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Harlost led New York to the Little League World Series title, striking out eight and limiting South Korea to five hits in six innings in a 2-1 victory. He scored the deciding run on a passed ball in the fourth inning.

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State's power will be on decline in Washington

Diminished clout could possibly impact federal spending in Texas

By Abby Livingston
Texas Tribune

WASHINGTON — Since the days former U.S. House Speaker Sam Rayburn ruled the U.S. Capitol in the 1940s and 1950s, Texas dominance of the nation's capital has been a given.

Over a couple of generations, the state has sent a bipartisan roster of big hitters to D.C., including presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush; U.S. Sens. Lloyd Bentsen, Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison; U.S. House Speaker Jim Wright; U.S. House Majority Leaders Dick Armey and Tom DeLay; U.S. Reps. Bill Archer and Martin Frost; Secretary of State James Baker III; Commerce Secretary Don Evans; Education Secretary Margaret Spellings; and Bush White House advisers Karen Hughes, Karl Rove and Dan Bartlett.

Texas is still in the thicks of things today, with seven chairmen running U.S. House committees — more than from any other state — and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn serving as the Senate majority whip, the upper chamber's No. 2 Republican post. But Lone Star clout and the benefits it generates back home look to be on the decline in the coming years.

Thanks to a lack of strong state ties to Republican Donald Trump's campaign and a weak bench on the Democratic side,

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More information

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland, head of the House Agriculture Committee, is one of two Texans who will reach term limits as chairmen in 2020.

CHARITY ON THE GREEN

James Durbin/ Reporter-Telegram

A team from Cochran Chemical plays in the fifth annual Golf to Honor tournament benefiting the Patrick Wayland Memorial Scholarship Fund on Saturday at Hogan Park Golf Course. **RIGHT:** U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, left, laughs with Sungu Funhiro, center, during the tournament. The event was hosted by the Permian Basin Area Foundation in memory of Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Patrick Wayland, who died in a training accident in Pensacola, Fla., in 2011. Wayland, the son of Midlanders David and Carol Wayland, graduated from Midland High School in 2005 and the U.S. Naval Academy in 2010. "Patrick would be honored to have a scholarship in his name," said family friend Rex Barker. "By helping others advance their education, his legacy of good character and commitment to serving others lives on."

KMB: Midlanders making dent in city's trash issue

By Stewart Doreen
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A goal for city officials has been to clean up Midland.

Midland Mayor Jerry Morales in his first term started a cleanup campaign — "Not in my town" — that brought more attention to the litter issue as Midland heads toward "World Class City" status.

City leaders received an update last week on what is happening around the community when it comes to debris removal, weed mowing, litter removal, graffiti abatement and junk vehicles.

Amanda Byrom, executive director of Keep Midland Beautiful, said progress is being made, as the city scored a 1.7 on a trash index, down from 1.9 the past two years. The index is created by observers giving areas scores of 1 to 4 (with 1 being cleaner and 4 having the most trash).

"We still have a little litter out there," said Byrom, who gave the presentation at Tuesday's council meeting along with Building Official Steve Thorpe, who oversees the code compliance division.

Progress reported includes an increase in debris removal. The city made debris removal, including a large item pickup, a full-time program in 2013. That year, the amount of debris collected totaled 459 tons. The amount rose to 605 tons in 2015. To date, a total of 350 tons has been collected. The program uses work-release inmates and a city-employed tailer.

The city reports 2,950 cases of weed mowing have been closed in 2016. City work crews have mowed 110 properties and Union Pacific right-of-way from Fairgrounds Road to Midkiff Road.

The city also reports work crews are performing litter removal two days a month. The result of that program in 2015 was the collection of 6.5 tons of trash. That doesn't include Keep Midland Beautiful's efforts, including its signature cleanups Make a Difference Day and the Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess With Texas Trash-off. Byrom reports those cleanups in October 2015 and May 2016 resulted in more than 100 tons of litter and debris being collected.

Keep Midland Beautiful also has a program, Pick Up Some Trash To Pick Up Some Cash, which resulted in 29.4 tons of litter and debris removed while providing $43,734 for local groups that took part in cleanup events. The city again will budget $50,000 in its Sanitation fund budget for the program in the upcoming fiscal year. Keep Midland Beautiful receives another $100,000 in city funding annually for operations.

Also reported in the presentation to council were 49 cases of graffiti abatement opened in 2016 and sweeps that identified junk vehicles in different areas of Midland.

Texas led states in number of natural disasters last year

■ Results underscore importance of insurance

By Mella McEwen
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Buffeted by hurricanes and tornadoes, inundated by floodwaters, Texas topped the list of states most affected by natural disasters in 2015.

A just-published study by InsuranceQuotes said the Lone Star State had 951 incidents of high winds, 783 incidents of hail and 228 reports of tornadoes last year. That put it first among the top five states experiencing natural disasters last year.

"Texas is getting a lot of weather: It's big, there's a lot of land and its size makes it a bigger target," said Laura Adams, senior insurance analyst for InsuranceQuotes in a phone interview.

She agreed that, with areas from Big Spring to Houston suffering natural disasters, and even Odessa experiencing some street flooding last week, Texas is again being buffeted by Mother Nature.

While the study did not break down claims into categories such as residences and autos, "these types of disasters affect everything, all types of properties — automobiles, residences, rental property like condos, it all gets affected by these disasters," Adams said.

Unfortunately, many people are not proactive when it comes to preparing for natural disasters, she said.

"Of course, in some cases there's not a lot you can do. If you're in the eye of a massive tornado, you're going to sustain damage," Adams said.

Many people tend to wait until something happens to be proactive, she said.

"In reality, that's the worst time to be proactive, and the worst time to think about insurance."

Without enough insurance or the right insurance, the financial ramifications of a natural disaster can be financially devastating for the victims, she said.

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AP file photo

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton listens to Dr. Christopher Beckett, CEO of Williamson Health and Wellness Center, on May 2 during a tour of an exam room the facility in Williamson, W.Va. With the hourglass running out for his administration, President Barack Obama's health care law is struggling in many parts of the country.

Can Clinton save health overhaul from mounting problems?

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

"I'm just hoping that reality begins to sink in when she is inaugurated. If the law is not going to go away, then let's make it work."

Kathleen Sebelius, Obama's first secretary of Health and Human Services

WASHINGTON — With the hourglass running out for his administration, President Barack Obama's health care law is struggling in many parts of the country. Double-digit premium increases and exits by big-name insurers have caused some to wonder whether "Obamacare" will go down as a failed experiment.

If Democrat Hillary Clinton wins the White House, expect her to mount a rescue effort. But how much Clinton could do depends on finding willing partners in Congress and among Republican governors, a real political challenge.

"There are turbulent waters," said Kathleen Sebelius, Obama's first secretary of Health and Human Services. "But do I see this as a death knell? No."

Next year's health insurance sign-up season starts a week before the Nov. 8 election, and the previews have been brutal. Premiums are expected to go up sharply in many insurance marketplaces, which offer subsidized private coverage to people lacking access to job-based plans.

At the same time, retrenchment by insurers that have lost hundreds of millions of dollars means that more areas will become one-insurer markets, losing the benefits of competition. The consulting firm Avalere Health projects that seven states will only have one insurer in each of their marketplace regions next year.

Administration officials say insurers set prices too low in a bid to gain market share, and the correction is leading to sticker shock. Insurers blame the problems on sicker-than-expected customers, disappointing enrollment and a premium stabilization system that failed to work as advertised. They also say some people are gaming the system, taking advantage of guaranteed coverage to get medical care only when they are sick.

Not all state markets are in trouble. What is more important, most of the 11 million people covered through HealthCare.gov and its state-run counterparts will be cushioned from premium increases by government subsidies that rise with the cost.

But many customers may have to switch to less comprehensive plans to keep their monthly premiums down. And millions of people who buy individual policies outside the government marketplaces get no financial help. They will have to pay the full increases or go without coverage and risk fines. (People with employer coverage and Medicare are largely unaffected.)

Tennessee's insurance commissioner said recently that the individual health insurance market in her state is "very near collapse." Premiums for the biggest insurer are expected to increase by an average of 62 percent. Two competitors will post average increases of 46 percent and 44 percent.

But because the spigot of federal subsidies remains wide open, an implosion of health insurance markets around the country seems unlikely. More than 8 out of 10 HealthCare.gov customers get subsidies covering about 70 percent of their total premiums. Instead, the damage is likely to be gradual. Rising premiums deter healthy people from signing up, leaving an insurance pool that's more expensive to cover each succeeding year.

"My real concern is 2018," said Caroline Pearson, a senior vice president with Avalere. "If there is no improvement in enrollment, we could see big sections of the country without any plans participating."

If Republican Donald Trump wins the White House, he'd start dismantling the Affordable Care Act. But Clinton would come with a long list of proposed fixes, from rearranging benefits to introducing a government-sponsored "public option" as an alternative to private insurers. Not all her ideas would require congressional action.

"She is going to find it important to continue to expand health care," said Joel Ario, a former Obama administration official who's now with the consulting firm Mannatt Health.

People in the Clinton camp say she recognizes that as president she'd have to get Obama's law working better, and is taking nothing off the table.

A look at some major ideas and their prospects:

Public option

Clinton's primary rival, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, advocated "Medicare for all" and that pushed Clinton to a fuller embrace of government-run insurance. But Democrats could not get a public option through Congress even when they had undisputed control. Whichever party wins the Senate in November, the balance is expected to be close and Republicans are favored to retain control of the House.

While a new national insurance program seems a long shot, Obama's law allows states to experiment. "I think the public option is more likely to be tested at a state level," Sebelius said.

Sweetening subsidies

Clinton has proposed more generous subsidies and tax credits for health care, which might also entice more people to sign up. But she'd have a tough time selling Republicans. It may be doable in the bargaining around budget and tax bills, but Democrats would be pressed to give up some of the health law's requirements, including a premiums formula that tends to favor older people over young adults.

Incremental changes

Whether it's fixing a "family glitch" that can prevent dependents from getting subsidized coverage, requiring insurers to cover more routine services outside the annual deductible, or reworking the premium stabilization program for insurers, incremental changes seem to offer a president Clinton her easiest path.

Medicaid expansion

Expect a Clinton White House to tirelessly court the 19 states that have yet to expand Medicaid for low-income people. She'd ask Congress to provide the same three full years of federal financing that early-adopting states got under the health law. GOP governors would demand more flexibility with program rules.

"I'm just hoping that reality begins to sink in when she is inaugurated," Sebelius said. "If the law is not going to go away, then let's make it work."

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Obituaries

David LeRoy Jezek

David LeRoy Jezek of Midland, Texas, 85, passed away on Thursday, August 25, 2016

David was born on March 12, 1931 in Burlington, Texas to Charles and Annie Jezek. He graduated Tempie High School and went to work for Western Union working in Pecos, Texas as a telegrapher before entering the United States Air Force in 1952, serving his country during the Korean War as a Sargent handling classified communications. David was honorably discharged in 1955 and married the love of his life Joyce in 1957 they were together for 45 years.

After returning from Korea, David resumed his career with Western Union where he met Joyce in San Angelo and made their home in Midland since 1957. David enjoyed buying, tinkering, and selling cars, family get-togethers, and barbeques with family and friends. David was a faithful member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church for 48 years.

David is survived by his two sons, David L. Jezek, II and wife Nancy and Kevin Jezek and wife Lisa, all of Midland; five grandchildren, Jason Stall, Jennifer Stall, Morgan Jezek, Travis Jezek, and Tyler Jezek; along with four great-grandchildren, David Stall, Bella Stall, Austin Robinson, and Emmerson Jezek.

David is also survived by his sister, Dorothy Wood; and his brother, Charles Jezek.

David was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Jezek; son, Keith Jezek; his parents, Annie and Charles Jezek; a sister, Irene Sefcik; and a brother, Clarence Jezek.

The family will be visiting with family and friends on Monday, August 29, 2016 at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There will be a celebration of David's life at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at Kelview Heights Baptist Church, with internment following the service at Resthaven Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Lamun, Lusk, Sanchez Texas state veteran's home, along with all his home caregivers over these past few years.

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

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Charles Osgood to end 22 years as 'Sunday Morning' host

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

"For years now, people — even friends and family — have been asking me why I continue doing this, considering my age. It's just that it's been such a joy doing it! ... It's been a great run, but after nearly 50 years at CBS ... the time has come."

Charlie Osgood, host of "CBS News Sunday Morning"

NEW YORK — Consider this a tribute to a weekend TV institution:

"This 'Sunday Morn' left us forlorn.

Charlie Osgood's retiring as host.

For 22 years, he's had no peers.

Viewers love him from coast to coast."

As a poem, this doesn't hold a candle to the light verse Osgood has penned for his audience (He is regarded as the poet laureate of CBS News). But perhaps it sums up the way many members of his "CBS News Sunday Morning" flock received his announcement that he will bid them farewell next month.

Osgood announced his scheduled exit on Sunday's broadcast. The Sept. 25 edition will be a tribute to his legacy on and off "Sunday Morning." But after that, he won't be absent from the program, he assured viewers, explaining he will be on hand for occasional appearances.

"For years now, people — even friends and family — have been asking me why I continue doing this, considering my age," the 83-year-old Osgood said in his brief concluding remarks. "It's just that it's been such a joy doing it! ... It's been a great run, but after nearly 50 years at CBS ... the time has come."

And then he sang a few wistful bars from a favorite folk song: "So long, it's been good to know you. I've got to be driftin' along."

No successor has been named. Among those under consideration are reportedly "Sunday Morning" colleagues Jane Pauley, Anthony Mason and Lee Cowan.

Meanwhile, the program continues to be a ratings leader. With a year-to-date audience of nearly 6 million viewers, it consistently tops rival Sunday morning news shows.

Osgood "has one of the most distinctive voices in broadcasting, guiding each broadcast, making sure the words were just right, and being a calming, reassuring presence to our viewers," said CBS News president David Rhodes.

He is exiting a job only one other person has held since "Sunday Morning" premiered in 1979. Charles Kuralt retired in 1994 after molding the job in his own folksy, easygoing image and hosting for 15 years.

Osgood seemingly had an impossible act to follow. But with his folksy erudition and his slightly bookish, bow-tied style, he immediately clicked with viewers who continued to embrace the program as an unhurried TV magazine that, as before, seemed defined only by its host's, and staff's, curiosity.

Even then, Osgood was already a CBS veteran.

In 1967, he took a job as reporter on the CBS-owned New York news radio station. Then, one fateful weekend, he was summoned to fill in at the anchor desk for the TV network's Saturday newscast.

In 1971, he joined the CBS network.

Since then, he has proved to be a broadcaster who can write essays and light verse as well as report hard news, a man who has continued to work in both radio and television with equal facility. (He once described himself as "a radio guy who finally stopped being terrified of the camera.")

He has been an anchor and reporter for many CBS News broadcasts on both TV and radio. And he has long delivered "The Osgood File" on radio, and will continue to do so, where, if the mood strikes, he might offer up a poem or sing another song.

AP file photo

Charles Osgood arrives at the Daytime Emmy Awards Afterparty on June 22, 2014, at The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif. Osgood, who has said "good morning" to his audience every Sunday, will say "goodbye" as host of "CBS News Sunday Morning." He announced his Sept. 25 departure on the Sunday edition.

WORD OF THE DAY
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ossify
[os-uh-fahy]
verb
1. to become rigid or inflexible in habits, attitudes, opinions, etc.: *a young man who began to ossify right after college.*
2. to convert into or cause to harden like bone.
3. to become bone or harden like bone.

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Dallas police squelch critics, questions about sniper attack

By Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

DALLAS — The day after five Dallas officers were killed by a sniper, the city's police chief described the men as "guardians" of democracy, praising them for protecting the freedom to protest at a large demonstration against police brutality.

President Barack Obama later eulogized the slain officers, saying they died while defending essential constitutional rights.

But nearly two months after the shootings, Dallas police have moved to silence critics and squelch lingering questions about the attack. Officers in riot gear have been told to ticket protesters who block or disrupt traffic, and Police Chief David Brown has refused to meet with demonstrators unless they agree to end their marches through downtown, which he says pose a threat to officers.

Authorities have also refused to release even the most basic information about the slayings, including any details about the weapons used, the autopsy findings and ballistics tests that could establish whether any officers were hit by friendly fire. Police have indicated that such information could be withheld almost indefinitely.

In addition, the police department's most vocal, visible critic — a 27-year-old self-styled preacher with a criminal history — has been arrested multiple times in the last month on warrants that include unpaid traffic tickets and attempts to revoke his probation from a 2009 felony. On Friday, Dominique Alexander was ordered to prison.

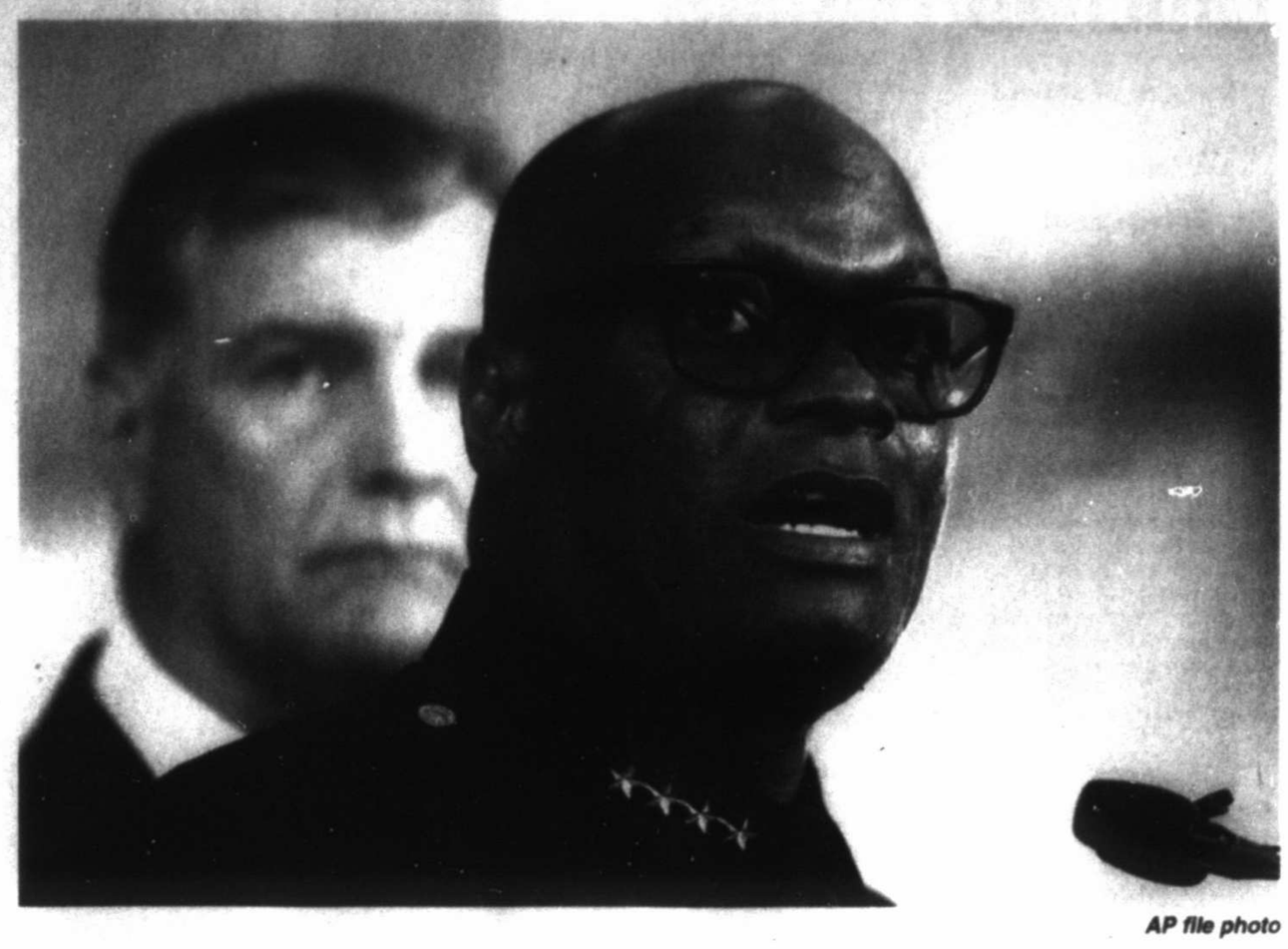
"Why all of a sudden are we the target?" asked Damon Crenshaw, vice president of the Next Generation Action Network, which organized the July 7 protest. "We're not protesting because we're mad at them. We're protesting because the problems still exist and they won't talk to us."

Crenshaw said Alexander was targeted because of his protest activities and that the shooter, Micah Johnson, was not affiliated with their group.

Dallas has a history of cracking down on protesters.

During the Occupy Dallas demonstrations in 2011, the city tried to require protesters to have a $1 million insurance policy, strengthened rules against camping in the city and eventually evicted campers from City Hall in a midnight police raid.

In 2013, the city cited a decades-old rule prohibiting holding signs within 75 feet of major roadways to stop a group that planned to protest the opening of the George W. Bush Presidential Center. The city settled a lawsuit from that group before changing the law to prohibit protests on overpasses and other areas near highways. Another group sued over that law leading to another settlement, and the city repealed the rules all together.



AP file photo

Dallas police chief David Brown, front, and Dallas mayor Mike Rawlings, rear, talk with the media July 8 during a news conference in Dallas. Nearly two months after the shootings, Dallas police have moved to silence critics and squelch lingering questions about the attack. Officers in riot gear have been told to ticket protesters who block or disrupt traffic, and Brown has refused to meet with demonstrators unless they agree to end their marches through downtown, which he said pose a threat to officers.

Alexander, the founder of the protest network, believes he was targeted because he refused to stop the demonstrations.

"They try to hush and silence people," he said. "It would be a failure to the lives lost if we don't continue. The issues still exist, and they can act like they want to heal, but then they ignore the issues."

The police chief has support from City Hall. Mayor Mike Rawlings said in a statement that he trusts Brown's "judgment in how he communicates with protest organizers."

Alexander, whose record includes convictions for forging a check, evading police and theft, was on probation for a 2009 conviction for causing injury to a child. He said the 2-year-old he was watching had fallen off the couch, but hospital staff said the child's injuries were more consistent with abuse.

Alexander denied injuring the child and said he pleaded guilty because he could not afford a good attorney.

His uncle was killed by police in 2010 after firing on officers. But it was the 2014 death of a woman he knew in high school that prompted his involvement in police protests, Alexander said. The woman was missing for a week before being found dead in an abandoned building. Her family complained that police ignored their initial pleas for help.

Alexander spent the past two weeks under house arrest, wearing an ankle monitor and awaiting a judge's determination of whether his probation would be revoked.

"No new crime has been committed to warrant this kind of action," said Kim Cole, one of Alexander's attorneys. "And the timing does appear suspicious."

Just days after a July 29 silent protest — the first following the sniper attack — authorities asked that Alexander's probation be revoked for a variety of violations, including twice leaving the state without notifying his probation officer, once to attend the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. Court records show the judge admonished Alexander and added 30 hours of community service to his sentence.

Then on Aug. 10, following a confrontational appearance at a city council meeting, Alexander was cited for trespassing and escorted out of City Hall, where officers were waiting to arrest him on nine outstanding traffic ticket warrants. He spent the night in jail and, within an hour of his release, another arrest warrant was issued in a new attempt to revoke probation. That request rehashed previous allegations from the past year, including missed meetings with his probation officer, for which Alexander had already served 10 days in jail in December.

At Friday's hearing, the judge considered all of Alexander's probation violations and sent him to prison for two years. With credit for time served, that comes to about six months, his attorneys said.

Prosecutor Douglas Millican denied that politics were behind the efforts to revoke Alexander's probation. But Cole said Alexander got extra scrutiny because of his protest activities, noting that police and sheriff's officers had provided the judge with social media posts and other photos and video of Alexander to show he had left the state.

In addition to the protest crackdowns, city and police officials have also succeeded in suppressing questions about the shooting, including details about the law enforcement response and the motive of the gunman, who was killed when police deployed a bomb-carrying robot. It was the first time law enforcement in the U.S. had used a robot to deliver and detonate an explosive to kill a suspect.

Authorities have refused public records requests for police reports, 911 calls, audio and video recordings, autopsy documents, crime scene photos and evidence gathered at Johnson's house, which police initially said held an arsenal of weapons and bomb-making material and a journal of combat tactics possibly indicating plans for a larger attack. Other officials have told The Associated Press that Johnson did not have a large stockpile of bomb-making materials.

The Associated Press was informed by Dallas police late Friday that a portion of the records it requested would be made available, but the content was unclear.

Brown told the City Council earlier this month that much of the information about the attack could be withheld for an indefinite period during an investigation into whether the use of force was justified. He declined to estimate how long that investigation might take, but said his office's findings would be reviewed by the district attorney and a grand jury.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COLLEGE STATION

Police say 2 killed in apartment gunfire

Police say two men have been killed and another wounded in gunfire at a Central Texas apartment complex.

College Station police did not immediately announce any arrests in the shootings before dawn Sunday but said the public was not in danger. Police are trying to determine a motive for the shootings.

Police responding to reports of an assault and shots fired arrived to find two wounded men near the entrance to a unit. Both later died. Police identified them as 20-year-olds Brysen Jamal Rhodes of Wortham and Jack Lopez of Rosenberg.

Police say a third wounded man was located inside the apartment. Further details on him weren't immediately released.

College Station police say they're trying to determine what roles that Rhodes and Lopez had during the shootings.

GALVESTON

Boy, 15, certified as adult in slaying of pregnant mom

A judge has certified a 15-year-old Texas boy to stand trial as an adult in the fatal stabbing and strangling of his mother at their Houston-area home.

The Galveston County Daily News reported that Chance Michael Moseley of La Marque was indicted Aug. 18 on a capital murder charge. Investigators have not indicated a motive in the September death of 33-year-old Nita Moseley.

La Marque police said Nita Moseley, who was about five months pregnant, was stabbed more than 20 times. Chance Moseley was later located in Houston and charged as a juvenile.

Prosecutor Kevin Petroff says a juvenile court judge earlier this month certified Moseley as an adult. If convicted, he won't face the death penalty because Texas law bars execution for people younger than 17.

SAN BENITO

Boy, 17, dies after accidentally shot by friend

Police say a 17-year-old South Texas boy has died after accidentally being shot in the head by a friend holding a pistol.

San Benito police say 21-year-old Jonathan Gamez was charged with manslaughter following the deadly shooting Saturday at a home. Investigators say Devin Leal died at the scene.

Cameron County jail records show Gamez was being held Sunday on $300,000 bond. Online jail records do not list an attorney to speak for him.

San Benito police Chief Michael Galvan says the shooting was an accident as a gun was being handled. Officials did not immediately provide additional details.

Supporters mark slain girl's 10th birthday

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Supporters of a girl who police say was raped and killed are holding a birthday party and memorial service in her honor.

Organizers say the party Sunday at Mariposa Basin Park in Albuquerque is meant to celebrate the birthday of Victoria Marten, who police say was drugged, raped and strangled before her body was dismembered the day before she turned 10.

Three people— including the girl's mother and the mother's boyfriend — have been arrested in the killing.

More than 2,000 people are expected at the party, according to the event's Facebook page.

KOB-TV reports that people brought balloons and wore purple, a color that Victoria liked, in her honor.

Frances Padilla came to the event, named Victoria's Heavenly Birthday Party, with her two children, the TV station reported.

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The mask used by Michael Myers in the original film "Halloween" was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
In the TV series I Love Lucy, Ricki Ricardo never actually said "Lucy you have 'splaining to do".

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

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■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7206, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

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

EZ Rider

EZ Rider will be moving its Downtown Plaza Bus Stop to 200 E. Texas Ave. — which is two blocks west of the current location — from Sept. 5 through Nov. 7 while improvements are being made to the infrastructure, including sidewalks and curbs.

None of the current stops will be affected during this time.

Source: City of Midland

Scouting recruitment

The Chaparral District of the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America is having a citywide recruiting drive 6 p.m. Tuesday at most of MISD's elementary schools. For more information, call Matt Vercher at 325-638-4014.

What's on the radio

News talk KCRS (AM 550)
■ 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark & Kurt Vartei
■ 9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
■ 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
■ 2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
■ 5-6 p.m. Local News with KOSA
■ 6-9 p.m. Lars Larson
■ 9-midnight Joe Pags
■ midnight-4 a.m. George Noory
■ 4-6 a.m. Gordon Deal
■ Web: ww.newstalkkcrs.com

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
■ 6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
■ 10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
■ Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
■ 2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
■ 5-7 p.m. The West Texas Round-Up of News and Talk
■ Web: www.kwel.com

Sport talk KMND (AM 1510)
■ 6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
■ 9 a.m.-noon Dan Le Batard Show
■ Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

Other options
■ Sports Talk: KMND (AM 1510)
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■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday
■ 688-4810

Midland Central Appraisal District
■ 4631 Andrews Highway
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
■ Monday through Friday
■ 699-4991

Department of Public Safety: Driver's License Office
■ 2405 South Loop 250 West
■ 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Friday
■ 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays
■ 498-2100

U.S. Postal Service
■ Downtown, 100 E. Wall St. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ Village, 2315 W. Louisiana Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ Graves, 3304 W Wadley Ave. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday
■ ClayDesta, 612 Veterans Airpark Lane, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ GMF Midland, 1000 Loop 40 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa for the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE" to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

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 at home.

Today in history

Today is Monday, Aug. 29, the 242nd day of 2016. There are 124 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1958, pop superstar Michael Jackson was born in Gary, Indiana.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, Louisiana, bringing floods that devastated New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

CLOUT

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it's unlikely Texas talent will flood the executive branch in 2017 — no matter if Trump or Hillary Clinton wins the White House in November. Thanks to term limits for committee chairs, Texas power in Congress will soon be diminishing, as well.

"Texans might have to wander for 40 years in the wilderness before we have substantive leadership in Washington again," said Jenifer Sarver, who worked in George W. Bush's Department of Commerce and now lives in Austin.

It matters, Sarver says, because of how directly the spending of the federal government affects the state — and the problems that could emerge with a lack of high-level federal advocates. "It could have a direct correlation on things like appropriations, on base closures, and getting facilities like NASA, and other things that are directly related to job and opportunities for Texas."

Former U.S. Rep. Martin Frost, a Democrat who represented Arlington, said a future without visible leadership could not even be offset by the large size of the Texas congressional delegation.

"Nothing replaces having people in top leadership whether it's a committee chair or elected leadership," he said. "The size of the delegation is not as important as having people in key leadership positions or people heading committees."

Sarver, who has also been a senior adviser to Hutchison, remembers well the peak of Texas power in Washington: the early 2000s, when Bush was president, DeLay — a Republican congressman from Sugar Land and a former state legislator — was House majority leader, and an entire generation of Texans GOP staffers overwhelmed the city.

"It was an exciting time to be a Texan in Washington, D.C.," said Sarver, "because there were bright, substantive, interesting, hardworking Texans everywhere you turned — on the Hill, in the administration, in the media, in the private sector."

"Over the last decade, there's always been four license plates in D.C.: Virginia, D.C., Maryland, and Texas," joked Republican consultant Luke Marchant, the son of U.S. Rep. Kenny Marchant of Coppell.

But those license plates headed home once Bush left office. Texans were scarcely seen in the upper reaches of the Obama administration, though the president did appoint Julián Castro, the former mayor of San Antonio, to lead the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2014.

Looking ahead to the next presidency, prospects could be similarly slim.

No fewer than four presidential GOP candidates had substantial ties to Texas — former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, former Gov. Rick Perry and U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky. There are were also Texans high up in the org charts of the John Kasich, Carly Fiorina and Ben Carson campaigns. The Texas political class found itself pulled in all of those directions but not Trump's. Hardly anyone in the state boarded the Trump train before it left the station.

Al Drago/N.Y. Times

A storm over the U.S. Capitol in Washington on Aug. 15. Democrats are hoping a big "wave" will carry them to control of the House, and a House takeover is no small task. They would need to pick up 30 seats, and, as of today, it's hard to identify 30 seats where Republicans are in serious danger.

Still, should Trump win, the most obvious possible Texas official in his administration is Perry, who flipped 180 degrees on Trump over the course of the race. Less than a year ago, he called the New York real estate developer a "cancer on conservatism." This week, he joined Trump on a fundraising swing through Texas and was lauded by the nominee for his popularity within the state.

Perry could fill several roles — homeland security secretary, agriculture secretary —but Texas GOP sources think his likeliest destination is the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Other Texans with Trump administration possibilities, GOP sources say, include U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Austin, currently the House Homeland Security chairman. Trump selected McCaul as a speaker at the Republican National Convention and could appoint him to a national security post.

And back in May, Trump floated Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett as a possible U.S. Supreme Court justice.

The Texans in Hillaryland and at the Capitol

On the Democratic side, the Texans most frequently mentioned as a possible addition to the Clinton team is Cecile Richards, the daughter of late Texas Gov. Ann Richards. But for any post requiring approval by the U.S. Senate, the controversial longtime CEO of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America could expect a brutal confirmation process.

Former state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, the party's 2014 gubernatorial nominee, has been a fixture on the campaign trail, pitching Clinton's case to young women. She is also a logical choice, per Democratic sources, to serve in the departments of justice or health and human services. She has not ruled out a move, but she has insisted her focus is on getting Clinton, not herself, to Washington.

Some Democratic sources suggest that Castro might stick around for a term in a Clinton administration, either in his current role or a new one.

Further down the food chain, the Clinton campaign hosts a roster of up-and-coming party operatives from Texas: Lily Adams, Cecile Richards' daughter, who has been a campaign communications aide; Xochitl Hinojosa, the daughter of state Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa, who has also worked in the Clinton communications department; and Carlos Sanchez, a former chief of staff to U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, who has been a deputy political director. The betting money is they will be in consideration for high-profile administration staffing roles.

Meanwhile, on Capitol Hill, there's no denying that Texas Republicans made the most of the Obama years. So many Texans took possession of committee gavels in the House of Representatives that when U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands, ran for Ways and Means chairman in late 2015, his biggest drawback among colleagues was "Texas fatigue."

But the gavel give-back will soon begin. Republicans have a six-year term-limit rule for chairmen. Even if the Republicans retain control of the U.S. House, Texans will begin to leave their roles as committee chairs starting in 2018.

McCaul, House Science and Technology Committee Chairman Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, House Rules Committee Chairman Pete Sessions, R-Dallas, and House Financial Services Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling, R-Dallas, will reach their term limits in early 2019.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway, R-Midland, and House Armed Services Chairman Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, reach their term limits in 2020. Brady's end date is unclear, because he assumed the gavel in the middle of a term. He will wrap up in either early 2021 or 2023.

House Republicans could create waivers to these limits, but a drop in chairmanships for Texans is all but assured.

Meanwhile, no Texans currently serve in House leadership, and there are no assured paths for any of the 25 Texas House Republicans to ascend in the coming years. Sessions flirted with a run for House majority whip during the upheaval of former Speaker John Boehner's retirement last fall, but the whip vacancy never materialized.

Rays of light

Despite the power outage, there are a few rays of light for Texans.

Cornyn is is not expected to leave his Senate leadership post any time soon and could possibly be the state's first Senate majority leader since Johnson.

U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, has a plausible — but not certain — path to lead the House Appropriations Committee in the coming years. U.S. Rep. Bill Flores, R-Bryan, leads the Republican Study Committee, but he also has promised to term-limit himself and depart Congress in the not-too-distant future.

Should Cruz win re-election in 2018, he is expected to run for the presidency again. If he wins the White House, he would bring a whole new generation of Texans into the executive branch. But if he comes up short again and stays in the Senate, his combative relationship with his colleagues could complicate any efforts to leverage seniority into a powerful Senate post.

Finally, U.S. Rep. Roger Williams, R-Austin, is running this fall to lead the House Republicans' political arm, the National Republican Congressional Committee. But it's a tough contest, and there are no assurances he will win.

Texas will always be a force in Washington, if only because of its sheer size. The 25 Republicans and 11 Democrats who currently represent the state in the House can, when unified, form formidable voting blocs.

Visitor misbehavior abounds as US parks agency turns 100

Associated Press

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. — Tourist John Gleason crept through the grass, four small children close behind, inching toward a bull elk with antlers like small trees at the edge of a meadow in Yellowstone National Park.

"They're going to give me a heart attack," said Gleason's mother-in-law, Barbara Henry, as the group came within about a dozen yards of the massive animal.

The elk's ears then pricked up, and it eyed the children and Washington state man before leaping up a hillside. Other tourists — likewise ignoring rules to keep 25 yards from wildlife — picked up the pursuit, snapping pictures as they pressed forward and forced the animal into headlong retreat.

Record visitor numbers at the nation's first national park have transformed its annual summer rush into a sometimes dangerous frenzy, with selfie-taking tourists routinely breaking park rules and getting too close to Yellowstone's storied elk herds, grizzly bears, wolves and bison.

Law enforcement records obtained by The Associated Press suggest such problems are on the rise at the park, offering a stark illustration of the pressures facing some of America's most treasured lands as the National Park Service marks its 100th anniversary.

From Tennessee's Great Smoky Mountains to the Grand Canyon of Arizona, major parks are grappling with illegal camping, vandalism, theft of resources, wildlife harassment and other visitor misbehavior, according to the records obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request.

In July alone, law enforcement rangers handled more than 11,000 incidents at the 10 most visited national parks.

In Yellowstone, rangers are recording more wildlife violations, more people treading on sensitive thermal areas and more camping in off-limit areas. The rule-breaking puts visitors in harm's way and can damage resources and displace wildlife, officials said.

Often the incidents go unaddressed, such as when Gleason and the children approached the bull elk with no park personnel around. Gleason said he was "maybe" too close but felt comfortable in the situation as an experienced hunter who's spent lots of time outdoors.

These transgressions add to rangers' growing workload that includes traffic violations, searches for missing hikers and pets running off-leash in parks.

"It's more like going to a carnival. If you look at the cumulative impacts, the trends are not good," said Susan Clark, a Yale University professor of wildlife ecology who has been conducting research in the Yellowstone area for 48 years.

Recent events at Yellowstone grabbed national headlines:

■ A Canadian tourist who put a bison calf in his SUV hoping to save it, ending with wildlife workers euthanizing the animal when they could not reunite it with its herd.

■ Three visitors from Asia cited on separate occasions for illegally collecting water from the park's thermal features.

■ A Washington state man killed after leaving a designated boardwalk and falling into a near-boiling hot spring.

The flouting of park rules stems from disbelief among visitors that they will get hurt, said Yellowstone Superintendent Dan Wenk. "I can't tell you how many times I have to talk to people and say, 'Step back. There's a dangerous animal,' and they look at me like I have three heads," he said.

DISASTERS

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Insurance premiums mean consumers have less to put aside for retirement or in savings, Adams said. But "the alternative is devastating."

Flooding is one example. Citing the recent historic flooding in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Adams surmised that many of the victims don't have flood insurance. "Floods are not covered" under homeowner insurance policies unless it's from storm waters, she sai. Consumers have to purchase special flood policies.

"People don't understand the difference between storm waters and flood waters. There's a big education gap in understanding basic coverage," Adams said.

In the event of flooding, unless the area is declared a federal disaster area, there's not much relief, she said. And even if an area is declared a disaster area, most government assistance is in the form of loans, she said.

Adams has a few recommendations for homeowners:

■ Prepare property for the possibility of a natural disaster, beginning with the roof, which she said is the first line of defense against wind and hail.

■ Strengthen doors and windows.

■ Inform insurance agents of such upgrades because that may result in a discounted premium, she said.

■ Review insurance policies.

"If you don't understand it, go to your agent or insurance company. Insurance policies aren't easy to read — they're written by lawyers for lawyers. But don't let that stop you from getting clarity. If you don't understand your policy, that means you're opening yourself up to financial disaster."

Another consequence of natural disasters, especially in the five hardest hit states, including Texas, is that insurance rates will rise.

"They're already high in those top states and it means they'll get even higher. It's difficult to pay more for insurance but you want insurance companies to be solvent and be able to pay claims. It's a bitter pill to swallow and it affects all consumers," Adams said.

Insurance is one of those products no one wants to have to use, she said. But for people without it, the results can be devastating.

"It's a tough bill to pay, but when you think of the alternatives, it's the better option. It lets you sleep better at night," she said.

AP file photo

Kia Sinclair stands topless July 30 on Hampton Beach in Hampton, N.H. The New Hampshire movement, known as Free the Nipple, which sparked controversy when several legislators criticized its members returned to the spotlight Sunday when they celebrated GoTopless Day on some of the state's beaches.

Women bare breasts for gender equality on GoTopless Day

Associated Press

HAMPTON, N.H. — Women around the country are taking off their tops on GoTopless Day, a day that promotes gender equality and women's rights to bare their breasts in public.

GoTopless Day is celebrated annually on the Sunday closest to Women's Equality Day, marking the day American women earned the right to vote.

A group of about 50 women and men walked topless in the oceanside Los Angeles neighborhood of Venice, behind a giant, inflatable pink breast that had the phrase "equal topless rights" written on it. One marcher carried a sign that said: "My Body Is Not A Crime."

A few dozen women — and some men — went topless as they walked down Broadway in New York City. Onlookers gawked and took photos as the parade participants went by.

The events in New York City and Los Angeles were two of several planned for cities across the globe. Gatherings were planned in New Hampshire, Denver and more.

Nadine Gray, president of GoTopless, said she hopes the events will take away the shock and awe around seeing female breasts.

"This push for women to go topless in the 21st century is as strong as women wanting to vote in the 20th century," she said. "It may be sensual, but it's not illegal to be sensual."

The legality of women going topless varies by state.

Kia Sinclair is an event organizer for GoTopless Day at Hampton Beach in New Hampshire.

"It's in hopes to show people that it can be normal, that it's really not a big deal, and it's not about getting attention or protesting," she said.

Sinclair was also part of a group of women who last year helped beat back an effort to criminalize toplessness in the state.

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OPINION

Trump is dangerous to our constitutional system

■ One doesn't have to be center-left to dislike Trump more than Clinton and know the GOP cost itself the election

DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

My recent columns on Donald Trump have generated a consistent response from his supporters:

"If ... that lying psycho b---- wins, there will be nothing left of this country. You better stock up on bullets to protect your house!"

"Keep preaching to the Hillary choir."

"Please notify me when you are going to write your column on the lies of Hillary Clinton. Oh, excuse me, that's not happening is it?"

These people are not defending the indefensible Trump but accusing me of being in the tank for Clinton. And I do support Clinton — but only in the sense that I would support a ham sandwich for president if it were the only thing standing between Trump and the Oval Office.

Moderates and reasonable Republicans who are considering voting for Trump portray it as a choice between two unpalatable options. But it isn't. It's a choice between one unpalatable option and one demagogue who operates outside of our democratic traditions, promoting racism, condoning violence and moving paranoia into the mainstream. This presidential election is not about party or ideology. It's about Trump's threat to our tradition of self-government.

You'd be hard pressed, reading my coverage of Clinton over the years, to think me a fan. I mocked her 2008 campaign with comparisons to Monty Python's dead parrot and black knight sketches. I generated justifiable outrage with a video reference to Clinton in 2009 that was a failed attempt to play on a Tina Fey sketch. I've called Clinton obsessively secretive. Her handling of matters from Whitewater to her email server has encouraged doubts about her honesty. Though I'm excited about the United States electing a woman as president, Clinton is a poor retail politician and a too-cautious leader.

If Marco Rubio or John Kasich were the Republican nominee, I suspect we would now be writing Clinton's political obituary — and I'd be content finding absurdities on both sides. Though I don't hide my center-left views, I prefer a pox-on-both-houses approach.

The singular danger of Trump makes this year different. Trump isn't really a conservative or a Republican. Voters know this, which is why Democratic efforts to tie down-ballot candidates to him aren't working well. When Trump (hopefully) is gone, these surviving Republicans need a reckoning to reclaim their party from the fringe.

This coming week, I'll be talking about Trump, and how we speak to children about Trump, to teachers at my daughter's school. The school is understandably wary about appearing to take sides in a political contest. But I'll say such reluctance should be set aside, because Trump stands opposed to the civic values we teach children.

He shows an autocrat's disregard for our constitutional system. He bans news organizations that he doesn't like. He wants to "open up" press laws to weaken the First Amendment. He claims an American-born federal judge can't be impartial toward him because of his Mexican heritage and threatens to use the presidency to go after him. He once said he would order the military, illegally, to torture detainees and target innocent civilians. He has talked of banning members of an entire religion from entry into the United States and forcing those here to register.

Trump invites violence as a political tool. He suggests "Second Amendment people" — gun owners — could stop judges Clinton nominates. He has spoken of paying the legal fees of supporters who assault hecklers at events, saying things like "knock the crap out of them" and "I'd like to punch him in the face." Trump has alleged the vote will be "rigged" against him, and those around him suggest violence could ensue. There have been dozens of incidents of violence at Trump events, including by his then-campaign-manager.

Trump brought racism and paranoia into the mainstream with his "America First" campaign and his leadership of the movement challenging Obama's American birth. He hesitated to disavow David Duke and the Ku Klux Klan. His tweets have included messages from white supremacists, a Jewish star atop a pile of cash, phony crime statistics that originated with neo-Nazis, a quote from Mussolini, even an image of Nazi soldiers superimposed on the American flag next to Trump's likeness. Trump has mocked Asian accents and the disabled. He has said "half" of the 11 million illegal immigrants are criminals.

So how do we talk to children about Trump? We tell them what Holocaust survivors have told me: that what Trump is doing reminds them of 1930s Germany, and that grown-ups are not going to let that happen here.

GUEST VIEW

Don't forget your clear bags when you go to the Tech game

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

Football season is upon us, and Texas Tech kicks off the 2016 campaign by hosting Stephen F. Austin at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Tech fans will notice a change come game day. To speed up security checks and searches of fans' belongings at the gates, Tech has implemented a new policy in what people can carry into the stadium.

Patrons of Tech football games are familiar with certain restrictions on what they can bring into a game. Many years ago, umbrellas were banned. Then, more recently, there were restrictions on many of the types of bags people could bring in, such as large purses and diaper bags, etc.

People attending Tech games have been cooperative in the past, and we believe they will continue to be so with this new policy.

Fans now have to bring in bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and must be no larger than 12 inches by 6 inches by 12 inches, or one-gallon clear plastic freezer bags. Small clutch bags that are about the size of a hand to carry medically necessary items will also be allowed after proper inspection. Fans are allowed one clear bag and one clutch purse.

So why are fans being subjected to this new policy? Mainly it's because of the world we live in today. Tech's new rules are just part of a security process. It's better to be safe than sorry about security and the safety of those attending the games, and that is what Tech is doing.

Is Tech the only one to impose such restrictions? No, such restrictions have been or will be put in place at college sports venues across the nation. The National Football League has limited what fans can bring into a game for several years.

By the way, these restrictions also apply to other athletic facilities on the Tech campus.

Tech fans should also take notice that if they forget the new rules, they can't just leave their belongings at the gate to be picked up after the game. Forgetting the new rules could necessitate a long trek back to their cars. That's another situation that came into play when Tech first began restricting which items can be brought into the stadium.

It's sad that we live in a world where such precautions have to be taken, but that's the way things are today.

So, go to the game and enjoy it. Just don't forget your clear bags. "Wreck 'em Tech."

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Campaign turns to desperation

■ This dark fairy tale was bound to end, even if it was later than many expected

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Donald Trump. Would that it were unnecessary to mention his name except, say, as a Viagra pitchman.

Despite such casting perfection, this isn't intended as a personal metaphor for the man, though it is for the GOP. Cue sound of balloon losing vigor. The erstwhile party of Lincoln has rendered itself impotent by its clammy-handed embrace of the sad clown who made everybody laugh — for a while.

But the enchanted evening Republicans fantasized when they nominated the biggest goofball ever to enter the Oval Office sweepstakes is over. The clock has struck midnight, the carriage is ablaze; the golden-haired prince is a bloated chimneysweep ranting at rooftops. The party's footmen, blind mice begging for scraps of mercy, scatter in search of cover.

Even Rep. Mark Sanford, the disgraced former governor of South Carolina, took to the quill, writing in a New York Times op-ed that he might no longer support Trump if he doesn't produce his tax returns. Knowing with 99 percent certainty that this won't happen, Sanford has carved a tiny escape hole in the baseboard for himself.

At the same time, talk radio hustlers who've more or less directed the GOP platform the past two decades or so, beginning with the Clinton administration, seem to be coming undone, floundering in the full-circleness of their anti-Clinton credo. Rush Limbaugh, to be precise, recently dissolved into a fit of giggles as he tried to pronounce the stupidity of Trump's "softening" on immigration.

"Poor Ann," he rasped, referring to Ann Coulter's new book, "In Trump We Trust." Anti-amnesty Ann, now on what she says may be the shortest book tour ever, has had to dial back her support for the GOP nominee if he doesn't return to his hard-line deportation promise.

Quelle situation! The very "policy" undergirding Trump's campaign suddenly became a negotiable talking point. Draconian Trump suddenly became Care Bear Trump: We need to be fair and maybe some should stay, he said. Then, just as suddenly — feeling the heat from his courtiers — he was back to dear old Draco. But of *course* he's going to send them all back. Then, when they come back legally, if they do, they'll have to pay taxes.

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Trump was never going to build a wall, this columnist wrote. He was never going to deport 11 million people, she said. How exactly does one do this without sending armed forces to arrest Madre in the kitchen and Padre on the phone while their citizen-children watch in horror? Think back to the 2000 image of Elian Gonzalez's "rescue" by masked, armed men, brought to you by the Clinton administration, let the record show.

For many of us scribes, Trump's true nature and character were obvious from the start, not to mention 20 years before that. No degree of fleeting niceness (which, ahem, I gamely recognized in a recent column written for sport in response to a challenge) was going to make Trump less repugnant or more appealing for long. Predictably, he couldn't sustain it. A person can only fake who he is for so long before the interior self emerges. Trump's nice side, you can be certain, isn't what appeals to members of the Ku Klux Klan or other white nationalist groups who find his ideas in sync with their own.

Trump's calling Hillary Clinton a bigot when he is the bigot's candidate should be viewed as the last gasp of a desperate nominee with no one left to insult. African-Americans, previously ignored, are now in the sights of the flaming eye of Sauron.

This dark fairy tale was bound to end, if later than many expected. Sure, droves will vote for Trump no matter what — and we've learned that no-matter-what has quite elastic boundaries. His fans aren't crazy or stupid, one is bound to say, and may justify their votes with concern for the future composition of the Supreme Court or for some variation of Trump's shifting immigration policy.

But the truth is, most will be voting against Hillary Clinton, whom they dislike with such ferocity that they'd rather vote for Mickey Mouse — or even Donald Trump, master puppeteer and ringmaster of the Freakiest Show on Earth.

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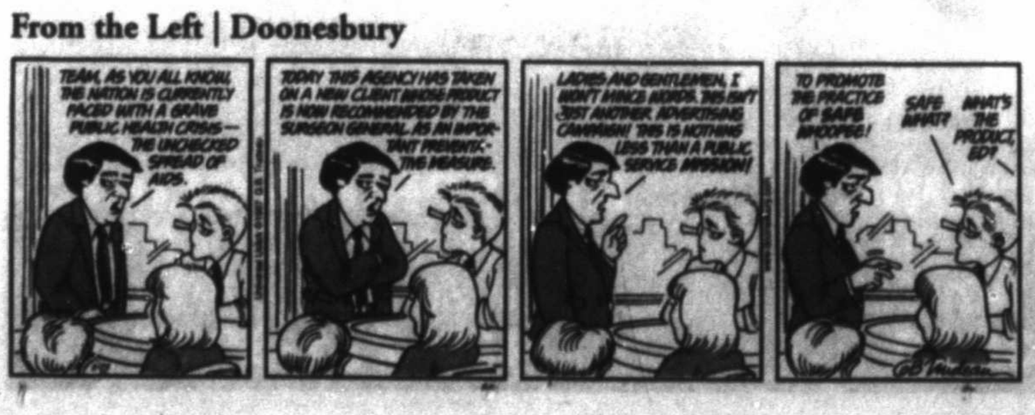

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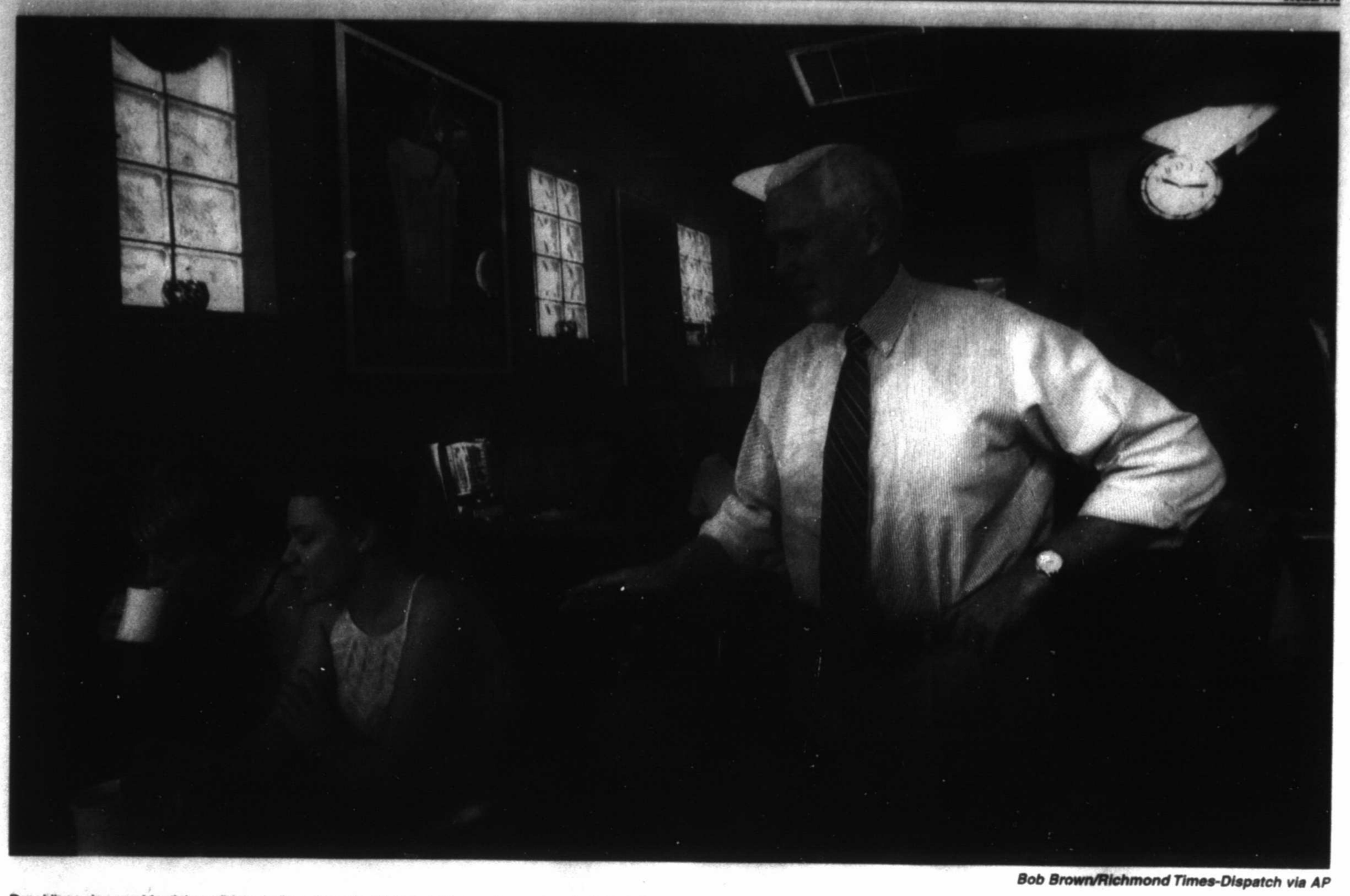

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Republican vice presidential candidate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, right, surprises patrons at Millie's Diner in Richmond, Va., on Saturday during an impromptu visit by the candidate to the popular restaurant.

Trump stand-ins struggle to speak for and defend nominee

By Laurie Kellman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump isn't making it easy for top supporters and advisers, from his running mate on down, to defend him or explain some campaign positions.

Across the Sunday news shows, a parade of Trump stand-ins, led by vice presidential nominee Mike Pence, couldn't say whether Trump was sticking with or changing a central promise to boot the roughly 11 million people living in the U.S. illegally, with the help of a "deportation force." And they didn't bother defending his initial response Saturday to the killing of a mother as she walked her baby on a Chicago street.

Questioned on whether it's a problem that the GOP presidential nominee has left key details on immigration policy unclear so late in the election, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus demurred: "I just don't speak for Donald Trump."

It was a striking look at Trump's leadership of a team he had said would help drive him to victory in the Nov. 8 election.

The very purpose of surrogates is to speak for and back up their presidential nominee. But Trump's struggled to do so even as they stayed tightly together on the details they know: Trump will issue more details on the immigration plan soon, the policy will be humane, and despite his clear wavering, he's been "consistent" on the issue. Any discussion of inconsistencies or potentially unpresidential tweeting, Pence and others suggested, reflected media focus on the wrong issue.

Asked whether the "deportation force" proposal Trump laid out in November is still in place, Pence replied: "Well, what you heard him describe there, in his usual plainspoken, American way, was a mechanism, not a policy."

> *"Those are the things that Donald Trump is going to answer. And this is not a simple question."*
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> **Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus**

Added Trump's campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway: "The softening is more approach than policy," adding that on immigration, Trump "wants to find a fair and humane way."

The Indiana governor, Conway and other surrogates said the main tenets of Trump's immigration plan still will include building a wall along the southern U.S. border and making Mexico pay for it, no path to legalization or citizenship for people here illegally and stronger border enforcement. Pence also did not answer whether the campaign believes, as Trump has said, that children born to people who are in the U.S. illegally are not U.S. citizens. That, he said, "is a subject for the future."

Native-born children of immigrants, even those living illegally in the U.S., have been automatically considered American citizens since the adoption of the 14th Amendment in 1868.

Trump has focused lately on deporting people who are in the U.S. illegally and who have committed crimes. But who Trump considers a criminal remained unclear Sunday.

"Those are the things that Donald Trump is going to answer. And this is not a simple question," said Priebus, who's had a difficult relationship with Trump.

Conway said the candidate has said that people who want to be in the U.S. legally must apply through legal means.

"He is not talking about a deportation force," she said. "But he is talking about being fair and humane, but also being fair to the American workers competing for jobs."

Other Trump stand-ins, including New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, spoke similarly.

Recent polls indicate Clinton is ahead in some of the most competitive and pivotal states. The first presidential debate is set for Sept. 26.

Trump in recent days has suggested he might be "softening" on the deportation force and that he might be open to allowing at least some immigrants in the country illegally to stay, as long as they pay taxes.

But by Thursday, he was ruling out any kind of legal status — "unless they leave the country and come back," he told CNN.

His surrogates on Sunday refused to comment on Trump's reaction to the fatal shooting of NBA star Dwyane Wade's cousin Friday, as she pushed her baby in a stroller in Chicago.

Trump's first tweet about the shooting ended this way: "Just what I have been saying. African-Americans will VOTE TRUMP!"

A few hours later, he followed up with a tweet offering condolences to Wade and his family.

Asked whether the initial tweet was presidential or appropriate, GOP officials and campaign advisers instead talked about reducing crime or said they were pleased Trump followed up with a tweet of condolence and empathy.

Christie said the media "focus on process ... instead of the message." He said the killing of someone pushing a stroller "is unacceptable in an American city" and that "the level of violence in Chicago is unacceptable."

Pence appeared on CNN's "State of the Union," Priebus was on NBC's "Meet the Press," Christie was interviewed on ABC's "This Week" and Conway was on Fox and CBS' "Face the Nation."

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AGAINST the proposal: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackie Schneider

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	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per $100 of value)	0.02761/$100 Adopted	0.02761/$100 Proposed
Difference in rates per $100 of value	0.00/$100	
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)	0.00%	
Average appraised residence homestead value	$230,553	$242,686
General Homestead Exemptions Available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	$0	$0
Average residence homestead taxable value	$230,553	$242,686
Tax on average residence homestead	$63.66	$67.01
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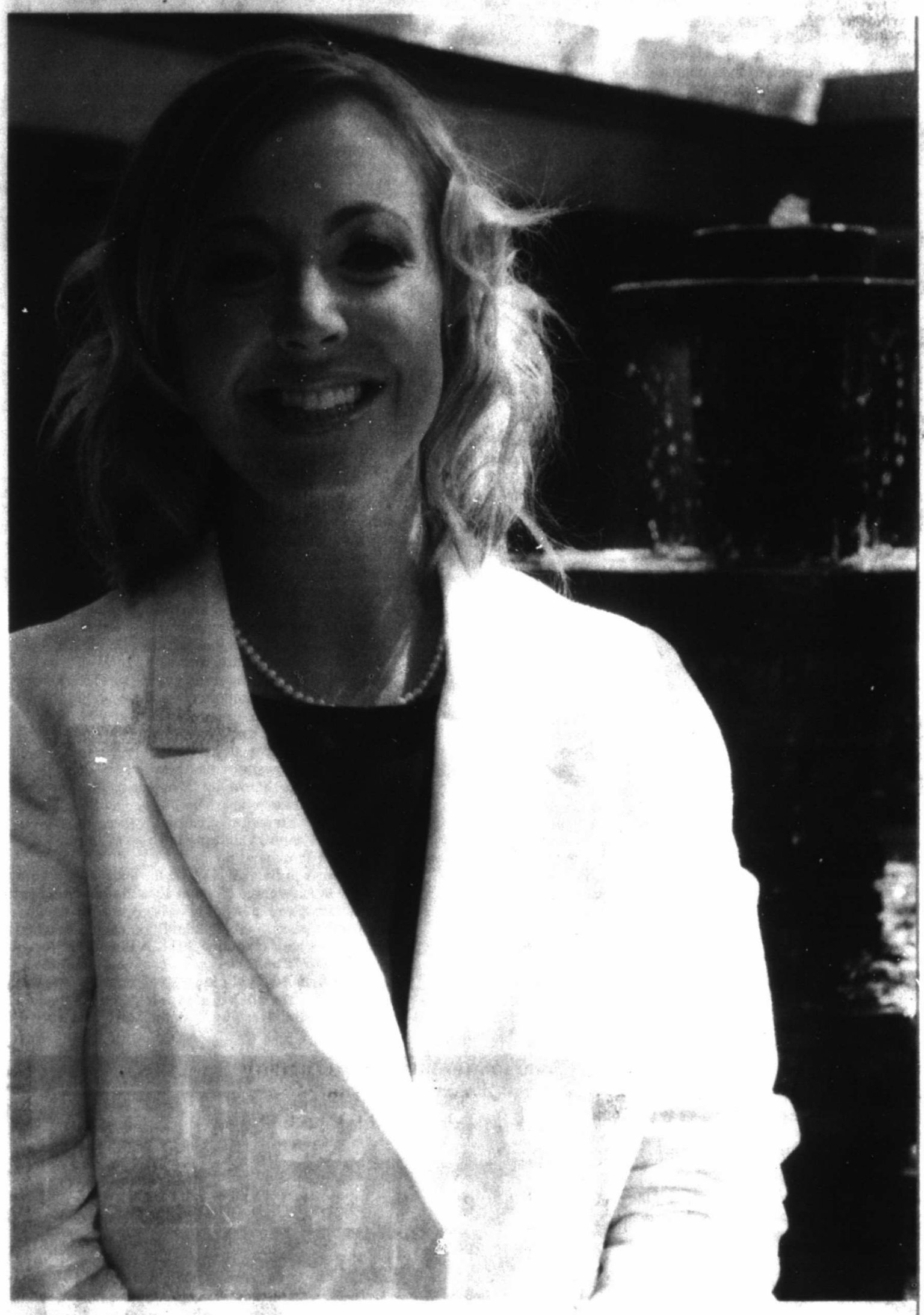

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Professional and community involvement: I am Director of Institutional Advancement for Trinity School. I am an active member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) where I was a featured guest speaker at the International CASE Independent School conference last fall. I am also a member of the Permian Basin's Association of Fundraising Professionals where I served as president and the National Philanthropy Day co-chair. I have completed the Nonprofit Executive Leadership Certification program sponsored by the Permian Basin's Nonprofit Management Center. I have served as a Teen CBS leader and I am currently the president-elect for Keep Midland Beautiful. I volunteer and serve for many organizations including Family Promise, Keep Midland Beautiful, Meals-on-Wheels and the Jubliee Center Food Pantry. I am currently serving as the co-chair for Trio of Gardens, the largest fundraiser for Keep Midland Beautiful. I was honored to receive the 2011 Fundraiser of the Year award at National Philanthropy Day. Trinity recruited me at the beginning of 2012 and by April I had joined their administrative team. With incredible leaders and supporters, we've raised over $22 million for the school in the last four years, including the completion of the most historical building project in the 58-year history of the school, a $17.1 million campaign for a new student center, Upper School, administrative building and fine arts center. I've been committed to growing a successful Alumni Relations program, including launching an Alumni Hall of Honor Dinner, several Alumni Career days and other unique opportunities to engage Trinity alumni all over the country.

Why is it a priority for you to serve on nonprofit boards and committees? I love the Permian Basin and consider members of the nonprofit community some of my closet friends and colleagues. I believe our philanthropic community has given so much to me, laying the groundwork for my professional and volunteer work, and I want to give back and share my experiences and knowledge in any way I can. I have had so many wonderful mentors who showed me the ropes when I was starting my career in development work, and I hope I can be a good resource for those just starting to get their feet wet professionally or through volunteer service in the nonprofit world. From major events, annual fund drives, grant writing, endowment and capital campaigns, board development, etc.... I feel like I have learned a lot and I am always happy to share my experiences. I am passionate about education, hunger awareness and children's services, and will always make philanthropic service a priority in my life.

Why is promoting volunteerism among youth a priority for you? A former member of SIP (sponsored by the Abell-Hanger Foundation) at Lee High School, I recently launched the Servant Leadership in Philanthropy program at Trinity School (SLP), with the goal to encourage students to positively affect their community, while learning about the importance of nonprofits, volunteerism and fundraising. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and I hope many will come back to the Permian Basin to volunteer, serve on boards and generously support causes they are passionate about. It is my goal with my volunteer work, especially with the youth, to expose students to philanthropy, the needs in our community and how we can all do our part. It is my goal for the students to leave the program knowing the mission of many of the nonprofits, how to fundraise and put on an event, and the grant process — so they can get an idea of all aspects of a nonprofit.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a volunteer? I've learned in order to get volunteers, you have to ask. People are usually happy to serve if they are asked, if it is organized and they feel appreciated. Volunteer appreciation is so important, but volunteers want to be excited about the organization and the mission, to willingly give up their time.

"HER JOY RADIATES AND HER PASSION FOR NONPROFITS IS CERTAINLY CONTAGIOUS"

Kobi is amazing in so many aspects of her life and an invaluable part to so many in Midland. I have been lucky enough to not only get to see Kobi's hard work come to fruition but also have been able to work with her on a few projects, and I say with all of my heart that she is truly a shining star in our community. Her joy radiates and her passion for nonprofits and volunteering is certainly contagious to those that are around her. To the students at Trinity, she truly leads by example. From helping to lead an amazingly successful capital campaign for Trinity School to being vice president of Keep Midland Beautiful I am constantly amazed at what she is accomplishing and how she is improving West Texas. I am grateful to have Kobi as a friend and grateful that her impact will benefit Midlanders for years to come.

Cameron Kelly, *Trinity School alumna*

"KOBI HAS A GIFT FOR SERVING OTHERS AND IT SHOWS"

I have had the privilege of working with Kobi over the past few years on a number of different projects. Most have been involved with Trinity School or with First Presbyterian Church of Midland. First Presbyterian prides itself on community service and mission. Kobi Lincoln does the same. She has shown great commitment to First Presbyterian's mission program and specifically to its Angel Tree program, which I am involved with. Kobi brings her family every year to share the spirit of Christmas with over 300 children who have one or both parents in prison. Kobi has a gift for serving others and it shows as she interacts with these "Angels" at a time when they most need it.

Kobi served a vital role with the Campaign for Trinity School. The campaign's goal was $17.1 million and, when completed, surpassed that amount. As Trinity's director of Institutional Advancement, Kobi spearheaded this effort and kept the campaign committee on track for its two-year time frame. She was energetic, organized and fun to work with. From beginning to end and even through some trying times (oil price dropping like a rock), Kobi was always smiling and optimistic about the future.

The leadership of Trinity School, recognizing Kobi's talent as a philanthropist, offered her a position to teach a class on the subject. What a great testament for someone, to be so good at something that you would be asked to teach it. I am certain that she is inspiring others into a life of philanthropy and service.

Midland is blessed to have Kobi Lincoln and she will continue to have a positive impact on the organizations that she chooses to be involved with. I am selfishly grateful that a couple of those organizations happen to benefit me and my family.

Stuart Beal, *Trinity School past board president and The Campaign for Trinity co-chairman*

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We all waste time on the internet, but this guy became an expert on it

By Abby Ohlheiser
Washington Post

Months before Kenneth Goldsmith began to teach his college class, "Wasting Time on the Internet," he already had his first lesson: The internet needs constant feeding, and a college course on fooling around online is exactly the kind of content it wanted.

The Penn State course went viral in late 2014, after he gave interviews to a couple of reporters (specifically, to me and to a reporter at Vice) about the class. A college course where students could get credit for "wasting time" online? The internet bought into it, with a mix of outrage and envy.

By the time Goldsmith's class actually started meeting in January 2015, he had a waiting list of more than 100 students, for a class with just 15 available spots.

Of course, Goldsmith wasn't a newbie to getting the internet's attention: A year before announcing "Wasting Time on the Internet," he crowdsourced an art project that aimed to print out the entire internet.

Goldsmith said he initially hoped the experience of being forced to "waste time" online for a semester's worth of classes would allow his students to write something interesting in the end. What happened next was initially a self-described "disaster," albeit one that led to a book on the subject, which came out Tuesday.

The class was saved, Goldsmith wrote, when the students stopped wasting time on the internet as they normally would by themselves, and started finding ways to do it together as a group. The book even includes a class-generated listicle of 101 ways to "waste time" online.

"People say that technology creates distance between people," Goldsmith wrote of the class. "But we found it to be just to opposite: Our physical and emotive experiences were intensified through our devices."

While the book covers what happened in the seminar, it is about more than that. Overall, it's an attempt to imbue a pastime that we tend to dismiss and revile with some consideration and meaning.

Below is an edited, condensed Q & A with Goldsmith, conducted by phone in early August.

Q: The phrase "wasting time on the internet" triggers an immediate, negative meaning. What are your thoughts on why it is that we all seem to think we know what it means to do this? What did "wasting time" online mean to you?

A: I feel like the discourse around time spent on the internet is puritanical. It's moral, overtly so. It's one-dimensional. It tries to try to put a very simple line — a pejorative line — on something that is actually a nuanced, complex and an often contradictory experience.

In the book, I wanted to explore the nature of that contradiction, the nature of fracture, the nature of division, read through theories of distraction. To say, 'I'm not sure we're thinking about this exactly right.'

Q: The moral judgment is applied to the whole person, too, so it speaks to someone's moral character that they waste a lot of time on the internet ...

A: The problem with that is that then we're all condemned. The fact is, we're all wasting time online. So why are we condemning ourselves, condemning everyone, for it? It's not going away anytime soon. We're not disconnecting. So we need to learn to think about this in another way.

In the end of the book, I talk about how people say that the internet is making us less social. But then, I wonder how the families of black people who are shot by the police feel about this notion that we're just wasting time on our cellphones.

These devices are for both. People point to their cellphones and say "these are tools of social justice." And that's true. They are also devices on which we play games.

Q: A lot of the things that have been written about "Pokemon Go" this summer get at a more trivial version of that discussion about the value of the mobile internet. There seems to be a passionate disagreement between two opposing camps. One sees the game as "pointless" and the other sees value.

A: It's both. That's what we need to be saying. It's really complicated.

Pokemon Go is pure surrealism. It's something out of a Magritte painting. It's like an apple on somebody's head. So we can begin to then read Pokemon Go through theories of modernism, through the subconscious, through the drifting, through the absurd, and also presence and absence at the same time.

I think reading "Pokemon Go" through the flâneur is a good way to try and understand. The flâneur is totally engaged and also totally disengaged at the same time. It's intense engagement, and intense detachment, through the urban landscape.

I'm really interested in Pokemon Go. Those videos of crowds rushing through Central Park, stampedes! It was marvelous! They're really chasing dreams. This is waking dreamspace.

Q: In the book, you describe an exercise where an entire group watches one person waste time on the internet, projected on a giant screen. The groups seem to know immediately when someone was "faking it" or not. They hated watching someone pretend to waste time on the internet, but were entranced when someone did it for real. How can we make that distinction?

A: First of all, those sessions were just really weird.

We all waste time on the internet alone, or in the library, or at Starbucks. But when you start to do it with a group, you find that these devices amplify emotion, and affect. The virality of emotions kind of rippled through the room. You had a group of people in a trance, just watching someone waste time on the internet. It's such a strange situation.

The notion that these devices separate us is a really common idea. Sometimes, it's true. But often, it's really not.

Q: It seems like we developed a way understanding for this while we weren't even looking, in the same way that we know when someone has an authentic conversation with you, or they're just faking with small talk.

A: In these sessions, you could even understand what was going on when someone was scrolling through Facebook and the cursor would slow down. Suddenly, you're seeing the connection between the cursor and the mind of the person controlling it. It's such an insight into someone's mind, their psychology.

Q: Which brings up the fact that Facebook has also caught onto this. And knows, too, when we scroll back up to look at something, and when we ignore it ...

A: I think there's a real distinction there, though. That's metrics, and it's advertising and its automated. Insert the human, and a bouquet of thought becomes so much more fragrant than the dryness of the algorithm.

That's why "Pokemon Go" is so marvelous. It puts the body back into the landscape. I'm interested in the body, and the human being inserted into the experience, as opposed to the algorithm.

Q: Has the fact that we don't culturally value this idea of wasting time on the internet helped to cede some of that territory to Facebook, or Twitter, who do get enormous value in a different way from us wasting time on the internet there?

A: You know, I'm just stunned at how well we use technology and how poorly we theorize it. We're really good at it, and it's marvelous. But we don't think about it. My students, my god, they're so good at using technology. But they don't think about it.

I have far-left friends who complain about corporate culture, and they do it on Facebook. They're not seeing it! They're not seeing that the platform is owned by something else.

I think we want to make technology transparent, so we can use it and not think about it. The problem is, its highly intertwined with technological corporate advertising money that problemetize that transparency. When it suddenly becomes visible, you go, "ugh, how did I not see it?"

But at this point, you can't walk away. You have to be really privileged to walk away from digital culture. Social contacts, dating, jobs, everything comes through that. It's just really important to be aware of it.

But use it. it's marvelous, and it's evil, it's Promethean, it's both.

Ryan Lochte has no choice: He has to go on 'Dancing With the Stars'

By Emily Yahr
Washington Post

After fabricating details of a robbery at the Rio Olympics that caused an international incident, embattled swimmer Ryan Lochte's sponsors have been dropping him left and right. But there's still one place that very much wants to be in the Lochte business: "Dancing With the Stars."

On Wednesday, People magazine reported that the hit ABC reality competition is courting Lochte to be on Season 23, which debuts in mid-September. ("Ryan has wanted to be on the show for years," a show "insider" said.) An ABC source confirmed to The Washington Post that Lochte is in talks to be on the show, though as usual, nothing will be officially announced until the cast is revealed next week on "Good Morning America."

Either way, let's break this down: Lochte has no choice here. He has to go on "Dancing With the Stars."

"DWTS" is the ideal safe space for scandal-ridden celebrities — or more specifically, for stars that want to change the conversation. It's just good old-fashioned image management. Just ask former contestants like Paula Deen, Gary Busey or David Hasselhoff, best known for controversies or erratic behavior. On "DWTS," there's an equal playing field: Everyone embarrasses themselves as they wear tacky clothes and struggle to learn the dances.

Even though Lochte might be the most recently disgraced contestant in show history, it would certainly change the narrative to see him on TV every week in a sparkly costume; he could hopefully display an ounce of humility and self-awareness.

Yet, as helpful as an appearance would be, the show doesn't always treat celebrities with kid gloves. (A few years ago, host Tom Bergeron warned producers that they shouldn't have him interview musical guest Chris Brown unless Brown was prepared to answer some very uncomfortable questions.) There's no doubt that if Lochte is a contestant, his damaging lies from Rio will come up. How could the show ignore such a recent incident? But Lochte would be in a controlled environment with so many other distractions, and the main objective — no matter the reason for being there — is to dance well enough to capture the amazingly gaudy Mirror Ball Trophy.

It's a win-win for ABC: While the show is still going strong with an average of about 13 million viewers per episode last season, ratings have been steadily declining over the years — about 20 million people watched weekly in its heyday around 2011. A Lochte appearance would be a must-watch, especially after all the negative Olympics publicity.

Overall, Lochte still has a ways to go on his road to redemption. But "Dancing With the Stars" is a truly strong start.

The world's 10 highest-paid actresses made less than half of what the top actors earned

By Elahe Izadi
Washington Post

It's a rich and powerful group: The world's 10 highest paid actresses earned a combined $205 million over the last year, according to Forbes annual list of actress's earnings

But these women collectively earned less than half than their male counterparts. The combined earnings of the 10 highest-paid actors totaled $456.5 million, as detailed in a list released by Forbes on Thursday.

Yes, even the super rich and famous experience a wage gap.

Forbes tracked earnings before taxes and fees between June 1, 2015, and June 1, 2016. Actress Jennifer Lawrence pulled in $46 million, making her once again the world's highest-paid actress. Dwayne Johnson earned $64.5 million, making him the highest-paid actor for the first time.

Lawrence made less than the top five highest-paid actors. In addition to Johnson, there's Jackie Chan ($61 million), Matt Damon ($55 million), Tom Cruise ($53 million) and Johnny Depp ($48 million). If Lawrence were a man, she would have come in just ahead of Ben Affleck, who earned $43 million.

Lawrence's earnings have been part of the conversation about the Hollywood pay gap before. The 2014 Sony email hack revealed that the actress, along with Amy Adams, were paid less than their male co-stars for the movie "American Hustle."

Ninety percent of the women on the 2016 Forbes list supplemented their pay from acting gigs with major endorsement deals, according to Forbes. For instance, Jennifer Aniston, who came in fourth at $21 million, made most of her money through endorsements from companies such as Emirates airlines, Smartwater, Aveeno and Living Proof, according to Forbes.

Melissa McCarthy earned $33 million and the No. 2 spot on the Forbes list. She received an estimated eight-figure fee for "Ghostbusters" and designs her own clothing line. She was followed by Scarlett Johansson at $25 million (who was reportedly paid $17.5 million for next year's "Ghost in the Shell"). Also included: China's Fan Bingbing (No. 5 at $17 million) and India's Deepika Padukone (No. 10 at $10 million).

These actresses, as a group, are also younger than the top-earning men.

All of the top 10 actors are over 40 years old. Half of the women who made the highest-paid actress list are under 40; all of them are under 50.

(Nearly half of the top 20 highest paid actors are over 50, according to Forbes. Just Chris Pratt, who ranked 16th and made $26 million, is under 40.)

Johnson topped this year's list, thanks in part to upfront fees from "Central Intelligence," "Fast 8" and a forthcoming "Baywatch" movie, according to Forbes. Chan made his money from movies in China. And Damon's earnings came from "The Martian," "Jason Bourne" and forthcoming "The Great Wall."

The Hollywood pay gap became a hot topic last year when Patricia Arquette turned her Oscar acceptance speech into a call for wage equity for women.

"To every woman who gave birth, to every taxpayer and citizen of this nation, we have fought for everybody else's equal rights," she said. "It is our time to have wage equality once and for all, and equal rights for women in the United States of America!"

After the Sony hack, Lawrence wrote publicly about negotiating for deals and being "over trying to find the 'adorable' way to state my opinion and still be likable." And Bradley Cooper, who also starred in "American Hustle," said he was shocked to find out what Adams was paid for the film.

"She worked everyday on that movie and got paid nothing," Cooper told Reuters. "It's really horrible actually, it's almost embarrassing."

Forbes has pointed to how other actresses, such as Meryl Streep and Gwyneth Paltrow, have been paid less than the men in their movies.

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MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
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Beyonce slays at MTV VMAs, wins video of the year

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Beyonce owned the MTV Video Music Awards by winning video of the year and giving a 16-minute performance featuring her recent hits from "Lemonade," working various stages with strong, layered vocals, skilled dance moves and even an outfit change — all as the audience watched in awe and cheered her on.

Beyonce won the top prize for "Formation," besting Adele, Kanye West, Justin Bieber and Drake.

"First of all, I'd like to thank my beautiful daughter and my incredible husband for all of their support," said Beyonce, who walked the carpet with Blue Ivy by her side. "I dedicate this award to the people of New Orleans."

Queen B kicked of her strong set with "Pray You Catch Me" as blue lights beamed onstage. She was wearing white, but later stripped down to a black leotard with full sleeves as she sang "Hold Up" and "Sorry." She grew angry and twerked while performing "Don't Hurt Yourself" and ended with the anthemic "Formation."

"If y'all came to slay, sing along with me," she said.

It was reminiscent of the 2014 VMAs, when Beyonce also performed for 16 minutes and accepted the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard award. This year, it was awarded to Rihanna, who spilit up her performances throughout the night, singing hits such as "Work" and "We Found Love."

Beyonce's top-notch performance starkly contrasted with that of Britney Spears, who returned to the VMA stage after 10 years. Not only did she lip sync, in typical fashion, but she did so badly. Spears performed her hit "Make Me..." and danced slickly, but she didn't actually sing a word of the song live. She was joined by rapper G-Eazy — and she lip synched the hook to his hit song, "Me, Myself and I."

Beyonce won best female video for "Hold Up," presented to her by four of the Final Five gymnasts, excluding Gabby Douglas, who is hospitalized for a mouth infection.

"Thank you to my fans. I love you," Beyonce said. "Have a beautiful night."

In typical and true Kanye West fashion, the rapper ranted onstage, touching on subjects from music to his beef with Taylor Swift to violence in his hometown Chicago before he debuted his music video for "Fade." He talked about his "Famous" video which features what appear to be naked images of West, Swift, Kim Kardashian, Donald Trump and more. He even pointed to former girlfriend Amber Rose, who was in the audience and is also in the video.

"It was an expression of our now, our fame right now, us on the inside of the TV, you know, the audacity to put Anna Wintour right next to Donald Trump," he said.

"I put Ray J in it, bro," he said, referring to Kardashian's ex with whom she did a sex tape.

"But if you think about last week, it was 22 people murdered in Chicago," he continued. "You know, people come up to me like, 'Man, that's right! Take, tell Taylor this. Bro, like I love all y'all."

"That's why I called her," he said with a laugh, referring to his recent drama with the pop star, who didn't attend the VMAs and was not nominated.

Other performers included Ariana Grande, who brought spin class to the VMA stage when she sang the reggae-tinged "Side to Side" with Nicki Minaj. Grande cycled while singing and was backed by female dancers imitating her, while her male dancers lifted dumbbells and did other exercises. At the end of their performance, Grande and Minaj put their male dancers' faces in front their crotches.

In another ode to the Olympic Games just past, Michael Phelps said he's been inspired by hip-hop music before introducing Future, who Phelps said he listened to before swimming and making the grimace that went viral. The rapper-singer-producer performed his hit "(Expletive) Up Some Commas."

Drake won the first award for the night — best hip hop video for "Hotline Bling." Puff Daddy, who presented the award, said Drake was stuck in traffic. Calvin Harris won best male video — beating West's "Famous" — for "This is What You Came For," which featured Rihanna and was co-written with former girlfriend Swift. Harris accepted the award in a video message.

David Bowie — who died from cancer earlier this year — received four nominations for "Lazarus" and won best art direction. The music video, which shows him looking frail in bed with bandaged eyes, was released just days before the icon's Jan. 10 death.

Fifth Harmony and Ty Dollar $ign won best collaboration video for "Work from Home." The girl group also won song of the summer for "All In My Head (Flex)." Beyonce, was the top nominee with 11, arrived angel-winged and green-feathered with daughter Blue Ivy in tow along with Sybrina Fulton, Lezley McSpadden and Gwen Carr, the mothers of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and Eric Garner, among others. They appeared in videos for Beyonce's "Lemonade" visual album and also make up the Mothers of the Movement, women of color who lost children to violence.

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This image released by Sony Pictures shows Stephen Lang in a scene from "Dont Breathe."

'Don't Breathe' scores, ousts 'Suicide Squad' at box office

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The horror movie "Don't Breathe" has reason to let out a big sigh of relief. Audiences turned out in droves for the late summer thriller, which brought in $26.1 million, according to studio estimates released Sunday.

That's more than double the early predictions for how the scary pic would perform and far above the modest production budget, which was reportedly less than $10 million. Stage 6 Films produced and Sony's Screen Gems oversaw distribution.

"Don't Breathe" is about a group of Detroit teens who chose the wrong house to rob — that of a blind, vengeful veteran. It stars Jane Levy and Dylan Minnette and was directed by Fede Alvarez, who is known for the "Evil Dead" remake.

Sony Pictures Marketing Chief Josh Greenstein noted how rare it was for a film in this genre to have resonated so deeply with critics. The current Rotten Tomatoes score is a very fresh 87 percent. It also continues Sony's summer of seeing successes with original films that cost very little to make.

"This marks a string of very profitable hits for Sony with very modest budgets. 'The Shallows,' 'Sausage Party' and now 'Don't Breathe' were all incredibly profitable because they were made for modest budgets and did incredibly well at the box office," Greenstein said.

It's also the latest horror success for Hollywood this summer, which has seen films like "Lights Out," "The Conjuring 2," and "The Purge: Election Year" thrive while their bigger budget, spectacle-driven counterparts flailed.

"As it turns out horror is the least scary genre this summer, especially to the bean counters in Hollywood," said Paul Dergarabedian, the senior media analyst for box office tracker comScore. "(They) can almost always be counted on to make money."

Horror films, Dergarabedian said, perform very well on home video too.

"Don't Breathe" effectively unseated "Suicide Squad" from its three week run atop the box office. This weekend, the comic book film "Suicide Squad" grossed $12.1 million, bringing its domestic total to $282.9 million.

Laika's "Kubo and the Two Strings" took third place in its second weekend in theaters with $7.9 million. The $60 million film has now earned $24.8 million domestically.

"Sausage Party," meanwhile, continued to have a ball at the box office, earning $7.7 million for a fourth place finish and an $80 million domestic total.

The poorly reviewed Jason Statham-led sequel "Mechanic: Resurrection," meanwhile, placed fifth in its opening weekend with $7.5 million, according to Lionsgate. The first film opened to $11.4 million in 2011.

Among specialty releases, the Barack and Michelle Obama first date movie "Southside With You" launched in 813 theaters to an estimated $3.1 million, while The Weinstein Company's Roberto Duran boxing biopic "Hands of Stone" opened in 810 theaters to $1.7 million.

Overall the box office was up 32 percent from this weekend last year when "Straight Outta Compton" opened. Next weekend closes out the summer movie season with the release of the sci-fi film "Morgan" and the romantic drama "The Light Between Oceans."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released today.

1. "Don't Breathe," $26.1 million ($1.9 million international).
2. "Suicide Squad," $12.1 million ($19.6 million international).
3. "Kubo and the Two Strings," $7.9 million ($1.5 million international).
4. "Sausage Party," $7.7 million ($1.6 million international).
5. "Mechanic: Resurrection," $7.5 million ($6.1 million international).
6. "Pete's Dragon," $7.3 million ($3.5 million international).
7. "War Dogs," $7.3 million ($5.3 million international).
8. "Bad Moms," $5.8 million ($6.3 million international).
9. "Jason Bourne," $5.2 million ($56.8 million international).
10. "Ben-Hur," $4.5 million ($6.3 million international).

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

1. "Jason Bourne," $56.8 million.
2. "Ice Age: Collision Course," $50 million.
3. "The Secret Life of Pets," $24.6 million.
4. "Suicide Squad," $19.6 million.
5. "Lights Out," $9.6 million.
6. "Bad Moms" and "Ben-Hur," $6.3 million.
7. "Mechanic: Resurrection," "Finding Dory," and "The Shallows," $6.1 million.
8. "Tunnel," $5.7 million.
9. "War Dogs," $5.3 million.
10. "Line Walker," $4.8 million.

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It took several years to develop the facility conceptually and to make it into a structure that would ensure the utmost in patient care, comfort and functionality. "I not only wanted to design something that made patients feel at ease when they were at a very uncomfortable point in their lives, but I also wanted to make it a peaceful and enjoyable place where all of us could work together and enjoy the unique team we have created," says Dr. McGehee.

In fact, Dr. McGehee consulted two separate architects to make this happen. One is from Atlanta, specializing in interior functionality for physicians' offices. The other is a local architect charged with designing an aesthetically pleasing front on the Wall Street entrance. This new state-of-the-art facility has been a big hit with his longstanding patients.

Dr. McGehee is board certified in anesthesiology by the American Board of Anesthesiology. He completed a fellowship in Interventional Pain Management at UT Southwestern in Dallas. He is also board certified in Interventional Pain Management by the American Board of Anesthesiology.

With these certifications he focuses primarily on interventional techniques, injections and procedures that treat unfortunate yet ever-so-common ailments such as sciatica, herniated discs, osteoarthritis of the spine and major joints and many other spine conditions.

He has been practicing in Midland since 2008 when he completed his Fellowship. To help with the increasing patient demand he added Brenda Harrison, FNP-C to his staff in 2013. They work closely with several of the top area surgeons when consults are needed. Dr. McGehee is affiliated with Midland Memorial Hospital and the Texas Surgical Center. He performs procedures at these locales as well as at his office, depending on the specific needs of the case.

After years of receiving the Patients' Choice Award, in 2016 Dr. McGehee was honored with the Trademark Who's Who Honors Edition. Over the years, he has shown dedication, leadership and professional excellence in helping patients.

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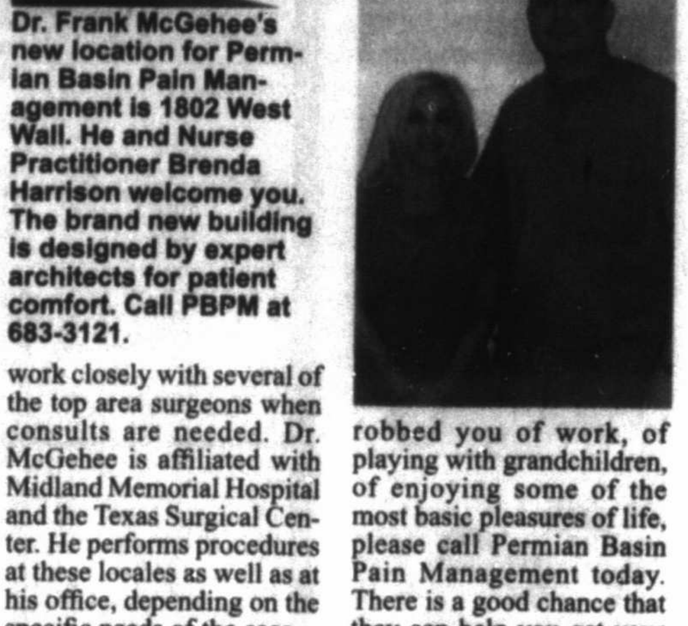
Dr. Frank McGehee has owned Permian Basin Pain Management for 10 years. His new office is at 1802 West Wall, across the street from the previous location. The phone number is 432-683-3121.



Dr. Frank McGehee's new location for Permian Basin Pain Management is 1802 West Wall. He and Nurse Practitioner Brenda Harrison welcome you. The brand new building is designed by expert architects for patient comfort. Call PBPM at 683-3121.

AUDIO ACOUSTICS

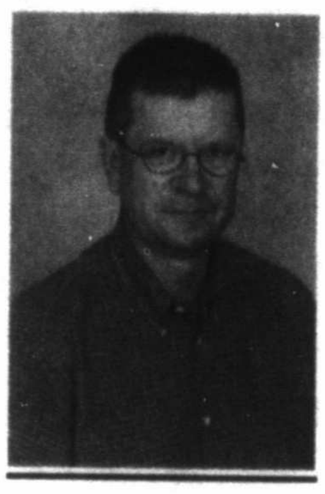
Eight signs you should get a hearing test

By Orland Purcell Au. D., CCC-A

Over the years, we lose our hearing so gradually that we usually don't realize that we don't hear as well as we used to. Unless there is a traumatic event like being too close to a fireworks show or a hearing-related illness most people don't get up one morning thinking about their hearing situation.

So how DO you know if you should have your hearing checked? Here are some clues you might look for.

1. **You have a constant ringing in your ears**. Tinnitus, as it's known, is a condition with a constant ringing, buzzing, chirping or other sound even when there is no actual sound being generated. It often follows exposure to loud noises like a rock concert, working with heavy equipment or listening to a political speech. If it doesn't go away soon after the exposure it's considered a sign of hearing loss because your brain is trying to make up for not receiving enough sound information.
2. **You can't pick up on conversations in noisy places.** If people seem to be mumbling when you're in a crowd—a busy airport, party or at Rosa's on Taco Tuesday, you might have hearing loss. A poorly functioning ear may work acceptably in a quiet room, but it can't sort speech from an overload of sound.
3. **"Huh?" or "What" become your most commonly used words**. Sometimes there are humorous misunderstandings but after a while there's nothing funny about constant repetition. For you or the other party.
4. **You can't tell where sounds come from**. Your two ears work together to locate the sources of sounds. If either or both are compromised this system doesn't work.
5. **You keep turning up the volume**. You got in trouble as a kid for turning up Led Zeppelin and now you're in trouble for—well, for the same thing. The reason you have to turn it up now is because you turned it up too much and too long then. Well, it's not quite that simple but if you're always needing the volume turned up louder than anyone else, you probably have some hearing loss.
6. **It's particularly hard to hear women or children**. Hearing loss usually starts in the higher frequency ranges, which is where women and children reside. High-frequency hearing loss is usually associated with age-related hearing loss.
7. **You've had an ear infection or a buildup of ear wax**. The good news is that these sources of hearing loss are usually temporary. Continued infections may lead to ruptured ear drums or scar tissue which may cause a more permanent condition. Asking your physician or otolaryngologist (ear, nose, throat) doctor about this might be wise.
8. **You get tired following conversations.** When you can't hear clearly your brain has to compensate by working much harder to fill in the missing words. And that can be very tiring. This stress can cause anxiety and frustration. You think everyone's mumbling to you on purpose so you're tempted to withdraw, leading to anger and depression. Lots of studies show a connection between hearing loss and depression and even dementia.



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Endwell, New York, wins Little League World Series

By Travis Johnson
Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Ryan Harlost led Endwell, New York, to the Little League World Series title, striking out eight and limiting South Korea to five hits in six innings in a 2-1 victory Sunday.

Endwell became the first U.S. winner since Huntington Beach, California, in 2011, and gave New York its first championship since 1964.

Conner Rush had the New York team's only RBI to give Endwell a lead it wouldn't relinquish in the bottom of the fourth. Harlost (2-0) scored the deciding run on a passed ball a batter later.

"I was just thinking get it in play any way you can," Rush said. "Once that happens, you never know what can happen."

Yoomin Lee homered for the Asia-Pacific champs from Seoul. Minho Choi struck out with runners on first and second to end the game.

Junho Jeong (1-2) gave up two runs on four hits and struck out nine for South Korea (4-2). He threw 3 1/3 innings of no-hit ball before Jude Abbadessa broke through in the fourth.

Waking to the plate as Endwell fans along the first base side bellowed "Juuude!" Abbadessa broke up the righty's no-hit bid with a single to center. Harlost followed with a liner to the same spot and Rush plated the go-ahead run with a hit that fell in behind the shortstop. Harlost raced home on a passed ball to give New York a 2-0 lead one batter later.

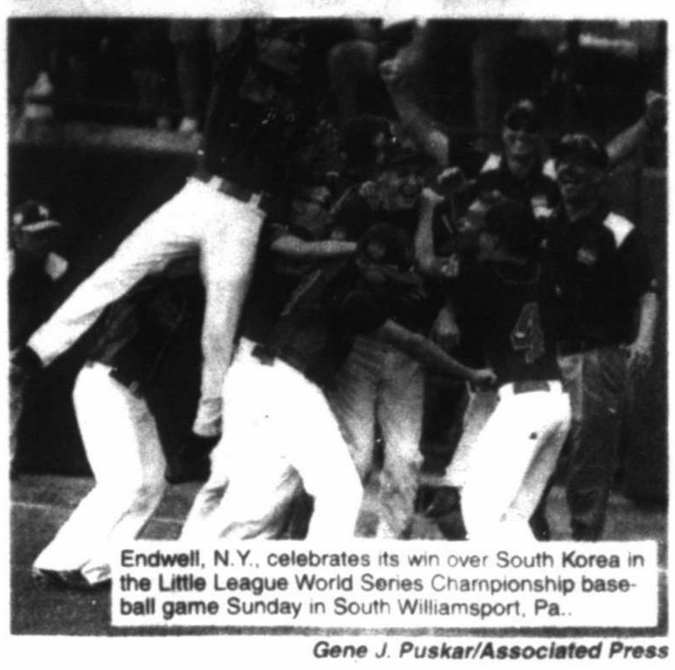
"It's just been amazing," Abbadessa said. "Just coming here would be amazing and then our team doing well is even more amazing. It's been fun the whole week and we're glad that it turned out this way."

Lee drove a 2-2 pitch over the right field wall to cut New York's lead in half in the fifth.

That was all South Korea could get, however as New York's defense came up big all afternoon.

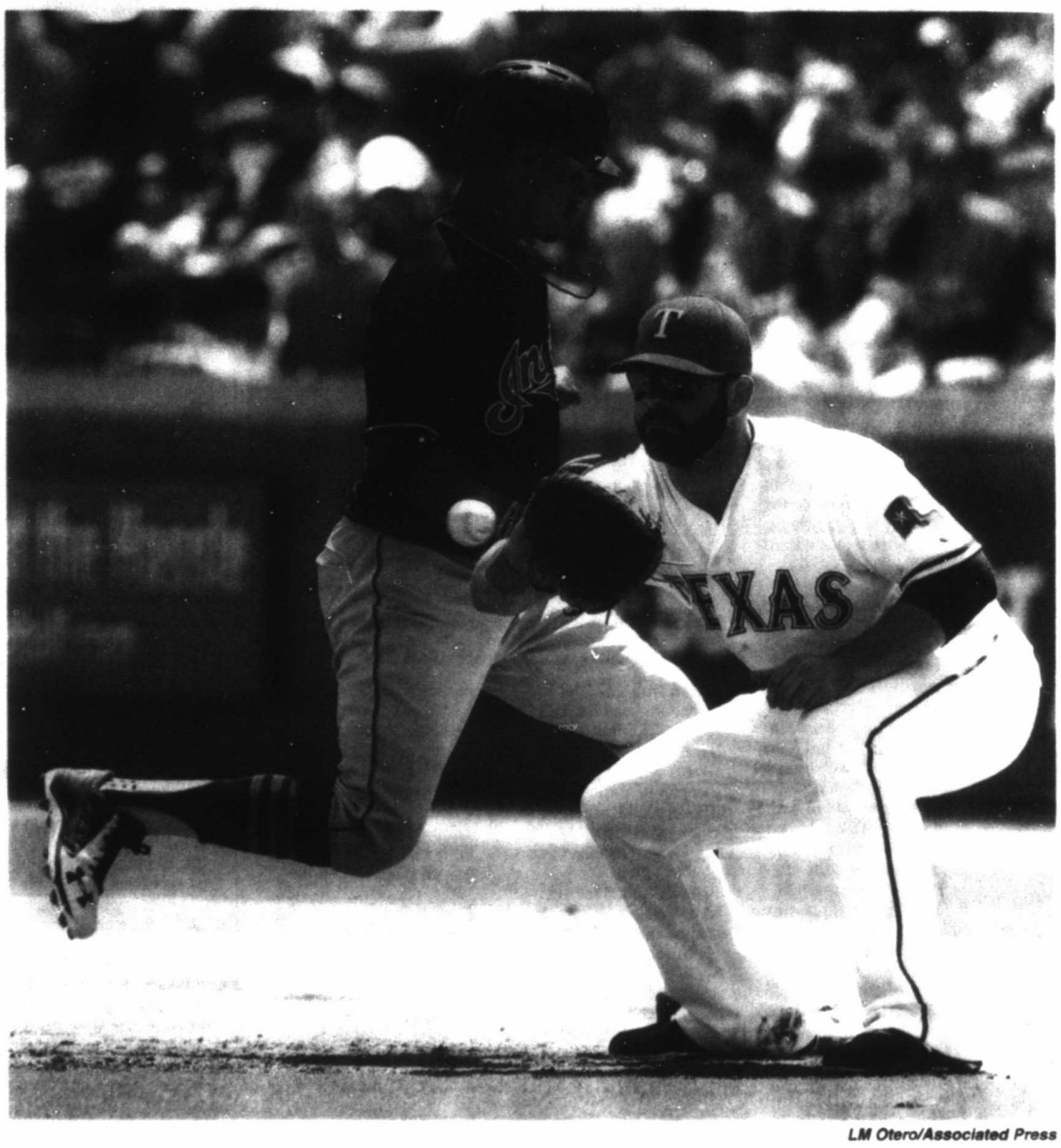
In the second, right fielder James Fellows made a running grab at the warning track to rob Sangheon Park of an extra base hit. With a runner on first an inning later, Harlost snagged a hard-hit liner at the mound, tossed to first to get the putout and escape the third unscathed.

Later in the fifth after Yoomin's blast halved the score, Abbadessa scooped up a grounder that took an awkward bounce and threw to first for final out of the inning.



Endwell, N.Y., celebrates its win over South Korea in the Little League World Series Championship baseball game Sunday in South Williamsport, Pa..

Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press



LM Otero/Associated Press

Texas Rangers first baseman Mitch Moreland, right, waits for the pickoff throw as Cleveland Indians Rajai Davis gets back to first base during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday in Arlington.

Rangers top Indians 2-1 to take 3 of 4 in series

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Derek Holland allowed one run over six innings in his second start off the disabled list, new left fielder Carlos Gomez made two high-light-reel catches and the AL-best Texas Rangers held off the Cleveland Indians 2-1 on Sunday.

The Rangers took three of four in the series between division leaders, the first time since 1999 both teams were in first place when playing each other after the All-Star break.

Cleveland loaded the bases with one out in the ninth against closer Sam Dyson, who struck out pinch-hitter Tyler Naquin and retired Abraham Almonte on a fly ball to end it.

Ian Desmond and Jonathan Lucroy each had an RBI single for Texas, which has an 8 1/2-game lead in the AL West with five weeks left in the season.

Holland (6-6) struck out five without a walk while yielding only four singles. The left-hander, who missed two months because of shoulder inflammation before returning Tuesday at Cincinnati, got a big boost from Gomez and his glove.

Dyson worked a scoreless ninth for his 29th save in 33 chances. He gave up a single and two walks, but held on.

Danny Salazar (11-6) lost his third consecutive decision in four August starts despite matching his season high with 10 strikeouts and allowing just two runs in 5 1/3 innings.

In the sixth, with two Indians still on base and two outs after Jason Kipnis' RBI single cut the margin to 2-1, Mike Napoli hit a hard liner to left. Gomez made a runs-saving grab while sprinting back and reaching over his head for another highlight-quality play.

That came an inning after Gomez made a leaping catch with his glove extended as his body crashed into the left-field wall to rob Jose Ramirez of a hit.

Please see RANGERS/3C

Larson takes advantage of late restart Cup victory

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Kyle Larson raced to his first Sprint Cup victory Sunday, taking the lead on a restart with nine laps remaining and holding off Chase Elliott at Michigan International Speedway in a duel between two of NASCAR's up-and-coming standouts.

Elliott had a comfortable lead before a tire problem on Michael Annett's car brought out the yellow flag. Larson had the better restart and went on to win by 1.48 seconds. Brad Keselowski finished third.

Larson's victory in his No. 42 Chevrolet snapped a 99-race losing streak for Chip Ganassi Racing dating to Jamie McMurray's victory at Talladega in 2013.

Larson secured a spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup with two races left in the regular season. Elliott remains winless, but is in solid shape to make the Chase field on points if need be.

It was the 99th career start for the 24-year-old Larson, who had 14 top-five finishes before Sunday but hadn't won at the Cup level. The 20-year-old Elliott is winless in 29 starts, but this was an impressive showing for him after eight consecutive races outside the top 10.

Elliott finished second at Michigan in June as well, losing to Joey Logano.

Elliott led by 2.86 seconds with 28 laps to go Sunday, and it looked like Larson's chance to catch him had been derailed

Please see SPRINT/2C

Paul Sancya/Associated Press

Kyle Larson celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday in Brooklyn, Mich.

Osweiler solid in Texans' 34-24 victory over Cardinals

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Brock Osweiler threw for 146 yards and a touchdown and Houston intercepted two of Carson Palmer's passes in the Texans' 34-24 exhibition victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

Osweiler led the Texans to scores on three of his four drives. He connected with first-round pick Will Fuller on a 26-yard touchdown pass that extended Houston's lead to 24-10 before sitting down with about three minutes left in the first half.

It was Osweiler's second successful outing after he and Houston's starting offense struggled in the team's first preseason game. The expectations for Osweiler are high after the Texans signed Peyton Manning's former backup to a $72 million contract this offseason.

While Osweiler was solid, Houston's starting defense starred. Andre Hal intercepted Palmer's second pass of the day to set up Houston's first score, a 1-yard touchdown run by new running back Lamar Miller.

Palmer's second drive was his only clean one, and it ended with a 3-yard touchdown run by David Johnson.

On Arizona's next possession, linebacker John Simon tipped a pass by Palmer, intercepted it and returned it 59 yards for a touchdown. It was the second straight game in which Palmer had an interception returned for a touchdown after Brandon Flowers did it in last week's 9-3 loss at San Diego.

Palmer attempted to tackle Simon after the interception and was tackled by 305-pound defensive end Devon Still, a hit that knocked the quarterback's helmet off. Coach Bruce Arians had seen enough after that hit, and Palmer was replaced by Drew Stanton.

Fuller finished with 67 yards receiving and fellow rookie Braxton Miller, the former Ohio State star quarterback, added three receptions for 29 yards. The Texans chose Fuller in the first round this year to take pressure off Pro Bowler DeAndre Hopkins, who was third in the NFL with 1,521 yards receiving last season despite facing near constant double teams.

He had two receptions for 31 yards on Sunday.

Injury update

Cardinals: CB Mike Jenkins, who had recently returned after having surgery to repair a broken bone in his right hand, was carted off the field after injuring his right knee in the first quarter. He was injured when he was juked by Hopkins and immediately crumpled to the ground. He appeared to be in a lot of pain as he was helped to the cart, and slammed his right hand on the cart in disgust before he was taken to the locker room.

All-Pro safety Tyrann Mathieu, who came off the physically unable to perform list last week after knee surgery, was expected to play on Sunday, but remained on the sideline in a T-shirt and shorts.

Texans: K Nick Novak returned after sitting out most of the week after getting a concussion against the Saints last week. He made a 44-yard field goal in the first quarter and added one from 42 yards in the fourth.

Clowney standing out

Outside linebacker Jadeveon Clowney had three tackles and put pressure on Palmer and Stanton often on Sunday, leading Houston's defense with Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt still

Please see TEXANS/4C

'HOUNDSWATCH

SUNDAY'S SCORE
Midland 5, Frisco 0

TODAY'S GAME
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

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Frisco 22-40

Sunday	Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Midland 5, Frisco 0	Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m., +3	San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Hockey
KHL: Lokomotiv vs. Dynamo Moscow, 8:30 a.m., CWSPN

Horse Racing
Better Talk Now Stakes, 3 p.m., FS2

Major League Baseball
Seattle at Texas, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP, FSSW
Oakland at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT

Tennis
US Open, 10 a.m., ESPN
US Open, 5 p.m., ESPN2

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Seattle at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
Oakland at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Signed RHP Tommy Hunter. Recalled RHP Oliver Drake from Norfolk (IL). Designated LHP T.J. McFarland and OF Julio Borbon for assignment.

National League
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP Lucas Giolito, Optioned INF Wilmer Difo to Harrisburg (EL).

American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released LHP Brett Clark.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released LHP Todd Kibby.

Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released INF Kori Melo and RHP Sean Gleason.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Released INF Delvis Morales.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed S Dashon Goldson.
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed QB Austin Trainor.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Terminated the contracts of WR Stephen Hill and OT Willie smith. Waived LB Jared Barber, WR Avius Capers, TE Braxton Deaver, C Reese Dismukes, DT Ray Drew, OT David Foucault, DE Tom Lally, C Matt Masifilio and WR Miles Shuler.
CHICAGO BEARS — Waived RB Senorise Perry, DL Keith Browner, WR Kieran Duncan, WR Derek Keaton, OL John Kling, WR Darrin Peterson, DB Joel Ross, TE Gannon Sinclair and OL Martin Wallace. Terminated the contract of FB Darrell Young.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed RB Stevan Ridley. Waived WR Justin Berger, S Alden Darby, G Eric Herman, DT Ricky Lumpkin, TE Mike Miller, RB Chase Price, CB Winston Rose, DE Dalvon Simmons, WR Josh Stangby and LB Junior Sylvestre.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed S Eric Berry.
NEW YORK JETS — Placed WR Devin Smith on the PUP list. Released LB Deion Barnes, OT Jesse Davis, C Kyle Friend, DL Shelby Harris, G Jarvis Harrison, K Ross Martin, DL Helva Matungulu, RB Lache Seastrunk, TE Jason Vander Laan, WR Kyle Williams and RB Terry Williams.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Released LS John DePalma, CB Randall Evans, OL Andrew Gardner, WR Chris Givens, DT Mike Martin, S Nick Perry, WR Rueben Randle and CB Denzel Rice. Placed LB Joe Walker and DE Alex McCalister on injured reserve.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Placed OT Jerald Hawkins on the reserve/injured list. Waived/injured QB Dustin Vaughan. Released LBs Jordan Zumwalt and Mike Reilly, WRs Issac Blakeney and Levi Norwood, TE Michael Cooper, DE Giorgio Newberry, DT Khaynin Mosley-Smith and CB Julian Whigham.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released TE Busta Anderson and G-OT Erik Pears.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Waived DT Travis Britz, CB Daniel Davie, WR Andre Davis, OL Taylor Fallin, LB Jeremiah George, DE Martin Ifedi, RB Storm Johnson, DT Ishmaa'ily Kitchen, S Kimario McFadden, P Jacob Schum and TE Tevin Westbrook. Released S Major Wright.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Waived S Lamarcus Brutus, OT William Campbell, WRs Donte Foster and Reece Horn, LBs Deiontrez Mount and Amarlo Herrera, CBs Blidi Wreh-Wilson and Tyler Patman, OL Nick Richter and DEs Mike Smith and Ropati Pitoitua. Waived/injured C Andy Gallik.

COLLEGE
TEXAS WOMAN'S — Announced the resignation of volleyball coach Shelly Barbaree. Named Jessica Beener interim volleyball coach

HS VOLLEYBALL

TRINITY TAKES 1ST AT TOURNEY

FORT WORTH — The Trinity volleyball team took first place in the Silver Bracket of the Lake Country Christian School Tournament over the weekend.

In Silver Bracket play, Trinity defeated Trinity Valley School, 25-22, 25-23, and Nazarene 17-25, 25-14, 15-9.

Trinity's Mady Walker was named to the all-tournament team.

The Lady Chargers next host Grandfalls-Royalty at 6 p.m. Thursday.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	12	8	7	43	39	28
New York City FC	11	8	8	41	45	45
New York	11	9	7	40	46	35
Philadelphia	11	9	7	40	47	41
Montreal	9	7	10	37	40	38
D.C. United	7	8	11	32	33	33
Orlando City	6	7	13	31	41	44
New England	6	12	9	27	29	47
Columbus	5	9	11	26	34	40
Chicago	5	12	8	23	29	40

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	14	7	6	48	42	35
Real Salt Lake	12	8	7	43	39	37
Colorado	11	4	10	43	28	22
Los Angeles	9	4	13	40	40	26
Sporting Kansas City	11	12	5	38	32	32
Portland	9	10	8	35	41	41
San Jose	7	8	11	32	26	29
Seattle	9	13	4	31	32	36
Vancouver	8	12	7	31	34	43
Houston	5	11	10	25	29	34

Sunday's Scores
New York 1, New England 0
Portland 4, Seattle 2
Orlando City 2, New York City FC 1

Thursday's Game
D.C. United at New York City FC, 76 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	19	8	.704	--
Atlanta	14	13	.519	5
Chicago	13	13	.500	5½
Indiana	12	13	.480	6
Washington	10	16	.385	8½
Connecticut	9	17	.346	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	21	4	.840	—
Minnesota	22	5	.815	—
Phoenix	11	14	.440	10
Seattle	10	16	.385	11½
Dallas	9	18	.333	13
San Antonio	6	19	.240	15

Sunday's Scores
Atlanta 87, Connecticut 73
Chicago 99, Dallas 85
Minnesota 92, Seattle 80
San Antonio 85, Washington 74
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Monday's Games
No games scheduled

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Aug. 31
At Tokyo, Kohei Kono vs. Luis Concepcion, 12, for Kono's WBA World super flyweight title; Ryoichi Taguchi vs. Ryo Miyazaki, 12, for Taguchi's WBA World light flyweight title.

Sept. 2
At Cavite, Philippines, McJoe Arroyo vs. Janwin Arcajas, 12, for Arroyo's IBF super flyweight title.

Sept. 9
At Moscow, Eduard Troyanovsky vs. Keita Obara, 12, for Troyanovsky's IBF-IBO super lightweight title.

Sept. 10
At Betfandar Arena, Reading, Pa., Robert Easter Jr. vs. Richard Commey, 12, for vacant IBF lightweight title; Daniel Jacobs vs. Sergio Mora, 12, for Jacobs' WBA World middleweight title.

Sept. 16
At O2 Arena, London (HBO), Gennady Golovkin vs. Kell Brook, 12, for Golovkin's WBC-IBO-IBF middleweight titles; Johnriel Casimero vs. Charlie Edwards, 12, for Casimero's IBF flyweight title; Lee Haskins vs. Stuart Hall, 12, for Haskins' IBF bantamweight title.
At the Forum, Inglewood, Calif. (HBO), Carlos Cuadras vs. Roman Gonzalez, 12, for Cuadras' WBC World junior bantamweight title.

Sept. 16
At Osaka, Japan, Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Anselmo Moreno, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC World bantamweight title; Hugo Ruiz vs. Hozumi Hasegawa, 12, for Ruiz's WBC World super bantamweight title.

Sept. 17
At AT&T Stadium, Arlington, Texas (PPV), Liam Smith vs. Canelo Alvarez, 12, for Smith's WBO junior middleweight title; Willie Monroe, Jr. vs. Gabriel Rosado, 12, middleweights.

Sept. 24
At Manchester, England, Anthony Crolla vs. Jorge Linares, 12, for Crolla's WBA World lightweight title.

Reed wins Barclays

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — Patrick Reed picked up two victories in one day. He won The Barclays to assure himself a clear shot at the $10 million bonus in the FedEx Cup, and he easily secured a spot on his second straight U.S. Ryder Cup team.

Rickie Fowler, with a surprising meltdown, walked away empty from Bethpage Black.

Reed overcame an early two-shot deficit and built a big enough lead on the back nine that some nervous shots and sloppy play didn't keep him from winning for the first time since the 2015 opener at Kapalua. A bogey on the final hole gave him a 1-under 70 and a one-shot victory over Sean O'Hair and Emiliano Grillo.

"It's just been great to finally be able to close one off," Reed said.

Fowler still hasn't won in four tries as a 54-hole leader on the PGA Tour, and this one might sting. He was still in contention, two shots behind with four holes to play, and at least figured to have one of the eight automatic spots on the Ryder Cup team locked up.

Kathy Kmonicek/Associated Press

Patrick Reed kisses the trophy after winning The Barclays golf tournament Sunday in Farmingdale, N.Y.

Sunday
At Bethpage State Park (Black Course)
Farmingdale, N.Y.
Purse: $8.5 million
Yardage: 7,459; Par: 71
Final

P.Reed (2,000), $1,530,000	68-69-71-70—275	
Emiliano Grillo (800), $748,000	67-69-71-69—276	
Sean O'Hair (800), $748,000	69-69-73-66—276	
Jason Day (460), $351,333	69-70-70-68—277	
Adam Scott (460), $351,333	69-72-65-71—277	
Gary Woodland (460), $351,333	71-69-68-69—277	
Jason Kokrak (340), $264,917	74-66-69-69—278	
Ryan Moore (340), $264,917	69-68-72-69—278	
Rickie Fowler (340), $264,917	67-69-68-74—278	
Jordan Spieth (290), $221,000	71-67-72-69—279	
Justin Thomas (290), $221,000	71-71-66-71—279	
Tony Finau (260), $195,500	72-70-67-71—280	
C.Hoffman (225), $154,700	71-69-74-67—281	
Billy Horschel (225), $154,700	69-72-70-70—281	
Phil Mickelson (225), $154,700	70-73-70-68—281	
Ryan Palmer (225), $154,700	71-69-70-72—281	
Bubba Watson (225), $154,700	71-74-70-66—281	
Dustin Johnson (205), $114,750	70-72-67-73—282	
Sung Kang (205), $114,750	69-75-65-73—282	
Martin Laird (205), $114,750	69-72-69-72—282	
L.Oosthuizen (205), $114,750	72-73-67-70—282	
Jhonattan Vegas (180), $72,722	69-71-74-70—283	
Johnson Wagner (180), $72,722	74-69-70-69—283	
Jason Dufner (180), $72,722	73-68-69-73—283	
Brian Harman (180), $72,722	70-73-71-70—283	
Jim Herman (180), $72,722	71-68-73-71—283	
Jamie Lovemark (180), $72,722	74-69-69-71—283	
Scott Piercy (180), $72,722	69-72-70-70—283	
Brendan Steele (180), $72,722	73-70-68-72—283	
Kevin Streelman (180), $72,722	71-70-67-75—283	
Paul Casey (140), $45,220	71-70-71-72—284	
Kevin Chappell (140), $45,220	67-72-75-70—284	
Derek Fathauer (140), $45,220	69-73-69-69—284	
John Huh (140), $45,220	69-71-73-71—284	
Jerry Kelly (140), $45,220	70-72-72-70—284	
Ben Martin (140), $45,220	71-70-74-69—284	
Rory McIlroy (140), $45,220	71-69-71-73—284	
Chez Reavie (140), $45,220	70-71-70-73—284	
Justin Rose (140), $45,220	73-70-70-71—284	
John Senden (140), $45,220	70-71-75-68—284	
Wayne Barber (108), $29,750	70-68-71-75—284	
Jim Furyk (108), $29,750	70-71-71-73—285	
J.B. Holmes (108), $29,750	67-72-76-70—285	
William McGirt (108), $29,750	73-70-75-67—285	
Brian Stuard (108), $29,750	71-73-68-73—285	
H. Swafford (108), $29,750	72-73-72-68—285	
T.Van Aswegen (108), $29,750	73-71-72-69—285	
Russell Henley (84), $21,624	73-71-70-71—285	
Zach Johnson (84), $21,624	69-75-68-73—285	
Kevin Kisner (84), $21,624	70-72-68-75—285	
Webb Simpson (84), $21,624	70-73-71-70—285	
Brandt Snedeker (84), $21,624	70-73-70-73—286	
Keegan Bradley (63), $19,404	70-71-74-72—287	
David Hearn (63), $19,404	75-70-69-73—287	
Vijay Singh (63), $19,404	72-70-74-71—287	
Steve Stricker (63), $19,404	74-70-69-74—287	
Ricky Barnes (60), $18,404	72-67-71-77—287	
Luke Donald (60), $18,404	69-71-72-75—287	
Charl Schwartzel (60), $19,404	73-71-67-76—287	
Harris English (38), $16,445	74-67-74-73—288	
Fabian Gomez (38), $16,445	73-71-74-70—288	
Russell Knox (38), $16,445	73-69-76-70—288	
Harold Varner III (38), $16,445	72-67-74-75—288	
Adam Hadwin (22), $17,765	70-69-74-77—289	
Billy Hurley III (22), $17,765	73-68-76-72—289	
Matt Kuchar (22), $17,765	72-70-68-79—289	
Shawn Stefani (22), $17,765	71-73-74-72—289	
Jon Curran (10), $17,255	75-67-72-76—290	
Kyle Reifers (10), $17,255	72-73-75-70—290	
Daniel Berger (4), $16,745	71-72-74-74—291	
Lucas Glover (4), $16,745	69-74-73-75—291	
Brooks Koepka (4), $16,745	72-73-73-73—291	
Robert Streb (4), $16,745	71-75-71-76—291	
Zac Blair (4), $16,190	70-73-77-73—292	
Jonas Blixt (4), $16,190	69-74-76-73—292	
Kyle Stanley (4), $16,190	70-70-74-78—292	
Jason Bohn (3), $15,810	71-74-74-74—293	
Graham DeLaet (3), $15,555	73-72-76-72—293	
Peter Malnati (3), $15,555	73-72-74-75—294	

Rosberg closes gap in title race

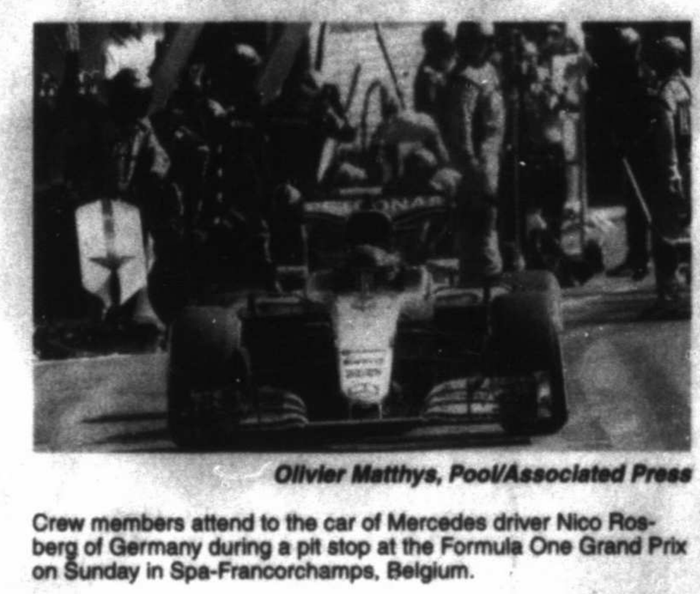
By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium — Although Nico Rosberg trimmed rival Lewis Hamilton's lead in the Formula One title race after winning the Belgian Grand Prix, it was Hamilton who seemed the happier driver on Sunday after turning a back-row start into a third-place finish.

Starting from pole position, Rosberg avoided trouble in an incident-packed race featuring a chaotic first turn, wild overtaking, a heavy crash, safety cars, a red flag and heated language between Max Verstappen and Kimi Raikkonen — the youngest and oldest in the race.

Rosberg moved to within nine points of his Mercedes teammate, but Hamilton got a victory of sorts after picking his way through the field for a 97th podium finish.

"I really cannot believe that we came up so far," said Hamilton, praising his team. "Today was about having the right approach, not too aggressive."



Olivier Matthys, Pool/Associated Press

Crew members attend to the car of Mercedes driver Nico Rosberg of Germany during a pit stop at the Formula One Grand Prix on Sunday in Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium.

Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo finished second. Rosberg's win was his 20th but first at Spa.

"It's not disappointing, I'm happy with today," a tight-lipped Rosberg said when asked about not closing the gap further. "Fair play to Lewis."

Rosberg had teen driver Max Verstappen next to him on the front row, while Hamilton was joined at the back of the class by Fernando Alonso. That was because both drivers incurred a myriad of complex grid penalties for extra engine part changes this weekend.

It was Verstappen's first-turn incident with the Ferraris of Raikkonen and Sebastian Vettel that shaped a dramatic race.

It helped Hamilton and Alonso, who avoided the early carnage up front, then gained places when the safety car came out after Danish driver Kevin Magnussen's crash. Magnussen walked away from the wreck with nothing worse than a cut to his left ankle.

Rosberg got away cleanly, but it was intense behind him.

Fowler plays way off US Ryder Cup team

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — Zach Johnson doesn't have to wait by the phone to find out if he's on another Ryder Cup team.

Right when it looked as though Johnson had played his way out of an automatic spot on the U.S. team, Rickie Fowler made two bogeys and a double bogey over the final four holes at The Barclays and failed to qualify.

Fowler needed a birdie on the 18th hole at Bethpage Black to make the team. He made bogey, and Johnson was in.

The Barclays was the final event that Americans could earn eight automatic spots on the team. Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth, Phil Mickelson, Jimmy Walker and Brooks Koepka already had clinched spots. Patrick Reed won The Barclays to earn a spot, joining Brandt Snedeker and Zach Johnson.

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when he lost ground passing a lapped car. The caution gave him another shot, though, and he took advantage.

There were only four cautions in the 200-lap 400-mile race. Larson led a race-high 41 laps. Logano, the pole winner, finished 10th.

Chris Buescher, who has a victory but still needs to stay in the top 30 in points to make the Chase, finished 35th after some early engine trouble. Buescher is seven points ahead of David Ragan for 30th place on the season.

Alex Bowman, filling in for Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the No. 88 car, had a problem with the ignition system and finished 30th.

Hendrick Motorsports is now winless in the last 19 races after Elliott fell short, but there were some positive signs for the team. At the midway point, Hendrick cars were 1-2, with Jimmie Johnson leading Elliott at the front. Kasey Kahne was in fifth at that point.

Johnson ended up sixth, and Kahne finished 14th.

This is Hendrick's longest losing streak since a 22-race dry spell from 1993 into 1994.

Twelve drivers who have wrapped up Chase berths. Tony Stewart, who has a victory, has clinched a top-30 finish in points to secure his spot.

Buescher's situation is still uncertain, so there could end up being as many as four drivers making it in on points. Elliott is 11th in the standings, the top driver with no victories.

Sunday
At Michigan International Speedway
Brooklyn, Mich.
Lap length: 2 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)

1. (12) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 200.
2. (5) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200.
3. (18) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 200.
4. (7) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200.
5. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 200.
6. (2) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 200.
7. (9) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 200.
8. (8) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 200.
9. (3) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 200.
10. (1) Joey Logano, Ford, 200.
11. (22) Greg Biffle, Ford, 200.
12. (19) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 200.
13. (13) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 200.
14. (11) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 200.
15. (25) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 200.
16. (17) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200.
17. (10) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 200.
18. (30) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 200.
19. (16) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 199.
20. (14) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 199.
21. (15) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 198.
22. (28) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 198.
23. (23) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 198.
24. (24) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 198.
25. (26) Aric Almirola, Ford, 198.
26. (31) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 198.
27. (29) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, 196.
28. (30) Brian Scott, Ford, 197
29. (32) David Ragan, Toyota, 196.
30. (6) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 195.
31. (35) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 195.
32. (34) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 195.
33. (36) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 195.
34. (37) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 194.
35. (21) Chris Buescher, Ford, 193.
36. (39) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 193.
37. (40) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Ford, 192.
38. (38) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 192.
39. (33) Landon Cassill, Ford, Suspension, 174.
40. (27) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 160.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 162.73 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 27 minutes, 29 seconds. Margin of Victory: 1.478 seconds.
Caution Flags: 4 for 17 laps.
Lead Changes: 20 among 13 drivers.
Lap Leaders: J.Logano 1-22, R.Smith 23, J.Logano 24-25, K.Harvick 26-57, M.Truex Jr 58-64, K.Harvick 65, C.Elliott 66, B.Keselowski 67-70, J.Johnson 71-107, C.Elliott 108, B.Keselowski 109-117, C.Elliott 118-124, K.Larson 125-155, B.Keselowski 156, M.Kenseth 157-164, A.Dillon 165, R.Newman 166, C.Edwards 167, G.Biffle 168, C.Elliott 169-190, K.Larson 191-200.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): K.Larson 2 times for 41 laps, J.Johnson 1 time for 37 laps, K.Harvick 2 times for 33 laps, C.Elliott 4 times for 31 laps, J.Logano 2 times for 24 laps, B.Keselowski 3 times for 14 laps, M.Kenseth 1 time for 8 laps, M.Truex Jr 1 time for 7 laps, R.Smith 1 time for 1 lap, G.Biffle 1 time for 1 lap, C.Edwards 1 time for 1 lap, A.Dillon 1 time for 1 lap, R.Newman 1 time for 1 lap.
Top 16 In Points: K.Harvick, 799, B.Keselowski, 774, C.Edwards, 724, Kurt Busch, 721, J.Logano, 716, Kyle Busch, 698, D.Hamlin, 691, M.Truex Jr, 682, J.Johnson, 648, M.Kenseth, 633, C.Elliott, 628, A.Dillon, 622, J.Mcmurray, 616, R.Newman, 601, K.Larson, 582, K.Kahne, 564.

'HOUNDS REPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 5, ROUGHRIDERS 0
at Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Brett Vertigan was 2-for-4 with a double, three RBI and run scored to lead the RockHounds. ... No other hitter in the game had multiple hits.

TOP PITCHERS: Heath Fillmyer improved to 2-0 and lowered his ERA to 2.54 - after he allowed just two hits, walked one and struck out three through five innings. ... Midland reliever Lou Trivino pitched two perfect innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland took a 1-0 lead in the third inning when a Vertigan double scored James Harris. ... The RockHounds put the game away with a four-run fifth, highlighted by a two-run single by Vertigan. Franklin Barreto added an RBI single and then later Vertigan scored on a double steal.

NOTES: The RockHounds' magic number to clinch the Texas League South Division second half title is down to two. ... Texas Rangers pitcher Colby Lewis is expected to make a rehab start tonight for Frisco. ... Midland has a chance to sweep Frisco in the three-game series today at 6:30 p.m.

TL standings

Second Half

North Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	31	31	.500	—
Arkansas (Angels)	30	31	.492	½
Springfield (Cardinals)	28	32	.473	1½
Tulsa (Dodgers)	29	33	.468	2
South Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland (Athletics)	40	22	.645	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	33	29	.532	7
San Antonio (Padres)	33	29	.532	7
Frisco (Rangers)	22	40	.355	18

Monday's Scores
Midland 5, Frisco 0
Springfield 7, Tulsa 5
Corpus Christi 8, San Antonio 0
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 1, 10 innings

Today's Games
Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:
Midland — RHP Ben Bracewell (7-3, 2.10 ERA); Frisco — RHP Colby Lewis (MLB rehab)

ROCKHOUNDS 5, ROUGHRIDERS 0

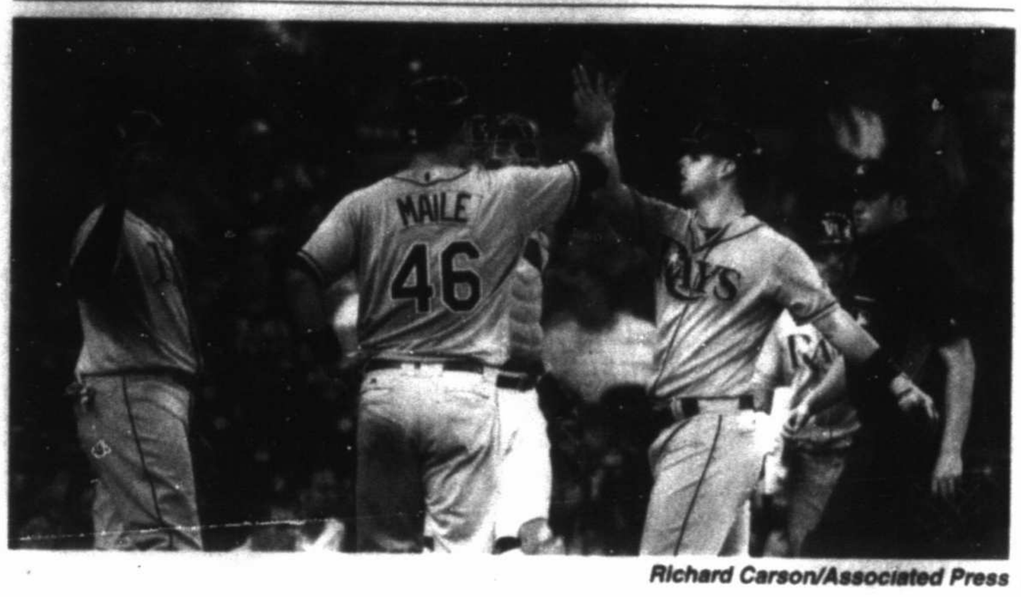
Frisco	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Falefa 2b	4	0	0	0	Vertigan cf	4	1	2	3
Pinto lf	4	0	0	0	Barreto ss	4	0	1	1
Jackson dh	4	0	1	0	Taylor dh	4	0	0	0
Ball rf	2	0	0	0	Marrickx rf	3	0	0	0
Ibanez 3b	3	0	0	0	Munoz 3b	4	0	0	0
Mans ss	3	0	1	0	Paz c	3	1	1	0
Blair c	3	0	0	0	Sportman 2b	3	1	1	0
Garcia 1b	3	0	1	0	Harris lf	3	1	0	0
Mastrinni cf	3	0	0	0	Kirkland 1b	2	1	0	0
Totals	29	0	3	0	Totals	30	5	5	4

Frisco .....000 000000—0
Midland .....001 04000x—5

E — Marte (9), Blair (1). DP — Midland 1. LOB — Frisco 3, Midland 4. 2B — Vertigan (19), Sportman (26). SB — Vertigan (14), Barreto (29).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Garrett L, 3-7	5.0	4	5	3	2	5
Lopez	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
Jackson	1.0	0	0	0	1	2
Midland						
Fillmyer W, 2-0	5.0	2	0	0	1	3
Trivino	2.0	0	0	0	0	0
Cochran-Gill	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
Sanchez	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

WP — Garrett.
T — 2:14. A — 2,762.



Richard Carson/Associated Press

Tampa Bay Rays' Corey Dickerson, front right, is greeted by Tim Beckham, left, and Luke Maile (46) after hitting a three-run home run against the Houston Astros in the eighth inning of a baseball game Sunday in Houston.

Rays hit 3 HRs in win vs Astros

By Joshua Koch
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Chris Archer struck out 10 in seven innings, Corey Dickerson hit a three-run homer and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Houston Astros 10-4 on Sunday.

Matt Duffy and Nick Franklin also went deep for the last-place Rays, who have homered in 21 of their last 24 games.

Houston, in the hunt for an AL wild card, had won three straight.

Archer (8-17) gave up three runs on four hits and two walks. With his strikeout of A.J. Reed in the sixth, the right-hander joined David Price and James Shields as the only Tampa Bay pitchers with multiple 200-strikeout seasons.

Franklin and Evan Longoria each had three hits for the Rays, who jumped out early against Doug Fister (12-9).

The right-hander allowed four runs — two earned — and seven hits in 4 1/3 innings, the fourth time in his past seven starts he has permitted four or more runs.

Steven Souza Jr. had an RBI groundout in the second. Doubles by Dickerson and Longoria made it 2-0 in the third.

Luke Maile hit an RBI double in a two-run fourth. The rally was aided by a pair of errors on one play by Houston rookie third baseman Alex Bregman with two outs.

With the Astros trailing 4-0 in the bottom half, Jose Altuve hammered the first pitch he saw from Archer for his 21st home run, a two-run shot. Houston has hit 18 homers in the last 10 games.

Jason Castro cut it to 4-3 with an RBI single.

Tampa Bay broke it open in the eighth, when Duffy and Dickerson combined to drive in five runs on a pair of homers.

Franklin joined the party in the ninth with a solo shot to right. He has four home runs in his last 28 at-bats.

Houston's bullpen gave up six runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings.

RANGERS

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Gomez was playing his fourth game for Texas. He played 85 games this season for Houston before the Astros designated the two-time All-Star for assignment Aug. 10.

Desmond's run-scoring single in the second came on the first pitch after Elvis Andrus had initially been called out on a stolen base. The Rangers challenged and Andrus was ruled safe on a replay review that extended the inning.

Trainer's room

There was a short delay in the fourth inning when team photographer Kelly Gavin was struck on the back of the head by a foul ball hit into the photographer's well at the far end of the Rangers dugout. Gavin got the rest of the day off, and team officials said she would be OK. ... Jurickson Profar was hit on the inside of his left ankle by a pitch in the fifth.

Up next

Yu Darvish (4-3, 2.91) makes his third major league start against fellow Japanese pitcher Hisashi Iwakuma in the opener of a three-game series against AL West rival Seattle on Monday night. Darvish and Iwakuma both came to the majors before the 2012 season. They have split their first two MLB matchups, with each winning at home.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	74	56	.569	—
Boston	72	58	.554	2
Baltimore	71	59	.546	3
New York	67	62	.519	6½
Tampa Bay	55	74	.426	18½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	73	56	.566	—
Detroit	69	61	.531	4½
Kansas City	68	62	.523	5½
Chicago	63	66	.488	10
Minnesota	49	81	.377	24½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	77	54	.588	—
Seattle	68	62	.523	8½
Houston	68	62	.523	8½
Oakland	57	73	.438	19½
Los Angeles	56	74	.431	20½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	75	55	.577	—
Miami	67	63	.515	8
New York	66	64	.508	9
Philadelphia	60	70	.462	15
Atlanta	48	83	.366	27½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	82	47	.636	—
St. Louis	68	61	.527	14
Pittsburgh	67	61	.523	14½
Milwaukee	56	74	.431	26
Cincinnati	55	74	.426	26½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	73	57	.562	—
San Francisco	71	59	.546	2
Colorado	62	68	.477	11
San Diego	55	75	.423	18
Arizona	55	76	.420	18½

Scores & schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday's Scores

Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 0
Toronto 9, Minnesota 6
L.A. Angels 5, Detroit 0
Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle 1
Tampa Bay 10, Houston 4
Oakland 7, St. Louis 4
Texas 2, Cleveland 1
Kansas City 10, Boston 4

Today's Games

Toronto (Estrada 7-6) at Baltimore (Miley 8-10), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Shields 5-16) at Detroit (Boyd 5-2), 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Santiago 10-8) at Cleveland (Bauer 9-6), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Andriese 6-5) at Boston (Porcello 17-3), 6:10 p.m.
Seattle (Iwakuma 14-9) at Texas (Darvish 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 5-8) at Houston (Musgrove 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 6-10) at Kansas City (Gee 5-7), 7:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Straily 10-6) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 8-13), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Sunday's Scores

Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 1
San Diego 3, Miami 1
Colorado 5, Washington 3
Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 1
Oakland 7, St. Louis 4
San Francisco 13, Atlanta 4
Arizona 11, Cincinnati 2
L.A. Dodgers 1, Chicago Cubs 0

Today's Games

Washington (Roark 13-7) at Philadelphia (Thompson 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Fernandez 13-7) at N.Y. Mets (Montero 3-0), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Martinez 12-7) at Milwaukee (Davies 10-6), 6:20 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Brault 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 16-5), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 13-7) at Colorado (Gray 8-6), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Straily 10-6) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 8-13), 9:05 p.m.

Texas Boxes

RANGERS 2, INDIANS 1

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Ra Orlando cf	4	0	0	0	Mazara rf	3	0	0	0
Kiptanis 2b	4	0	1	1	Desmond cf	4	0	2	1
Lindor ss	4	0	3	0	Profar 3b	3	0	0	0
Napoli 1b	4	0	0	0	Beltre dh	3	1	1	0
C.Santana lf	2	0	0	0	Odor 2b	4	0	0	0
Jose Ramirez 3b	3	0	0	0	Lucroy c	3	0	2	1
Guyer rf	2	0	1	0	Mireland 1b	3	0	0	0
Naquin pr	1	0	0	0	C.Gomez rf	3	0	0	0
A.Almonte rf	4	1	1	0	Andrus ss	2	1	0	0
Gimenez c	2	0	0	0					
Chisenhall pr	1	0	0	0					
R.Perez c	0	0	0	0					
Totals	31	1	6	1	Totals	28	2	5	2

Cleveland .....000 001 000—1
Texas .....001 100 00x—2

E — A.Almonte (1). DP — Cleveland 1. Texas 1. LOB — Cleveland 7, Texas 6. SB — Lindor (16), A.Almonte (4), Andrus (19).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Salazar L, 11-6	5 1-3	5	2	2	4	10
Shaw	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Clevinger	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Holland W, 6-6	6	4	0	0	0	5
Diekman H, 24	1	1	0	0	0	1
Bush H, 16	1	0	0	0	0	1
Dyson S, 29-294	1	0	0	0	2	2

HBP — by Holland (Guyer). PB — Salazar (Profar). WP — Salazar.
T — 2:43. A — 35,225. AR — 1.14.

RAYS 10, ASTROS 4

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
C.Dickerson lf	4	2	2	2	Springer rf	5	0	0	0
Kiermaier cf	4	0	1	0	Bregman 3b	4	2	1	0
Longoria dh	5	1	3	0	Altuve 2b	5	1	2	2
B.Miller 1b	5	0	1	0	Correa ss	4	1	2	0
M.Duffy ss	5	1	1	1	Gattis dnh	4	0	0	0
Franklin 2b	5	1	1	1	Ma.Grzelf lf	4	0	1	0
Souza Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	A.Reed 1b	3	0	0	0
T.Beckham 3b	3	0	0	0	Castro c	3	1	1	1
Maile c	4	1	1	2	T.Himes dh	0	0	0	0
Miranda rf	0	0	0	0					
T.Kemp ph-rf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	42	10	15	9	Totals	35	4	7	4

Tampa Bay .....011 200051—10
Houston .....000 300 010—4

E — Bregman 2 (8). Franklin (3). LOB — Tampa Bay 7, Houston 8. 2B — C.Dickerson (27), Longoria (34), Maile (5). HR — C.Dickerson (18), M.Duffy (5), Franklin (5), Altuve (21). SB — J.Kermaier (13).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Archer W, 8-17	7	4	3	3	2	10
Geltz	1	3	1	1	0	1
Romero	1	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Fister L, 12-9	4 1-3	7	4	4	2	3
Devenski	2 2-3	3	0	0	1	4
Feliz	2-3	4	4	4	1	0
Sipp	1-3	1	2	1	0	0
Peacock	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP — by Archer (Maisnick). WP — Fister.
Geltz
T — 3:14. A — 37,484 (42,060).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 9, TWINS 6

Minnesota .....001 040 001 —6 10 1
Toronto .....101 002 41x —9 13 1

Gibson, Light (6), Chargois (7), Wimmers (8) and K.Suzuki; Dickey, Cecil (7), Feldman (7), Grilli (8), Osuna (9) and Thole. W — Feldman (1-4). L — Light (0-1). HRs — Toronto, Donaldson 1 (33), Tulowitzki (22).

ROYALS 10, RED SOX 4

Kansas City .....020 008 000—10 10 1
Boston .....000 130 000 —4 9 1

Ventura, Strahm (5), Moylan (8), Soria (9) and S.Perez; E.Rodriguez, Barnes (6), Ross Jr. (6), Tazawa (8) and Leon. W — Strahm (2-0). L — E.Rodriguez (2-6). HRs — Kansas City, Perez (20), Boston, Ortiz (31).

WHITE SOX 4, MARINERS 1

Seattle .....000 001 000 —1 7 0
Chicago .....000 200 02x —4 5 0

Walker, Altavilla (8) and Zunino; Rodon, Beck (7), Jennings (7), Jones (8), Robertson (9) and Navarrete. W — Rodon (5-8). L — Walker (4-9). Sv — Robertson (33). HRs — Seattle, Cano (36).

ANGELS 5, TIGERS 0

Los Angeles .....002 003 000 —5 11 0
Detroit .....000 000 000 —0 4 0

Skaggs, Morin (7), Valdez (8), Guerra (9) and Bandy; A.Sanchez, Rondon (6), Lowe (8), Ryan (9) and J.McCann. W — Skaggs 2-3. L — A.Sanchez 7-13. HRs — Los Angeles, Marte (10).

ORIOLES 5, YANKEES 0

Baltimore .....000 001 220 —5 10 0
New York .....000 000 000 —0 8 0

Gausman, Hunter (8), Britton (9) and Wieters; Sabathia, Warren (7), Heller (8), Parker (8) and B.McCann. W — Gausman 6-10. L — Sabathia 8-11. HRs — Baltimore, Pearce (2), Trumbo (40).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PADRES 3, MARLINS 1

San Diego .....000 201 000 —3 6 0
Miami .....010 000 000 —1 6 0

Perdomo and Norris; Nicolino, Wittgren (7), Barraclough (8), McGowan (9) and Realmuto. W — Perdomo 7-7. L — Nicolino 2-6.

ROCKIE 5, NATIONALS 3

Colorado .....103 000 010 —5 10 1
Washington .....100 000 101 —3 6 0

Bettis, Lyles (8), Logan (8), Ottavino (9) and Wolters; Giolito, O.Perez (6), Glover (7), Belisle (9) and W.Ramos. W — Bettis 11-7. L — Giolito 0-1. Sv — Ottavino (2). HRs — Colorado, Arenado (35), Dahl (5). Washington, Turner (5), Ramos (20), Harper (23).

DIAMONDBACKS 11, REDS 2

Cincinnati .....020 000 000 —2 5 1
Arizona .....401 013 02x —11 18 0

Bailey, J.Smith (2), Chasnoff (6), Cingrani, Diaz (8) and R.Cabrera; Lopez, Bradley, Barrett (7), Corbin (8) and Castillo. W — Bradley 5-8. L — Bailey 2-3. HRs — Cincinnati, Scheber (7), Phillips (9). Arizona, Thomas (27).

DODGERS 1, CUBS 0

Chicago .....000 000 000 —0 4 2
Los Angeles .....000 000 01x —1 4 0

Lester, Grimm (7), Cahill (8), Edwards (8) and Ross; Stewart, Chapman (8), Dayton (8), Blanton (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal. W — Blanton 5-2. L — Cahill 3-4. Sv — Jansen (39).

GIANTS 13, BRAVES 4

Atlanta .....100 002 001 —4 6 0
San Francisco .....020 300 80x —13 18 0

Blair, Krol (5), Roe (7), Cunniff (7), Weber (7) and Recker; Bumgarner, W.Smith (8), Gearrin (9) and Posey. Brown. W — Bumgarner 13-8. L — Blair 3-6. HRs — Atlanta, Beckham (5), Freeman (27). San Francisco, Span (9), Panik 2 (10), Nunez (7).

PIRATES 3, BREWERS 1

Pittsburgh .....000 002 010 —3 7 0
Milwaukee .....001 000 000 —1 5 0

Nova, Bastardo (7), Rivero (8), Watson (9) and Cervelli. C.Anderson, Manness (6), Torres (8), Scahill (9) and Pina. W — Nova 11-6. L — C.Anderson 7-11. Sv — Watson (10). HRs — Pittsburgh, Marte (8), Jaso (4), Polanco (20). Milwaukee, Villar (1).

PHILLIES 5, METS 1

Philadelphia .....000 100 400 —5 8 1
New York .....100 000 000 —1 7 0

Velasquez, D.Hernandez (6), E.Ramos (7), Neris (8), Gomez (9) and Ellis. Gsellman, Robles (7), Blevins (7), Henderson (7), Smoker (9) and J.Arnaud. W — D.Hernandez 3-3. L — Gsellman (1).

INTERLEAGUE
ATHLETICS 7, CARDINALS 4

Oakland .....203 000 020 —7 9 0
St. Louis .....101 001 100 —4 8 2

Triggs, Dull (7), Hendriks (8), Madison (9) and Vogt. J.Garcia, Broxton (8), Duke (8), Socolovich (9) and A.Rosario. W — Triggs 1-1. L — Garcia (10-10). Sv — Madison (27). HRs — Oakland, Vogt (11), Davis (34). St. Louis, Carpenter (17).

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American League

BLUE JAYS 9
TWINS 6

Josh Donaldson had his first career three-homer game, Troy Tulowitzki also went deep and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Minnesota Twins 9-6 on Sunday to complete a three-game sweep.

Donaldson hit a solo homer off Kyle Gibson in the second, then delivered a go-ahead, two-run blast off Pat Light (0-1) in the seventh.

Dozens of fans tossed hats onto the field to celebrate the home run hat trick after Donaldson, the AL MVP in 2015, hit a solo shot off Alex Wimmers in the eighth. Groundskeepers and even the Blue Jays mascot helped clear the hats away.

It was Donaldson's fourth multi-homer game this season and the 10th of his career.

Jose Bautista had his first three-hit game of the season for the AL East-leading Blue Jays.

Minnesota lost its season-worst 10th straight.

Scott Feldman (7-4) earned the win by getting two outs in the seventh. Jason Grilli worked the eighth and Roberto Osuna finished.

WHITE SOX 4
MARINERS 1

CHICAGO — Carlos Rodon pitched into the seventh inning, Justin Morneau had a two-run single and Melky Cabrera drove in a run and scored twice to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 4-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Sunday.

Jose Abreu also drove in a run to help Chicago, which took three of four in the series and has won six of eight.

Robinson Cano hit a solo homer, his 30th, and Kyle Seager had three hits for the Mariners.

Rodon (5-8) allowed the run and five hits in six-plus innings before giving way to the bullpen.

Chris Beck and Dan Jennings worked out a jam in the seventh. Nate Jones pitched a 1-2-3 eighth and David Robertson got the last three outs for his 33rd save in 39 chances.

Seattle starter Taijuan Walker (4-9) allowed four runs on four hits in 7 1/3 innings. He also hit three batters.

ANGELS 5
TIGERS 0

DETROIT — Former Tiger Jefry Marte had three RBI and Tyler Skaggs shut down the Detroit offense in the Los Angeles Angels' 5-0 victory on Sunday.

After scoring 35 runs in the four games before this series, the Tigers were limited to six runs in the three-game weekend set against the Angels. It is the ninth time this season the Tigers have been shut out.

The victory gave the Angels back-to-back road series wins for the first time this season.

Marte hit a two-run home run in the fifth inning off Anibal Sanchez (7-13) for the first runs of the game. It was Marte's 10th home run of the season and first since Aug. 17. He played in 33 games with the Tigers last season.

The Angels added three more runs in the sixth, on sacrifice flies by Andrelton Simmons and Marte, plus an RBI double by Nick Buss.

Skaggs (2-3), pitching for the first time at Comerica Park, allowed just two hits while striking out six in six innings.

ORIOLES 5
YANKEES 0

NEW YORK — Kevin Gausman tamed the torrid Yankees hitters, Mark Trumbo lined his major league-leading 40th home run and Steve Pearce also connected as the Baltimore Orioles averted a bruising sweep, blanking New York 5-0 Sunday.

The Orioles got battered in the first two games of the series, outscored 27-9. Baltimore bounced back in the matchup between AL East playoff contenders, halting its three-game skid and ending the Yankees' win string at four.

Gausman (6-10) threw seven innings, giving up seven hits while striking out nine and walking none. He posted a rare road win after going 0-16 in his previous 25 starts away from Camden Yards.

Gausman, newly signed Tommy Hunter and closer Zach Britton handed New York its first home shutout this year.

National League

PADRES 3
MARLINS 1

MIAMI — Rookie Luis Perdomo benefited from a team record six double plays while pitching a six-hitter for his first complete game Sunday, and the San Diego Padres won the rubber game of their series against the Miami Marlins, 3-1

The complete game was the Padres' first this year.

Perdomo (7-7) allowed the leadoff batter to reach in five innings, and each time the runner was erased on a double play grounder. In addition, after Perdomo gave up a one-out single in the seventh, Ichiro Suzuki lined out to the pitcher, who then trotted to first base to double off the runner.

Five Marlins hit into double plays, and they went 6-4-3, 4-6-3, 6-4-3, 6-3, 1, and 5-4-3. The six DPs were a nine-inning team record for the Padres defensively, and a Marlins batting record.

PHILLIES 5
METS 1

NEW YORK — A.J. Ellis got a big hit in his Philadelphia debut, breaking a seventh-inning tie with a two-run double Sunday that sent the Phillies to a 5-1 victory over the New York Mets.

Vince Velasquez and four relievers quieted a streaking Mets lineup that was minus alling sluggers Yoenis Cespedes (quad) and Neil Walker (back).

New York also lost shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera in the first inning. He exited with soreness in his left knee, a problem area that's sidelined him twice before this season.

And just when the Mets were beginning to build some momentum in the NL wild-card race, those three recurring injuries stalled them again.

GIANTS 13
BRAVES 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Joe Panik homered twice and matched his career high of four RBIs to back Madison Bumgarner, and the San Francisco Giants beat the Atlanta Braves 13-4 on Sunday to win a series for only the second time since the All-Star break.

Denard Span and Eduardo Nunez also homered, Brandon Crawford had three hits and Jarrett Parker drove in three runs for San Francisco.

The Giants took two of three from the Braves and remained two games behind the first-place Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL West.

Bumgarner (13-8) allowed three runs over seven uneven innings. He struck out five and walked two.

San Francisco's four-time All-Star pitched in and out of trouble most of the day but punctuated his afternoon with an emphatic fist pump after striking out pinch-hitter Jace Peterson to end the seventh.

DODGERS 1
CUBS 0

LOS ANGELES — Brock Stewart and four relievers combined on a four-hitter and Andrew Toles scored on a fielder's choice in the eighth inning, leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over Jon Lester and the Chicago Cubs 1-0 on Sunday.

Stewart struck out eight over five innings of two-hit ball, and then Jesse Chavez, Grant Dayton, Joe Blanton and Kenley Jansen closed up shop. Blanton (5-2) got the win and Jansen got three outs for his 39th save.

With one out in the eight, pinch-hitter Toles was hit by a pitch, and then Trevor Cahill (3-4) threw away Howie Kendrick's short roller, allowing Toles to reach third.

After an intentional walk and a strikeout, Adrian Gonzalez hit a soft grounder toward third, and Javier Baez double-clutched before throwing too late for a force play at second base, allowing Toles to score.

Lester struck out six and pitched three-hit ball over six innings. Los Angeles also had just four hits.

DIAMONDBACKS 11
REDS 2

PHOENIX — Yasmany Tomas homered, Welington Castillo drove in four runs and Archie Bradley earned his first win in more than a month to lead the Arizona Diamondbacks to an 11-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday.

Castillo had two hits, a run-scoring single in the fifth and an RBI double in the eighth, and knocked in runs with a fielder's choice grounder and a sacrifice fly.

Bradley (5-8) allowed two runs and five hits with three strikeouts over six innings in his first win since July 27.

Tomas delivered a pinch-hit three-run shot in the sixth inning off Reds reliever Ross Ohlendorf, his team-leading 27th of the season.

The Diamondbacks scored four runs in the first off Reds starter Homer Bailey (2-3), all on singles, force outs and an error.

Bailey was charged with three earned runs and five hits in his only inning.

PIRATES 3
BREWERS 1

MILWAUKEE — Ivan Nova threw six sharp innings before leaving early because of a hurting left hamstring and the Pittsburgh Pirates hit three solo homers to rally past the Milwaukee Brewers 3-1 on Sunday for their eighth straight road victory.

John Jaso and Gregory Polanco each homered in the sixth off Brewers starter Chase Anderson (7-11) to complete Pittsburgh's first sweep at Miller Park since 2004. Starling Marte added a solo shot in the eighth.

Nova (4-0) retired 10 of his final 11 batters after allowing Jonathan Villar's solo homer in the third. He scattered three hits and struck out four before being pinch hit for in the seventh.

Tony Watson pitched a clean ninth for his 10th save in 13 opportunities.

ROCKIES 5
NATIONALS 3

WASHINGTON — Nolan Arenado went 4 for 4, including his 35th home run and a triple, and drove in three runs as the Colorado Rockies beat the Washington Nationals 5-3 on Sunday.

Arenado and David Dahl hit back-to-back home runs in the third inning off Nationals rookie Lucas Giolito, recalled from Triple-A Syracuse before the game.

Chad Bettis (11-7) allowed two runs, both on solo homers, and five hits with six strikeouts over seven innings in his longest start since April 10.

Bryce Harper, Trea Turner and Wilson Ramos went deep for Washington.

Giolito (0-1) allowed four runs and six hits in five innings for the NL East leaders. Washington has dropped six of eight.

Adam Ottavino recorded the final three outs for his second save after Harper homered off Boone Logan leading off the ninth. Colorado took two of three from Washington.

Arenado now has 31 RBIs in August.

Interleague

ATHLETICS 7
CARDINALS 4

ST. LOUIS — Rookie Andrew Triggs earned his first win and Stephen Vogt and Khris Davis homered to lead the Oakland Athletics to a 7-4 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

Triggs (1-1) allowed three runs on four hits, walked none and struck out eight in six innings.

Jaime Garcia (10-10) gave up a three-run homer to Vogt with two out in the third and a two-run shot to Davis, his 34th, with two out in the first. Garcia has allowed seven homers in his past three starts after giving up six in his first 13 starts.

Matt Carpenter doubled twice, homered and scored the Cardinals' first three runs. His homer in the third extended the Cardinals' streak to 17 games with a homer, matching their season best.

ROYALS 10
RED SOX 4

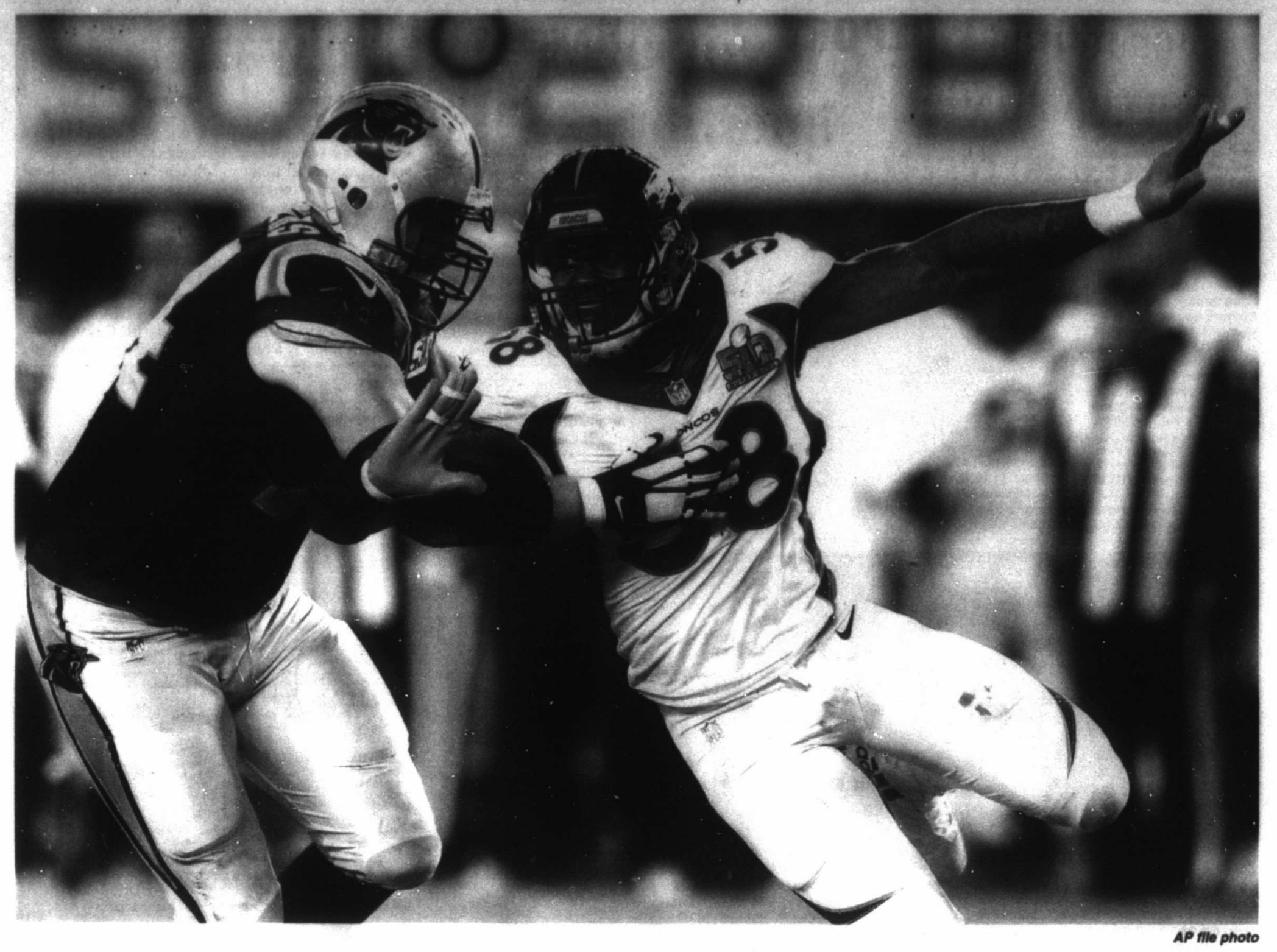
BOSTON — Raul Mondesi hit a bases-loaded triple and Eric Hosmer added a two-run single during an eight-run sixth inning, lifting the surging Kansas City Royals to a 10-4 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Sunday night.

Salvador Perez hit his third solo homer in two games for Kansas City, which took two of three at Fenway Park and got its 17th win in 21 games.

David Ortiz hit his 534th career homer, a solo shot, for the Red Sox, tying Jimmie Foxx for 16th on the career list. Boston has lost four of five.

Matt Strahm (2-0) pitched 2 2/3 innings of hitless relief for the win.

Eduardo Rodriguez (2-6) gave up five runs in 5 1/3 innings before the bullpen allowed five more in the sixth.



AP file photo

Denver Broncos' Von Miller (58) makes an outside rush against the Carolina Panthers' Mike Remmers (74) during Super Bowl 50 Feb. 7 in Santa Clara, Calif. While their quarterback situation might be unsettled, the Broncos know they've got one of the league's best defenses back, especially with the return of Super Bowl MVP Von Miller.

With Broncos, Patriots flawed, no clear favorite in AFC

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — No Manning. No Brady, for the first four games. No clear-cut favorite in the AFC.

With the regular season about to kick off, it's anybody's guess who'll be the conference's representative at the Super Bowl in Houston in February.

The defending champion Denver Broncos will try to become the first team to repeat since New England in 2004-05. But they won't have the retired Peyton Manning leading the way. Or even Brock Osweiler, who bolted from the Broncos and headed to Houston.

Instead, Gary Kubiak and the Broncos have been trying to sort out a quarterback mix that includes veteran Mark Sanchez, 2015 seventh-rounder Trevor Siemian and rookie Paxton Lynch, the team's first-rounder this year.

"You want to see the other guy succeed, you want to see the team succeed," Sanchez said. "So, whatever it takes to win, that's what we'll try to do."

While their quarterback situation might be a big question mark, the Broncos know they've got one of the league's best defenses back, especially with the return of Super Bowl MVP Von Miller.

"If we're like last year, our team didn't worry about the other side of the ball," defensive coordinator Wade Phillips said. "They worried about how well they played. That's what we want to do. We have to outplay the other team's defense. If they hold our team to not much, then we hold them to less. That's the way we play the game."

New England knows who its quarterback will be at the start of the season. Jimmy Garoppolo steps in for the suspended Tom Brady, who'll have to sit four games as a result of his role in the "Deflategate" scandal.

That might make the Patriots' stranglehold on the AFC East appear looser after winning the division the last seven years. Well, not so fast on writing off Bill Belichick's bunch.

"Belichick is Belichick," Buffalo safety Corey Graham said. "He's one of the best, so when it's all said and done, you know he's going to get those guys prepared and make sure they're ready to go."

Pittsburgh might have as good a chance to win the AFC crown as anyone, especially if Ben Roethlisberger remains healthy. The Steelers went 10-6 and won a playoff game last season despite a down year for their playmaking quarterback because of injuries.

Wide receiver Antonio Brown, among the most dynamic offensive player in the league, broke his own franchise records by catching 136 passes for 1,834 yards. Running back Le'Veon Bell is back from torn knee ligaments and should provide a boost, but will be suspended the first three games of the regular season for missing multiple drug tests.

The Steelers will also have to contend with AFC North rivals Cincinnati, which has made the postseason five straight years.

Quarterback Andy Dalton is recovered from a broken thumb that kept him out of the Bengals' first-round playoff loss to the Steelers. He was having a breakout season when he got hurt last December, setting a team record with a passer rating of 106.3. But Marvin Lewis' offense will have a different look this season with coordinator Hue Jackson leaving to become Cleveland's head coach and wide receivers Marvin Jones (Lions) and Mohamed Sanu (Falcons) signing elsewhere as free agents.

The AFC South could be a toss-up, with Andrew Luck back from an inconsistent and injury-plagued season for Indianapolis. Houston has a new quarterback in Osweiler and running back in Lamar Miller, but star defensive end J.J. Watt is still recovering from back surgery. Jacksonville is coming off a 5-11 year, but showed promise with quarterback Blake Bortles' breakthrough season with receivers Allen Robinson and Allen Hurns, who combined for 24 touchdown catches.

Any stumbles by Denver might create an opening in the AFC West for Kansas City, which was a win away from the AFC title game despite not having running back Jamaal Charles for most of the season because of a torn knee ligament.

Oakland also appears to be a team on the rise, led by quarterback Derek Carr. The Raiders could get off to a good start because they face just one playoff team from last season (Kansas City) in their first eight games.

"I believe we have a chance to be better," Broncos general manager John Elway said. "There's no question that the Raiders are better, the Chargers and Kansas City are going to be better, so that what makes it tough. Our division is one of the top divisions in the league now. It's going to be a battle within and that's why every game is going to count."

Few contenders, more pretenders in NFC

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

The last four teams to play for the NFC championship have the same goal: Super Bowl or bust.

Carolina, Arizona, Seattle and Green Bay are still the class of a conference that has far more pretenders than contenders. It's a smart bet one of the four teams will be in Houston playing for the Vince Lombardi Trophy in February.

Reigning NFL MVP Cam Newton led the Panthers to a 17-1 record before Von Miller and the Broncos stifled them in the Super Bowl. Carolina returns the bulk of its roster except All-Pro cornerback Josh Norman, now in Washington. The offense should be even better because star receiver Kelvin Benjamin is back after a knee injury forced him to miss last season.

"Given the talent we have on the offensive side, it's about every guy maximizing their role," Newton said. "We don't want to look back and say we didn't maximize our opportunity with all these talents."

The last eight teams to lose the Super Bowl have won at least 10 games the next season. But no team has reached the title game a year after losing since the 1993 Bills.

"You can never be satisfied," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said. "We didn't win the Super Bowl. So that right there is enough for us to stay motivated and keep moving toward our goal."

AP file photo

Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson (28) get the ball from quarterback Teddy Bridgewater (5) during the first day of NFL football training camp at Mankato State University on July 29 in Mankato, Minn. Minnesota's offense still relies on Adrian Peterson, who led the league with 1,485 yards rushing last season. The Vikings round out the top 5 in the NFC. But they need much more production from Teddy Bridgewater to have a chance to win the conference.

The Cardinals were 13-3 last year and are 34-14 under Bruce Arians. A blowout loss at Carolina in the NFC title game was a bitter end to a fine season. Carson Palmer is coming off his best season, but threw four interceptions against the Panthers. Palmer turns 37 in December, so there's urgency to win now.

Seattle also was knocked out of the playoffs by the Panthers. The Seahawks might have even more depth than they did when they almost won consecutive Super Bowls in 2013-14.

Running back Thomas Rawls — Marshawn Lynch's replacement — and tight end Jimmy Graham are back from significant injuries that ended their 2015 seasons early. Russell Wilson led the NFL in passer rating and is still improving.

"We know what it takes to win a lot of games," Wilson said.

Aaron Rodgers and the Packers are looking to rebound after Minnesota ended their four-year reign in the NFC North. Star receiver Jordy Nelson is back after missing the season with a knee injury. Running back Eddie Lacy slimmed down. Even Rodgers altered his diet after minor knee surgery in the offseason.

If everyone around him stays healthy, Rodgers should return to MVP form. He had 3,821 yards passing, 31 touchdowns and eight interceptions in a "down" year for him in 2015.

NFL PRESEASON GLANCE

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	1.000	76	61
Miami	2	1	0	.667	58	57
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	55	40
N.Y.Jets	1	2	0	.333	55	56
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	3	0	0	1.000	74	48
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	70	50
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	60	70
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	34	44
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	71	48
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	48	31
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	44	61
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	37	71
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	1	0	.667	63	40
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	39	53
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	59	45
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	57	57

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	0	0	1.000	67	32
Washington	2	1	0	.667	60	57
N.Y.Giants	1	2	0	.333	31	68
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	82	69
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	66	51
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	53	47
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	62	57
New Orleans	0	3	0	.000	45	77
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	58	37
Green Bay	3	0	0	1.000	58	33
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	53	77
Chicago	0	3	0	.000	29	68
West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Los Angeles	2	1	0	.667	58	61
Seattle	2	1	0	.667	55	51
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	54	69
Arizona	0	3	0	.000	37	84

Sunday's Scores
Minnesota 23, San Diego 10
Houston 34, Arizona 24
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, late

TEXANS

From 1C

out after back surgery. The performance comes a week after Clowney sacked Drew Brees for a 14-yard loss in a win over the Saints. The top overall pick in the 2014 draft is looking for a breakout year after failing to produce in his first two injury-plagued seasons.

Position battles

Cardinals: Jenkins had been among three players the mix to start at cornerback opposite star Patrick Peterson. If his injury is as severe as it appears, Arians will now have just Brandon Williams and Justin Bethel as candidates for the job.

Texans: C Greg Mancz started at center on Sunday in the position left open when rookie second-round pick Nick Martin had season-ending ankle surgery this week. But he struggled with some protections on Sunday, leaving open the possibility that offseason free agent acquisition Tony Bergstrom could get another shot at the job.

Rookie watch

Cardinals: Undrafted free-agent Chris Hubert had a 43-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter.

Texans: Fourth-round pick Tyler Ervin looks to have solidified his position as the team's kick returner after returning one for 58 yards on Sunday. Irvin also had two carries for 13 yards and a 20-yard reception.

For retired US Open champ Flavia Pennetta, no regrets

By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Flavia Pennetta arrived back at Arthur Ashe Stadium and had one question: "Where is it?"

She couldn't wait to see the most recent addition to the photos of past champions displayed at the U.S. Open. It's been almost one year since Pennetta affixed her name to that list, yet as she returned to Flushing Meadows on Friday, that moment felt much longer ago than 12 months.

The 2015 U.S. Open final was not only when the 33-year-old Italian won her first major title. It was also when she announced to the world that she planned to retire.

"I had the chance to say to everyone in the perfect moment in the perfect way," Pennetta told The Associated Press before she appeared at the U.S. Open draw ceremony as the reigning women's champion. "Of course it was a big moment — not just for the winning, but for everything.

"I didn't have any regrets. One year later I'm here and really happy with my life now."

She had decided a month before the tournament to leave tennis at the end of the season, convinced she couldn't win the year's final major and OK with the fact that meant she'd finish her career without a Grand Slam title. The grind of the tour was wearing her down, the constant travel around the globe from week to week to week.

At too many events, Pennetta was thinking: "Why am I here? I don't want to be here."

"Sometimes I was 100 percent on court," she recalled, "and sometimes I was, 'OK, I have to play — I don't want to go. I want to be another place.'"

Where she often wants to be these days is riding the horse she owns. Her father jokes that she seems to spend more time doing that than she did practicing tennis.

This summer, where she wanted to be was on a boat cruising between Greek islands. Pennetta hails from Brindisi, in the heel of Italy's boot, where seemingly everybody makes the short trip to Greece for vacations. No one could believe that she hadn't been, but there was just never the time over the summer. Until now.

Asked what else she's suddenly been able to do in retirement, Pennetta laughed and pointed out the biggest one: "We get married."

Her wedding to fellow Italian player Fabio Fognini took place in June. Fognini is 29, and his wife isn't trying to sell him on the merits of retirement.

"I push him to play until 35, 37," Pennetta said, smiling.

She hopes that by then he'll be playing as a father.

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Reigning U.S. Open singles tennis champions Flavia Pennetta, of Italy, and Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, look at their trophies during a media availability at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Friday in New York. The first round of the U.S. Open is scheduled to start Monday.

For US Open's new roof, a question of changing conditions

By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Novak Djokovic won't mind if it rains for the next two weeks in New York.

The U.S. Open's Arthur Ashe Stadium is now covered by a retractable roof. And based on his experiences at the Australian Open and Wimbledon, which already have one, the 12-time major champ expects more humid conditions once the panels slide shut — which make for a slower court.

"It allows returners like myself to get into the rally rather than seeing missiles pass by from the serves," Djokovic said Friday.

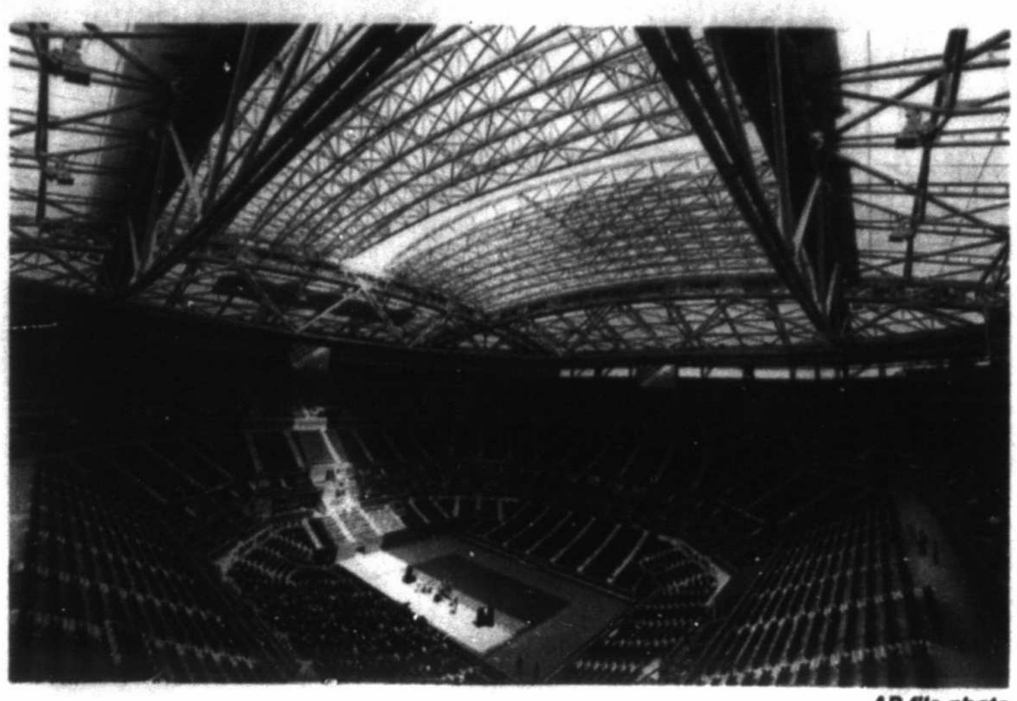
He added with a chuckle: "I wouldn't complain, honestly, to play an indoor U.S. Open throughout the whole two weeks."

The world's top-ranked player insisted he won't wake up every morning praying for rain, and his stellar return game certainly doesn't need much help. Roger Federer, sidelined by a knee injury, also predicted this week that the roof will aid Djokovic. The Serb begins the defense of his U.S. Open title Monday night on Ashe, where he'll likely play all his matches.

The approximately $150 million project to construct a roof over Ashe features an air management system and sliding shutters that seal the stadium, designed to try to minimize the humidity Djokovic so enjoys.

U.S. Tennis Association officials say tests have shown little difference in the conditions open or closed, but the proof will come once matches are first held under the roof.

When that will be is for Mother Nature to determine. Wimbledon champ Andy Murray — who has played in two Monday U.S. Open finals because of weather delays — couldn't help but quip: "I'll bet it doesn't rain this year."



AP file photo

The partially open new retractable roof allows a ribbon of light into Arthur Ashe Stadium at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on Aug. 2 in New York. With the stadium now covered by a retractable roof, players such as defending champ Novak Djokovic wonder how it will affect conditions when it is closed.

U.S. OPEN SHOW COURT SCHEDULE

Monday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Play begins on all courts at 10 a.m.
Arthur Ashe Stadium
Roberta Vinci (7), Italy, vs. Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany
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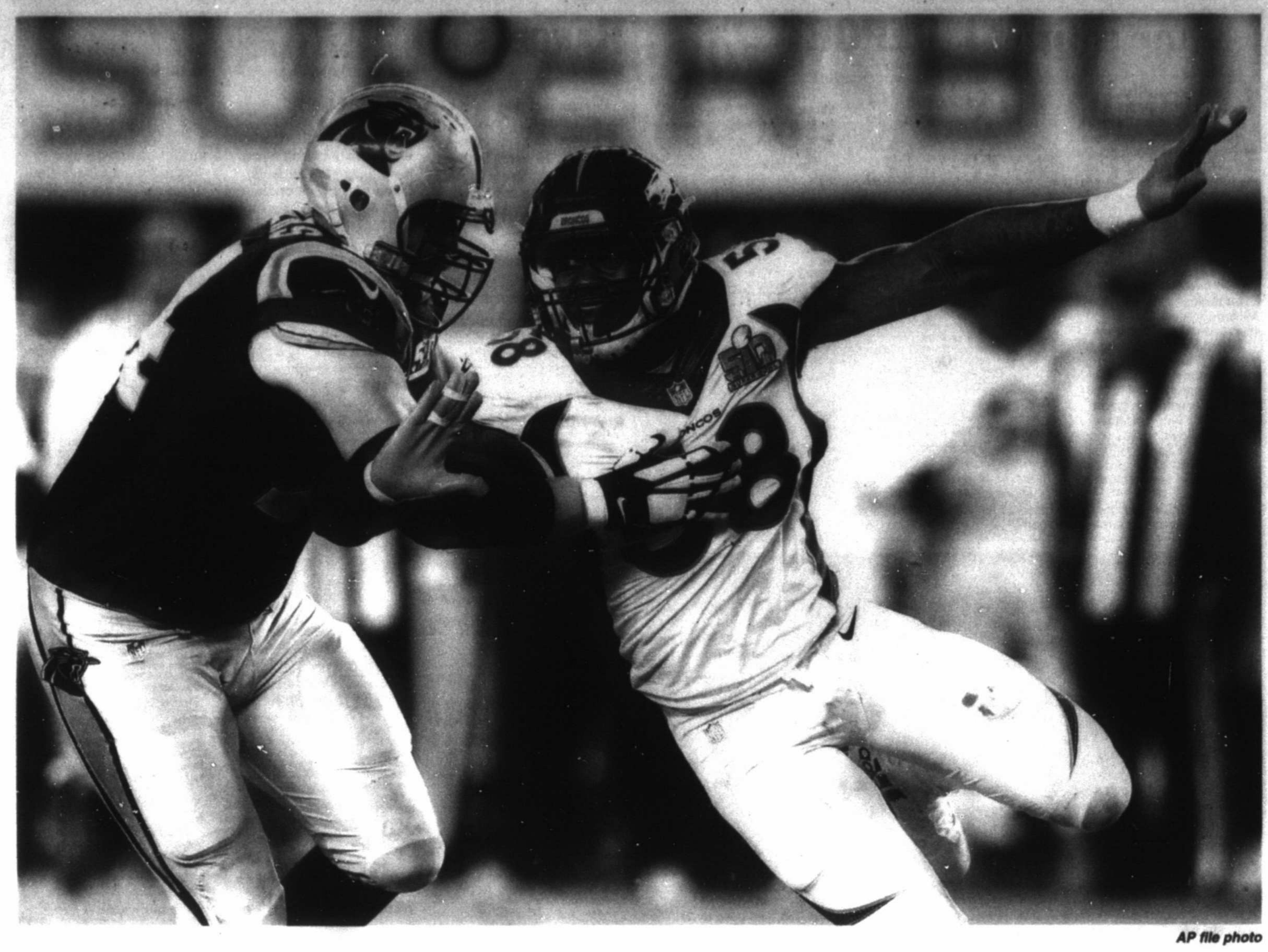

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With Broncos, Patriots flawed, no clear favorite in AFC

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — No Manning. No Brady, for the first four games. No clear-cut favorite in the AFC.

With the regular season about to kick off, it's anybody's guess who'll be the conference's representative at the Super Bowl in Houston in February.

The defending champion Denver Broncos will try to become the first team to repeat since New England in 2004-05. But they won't have the retired Peyton Manning leading the way. Or even Brock Osweiler, who bolted from the Broncos and headed to Houston.

Instead, Gary Kubiak and the Broncos have been trying to sort out a quarterback mix that includes veteran Mark Sanchez, 2015 seventh-rounder Trevor Siemian and rookie Paxton Lynch, the team's first-rounder this year.

"You want to see the other guy succeed, you want to see the team succeed," Sanchez said. "So, whatever it takes to win, that's what we'll try to do."

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"If we're like last year, our team didn't worry about the other side of the ball," defensive coordinator Wade Phillips said. "They worried about how well they played. That's what we want to do. We have to outplay the other team's defense. If they hold our team to not much, then we hold them to less. That's the way we play the game."

New England knows who its quarterback will be at the start of the season. Jimmy Garoppolo steps in for the suspended Tom Brady, who'll have to sit four games as a result of his role in the "Deflategate" scandal.

That might make the Patriots' stranglehold on the AFC East appear looser after winning the division the last seven years. Well, not so fast on writing off Bill Belichick's bunch.

"Belichick is Belichick," Buffalo safety Corey Graham said. "He's one of the best, so when it's all said and done, you know he's going to get those guys prepared and make sure they're ready to go."

Pittsburgh might have as good a chance to win the AFC crown as anyone, especially if Ben Roethlisberger remains healthy. The Steelers went 10-6 and won a playoff game last season despite a down year for their playmaking quarterback because of injuries.

Wide receiver Antonio Brown, among the most dynamic offensive player in the league, broke his own franchise records by catching 136 passes for 1,834 yards. Running back Le'Veon Bell is back from torn knee ligaments and should provide a boost, but will be suspended the first three games of the regular season for missing multiple drug tests.

The Steelers will also have to contend with AFC North rivals Cincinnati, which has made the postseason five straight years.

Quarterback Andy Dalton is recovered from a broken thumb that kept him out of the Bengals' first-round playoff loss to the Steelers. He was having a breakout season when he got hurt last December, setting a team record with a passer rating of 106.3. But Marvin Lewis' offense will have a different look this season with coordinator Hue Jackson leaving to become Cleveland's head coach and wide receivers Marvin Jones (Lions) and Mohamed Sanu (Falcons) signing elsewhere as free agents.

The AFC South could be a toss-up, with Andrew Luck back from an inconsistent and injury-plagued season for Indianapolis. Houston has a new quarterback in Osweiler and running back in Lamar Miller, but star defensive end J.J. Watt is still recovering from back surgery. Jacksonville is coming off a 5-11 year, but showed promise with quarterback Blake Bortles' breakthrough season with receivers Allen Robinson and Allen Hurns, who combined for 24 touchdown catches.

Any stumbles by Denver might create an opening in the AFC West for Kansas City, which was a win away from the AFC title game despite not having running back Jamaal Charles for most of the season because of a torn knee ligament.

Oakland also appears to be a team on the rise, led by quarterback Derek Carr. The Raiders could get off to a good start because they face just one playoff team from last season (Kansas City) in their first eight games.

"I believe we have a chance to be better," Broncos general manager John Elway said. "There's no question that the Raiders are better, the Chargers and Kansas City are going to be better, so that what makes it tough. Our division is one of the top divisions in the league now. It's going to be a battle within and that's why every game is going to count."

Few contenders, more pretenders in NFC

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press

The last four teams to play for the NFC championship have the same goal: Super Bowl or bust.

Carolina, Arizona, Seattle and Green Bay are still the class of a conference that has far more pretenders than contenders. It's a smart bet one of the four teams will be in Houston playing for the Vince Lombardi Trophy in February.

Reigning NFL MVP Cam Newton led the Panthers to a 17-1 record before Von Miller and the Broncos stifled them in the Super Bowl. Carolina returns the bulk of its roster except All-Pro cornerback Josh Norman, now in Washington. The offense should be even better because star receiver Kelvin Benjamin is back after a knee injury forced him to miss last season.

"Given the talent we have on the offensive side, it's about every guy maximizing their role," Newton said. "We don't want to look back and say we didn't maximize our opportunity with all these talents."

The last eight teams to lose the Super Bowl have won at least 10 games the next season. But no team has reached the title game a year after losing since the 1993 Bills.

"You can never be satisfied," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said. "We didn't win the Super Bowl. So that right there is enough for us to stay motivated and keep moving toward our goal."

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Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson (28) get the ball from quarterback Teddy Bridgewater (5) during the first day of NFL football training camp at Mankato State University on July 29 in Mankato, Minn. Minnesota's offense still relies on Adrian Peterson, who led the league with 1,485 yards rushing last season. The Vikings round out the top 5 in the NFC. But they need much more production from Teddy Bridgewater to have a chance to win the conference.

The Cardinals were 13-3 last year and are 34-14 under Bruce Arians. A blowout loss at Carolina in the NFC title game was a bitter end to a fine season. Carson Palmer is coming off his best season, but threw four interceptions against the Panthers. Palmer turns 37 in December, so there's urgency to win now.

Seattle also was knocked out of the playoffs by the Panthers. The Seahawks might have even more depth than they did when they almost won consecutive Super Bowls in 2013-14.

Running back Thomas Rawls — Marshawn Lynch's replacement — and tight end Jimmy Graham are back from significant injuries that ended their 2015 seasons early. Russell Wilson led the NFL in passer rating and is still improving.

"We know what it takes to win a lot of games," Wilson said.

Aaron Rodgers and the Packers are looking to rebound after Minnesota ended their four-year reign in the NFC North. Star receiver Jordy Nelson is back after missing the season with a knee injury. Running back Eddie Lacy slimmed down. Even Rodgers altered his diet after minor knee surgery in the offseason.

If everyone around him stays healthy, Rodgers should return to MVP form. He had 3,821 yards passing, 31 touchdowns and eight interceptions in a "down" year for him in 2015.

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East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	0	0	1.000	76	61
Miami	2	1	0	.667	58	57
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	55	40
N.Y.Jets	1	2	0	.333	55	58
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	3	0	0	1.000	74	46
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	70	50
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	60	70
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	34	44
North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	71	48
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	46	31
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	44	61
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	37	71
West						
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Denver	2	1	0	.667	63	40
San Diego	1	2	0	.333	39	53
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	59	45
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	57	57

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Sunday's Scores
Minnesota 23, San Diego 10
Houston 34, Arizona 24
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, late

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out after back surgery. The performance comes a week after Clowney sacked Drew Brees for a 14-yard loss in a win over the Saints. The top overall pick in the 2014 draft is looking for a breakout year after failing to produce in his first two injury-plagued seasons.

Position battles

Cardinals: Jenkins had been among three players the mix to start at cornerback opposite star Patrick Peterson. If his injury is as severe as it appears, Arians will now have just Brandon Williams and Justin Bethel as candidates for the job.

Texans: C Greg Mancz started at center on Sunday in the position left open when rookie second-round pick Nick Martin had season-ending ankle surgery this week. But he struggled with some protections on Sunday, leaving open the possibility that offseason free agent acquisition Tony Bergstrom could get another shot at the job.

Rookie watch

Cardinals: Undrafted free-agent Chris Hubert had a 43-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter.

Texans: Fourth-round pick Tyler Ervin looks to have solidified his position as the team's kick returner after returning one for 58 yards on Sunday. Irvin also had two carries for 13 yards and a 20-yard reception.

For retired US Open champ Flavia Pennetta, no regrets

By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Flavia Pennetta arrived back at Arthur Ashe Stadium and had one question: "Where is it?"

She couldn't wait to see the most recent addition to the photos of past champions displayed at the U.S. Open. It's been almost one year since Pennetta affixed her name to that list, yet as she returned to Flushing Meadows on Friday, that moment felt much longer ago than 12 months.

The 2015 U.S. Open final was not only when the 33-year-old Italian won her first major title. It was also when she announced to the world that she planned to retire.

"I had the chance to say to everyone in the perfect moment in the perfect way," Pennetta told The Associated Press before she appeared at the U.S. Open draw ceremony as the reigning women's champion. "Of course it was a big moment — not just for the winning, but for everything.

"I didn't have any regrets. One year later I'm here and really happy with my life now."

She had decided a month before the tournament to leave tennis at the end of the season, convinced she couldn't win the year's final major and OK with the fact that meant she'd finish her career without a Grand Slam title. The grind of the tour was wearing her down, the constant travel around the globe from week to week to week.

At too many events, Pennetta was thinking: "Why am I here? I don't want to be here."

"Sometimes I was 100 percent on court," she recalled, "and sometimes I was, 'OK, I have to play — I don't want to go. I want to be another place.'"

Where she often wants to be these days is riding the horse she owns. Her father jokes that she seems to spend more time doing that than she did practicing tennis.

This summer, where she wanted to be was on a boat cruising between Greek islands. Pennetta hails from Brindisi, in the heel of Italy's boot, where seemingly everybody makes the short trip to Greece for vacations. No one could believe that she hadn't been, but there was just never the time over the summer. Until now.

Asked what else she's suddenly been able to do in retirement, Pennetta laughed and pointed out the biggest one: "We get married."

Her wedding to fellow Italian player Fabio Fognini took place in June. Fognini is 29, and his wife isn't trying to sell him on the merits of retirement.

"I push him to play until 35, 37," Pennetta said, smiling.

She hopes that by then he'll be playing as a father.

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Reigning U.S. Open singles tennis champions Flavia Pennetta, of Italy, and Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, look at their trophies during a media availability at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, Friday in New York. The first round of the U.S. Open is scheduled to start Monday.

For US Open's new roof, a question of changing conditions

By Rachel Cohen
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Novak Djokovic won't mind if it rains for the next two weeks in New York.

The U.S. Open's Arthur Ashe Stadium is now covered by a retractable roof. And based on his experiences at the Australian Open and Wimbledon, which already have one, the 12-time major champ expects more humid conditions once the panels slide shut — which make for a slower court.

"It allows returners like myself to get into the rally rather than seeing missiles pass by from the serves," Djokovic said Friday.

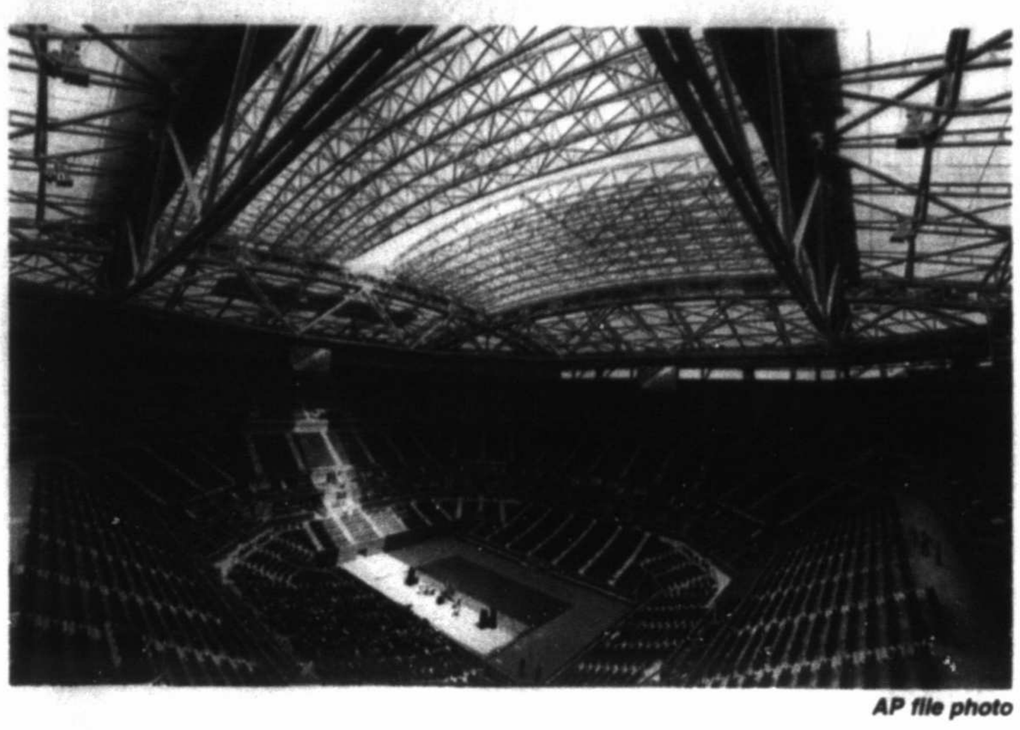
He added with a chuckle: "I wouldn't complain, honestly, to play an indoor U.S. Open throughout the whole two weeks."

The world's top-ranked player insisted he won't wake up every morning praying for rain, and his stellar return game certainly doesn't need much help. Roger Federer, sidelined by a knee injury, also predicted this week that the roof will aid Djokovic. The Serb begins the defense of his U.S. Open title Monday night on Ashe, where he'll likely play all his matches.

The approximately $150 million project to construct a roof over Ashe features an air management system and sliding shutters that seal the stadium, designed to try to minimize the humidity Djokovic so enjoys.

U.S. Tennis Association officials say tests have shown little difference in the conditions open or closed, but the proof will come once matches are first held under the roof.

When that will be is for Mother Nature to determine. Wimbledon champ Andy Murray — who has played in two Monday U.S. Open finals because of weather delays — couldn't help but quip: "I'll bet it doesn't rain this year."



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The partially open new retractable roof allows a ribbon of light into Arthur Ashe Stadium at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on Aug. 2 in New York. With the stadium now covered by a retractable roof, players such as defending champ Novak Djokovic wonder how it will affect conditions when it is closed.

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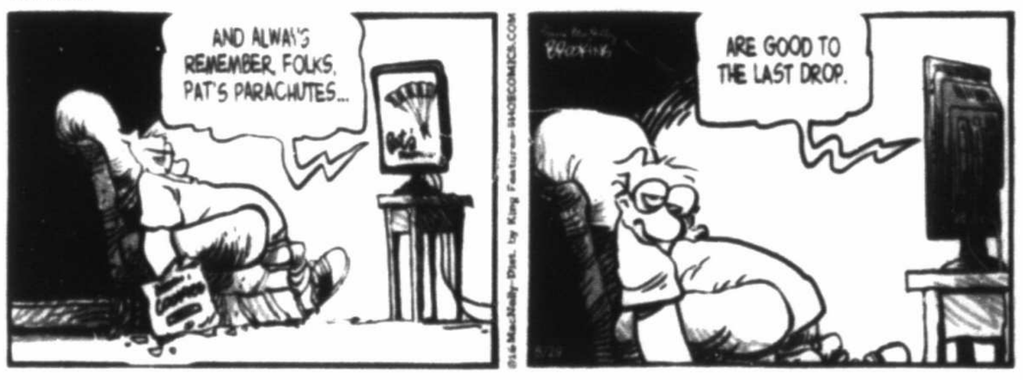

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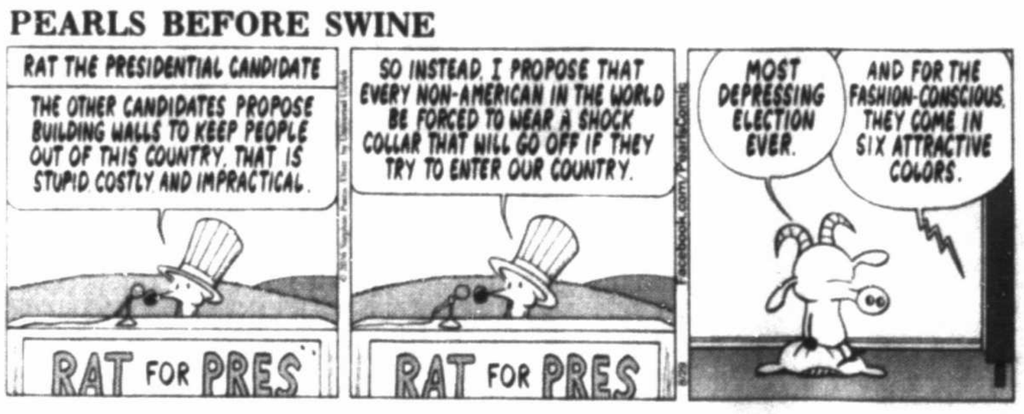

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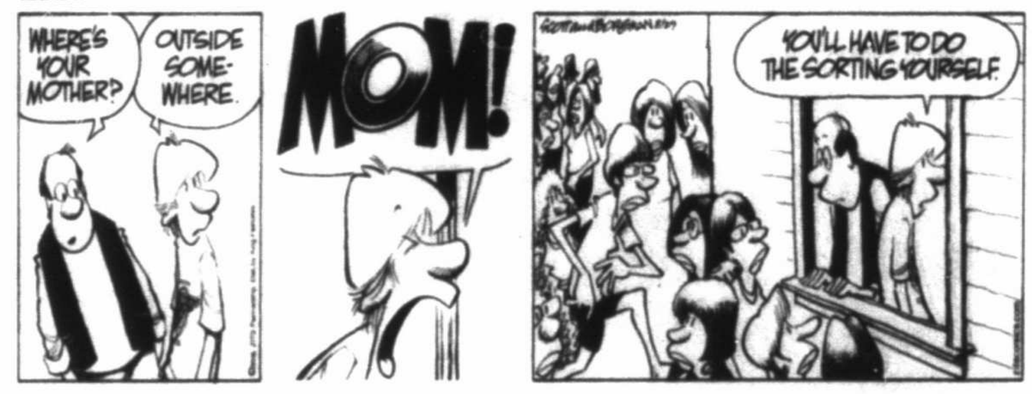


BABY BLUES

MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME

"Hey, Megan, check this out! When I blow air over Mrs. Lucier's five cavities, I can play 'Hotel California'!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I WAS DREAMIN' THAT I HAD A NIGHTMARE!"

LOCKHORNS

"I SEE YOU'VE FOUND AN AGREEABLE SLANT ON THE NEWS."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Oooooh! Watch your feet, Grandma! Don't step on the Weedle. I've still gotta catch him in my Poké Ball."

TODAY: Mostly cloudy — High: 86 Low: 50

TUESDAY: Mostly cloudy — High: 86 Low: 69

WEDNESDAY: Mostly cloudy — High: 86 Low: 69

THURSDAY: Partly sunny — High: 88 Low: 69

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 89 Low: 71

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 92 Low: 72

Local forecast

There is a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today, tonight and Tuesday, and a 40 percent chance Tuesday night and Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service. The forecasted highs are below normal, according to the NWS.

The record high for Aug. 28 is 103 set in 2011 and 2002. The record low is 59 set in 1992.

Wildlife brief

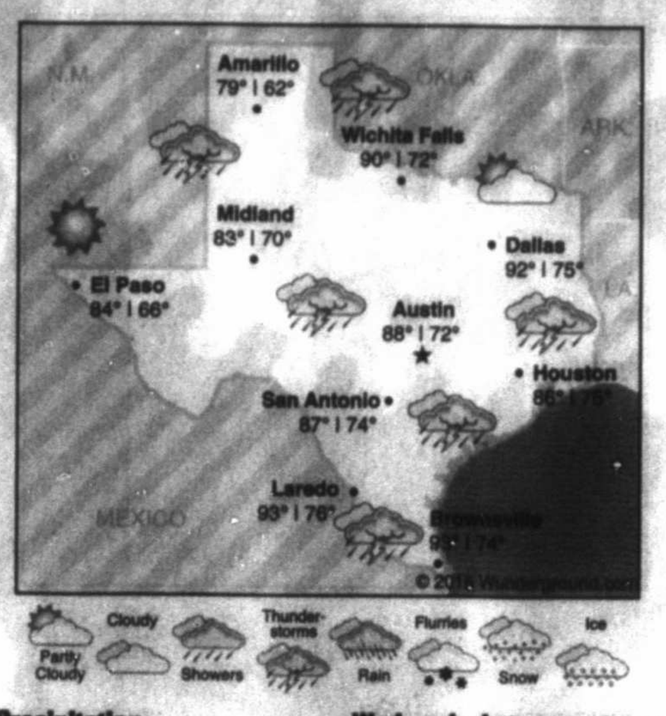
Rare tortoise in Australia displaced by climate change

Twenty-four of Australia's rarest tortoises have been released outside their natural range because climate change has dried out their remaining habitat.

The natural range of the critically endangered western swamp tortoise, Pseudemydura umbrina, has shrunk to two isolated wetlands in Perth's ever-growing outer suburbs, and a herpetological expert, Dr Gerald Kuchling, said reduced rainfall and a lowered groundwater table made those areas increasingly untenable.

The juvenile tortoises — between three and four years old — were released at Meerup, south of Perth, and into an established colony at Moore river national park, 130km north of Perth.

The Guardian via AP



Precipitation

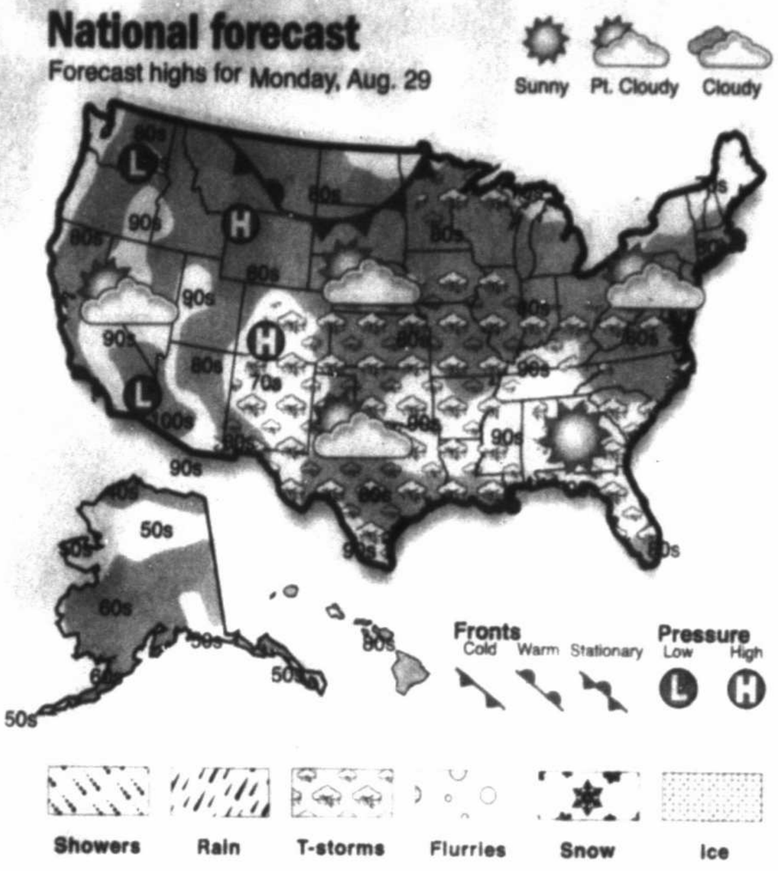
Sunday	0.00 in.
Saturday	0.00 in.
Month total	2.91 in.
Year total	10.05 in.
Normal total (year to date)	9.52 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	92
Low	70
Normal high	92
Normal low	67
Sunrise	7:23 a.m.
Sunset	8:16 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Aug. 29



Woman copes with anxiety by filtering out bad news

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: Clearly, America is in a state of turmoil. I am horrified and ashamed of the senseless death occurring daily.

I deal with anxiety, particularly regarding fear of death. As a result, the only thing I've found that I can do to cope with current events is to scan headlines and ask my understanding husband for a synopsis of events that doesn't include major triggers.

However, I feel serious guilt that I may not be fully educating myself on recent events. Am I wrong to prioritize my mental well-being over the gravity of our country's current situation? **— SERIOUS GUILT**

DEAR SERIOUS GUILT: Wrong? Absolutely not! According to The Journal of the American Medical Association, 13 percent of Americans now use antidepressants to combat depression and anxiety. Our news media feed so many salacious details into our homes in the interest of high ratings that it's a miracle the majority of Americans aren't in need of them.

If you are getting the news you need to know, do not feel guilty for using your husband as a filter. You are only protecting yourself, and that's not wrong. It's **HEALTHY**.

DEAR ABBY: I need advice. I'm 23 and have been living with my boyfriend of almost two years. I have never been in a relationship before this one, so I have little experience. I love him dearly, but every time there's an issue between us, it always becomes my fault, and I'm always the one to apologize. What should I do? **— INEXPERIENCED IN TAMPA**

DEAR INEXPERIENCED: Even a stopped clock is right twice a day. You should not be forced into the role of perpetual peacekeeper by accepting the blame for everything, and it won't improve your relationship.

Because your boyfriend's preferred method of solving disagreements is laying the blame on you, suggest the two of you get couples counseling. However, if he refuses — and he may — you will then have to decide whether this is the way you want to spend the foreseeable future because things aren't likely to change.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law "Dani" and my brother have been married almost three years. I recently discovered that Dani has created a fake social media page. She posted some nude photos on it and acts like she's single. I suspect she is getting paid to do live nude video chatting, too.

Abby, I'm shocked over this. I'm sure my brother would explode with rage and disappointment if he knew. They have two small daughters, which leaves me to wonder if she has considered their embarrassment if they ever find out.

She's a good person, so I don't know why she would do this. I really need your advice. **— SHOCKED SISTER-IN-LAW IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR S-I-L: It's time to talk to Dani. Tell her what you have learned and ask her why she's doing it. When you do, ask how she thinks your brother will react when he finds out — if he doesn't already know — and how this could affect their daughters. This may be a fling, a way to prove to herself that she's still attractive, or a way to earn needed money. But you will never know until you initiate a conversation with her.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

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

♠ Q 7 4 ♡ 9 3 ◊ 9 2 ♣ K Q 10 9 5 3

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — There is no weak two-bid in the club suit, as an opening two-club bid is reserved for very strong hands. As a result, an opening three-club bid in modern bridge often looks just like an opening weak two-bid in any other suit. Bid three clubs.

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

♠ A 9 ♡ A K Q J 7 3 ◊ A Q ♣ 10 7 5

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass

What call would you make?

A — We don't like to jump shift into a three-card suit with no honor, so three clubs is out. The choices are four hearts and three no-trump. Close, but we like three no-trump.

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

♠ J 10 8 3 2 ♡ 7 3 ◊ A J 4 3 ♣ 8 5

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — It is quite possible that the hand will play better in one of your suits, but you can't get there from here. Your suit is too weak to insist on it. Pass.

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

♠ A Q 9 7 5 ♡ A K 7 ◊ 9 8 6 ♣ J 8

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♣	1♠	2♣	Pass
Pass	?		

What call would you make?

A — It's too soon to give up. You are worth another bid. Double, and bring your support for the other suits into play.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Aug. 29, 2016:

This year you express a more upbeat attitude than others have seen in a while. You also become more verbal. You tend to be positive, with the exception of having to deal with a certain loved one. If you are single, you could be overly concerned about being hurt. People are the way they are, and accepting this is crucial to a successful relationship. If you are attached, you and your sweetie might need a lot more downtime. The two of you could opt to get involved in volunteer work. LEO makes an excellent healer for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Your excellent communication pays off. You could be quite touched by an associate's or loved one's goodwill, but you might choose to keep this fact to yourself. Remain optimistic and positive. Tonight: Consider going on a getaway for a day or two soon.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You will have a hard time being focused after this past weekend, so much so that you could already be thinking about next weekend. You might not even leave the house today. Recognize that you will feel better in the next few days. Tonight: Happy where you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You could be quite expressive; however, you also might be tired of hearing the same old story from a partner. This person has been unusually difficult and touchy as of late, but keep in mind that this attitude likely has nothing to do with you. Tonight: Remain sure of yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You are on top of your game, but you also might be concerned about your financial stability. Be aware that your need to stabilize a situation could encourage you to accept the status quo a bit too easily. Sometimes you need to let go some rvore! Tonight: Break the mold.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You'll be more verbal than usual. Try to have a meaningful discussion with a loved one. You could start out a bit fussy or critical, but you'll change your tune as the day goes on. Your attempt to stabilize a situation might seem harsh to the other party. Tonight: Be mindful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Saying less might not work in a tense situation involving your personal life. Verbalize and/or demonstrate your caring in a meaningful way. You could shock someone so much that he or she will have nothing to say. Be more forthright, but add some charm. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Round up a friend or two, and express your thoughts and desires. You can count on getting a very positive reaction. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you want, although an immediate response might not be forthcoming. Tonight: Surround yourself with people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You'll get a lot of attention, which could make you uncomfortable. You might feel as if you can't get past a problem in a discussion. Be careful about any confusion surrounding money. Make sure you reflect your core values. Tonight: Something hush-hush is going on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Despite the fact that the Moon could fire you up, you might choose to remain aloof. Is this attitude serving you? If you look around, you'll see that caring surrounds you. However, not everyone will express his or her feelings in the way you'd like. Tonight: Don't throw a tantrum.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Be more direct with a partner or loved one if you want to stoke the flames of goodwill, and in some cases, perhaps more than that. One-on-one relating is your strong suit right now. Be aware of the fiscal implications of an agreement. Tonight: Out with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might have thought that today would be like any other Monday, but your popularity seems to be soaring right now. You will be confronted by needing to juggle your schedule with what has happened. Decide which requests to put off for a while. Tonight: Catch up on news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might have to pick up the slack. As a result, your highly organized day could fall apart quickly. Your sense of humor will keep you from getting too upset. Take time to relate to a special person in your life. Tonight: Don't forget to exercise; it will relieve some stress.

BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Michael Jackson (1958), actor Elliott Gould (1938), philosopher John Locke (1632)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Illusions in a stage act, collectively
6 Muslim leaders
11 Place for a massage
14 Twist
15 French Revolution radical
16 Put a strain on
17 *Cost of shares on the exchange
19 Tip jar denomination
20 Miffed
21 Gizmos
23 __ buco: veal dish
26 Director Lee
28 Student's workplace
29 Guttural "Psst!"
30 Wedding vows
32 Condemn
34 Most rational
36 Nobel Peace Prize city
38 Jack-in-the-box sound
40 Drips in the ICU
41 *U.S./USSR conflict
43 Give it a go
44 Witness
45 Yankee slugger, to fans
46 Area of expertise
48 Sound from Leo
50 Twist, as water-damaged floorboards
52 Sharpen
53 World Cup soccer org.
55 *__-hoo!"
56 1946 N.L. RBI leader Slaughter
57 Part of a chess match when most of the pieces are off the board
60 *__ the mornin'!"
62 Sch. run by Mormons
63 United stand ... and what the first part of the answers to starred clues literally can have
68 Track transaction
69 Wabbit-hunting Fudd
70 Fragrant wood
71 Pig's home
72 Officials who have their faculties
73 Hit hard, biblically

DOWN

1 Leo is its logo
2 California's Santa __ River
3 Long-jawed fish
4 Annoying
5 Egyptian queen, familiarly
6 Loom on the horizon
7 St. Patrick's mo.
8 Very dry
9 Sprayed in defense
10 Longshoreman
11 *Element in an executive compensation package
12 Window glass
13 Lumberjacks' tools
18 Double agent
22 Prefix with metric and bar
23 Desert retreat
24 Norelco product
25 *Drive to do the responsible thing
27 "So long"
31 U-turn from NNE
33 Rita with an Oscar, Emmy, Tony and Grammy
35 Like Al Capone
37 Ridicule satirically
39 Combustible funeral piles
42 Under a quarter-tank, say
47 Geometry proposition
49 Bailed-out insurance co
51 Copter blades
54 Whac-__ arcade game
57 Diminishes
58 Russian denial
59 Actress Stone of "Birdman"
61 Low-ranking GIs
64 Guys
65 Prefix with meter
66 __ King Cole
67 Italian three

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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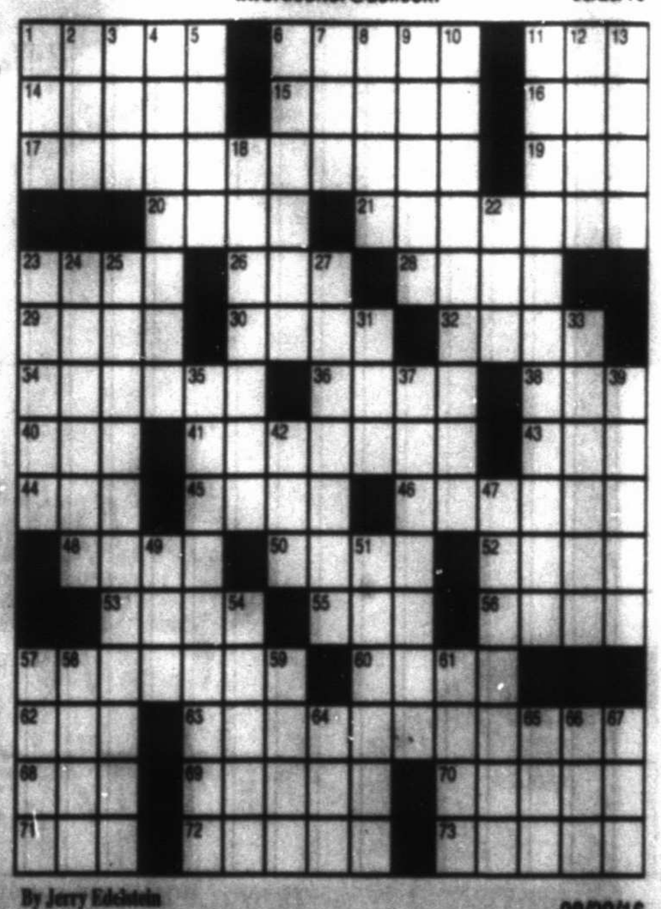

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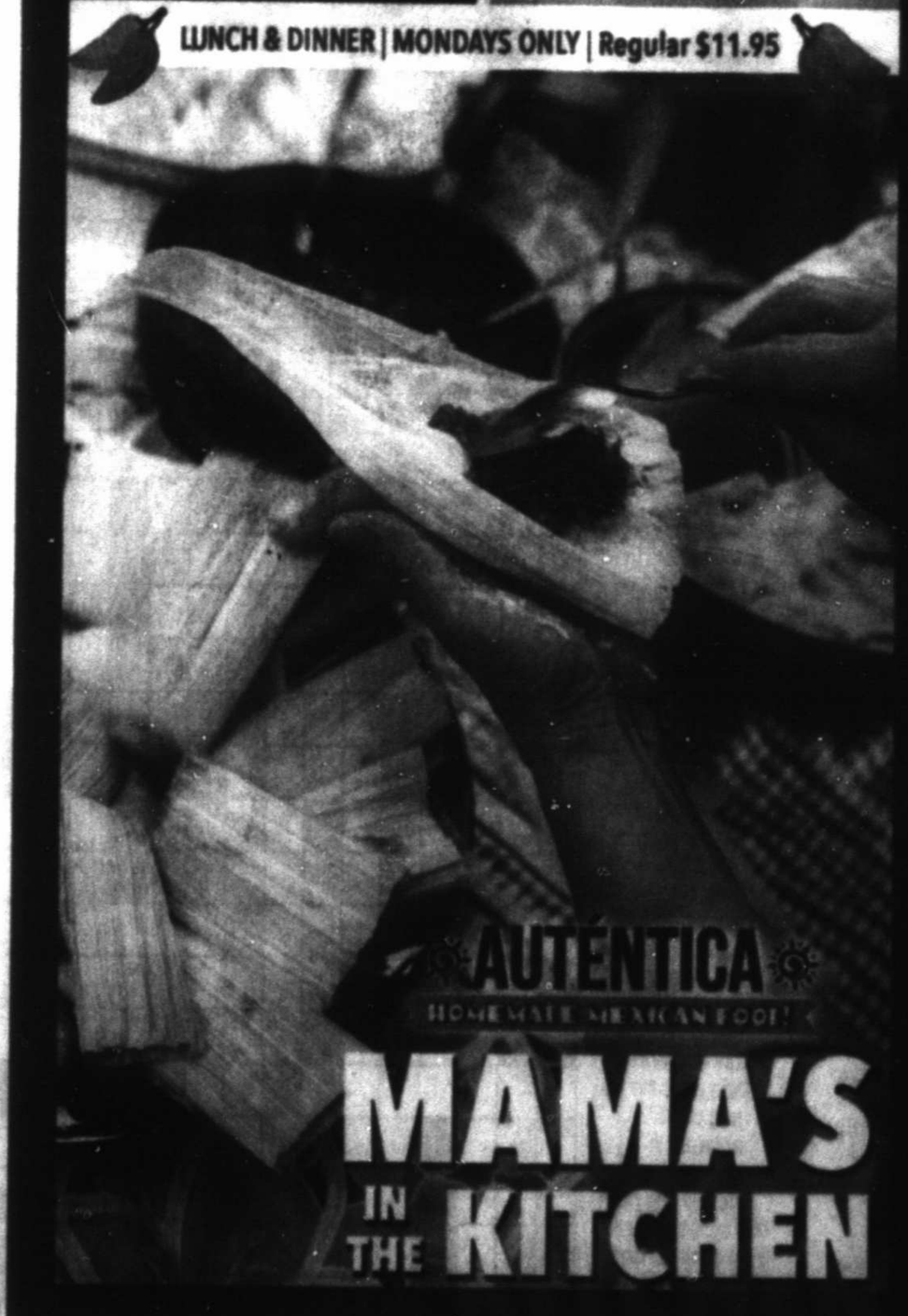

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