSchedules
9. kirakira+, Kentaro Yama
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5. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
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6. XtraMath, XtraMath
7. Geometry Dash, Rob-Top Games AB
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4. Google Chrome, Google, Inc.
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7. Snake VS Block, Voodoo
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iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Oct. 22

iTunes Movies US Charts:
1. Spider-Man: Homecoming
2. Baby Driver
3. The Dark Tower
4. Girls Trip
5. Office Christmas Party
6. Wonder Woman (2017)
7. The House (2017)
8. The Big Sick
9. Transformers: The Last Knight
10. The Mummy (2017)

iTunes Movies US Charts — Independent:
1. Brawl in Cell Block 99
2. The Beguiled (2017)
3. Walking Out
4. Landline
5. Colossal
6. Dealt
7. The Secret Scripture
8. Mr. Holmes
9. Her (2013)
10. Beatriz At Dinner

Source: Apple Inc.

AP file photo

A child plays with an iPad Oct. 21, 2011 in his bedroom. Parents of small children have long been hearing about the perils of "screen time." And with more screens, it's only getting worse. But working, taking care of children and remembering to eat is exhausting. Parents need those minutes of quiet. So maybe it's time to relax a little.

SCREEN

From 2B

pathologist in Leawood, Kansas, said that while it's "quite unrealistic" for many families to totally do away with screen time, balance is key.

"Screen time can be a relief for many parents during times of high stress or just needing a break," she said.

Everything in moderation

Bjorem recommends using "visual schedules" that toddlers can understand to set limits.

Instead of words, these schedules have images — of dinner, bed time, reading or TV time, for example. Another idea for toddlers?

"Sensory bins," or plastic tubs filled with beads, dry pasta and other stuff kids can play around with and, ideally, be just as absorbed as in mobile app or an episode of "Elmo."

Of course, some kids will play with these carefully crafted, Pinterest-worthy bins only for a few minutes.

Then they might start throwing beans and pasta all over your living room. So you clean up, put away the bins and turn on the TV.

In an interview, Oster said that while screen time "is probably not as good for your kid as high-quality engagement" with parents, such engagement is probably not something we can give our kids all the time.

"Sometimes you just need them to watch a little bit of TV because you have to do something, or you need (it) to be a better parent," Oster said.

SURVEY

From 2B

an increased wariness of fully self-driving technology even as consumers continue to want driver-assistance technology.

The Edmunds survey found that 61 percent of those who responded would pay extra for blind-spot detection — the most in-demand active safety feature — while 24 percent said they would not pay extra for any of the features.

The survey said 42 percent would be willing to pay $1,000 to $2,000 for such features, and 16 percent would be willing to pay $3,000 or more.

"While there are a number of ways one can define who's 'leading' in the race to autonomy, analyzing the prevalence of active safety features demonstrates just how ready (automakers) are to bring this technology to mass production, and how willing consumers are to adopt it," Jessica Caldwell, executive director of industry analysis at Edmunds, said in a news release. "While some car buyers may view a fully autonomous vehicle as a novelty, a vehicle that has the ability to prevent an accident before it occurs is seen as a safety breakthrough."

Among automakers' 2017 models, Tesla leads the pack for offering active safety features with 57, followed by Volvo with 47 and Honda at 37.

At the bottom, Mitsubishi (3) offers the fewest, behind Fiat Chrysler (7). Nissan and General Motors were tied with 13 and Ford offers 14.

The survey noted, however, that Tesla's place might be precarious.

"While Tesla holds the top spot among 2017 models, the speed with which autonomous development is moving could produce a much different ranking in subsequent model years," the survey said.

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HONEY

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extension.

"Their approach is genius," Kelly said. "They're not asking the consumer to do anything other than save money. The experience is frictionless."

Hudson and Ruan said Honey was profitable, but declined to disclose its revenue.

Honey currently offers discount deals for 21,000 online merchants.

About 9,000 of those merchants pay Honey commissions for delivering sales, including Macy's, Target and Wal-Mart.

Amazon, however, isn't one of them — and that represents Honey's biggest risk.

The online retailing giant currently commands 37 percent of all U.S. e-commerce sales, according to Needham & Co.

By 2021, that number is expected to reach 50 percent, leaving Honey with even fewer merchants as potential partners.

Hudson and Ruan say there's little they can do except hope consumers shop elsewhere in recognition Amazon needs competition to keep prices down.

Still, Honey has found a way to stay relevant to Amazon shoppers by including a price-tracking feature in its coupon code extension.

The tracker, called Droplist, can be programmed to notify Honey users when an item's price on Amazon has fallen to a desired level so they can pounce on the purchase.

Honey is currently only available on desktop — which explains why Hudson and Ruan failed to interest investors when they first started.

Despite the mobile revolution, Honey's founders argued comparison shopping still lived — and lives — on desktop.

"Most Americans have 20 years' experience of comparison shopping on their desktops," said Ruan, 38. "So our thesis was it was very difficult to get people comfortable checking out on one site only. It's very hard to do comparison shopping and look up coupons on your phone."

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3-D

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something that can't be done when casting with molds.

So far, 3-D printing is mostly used to build quick prototypes, and integration into full-scale manufacturing has been limited by material and cost issues.

At the industry conference in Munich, executives said they're caught in a chicken-and-egg situation where more companies need to invest to improve additive manufacturing, but many don't want to spend money until it gets more advanced.

Pooling of resources may help, executives said, pointing out that this is already starting to happen through partnership agreements and the buying and selling of companies.

General Electric last year spent $599 million for a 75-percent stake in Germany's Concept Laser, a maker of 3-D printers. GE has also signed a supply agreement with OC Oerlikon Corp under which the U.S. company becomes Oerlikon's preferred source of 3-D printers, and the Swiss firm supplies GE with parts and metal powders.

"Even GE, a giant, can't cover the whole field themselves," Oerlikon Chief Executive Officer Roland Fischer said in an interview at the event. "It's necessary to have experts in the various fields like materials or printers." For its part, Oerlikon is aiming to cover the so-called process chain of 3-D printing.

GE rival Siemens has reached its own deal with EOS Electro Optical Systems, one of the largest makers of 3-D printers, to automate every EOS machine with the engineering firm's technology.

"Partnerships are hugely important right now," Karsten Heuser, Siemens vice president of additive manufacturing, said in an interview. "Like with many startup technologies, everyone was going their own way."

3-D printing has made inroads in some health-care industries because of the need to make customized objects such as artificial hip joints and orthodontic retainers.

The aerospace market is also opening up amid the drive to make parts lighter to save fuel.

Other industries have been slower on uptake because cost benefits aren't as great, Susanek said.

As for space flight, SpaceIL's moon-bound vehicle won't be the first for 3-D printing, although it could be for such a key component like landing legs.

NASA uses additive manufacturing in the International Space Station to print spare parts and tools as well as for experiments, according to the agency's website.

SpaceIL's project hasn't gone forward without hiccups, with some failures in initial testing, according to Mouriaux, adding that the "printed" struts weren't to blame.

Instead, he said, the lunar lander's engine made using conventional methods was found to be at fault.

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AUDIO ACOUSTICS

Why do hearing aids cost more than my smartphone?

By Orland Purcell Au. D, CCC-A

I hear this question sometimes—after all, both are electronic devices full of microchips and tiny circuit boards.

ORLAND PURCELL, AU. D.

This is a good question. There are three main differences that influence the cost: manufacturing, distribution and economies of scale.

Let me explain.

It's true, the actual *parts* involved in a hearing aid aren't that expensive—but they make up only 10 percent of the cost.

The main cost factor in manufacturing is the research and development involved. A hearing aid is much more than just the tiny mic and speaker. Just making all sounds louder doesn't work because few people have the same amount of hearing loss across the frequency range.

Then there's the need to adjust for different sound environments, from a quiet evening at home to a noisy party or restaurant. And now, many hearing aids include Bluetooth interface capability.

Achieving all this (and other factors) takes tremendous research and development. Each manufacturer employs an extensive research team that creates new equipment and platforms. Electrical engineers, audiologists, programmers and even musicologists also lend their skills.

Once developed, new features require 2-5 years of testing before they're made available to you. All this is very costly.

Then there's the cost for your audiologist (hopefully me) to evaluate your hearing, help you choose the right hearing aid from among many choices, fit them to your ears and provide followup. All that time your audiologist (with extensive and ongoing training in hearing itself and in technology) is helping you understand how it works, what to expect in the adjustment period and explaining the "care and feeding" if you will, of your hearing aids.

Office expenses such as the phone we answer, the lights we see you by and other necessary costs are factored in. All of this helps you get the very best hearing experience possible.

One more thing—economies of scale, or the number of units sold based on all that research and training.

The more of a product that is sold, the less the R&D costs per unit. For example, Apple sold 32.4 million iPhones just in the US in 2011. That same year, all makers combined sold only 2 million hearing aids in the US.

This low sales count for hearing aids is not likely to change any time soon. A 2012 Marketrak survey done by the Better Hearing Institute asked the following question of people who were not currently hearing aid wearers: If you could have hearing aids for free that were invisible and that would solve your hearing problems, would you wear them? Even though the hypothetical scenario solved the two biggest complaints about hearing aids—cost and visibility—a stunning 45 percent still said no.

So the economy of scale, which is one of the main factors in cost, is not likely to change any time soon.

I hope this helps you understand the cost of hearing aids—and encourages you, if you have hearing loss, to take advantage of the tremendous research and development that's helped today's hearing aids become better and better of the last few years.

You, your family and your friends will be so happy if you do.

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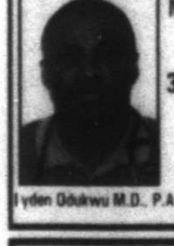
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Perseverance pays off for Nelson, Lady Bulldogs

By Will Korn
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Two offseasons ago, sophomore right side Sarah Nelson and the Midland High volleyball program set out in search of greatness.

Soon after a loss to Amarillo High in the area round of the 2015 Class 6A playoffs, the Lady Bulldogs came together with a question: How do we become a championship team?

It was their first appearance in the area round since the 2010 season and the progress was clear and encouraging. But MHS was looking to take the next step.

Then in 2016, MHS broke through to the regional quarterfinal, where it challenged state power Keller before falling in a sweep. The discussion continued and the Lady Bulldogs believe they may have found an answer this season.

"Perseverance" was the word the now third-year varsity senior Nelson used to describe a 2017 campaign that saw MHS, led by its 12 seniors, win the District 2-6A title with a perfect 12-0 mark.

"We had a sit down and we talked about 'Who do we want to be and how do we get there?' With that being said, stakes were raised, expectations were raised and the beauty of it was that the girls (themselves) wanted it," said MHS head coach Amanda Lopez. "It was what we wanted to do . . . together. I say for all of the seniors, we all went through it together. It has been really neat."

The Lady Bulldogs (30-12) aim to continue their upward trend beginning at 5 p.m. today, when they take on El Paso Eastwood (28-12) in the bi-district round of the Class 6A playoffs at Pete P. Gallego Center on the campus of Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

One might also use "perseverance" to describe Nelson and her role in the program's direction over the last couple of seasons.

After the area loss to Amarillo, Nelson had just completed her first varsity season. Thanks to her height and strong block on the right side, she was a regular contributor for an MHS team that finished 19-19 overall in 2015.

But she wasn't sure where she might fit in on the 2016 squad. And to boot, a grueling offseason awaited her and her teammates with a new championship mentality at the focefront.

"With volleyball at the time, I didn't know where I was playing-wise," Nelson said. "It was a big growth moment for me. The program was very competitive and you fought for your spot. You had to go your hardest every day.

"I remember it was probably our hardest offseason. I remember it

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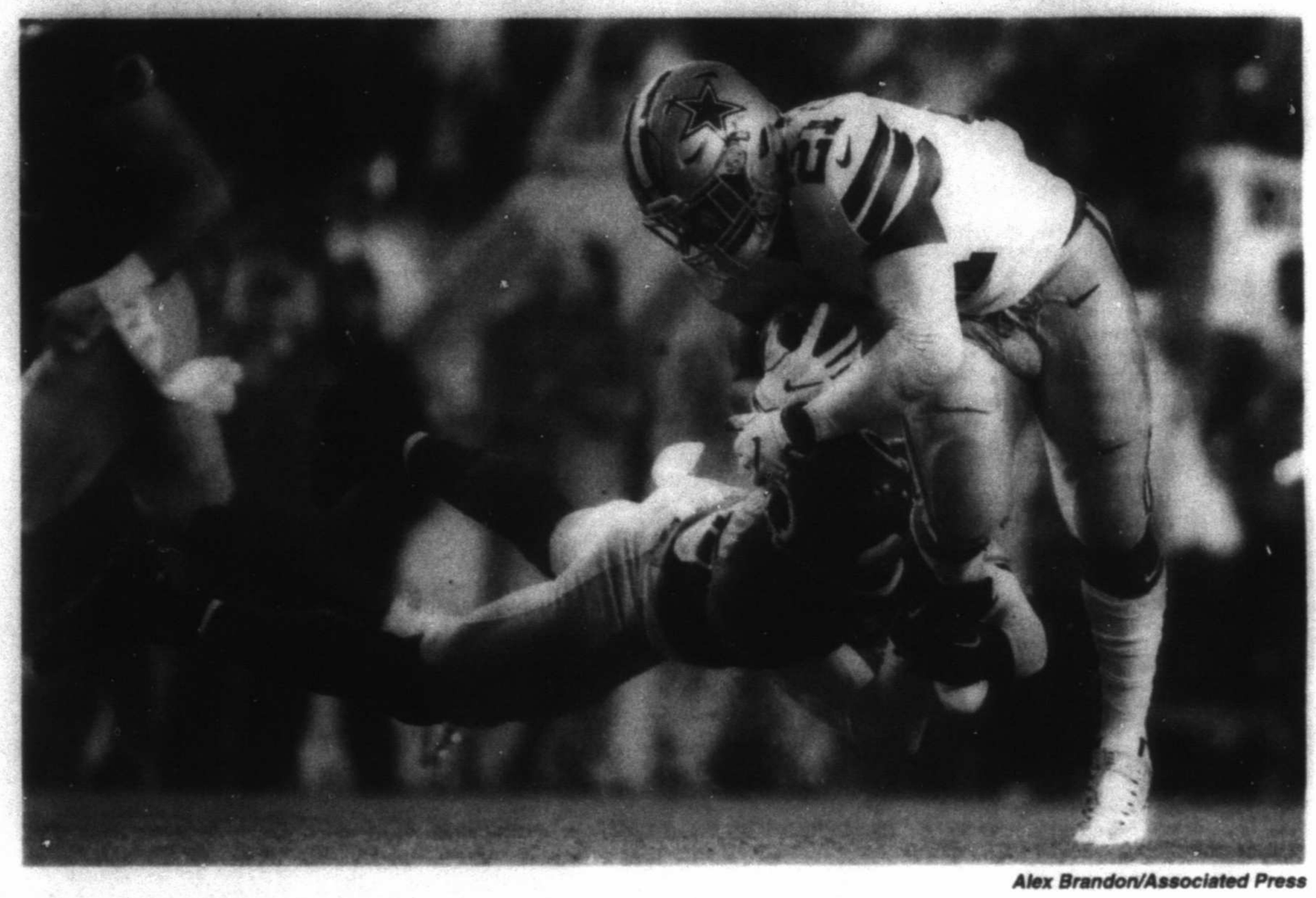
Midland High's Sarah Nelson gets the ball past San Angelo Central's Abbie Rivera Oct. 3 at MHS gym.

Can't hold me down



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Washington Redskins strong safety Montae Nicholson (35) hangs unto Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) during the second half of an NFL game in Landover, Md., on Sunday.

Cowboys 'Feed Zeke,' capitalize on mistakes to beat Redskins

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — After letting the ball slip out of his hands on his first carry, Ekeziel Elliott was determined not to let his Dallas Cowboys teammates down again.

Elliott bounced back from his fumble to run for 150 yards and two touchdowns as the Cowboys took advantage of a blocked field goal and three turnovers to beat the Washington Redskins 33-19 in a wet, sloppy game Sunday to move into sole possession of second place in the NFC East.

"We always talk about when you got that ball in your hands, that's the team, so you've got to protect it," Elliott said. "I had to do something."

Playing in a driving rainstorm that made it difficult to hold onto the ball, let alone throw it, Dak Prescott completed 14 of his 22 passes for 143 yards as Dallas (4-3) heeded the message on Elliott's cleats to "Feed Zeke." With another hearing on his NFL suspension coming Monday, Elliott carried the ball 33 times, scored twice for the second consecutive game and surpassed 100 yards for the third time in a row.

"He's hard enough when you have holes filled, let alone when you're giving him a clear running lane," Redskins linebacker Ryan Kerrigan said. "It is never going to be easy."

Elliott said he didn't think about his pending hearing, which could determine whether he's suspended the next six games or will be available for the rest of the season. He didn't have the chance to because he called conditions so treacherous that he struggled to hold on to the ball late because of the rain and cold.

What could be Elliott's last game until

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Texans fall

Russell Wilson hit Jimmy Graham for an 18-yard touchdown with 21 seconds left, as the Seattle Seahawks rallied for a wild 41-38 win over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

Page 3C

Kuhn brings passion and focus to Lady Rebels

By Will Korn
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For Lee senior outside hitter Elizabeth Kuhn, the game of volleyball is both a treasured escape and a valuable teaching tool.

Kuhn endured the shaking consequences of her parents separating when she was in seventh grade. She spent much of her middle school years moving back and forth from Allen to Midland, alternating living with her father and grandmother.

In the absence of stability at home, Kuhn has grown especially close to her Lady Rebel teammates during her two seasons at the varsity level. She has fully embraced the family culture of volleyball and feels free to be herself every time she takes the court, with distractions and painful memories distant in the background.

"It has always been a place where I can truly be myself," Kuhn said. "One-hundred percent me is the best me and that's all that (my teammates and coaches) want from me."

Lee first-year head coach Robert Blakley has praised Kuhn's energy and consistency as keys to the team's first postseason appearance since 2011.

"She provides a lot of fiery passion that I think the other girls aren't used to," Blakley said. "A lot of them think 'What do I do with that?' She doesn't have to think about anything else when she is on the court."

Kuhn will look to bring that passion and focus to floor when the Lady Rebels (28-15) take on El Paso El Dorado (23-14) in the bi-district round of the Class 6A playoffs at 7 p.m. today at Pete P. Gallego Center, on the campus of Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

Kuhn's volleyball journey took a memorably positive turn in early June with the arrival of Blakley to the program. Blakley quickly recognized Kuhn's potential as a player but also learned her story and felt obligated to help her bring out her best in 2017.

"I took it as a personal responsibility to help her along, to become a better person, to become who she needs to be," Blakley said. "She has the potential, but (at first) had the hang up of 'This is my background and I can't move forward.' I said 'Yes you can.'"

After a full season with Blakley, Kuhn said her coach has made an unforgettable impact on her. Blakley, along with varsity assistant coach Carolyn Stewart, even

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James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Elizabeth Kuhn (7) hits against Amarillo Tascosa on Oct. 6, at Lee High School.

Astros win 13-12 in the bottom of the 10 inning

Note: The game was 12-12 in the bottom of the 10th inning at press time.

Associated Press

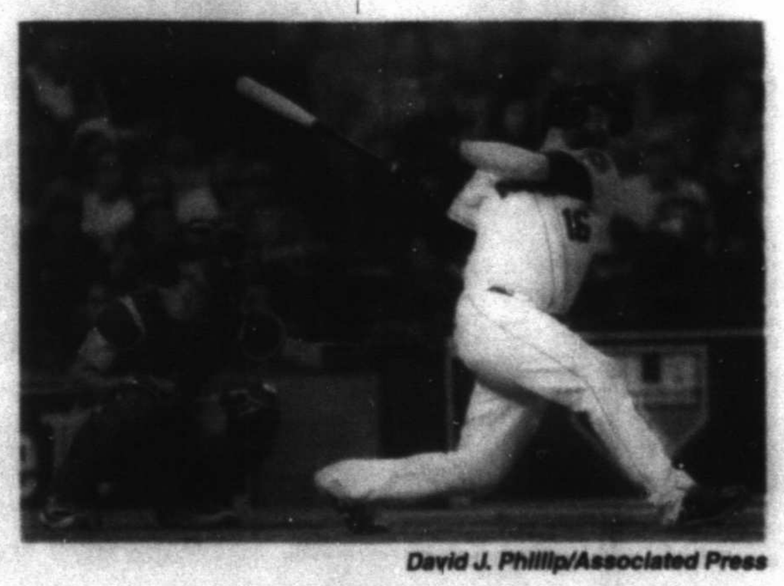
HOUSTON — Yasiel Puig hit a two-run homer off Chris Devenski in the ninth inning and Chris Taylor tied the score with a two-out, two-strike RBI single, leaving the Los Angeles Dodgers and Houston Astros tied 12-12.

Yuli Gurriel hit a two-out double high off the left-field fence in the bottom half against Kenley Jansen, missing a winning homer by about 5 feet. Josh Reddick then popped out.

Puig's home run was the 22nd of the Series, topping the previous record set in the Anaheim Angels' seven-game win over San Francisco in 2002. Brian McCann hit Houston's fifth home run in Game 5 of the World Series, a solo shot in the eighth that gave the Astros a 12-9 lead going into the ninth inning.

The five homers matched the most hit by a team in a World Series game.

With 21 homers combined, the Astros and Dodgers have matched the most in a World Series — and there is still at least one more game to play. The Los Angeles Angels and San Francisco Giants also had 21 homers during the 2002 World Series.



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Houston Astros' Brian McCann hits a home run during the eighth inning of Game 5 of the World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday in Houston.

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La Liga: Espanyol vs. Betis, 2:40 p.m., beIN E
PL: Burnley FC vs. Newcastle United FC, 3 p.m., NBCSN
MLS Quarterfinal, Leg 1: NY Red Bulls vs. Toronto FC, 6 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
MLS Quarterfinal, Leg 1: Houston Dynamo vs. Portland Timbers, 8:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Boston, 6:30 p.m., FSSW+
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m., FSSW
Golden State at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv
National Football League
Denver at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNDEP
National Hockey League
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m., FSSW+
Tennis
ATP: Paris, 5 a.m., TENNIS
RADIO
National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Boston, 6:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m., KBST 1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High School

HS Volleyball
Class 6A bi-district,
Midland High vs. El Paso Eastwood, 5 p.m., Sul Ross State University, Alpine
Lee vs. El Paso El Dorado, 7 p.m., Sul Ross State University, Alpine
Class 4A bi-district,
Greenwood vs. Clint Mountain View, 5 p.m., Fort Stockton

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Suspended Washington G Garrick Feliz and F Markieff Morris one game for leaving the bench area during an altercation and fined Washington F Kelly Oubre Jr. $15,000 for aggressively entering an altercation.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled G Marcus Hogberg from Brampton (ECHL) to Belleville (AHL).
American Hockey League
LAVAL ROCKET — Assigned F Thomas Ebzeg to Brampton (ECHL).
TUCSON ROADRUNNERS — Recalled G Michael Houser from Fort Wayne (ECHL).
ECHL
ADIRONDACK THUNDER — Released G Pete Fitzgerald as emergency backup.
ALLEN AMERICANS — Added G Thomas Hodges as emergency backup.
WORCESTER RAILERS — Released G Alex Vazzano as emergency backup.
COLLEGE
FLORIDA — Announced football coach Jim McElwain has reached an agreement to leave the school. Named Randy Shannon interim football coach.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP TOP 25 POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 21, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (59)	8-0	1523	1
2. Georgia (2)	8-0	1465	3
3. Ohio St.	7-1	1332	6
4. Wisconsin	8-0	1256	5
5. Notre Dame	7-1	1254	9
6. Clemson	7-1	1196	7
7. Penn St.	7-1	1189	2
8. Oklahoma	7-1	1147	10
9. Miami	7-0	1075	8
10. TCU	7-1	942	4
11. Oklahoma St.	7-1	936	11
12. Washington	7-1	874	12
13. Virginia Tech	7-1	837	13
14. Iowa St.	6-2	670	25
15. UCF	7-0	654	18
16. Auburn	6-2	576	19
17. Southern Cal	7-2	562	21
18. Stanford	6-2	434	23
19. LSU	6-2	398	23
20. NC State	6-2	333	14
21. Mississippi St.	6-2	279	NR
22. Memphis	7-1	270	24
23. Arizona	6-2	264	NR
24. Michigan St.	6-2	136	16
25. Washington St.	7-2	122	15

Others receiving votes: South Florida 98, Michigan 73, Toledo 19, West Virginia 13, South Carolina 11, San Diego St. 3, Army 2, Boise St. 2.

AIRWAY COACHES TOP 25 POLL

The Airway Top 25 football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 21, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (65)	8-0	1625	1
2. Georgia	8-0	1549	3
3. Ohio State	7-1	1426	6
4. Wisconsin	8-0	1418	5
5. Clemson	7-1	1295	7
6. Miami (Fla.)	7-0	1238	8
7. Penn State	7-1	1221	2
8. Notre Dame	7-1	1212	10
9. Oklahoma	7-1	1192	9
10. Oklahoma State	7-1	1000	12
11. Washington	7-1	977	11
12. TCU	7-1	944	4
13. Virginia Tech	7-1	878	13
14. Central Florida	7-0	727	17
15. Auburn	6-2	622	19
16. Iowa State	6-2	571	NR
17. Southern California	7-2	560	21
18. Stanford	6-2	494	20
19. North Carolina State	6-2	382	15
20. LSU	6-2	372	23
21. Memphis	7-1	288	NR
22. Mississippi State	6-2	210	NR
23. South Florida	7-1	193	14
24. Michigan	6-2	178	25
25. Arizona	6-2	153	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Michigan State 145; Washington State 127; South Carolina 53; Kentucky 32; Toledo 10; West Virginia 9; Boise State 8; San Diego State 6; Texas A&M 4; Troy 3; Navy 3; Iowa 1.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

BIG 12 CONFERENCE

	CONFERENCE W	CONFERENCE L	ALL GAMES W	ALL GAMES L	PF	PA
Oklahoma	4	1	200	165	7	1
Oklahoma St.	4	1	194	143	7	1
TCU	4	1	151	75	7	1
Iowa St.	4	1	135	68	6	2
West Virginia	3	2	203	186	5	3
Texas	3	2	129	90	4	4
Kansas St.	2	3	138	148	4	4
Texas Tech	1	4	174	186	4	4
Kansas	0	5	73	239	1	7
Baylor	0	5	120	217	0	8

	PA
Oklahoma	302
Oklahoma St.	195
TCU	178
Iowa St.	150
West Virginia	253
Texas	168
Kansas St.	255
Texas Tech	265
Kansas	188
Baylor	195

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

EAST	CONFERENCE W	CONFERENCE L	ALL GAMES W	ALL GAMES L	PF	PA
Georgia	5	0	212	52	8	0
South Carolina	4	2	158	118	6	2
Kentucky	3	2	126	146	6	2
Florida	3	3	132	149	3	4
Missouri	0	4	89	175	3	5
Tennessee	0	5	62	156	3	5
Vanderbilt	0	5	100	233	3	5
WEST						
Alabama	5	0	238	38	8	0
Auburn	4	1	219	94	6	2
LSU	3	1	91	100	6	2
Mississippi St.	3	2	130	108	6	2
Texas A&M	3	2	126	139	5	3
Arkansas	1	4	132	228	3	5
Mississippi	1	4	144	223	3	5

	PF	PA
Georgia	305	95
South Carolina	210	162
Kentucky	201	199
Florida	149	149
Missouri	284	286
Tennessee	163	217
Vanderbilt	184	246
Alabama	344	78
Auburn	290	125
LSU	219	180
Mississippi St.	271	139
Texas A&M	239	219
Arkansas	230	287
Mississippi	252	300

CONFERENCE USA

EAST DIVISION	CONFERENCE W	CONFERENCE L	ALL GAMES W	ALL GAMES L	PF	PA
FAU	4	0	207	107	5	3
Marshall	3	1	117	57	6	2
FIU	3	1	101	103	5	2
W. Kentucky	3	2	145	124	5	3
M. Tennessee	1	3	90	118	3	5
Charlotte	1	3	71	113	1	7
Old Dominion	0	4	100	173	2	6
WEST DIVISION						
North Texas	4	1	194	204	5	3
Southern Miss	3	2	129	129	5	3
UAB	3	2	145	128	5	3
UTSA	2	2	106	81	5	2
Louisiana Tech	2	2	114	107	4	4
Rice	1	3	73	89	1	7
UTEP	0	4	42	101	0	8

	PA
FAU	316
Marshall	227
FIU	198
W. Kentucky	218
M. Tennessee	153
Charlotte	116
Old Dominion	171
North Texas	299
Southern Miss	219
UAB	244
UTSA	218
Louisiana Tech	237
Rice	105
UTEP	100

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

EAST DIVISION	CONFERENCE W	CONFERENCE L	ALL GAMES W	ALL GAMES L	PF	PA
UCF	4	0	185	78	7	0
South Florida	4	1	195	97	7	1
UConn	2	3	145	198	3	5
Temple	1	3	78	101	3	5
East Carolina	1	3	103	196	2	6
Cincinnati	0	4	86	157	2	6
WEST DIVISION						
Memphis	4	1	211	162	7	1
SMU	3	1	140	125	6	2
Navy	3	2	144	135	5	2
Houston	3	2	138	146	5	3
Tulane	1	3	137	141	3	5
Tulsa	1	4	142	168	2	7

	PA
UCF	357
South Florida	315
UConn	302
Temple	215
East Carolina	367
Cincinnati	262
Memphis	267
SMU	141
Navy	234
Houston	192
Tulane	251
Tulsa	339

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	12	9	2	1	19	45	31
Ottawa	11	5	1	5	15	41	33
Toronto	11	7	4	0	14	45	40
Detroit	12	5	6	1	11	32	35
Boston	9	4	3	2	10	27	29
Florida	10	4	5	1	9	35	36
Buffalo	12	3	7	2	8	29	44
Montreal	11	3	7	1	7	23	42
Metropolitan Division							
New Jersey	10	8	2	0	16	40	31
Pittsburgh	13	7	5	1	15	36	50
Columbus	11	7	4	0	14	33	27
N.Y. Islanders	11	6	4	1	13	39	35
Philadelphia	11	6	5	0	12	38	31
Washington	11	5	5	1	11	35	39
Carolina	10	4	4	2	10	28	30
N.Y. Rangers							

WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	12	9	2	1	19	40	28
Winnipeg	10	6	3	2	12	31	31
Dallas	11	6	5	0	12	32	32
Colorado	11	6	5	0	12	34	34
Nashville	11	5	4	2	12	27	31
Chicago	12	5	5	2	12	38	34
Minnesota	9	4	3	2	10	30	28
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	11	9	1	1	19	38	20
Vegas	9	8	1	0	16	34	19
Vancouver	10	6	3	1	13	30	25
Anaheim	11	6	4	1	13	35	33
San Jose	10	5	5	0	10	27	26
Calgary	11	5	6	0	10	26	32
Edmonton	10	3	6	1	7	22	33
Arizona	11	0	10	1	1	26	48

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

Sunday's Scores
Anaheim 4, Carolina 3, SO
Winnipeg 7, Pittsburgh 1
Washington at Calgary, late

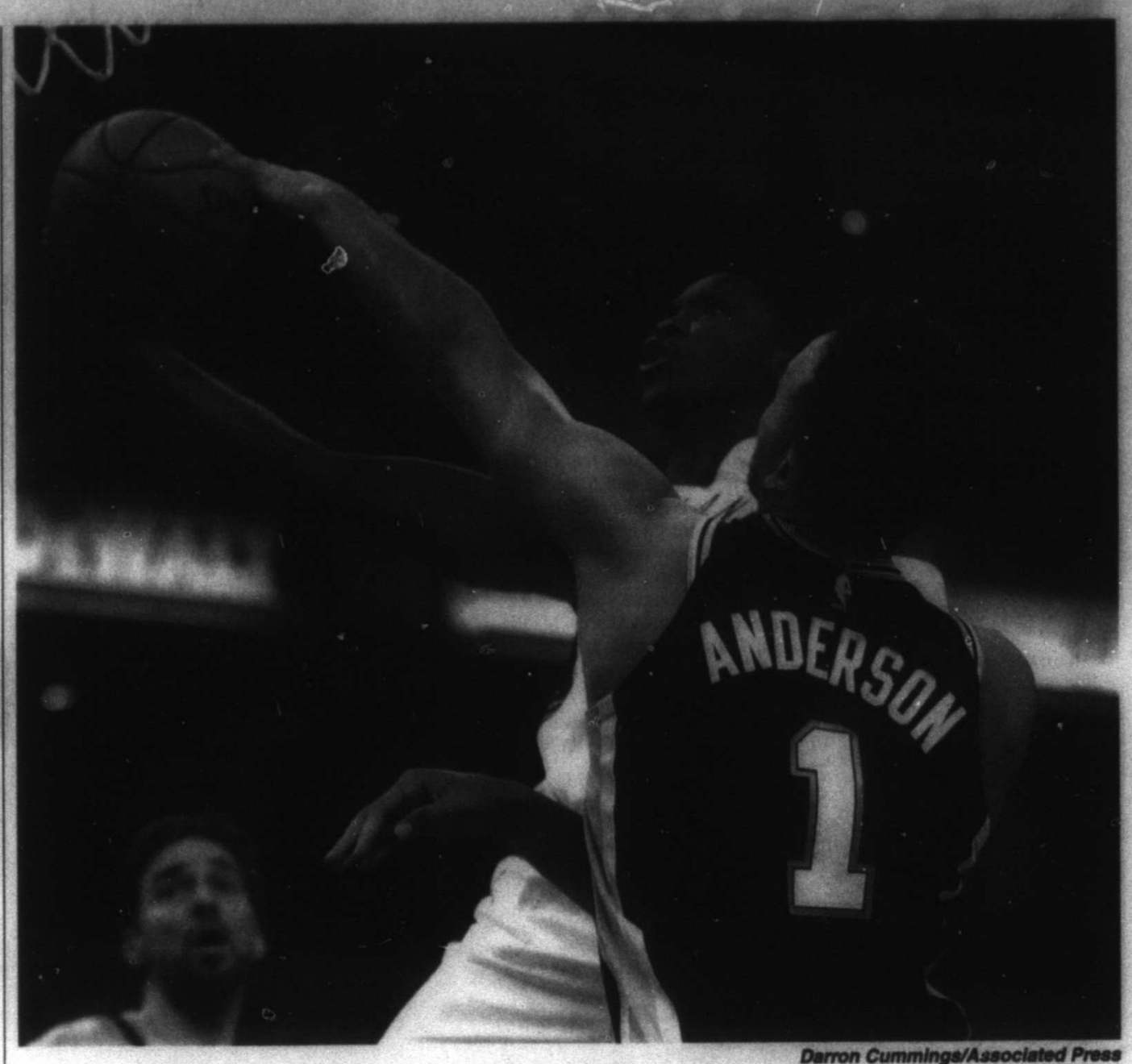
Monday's Games
Arizona at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Vegas at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Boston at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	4	2	.667	—
Toronto	3	2	.600	½
Brooklyn	3	4	.429	1½
New York	2	3	.400	1½
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	2
Southeast Division				
Orlando	4	2	.667	—
Washington	4	2	.667	—
Charlotte	3	3	.500	1
Miami	2	3	.400	1½
Atlanta	1	6	.143	3½
Central Division				
Detroit	5	2	.714	—
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	½
Indiana	3	3	.500	1½
Cleveland	2	4	.429	2
Chicago	1	4	.200	3
WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division				
Memphis	5	1	.833	—
Houston	5	2	.714	½
San Antonio	4	2	.667	1
New Orleans	3	3	.500	2
Dallas	1	6	.143	4½
Northwest Division				
Portland	4	2	.667	—
Minnesota	3	3	.500	1
Utah	3	3	.500	1
Denver	3	3	.500	1
Oklahoma City	3	3	.500	1
Pacific Division				
L.A. Clippers	4	1	.800	—
Golden State	4	3	.571	1
L.A. Lakers	2	4	.333	2½
Phoenix	2	4	.333	2½
Sacramento	1	5	.167	3½

Sunday's Scores
Milwaukee 117, Atlanta 106
Indiana 97, San Antonio 94
Charlotte 120, Orlando 113
Denver 124, Brooklyn 111
Washington 110, Sacramento 83
New York 114, Cleveland 95
Detroit 115, Golden State 107

Today's Games
Denver at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Portland, 9 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.



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Indiana Pacers' Victor Oladipo puts up a shot shot against San Antonio Spurs' Kyle Anderson (1) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, on Sunday in Indianapolis.

NBA ROUNDUP

PACERS 97
SPURS 94

INDIANAPOLIS — Victor Oladipo made a 3-pointer with about 10 seconds left, lifting Indiana to a rare win against San Antonio.

Oladipo finished with 23 points and five assists, and Domantas Sabonis set career highs with 22 points and 12 rebounds.

It was the third win for the Pacers in their last 20 games against the Spurs.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 26 points and eight rebounds for San Antonio, which played without Kawhi Leonard and Tony Parker again. The Spurs have dropped two in a row.

KNICKS 114
CAVS 95

CLEVELAND — Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 34 points, Kristaps Porzingis had 32 and the New York Knicks handed the Cleveland Cavaliers their fourth loss in five games, 114-95 on Sunday night.

Cleveland, which was blown out by Orlando and lost to Brooklyn during this stretch, fell below .500 despite cutting a 19-point deficit to six in the fourth quarter.

LeBron James downplayed the Cavaliers' problems following Saturday night's 123-101 loss in New Orleans, but the issues continued for the defending Eastern Conference champions.

New York, after winning its first game Friday over the Nets, led 89-71 late in the third quarter. Cleveland cut it to 94-88 on James' drive, forcing New York to call a timeout with 8:21 left.

Courtney Lee scored on a drive and hit a 3-pointer, helping the Knicks make it 103-88.

PISTONS 115,
WARRIORS 107

OAKLAND, Calif. — Avery Bradley scored 23 points, Reggie Jackson had 22 and the Pistons handed the defending NBA champion Warriors their second home loss of the season.

Tobias Harris hit a 3-pointer for Detroit with 1:27 remaining that all but sealed it after Kevin Durant fueled a late Warriors rally.

The Warriors lost only twice total at Oracle Arena in both their 2015 championship year and again in the 73-win season that followed, and then just five times at home on the way to another title this year.

Klay Thompson scored 29 for Golden State and became the 11th player in franchise history to eclipse 9,000 career points. Durant wound up with 28 points.

BUCKS 117
HAWKS 106

ATLANTA — Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 33 points, Khris Middleton had 27 and the Bucks cruised to the victory.

Antetokounmpo also had 11 rebounds and five assists. He went 14 for 21 from the field, scoring from all over the floor while helping Milwaukee to its third win in its last four games.

Dennis Schroder finished with 21 points and Taurean Prince had 17 for Atlanta, which has lost six straight. The Hawks have no inside experience or size this season after letting Paul Millsap and Al Horford leave as free agents and trading Dwight Howard to Charlotte. They were outrebounded by 12 and never led.

HORNETS 120
MAGIC 113

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker had 34 points and 10 assists, and Charlotte snapped Orlando's three-game win streak.

Walker was 15 of 25 from the field.

Dwight Howard had a season-high 22 points against his former team, eight of those coming off alley-oop dunks — two on assists from Walker and two from Jeremy Lamb. Lamb had 20 points, marking his sixth straight game with at least 15 points while filling in for the injured Nic Batum.

Jonathan Simmons led the Magic with 27 points on 9-of-15 shooting. Evan Fournier added 23 points, and Terrence Ross and Aaron Gordon each had 17.

WIZARDS 110
KINGS 83

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — John Wall scored 11 of his 19 points in the first quarter and finished with nine assists, helping the Wizards to the road win.

Bradley Beal added 15 points on 6-of-11 shooting for Washington after being fined $50,000 by the NBA earlier in the day for his role in a fight with Draymond Green of the Golden State Warriors on Friday.

The lopsided victory kept the Wizards out of the record books. Washington's first five games were decided by five points or fewer; no team had ever opened the season with six.

The Kings shot 27.9 percent in the first half and trailed by double digits for the final 43 minutes.

Brian Bogdanovic scored 15 points for Sacramento.

NUGGETS 124
NETS 111

NEW YORK — Jamal Murray scored 26 points, Nikola Jokic had 21 points and 14 rebounds, and Denver earned its second straight victory.

Wilson Chandler added 18 points for the Nuggets, and Emmanuel Mudiay finished with 15.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 22 points, Rondae Hollis-Jefferson had 18 points and Joe Harris tied his season high with 16 points for the Nets, who have lost two straight.

Denver wont on a 22-4 run to begin the third quarter.

MLBBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ARIZONA

Athletics catcher Maxwell arrested on gun charge

SCOTTSDALE — Oakland Athletics catcher Bruce Maxwell was arrested in Arizona after a food delivery person alleged he pointed a gun at her.

Maxwell, a former Midland Rockhound, was the only player in Major League Baseball to take a knee this year during the national anthem to protest racial injustice.

Scottsdale police said officers went to Maxwell's home Saturday night after getting a call about a person with a gun. Maxwell was booked on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct.

"We were disappointed to learn of the allegations. We take this situation and ongoing investigation seriously," the A's said in a statement. "We are gathering information from the proper authorities and do not have further comment at this time."

Police said Maxwell was held in custody pending an initial court appearance. It wasn't known if he had an attorney who could comment on his behalf.

TMZ Sports first reported the arrest.

The 26-year-old Maxwell hit .237 with three home runs and 22 RBIs in 76 games this season. He was projected to be Oakland's starting catcher next year.

WASHINGTON

Nationals, Dave Martinez agree to managerial deal

Dave Martinez will get a chance to try to do what no Washington Nationals manager has accomplished: win a postseason series with the club. Martinez agreed to a three-year contract plus an option with the Nationals, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Sunday, for a job that will make him a skipper in the majors for the first time.

The person described the contract to the AP on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced.

The 53-year-old Martinez has been the bench coach for manager Joe Maddon for the past decade. The two were together with the Chicago Cubs for the past three seasons, including that team's 2016 World Series championship.

WORLD SERIES GLANCE

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All Games Televised by Fox
Houston 2, L.A. Dodgers 2
Tuesday, Oct. 24: L.A. Dodgers 3, Houston 1
Wednesday, Oct. 25: Houston 7, L.A. Dodgers 6, 11 innings
Friday, Oct. 27: Houston 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
Saturday, Oct. 28: L.A. Dodgers 6, Houston 2
Sunday: L.A. Dodgers at Houston late
Tuesday, Oct. 31: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 7:20 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Nov. 1: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 7:20 p.m.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS
11/2 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
11/5 2-5 Pawparazzi Santa Pet Photos at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store
12/31 Toasting for Tails New Year's Eve Party at DoubleTree

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Wilson's heroics lead Seahawks to wild 41-38 win over Texans

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

SEATTLE — No matter how much Deshaun Watson impersonated Russell Wilson on Sunday, the original ended up coming out on top.

Wilson hit Jimmy Graham for an 18-yard touchdown with 21 seconds left, his second TD catch of the fourth quarter, and the Seattle Seahawks rallied for a wild 41-38 win over the Houston Texans on Sunday.

Down 38-34 with 1:39 left and out of timeouts, Wilson took Seattle 80 yards in barely a minute. He hit Paul Richardson for 48 yards on a jump ball to start the drive, found Tyler Lockett for 19 yards, and drilled a strike to Graham for the winner.

Wilson finished 26 of 41 for a career-high 452 yards and four TDs. He hit Richardson for two TDs and found Graham on a 1-yard TD pass with 5:41 left.

Watson was nearly the equal of Wilson, throwing for 402 yards and four touchdowns. But he couldn't come up with a final answer and was intercepted by Richard Sherman with 7 seconds left on a desperation throw.

It was a stunning performance by Watson against one of the best defenses in the NFL — and an even better final rally by Wilson. Watson threw touchdown passes of 59 and 20 yards to Will Fuller, 2 yards to Lamar Miller, and a wide receiver screen that DeAndre Hopkins took 72 yards for a score with 5:01 left to give Houston a 38-34 lead.

Wilson and the Seahawks had two chances late to rally. Wilson drove the Seahawks to the Houston 20 with 2:55 left, but Marcus Williams intercepted at the Houston 6, undercutting a pass intended for Richardson. Seattle forced Houston to punt and this time Wilson didn't make a mistake.

Wilson was the entirety of Seattle's offense. He accounted for 482 yards running and passing. Seattle had 3 yards rushing from someone other than Wilson. Earl Thomas also returned an interception 78 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter.

Hopkins finished with eight receptions for 224 yards, while Fuller had five catches for 125 yards.

National Anthem

The day started with the majority of Houston's roster kneeling during the national anthem in protest of owner Bob McNair's "inmates running the prison" comment that emerged this past week. Only 10 of Houston's active players stood for the anthem.

But if there was concern the discussion about a protest would distract the Texans, it was put to rest almost immediately. Watson and Fuller connected on the first of their two TDs on Houston's opening drive, igniting an unexpected shootout between the quarterbacks.

NFL ROUNDUP

STEELERS 20
LIONS 15

DETROIT — JuJu Smith-Schuster scored on a 97-yard touchdown pass from Ben Roethlisberger late in the third quarter and the Pittsburgh Steelers forced the Detroit Lions to turn the ball over on downs twice in a 20-15 win Sunday night.

The AFC North-leading Steelers (6-2) go into their bye week with a three-game winning streak.

Detroit (3-4) was coming off its bye and lost a third straight and fourth in five games.

Pittsburgh's defense put up a curtain in front of it end zone, forcing the Lions to settle for field goals. When they went for touchdowns, the Steelers stopped them.

Detroit coach Jim Caldwell chose to go for it on fourth down from the Steelers 1 trailing by one in the third quarter. Matthew Stafford was sacked as he stepped up out of a collapsing pocket and tried to run up the middle.

A snap after missing wide-open tight end Jesse James on the ensuing drive, Roethlisberger dropped back into his end zone and perfectly lofted a pass to Smith-Schuster. The rookie receiver ran for about 70 yards after the catch, running past cornerback Quandre Diggs and pulling away from safety Glover Quin on his way to the end zone.

Matt Prater kicked his fifth field goal on the next possession after Caldwell didn't want to go for it on another fourth down from the Pittsburgh 1, drawing boos from a crowd that included a lot of black-and-yellow clad, towel-twirling fans cheering for the visitors.

EAGLES 34
49ERS 10

PHILADELPHIA — Carson Wentz tossed two touchdown passes, Jalen Mills had a pick-6 and the NFL-leading Philadelphia Eagles beat the winless San Francisco 49ers 33-10 on a sloppy, rainy Sunday.

The Eagles (7-1) overcame a slow start on their way to a sixth straight win. The 49ers are 0-8 for the first time in franchise history.

Wentz was 18 of 32 for 211 yards and one interception. He threw a 53-yard TD pass to Alshon Jeffery and 1-yard TD pass to Zach Ertz. He leads the NFL with 19 TD passes, most by an Eagles quarterback through eight games.

C.J. Beathard shoveled a 21-yard TD pass to Matt Breida and finished 17 of 36 for 167 yards with two interceptions in his second career start.

VIKINGS 33
BROWNS 16

LONDON — Case Keenum threw for two touchdowns and Kai Forbath made four field goals in the last of four games held this season in Britain.

Adam Thielen had five catches for 98 yards and a touchdown for the NFC North-leading Vikings (6-2), who trailed 13-12 at halftime — the first time the Browns, 0-8 for the second consecutive year, claimed a mid-game lead this season.

Cleveland, without starting left tackle Joe Thomas for the first time since 2006, scored first, taking a 6-0 lead on its second play from scrimmage before kicker Zane Gonzalez's missed extra point. Middle linebacker Joe Schobert's interception return to the Vikings' 37-yard line led to an 11-yard reception by David Njoku and a 26-yard touchdown run by Isaiah Crowell.

PATRIOTS 21
CHARGERS 13

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady passed for 333 yards and a touchdown, Stephen Gostkowski added four field goals. It was the fourth straight victory for the Patriots (6-2). The loss snapped a three-game win streak for the Chargers.

Los Angeles (3-5) got on the board first when Melvin Gordon found a seam on the outside and rumbled down the sideline for an 87-yard touchdown run. But the rest of the game was marked by Los Angeles' mistakes and inability to move the ball offensively.

BILLS 34
RAIDERS 14

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Rookie linebacker Matt Milano scored on a 40-yard fumble return on a rain-slick field, and the Bills forced four turnovers.

Tyrod Taylor threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Andre Holmes and also scored on a 1-yard run for Buffalo. LeSean McCoy had a season-best 151 yards rushing and also scored on a 46-yard run.

The Bills improved to 4-0 at home for the first time since winning their first five home games of the 1995 season.

FALCONS 25
JETS 20

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Matt Ryan threw two touchdown passes and the Falcons slipped and slid to victory on a soggy field.

Fumbled snaps, dropped passes and a big-time drenching at MetLife Stadium had both squads trying to find their footing, but the Falcons (4-3) steadied themselves just enough to snap a three-game skid — all to other AFC East teams.

Austin Hooper and Mohamed Sanu each caught touchdown passes from Ryan, who finished 18 of 29 for 254 yards. The Falcons quarterback had lots of trouble with the weather, fumbling four snap exchanges from center Alex Mack and losing two.

The Jets (3-5) had their own issues while losing their third straight. Josh McCown had a bad snap exchange and fumbled on another play — but recovered — and Jeremy Kerley had a costly muffed punt.

SAINTS 20
BEARS 12

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees completed 23 of 28 for 299 yards against a Bears defense that ranked sixth in pass defense for the Saints' fifth straight win.

Mark Ingram and Alvin Kamara each ran for touchdowns for New Orleans (5-2). Ingram finished with 99 yards from scrimmage, including 75 on the ground, but his two late fumbles kept the Bears in the game into the final minutes. Kamara had 76 yards from scrimmage, 48 receiving.

The Saints were threatening to score twice in the fourth quarter when the Bears stripped the ball from Ingram. Chicago converted the first fumble into its only touchdown with 3:43 to go on Tarik Cohen's short dive over a pile of players at the goal line. The second turnover occurred with a little more than two minutes left on the Bears 30, but Chicago was unable to get a first down as rookie Mitchell Trubisky's fourth-and-1 pass fell incomplete.

BENGALS 24
COLTS 23

CINCINNATI — Lineman Carlos Dunlap batted Jacoby Brissett's pass into the air, grabbed the ball and ran 16 yards to the end zone for a game-turning touchdown.

The defensive end excels at swatting away passes — he led NFL linemen last season — and changed the game with his third career score.

The Bengals (3-4) couldn't protect Andy Dalton or get much pressure on Jacoby Brissett, who was sacked 10 times during a 27-0 loss to Jacksonville the previous week — the first time Indianapolis was blanked in 15 years.

PANTHERS 17
BUCCANEERS 3

TAMPA, Fla. — Carolina's defense didn't allow a TD for the second straight week, helping the Panthers snap a two-game losing streak.

Cam Newton rebounded from a subpar performance in a 14-point road loss to the Bears, leading a 17-play, 82-yard TD drive that consumed more eight minutes of the opening quarter. He then completed three passes to Christian McCaffrey to set up a field goal for a 10-0 halftime lead.

The Bucs (2-5) have lost four straight.

COWBOYS

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mid-December turned in the second quarter when Dallas' Tyrone Crawford blocked Nick Rose's field goal attempt and Orlando Scandrick returned it 86 yards to set up a 1-yard Elliott TD run two plays later. Instead of the Redskins (3-4) leading 16-7, the Cowboys went up 14-13 and never trailed again.

"That block was huge," Prescott said. "That might've been the turning point and just the key play in the whole game."

Washington QB Kirk Cousins lost one fumble and kick returner Chris Thompson lost another. Cousins was 26 of 39 for 263 yards and a 1-yard TD pass to Josh Doctson that cut it to 26-19, but Rose missed the extra point and Dallas sealed it with an interception return for a touchdown by Byron Jones with 21 seconds left.

No problem, Nugent

Signed to fill in for injured kicker Dan Bailey, Mike Nugent was wide left from 49 yards on his first attempt for the Cowboys. Nugent, who worked out for the Redskins last week when they decided to sign Rose to replace the injured Dustin Hopkins, shook it off and made field goals from 36, 48, 27 and 37 yards in the second half.

"It's one of those ones you want back, but I feel like I learned from it," Nugent said. "I was happy to connect on the rest."

Feel the rush

The Cowboys took full advantage of the Redskins' bevy of injuries along the offensive line, sacking Cousins four times. Washington was without starting left tackle Trent Williams, center Spencer Long and right guard Brandon Scherff because of knee injuries and had two rookies making their NFL debuts — Chase Roullier at center and Tyler Catalina at right guard.

"The D-line has done a great job getting a lot of pressure: strip sacks, making plays," Dallas linebacker Sean Lee said.

Invisible Pryor

Redskins WR Terrelle Pryor was a nonfactor for a second consecutive game. Cousins threw Pryor's way just once, a week after four targets and two receptions in a loss at Philadelphia.

Injuries

Cowboys: WR Cole Beasley left in the third quarter with a concussion.

Redskins: TE Jordan Reed injured his right hamstring late in the second quarter and did not return. ... TE Niles Paul was concussed on a helmet-to-helmet hit during Rob Kelley's 1-yard TD run in the first quarter. ... LT T.J. Clemmings left with an ankle injury and LG Shawn Lauvao left with a stinger. ... DL Matt Ioannidis broke his hand, S Stefan McClure suffered a hamstring injury and S Montae Nicholson a shoulder injury. ... CB Bashaud Breeland was inactive with a knee injury.

Quotable

Prescott, trying to explain playing in wet conditions: "The next rainy day, go outside, take a ball and see what you can do with it. And good luck with it."

Redskins coach Jay Gruden: "I don't know how you could have more injuries on the offensive line. I really don't. It's mind-boggling."

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0	.750	216	179
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	193	115
Miami	4	3	0	.571	92	152
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	157	186
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	4	3	0	.571	183	110
Tennessee	4	3	0	.571	158	173
Houston	3	4	0	.429	215	188
Indianapolis	2	6	0	.250	142	246
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	187	131
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	170	148
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	122	135
Cleveland	0	8	0	.000	119	202
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	207	161
Denver	3	3	0	.500	108	118
L.A. Chargers	3	5	0	.375	150	152
Oakland	3	5	0	.375	169	190

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	1	0	.875	232	156
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	198	161
Washington	3	4	0	.429	160	180
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.143	112	156
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	191	145
Carolina	5	3	0	.625	148	142
Atlanta	4	3	0	.571	153	152
Tampa Bay	2	5	0	.286	148	168
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	179	135
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	164	161
Detroit	3	4	0	.429	176	169
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	134	171
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	2	0	.714	175	132
L.A. Rams	5	2	0	.714	212	138
Arizona	3	4	0	.429	119	191
San Francisco	0	8	0	.000	133	219

Thursday's Score
Baltimore 40, Miami 0

Sunday's Scores
Minnesota 33, Cleveland 16
Carolina 17, Tampa Bay 3
New England 21, L.A. Chargers 13
Buffalo 34, Oakland 14
Atlanta 25, N.Y. Jets 20
Philadelphia 33, San Francisco 10
New Orleans 20, Chicago 12
Cincinnati 24, Indianapolis 23
Seattle 41, Houston 38
Dallas 33, Washington 19
Pittsburgh 20, Detroit 15

Open: L.A. Rams, Arizona, N.Y. Giants
Jacksonville, Tennessee, Green Bay

Today's Game
Denver at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

NFL BOXES

COWBOYS 33, REDSKINS 19

Dallas	7	7	9	10—33
Washington	10	3	0	6—19

First Quarter
Was–FG Rose 38, 13:13.
Dal–Elliott 13 run (Nugent kick), 10:32.
Was–Kelley 1 run (Rose kick), 6:36.
Second Quarter
Was–FG Rose 42, 10:04.
Dal–Elliott 1 run (Nugent kick), 2:20.
Third Quarter
Dal–FG Nugent 36, 8:39.
Dal–FG Nugent 48, 6:23.
Dal–FG Nugent 27, :38.
Fourth Quarter
Dal–FG Nugent 37, 8:43.
Was–Doctson 1 pass from Cousins (kick failed), 4:35.
Dal–B.Jones 21 interception return (Nugent kick), 21.

	Dal	Was
First downs	18	16
Total Net Yards	307	285
Rushes-yards	39-189	15-49
Passing	138	236
Punt Returns	2-19	1-minu
Kickoff Returns	1-6	3-61
Interceptions Ret.	1-21	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	14-22-0	26-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-5	4-27
Punts	3-45.7	3-46.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	8-89	5-32
Time of Possession	33:19	26:41

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Dallas, Elliott 33-150, Prescott 3-16, Morris 3-3. Washington, Kelley 8-19, Thompson 4-18, Crowder 2-12, Cousins 1-0.
PASSING—Dallas, Prescott 14-22-0-143. Washington, Cousins 26-39-1-263.
RECEIVING—Dallas, Bryant 4-39, Witten 3-31, Ta'Williams 2-38, Beasley 2-6, Swain 1-18, Switzer 1-7, Elliott 1-4. Washington, Crowder 9-123, Thompson 8-76, Grant 5-38, Davis 2-20, Reed 1-5, Doctson 1-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Dallas, Nugent 49.

SEAHAWKS 41, TEXANS 38

Houston	14	7	3	14—38
Seattle	14	7	6	14—41

First Quarter
Hou—W.Fuller 59 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 12:38.
Sea—Thomas 78 interception return (Walsh kick), 10:08.
Hou—L.Miller 3 run (Fairbairn kick), 6:08.
Sea—P.Richardson 20 pass from Wilson (Walsh kick), 2:11.
Second Quarter
Hou—W.Fuller 20 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 9:34.
Sea—P.Richardson 7 pass from Wilson (Walsh kick), 6:02.
Third Quarter
Hou—FG Fairbairn 31, 7:05.
Sea—FG Walsh 21, 4:36.
Sea—FG Walsh 21, 2:24.
Fourth Quarter
Hou—L.Miller 2 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 9:09.
Sea—Graham 1 pass from Wilson (Walsh kick), 5:37.
Hou—Hopkins 72 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 4:49.
Sea—Graham 18 pass from Wilson (Walsh kick), 21.

	Hou	Sea
First downs	25	21
Total Net Yards	509	479
Rushes-yards	34-142	21-33
Passing	367	446
Punt Returns	3-27	3-10
Kickoff Returns	4-76	2-32
Interceptions Ret.	1-2	3-98
Comp-Att-Int	19-30-3	26-41-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-35	2-6
Punts	5-53.0	5-47.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-80	10-100
Time of Possession	30:22	29:38

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Houston, Watson 8-67, L.Miller 21-54, Blue 5-21. Seattle, Wilson 4-30, McKissic 4-6, Lacy 6-0, Davis 6-(minus 1), Lockett 1-(minus 2).
PASSING—Houston, Watson 19-30-3-402. Seattle, Wilson 26-41-1-452.
RECEIVING—Houston, Hopkins 4-224, W.Fuller 5-125, L.Miller 3-19, Ellington 1-13, Anderson 1-11, R.Griffin 1-10. Seattle, Lockett 6-121, P.Richardson 6-105, Baldwin 6-54, Graham 4-39, Madden 1-66, McEvoy 1-53, Vannett 1-8, McKissic 1-6.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

VIKINGS 33, BROWNS 16

Minnesota	3	9	11	10—33
Cleveland	6	7	3	0—16

First Quarter
Cle—Crowell 26 run (kick failed), 11:20.
Min—FG Forbath 35, 5:27.
Second Quarter
Min—Thielen 18 pass from Keenum (kick blocked), 2:48.
Cle—Kizer 1 run (Gonzalez kick), :40.
Min—FG Forbath 34, :00.
Third Quarter
Min—FG Forbath 43, 13:32.
Cle—FG Gonzalez 23, 5:34.
Min—McKinnon 1 run (McKinnon run), 1:16.
Fourth Quarter
Min—Rudolph 4 pass from Keenum (Forbath kick), 10:06.
Min—FG Forbath 51, 1:09.

	Min	Cle
First downs	26	16
Total Net Yards	375	276
Rushes-yards	34-88	22-115
Passing	287	161
Punt Returns	2-15	2-11
Kickoff Returns	1-24	3-105
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-6
Comp-Att-Int	27-43-1	19-34-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-1	3-18
Punts	6-36.8	6-46.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-58	5-74
Time of Possession	37:52	22:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Minnesota, McKinnon 14-50, Murray 19-39, Diggs 1-(minus 1). Cleveland, Crowell 11-64, D.Johnson 6-33, Kizer 5-18.
PASSING—Minnesota, Keenum 27-43-1-288. Cleveland, Kizer 18-34-0-179.
RECEIVING—Minnesota, McKinnon 6-72, Rudolph 6-27, Thielen 5-98, Diggs 4-27, Morgan 3-28, Treadwell 1-21, Murray 1-8, Floyd 1-7. Cleveland, Crowell 4-54, D.Johnson 4-10, Louis 2-42, Njoku 2-19, Coates 2-13, Dayes 1-15, Higgins 1-14, Treggs 1-12, DeRulee 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOAL 5—Cleveland, Gonzalez 35.

BILLS 34, RAIDERS 14

Oakland	7	0	0	7—14
Buffalo	0	14	6	14—34

First Quarter
Oak—Olawale 1 run (Tavecchio kick), 9:28.
Second Quarter
Buf—Holmes 6 pass from Taylor (Hauschka kick), 8:46.
Buf—Milano 40 fumble return (Hauschka kick), :32.
Third Quarter
Buf—FG Hauschka 35, 11:44.
Buf—FG Hauschka 44, 8:19.
Fourth Quarter
Buf—Taylor 1 run (Hauschka kick), 14:57.
Oak—D.Washington 4 pass from Carr (Tavecchio kick), 10:50.
Buf—McCoy 48 run (Hauschka kick), 3:12.

	Oak	Buf
First downs	23	17
Total Net Yards	367	331
Rushes-yards	14-54	37-166
Passing	313	165
Punt Returns	2-11	2-17
Kickoff Returns	1-68	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-24
Comp-Att-Int	31-49-2	20-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-0	3-0
Punts	4-38.3	5-45.2
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-50	7-95
Time of Possession	24:29	35:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Oakland, D.Washington 6-26, Richard 5-21, Cooper 1-4, Olawale 2-3. Buffalo, McCoy 21-151, Tolbert 4-14, Taylor 6-1.
PASSING—Oakland, Carr 31-49-2-313. Buffalo, Taylor 20-27-0-165.
RECEIVING—Oakland, D.Washington 8-62, Crabtree 5-63, Cooper 5-48, Richard 5-35, J.Cook 4-57, Patterson 3-7, L.Smith 1-21. Buffalo, McCoy 5-22, Holmes 3-51, Z.Jones 3-32, Matthews 3-21, Tate 1-24, L.Thomas 1-7, Thompson 1-5, O'Leary 1-5, Tolbert 1-(minus 3).
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BENGALS 24, COLTS 23

Indianapolis	0	13	7	3—23
Cincinnati	3	7	7	7—24

First Quarter
Cin—FG Bullock 29, 5:41.
Second Quarter
Ind—FG Vinatieri 29, 12:02.
Ind—Doyle 13 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 8:14.
Cin—A.Green 8 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), 4:36.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 33, :00.
Third Quarter
Cin—Malone 25 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), 9:10.
Ind—Mack 24 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 2:10.
Fourth Quarter
Ind—FG Vinatieri 29, 11:21.
Cin—Dunlap 16 interception return (Bullock kick), 6:58.

	Ind	Cin
First downs	19	17
Total Net Yards	331	276
Rushes-yards	29-115	21-58
Passing	216	218
Punt Returns	1-20	3-29
Kickoff Returns	7-54	2-30
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-16
Comp-Att-Int	25-39-1	17-29-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-17	3-25
Punts	5-36.6	4-49.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	7-45	5-54
Time of Possession	33:13	26:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Indianapolis, Gore 16-82, Mack 11-27, Brissett 1-6. Cincinnati, Mixon 11-18, Erickson 1-14, Hill 4-11, Dalton 3-10, Barnard 2-5.
PASSING—Indianapolis, Brissett 25-39-1-233. Cincinnati, Dalton 17-29-0-243.
RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Doyle 12-121, Gore 4-19, Mack 3-36, Aiken 2-33, Hilton 2-15, Rogers 2-9. Cincinnati, Kroft 5-46, LaFell 4-44, Mixon 3-91, A.Green 3-27, Malone 2-35.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PATRIOTS 21, CHARGERS 13

L.A. Chargers	7	0	0	6—13
New England	0	15	3	3—21

First Quarter
LAC—Gordon 87 run (Novak kick), 6:15.
Second Quarter
NE—Gronkowski 2 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 14:56.
NE—safety, 9:08.
NE—FG Gostkowski 25, 4:06.
NE—FG Gostkowski 36, :20.
Third Quarter
NE—FG Gostkowski 43, 5:25.
Fourth Quarter
LAC—Benjamin 24 pass from Rivers (pass failed), 8:30.
NE—FG Gostkowski 26, 1:08.

	LAC	NE
First downs	18	27
Total Net Yards	349	414
Rushes-yards	21-157	32-97
Passing	192	317
Punt Returns	1-minu	4-28
Kickoff Returns	4-72	3-112
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-4
Comp-Att-Int	17-30-1	32-47-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-20	3-16
Punts	5-45.0	3-43.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-77	6-80
Time of Possession	23:01	36:59

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Los Angeles, Gordon 14-132, Benjamin 2-14, Ekeler 2-8, Oliver 3-3. New England, Lewis 15-44, Gillislee 11-34, Burkhead 4-15, White 1-2, Brady 1-2.
PASSING—Los Angeles, Rivers 17-30-1-212. New England, Brady 32-47-0-333.
RECEIVING—Los Angeles, Benjamin 5-64, K.Allen 4-61, Gates 2-25, Henry 2-11, Ty Williams 1-24, Ekeler 1-13, Gordon 1-7, M.Williams 1-7. New England, Burkhead 7-68, White 5-85, Hogan 5-60, Gronkowski 5-57, Cooks 5-26, Amendola 2-14, Lewis 2-10, Develin 1-13.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Los Angeles, Novak 51. New England, Gostkowski 43, Gostkowski 43.

SAINTS 20, BEARS 12

Chicago	0	3	3	6—12
New Orleans	7	7	0	6—20

First Quarter
NO—Kamara 6 run (Lutz kick), 11:06.
Second Quarter
Chi—FG Barth 27, 14:52.
NO—Ingram 1 run (Lutz kick), 3:41.
Chi—FG Barth 44, 5:42.
Fourth Quarter
NO—FG Lutz 45, 12:54.
Chi—Cohen 1 run (pass failed), 3:58.
NO—FG Lutz 49, 1:35.

	Chi	NO
First downs	15	19
Total Net Yards	307	387
Rushes-yards	11-57	30-101
Passing	250	286
Punt Returns	1-minu	3-22
Kickoff Returns	4-91	2-28
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-25
Comp-Att-Int	4-32-1	23-28-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	2-13
Punts	5-54.0	4-51.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-31	7-61
Time of Possession	28:37	31:23

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Chicago, Howard 23-102, Trubisky 3-53, Cohen 4-2, Cunningham 1-0. New Orleans, Ingram 18-75, Kamara 8-26, Breer 4-minus 2.
PASSING—Chicago, Trubisky 14-32-1-264. New Orleans, Brees 23-28-0-299.
RECEIVING—Chicago, McBride 3-92, Howard 3-19, Sims 3-15, Wright 2-23, Brown 1-9, Cohen 1-8, Cunningham 1-8. New Orleans, Thomas 7-77, Ingram 6-24, Kamara 3-48, J.Hill 3-29, Ginn 2-68, Coleman 1-54, Fleener 1-minus 1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Chicago, Barth 46.

FALCONS 25, JETS 20

Atlanta	7	6	3	9—25
New York	7	10	0	3—20

First Quarter
NYJ—Tomlinson 20 pass from McCown (Catanzaro kick), 10:31.
Atl—Hooper 1 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 5:03.
Second Quarter
NYJ—FG Catanzaro 43, 14:53.
Atl—FG Bryant 23, 8:06.
NYJ—Anderson 24 pass from McCown (Catanzaro kick), 2:26.
Atl—FG Bryant 45, :00.
Third Quarter
Atl—FG Bryant 37, 5:12.
Fourth Quarter
Atl—Sanu 8 pass from Ryan (run failed), 12:02.
NYJ—FG Catanzaro 46, 8:42.
Atl—FG Bryant 29, 5:19.
A—77,562.

	Atl	NYJ
First downs	18	15
Total Net Yards	386	279
Rushes-yards	32-140	22-43
Passing	246	236
Punt Returns	3-13	2-6
Kickoff Returns	2-42	1-6
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	18-29-0	26-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	3-21
Punts	5-42.8	5-52.4
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-68	6-50
Time of Possession	28:19	31:41

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Atlanta, T.Coleman 14-62, Freeman 12-41, Ryan 6-17. New York, Powell 14-33, Forte 4-7, McGuire 1-2, Anderson 1-1, Thomas 1-0, McCown 1-0.
PASSING—Atlanta, Ryan 18-29-0-254. New York, McCown 26-3 K-257.
RECEIVING—Atlanta, Sanu 6-74, Hooper 4-47, J.Jones 3-74, Toilolo 2-20, T.Coleman 1-22, Freeman 1-20, Gabriel 1-(minus 3). New York, Anderson 6-104, Forte 6-45, Seferian-Jenkins 5-28, Powell 3-28, Kearse 2-14, Thomas 2-11, Tomlinson 1-20, Kerley 1-7.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New York, Catanzaro 48, Catanzaro 48.

EAGLES 33, 49ERS

San Francisco	0	0	7	3—10
Philadelphia	3	14	10	6—33

First Quarter
Phi—FG Elliott 40, 2:36.
Second Quarter
Phi—Ertz 1 pass from Wentz (kick failed), 1:51.
Phi—Mills 37 interception return (Jeffery pass from Wentz), 1:24.
Third Quarter
Phi—FG Elliott 51, 8:01.
SF—Breida 21 pass from Beathard (Gould kick), 4:29.
Phi—Jeffery 53 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 3:37.
Fourth Quarter
Phi—Blount 12 run (kick failed), 10:22.
SF—FG Gould 50, 5:20.
A—69,596.

	SF	Phi
First downs	14	19
Total Net Yards	238	304
Rushes-yards	24-94	31-112
Passing	144	192
Punt Returns	2-9	2-14
Kickoff Returns	2-0	2-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-19	2-47
Comp-Att-Int	17-36-2	6-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-23	3-19
Punts	5-45.6	6-45.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-69	4-35
Time of Possession	27:03	32:57

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—San Francisco, Beathard 6-40, Hyde 12-25, Breida 5-17, Juszczyk 1-12. Philadelphia, Clement 10-54, Blount 16-48, Wentz 2-7, Smallwood 1-5, Foles 2-minus 2.
PASSING—San Francisco, Beathard 17-36-2-167. Philadelphia, Wentz 16-32-1-211.
RECEIVING—San Francisco, Breida 4-39, Hyde 4-22, Taylor 3-33, Kittle 2-22, Garcon 2-17, G.Celek 1-24, Hilaire 1-10. Philadelphia, Ertz 4-34, Agholor 3-28, Jeffery 2-62, Hollins 2-30, Burton 2-21, Barner 2-11, B.Celek 1-14, Smallwood 1-9, Blount 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PANTHERS 17, BUCCANEERS

Carolina	7	3	0	7—17
Tampa Bay	0	0	3	0—3

First Quarter
Car—Stewart 1 run (Gano kick), 1:34.
Second Quarter
Car—FG Gano 28, 11:11.
Third Quarter
TB—FG Murray 41, 4:49.
Fourth Quarter
Car—Benjamin 25 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 8:48.

	Car	TB
First downs	14	15
Total Net Yards	294	275
Rushes-yards	31-100	22-48
Passing	194	227
Punt Returns	3-20	3-23
Kickoff Returns	2-56	1-0
Interceptions Ret.	2-2	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	16-32-1	22-38-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-0	3-16
Punts	7-50.4	6-45.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-51	6-55
Time of Possession	32:11	27:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Carolina, Newton 11-44, Stewart 14, Samuel 1-11. Arts-Payne 4-8, McCaffrey 4-1. Tampa Bay, Martin 16-77, Winston 3-13, Rodgers 1-1.

Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press

Iowa State wide receiver Allen Lazard, right, celebrates with teammate Kamari Cotton-Moya after they defeated TCU 14-7 in an NCAA football game, on Saturday in Ames, Iowa.

Iowa State climbs into 4-way tie atop Big 12

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State will enter November in first place in the Big 12 and in control of its own destiny.

No, seriously.

The Cyclones (6-2, 4-1) are tied with TCU (7-1, 4-1), Oklahoma (7-1, 4-1) and Oklahoma State (7-1, 4-1) after beating the Horned Frogs 14-7 on Saturday. But Iowa State has wins over both the Sooners and TCU — and the Cowboys have to visit Ames on Nov. 11.

Not bad for a team that has never won the Big 12 and was picked ninth in the preseason league poll.

"The goal has always been to get to November with something to play for," Iowa State coach Matt Campbell said.

Even though Iowa State has become one of the nation's most remarkable stories, the chances the program makes the playoff are extraordinarily slim because of early losses to Iowa and Texas at home.

Iowa State finishes with three of its last four on the road as well, starting Saturday at West Virginia (5-3, 3-2). The Cyclones play at Baylor (0-8, 0-5) and at Kansas State (4-4, 2-3) after hosting Oklahoma State.

That leaves the one-loss Horned Frogs, Sooners and Cowboys desperate to win out and hope for some outside chaos that would open the door for a team from the Big 12 — which missed the playoff a year ago — to nab one of the four coveted postseason spots.

Things should clear up fairly quickly.

Oklahoma and Oklahoma State square off next week in Stillwater in what essentially will be an elimination game for each program's playoff hopes.

Should the Cowboys survive and then topple Iowa State on the road, they'll be in a strong position to reach the conference title game. Oklahoma State finishes with Kansas State and Kansas at home.

"It's been a big game, both in the Big 12 and on the national scene, for the last several years," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "They've got a great football team."

TCU also is in control of its Big 12 fate despite losing to the Cyclones.

The Horned Frogs, though, will likely need some help to reach the playoff.

TCU fell back into the one-loss mix with the Oklahoma schools, Notre Dame, Penn State, Clemson and others after Saturday's defeat. But the Horned Frogs also get a crack at the Sooners in Norman on Nov. 11.

"We've still got a chance to play for a Big 12 title. Does it hurt our chances for the playoff? Probably," TCU coach Gary Patterson said Saturday.

Oklahoma might have the clearest path to the playoff of any team in the Big 12.

The Sooners have a huge road win over Big Ten East-leading Ohio State — which rallied to stun Penn State on Saturday and end the Nittany Lions' unbeaten streak — and its only loss came against the Cyclones.

Remarkably, falling to Iowa State isn't the demerit it usually is in regards to the postseason.

Florida, McElwain agree to part ways after 3rd straight loss

By Mark Long
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida and coach Jim McElwain have agreed to part ways a day after a third consecutive loss and nearly a week after he said his players and their families had received death threats.

Athletic director Scott Stricklin made the announcement Sunday and named defensive coordinator Randy Shannon the team's interim coach for the final four games.

The parties are negotiating McElwain's $12.5 million buyout.

Florida (3-4, 3-3 Southeastern Conference), which is still paying former coach Will Muschamp, would like to significantly reduce McElwain's sum and could use his actions over the last week as leverage.

Regardless of the outcome, McElwain's tenure will be remembered for failing to fix a floundering offense. Three years ago, McElwain proclaimed he could win with his dog at quarterback. The Gators currently rank 113th in total offense, in triple digits nationally for the third time in McElwain's three seasons.

"We want to thank Coach McElwain for his efforts in leading the Gator football program," Stricklin said in a statement. "We are confident Coach Shannon will provide the proper guidance to the players and rest of staff during this time, and we will begin a national search for the next head coach."

McElwain went 22-12 with the Gators, including 4-9 against ranked teams, and became the first coach in league history to take a team to the SEC championship game in his first two years. Florida was eliminated from contention in the Eastern Division with a 42-7 loss to rival Georgia on Saturday. It was Florida's most lopsided loss in the series since 1982.

McElwain's downfall was more about relationships than records.

His already-strained rapport with administrators reached a new low last Monday when he said Florida players and families had received death threats. The bombshell shocked Stricklin, who had not been previously notified about a potentially harmful situation. Stricklin met with McElwain later that day, and the coach rebuffed a request to provide more information about the threats. The athletic department responded with a statement that essentially criticized McElwain for being uncooperative.

The school's position was basically this: If there were death threats and administrators did nothing about them, the Gators would be legally liable if something horrible happened. If McElwain exaggerated the threats or made them up altogether, then he essentially sullied an entire fan base without merit. McElwain made the situation even worse two days later when he said he would provide more details about the death threats "when it becomes unmanageable." McElwain seemed resigned to his fate Saturday night.

"I know what I was brought here to do. Look, we haven't been good on offense, I get it," he said. "We've won a few games, but we haven't won enough. We haven't won a championship. That's real. That's life. That is this business, and I take full responsibility for all of it."

HS VOLLEYBALL CAPSULE

CLASS 4A BI-DISTRICT GREENWOOD VS. CLINT MOUNTAIN VIEW

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Fort Stockton High School

Records/seeds: Greenwood 26-13, No. 3 seed out of District 4-4A; Mountain View 13-10, No. 2 seed out of District 3-4A

Notes: After dropping their first two District 4-4A matches, Greenwood recovered to finish with a 4-4 mark and the district's third playoff seed. The Rangerettes won three of their final four matches to earn their first playoff berth since 2011. … Greenwood head coach Terri McColloch said she doesn't know much about Mountain View but believes they have an experienced team with several seniors. She said that, especially without much specific preparation, her team plans to treat today's contest as just another match. "We're just going to show up and play," McColloch said. … McColloch added that as always, playing strong on serve/receive and passing efficiently to set up a versatile offense will be key. "When we pass and serve well, we're usually winning or playing teams super close," McColloch said. … Though today is the first playoff volleyball match for every Rangerette player, McColloch acknowledged the experience some of her players have with the Greenwood softball and girls basketball teams.

Next: Winner plays winner of Seminole-Dalhart, TBA in Class 4A area round

-Compiled by Will Korn

HS VOLLEYBALL PAIRINGS

UIL volleyball playoffs
Class 6A
Region I
Bi-district

Arlington Martin (37-5, W4) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (17-25, F3), 6:30 p.m. Monday, Fort Worth Brewer HS
El Paso Franklin (33-12, R1) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (24-16, T2), Tuesday, Andrews
Keller (28-11, W3) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (26-14, F4), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Worth Brewer HS
Lee (28-15, R2) vs. El Paso El Dorado (23-14, T1), 7 p.m. Monday, Sul Ross State, Alpine
Copperas Cove (37-6, W8) vs. DeSoto (21-17, F7), Tuesday, West HS
Southlake Carroll (36-7, R5) vs. Plano (27-9, T6), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, The Colony HS
South Grand Prairie (22-12, W7) vs. Killeen Ellison (20-8, F8), 7 p.m. Hillsboro HS
Allen (31-7, R6) vs. Trophy Club Byron Nelson (34-9, T5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Coppell HS
Midland High (30-12, W2) vs. El Paso Eastwood (28-12, F1), 5 p.m. Monday, Sul Ross State, Alpine
Weatherford (37-6, R3) vs. Arlington (29-12, T4), 6:30 p.m. Monday, Joshua HS
El Paso Coronado (31-3, W1) vs. San Angelo Central (27-9, F2), 6 p.m. Monday, Pecos HS
Mansfield (26-17, R4) vs. Keller Timber Creek (27-13, T3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Richland HS
Plano West (28-12, W6) vs. Flower Mound (17-15, F5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Frisco
Duncanville (14-13, R7) vs. Belton (17-12, T8), 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, West HS
Hebron (34-7, W5) vs. Denton Guyer (31-11, F6), 7 p.m. Monday, Flower Mound Marcus HS
Waco Midway (19-17, R8) vs. Cedar Hill (20-14, T7), TBA

Class 4A
Bi-district

Andrews (24-12, W4) vs. San Elizario (19-22, F3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton HS
Pampa (R1) vs. Denver City (T2), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Littlefield HS
Fabens (26-9, W3) vs. Monahans (F4), 5 p.m. (not sure Monday or Tuesday), Marfa HS
Levelland R2 vs. Borger (15-26, T1), 7 p.m. Monday, Tulia HS
Glen Rose W8 vs. Benbrook (23-16, F7), TBA
Brownwood (12-18, R5) vs. Vernon (16-20, T6), 5 p.m. Monday, Breckenridge HS
Springtown (22-8, W7) vs. Life Waxahachie (27-12, F8), TBA
Burkburnett (R6) vs. Sweetwater (10-30, T5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Cisco
Seminole (26-7, W2) vs. Dalhart (F1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dimmitt HS
Clint Mountain View (13-10, R3) vs. Greenwood (26-12, T4), 5 p.m. Monday, Fort Stockton HS
Bushland (37-1, W1) vs. Lamesa (F2), 6 p.m. Monday, Bushland HS
Pecos (R4) vs. Clint (4-19, T3), 6:30 p.m. Monday, Marfa HS
Graham (32-5, W6) vs. Big Spring (10-13, F5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Tuscola Jim Ned HS
Kennedale (17-23, R7) vs. Stephenville (20-21, T8), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aledo HS
Abilene Wylie (21-16, W5) vs. Iowa Park (F6), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Breckenridge
Midlothian Heritage (33-5, R8) vs. Castleberry (11-17, T7), 7 p.m. Monday, Mansfield Legacy HS

Class 3A
Bi-district

Sonora (26-12, W4) vs. Crane (F3), TBA
Amarillo River Road (R1) vs. Littlefield (T2), TBA
Alpine (25-5, W3) vs. San Angelo TLCA (F4), TBA
Friona (22-16, R2) vs. Childress (16-13-1, T1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon Randall HS
Boyd (25-4, W8) vs. Tolar (20-21, F7), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aledo HS
Clyde (20-18, R5) vs. Dublin (T6), 7 p.m. Brownwood HS
Pleaster (28-13, W7) vs. Nocona (15-14, F8), 6:30 p.m. Monday, Bridgeport
Breckenridge (10-20, R6) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (7-22, T5), Monday
Shallowater (32-4, W2) vs. Tulia (F1), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday
Tomlin R3 vs. San Angelo Grape Creek T4, 4:30 p.m. Monday, Fort Stockton HS
Highland Park (28-11, W1) vs. Dimmitt (F2), TBA
Weil (18-18, R4) vs. Kermit (T3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sterling City
Comanche (22-10, W6) vs. Coahoma (F5), Monday
Brock (34-9, R7) vs. Holiday (23-11, T8), 6:30 p.m. Monday, Breckenridge HS
Colorado City (W5) vs. Eastland (F6), TBA
Henrietta (31-12, R8) vs. Millsap (24-10, T7), 7 p.m. Tuesday

TAPPS 3A
Bi-district

Midland Classical (24-5-1), bye
Fort Worth Cavalry Christian (10-9) def. Dallas Covenant (9-12), 3-0
Rockwall Heritage Christian (28-8-3), bye
Denton Cavalry (14-24), bye
Amarillo Ascension (8-12), bye
Irving Highlands (16-15), bye
Dallas Lakehill Prep (16-15) def. El Paso Faith Christian (10-13), 3-0
Willow Park Trinity Christian (34-3), bye
Round Rock Christian (31-6-1), bye
San Antonio Keystone def. McAllen South Texas Christian, 3-0
San Antonio Christian-Castle Hills (27-2-1), bye
Austin Hill Country Christian (18-13) def. Beaumont Legacy Christian (11-7), 3-1
Mission Juan Diego (11-5-1), bye
Temple Central Texas Christian (30-11) def. San Antonio Lutheran (12-19-3), 3-0
Spring Passail Catholic (17-10-1), bye
Hallettsville Sacred Heart Catholic (15-12) def. Tomball Rosehill Christian, 3-1

Area

Midland Classical (24-5-1) vs. Fort Worth Cavalry Christian (10-9), 6 p.m. Tuesday, MCA gym
Denton Cavalry (14-24) vs. Rockwall Heritage Christian (28-8-3), Tuesday
Amarillo Ascension (8-12) vs. Irving Highlands (16-15), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Vernon
Willow Park Trinity Christian (34-3) vs. Dallas Lakehill Prep (16-15), 6:30 p.m. Willow Park
Round Rock Christian (31-6-1) vs. San Antonio Keystone, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Round Rock
Austin Hill Country Christian (18-13) vs. San Antonio Christian-Castle Hills (27-2-1), Tuesday
Temple Central Texas Christian (30-11) vs. Mission Juan Diego (11-5-1), 2:30 p.m. Tuesday
Hallettsville Sacred Heart Catholic (15-12) vs. Spring Passail Catholic (17-10-1), Tuesday

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was a hard time but I knew if I could get through that, then I could get through the rest of my high school years."

Nelson wanted to be a part of the process and so she turned to her family as an inspirational example.

"Volleyball is a very special thing in our family and I just wanted to keep the tradition going," Nelson said. "I have three older sisters and all three of them played volleyball. That's what kept me going."

Lopez said through all of the team's challenges, it was a special level of dedication from each of her players over the past two seasons that has produced one of the program's greatest seasons in recent memory.

MHS was physically and mentally tested time and again during their District 2-6A schedule. But at every opportunity to fall back, the Lady Bulldogs found a way to excel.

"It was the conscious decision to be a championship team," Lopez said. "For this group of seniors in general, it was a realization of the kind of team that we wanted to be and what we were willing to do to get there. At the end of their sophomore year, we did that.

"Their performance (this season) has been top notch. But to have the confidence and the team unity and for them to be so proud of themselves, I feel like that is another level of winning in itself. I can't repay them enough for their buy in, for the example they have set."

Nelson, who will be making her third playoff appearance with MHS today, said nothing has come easy.

"We've had to work through a lot," Nelson said. "Each game, even if we won, we still had to work harder in practice, keep the bond together out on the court. We're focusing on working our hardest in practice and even though we won district, we want to keep going. Every year, we just want to keep increasing (our run) in the playoffs. It's a fun journey."

Nelson added that she hopes what she and her senior teammates have built will inspire the Lady Bulldogs' younger players to continue carrying the banner in coming seasons.

"We've been through a lot with coach Lopez and our senior class and I think we've trained the (younger players) and left a legacy for them," Lopez said. "It's cool because each year we get to show the underclassmen (what it means to be a Midland High volleyball player)."

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CLASS 6A BI-DISTRICT MIDLAND HIGH VS. EL PASO EASTWOOD

When/where: 5 p.m. today, Pete P. Gallego Center, Sul Ross State University, Alpine

Records/seeds: MHS 30-12, No. 1 seed out of District 2-6A; Eastwood 28-12, No. 4 seed out of District 1-6A

Notes: This is MHS' 21st playoff appearance in the last 23 seasons. … The Lady Bulldogs enter today on a 14-match winning streak dating back to a sweep of Abilene Wylie on Sept. 1. … Eastwood comes into today on a four-match winning streak, which includes sweeps in their last three contests. The Lady Troopers are led by 6-foot-1 junior middle hitter Caitlan Buettner, who leads the team in kills (416) and blocks (102). Senior middle hitter Megan Custer has 292 kills on the season, good for second most on the team. Eastwood seems to serve well and has 232 aces as a team over their 40 matches. … MHS head coach Amanda Lopez said the Lady Troopers are disciplined and will pose a challenge. Eastwood swept the Lady Bulldogs 2-0 in both the Mansfield Tournament on Aug. 12 and the Margaret Hussman Tournament in El Paso on Aug. 25. "They're good. They don't make many mistakes, they're consistent, they've got some tall girls on their team and defensively they are scrappy," Lopez said. "They are kind of a team that waits for you to make a mistake." … MHS, which has excelled in creating sizable runs at opportune times this season, will need to continue that trend today. "We're continuing to build on those runs we get, keeping points in a row and things like that, because they don't make many mistakes."

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walked Kuhn out together on the team's senior night.

"Without coach Blakley, I would definitely not be in volleyball," said Kuhn, who has lived with Stewart as well as friend, teammate and Lee senior libero Karigan Edwards. "Although it has been for a short amount of time, he has probably been the most fatherly figure in my life."

Kuhn, who praises the constructive value of playing sports, said her experiences have enhanced her profile as a hard-working person and competitor. Mental, physical and emotional toughness are paramount in volleyball, but so is a love for teammates and an appreciation of the common goal.

"As much as it has made me mentally tough, it has made me pretty soft for the girls I play with," Kuhn said. "It makes me want to have their back. It has really taught me that I need to value my family and they are very important to me, no matter if we win or lose. I would jump in front of a bullet for these girls."

Kuhn added that she hopes her life serves as an example for younger players in the program. She is proof that one can grow and improve, no matter the difficulty of circumstance.

"I would love to be that person that people look up to," Kuhn said. "I hope something, someone, maybe some girls in this organization have gotten something out of my life in general, with what I've been through, how I play and why I play."

The last time Lee was in the playoffs, Kuhn was just beginning to deal with the fallout of her parents' breakup. Now, she said she is blessed to have an opportunity to compete in the postseason today with her other family.

It has been a sweeping culture change, as well as relentless dedication and self-belief that have paved the Lady Rebels' road back to playoff volleyball.

"I think this is a very special moment and I think every single girl on this court deserves to be exactly where we are," Kuhn said. "Although we have a very long way to go, I think overall, we have really worked our butts off this year. The hard work never ends. Every game, we have to fight as if it's our last game. For us seniors, this is our last run and we aren't ready to (stop playing) this season.

"It's the overall attitude that we are one team, we have one mission and we are going to be there for each other for the end."

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CLASS 6A BI-DISTRICT LEE VS. EL PASO EL DORADO

When/where: 7 p.m. today, Pete P. Gallego Center, Sul Ross State University, Alpine

Records/seeds: Lee 28-15, No. 2 seed out of District 2-6A; El Dorado 23-14, No. 3 seed out of District 1-6A

Notes: This is Lee's first playoff appearance since the 2011 season. That year, the Lady Rebels were the fourth seed out of District 3-5A and were swept by Arlington in the bi-district round. … This season, Lee defeated El Dorado in four sets on Aug. 25 in a match in the Margaret Hussman Tournament in El Paso. … Lady Rebels head coach Robert Blakley said the Lady Aztecs have a talented middle hitter/blocker in senior Ebonie Ballesteros who will command the attention of his team. Ballesteros has been a force for El Dorado this season, as she has a team-high 287 kills and a 45.1 kill percentage to go along with a team-best 132 blocks. "They have a big middle that will make things challenging for us," Blakley said. "But if we can shut down the middle and make them swing with their outside hitters, we stand a pretty good shot." … El Dorado sophomore outside hitter Paige McGrill is second on the team with 226 kills on the season. Fellow outside hitter and freshman Madison Hill has 187 kills this year. … Blakley said he believes his team matches up well with the Lady Aztecs. "I think as long as we pass well (we'll be alright). Hopefully our hitting will be on par with what we're doing." … El Dorado enters today's match having won their last two contests and five of their last six to round out their District 1-6A schedule. The lone loss in that span came to district champion El Paso Coronado. … The Lady Rebels come in on the heels of a disappointing four-set loss at Amarillo Tascosa last Tuesday.

Next: Winner plays winner of Fort Worth Paschal-Keller, TBA in Class 6A area round

Rose wins HSBC Champions in stunning comeback over Johnson

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Justin Rose posed with the trophy from the balcony high above the 18th green at Sheshan International, a moment that didn't seem possible.

He started the final round eight shots behind Dustin Johnson, the No. 1 player in the world.

"The beginning of the day, I was playing for second," Rose said.

The HSBC Champions turned into a shocker in Shanghai when Johnson went into the PGA Tour record books for all the wrong reasons.

Instead of becoming the first player to win three World Golf Championships in one year, he tied a record for losing the largest lead in the final round. Six shots clear of the field, Johnson didn't make a single birdie on a wild, wind-blown Sunday for a collapse that even Rose didn't see coming.

Only when he saw a leaderboard behind the 14th green and realized he was three shots behind did Rose think he might have a chance. He got up-and-down with a tough bunker shot for birdie. He made a 10-foot par save at the 15th to stay in the game. He birdied the next two holes.

As Rose was signing for a 5-under 67, he looked up and saw Johnson's last hope for eagle on the 18th tumble off the side of the green and into the water.

"It's the kind of day you certainly don't expect," Rose said after his two-shot victory. "It's the kind of a day you hope for — dream for — but a lot of things need to go your way in order for a day like today to happen, coming from eight shots behind, especially going against a player like DJ."

Johnson certainly did his part. He shot 77, his highest final round with the lead since an 82 at Pebble Beach in the 2010 U.S. Open.

"I just could never get anything going and didn't hole any putts," Johnson said. "It was pretty simple."

It was simply stunning.

Johnson matched the record for losing a six-shot lead, most recently by Sergio Garcia at Quail Hollow in 2005, most famously by Greg Norman in the 1996 Masters.

Busch to race for title after Martinsville victory

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — There should be no confusion about the intensity of NASCAR's playoffs after Sunday's show at Martinsville Speedway.

Chase Elliott could have won, same for Brad Keselowski, and Denny Hamlin, too.

It was Kyle Busch, though, who punched his ticket into NASCAR's championship race with a victory in overtime of a race that turned wild very, very quickly and ended with a multicar accident after Busch took the checkered flag.

Busch moved Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Hamlin out of his way to earn a spot in next month's championship race at Homestead-Miami Speedway for the third consecutive year. He won the series title in 2015.

"We weren't the best all day, but we put ourselves in the right spots there at the end," Busch said. "There was kind of chaos ensuing and none of it was our fault, we just came out on the right end of the stick."

Keselowski was in position to win when Joey Logano developed a tire problem with about 10 laps remaining in regulation. Had his Team Penske teammate pitted under green to fix the tire, Keselowski likely would have coasted to the win and earned the spot in the finale.

Instead, Logano spun and brought out a caution.

Keselowski was moved out of the way by Elliott after a restart, and Hamlin then spun Elliott out of the lead with two laps remaining in regulation. Elliott wrecked, chased Hamlin down on the cool-down lap to show his displeasure, and the drivers had a heated exchange after they climbed from their cars.

It was a tough result for Elliott — from potential race winner to 27th, lowest of the eight remaining playoff drivers.

"My mom always said if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all," Elliott said. "He's not worth my time. I got punted from behind and wrecked in Turn 3 leading the race. I don't know what his problem was. It was unnecessary and I hadn't raced him dirty all day long.

"We had the best car I've ever had here at Martinsville, and had an opportunity to go straight to Homestead and because of him we don't."

Elliott could repeatedly be seen saying 'You wrecked me,' to Hamlin as the crowd roared its approval over the tension. Hamlin at first defended his actions because of the stakes, but later apologized to Elliott on social media.

"I've raced nearly 10,000 races since I was 7. Today was the first time I ever spun out the leader," Hamlin wrote on Twitter. "I regret the outcome because it was not intentional the way it turned out but I am responsible for my own car and take blame. Nothing I say now can turn back the clock."

Hamlin faded to seventh after Busch bumped him for the win.

"That was our chance to move to Homestead," Busch shrugged.

Keselowski wound up fourth in a race his team believed he had to win.

Instead, he was simply darting his way around a huge pileup on the final lap that ended an emotional opening race of the third round of the playoffs.

"Yeah, everybody is just desperate," Keselowski said.

Martin Truex Jr. wound up second in a 1-2 sweep for Toyota, which has won six of the seven playoff races. Truex and Busch have won three playoff races each, while Keselowski won in the second round.

The favorite to win the title, Truex said he is confident enough he will make it to next month's finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway without having to bump Busch out of his way to grab the automatic berth.

"I don't know that I would have done anything differently," Truex said. "I think we can get to Homestead without making too many enemies. We'll let everybody else fight and we'll try to do our own thing."

Clint Bowyer, not eligible for the playoffs, finished third.

Kevin Harvick was fifth in a Ford, Ryan Blaney eighth for the Wood Brothers of nearby Stuart, Virginia, and the manufacturer placed six drivers in the top 10.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was the highest-finishing Chevrolet driver in 11th and was dumbfounded by the last-lap chaos.

"Man, I can't believe how everybody crossed the finish line. I ain't seen nothing like that, I ain't seen it, I don't know if I ever have seen it," Earnhardt said. "There was a wreck one time at Richmond before they ever reconfigured it in the Xfinity race on the front straightaway in like 1982 — that is the only thing I ever seen like it. Crazy finish."

Seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson finished 12th.

That was a near victory for Johnson, who spun in Sunday morning qualifying and needed to make repairs to his Chevrolet that forced him to start last. A nine-time Martinsville winner, he used this race last year to vault him toward his record-tying seventh championship.

At one point late in Sunday's race, Johnson was put a lap down by Hendrick Motorsports teammate Elliott.

"We were just terrible all day," Johnson said. "Oh, what a bummer. We had high hopes for this weekend."

WOMP, WOMP: Kyle Larson had been considered a strong championship contender until his engine blew in last week's elimination race at Kansas. Now out of the playoffs, he wasn't competitive Sunday, crashed and finished 37th.

"Another Martinsville for us. I've got to figure out how to get around this place," Larson said. He has one career top-10 finish at the track.

SQUEEZED SCHEDULE: NASCAR experimented with a condensed two-day show at Martinsville, where qualifying was held a little more than three hours before the start of the race. Although roughly two hours of practice time was lost by dumping the third on-track day, fans did get an autograph session and Fan Fest after Saturday's two practice sessions.

LIGHTS: The long race day gave Martinsville the opportunity to make the NASCAR debut of its new $5 million LED lighting system.

NASCAR's oldest track completed the project in February and used it once, last month in a lower-level event. Because of Sunday's late afternoon start time, the lights — enough to brighten eight football fields with one of 15 different lighting scenes — were flipped on roughly two hours into the race.

"Why we don't race at night is beyond me here," Bowyer said. "We should definitely utilize those lights for something other than (overtime) because it's pretty damned cool under the lights."

UP NEXT: The middle race of this playoff round, Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway. Carl Edwards is the defending race winner, but now retired. Johnson won at Texas in the spring.

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Kyle Busch celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup series auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., Sunday. The grandfather clock is the winner's trophy.

NASCAR Monster Energy First Data 500
Results
Sunday
At Martinsville Speedway
Martinsville, Va.
Lap length: 0.526 miles
Starting position in parentheses

1 (14) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 505
2 (2) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 505
3 (5) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 505
4 (7) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 505
5 (13) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 505
6 (34) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 505
7 (6) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 505
8 (4) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 505
9 (17) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 505
10 (22) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 505
11 (21) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 505
12 (24) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 505
13 (25) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 505
14 (18) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 505
15 (15) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 505
16 (12) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 505
17 (23) Danica Patrick, Ford, 505
18 (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 505
19 (20) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 505
20 (19) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 504
21 (26) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 504
22 (11) Kurt Busch, Ford, 505
23 (33) Landon Cassill, Ford, 505
24 (1) Joey Logano, Ford, 504
25 (30) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 504
26 (8) Erik Jones, Toyota, 504
27 (3) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 504
28 (31) David Ragan, Ford, 503
29 (16) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 503
30 (26) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 501
31 (35) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 501
32 (32) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 501
33 (38) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 500
34 (40) Herme Sadler, Chevrolet, 494
35 (38) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 488
36 (39) Carl Long, Chevrolet, Accident, 444
37 (9) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, Accident, 300
38 (37) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, Rear Gear, 274
39 (28) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, Electrical, 187
40 (27) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, Accident, 94

Average Speed of Race Winner: 74.906 mph.
Time of Race: 1 hrs, 32 mins, 12 secs. Margin of Victory: 0.141 Seconds.
Caution Flags: 11 for 74 laps.
Lead Changes: 18 among 8 drivers.
Lap Leaders: J. Logano 1-48. B. Keselowski 49-78. J. Logano 79-89. J. Johnson 90-113. B. Keselowski 114-174. K. Busch 175-257. B. Keselowski 258-265. K. Busch 266-324. C. Elliott 325-362. B. Keselowski 363-385. C. Elliott 386-458. K. Busch 459. C. Elliott 460-470. B. Keselowski 471-496. C. Elliott 497. D. Hamlin 498-504. K. Busch 505.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): K. Busch 4 times for 164 laps. C. Elliott 4 times for 123 laps. B. Keselowski 5 times for 118 laps. J. Logano 3 times for 59 laps. J. Johnson 1 time for 24 laps. D. Hamlin 1 time for 7 laps.

PRO GOLF SCORES

PGA

HSBC Champions Scores
Sunday
At Sheshan International Golf Club
Shanghai
Purse: $9.75 million
Yardage: 7,261; Par: 72
Final

Justin Rose ($50, $1,660,000) 67-68-72-67—274
Brooks Koepka (218), $879,667 64-69-73-71—276
Henrik Stenson (218), $879,667 68-69-69-70—276
Dustin Johnson (218), $879,667 68-63-68-77—276
R.C.Bello (105), $288,000 68-70-70-72—280
Kyle Stanley (105), $288,000 71-68-69-72—280
Peter Uihlein (105), $288,000 72-67-69-72—280
Brian Harman (89), $210,000 68-69-70-74—281
Matthew Fitzpatrick, $176,000 68-69-72-73—282
Bernd Wiesberger, $176,000 71-70-70-71—282
Paul Casey (67), $140,000 71-72-69-71—283
Jason Day (67), $140,000 69-74-72-68—283
Tony Finau (67), $140,000 67-72-74-70—283
Tyrrell Hatton (67), $140,000 68-70-71-74—283
Patrick Cantlay (55), $107,900 68-74-69-73—284
Brandon Grace (55), $107,900 74-68-72-69—284
C. Kuwait III (55), $107,900 72-67-71-74—284
Daisuke Kataoka, $107,900 71-72-69-72—284
Phil Mickelson (55), $107,900 71-72-74-67—284
Ashun Wu, $90,250 67-72-73-73—285
T.Fleetwood (48), $90,250 71-70-70-74—285
Hideto Tanihara, $90,250 70-70-74-69—285
Johnattan Vegas (48), $90,250 70-73-72-70—285
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, $79,500 65-70-75-76—286
Daniel Berger (37), $79,500 68-71-75-72—286
Poom Saksansin, $79,500 73-70-69-74—286
Pat Perez (37), $79,500 72-69-76-69—286
Chez Reavie (37), $79,500 69-74-71-72—286
Hyun-woo Ryu, $79,500 69-73-69-75—286
Matthew Southgate, $79,500 68-71-74-73—286
SSP Chawrasia, $72,000 72-70-73-72—287
Matt Kuchar (27), $72,000 67-70-79-69—287
Alexander Levy, $72,000 71-71-71-74—287
Alex Noren (27), $72,000 72-72-71-71—287
Thorbjorn Olesen, $72,000 72-73-69-73—287
Russell Henley (22), $68,500 75-68-74-69—286
Jon Rahm (22), $68,500 72-74-69-73—288
Paul Dunne, $64,500 67-73-70-79—289
Gavin Kyle Green, $64,500 65-74-73-77—289
Marc Leishman (16), $64,500 71-79-68-71—289
WC Liang, $64,500 72-70-73-74—289
Hideki Matsuyama (16), $64,500 68-74-75-72—289
Richard Sterne, $64,500 73-72-76-68—289
Richie Ramsay, $60,500 73-71-75-71—290
Xinjun Zhang (13), $60,500 71-77-71-71—290
Ryan Fox, $57,500 71-69-75-76—291
P.Khongwatmai, $57,500 69-78-70-74—291
F.Molinari (11), $57,500 71-71-72-71—291
X. Schauffele (11), $57,500 71-75-74-71—291
Lucas Glover (8), $51,875 71-75-76-70—292
Hao Tong Li, $51,875 72-76-71-73—292
Hideki Matsuyama (8), $51,875 74-70-72-76—292
Patrick Reed (8), $51,875 68-76-82-74—292
Charl Schwartzel (8), $51,875 73-70-75-76—292
Adam Scott (8), $51,875 72-72-74-74—292
Hudson Swafford (8), $51,875 70-74-75-73—292
Fabrizio Zanotti, $51,875 73-71-71-77—292
Ross Fisher (6), $48,250 77-70-73-73—293
Chan Kim, $48,250 69-72-76-76—293
David Lipsky, $48,250 69-70-72-82—293
Jordan L Smith, $48,250 69-73-74-77—293
Wesley Bryan (5), $46,750 77-72-71-74—294
Bill Haas (5), $46,750 71-73-76-74—294
Scott Hend, $46,750 71-68-78-77—294
Adam Hadwin (4), $46,125 69-74-79-73—295
Mike Hendry, $46,125 73-75-71-76—295
Matthew Griffin, $45,625 68-77-74-77—296
Michael Lorenzo-Vera, $45,625 71-77-77-71—296
Zachang Dou (4), $45,125 71-76-75-75—297
Si Woo Kim (4), $45,125 71-71-79-76—297
Thomas Pieters (3), $44,625 75-79-69-76—299
Gregorio Bono, $44,625 75-74-75-75—299
Yan Wei Liu, $44,250 72-73-77-78—300
Ashley Hall, $44,000 74-71-80-76—301
Andrew Dodt, $43,750 74-79-74-77—304
Brandon Stone, $43,500 78-67-88-75—308
Yi Cao, $43,250 74-83-79-75—311

Sanderson Farms Championship Scores
Sunday
At The Country Club of Jackson
Jackson, Miss.
Purse: $4.3 million
Yardage: 7,491; Par: 72
Final

Ryan Armour (300), $774,000 66-68-67-68—269
C. Hadley (165), $464,400 68-70-68-68—274
J. Randolph (165), $292,400 69-69-71-67—276
Simpie Kaufman (98), $177,733 67-72-71-68—278
Scott Brohmeyer, $177,733 72-67-68-71—278
Brian Stuard (68), $177,733 67-70-71-70—278
Jason Kokrak (50), $134,017 69-70-73-67—279
N. Lindheim (50), $134,017 70-67-72-70—279
Sen Silverman (50), $134,017 68-70-69-72—279
Ricky Barnes (34), $92,143 69-70-75-66—280
Derek Fathauer (34), $92,143 67-71-73-69—280
Patton Kizzire (34), $92,143 71-72-69-68—280
Shawn Stefani (34), $92,143 72-71-67-70—280
Kevin Streelman (34), $92,143 71-69-71-69—280
Beau Hossler (34), $92,143 69-69-69-73—280
Vaughn Taylor (34), $92,143 70-66-71-73—280
Wyndham Clark, $88,800 66-71-75-69—281
Brandon Hagy (28), $52,337 71-71-72-68—282
Rob Oppenheim (28), $52,337 70-71-70-71—282
Zac Blair (28), $52,337 68-70-71-73—282
Brian Gay (28), $52,337 72-69-68-73—282
Tom Lovelady (28), $52,337 71-69-70-72—282
Hunter Mahan (26), $52,437 70-71-69-72—282
Seamus Power (26), $52,337 68-68-71-75—282
Austin Cook (20), $33,540 72-67-70-74—283
Billy Hurley III (20), $33,540 72-68-69-74—283
William McGirt (20), $33,540 70-71-70-72—283
T. Van Aswegen (20), $33,540 70-68-74-74—283
Aaron Wise (20), $33,540 68-74-70-71—283
Aaron Baddeley (16), $27,305 69-68-74-73—284
Tabor Gooch (16), $27,305 71-71-72-70—284
Dru Love, $27,305 71-67-72-74—284
Ethan Tracy (16), $27,305 71-70-71-73—284
Eric Axley (11), $20,353 68-71-74-71—284
Peter Malnati (11), $20,353 67-74-70-74—285
J.J. Spaun (11), $20,353 68-75-71-73—285
Angel Cabrera (11), $20,353 70-72-74-69—285
Derek Ernst (11), $20,353 72-70-74-69—285
Chris Kirk (11), $20,353 72-72-70-67—285
Cameron Percy (11), $20,353 69-74-71-71—285
Andrew Putnam (11), $20,353 69-73-70-74—285
Johnson Wagner (11), $20,353 69-70-71-75—285
Sam Burns, $13,094 69-73-72-72—286
Ben Crane (6), $13,094 70-71-72-73—286
Brice Garnett (6), $13,094 72-71-71-72—286
George McNeill (6), $13,094 71-72-73-70—286
Martin Piller (6), $13,094 71-71-70-74—286
Adam Schenke (6), $13,094 71-72-71-72—286
Scott Stallings (6), $13,094 71-71-74-70—286
Brett Stegmaier (6), $13,094 71-72-72-71—286
Joel Dahmen (5), $10,449 70-70-73-74—287
Stephan Jaeger (5), $10,449 72-69-73-73—287
Tim Herron (4), 8(PC) 73-66-73-76—288
Cameron Tringale (4), $9,861 71-72-70-75—288
Matt Every (4), $9,861 74-69-74-71—288
Taylor Moore, $9,861 69-71-70-78—288
J.T. Poston (4), $9,861 69-74-72-73—288
David Skinns, $9,861 69-73-74-71—288
Stuart Appleby (3), $9,331 70-71-75-73—289
David Hearn (3), $9,331 68-70-74-77—289
Andrew Landry (3), $9,331 68-74-75-72—289
Spencer Levin, $9,331 69-70-78-74—289
Ben Martin (3), $9,331 70-72-74-73—289
Conrad Shindler (3), $9,331 68-75-73-73—289
Matt Atkins (2), $8,948 69-73-73-75—290
Corey Conners (2), $8,944 72-71-74-73—290
Nicholas Thompson, $8,944 71-71-74-74—290
Abraham Ancer (2), $8,686 70-71-73-77—291
Grady Brame Jr., $8,686 72-67-75-77—291
Greg Chalmers (2), $8,686 69-71-76-75—291
Omar Uresti (2), $8,514 72-69-75-76—292
Fabián Gómez (2), $8,365 71-72-77-74—294
Daniel Summerhays (2), $8,365 73-69-74-78—294
John Rollins (2), $8,213 69-72-78-77—296
Steve Wheatcroft (2), $8,213 71-72-77-76—296

PGA Tour Champions
Powershares QQQ Championship Scores
Sunday
At Sherwood CC
Thousand Oaks, Calif.
Purse: $2 million
Yardage: 7,096; Par: 72
Final
(x-won on two hole playoff)

x-Bernhard Langer, $305,000 69-69-67—205
xMiguel Angel Jim?nez, $180,000 68-70-67—205
Scott McCarron, $119,000 70-69-68—207
Fred Funk, $84,333 74-68-66—210
Billy Andrade, $84,333 69-70-71—210
Doug Garwood, $84,333 71-69-70—210
Paul Broadhurst, $55,500 71-71-69—211
Jerry Kelly, $55,500 72-70-69—211
Jeff Maggert, $55,500 68-70-73—211
Gene Sauers, $55,500 74-68-69—211
Glen Day, $45,000 73-71-68—212
Scott Dunlap, $45,000 68-72-72—212
Scott Parel, $45,000 74-69-69—212
Kenny Perry, $45,000 72-68-72—212
David Frost, $38,000 71-71-71—213
Billy Mayfair, $38,000 75-70-68—213
Jesper Parnevik, $38,000 67-74-72—213
Stephen Ames, $28,000 73-71-70—214
Tom Lehman, $28,000 74-68-72—214
Joey Sindelar, $28,000 69-73-72—214
Marco Dawson, $21,000 71-74-70—215
Wes Short, Jr., $21,000 70-70-75—215
Vijay Singh, $21,000 73-68-74—215
Jeff Sluman, $21,000 70-71-74—215
Kirk Triplett, $21,000 73-69-73—215
Colin Montgomerie, $17,800 74-71-72—217
Kevin Sutherland, $17,800 74-74-69—217
Olin Browne, $14,486 75-74-69—218
Joe Durant, $14,486 71-76-71—218
Mike Goodes, $14,486 71-75-71—218
Steve Flesch, $14,486 72-75-71—218
Paul Goydos, $14,486 71-71-76—218
David McKenzie, $14,486 76-70-72—218
Duffy Waldorf, $14,486 74-68-76—218
Tom Byrum, $11,250 73-71-75—219
Jay Haas, $11,250 73-74-72—219
Corey Pavin, $11,250 72-73-74—219
Tom Pernice Jr., $11,250 76-72-71—219
Tommy Armour III, $9,200 73-74-73—220
Todd Hamilton, $9,200 77-73-70—220
Jerry Smith, $9,200 75-71-74—220
Rod Spittle, $9,200 72-75-73—220
Esteban Toledo, $9,200 77-71-72—220
Scott Verplank, $9,200 75-73-72—220
Woody Austin, $7,200 72-70-79—221
Carlos Franco, $7,200 75-70-76—221
Lee Janzen, $7,200 74-69-78—221
Brandt Jobe, $7,200 78-71-72—221
Michael Allen, $6,200 77-74-71—222
Fran Quinn, $5,800 70-78-80—228

LPGA

Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia Scores
Sunday
At TPC Kuala Lumpur
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Purse: $1.8 million
Yardage: 6,946; Par: 71
Final
a-amateur

Cristie Kerr, $270,000 70-63-65-71—269
Danielle Kang, $127,016 68-67-69-66—270
Jacqui Concolino, $127,016 68-68-67-67—270
Shanshan Feng, $127,016 66-65-68-71—270
Brooke M. Henderson, $58,391 70-69-66-66—271
Nelly Korda, $58,391 68-68-70-65—271
Sung Hyun Park, $58,391 68-69-67-67—271
Stacy Lewis, $58,391 71-68-66-66—271
In Gee Chun, $38,776 72-68-68-66—272
Sei Young Kim, $38,776 69-65-69-70—272
Lydia Ko, $33,072 64-72-70-67—273
Madelene Sagstrom, $33,072 68-68-70-68—273
Lizette Salas, $28,161 72-68-68-68—274
So Yeon Ryu, $28,161 72-67-66-69—274
Sarah Jane Smith, $28,181 74-65-65-70—274
Charley Hull, $24,998 72-67-71-65—275
Suzann Pettersen, $23,174 67-69-71-68—276
Carlota Ciganda, $23,174 70-68-69-71—278
Megan Khang, $20,984 72-69-68-68—277
Gaby Lopez, $20,984 69-68-71-70—277
Eun-Hee Ji, $20,984 68-72-69-71—277
Marina Alex, $15,924 71-70-69-68—278
Azahara Munoz, $17,769 72-65-73-69—279
Su Oh, $17,769 65-71-72-71—279
Brittany Lincicome, $17,769 69-67-70-73—279
Candie Kung, $17,769 67-69-70-73—279
Caroline Masson, $16,148 70-72-66-72—280
Nicole Broch Larsen, $14,342 72-72-72-65—281
Mirim Lee, $14,342 68-73-72-68—281
Aditi Ashok, $14,342 70-73-69-69—281
Angel Yin, $14,342 73-68-70-70—281
Jue-Anne Pan, $14,342 70-69-67-75—281
Cheyenne Woods, $11,465 72-71-71-68—282
Hans Nomura, $11,465 70-68-75-69—282
Ariya Jutanugarn, $11,465 72-68-70-72—282
Brittany Altomare, $11,465 70-70-71-71—282
Gerina Piller, $11,465 73-67-70-72—282
Karine Icher, $11,465 69-69-70-74—282
Angela Stanford, $9,671 70-73-76-65—284
Moriya Jutanugarn, $9,671 65-69-75-75—284
Anna Nordqvist, $8,759 71-75-70-69—285
Kim Kaufman, $8,759 74-69-70-72—285
Brittany Lang, $8,759 69-72-71-73—285
Mi Hyang Lee, $7,481 71-72-72-71—286
Pornanong Phatlum, $7,481 70-75-69-72—286
Jodi Ewart Shadoff, $7,481 70-70-73-73—286
Chella Choi, $7,481 73-69-67-77—286
Jane Park, $7,481 71-70-69-76—286
Pelin Chiao, $6,523 73-71-69-74—287
Alison Lee, $6,523 74-74-65-74—287
Austin Ernst, $6,113 73-71-69-75—288
Sandra Gal, $6,113 71-67-74-76—288
Jeong Eun Lee, $5,565 76-68-74-69—289
Sim Hura, $5,565 71-74-71-73—289
Jessica Korda, $5,565 70-74-70-75—289
Mo Martin, $5,565 70-71-72-76—289
Amy Yang, $5,016 76-67-77-70—290
L. Gonzalez Escallon, $5,016 69-73-79-71—290
Mi Jung Hur, $4,593 71-72-72-75—290
Michelle Wie, $4,593 74-70-74-73—291
Olafia Kristinsdottir, $4,593 74-67-73-77—291
Alena Sharp, $4,333 71-74-75-72—292
Ayako Uehara, $4,333 75-70-73-74—292
a-Winnie Ng 72-76-75-69—293
Tiffany Joh, $4,151 76-73-70-74—293
Jennifer Song, $4,151 72-68-76-77—293
a-Natasha Andrea Oon 72-73-79-73—297
Michelle Koh, $4,014 75-74-76-74—299
Cydney Clanton, $3,924 71-77-79-76—300
Anisha Pan, $3,786 79-73-75-74—301
Kelly Tan, $3,786 82-67-75-77—301
Paula Reto, $3,650 78-76-73-75—302
Nur Durriyah, $3,605 72-78-79-75—304
Yani Tseng, $3,557 79-77-76-76—308
a-Liyana Dunsie 77-74-76-81—308
a-Zulaikah Nurzaina 81-76-81-84—322

Hamilton wins 4th F1 championship at Mexican Grand Prix

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Lewis Hamilton grabbed the British Union Jack for a "victory" lap, and then draped it over his shoulders. There was no way he was going to let it go.

Hamilton won his fourth career Formula One championship Sunday with a ninth-place finish at the Mexican Grand Prix, a rare finish away from the podium but one good enough to win a title that makes him the most decorated British driver in history.

"It's been a long journey," said Hamilton, who won his first championship in 2008. "This week I've been reminiscent of where I came from, dreaming of being in Formula One."

None of it came easy Sunday in a race where he had to overcome a first-lap tire puncture and scramble to finish off title rival Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari. It was a bump from Vettel shortly after the start that made an expected title more stressful than anyone at Mercedes expected.

The ninth-place finish was Hamilton's worst of the season, but it also closed out Vettel with two races left.

"Not the race you wanted, but who cares?" Mercedes boss Toto Wolff radioed Hamilton after the race.

Not Hamilton.

He passed Sir Jackie Stewart for the most championships won by a British driver. Formula One's first and only black driver also joined Vettel and Alain Prost as four-time winners. Only Argentina's Juan Miguel Fangio (five) and Germany's Michael Schumacher (seven) have won more.

Hamilton also passed his idol, Brazil's Aryton Senna, who won three titles before he was killed in a crash and is still considered one of the most skilled drivers in F1 history.

"It's crazy to think I continue to put the Hamilton stamp, the Hamilton name, in the history books. Beyond my time there will be kids that read my name," Hamilton said.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen got the win in Mexico for his third career victory and second this season.

Vettel made it an adventure for everyone.

The German started in pole position and the beginning was a furious sprint through the long straight at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez. Verstappen got the edge through the first turn and Hamilton made a move to get past Vettel, who drifted left. Vettel's left front wing clipped Hamilton's right rear tire, damaging both cars and forcing both drivers to the pits for repairs.

Verstappen disappeared into the distance as a seething Hamilton asked his team over the radio if Vettel made contact "on purpose."

"Not sure, Lewis," the team replied. Race stewards determined no investigation was necessary.

Vettel had to finish first or second to push the championship to the next race in Brazil. Both drivers made a mad scramble to get back toward the front, weaving through the traffic on the short track. Hamilton was struggling and on lap 23, he was so slow he was shown a blue flag, the humiliating order to let a faster car — Verstappen — go past him.

"I knew the car was good. I didn't know it would be that good," Verstappen said.

"Throughout the race, I was thinking don't give up," Hamilton said.

Vettel pushed hard but finished fourth and the title chase was over. Late in the race, Vettel asked his team if he could get second, but when told how far behind he was, Vettel replied, "Oh mama mia, that's too much."

Sunday
At Hermanos Rodriguez Autodrome
Mexico City
Lap length: 2.67 miles
(Pole position in parentheses)

1 (2) Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 71 laps, 1:36:26.552, 25 points
2 (4) Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, [illegible]
3 (5) Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, [illegible]
4 (1) Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, [illegible]
5 (6) Esteban Ocon, France, Force India Mercedes, [illegible] lap, 10
6 (12) Lance Stroll, Canada, Williams Mercedes, [illegible] lap, 8
7 (10) Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India Mercedes, [illegible] lap, 6
8 (18) Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas Ferrari, [illegible] lap, 4
9 (3) Lewis Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes, [illegible] lap
10 (14) Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren Honda, [illegible] lap, 1
11 (11) Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams Mercedes, [illegible] lap
12 (15) Stoffel Vandoorne, Belgium, McLaren Honda, [illegible] lap
13 (20) Pierre Gasly, France, Toro Rosso, [illegible] lap
14 (17) Pascal Wehrlein, Germany, Sauber Ferrari, 69, +2 laps
15 (19) Romain Grosjean, France, Haas Ferrari, 69, +2 laps
16 (9) Carlos Sainz, Spain, Renault, 59
17 (16) Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber Ferrari, 55
18 (13) Brendon Hartley, New Zealand, Toro Rosso, 30
19 (8) Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 24
20 (7) Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 5

World Championship Standings

1. x-Lewis Hamilton, Britain, 333 points
2. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, 277
3. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, 262
4. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, 192
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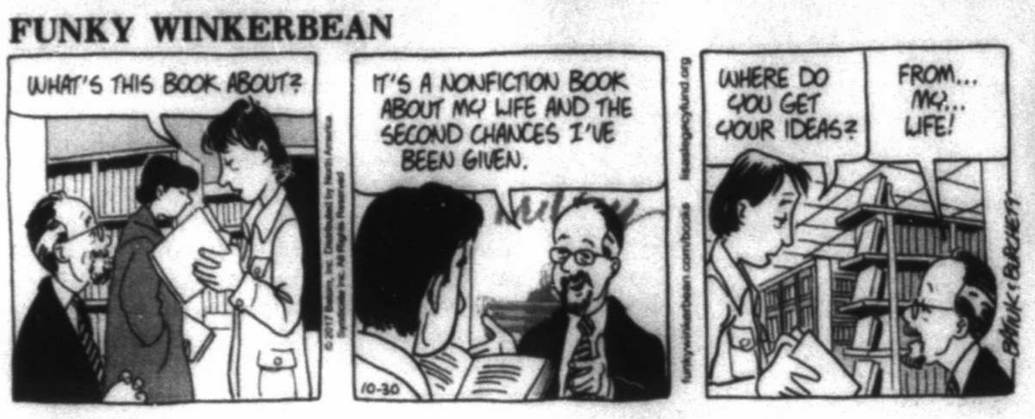

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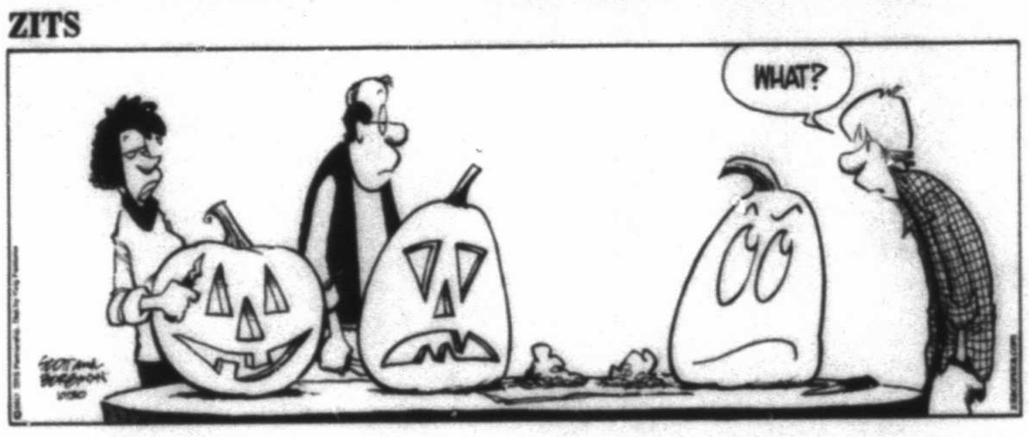

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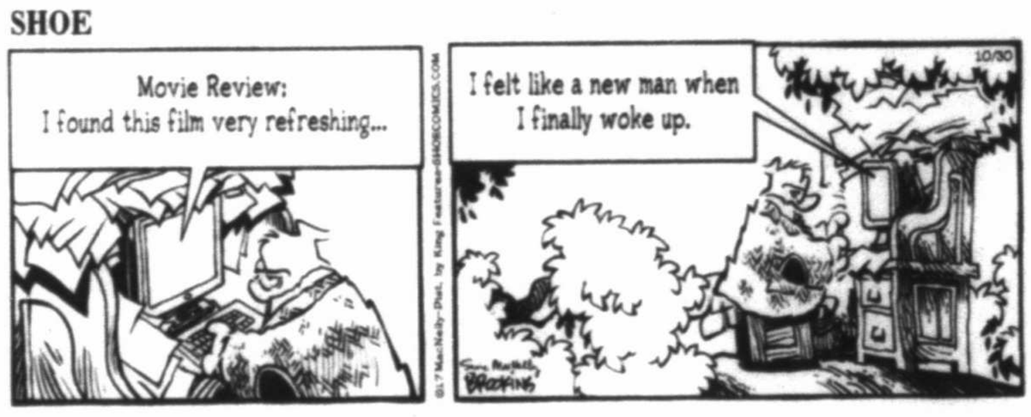

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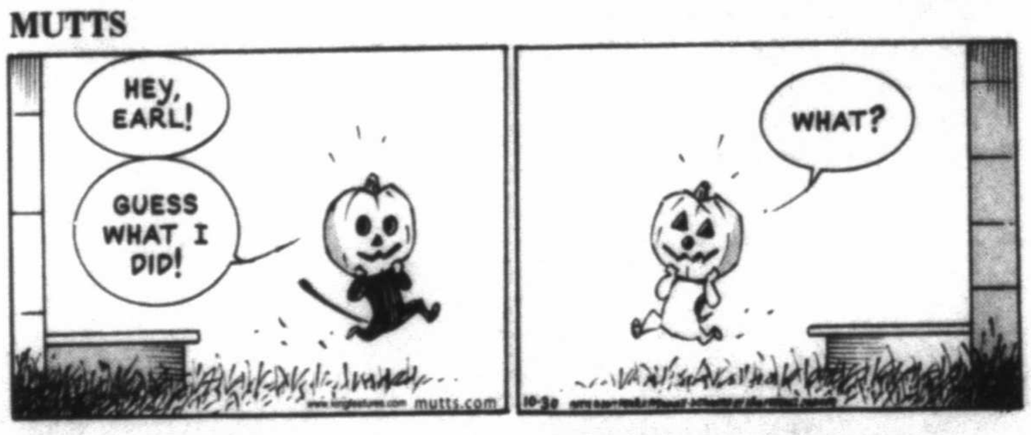

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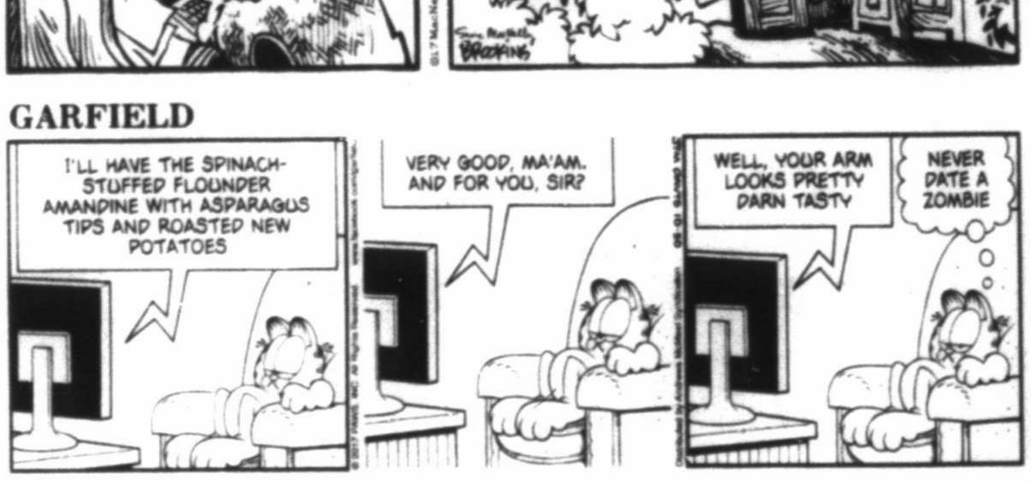

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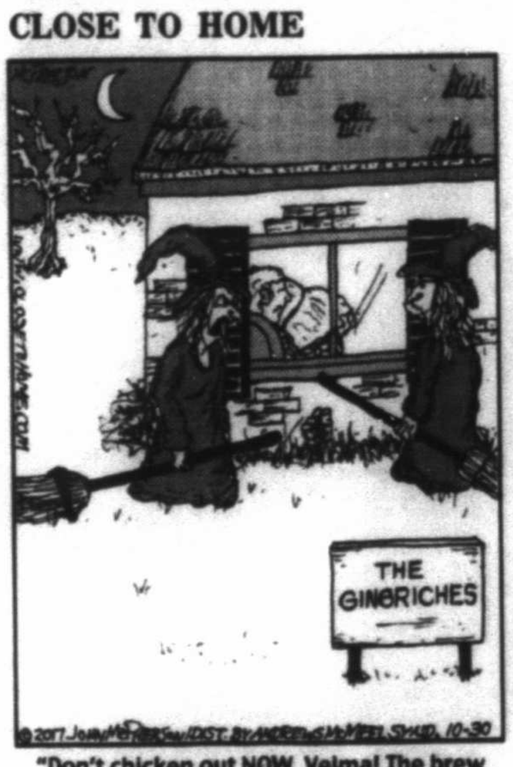

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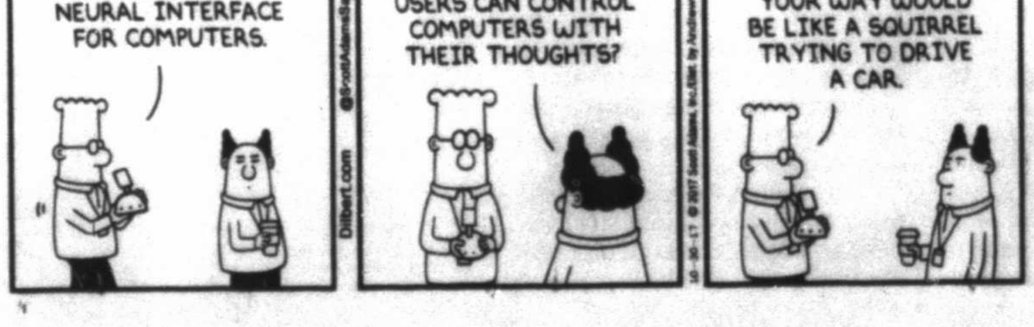

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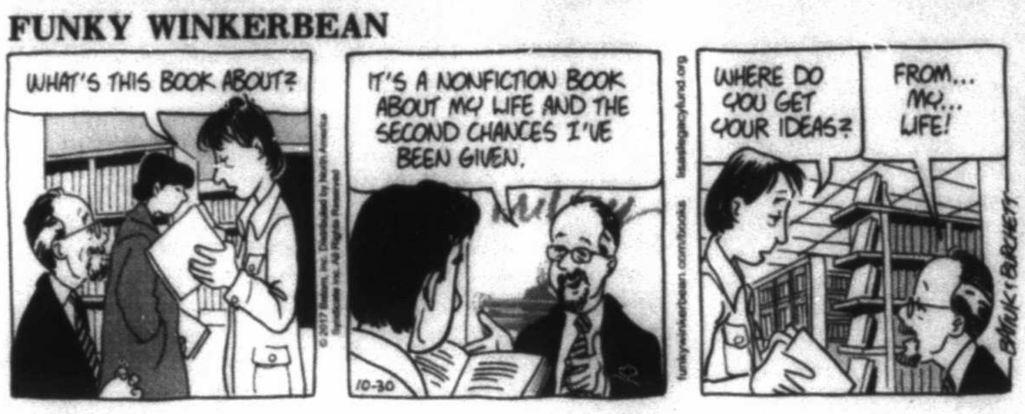

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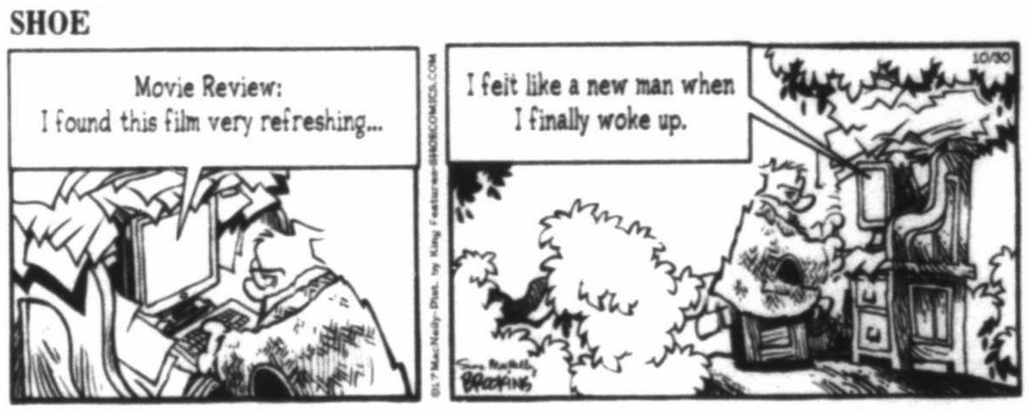

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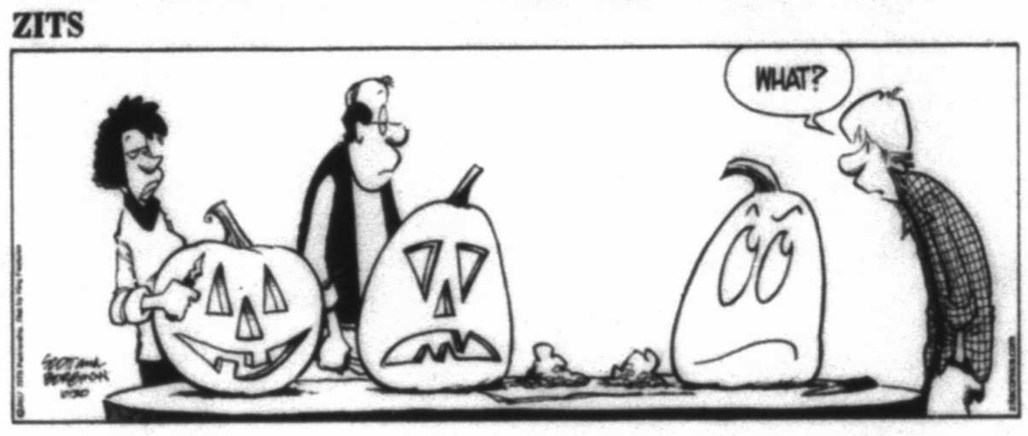

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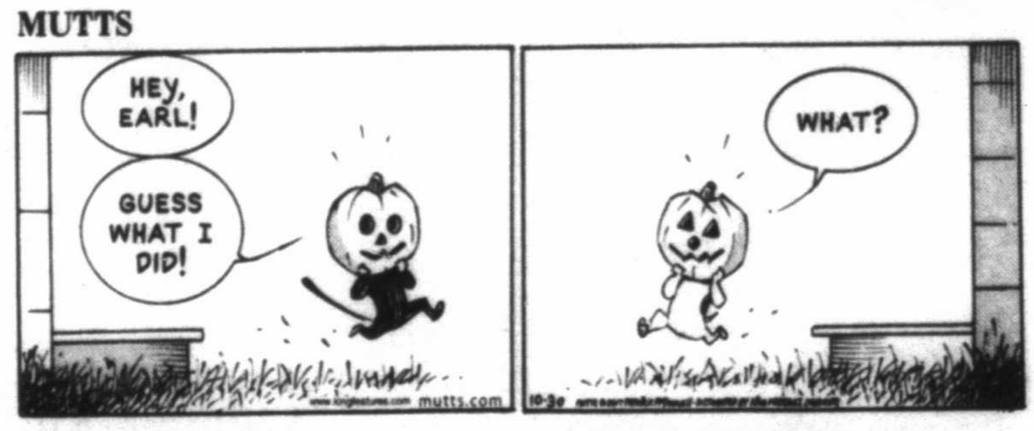

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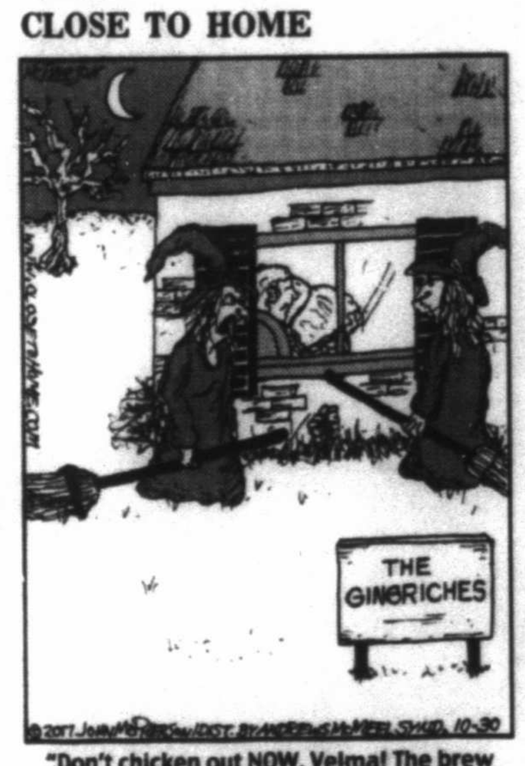

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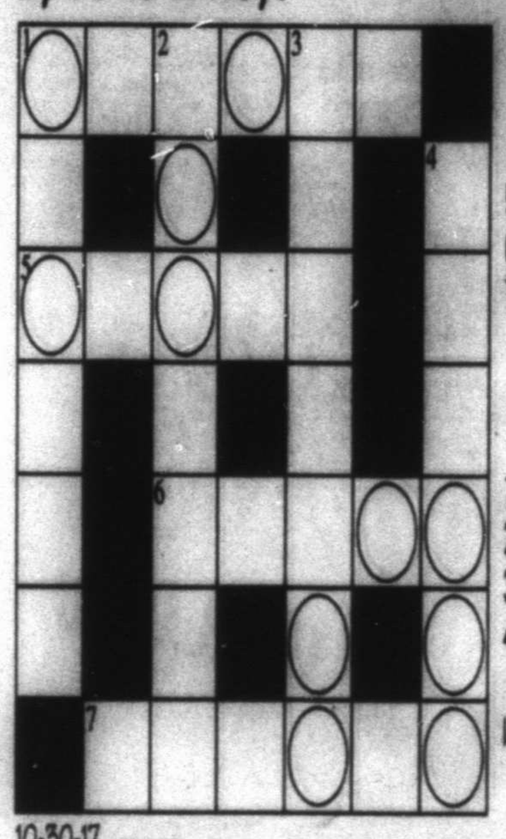

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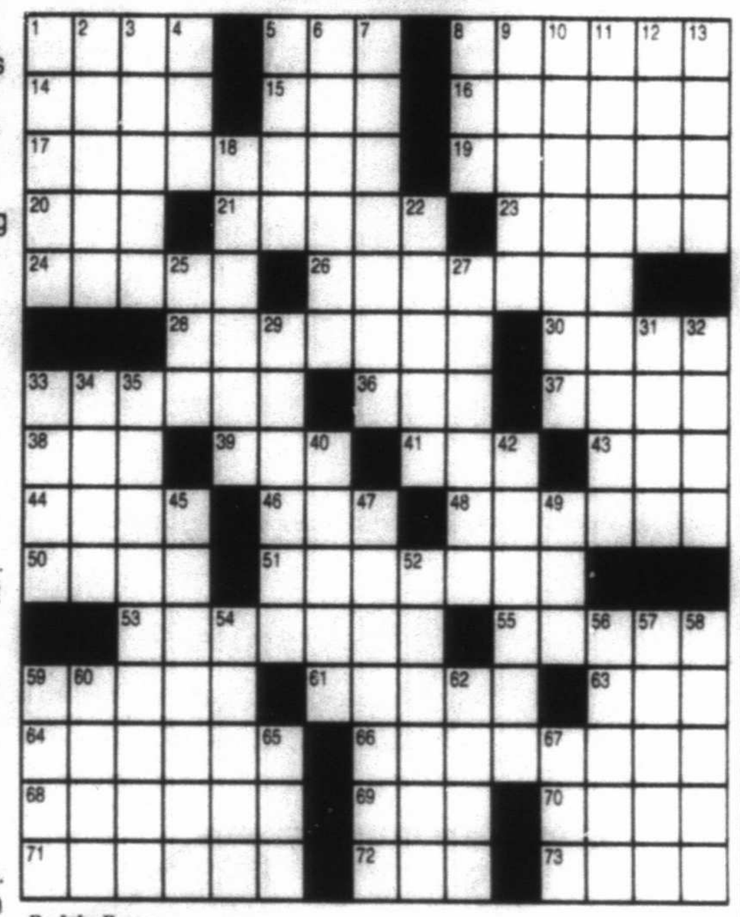

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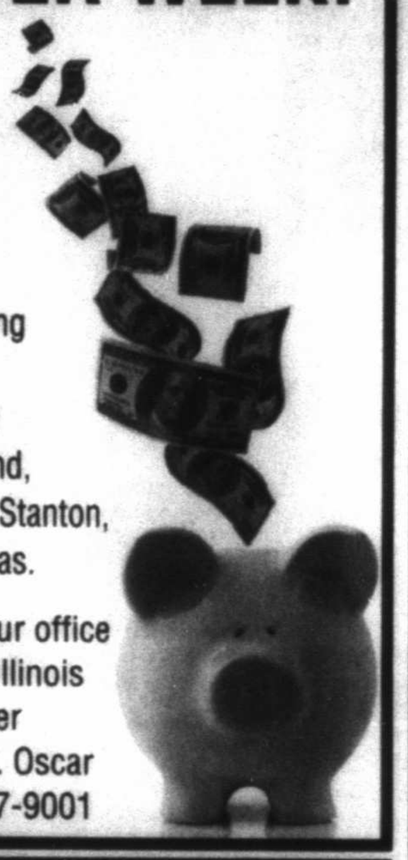

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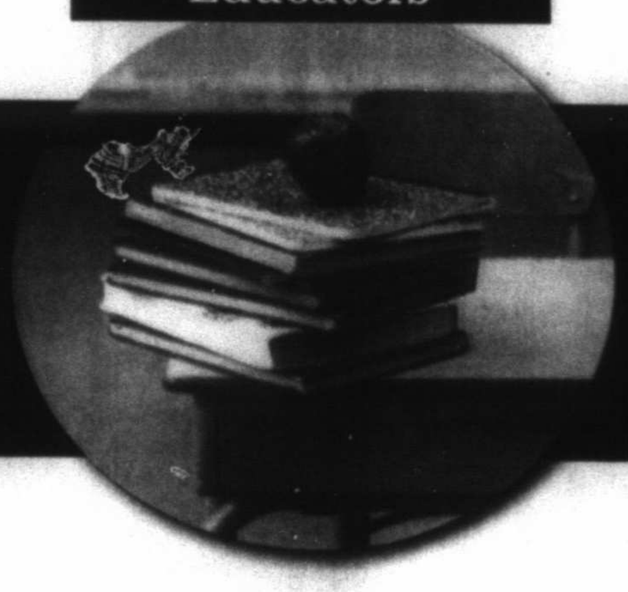

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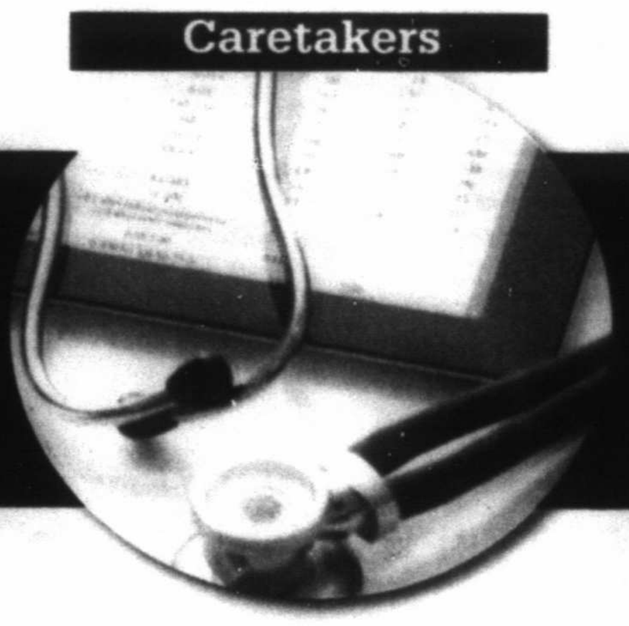

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR [COMMERCIAL] OIL & GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Solaris Water Midstream, LLC, 9811 Katy Freeway, Suite 900, Houston, TX, 77024 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger formation, KatyLiz SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 12 miles SW of Midland in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in County, Midland.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 13,850 to 14,900 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792

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