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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

This week's player is Andrews' Abraham Del Campo, who stepped up against Monahans on Friday.

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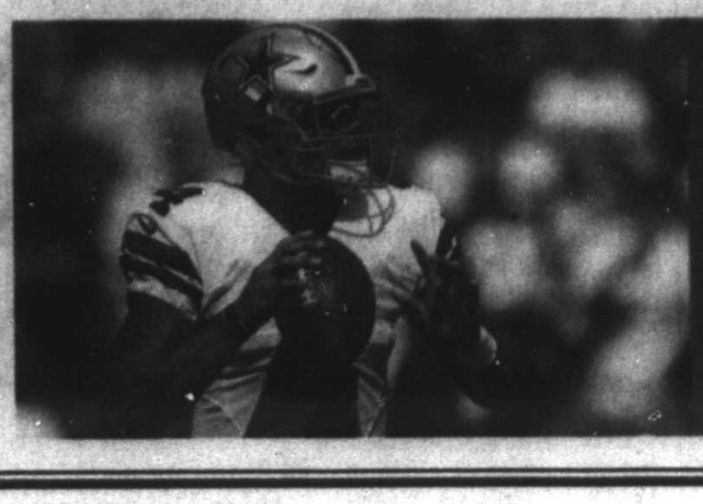

FINE WITHOUT ROMO

With turnover-free rookie quarterback Dak Prescott, the Dallas Cowboys are already in better shape than they were without Tony Romo in the early part of last season. See more in Sports.

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Davis: Election should not be referendum on Warren

Election should be about improving education in Midland, board president says

By Stewart Doreen
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It has been said that bond/tax ratification elections are a referendum on school district leadership.

And reading comments at the end of some articles and on social media, it is apparent that former Superintendent Ryder Warren will impact the election. The questions are: How he will impact it and how much?

Warren left Midland ISD this summer to take a job in the Metroplex with Northwest ISD. The Warren era lasted about six years and included the passage of a $163 million bond in 2012, the elevation of starting teacher pay by more than 20 percent and the continued slide of MISD academic performance.

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When school board President Rick Davis was asked how much of a factor Warren would be, he answered, "This election should not be a referendum on Ryder Warren."

He told the Reporter-Telegram that the book on Warren should also include the implementation of professional learning communities (PLCs) and the program Leap4ward, which he said already have started the academic turnaround of a district that Education Resources Group ranked among the worst of the top 200 in the state.

"This ought to be a referendum on whether this community supports continued change and momentum that we have seen and proving the philosophy to do things differently and to improve public education in Midland," Davis said. "That is what I hope this election is about."

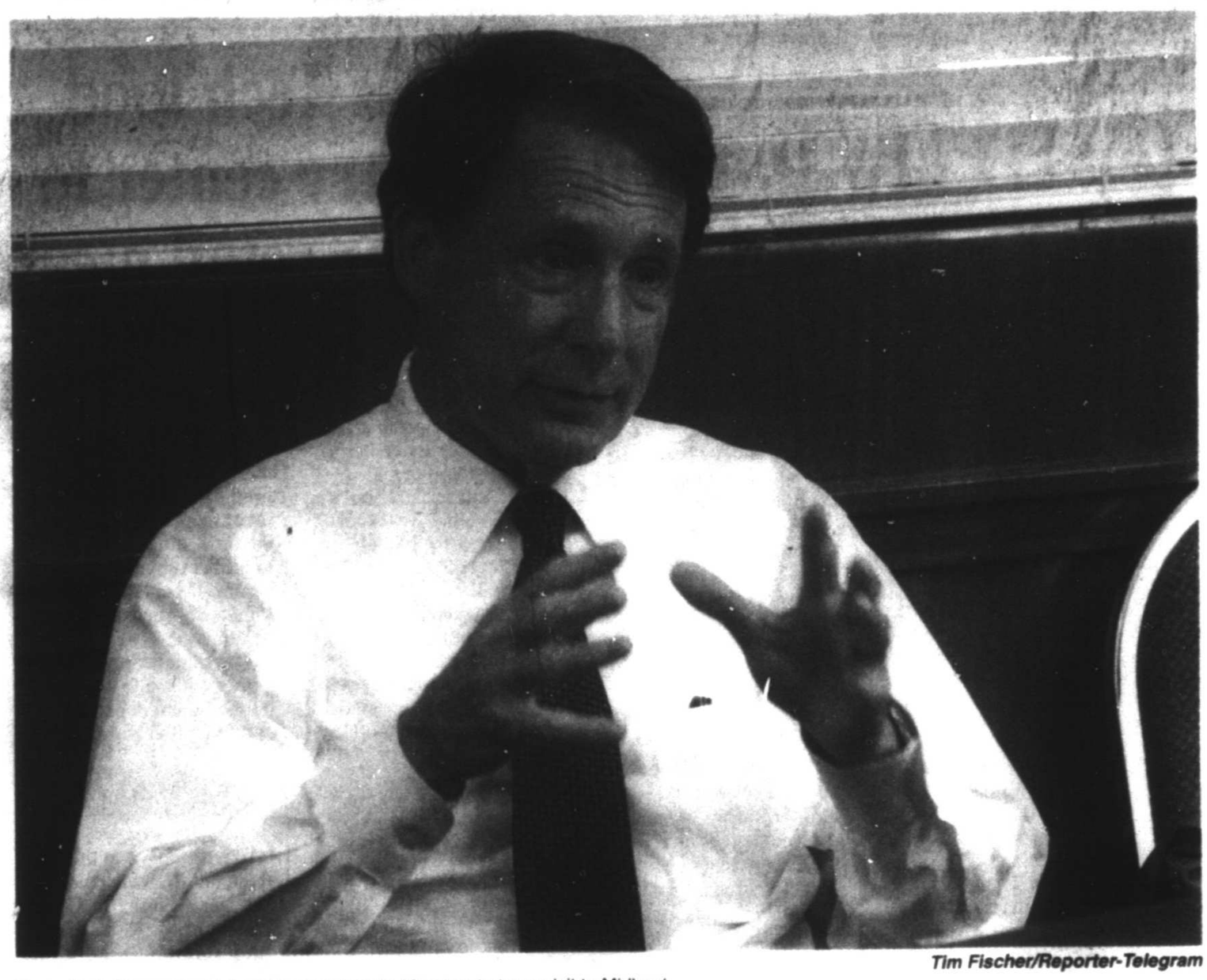
Davis and campaign leaders are also quick to put forward that interim Superintendent Rod Schroder as confirmation that the status quo is working. Schroder's first day was Sept. 1, but Davis said Schroder has a track record of academic performance and is bringing the same philosophy and practices to MISD.

Schroder told the board last week that data shows Midland isn't meeting the state standards on four different indexes measuring performance.

"We need to respond," Schroder said at the meeting. "That is what we are planning to do."

Schroder said the new mission statement for the district, its supporters, its teachers and the community should be: "All students will graduate prepared and ready for college and careers."

Growing to fit West Texas



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Texas Tech Chancellor Robert Duncan speaks Monday during a visit to Midland.

TTU System chancellor stresses regional expansion

By Simone Jasper
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In recent years, the Texas Tech University System has expanded its influence in West Texas. As the system celebrates its 20th year, Chancellor Robert Duncan said serving the region is at the forefront of its goals.

"The creation of the system allowed us to plan for expansion to serve the needs of this part of the state," Duncan said.

In Midland, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center operates clinics for family medicine, women's health and internal medicine. This year, TTUHSC finished renovations on a local psychiatry clinic, which will add four medical residents to its staff in November. Last year, 233 TTUHSC students were in the Permian Basin.

Despite the recent expansion of the TTU System in the area, Duncan said he recognizes the importance of other institutions in the region. He views the growth of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin as an opportunity to share resources.

"With UTPB, we have a collaboration," Duncan said. "I don't think it's a disadvantage."

The TTU System formed in 1996 and

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Park officials: Apache drilling won't hurt Balmorhea springs

By David Hunn
Houston Chronicle

BALMORHEA — State park officials don't believe oil drilling around this small West Texas town would contaminate or deplete the region's famous artesian springs.

Officials said they have "no evidence to indicate concern" about Houston-based Apache Corp.'s plans to drill oil and gas wells on 350,000 acres surrounding the famous pools and canals of Balmorhea State Park.

Stephanie Salinas, a spokeswoman for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, said the oil wells are lower than or equal in depth to the springs.

Because water "doesn't flow up-gradient," the park should not be affected by oil and gas drilling.

Apache announced last week the discovery of a new oil field it named Alpine High in the prairie north of the Davis Mountains.

It estimated the field holds more than 15 billion barrels of oil and gas, potentially one of the largest discoveries in recent years.

Some residents of this 500-person town, however, have worried about the impact of such a vast find.

They're concerned the drilling could contaminate the aquifer, spoil the water or use up the springs — hydraulic fracturing requires millions of gallons of water to flood the well, crack shale and release oil.

Apache sent executives and workers to Balmorhea on Friday to meet with city and regional officials, the company said. Apache said it has leased the mineral rights under the town and the state park, but promised not to drill on or under either.

The park service said it would continue to monitor the situation.

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Gasoline	$1.946	▼	$0.008

The big number
U.N. General Assembly met to discuss
the world's 65.3 million
displaced people during the first-ever summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants. Learn more on Page 8A.

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

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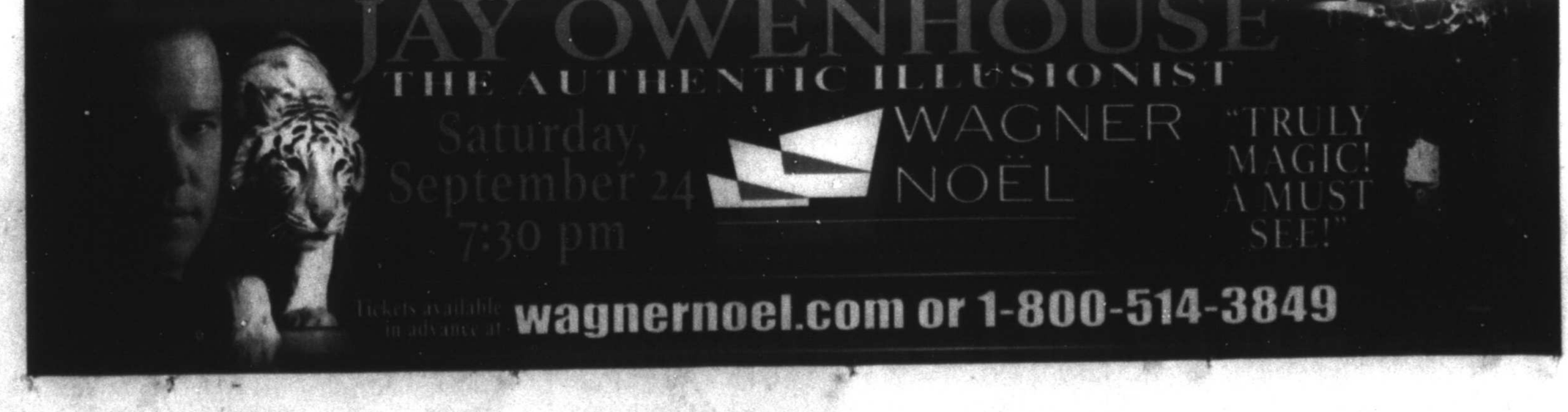

Obituaries

Guadalupe Robledo Gomez

Guadalupe Robledo Gomez, at the age of 100, was called home by her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on Sunday, September 18, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

Guadalupe was born to her parents, Clemente and Suzanna Mena, on Friday, May 12, 1916 in Glen Springs, Brewster County, Texas.

She is survived by her children, Felix Gomez, Julia Vega, Lupe Rodriguez, Ruben Gomez, Eva Costilla, and Linda Gomez; and by 29 grandchildren, 133 great-grandchildren, and 140 great-great-grandchildren.

Guadalupe was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Refugio Gomez; a son; Juan Gomez; and two daughters, Senaida Gomez and Helen Gomez.

Guadalupe was a very loving, kind, and caring mother and grandmother who will be missed by her friends and family.

A visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There will be a funeral service on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Emanuel Baptist Church in Midland.

Pallbearers will be Arnulfo Vega, Ronny Rodriguez, Juan Luis Gomez, Ernesto Natividad, Anthony Costilla, and Jerry Gomez.

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

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Kenneth Dale Cummins

Kenneth Dale Cummins, 75, of Andrews, Texas, passed away on Saturday, September 17, 2016 in Midland, Texas.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate his life at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at Graveside in the Andrews North Cemetery with Reverend Brant O'Connor, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Services are under the personal care of McNett Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at McNett Funeral Home.

Please celebrate the life of Kenneth by visiting *www.mcnettfuneralhome.com*

Kenneth was born on August 29, 1941 in Electra, Texas to Willis J. and Mary Blanche Ashley Cummins. Kenneth came to Andrews with his family in 1954; he graduated from AHS in 1959. Kenneth attended Lamar University; while at Lamar, he was drafted into the United States Marines. He served for four years with the Marines; one year of his service was in Vietnam. His duty while in the Marines was to keep the camera equipment serviced and loaded with film for fighter aircraft. Cameras, photography, and developing film became his hobby after his tour in the service.

He worked as a Technician for Amoco from 1968 until retirement in 1995. Kenneth loved taking care of and driving his Ford pick-up trucks.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Kenneth is survived by two brothers, Joe and wife Jean Cummins of Midland and James H. and wife Janet Cummins of Austin; one sister, Sue and husband Ed Elam of Chattanooga, Tennessee; and by six nephews and one niece.

The family would like to thank Home Hospice of Midland, all the staff at Manor Park Midland, and the staff and friends at Western Grill Steak House in Andrews.

Memorial can be made to Home Hospice, 201 W. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701.

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Death Notices

Alma Geraldine Johnson

Alma Geraldine Johnson, 84, of Midland, passed away Sunday, September 18, 2016.

Viewing will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

Funeral service is set for Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Frist Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave. with Pastors Mark Worley and Paula Brooks officiating. Burial will follow to Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her two sons, Charles A. Johnson and Jack W. Johnson, Jr.; and by her daughter, Carol Ann Johnson.

Avis Louise Brinlee Arnold Queen

Avis Louise Brinlee Arnold Queen, 99, of Midland, Texas, passed away on September 18, 2016.

She is survived by two sons, Jimmy Arnold and Johnny Arnold; and by one daughter, Judy Carter.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at American Heritage Cemetery, 4100 N FM 1788 in Midland.

Sydney Dickerson

Sydney Dickerson, 11, passed away on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Stonegate Fellowship in Midland with burial to follow at Resthaven Cemetery.

She is survived by her parents, Valerie and Jimmy Matthews; and sister, Sloan.

William L. Chapman

Mr. William L. Chapman, 81, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

He is survived by his wife, Melba Chapman.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

HealthSouth expansion plans move closer to realization

■ Planning and Zoning Commission approves hospital's zone change request

By Mella McEwen
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HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland-Odessa on Monday moved a step closer to realizing its expansion plans.

At a public hearing held in the City Council chambers, members of the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously voted to approve HealthSouth's request for a zone change from PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center to O-1, Office District.

The next step is approval from City Council, said Chris Wortham, the hospital's chief executive officer.

Wortham said plans are to add 20 beds to the hospital, which will be added in a grassy area facing Loop 250.

The additional beds are "due to an increase in hospitalizations in the Permian Basin," he said.

Once final approval is received, construction of the additional beds is expected to begin by the end of this year or early next year and take an estimated eight months, according to Wortham.

Once construction is completed, he said the hospital will then embark on an eight-month project to renovate the existing facility.

HealthSouth is located at the northwest corner of North Loop 250 West and Andrews Highway.

In other business, commissioners approved:

■ a final replat of four lots in the Westcliff Addition, Harvard Avenue and Idlewilde Drive, to divide four residential lots into eight lots.

■ a request from Dave Carter to change zoning at the northwest intersection of Interstate 20 and Commerce Drive from LR-2, Local Retail District, to LR-3, Local Retail District, to allow him to display larger items outside.

How Texas' voter ID law landed it in federal court — again

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas is back in federal court yet again defending one of the nation's strictest voter ID laws — this time against charges that the state is violating its own recent agreement to soften the rules ahead of the November election.

Last month, Texas approved letting residents who couldn't meet the requirement of its 2011 voter ID law cast ballots in the presidential election after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appels found that the law discriminated against poor and minority voters.

But since that July ruling, the U.S. Justice Department has accused Texas of reneging on the deal. U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos in Corpus Christi is hearing arguments on those complaints Monday evening.

Here are answers to some key questions in the case:

Q: What's at issue?

A: It largely comes down to a few key phrases.

Texas has agreed to let residents with IDs approved under the 2011 law, or those who "have not obtained" or "cannot obtain" qualifying identification, vote in the November presidential election. The state has used such terminology on official websites and in election training materials.

But the Justice Department says the original agreement called for extending voting to all Texans facing a "reasonable" impediment to obtaining approved photo identification. It says Texas' phrasing is too restrictive and will unnecessarily narrow the number of eligible voters, including Texans who had previously gotten proper IDs but lost them or had them stolen.

Federal government attorneys warned in court filings that Texas' language could cause confusion and delays during the election on Nov. 8 and want it corrected in state materials.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office counters that printing new materials will be expensive and time-consuming, and is unnecessary since the modified rules aren't restrictive.

Q: How did we get this far?

A: The New Orleans-based 5th Circuit ruled that Texas' law had a "discriminatory effect" on poor and minority Texans. That forced Texas to loosen its law for November's election, and Ramos on Aug. 10 approved a softer version both sides worked to hammer out.

The deal says voters can now cast a counted ballot by signing an affidavit and presenting a paycheck, bank statement, utility bill or government document that includes their name.

It also mandates that Texas spend at least $2.5 million on voter outreach before November. The state's deadline to register for the presidential election is Oct. 11.

Q: Why was the law considered discriminatory?

A: Elections experts have testified that Hispanics were twice as likely and blacks three times more likely than whites to lack an acceptable ID under the law. They also said lower-income Texas residents were more likely to lack underlying documents to obtain a free state voting ID.

Opponents say 600,000-plus registered voters lacked one of seven suitable IDs under the law.

Paxton's office counters that the law is necessary to prevent voter fraud — though such cases are rare. Meanwhile, Texas was allowed to fully enforce the law even amid ongoing legal battles during the last three election cycles, and there were few reports of voter disruption.

Q: Isn't this an issue elsewhere?

A: More than 30 states have some form of voter ID law. Of those, nine have strict limitations on what forms of identification are valid.

But Texas spells out just seven forms of acceptable voter identification. A concealed handgun license is allowed, for instance, while college IDs aren't.

A separate federal appeals court has blocked North Carolina's law limiting to six the number of approved IDs for voters, but the law there also scrapped same-day registration and shortened early voting periods.

Wisconsin's voter ID law ultimately survived federal court challenges and will be enforced Nov. 8. But residents of that state can get identification from the Department of Motor Vehicles, even if they lack necessary documents like a birth certificate, as long as they come in person to initiate the process.

Q: What happens now?

A: It's unclear when Ramos will rule. But the fight over a relaxed version of Texas' voter ID law for November won't be the end of the case, no matter what.

Federal courts will eventually decide whether Texas drafted its law in a way that was deliberately discriminatory, or simply had that effect. Paxton, meanwhile, has vowed to keep appealing and defend the original law before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Texas Tech food industry center to monitor retail meat

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has selected a Texas Tech University center to monitor retail meat.

The Lubbock school's International Center for Food Industry Excellence is getting $700,000 to be a surveillance lab for the federal agency's National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System.

The federal money will be used to monitor beef, pork and poultry products for pathogens and antibiotic resistance as part of the FDA's retail meat surveillance program.

The center's director, Mindy Brashears, says the center's experience in food safety and antibiotic resistance monitoring in the meat industry helped to attract the federal grant, which she says will have a long term impact on public health.

The monitoring system works with state and local public health departments and federal agencies.

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now has four institutions, which operate locations throughout the state.

Enrollment for the university system neared 50,000 students in 2015 — a 60 percent increase from 2003.

Last fall, nearly 700 Texas Tech University students were from Midland County.

The TTU System is hoping to expand, with plans to add dental and veterinary medicine schools in El Paso and Amarillo respectively in upcoming years.

Duncan said larger Texas universities should be concerned about providing quality education with anticipated growth.

"We have to be careful about when we grow so large — the mentoring aspect is diminished," Duncan said.

One consideration for the TTU System expansion is funding from the state. In 2011, the Texas legislature made budget cuts, dropping spending for higher education by nearly 8 percent.

"I don't know if it will be a substantial cut year," Duncan said. "I think it will remain stable for higher ed."

Duncan served in both houses of the state legislature before he was appointed chancellor in 2014. He said the TTU System is considering how it will plan future growth.

"The budget is in two-year cycles," Duncan said. "We really have to think 10 years out. I always thought that when I was in the legislature — we needed to think ahead."

He said one asset for West Texas is strong representation in the state legislature. State Rep. Tom Craddick and state Sen. Kel Seliger were among the legislators he listed as working together for the region.

"We are very fortunate to have senior leaders in West Texas — not just leadership here, but they end up leading and chairing positions," Duncan said. "It has made a huge difference at Tech."

Another factor making a difference for the TTU System is philanthropy, according to Duncan.

"Philanthropy plays a major role," Duncan said. "It's one of the reasons Texas Tech has been able to expand in our region. The communities — including Midland and Odessa — have supported us."

Considering funding helps institutions achieve 60x30TX, the state's strategic plan for higher education. The goal is for at least 60 percent of Texans aged 25 to 34 to have a certificate or degree by 2030.

"The purpose is to have a qualified, educated workforce," Duncan said. "It's a significant challenge, but it's going to be critical. We're looking five, 10, 15 years down the road."

Dan Patrick: Cruz will be left behind for not endorsing Trump

By Bobby Blanchard
Texas Tribune

Speaking on The Laura Ingraham Show on Monday, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick warned U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz will be left "in the rearview mirror of the Republican Party" if he doesn't endorse Donald Trump.

Cruz came under fire from Republicans earlier this year when he refused to endorse Trump during a primetime speech at the Republican convention in Cleveland.

Patrick had been somewhat quiet about Cruz in the weeks following the convention, when speculation mounted that Cruz's refusal to endorse Trump would earn him a primary challenger in 2018.

But when Ingraham asked about Cruz and other Republicans who won't support Trump on Monday, Patrick said he was "disappointed."

"You know, I stay loyal to my friends, and Ted's a friend, but obviously I'm disappointed," Patrick said. "I'm hoping there's still time for him to come forward, or I think he and all the other people you named will be left in the rearview mirror of the Republican Party moving forward. So I'm hoping Ted comes forward. I'm visiting with him on that issue, of course."

A spokeswoman for Ted Cruz declined to comment.

Patrick backed Cruz's own presidential efforts during the primaries. But after Cruz left the race, Patrick quickly became the most vocal advocate for Trump in Texas.

Last week, Patrick was named Trump's Texas state chairman. He's also been a frequent attendee at Trump's rallies and fundraisers in Texas.

"My primary goal is to unite our party in Texas," Patrick said in a statement on Friday. "I want to ensure a solid Trump win and to remind Republican voters, and the new Trump voters who came out in the primary, to support the entire Republican ticket from the White House to the courthouse."

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noun
1. something combining strength with sweetness.
2. a drink made of wine mixed with honey.

Albuquerque Police Department via AP, File

This image made from a video shows James Boyd, 38, left, during a standoff with officers in the Sandia foothills March 16, 2014 in Albuquerque, N.M., before police fatally shot him. The shooting of Boyd, who suffered from mental illness, ended a nearly five-hour standoff that involved more than a dozen officers by the time it ended. Opening statements began Monday in the long-awaited trial of two former police officers, Keith Sandy and Dominique Perez, charged in the fatal shooting of the homeless man.

Shooting trial renews scrutiny of Albuquerque police

By Mary Hudetz
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The Albuquerque Police Department's handling of a deadly standoff with a homeless man who was mentally ill came under renewed scrutiny Monday as a prosecutor trying the two former officers accused in the shooting argued that police escalated the encounter and then intentionally killed him.

The events that led to the death of James Boyd started out as a call police received about someone illegally camping in the foothills bordering Albuquerque, special prosecutor Randi McGinn told jurors during her opening statement.

Eventually, 19 officers responded to the scene with firearms, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, three bean-bag shotguns, 10 cans of mace and two trained police dogs.

Boyd was armed with two pocket knives during the March 2014 standoff that ended with him shot dead, McGinn said.

"Mr. Boyd brought a knife to a gun fight," she said. "Our expert witness will say when you are up against someone with a knife, distance is your best defense."

But defense lawyers for former Officer Dominque Perez and retired Detective Keith Sandy, charged with second-degree murder, said they opened fire to protect an unarmed officer with a police dog who was very close to Boyd as the suspect pulled knives and shouted death threats.

"The government wants you to believe it's murder. It's the farthest thing from murder," said attorney Sam Bregman, who is representing Sandy. "The evidence you will hear and you will see with your own eyes is this is justifiable homicide by police officers who were doing their job."

Police video released after the shooting led to a wave of protests in Albuquerque amid growing tensions over local shootings by police, with the unrest preceding a broader national debate on use of force by law enforcement. That debate has largely focused on race but also raised questions about deadly conflicts with people suffering from mental illness.

A month after Boyd's death, the Justice Department released findings from a more than year-long investigation into Albuquerque police that faulted them for using unreasonable force with the mentally ill and others who could not comply with officers' commands.

The officers' lawyers said in court that they were required under the training they had received to shoot Boyd. But McGinn said Boyd refused to comply with officers' orders to drop the knives and abandon his campsite because he feared the officers would shoot and kill him.

Albuquerque Police Chief Gorden Eden was the first witness called to the stand by the prosecution, and was peppered with questions Monday about his department's use of force policies at the time Boyd was shot.

A resident had complained about Boyd's campsite near a middle class neighborhood, prompting the March 16, 2016 police show of force. Boyd, who was diagnosed with schizophrenia and had

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Albuquerque murder case total for 2016 matches last year's

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The number of homicides in Albuquerque so far this year already matches the total number of murders in 2015.

The Albuquerque Journal reports that 2015 was the deadliest year in the city since 2009, but this year is on track to be worse. Albuquerque Police Department detectives have investigated 46 homicides thus far in Albuquerque, the total for all of last year.

The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office did not provide the number of homicides it has investigated so far this year.

If homicides continue at the current rate, 2016 will see more homicides than it has since 1996, when the number hit 70.

Mayor Richard Berry said he has been talking with politicians and leaders of other cities about how to address the number.

"Many cities saw a spike, but there's not a lot of consensus nationally on what should be done," he said. "I'm working to engage in conversations nationally so we can learn lessons from other cities."

Chicago has had more than 500 homicides this year, exceeding its total for last year. Baltimore has had 218 thus far in 2016 and 344 total last year.

El Paso, a similar-size city to Albuquerque, has seen only 12 murders this year and 17 all of last year.

Both Berry and the police department blame violent "career criminals" for the uptick in deaths.

APD spokeswoman Celina Espinoza said it is hard to predict when violent crimes will occur and therefore it's hard to know if there is a trend.

Classes canceled at Albuquerque school because of threat

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Classes are canceled for the day at an Albuquerque middle school that was evacuated because of what police say was an emailed threat.

Police announced Monday afternoon that Eisenhower Middle School has been cleared and nothing suspicious has been found.

Police say the emailed threat sent to law enforcement indicated there might be an explosive device or active shooter at the school.

The school district said earlier Monday the school was evacuated because of a bomb threat.

Police say they took into account weekend incidents that occurred in New York and Minnesota.

District spokeswoman Monica Armenta says officials decided to cancel classes after police said their investigation might take hours.

Armenta says all but a few of the school's more than 800 students have been handed off to their parents.

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STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WACO

Federal judge in Texas reprimanded for misconduct retires

A longtime federal judge in Texas who was reprimanded for making unwanted sexual advances has retired from the bench.

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith Jr. in a letter to President Barack Obama said his retirement was effective last Wednesday.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in December reprimanded the 75-year-old Smith for making unwanted advances toward a court employee years before. Smith also was suspended from overseeing any new cases.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports that a federal committee determined in July that further investigation was needed to see whether Smith made advances toward other women.

Smith became a federal judge in 1984 and the Tribune-Herald says in retirement he'll receive an annuity equal to his salary of $203,100.

Attempts to reach Smith by phone for comment Monday were unsuccessful.

SAN ANTONIO

Authorities seize thousands of jewelry pieces from store

Authorities say they've confiscated more than 11,000 pieces of jewelry from a San Antonio store after investigators found stolen items in a store safe.

Bexar County sheriff's spokeswoman Rosanne Hughes said Monday the investigation began last month when residents reported stolen jewelry.

Authorities determined the residents used the same cleaning woman and Hughes says stolen items were found in a safe at La Joyeria International jewelry store.

Hughes says the woman is cooperating with investigators and no charges have been filed yet.

Hughes says authorities have recovered about $2 million worth of stolen jewelry but said the investigation continues and they're still trying to determine how many people were involved and how many victimized.

An employee at the store Monday deferred questions to a manager who was not immediately available.

GRAPEVINE

Texas student's body found burned, dismembered; Man charged

Officials say a man has been charged in the death of a North Texas college student whose body was found dismembered and burned in a park.

Grapevine police said Monday that 30-year-old Charles Dean Bryant has been charged with capital murder in the death of 24-year-old Jacqueline Vandagriff. Her body was found in a park Wednesday after firefighters extinguished a fire.

Police Sgt. Robert Eberling says Bryant and Vandagriff were seen together in a Denton bar the night before her body was found. He said the extent of their relationship wasn't known.

Texas Woman's University said in a statement that that Vandagriff was a nutrition student there.

Bryant was being held Monday on $1 million bond. Eberling did not know whether Bryant had an attorney yet.

COLLEGE STATION

Arrest in fatal shooting of Texas A&M student

An Austin-area man arrested in Fort Worth is charged with murder for the shooting death of a 21-year-old Texas A&M student killed at her off-campus apartment over the weekend, police said Monday.

College Station police said Victor Manual Garcia-Loyo, 22, of Del Valle, had been dating Maricarmen Quiroz-Octaviano.

Police were called Saturday night to her apartment complex not far from the A&M campus after reports of gunfire.

They found the woman's body inside her apartment.

Police said detectives contacted Garcia-Loyo by phone and he agreed to come in and talk with them but never showed.

Investigators were able to track him by his cellphone to Fort Worth, where police found him at a residence Sunday. He was carrying the driver's license of Quiroz-Octaviano and a 9mm handgun. He also had what appeared to be a gunshot wound to his hand.

Authorities said Garcia-Loyo told College Station police who went to Fort Worth to interview him that he shot the woman during an argument and shot himself in the hand during the gunfire.

He was returned to Brazos County where he was jailed Monday without bond on a murder charge.

Police described the shooting "an isolated incident" of domestic violence and said the public was in no danger.

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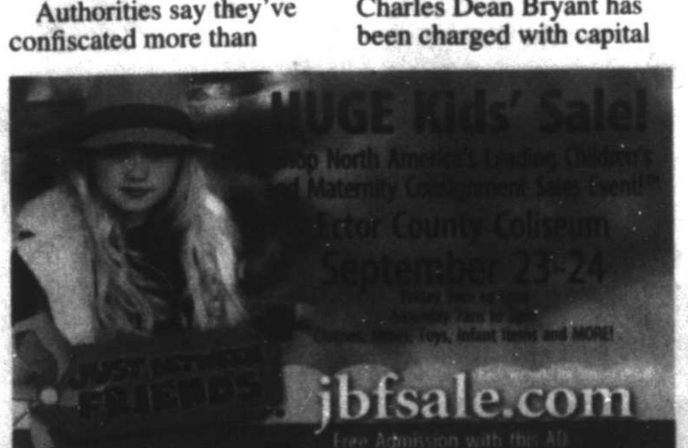

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Tax ratification election

When: Oct. 8
Time: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Election Day voting centers: Annex Courtroom, 2110 N. "A" St.; Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250; Cogdell Learning Center, 211 W. Florida Ave.; Golf Course Church of Christ, 3500 W. Golf Course Road; St. Paul's Methodist Church, 4501 Thomason Drive.
Early voting
When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 26-Sept. 30, Oct. 3-4
Where: County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.

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

Things to do

■ Play Date: Friendly Faces, 10 a.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.
■ Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m., Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Every other Tuesday. co.midland.tx.us/lib.
■ Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture: Heidi Hughes of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve, 11:30 a.m., the Petroleum Museum. Free. Drinks and dessert provided. Pbpetro.org.
■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.
■ $2 Tuesdays bowling after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.
■ Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

Meeting

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson Board Room

Support groups, groups meetings today

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available House of Hope, 570-5935.
■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com?
■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.
■ National Active & Retired Federal Employees, 6 p.m., Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College For information, call 634-7826.
■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.
■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road Suite 1-D; 553-1031.
■ PDAP meetings at 7-8 p.m.: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church
■ Sons of Confederate Veterans Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441, p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-8955.

Military support groups

A confidential peer-to-peer port gathering for combat veterans Midland College Cogdell Center, Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org

American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

Tall City VFW Post 7208, bingo games, 7 p.m., 1303 E. Taylor.

VFW Post 4149 Motorcycle 4, 7 p.m., 409 Veterans Airpark Lane 684-9226.

National Night Out block-captain party

The Midland Police Department will host an appreciation party for National Night Out block captains from 5-6:30 p.m. on Thursday at Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave.

Block captains are those who have chosen to lead a neighborhood block party for National Night Out on Oct. 4. The deadline to register a neighborhood party is Sept. 28, and potential block captains are invited to attend the appreciation party Thursday evening. Residents can call and register their block party by calling 432-685-7582.

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Crime scene investigators work Sunday at the scene of Saturday's explosion in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood, in New York.

Suspect is shot and captured in New York-area bombings

By Deepti Hajela and Jake Pearson
Associated Press

LINDEN, N.J. — A New Jersey police officer responding to a call about a hoodied vagrant curled up asleep in a bar doorway roused him and quickly recognized the bearded face of perhaps the most wanted man in America.

Ahmad Khan Rahami — identified in an FBI bulletin just hours earlier as a man wanted in the weekend bombings in New York City and New Jersey — pulled a gun, shot the officer and triggered a running gun battle in the street that ended with Rahami wounded and in custody Monday, authorities said.

A bloodied Rahami was loaded into the back of an ambulance, just 50 hours after the first blast that started it all.

Rahami, 28, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Afghanistan who lived with his Muslim family in Elizabeth, New Jersey, underwent surgery for a gunshot wound to the leg as authorities began drawing up charges in a case that spread fear across the New York area and revived anxiety about homegrown terrorism.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said officials have every reason to believe the series of bombings "was an act of terror," though investigators said Rahami's exact motive isn't yet clear.

With Rahami's arrest, officials said they have no indication there are more bombs or suspects to find, though they cautioned that they are still investigating.

Still, after a whirlwind investigation that put Rahami in custody in just two days' time, "I'm a lot happier today than I was yesterday," New York City Police Commissioner James O'Neill said.

The probe started when a pipe bomb blew up Saturday morning in Seaside Park, New Jersey, before a charity race to benefit Marines. No one was injured.

Then a shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bomb similar to those used in the Boston Marathon attack exploded Saturday night in New York's Chelsea section, wounding 29 people, none seriously. An unexploded pressure-cooker bomb was found blocks away.

Late Sunday night, five explosive devices were discovered in a trash can at an Elizabeth train station. Investigators said they are still gathering evidence and have not publicly tied Rahami to those devices.

Late Monday, a hospitalized Rahami was charged in New Jersey with five counts of attempted murder of police officers in connection with the shootout and was held on $5.2 million bail. Federal prosecutors said they were still weighing charges over the bombings.

It wasn't known if Rahami had an attorney. Messages left for family members were not immediately returned.

Rahami lived with his family above their fried-chicken restaurant in Elizabeth, and his relatives have clashed with the city over closing times and noise complaints they said were tinged with anti-Muslim sentiment. A childhood friend, Flee Jones, said Rahami had become more religious after returning from a trip to Afghanistan several years ago. Still, some of the family restaurant's customers said that while Rahami was devout, he was more likely to talk about his interest in cars than to mention faith.

William Sweeney Jr., the FBI's assistant director in New York, said there were no indications Rahami was on law enforcement's radar at the time of the bombings.

Authorities zeroed in on him as the potential bomber after a fingerprint and DNA obtained from one of the New York sites and "clear as day" surveillance video from the bombing scene helped identify him, according to three law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case.

Five people were pulled over Sunday night in a vehicle associated with Rahami but were questioned and released, Sweeney said, declining to say whether they might later face charges. The law enforcement officials said at least one of Rahami's relatives was in the car, which appeared headed toward Kennedy Airport in New York after coming from New Jersey.

Linden Mayor Derek Armstead said the break in the case came late Monday morning, when a bar owner reported someone asleep in his doorway.

Jack Mazza, co-manager of nearby V.C.M.R. Truck Services, said the bar owner came over exclaiming about the sleeping man, and Mazza walked over to see a man curled up with a sweatshirt hood pulled over his head in the rain.

"He looked like a bum," Mazza said.

After an officer arrived and recognized Rahami, Rahami shot the officer, who was saved by his bulletproof vest, authorities said. More officers joined in a gun battle that spilled into the street.

Another police officer was grazed by a bullet. Authorities said neither officers' injuries were life-threatening.

Peter Bilinskas said he was standing by his desk at his Linden bowling-supply shop when he heard what sounded like gunfire and saw a man walking down the street with a gun in his hand.

As a police car pulled up at the traffic light in front of the shop, the man fired about six shots at the cruiser, then continued down the street with police following him, Bilinskas said.

As the East Coast was rattled by the bombings, a man who authorities say referred to Allah wounded nine people in a stabbing rampage at a Minnesota mall Saturday before being shot to death by an off-duty police officer. Authorities are investigating it as a possible terrorist attack but have not drawn any connection between the bloodshed there and the bombings.

Oil investors flee as OPEC freeze hopes face supply reality

By Mark Shenk
Bloomberg

Oil speculators headed for the sidelines as OPEC members prepare to discuss freezing output in the face of signs the supply glut will linger.

Money managers cut wagers on both falling and rising crude prices before talks between OPEC and other producers later this month. The meeting comes after the International Energy Agency said that the global oversupply will last longer than previously thought as demand growth slows and output proves resilient.

"It's a cliff trade right here," said John Kilduff, partner at Again Capital, a New York hedge fund focused on energy. "There's more uncertainty than usual in the market because of the upcoming meeting. People are waiting for the outcome and a number think this is a good time to stand on the sidelines."

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries plans to hold an informal meeting with competitor Russia in Algiers on Sept. 27, fanning speculation the producers may agree on an output cap to shore up prices. Oil climbed 7.5 percent in August after OPEC announced talks in the Algerian capital.

The group may hold a formal meeting if ministers reach a consensus in Algiers, according to OPEC Secretary General Mohammed Barkindo, Algeria's official news agency reported Sunday. Members are close to reaching an agreement, Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro said after speaking to his counterparts from Ecuador and Iran.

Speculators trimmed their short position in West Texas Intermediate crude by 29,195 futures and options during the week ended Sept. 13, according to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Bets on rising prices also declined, bringing the total of longs and shorts to the lowest since July.

WTI futures advanced 0.2 percent to $44.90 a barrel in the report week.

World oil stockpiles will continue to accumulate into late 2017, a fourth consecutive year of oversupply, according to the IEA. Just last month, the agency predicted the market would start returning to equilibrium this year.

More than 800 immigrants mistakenly granted citizenship

By Alicia A. Caldwell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government has mistakenly granted citizenship to at least 858 immigrants from countries of concern to national security or with high rates of immigration fraud who had pending deportation orders, according to an internal Homeland Security audit released Monday.

The Homeland Security Department's inspector general found that the immigrants used different names or birthdates to apply for citizenship with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and such discrepancies weren't caught because their fingerprints were missing from government databases.

DHS said in an emailed statement that an initial review of these cases suggest that some of the individuals may have ultimately qualified for citizenship, and that the lack of digital fingerprint records does not necessarily mean they committed fraud.

The report does not identify any of the immigrants by name, but Inspector General John Roth's auditors said they were all from "special interest countries" — those that present a national security concern for the United States — or neighboring countries with high rates of immigration fraud. The report did not identify those countries.

DHS said the findings reflect what has long been a problem for immigration officials — old paper-based records containing fingerprint information that can't be searched electronically. DHS says immigration officials are in the process of uploading these files and that officials will review "every file" identified as a case of possible fraud.

Roth's report said fingerprints are missing from federal databases for as many as 315,000 immigrants with final deportation orders or who are fugitive criminals. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has not reviewed about 148,000 of those immigrants' files to add fingerprints to the digital record.

The gap was created because older, paper records were never added to fingerprint databases created by both the now-defunct Immigration and Naturalization Service and the FBI in the 1990s. ICE, the DHS agency responsible for finding and deporting immigrants living in the country illegally, didn't consistently add digital fingerprint records

Please see MISTAKE/5A

TRIAL

From 3A

been previously involuntarily committed for at the state psychiatric hospital, held officers at bay after pulling two pocket knives, the police video shows.

As more officers converged on the scene, Boyd in his conversations with them clung to a made-up persona that he was a U.S. Defense Department official. Sometimes he shouted, and sometimes he talked about a special national security mission as officers appeared to play along in their attempt to take him into custody.

Perez and Sandy arrived separately after being briefed that Boyd's prior arrest record included an alleged assault on a police officer. They also knew other officers had repeatedly called on Boyd to drop his knives and abandon his make-shift campsite marked by a spread of tarps covering his belongings.

Video from Perez's helmet camera shows Boyd talking about being willing to walk down the rocky hillside with officers when police detonated a flash grenade.

The explosion was meant to disorient Boyd. Instead, he reached for his knives as a police dog and the dog's handler advanced toward Boyd. He was shot seconds later in the arms and back and died at a hospital early the next morning.

Jurors must decide whether Perez and Sandy justifiably perceived that Boyd posed a life-threatening danger to officers.

In 1989, a Supreme Court decision concluded that an officer's use of force must be evaluated through the "perspective of a reasonable officer on scene rather than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight." The ruling was mentioned in court repeatedly on Monday.

Luis Robles, Perez's attorney, said his client made a "life-or-death decision" in a tumultuous and fast-moving situation when he saw the other officers several feet away from Boyd.

"This is not a crime," Robles said. "This is instead a reasonable decision made by an officer."

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MISTAKE

From 4A

of immigrants whom agents encountered until 2010.

The government has known about the information gap and its impact on naturalization decisions since at least 2008 when a Customs and Border Protection official identified 206 immigrants who used a different name or other biographical information to gain citizenship or other immigration benefits, though few cases have been investigated.

Roth's report said federal prosecutors have accepted two criminal cases that led to the immigrants being stripped of their citizenship. But prosecutors declined another 26 cases. ICE is investigating 32 other cases after closing 90 investigations.

ICE officials told auditors that the agency hadn't pursued many of these cases in the past because federal prosecutors "generally did not accept immigration benefits fraud cases." ICE said the Justice Department has now agreed to focus on cases involving people who have acquired security clearances, jobs of public trust or other security credentials.

Several members of Congress criticized the Obama administration Monday in the wake of Roth's report, though the report suggests that the gaps extend several years earlier than the Obama administration.

Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee Michael McCaul said ICE should quickly investigate all of the cases at issue and ensure that all immigration fingerprint records are digitized in short order.

Mistakenly awarding citizenship to someone ordered deported can have serious consequences because U.S. citizens can typically apply for and receive security clearances or take security-sensitive jobs.

At least three of the immigrants-turned-citizens were able to acquire aviation or transportation worker credentials, granting them access to secure areas in airports or maritime facilities and vessels. Their credentials were revoked after they were identified as having been granted citizenship improperly, Roth said in his report.

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OPINION

Taco trucks steer this immigration debate

■ Trump support sends a message about what America could become

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

Twenty-three years ago, over lunch in a Basque restaurant in Fresno, my longtime friend and mentor — the great Mexican-American essayist Richard Rodriguez — offered an interesting thought about what was driving the transformation of the United States into a Latino country.

(That reminds me. I should let you know that the nation's 54 million Latinos had a meeting and took a vote. The new country will be named: "Latino-landia." You'll get used to it.)

Rodriguez talked about how he had recently interviewed a white supremacist who absolutely loved Mexican food.

"People always think that culture is going to arrive in an evening gown," he said. "It's coming in a taco."

As we say in Spanish, *dicho y hecho*. Said and done.

In the 1940s, Mexican-American students who brought tacos to school for lunch would eat them in a corner so as not to be teased by classmates. Today, white parents in the suburbs fill their kids' backpacks with prepacked lunch meals — some of which contain chips, salsa and, yes, tacos.

And we have a new paradox in this country: There are many Americans who don't like Mexicans but they love Mexican food.

So you wouldn't expect these folks to get too worked up over the apocalyptic scenario envisioned by Marco Gutierrez, founder of "Latinos for Trump."

Really? Why not "Chickens for Colonel Sanders"?

Having migrated to the United States from Mexico as a young man in 1991, Gutierrez fired up the cultural wars recently when — during an appearance on MSNBC's "All In With Chris Hayes" — he told guest host Joy Reid that uncontrolled immigration would lead to "taco trucks [on] every corner."

Many people laughed. Others pondered one of life's big questions: beef or chicken? MSNBC's Joe Scarborough chuckled that a nation flooded with taco trucks "sounds like an America that I want to live in."

Shows how much the smarty-pants in the elite media know about the modern immigration debate, where the impact of food — along with other aspects of culture such as language, ethnic holidays, the Mexican flag, etc. — is no joke. What everyday people see, hear and taste drives much of the anxiety that non-Latinos (and, in a disturbing development, even some Latinos) experience as a result of changing demographics.

I saw the revolution up close in the late 1990s. While I was living in Phoenix and working as a metro columnist for the Arizona Republic, the nation's fifth-largest city became embroiled in a messy food fight.

City officials began fielding complaints from neighborhood groups about mobile food vendors in their midst. The response was an ordinance that included a 10 p.m. curfew and a musical-chairs requirement that vendors not remain in the same place for days at a time.

Supposedly, the residents were concerned about litter, loud music, bright lights, late hours and an unsavory clientele. But it was no coincidence that the neighborhood groups were mostly white and the vendors were usually Mexican immigrants who spoke little or no English. The taco trucks were a proxy for something bigger.

Fearing the new restrictions would put them out of business and leave them with no way to feed their families, the taqueros (as they became known) fought back. Nearly a hundred of them organized, marched and — with the help of an immigrant-rights organization — convinced a prominent Yale-educated Mexican-American civil rights attorney to file an appeal against the ordinance. It worked. Eventually, the city relented.

One of the images I remember most clearly from those days is that of a taco vendor named Jose Moreno, who worked 12-hour days in his sweltering truck to support his wife and three kids. As he marched in front of city hall wearing an apron and a sombrero, he had strong words for city officials.

"They want to take away our right to work," Moreno told me. "Why don't they go after the drug dealers who do business in the same neighborhoods where we work? Why are they picking on us?"

Partly because they thought they could. And partly because taco trucks became for some people a frightening symbol of what Phoenix, the Southwest and the rest of America was becoming, and those people wanted to push back.

In 2016, that fears lives on, and it's helping to fuel the Trump campaign in all its hideousness. There is nothing funny about that.

OUR VIEW

Judge Culver set the bar high for those who follow

While she stood 5 feet tall, it is hardly hyperbole to call the late Judge Barbara Culver Clack a true giant in our community.

We encourage those who haven't done so to read Ed Todd's tribute to "Judge Culver," who passed away last week. She was indeed a Midland treasure.

We could go on and on about Judge Culver's place in county and state history. She was the first woman to serve as county judge in Midland County, and according to her resume, the "first woman in Texas to be elected (county) judge on the Republican ticket." Her service wasn't just for a token term or period. Judge Culver served in that position for 15 years.

She followed with a 10-year judgeship of the 318th District Court in Midland County and then a year as justice on the Texas Supreme Court. Judge Culver was the second woman and first Republican woman to serve on the high court.

We could go on, but others in the community can do a much better job of reflecting on the greatness of Judge Culver.

"She was shepherd of the constitution," Midland County District Attorney Teresa Clingman said. "She set a standard that other judges have tried to live up to every since."

County Judge Mike Bradford said, "She was a giant in the community, truly one of the treasures of Midland County."

Long-time Midland attorney Bob Bledsoe said Judge Culver was "a jurist of whom we have been and are justifiably proud."

Judge Dean Rucker said, "Judge Culver was my hero and my mentor .... She was a giant among Texans."

You get the picture. Judge Culver long set a standard in the community and among legal officials that was and will be hard to replicate. In August the Reporter-Telegram Editorial Board called for those at the Texas Women's Hall of Fame to consider her for induction. Her resume is worthy of consideration.

If there was a Mount Rushmore of women who had an impact in Midland, Judge Culver would be on it.

She will be missed.

GUEST VIEW

Majority of Texans don't like Trump's border wall

Beaumont Enterprise

There are almost as many polls now as college football games, and with both people can pick and choose the ones they like. But one recent poll stood out because its results were about the opposite of what many would have expected.

You might think Texans would support Donald Trump's famous (and controversial) proposal to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border. After all, Texas is just about the reddest state in the union, not voting for a Democratic presidential candidate since 1976.

But a recent poll by the public policy group Texas Lyceum found that 59 percent of Texans opposed that wall, with only 35 percent in favor. Among Hispanics, the opposition was strong — 75 percent. Even Anglos only supported it by a 53 percent margin, hardly overwhelming.

Texas is mostly conservative, but it also shares a long history with Mexico. Trump should've listened to people who actually live along the border before proposing this absurd barrier.

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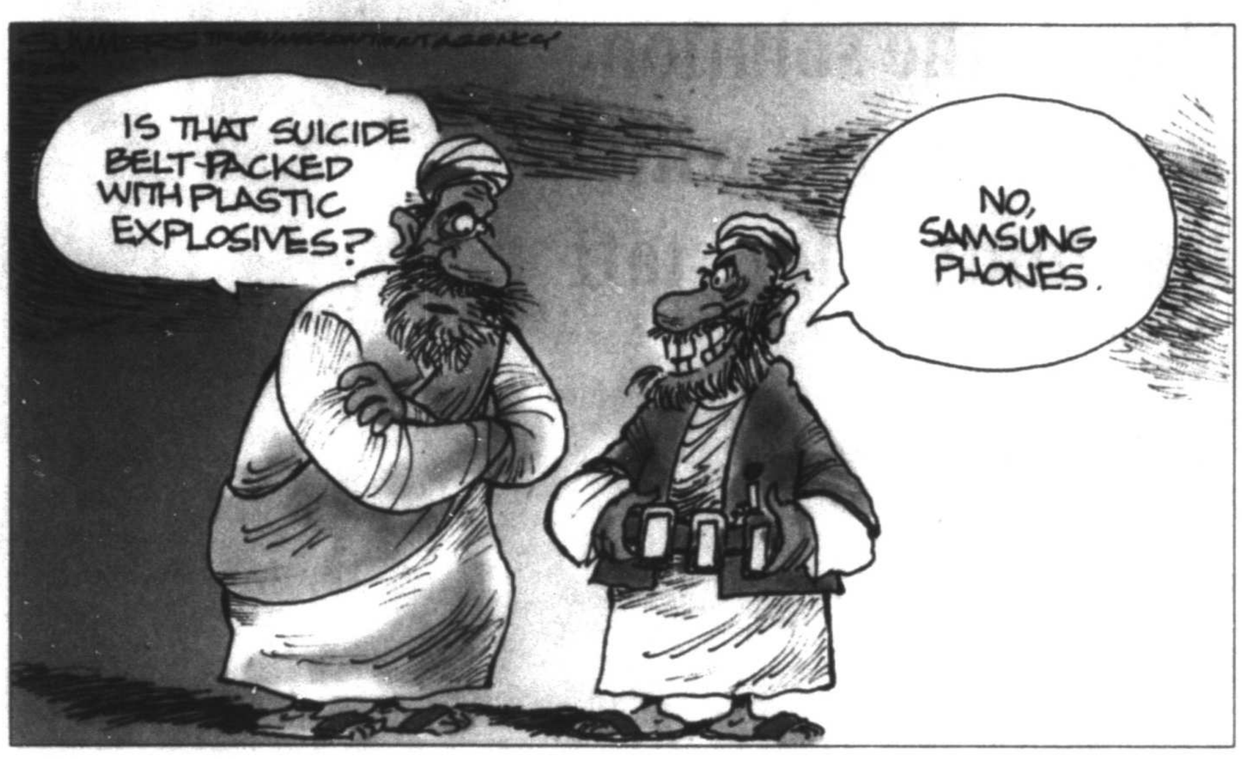

Harry Reid's bile is bountiful

■ Democratic leader is to blame for deterioration of discourse in the nation

DANA MILBANK
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NASA scientists may have noticed a wobble in Earth's axis last week. Harry Reid, the irascible top Democrat in the Senate, had shown contrition.

Reid had attacked the integrity of Republicans, including the majority whip, John Cornyn, suggesting they were doing the bidding of the billionaire Koch brothers.

But the next day, Reid began his daily remarks to the Senate by declaring that "I want everyone to know that my criticism of the senior senator from Texas is not based on anything dealing with his character, his integrity."

Cornyn rose to express his "gratitude."

And then, as quickly as it had begun, the feel-good moment was over. A McClatchy reporter asked Reid about his remorse and Reid said "with great irritation" that he hadn't apologized. "He didn't ask for an apology, and he didn't expect an apology," Reid snapped.

Being Harry Reid means never having to say you're sorry. The former boxer and cop, retiring in January, is departing the Senate the way he led it: with ferocious partisanship and explosive language.

On the same day he gave his non-apology to Cornyn, he also suggested that Donald Trump is fat: "Take a look at this character that's running for president. ... He's not slim and trim. He brags about eating fast food every day."

In the same news conference, Reid offered some violent imagery to describe Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) as she negotiated a spending package with Republicans: "You could put a gun to her head right now and she can't tell you what they're trying to come up with."

Just before returning to Washington from his summer break, Reid sat down with the Reno Gazette-Journal, saying it was "crazy" of Patricia Smith, whose son was killed in Benghazi, to blame Hillary Clinton. He also described Rep. Joe Heck, the Republican candidate to succeed him in the Senate, as "the most fraudulent person" he's known in 50 years of politics.

And Reid defended the false allegation he made in 2012 that Mitt Romney had not paid taxes for 10 years. "I'd do it again," Reid said. He reasoned that it's one of his strengths to "tell the truth," then added, "Maybe not the truth — it's how I feel."

I've enjoyed covering Reid and will miss him when he's gone. His wild rhetoric made for good copy. But in this Age of Trump, I also wonder whether Reid's style — insults, insinuations and sometimes false allegations — helped to clear the way for worse.

To be sure, Trump is a uniquely Republican problem, created by years of GOP coddling of extremists. But I can't help thinking Reid is one who deserves some blame for the deterioration of discourse that numbed the country to Trump's vulgarity.

Reid has suggested that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, with whom he must work every day, "agrees with Trump's view that women are dogs and pigs." He's accused Republicans of being "drunk with power," "puppets," "amateurish" and "cowards" who are led by "crazies."

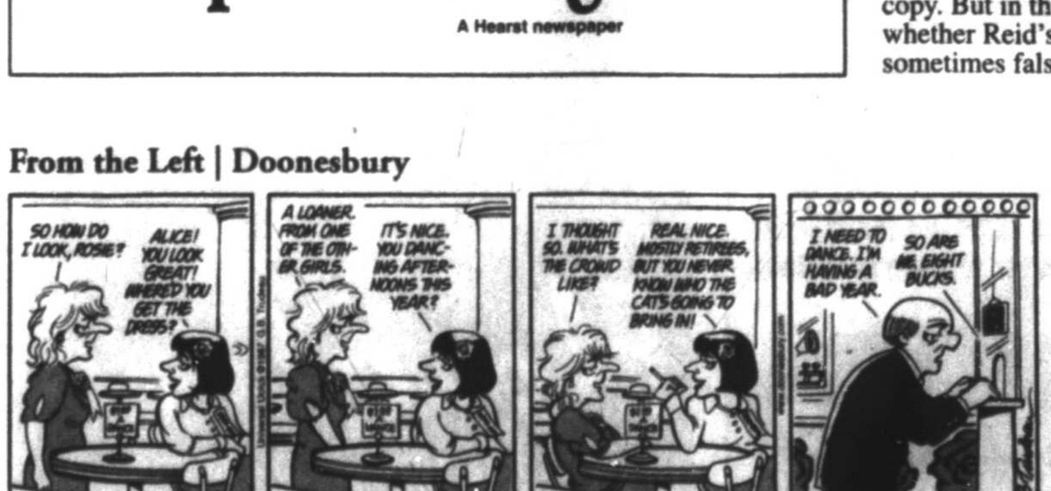
George W. Bush, in Reid's telling, was a "loser" and a "liar" who "betrayed the country." Former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan was a "hack" and a "fraud," and the head of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission "unethical, prevaricating," "a treacherous miserable liar," a "first-class rat" and a "tool."

Reid got in trouble for praising Obama as a "light-skinned" African American "with no Negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one." He described Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) as a "snake oil" salesman. He likened opponents of Obamacare to defenders of slavery.

Long before Trump's campaign, Reid said that "I don't know how anyone of Hispanic heritage could be a Republican." He joked to an Asian audience, "One problem that I've had today is keeping my Wongs straight." He has instructed the American Bar Association to "get a new life," advised a reporter to "get a brain" and asked another journalist whether she spoke English, suggesting she "turn up your Miracle Ear."

Reid shows no sign of easing into retirement. He walked onto the Senate floor Wednesday with a wooden cane and, peering at his speech through black horn-rimmed spectacles, proceeded through his daily denunciation of the Republicans. He accused them ("the party of Trump, whose pal is Putin") of trying to establish an "oligarchy." From there he went on to host a photo op where he derided news photographers as a "mob" and to hold a news conference where he accused Senate Republicans of a "ploy." The bile was bountiful — and it was only lunchtime.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

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Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton speaks during a campaign stop at Temple University on Monday in Philadelphia.

Clinton: Trump gives 'aid, comfort' to ISIS recruiters

By Catherine Lucey and Lisa Lerer
Associated Press

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Hillary Clinton accused Donald Trump of giving "aid and comfort" to Islamic terrorists Monday, declaring after a weekend of violent attacks in three states that his anti-Muslim rhetoric helps groups like ISIS recruit new fighters.

Trump showed no sign of changing, casting "many" foreigners coming to the U.S. as a "cancer within."

The Democratic presidential candidate touted her own national security credentials at a hastily arranged news conference outside her campaign plane, saying she was the most qualified to combat terrorism and accusing Republican Trump for using the incidents to make "some kind of demagogic point."

"I'm the only candidate in this race who's been part of the hard decisions to take terrorists off the battlefield," Clinton, a former secretary of state, told reporters. "I have sat at that table in the Situation Room."

She added: "I know how to do this."

The possibility of a homegrown terrorist plot cast a long shadow over the presidential race, diverting both candidates' attention from the daily controversies of the presidential race and giving them a high-profile opportunity to make their case to undecided voters.

Clinton and her team see her experience and what they say is her steady judgment as key selling points for her candidacy.

On the campaign trail, she frequently invokes her role in the 2011 raid that killed Osama bin Laden, describing to voters the tense atmosphere in the White House alongside President Barack Obama.

But while much of the foreign policy establishment has rallied around Clinton, Trump's anti-immigrant rhetoric, promises to close U.S. borders and vows to aggressively profile potential terrorists have fueled his presidential bid.

On Monday, he hit hard on those points, calling for tougher policing, including profiling foreigners who look like they could have connections to terrorism or certain Mideastern nations.

"Knock the hell out of 'em," Trump said on "Fox and Friends" in a telephone interview.

"We don't want to do any profiling," he said of current U.S. policy. "If somebody looks like he has a massive bomb on his back, we won't go up to that person and say I'm sorry because if he looks like he comes from that part of the world we're not allowed to profile. ... Give me a break."

Pointing to her "aid and comfort" remark and others, Trump's campaign said Clinton was accusing him of treason, going beyond the bounds of acceptable campaigning and trying to change the subject from her own failures.

Clinton spokesman Brian Fallon responded: "The Trump campaign can call it whatever they want; Hillary Clinton will continue to call it out."

Clinton urged voters not to "get diverted and distracted by the kind of campaign rhetoric we hear from the other side." She insinuated that Islamic militants, particularly those affiliated with ISIS, are rooting for Trump to win the White House.

The Republican has said he would bar immigration from nations with ties to terrorism.

"We're going after the bad guys and we're going to get them, but we're not going to go after an entire religion," Clinton said.

Clinton briefly turned her focus from national security on Monday, wooing younger voters at a midday rally in Philadelphia.

At an invitation-only event at Temple University, she acknowledged that she needs to do more to get millennials on board.

"Even if you are totally opposed to Donald Trump, you may still have some questions about me. I get that. And I want to do my best to answer those questions," she told several hundred students gathered in an ornate, wood-paneled lecture hall.

This election marks the first presidential campaign where millennials make up the single largest generation among U.S. adults, having surpassed baby boomers during the past four years.

The group helped anchor Obama's support, but Clinton has failed to attract them in the same numbers.

She was to meet with the leaders of Egypt, Ukraine and Japan late in the day in New York City. The leaders are in New York for the U.N. General Assembly. Trump announced plans to meet with Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah El-Sisi on Monday.

Trump has tried to appear more statesmanlike as the November election approaches.

Still, he suggested that it's a positive trait that some world leaders feel uneasy about him.

"Well, maybe that's a good thing, not a bad thing. Right now the world has no respect for our country, they have no respect for our president, whatsoever."

New York officials said Monday the bombings in a Manhattan neighborhood and a New Jersey shore town were looking increasingly like acts of terrorism with a foreign connection.

Authorities were also investigating the stabbings of nine people at a Minnesota mall as a possible act of terrorism.

An Afghan immigrant wanted for questioning in the bombings was captured in New Jersey Monday after being wounded in a gun battle with police, authorities said.

Why it matters: Infrastructure

By David A. Lieb
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — **The issue:** The U.S. interstate highway system, celebrating its 60th birthday this year, is showing its age. Many roads and bridges are in need of repair or expansion.

Similar problems exist for public drinking and wastewater systems, dams and levees, airports, railroads and mass transit systems.

Politicians generally agree the nation's infrastructure is in need of improvement.

Deciding how to pay for it and which projects should take priority is more difficult.

Where they stand

To hear either candidate talk, a staggering amount of money is going to be spent on infrastructure — if Congress goes along.

Democrat Hillary Clinton has proposed spending $250 billion over the next five years on infrastructure. She proposes to repair and improve roads and bridges, expand public transit, make affordable high-speed internet access available to all households by 2020 and modernize passenger rail systems, airports, dams, levees and wastewater systems.

Clinton also proposes to direct $25 billion over five years to a new national infrastructure bank, which she said could support about $225 billion in loans for local infrastructure projects. A similar lending bank was proposed by President Barack Obama during his first term but failed to win congressional approval.

Republican Donald Trump has said he wants to spend at least double the amount Clinton has proposed for infrastructure, financed through low-interest bonds.

His campaign said a more detailed plan is coming. In his 2015 book, "Crippled America: How to Make America Great Again," Trump said a large-scale public infrastructure plan could create the "biggest economic boom in this country since the New Deal," a series of programs started in the 1930s by President Franklin Roosevelt.

Why it matters

A reliable infrastructure system strengthens the nation's economy, enhances public safety and can improve the quality of life.

Public health can be put at risk by poor infrastructure, such as when lead-tainted pipes contaminated the water supply of Flint, Michigan.

Commerce depends on the safe and efficient shipment of goods via air, rail, water and roads from manufacturers to retailers and homes. Poor infrastructure and traffic congestion can raise the cost of doing business, making products more expensive for consumers.

A long, slow commute due to inadequate capacity on roads or public transit can put an emotional strain on families. It can make the difference whether parents arrive on time for a family dinner or a child's soccer game or concert.

According to a report last year by the Congressional Budget Office, the share of gross domestic product generated by government spending on public transportation and water infrastructure peaked in 1959. Spending on such projects fell by 5 percent from 2003 to 2014 when measured as a percentage of GDP, with highway spending leading the decline.

Officials have taken some steps to try to reverse that. Congress broke a political logjam last year by passing a five-year, $305 billion transportation plan. More than half the states also have acted since 2013 to boost transportation spending through higher taxes, fees and borrowing.

Yet the needs remain great. About 20 percent of the nation's 900,000 miles of interstates and major roads needs resurfacing or reconstruction, according to one analysis. A quarter of the 600,000 bridges are considered structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

In a report earlier this year, the American Society of Civil Engineers projected the U.S. will face a funding gap of more than $1.4 trillion by 2025 for its roads and bridges, drinking and wastewater systems, electrical infrastructure, aviation and water ports.

Anticipating debate, Trump says he thinks system rigged

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A week before the first presidential debate, Donald Trump is putting moderators on notice that he'll be watching to see if they get too rough on him.

In a series of interviews over the past week, the Republican nominee has asserted that "the system is being rigged" against him. The first of three scheduled debates between Trump and Hillary Clinton will be held on Sept. 26, with NBC's Lester Holt as the journalist questioning the candidates.

"I think it's terrible," Trump told Fox News Channel over the weekend. "They want the host to go after Trump."

His statement is based on criticism NBC's Matt Lauer received in some circles for being too easy on the Republican in a forum on national security earlier this month. Trump, who called Lauer "very professional," told CNBC that he believes this puts pressure on other moderators to avoid Lauer's fate by going after him.

Sports fans know the phenomenon as "working the refs."

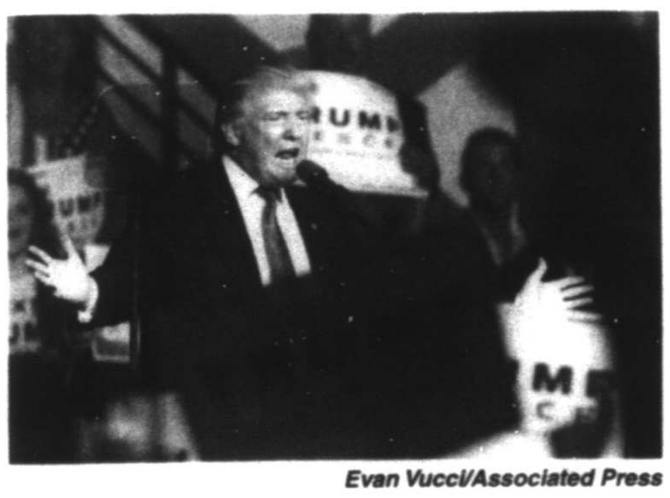
"Trump's buddy, the old basketball coach Bobby Knight, used to do this all the time," said CBS News veteran Bob Schieffer, who moderated a 2012 debate between Barack Obama and Mitt Romney. "He'd throw fits at the referee in the first (10 minutes) and try to make them feel guilty so they'll give him a break in the (last 10 minutes). That's all that this is."

In fact, Trump has twice referenced Knight in recent comments — saying it was his opponents using the former Indiana coach's tactics.

Schieffer's advice to this year's moderators is to "laugh it off." He believes they are skilled and experienced enough to do that.

"Every moderator is going to get hammered by somebody," he said. "That's just life in the National Football League. This is a big-time deal."

Trump's tactics could backfire with the public, said Alan Schroeder, author of "Presidential Debates: 50 Years of High-Risk TV."



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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally at Germain Arena on Monday in Ft. Myers, Fla.

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A man stands next to a burnt out car after a protest Monday in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. Witnesses say at least four people are dead after opposition protests against a delayed presidential election turned violent in Congo's capital. The protests were organized by activists who are opposed to longtime President Joseph Kabila, who is now expected to stay in office after his mandate ends in December.

At least 17 dead amid opposition protests in Congo's capital

By Saleh Mwanamilongo
Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo — Street clashes between security forces and demonstrators opposed to President Joseph Kabila left at least 17 dead in Congo's capital Monday in a dramatic sign of mounting tensions after officials sought to delay the upcoming election until next year.

Some view a delay as a way for Kabila to prolong his rule beyond the end of his mandate in late December, as he is able to stay in power if there is no election to choose a successor.

"Today is a warning. He must leave by December," protester Salomon Kaba said.

Protesters threw stones and set tires and vehicles ablaze, according to witnesses. Interior Minister Evariste Boshab confirmed that three police officers were among the dead, including one who was burned alive.

An Associated Press photographer saw at least four civilian bodies with gunshot wounds in the streets.

Government spokesman Lambert Mende called the demonstrations a pre-meditated criminal act.

"This wasn't a demonstration at all but an attempt to unleash civil war in the city of Kinshasa," he said. "The authorities decided to put an end to the protest and disperse it."

Eva Mwakasa, a member of the opposition coalition La Dynamique, said it was difficult to give a death toll as protesters had been dispersed by tear gas.

For months, observers have questioned whether Congo could hold the presidential vote as scheduled on Nov. 27. The country's electoral commission had indicated that the voter list would not be formalized before July 2017.

Over the weekend, the commission made an official request to the country's constitutional court for a delay of the vote.

Kabila, who came to power after his father's assassination in 2001, has yet to announce whether he will pursue another term in office, though the constitution prohibits it.

The violence comes amid growing fears that the delay could lead to prolonged unrest in Congo, a nation as vast in size as Western Europe. The mineral-rich but largely impoverished country suffered back-to-back civil wars until 2003, and previous instability has drawn in armies from neighboring countries.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon condemned the violence and urged "all concerned political leaders and their supporters to refrain from any further violence."

He called on authorities to ensure that security forces exercise maximum restraint while responding to protests, and for political leaders to address their differences "peacefully and through dialogue."

While the ruling party has held talks as part of a national dialogue, many of the top opposition figures have not taken part. In recent days, the ruling party has floated the idea of a unity government with opposition members until the next elections, though the proposal would keep Kabila in charge during that period.

Demonstrations also have erupted outside the capital. Human Rights Watch said police fired live bullets Friday in the southeastern city of Lubumbashi. Their report released Sunday also described a series of arrests targeting members of the opposition in recent days.

"The decisions President Kabila and his government will make in the coming weeks can make all the difference for Congo's future," said Daniel Bekele, Africa director at Human Rights Watch. "This is a critical opportunity for the country to strengthen democracy, the rule of law and human rights for its own future and for the entire region."

People stand near burning debris during election protests.

World leaders at UN approve plan for refugee crisis

By Michael Astor
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — World leaders on Monday approved a declaration aimed at providing a more coordinated and humane response to the refugee crisis that has strained resources and sparked divisions from Africa to Europe.

The issue of what to do about the world's 65.3 million displaced people took center stage at the U.N. General Assembly with leaders from the 193 member states taking part in the first-ever summit on Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants.

Advocacy groups worried that the New York Declaration on Migrants and Refugees — an outcome document which contains no concrete commitments and is not legally binding — falls short of what is needed, while U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, himself a refugee during the Korean War, hailed it as historic.

"Today's summit represents a breakthrough in our collective efforts to address the challenges of human mobility," Ban said.

Around the world, there are currently about 21.3 million refugees, 3.2 million asylum seekers, and 40.8 million migrants, according to the U.N. Refugee Agency. The agency defines refugees as people forced to flee due to armed conflict or persecution, while migrants choose to move in search of a better life.

Philippe Bolopion, deputy director of global advocacy for Human Rights Watch, said the international community still had a long way to go in dealing with the crisis.

"I would say if you measure this document by what is at stake here, it certainly falls short of the mark. We're facing an historic crisis and the response is not historic," Bolopion said on the sidelines of the meeting. He added that in many areas refugee protections were backsliding with a growing number of countries trying to turn back refugees in violation of international law.

"Is the outcome document up to the challenge? No, unquestionably it's not. Does that mean the summit is pointless? No, because it's precisely at moments like this that you need to regroup," Bolopion added.

The declaration seeks to standardize responses to refugee situations and provide better education prospects for the children who make up over half of the world's refugees.

It also looks to improve working opportunities for refugees who are now spending nearly 20 years in exile on average.

There are also plans for a campaign to combat xenophobia.

All of this may prove an uphill struggle at a time when refugees and migrants have become a divisive issue in Europe and the United States.

Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, said xenophobia has been a major factor contributing to the failure of the international response thus far.

"Defenders of what is right and good are being outflanked in too many countries by race-baiting bigots, who seek to gain, or retain, power by wielding prejudice and deceit, at the expense of those most vulnerable," Zeid told the meeting.

Several countries shot down an earlier draft of the declaration that called on nations to resettle 10 percent of the refugee population each year, something that has led several human rights groups to criticize the document as a missed opportunity. The U.S. and a number of other countries also objected to language in the original draft that said children should never be detained, so the agreement now says children should seldom, if ever, be detained.

Zeid praised the political consensus reached in approving the declaration, but warned against self-congratulation.

"The bitter truth is this summit was called because we have been largely failing. Failing the long-suffering people of Syria, in not ending the war in its infancy. Failing others in now chronic conflict zones, for the same reason. Failing millions of migrants who deserve far more than lives marked by cradle-to-grave indignity and desperation," said Zeid.

More concrete progress is expected at a follow-up summit on Tuesday called by President Barack Obama, where at least 45 countries are expected to make pledges that are in line with U.S. goals of increasing humanitarian aid by $3 billion, doubling resettlement and increasing access to education for 1 million youngsters and access to employment for another million of the displaced.

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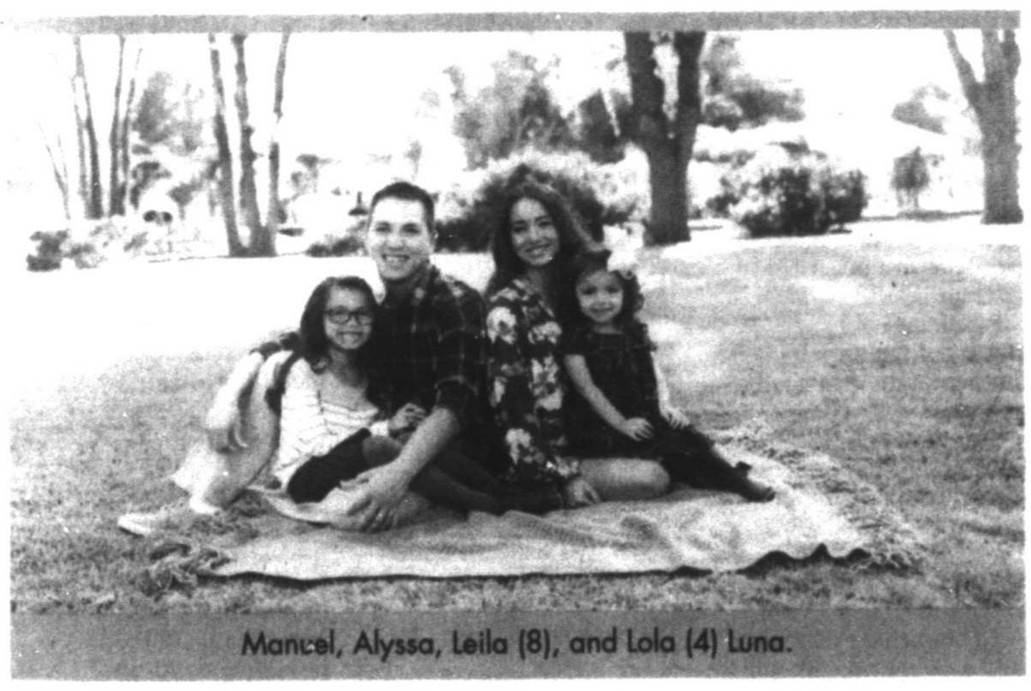

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TTU System to establish veterinary school

School in Amarillo to be adapted from University of Calgary program

By Simone Jasper
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Two decades after the Texas Tech University System was formed, a college of veterinarian medicine is in the works and a steering committee for the school was created earlier this month, Chancellor Robert Duncan told the Reporter-Telegram on Monday morning.

He said the school will use an innovative approach to address the shortage of rural veterinarians in West Texas.

"Traditional vet schools can never do what we want to do," Duncan said. "Others use expensive animal hospitals for training."

Instead of receiving instruction at animal hospitals, students will train in rural communities.

The system plans to create a veterinary school at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Amarillo, which will adapt its program from the University of Calgary in Canada. Duncan said using this example has benefits for both students and rural providers.

"Students have to train to be competent before they're in clinics," Duncan said. "The local practices have the benefits of their own faculty — who have access to resources like our library. They get paid, and they have the resource of students coming in that will hopefully stay."

Duncan said there's a need for young veterinarians to serve the Panhandle, home to many of the state's feedlots and dairy farms.

"For the demographics of vets in the state, it's an aging group," Duncan said. "Forty-seven percent are over 60 in rural areas. We're not seeing a real rush moving out to rural practices."

The steering committee for the veterinary college met for the first time this month in Lubbock to push the initiative forward.

Pete Laney, former speaker of the Texas House of Representatives and a member of the steering committee, said in a Sept. 12 press release that the school's nontraditional model is a solution to the lack of veterinary care.

"The shortage of veterinarians in Texas, especially in rural areas, has been a problem for many years, and to ensure the safety of our food supply and the continued prosperity of our state, we must do what's best for the industry, our fellow Texans and our future," Laney said.

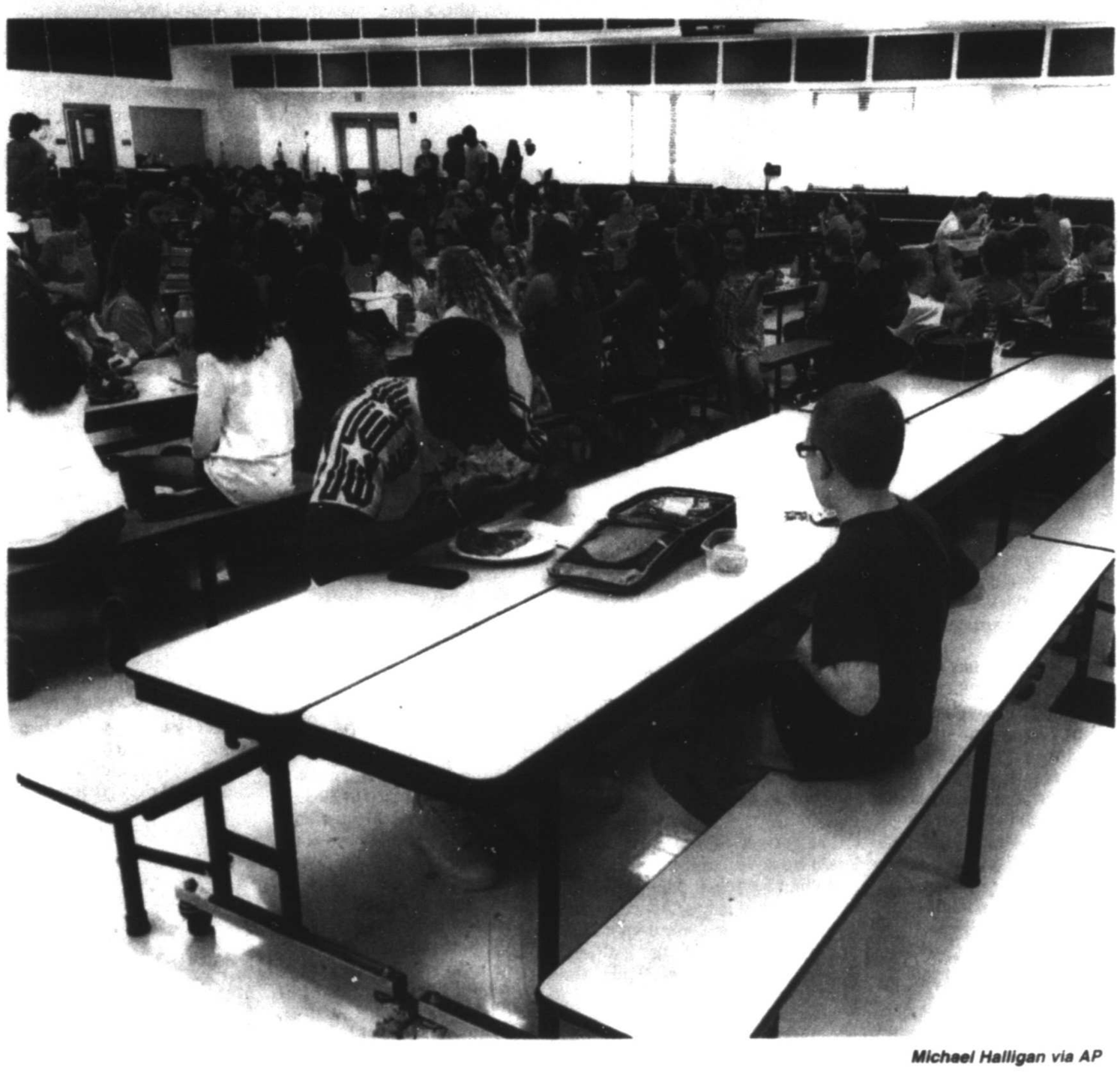
The TTU System also is planning to train dental professionals at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso. Duncan said the hope is to expand dental care in El Paso by encouraging the professionals to stay in that part of the state.

"We examined that region and found there was no growth in El Paso even though the population is booming," Duncan said.

Two decades after the TTU System formed, Duncan said its expansion plans are part of a goal to create solutions in West Texas.

"In 20 years, we have come a long way," Duncan said. "Now we're focusing on the needs of this part of the state. It produces much of the feed, fiber and fuel for the country."

LONELY IN THE LUNCHROOM



Michael Halligan via AP

In this Aug. 30 photo provided by Michael Halligan, Florida State University wide receiver Travis Rudolph has lunch with Bo Paske at Montford Middle School in Tallahassee, Fla. A small gesture of kindness by Rudolph sent tears streaming down the face of the sixth-grader's mother, Leah Paske, who shared her gratitude on Facebook Tuesday afternoon after seeing a picture of Rudolph sharing lunch with her son Bo in his middle school cafeteria.

App helps those who feels left out in school lunchroom

By Sharon Grigsby
Dallas Morning News

Remember that knot that developed in your stomach when you walked into the school cafeteria, worried that no one would want you to sit with them? Whether you are a current student or have a young person in your life, you likely know that lunch tables remain the physical manifestation of cliques.

Now there's an app for that, thanks to a once-lonely teen's ingenuity and big heart.

Here's the uplifting story of Los Angeles teen Natalie Hampton's work — and what prompted heit — as told by Washington Post "Inspired Life" reporter Colby Itkowitz.

Natalie, now 16, invented the "Sit With Us" app, which lets students know exactly where to find welcoming peers.

How it works: Students sign up as "ambassadors" and post that open seats are available at their lunch table. If a fellow student needs a place to sit, he or she knows she'll be welcome at that table.

Natalie understands all too well the pain of sitting alone at lunch — as well as being bullied in other ways as a middle schooler. She's at a different school now, but she hasn't forgotten what she and her mother describe as a very dark period.

Natalie's smartphone remedy seems like a great way to make friends. Word has only just recently begun spreading about the app; I'm interested in whether any of my readers know whether any students are using it locally.

Please be in touch if you or someone you know gives it a try (sgrigsby@dallasnews.com; on Twitter: @SharonFGrigsby).

Few images can bring me to tears as quickly as the thought of the student — usually in middle school — sitting alone during lunch. You probably recall this recent get-a-Kleenex article about the Florida State football player who sat with an autistic sixth-grade student on a recent visit to a campus. For one day, Bo Paske's mother said, her son didn't have to eat alone, thanks to FSU wide receiver Travis Rudolph.

Three cheers for Natalie Hampton, Travis Rudolph and Bo Paske — they are trend-setters worth following.

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Congressional App Challenge is open to high school students

US REP. MIKE CONAWAY
11th District

Each year, Congress hosts the Congressional App Challenge, a competition for high school students to highlight the value of computer science and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education. I am very excited to extend an invitation to all high school students in my district to participate in the 2016 App Challenge. Students can choose to work on their own or in teams of up to four students to create an app on any topic for mobile, tablet or other computing devices on a platform of their choice.

As the technology industry plays a growing role in our economy, STEM education is an increasingly important component of today's schooling. All students are welcome to submit an entry, regardless of their level of experience with coding. Students will expand their knowledge of programming during the development of their app and will have the opportunity to work with our partner technology experts for a fun and educational experience.

The competition extends to Nov. 2, and students may participate either as part of a school assignment or on their own. Registration for the CAC takes place online, where students will submit their app along with a short demonstration video. The CAC website — www.CongressionalAppChallenge.us. — contains all the guidelines for the challenge. There are additional resource organizations and companies that offer professional volunteers whom will assist students in their coding and App Challenge journey. These are listed on the website.

If you have any questions about participating in the Congressional App Challenge, please contact Diane Williams in the Granbury office at 682-936-2577 or Diane.Williams@mail.house.gov. I look forward to working with students, educators and parents to expand computer science and STEM education efforts in the 11th District.

HEATHER BROWN
Greenwood Elementary School

Gifted students are not necessarily high-achievers

As a gifted/talented specialist and as a district GT coordinator, I have lost count of the number of times I have sat with a parent and explained why his or her very capable, high-performing student did not qualify for the gifted program. Often, the outward accomplishments of high-performing students seem much more noteworthy than the lower achievements of some gifted students. There are many traits of gifted students that may not be evident in what the public sees, which is grades and performance. As teachers and parents, we pay attention to class participation and performance, often losing sight of true gifted characteristics.

Students who are gifted typically read early, widely, quickly and intensely and have large vocabularies. They learn basic skills faster and with less practice. Their interests are wildly eclectic and intensely focused. They enjoy learning, are willing to examine the unusual and are highly inquisitive. They have an intrinsic motivation to learn — not to be confused with the motivation to perform — and can be very persistent. When my son was identified as a gifted student in kindergarten, I figured God had sent him to me to better understand all these positive gifted student traits I had learned so much about. Little did I know; I didn't understand those traits nearly as well as I thought.

Gifted students learn basic skills faster and with less practice — awesome. These students must be a breeze to teach and parent. This will take so little effort on my part — wrong. What this trait best translates to is: gifted students often hate the drill and kill that is so often necessary to learn basic math facts or spelling words. That's not to say all gifted students are great spellers or will ace every math assignment; rather, once they have it, they have it. Practice worksheet assignments may not seem necessary to them as they already have "got it."

Students who are gifted can have a low frustration tolerance and poor study habits. Real-world activities and problem-based learning is key to keeping gifted students focused and engaged. Where is the time to be found for such activities? Maybe we can start with some of the hundreds of minutes dedicated to spelling activities each week or the minutes used to evaluate speed such as timed multiplication tests, which are both time- consuming and unnecessary in today's world. We should instead be raising students who have number sense and who can think outside the box rather than spending their days learning to regurgitate basic information.

Gifted students love to learn. They want to examine the unusual and are highly inquisitive. They love to learn. Gifted students love to learn like I can't believe. They remember the tiniest details they have heard one time and bring up conversations or lessons I don't even remember having or teaching. It logically follows that these students should easily ace every assignment and make the highest of grades. Right? Wrong again. Remember, these students are intrinsically motivated to learn — not to perform. Performance and achievement are things that must be carefully taught and encouraged, without diminishing the natural love of learning. These students often have an ability that surpasses others who perform well above them. They are written off as "lazy" or "unmotivated." They must be held accountable for their performance, no doubt,

Please see BROWN/2B

Bob Booth/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/TNS

Breggett Rideau and her son, Terrance, are shown at their home in Keller. Rideau pushed for cameras in a special needs classroom after her son came home injured.

School districts face higher costs after camera law clarified

By Julie Chang
Austin American-Statesman

Clarification of a vaguely worded state law that requires cameras in special education classrooms will cost school districts hundreds of thousands of dollars more than expected, according to officials.

Attorney General Ken Paxton released an opinion last week that said the camera mandate, which passed last year and went into effect this school year, was written in a way that is much broader — and costlier — than what lawmakers had intended.

"The implementation of (the law) could impose significant financial burdens upon certain school districts," Paxton said in his opinion.

Originally, lawmakers who carried the bill — state Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, and state Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville — and school officials thought that if a parent requested cameras in his or her child's special education classroom, the law would require cameras in that one classroom.

However, Paxton said that, according to his reading of the law, even if one camera is requested, cameras must go into all special education classrooms throughout the district.

For some school districts in Central Texas that means spending as much as a million dollars on buying and installing cameras.

"With the new attorney general opinion, if we are made to comply with such opinion, that will skyrocket district expenses for these cameras which will include additional cameras and servers for memory space. We can be looking at additional costs of hundreds of thousands of dollars which are currently not budgeted," said Eduardo Ramos, deputy superintendent for the Hutto school district.

Texas Education Agency spokeswoman DeEtta Culbertson said that state education officials will follow Paxton's opinion and release revised rules in the next few weeks.

New bill

Lucio and Thompson plan to introduce a bill in the next legislative session to tighten the language to take the burden off school districts.

"The cameras should only go into the areas that you have the concern about, not the whole district," said Brete Anderson, Thompson's chief legislative director.

The law came in response to a flurry of accusations that educators had abused special education students. Cameras will catch or deter wrongdoing, as well as disprove false claims, proponents of the law say.

The Coalition of Human Rights Policy Advocates, an Austin-based statewide advocacy group for special education children, pushed for cameras in all classrooms.

The coalition's board president, Stacy Ford, said that although having cameras in a handful of classrooms isn't a "deal breaker," she believes district officials are overestimating the costs of implementing cameras districtwide.

"They can apply for a grant through TEA that can help them supplement the cost. They can also receive donations. Nobody has ever contacted me or our organization to help them with fundraising," Ford said. "It's our first priority to make sure that this legislation is implemented. The point is to safeguard our kids. They don't have a voice. These cameras are their voice."

Paxton on the camera law

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath asked Attorney General Ken Paxton to clarify the state law requiring cameras in special education classrooms in public schools. Here's what Paxton said:

Are cameras supposed to go in one special education classroom or all special education classrooms?

The law says that the cameras must go "not to a single classroom" but each special education classroom in each school.

Who can request a camera in a classroom?

The law says a parent, school board trustee or staff member — including a teacher, paraprofessional, or educational aide assigned to the special education classroom and their principal or assistant principal — can request cameras in special education classrooms.

What if the person who requested the camera is no longer at the school district or their child leaves the school district — do the cameras have to remain?

Yes. The law says that the district can stop using cameras only if the classroom is no longer a special education classroom.

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2 Abilene teachers write their own textbooks

By Timothy Chipp
Abilene Reporter-News

Abilene Independent School District teachers are masters of their subject matter. But few of them have mastered theirs like Kim Turnbull and Karen Cluck.

They wrote material for books on their respective subjects.

Teachers at Abilene ISD's Holland Medical Early College High School, Cluck and Turnbull both contributed to learning materials the students either are using or will use in the coming years, thanks to a teaching mentor from Turnbull's past.

Turnbull said Linda Stanhope, now a retired teacher from the Amarillo ISD, contacted her years ago about writing a medical terminology textbook from which high school students could actually learn.

"As a teacher, the resources I had to work with were minimal," said Turnbull, the winner of the Science Teacher of the Year at the 2016 Lighthouse Teacher Awards presented by the Abilene Education Foundation. "Not just from a textbook, but we didn't really have PowerPoint slides, lesson plans, workbook exercises. And the stuff we did have wasn't really written for high school students. So we set out to make sure it was something our students could understand, that it was broken up with real-life situations."

One of those real-life situations pulls emotional strings close to Turnbull's heart. Hidden deep in her chapters — she wrote about half of the chapters in the book — is a breakout story and assignment the students must complete handling a potential diagnosis of a disease. The scenario told the story of her brother's multiple sclerosis diagnosis.

She said she's extremely pleased the story made the final cut, which adds a bit of personal touch she'll always be able to hang her hat on.

The goal of the textbook, and the reason they said they agreed to work with the publisher in the first place, is the emphasis placed on making sure the students not only learn the material but also that they remember it.

Especially with medical terminology, the emphasis could easily become memorizing for a test and then forgetting to make room for the next test, Turnbull said.

"It can be very overwhelming, especially for high schoolers," Turnbull said. "But if they learn it and it's introduced in scenarios and broken up, it can stick."

"The first thing the editors said to me was the material needs to stick," Cluck added. "They said, 'Don't just write surface questions.' It was a challenge on some of them."

Cluck, who has spent the last nine years teaching at Holland Medical, got involved in her textbook after Turnbull recommended her to the publisher.

Teachers willing to contribute supplemental materials, activities and other learning alternatives were sought to make the textbook better, Cluck said. Turning to her, she provided a number of lab activities she first tried out on her students that year.

The ones that stuck were the ones the students enjoyed. She contributed such quality material, the publishers asked her to provide both lab activities and assessment questions for four chapters.

"I was very honored," Cluck said. "What materials there were out there for anatomy and physiology were so old I didn't even use it in my class. I wrote my own plans. It was definitely a learning process, providing a full year of work. The whole process of writing the textbook was fascinating to learn."

The book Cluck worked on was rolled out recently for students in Abilene to use, so naturally her students pick out her name when they first open the cover and see the contributing authors, she said.

Turnbull's will likely launch next year, though there's one problem Abilene ISD will need to overcome first.

"Medical terminology isn't a required course for the health sciences program," Turnbull said. "To make room for classes that are required, the district had to drop the medical terminology class this year."

Next year, though, she said medical terminology is expected to be a full-year course for interested students, she said.

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MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Granado

Darnell

Ball

Wilson

Kirby

The Desk and Derrick Club of Midland has awarded scholarships to five students for the fall semester:

■ **Jacob Granado** is a sophomore at University of Texas of the Permian Basin majoring in mechanical engineering.

■ **John Darnell** is a junior at Texas Tech majoring in architecture.

■ **Adam Ball** is a junior at Texas Tech majoring in geology.

■ **Jordan Wilson** is a freshman at Texas Tech majoring in business administration.

■ **Hannah Kirby** is a junior at Texas A&M majoring in animal science.

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ALPINE — Two Midlanders completed requirements for degrees at the end of the second summer session.

Sabrah Clark completed a master of education in general education and **Fritz Niggeler** completed a master of business administration in business administration.

Sul Ross has discontinued summer graduation ceremonies. Graduates may participate in December or May ceremonies, according to a press release from the university.

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Midlander **Alexandra Haest** has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the summer session at Oklahoma City University.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

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COLLEGE STATION — Midlander **Haley Madewell** was named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the summer semester at Texas A&M University.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPR of at least 3.5.

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COLLEGE STATION — Four Midlanders graduated from Texas A&M University during summer commencement. The graduates and their degrees are:

Jacob P. Bradford, bachelor of science in kinesiology; **Joshua R. Brown**, BS in technology management; **Ashton D. Sherman**, bachelor of arts in communication; and **Hannah V. Wright**, BS in university studies.

Dallas police chief will speak at UT commencement

■ His words 'pack a really powerful punch'

By Tasha Tsiaperas
Dallas Morning News

Dallas Police Chief David Brown will speak at the University of Texas at Austin commencement ceremony in May because his words "pack a really powerful punch."

Brown accepted the invitation Friday.

Choosing the retiring chief to speak shows the school's "commitment to progress, to social justice, to moving forward collectively as a community," said Kevin Helgren, the school's student body president.

Brown revealed he had been asked to speak at the commencement during his speech at an event Friday morning at Belo Mansion.

Brown, who retires from the Dallas Police Department next month, is at the height of his national popularity. He has not publicly discussed his post-retirement plans, but many have speculated that he won't be out of the limelight.

During a news conference on his retirement announcement, Brown said he has "a story to tell."

That story is why a panel at UT chose him to speak at the 2017 graduation ceremony. The school does not pay its commencement speakers.

Brown gained national attention for the calm way he handled the aftermath of a lone gunman's ambush on police officers as a downtown protest was ending July 7. Five officers were killed, and nine others were injured.

The chief was praised for how he handled the crisis. And he spoke candidly about how police are often asked to do too much, saying they are asked to fix all societal ills.

Helgren described Brown as "charismatic."

"He has the ability to make a powerful statement without coming across as political or controversial or adversarial," Helgren said.

The UT selection panel was made up of students, faculty and staff. They reviewed Brown's interviews and remarks before choosing him.

"He falls at an interesting intersection: that of the law enforcement community and the African-American community," Helgren said.

"He focused on lifting these differences up and rallying our community around one common cause, that cause being love and peace and universality."

Brown grew up in South Oak Cliff and often points to his inner-city Dallas roots when discussing police-community relations.

Commencement speakers tend to be celebrities or activists, but Helgren said he doesn't consider Brown to be a celebrity.

"More than a celebrity, he is a hero and advocate whose words pack a really powerful punch," he said.

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Brown

From 1B

but we must also be careful to conserve their love of simply learning and engaging in discovery.

Although gifted students can be high-achievers, I am not finding this to be the norm. Monday morning I conferenced with a high school gifted student who has dropped out of all school activities and has been skipping class. Although I wholeheartedly believe the ultimate success of the gifted student must include an understanding of his or her gifted traits and needs, I understand firsthand that is easier said than done. As parents and educators, the more we stay in touch with our students, talk to them about their thinking and performance and hold them accountable, while still embracing their unique gifts and traits, the better they will perform.

Heather Brown is a counselor and gifted/taleneted coordinator for Greenwood ISD.

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With a little help, every teen with a dream can go a long way

LISA FALKENBERG
Houston Chronicle

For Ana Hernandez, the cheerful room with hardwood floors, exposed red brick and natural light streaming in from the windows was a peaceful space to play catch-up in the mornings. She'd do homework after a long night of cooking and caring for two younger siblings and two cousins while her dad worked in landscaping and her mom toiled in the kitchen of a local Italian restaurant.

She knew the room at North-side High School, formerly Davis, was called the Go Center. She didn't know why. After high school, she had no plans to "go" anywhere except into the workforce to help support her family. The colorful college banners that adorned the walls were nothing more than décor.

At high schools across the nation, this is where the path to college begins and ends for many low-income students. A room. Some banners. A lonely shelf of guide books. Maybe a distracted staffer acting as an adviser between stints on the bus line.

And plenty of high schools across Houston didn't even have that.

Last year was different at Northside. Aaron Bishop was there. And one morning, when Hernandez and a friend heard him over the intercom encouraging students to fill out a comprehensive state college application called Apply Texas, they went to the Go Center to see what it was about.

That was the beginning of a beautiful relationship between the counselor and the soft-spoken young woman with large rectangle glasses. But Bishop worked slowly to build her trust.

"In the corner, by the window, is where she would hide," Bishop told me on a recent tour.

Bishop's official title was college success adviser. He was one of more than two dozen the Houston Independent School District hired to provide full-time, one-on-one college counseling to thousands of high school students who weren't getting it.

The program is funded by two grants from the Houston Endowment totaling $8.5 million, much of which the district matched dollar-for-dollar. It's the brainchild of Rick Cruz, an HISD administrator who, as an elementary teacher, helped start a nonprofit called EMERGE to send talented disadvantaged students to elite colleges.

Cruz brought EMERGE to HISD and then wanted to expand its methods to students interested in attending less-competitive schools. He wasn't deterred when an audit found that 28 of 40 HISD high schools didn't have a single counselor or college adviser. The recommended counselor ratio is around 250 students to 1, but Cruz says HISD was closer to 1,800 to 1.

With the grant, Cruz insisted on hiring top-notch counselors, some from local charter schools, who would take an active approach.

They wouldn't wait for kids to wander in to newly renamed College Centers. They'd study the data — GPAs, PSAT and SAT scores — and go out and find the students. Then they'd start building real relationships.

Job is about building trust

In Bishop's case, at Northside, he'd meet with kids and remember their names weeks later passing in the hallway. Hernandez said he'd answer her questions, then ask her a few. Not just about paperwork, but about goals, passions, and once trust was established, about family and finances.

For Hernandez, the homework room became a second home. The place where she went to fill out applications and revise essays, and then revise them again, and dream about a life her parents never imagined when they brought her to the United States illegally from Mexico at age 6.

She was a good student, in the top 10 percent, with extracurricular activities such as mariachi and swim club, but she always thought her immigration status was a barrier until Bishop helped her apply for status under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA. Based on her interests, Bishop helped her identify a major: political science. She ended up applying to six or seven schools, even though her parents weren't quite sure what she was up to.

"They thought I was crazy, because we didn't have that kind of money lying around," she said. They finally relented and said she could go to Houston Community College.

"Mr. Bishop was like 'nuh-uh, think higher. Think higher,'" she said.

Eventually, she fell in love with Texas A&M and began preparing her mother for a school three hours away. Then came April, and the financial aid package that broke her heart: only a $5,000 scholarship.

That might have been where the dream died. But Bishop pushed her to consider going out of state. As luck would have it, a colleague had just received

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an email about tiny Antioch College in Ohio, which was still seeking students and offering full scholarships.

"This is you," Bishop told Hernandez. "We have work to do."

They worked into the summer, even as Hernandez juggled a lifeguard job at the YMCA, gathering application materials, including a video statement that Hernandez says she shot in her backyard, starting over more than 10 times. Finally, in June, the college offered her a full ride totaling more than $40,000 annually, including tuition and housing.

MOM NEEDED ANSWERS

Her mother initially said no. But Bishop and other school officials persuaded her to meet them at the high school in July to talk it over. She had a million questions: What if her daughter was deported? What if the plane crashed? What if she needed help in the middle of the night?

Hernandez said her mother finally gave in, in part because she had said no years before to her eldest son when he got accepted to A&M. He didn't have a dedicated counselor to lobby his mom. He's now a bartender who talks about going back to school, but hasn't, his sister said. Hernandez said he's thrilled for her.

Hernandez leaves for school later this month. She's just one of the hundreds of students Bishop has led through the process, which includes odd tasks such as helping students get required meningitis shots, book flights and preparing them for the TSA line at the airport. It's a long-term commitment, Bishop told me, looking over at Hernandez.

"I bug her today, a year later," he said. "It's not just getting them to college; it's getting them through college."

Bishop said the job can be all-consuming, and it's easy to get personally invested in students who have faced so many challenges but kept fighting. He and his staff proved the effort was worth it at Northside, where the percentage of students applying for college rose from 45 percent to 83 percent in one year.

"The misconception is that the kids don't want it," he said. "They want it. They just don't have the information."

'THIS SHOULD BE THE NORM'

Overall, Cruz said the program accomplished more than he'd hoped. Districtwide, students who applied to college increased from 59 percent to 82 percent. Students applying to Texas flagship universities more than doubled.

He hopes to expand the program to more campuses and to start counseling in earlier grades.

Cruz says there shouldn't be anything novel about building relationships with students and helping them pursue higher education.

"This should be the norm," he says, and he's right.

It takes more than books and banners to get talented young Texans into college. Cruz, and dedicated counselors like Bishop, understand that. They've built a path. They deserve the support of the district and the community to keep moving kids along.

JAY MATHEWS

Washington Post

Not all colleges give credit for dual-enrollment classes

I have spent three decades studying college-level courses in high schools. Most of my attention has been on the two programs that selective colleges like to see most on high school transcripts, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate.

But there is a different college-level program — known as dual enrollment or concurrent enrollment — that I also have tried to figure out. In dual-enrollment programs, high school students take local college courses that can earn them college credit.

Studies say dual-enrollment students are more likely to enroll in college, do well and earn degrees. But Education Week has reported that many dual-enrollment students are not getting the college credit they thought they earned. It appears that the program is being oversold as part of a frantic national effort to manage rising college costs.

State websites and even the White House say taking dual-enrollment courses can save families time and money. Yet, Education Week writer Catherine Gewertz revealed that in many cases, students have to delay college graduation because not enough dual-enrollment credits are honored.

AP and IB provide standardized introductory college courses and final exams to all participating students. A chemistry student in Cleveland gets the same AP exam as their cousin in Chicago. Dual-enrollment courses and exams, on the other hand, vary widely because they are sponsored by different colleges.

AP and IB exams are at least three hours long. They are written and graded by outside experts. Dual-enrollment exams are usually shorter, and the teachers who grade them often taught the students. That makes them more likely to go easy.

Some college-admission deans have warned me that dual-enrollment courses and exams demand less than AP and IB and should not be included on The Post's list. For a few years, I included them anyway for Washington-area schools if the dual-enrollment exams were at least two hours long and not written or graded by anyone who worked for the schools.

Dual enrollment has so far been a minor factor in the Washington area and several other major metropolitan regions. The five leading dual-enrollment states are New Mexico, Iowa, North Dakota, North Carolina and Missouri. About 11 percent of U.S. students used dual enrollment in the most recent data.

Colleges should accept more dual-enrollment credit. Gewertz said that a quarter of the members of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers said they knew of problems with acceptance of such credits at other institutions. Gewertz said that colleges are comfortable giving credit for dual-enrollment courses taught by their own faculty but that they are not so comfortable if the courses are taught by high school teachers.

The National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships produces rigorous accreditation standards boosting the chances that dual-enrollment students will get credit. Half of the states have agreements that require public colleges and universities to accept dual-enrollment credits.

It is important to point out, though, that many colleges, particularly the most-selective ones, do not always give college credit for good grades on AP and IB exams, either. I am convinced that their most beneficial effect is on the rigor and depth of high school learning. Eventually, colleges will be persuaded to give more credit for college-level courses in high school.

Dual-enrollment courses and exams are usually not as rigorous as AP or IB, but they are better than regular high school courses. There are many roads to college. This one should be preserved and encouraged.

China's demand for pricey international schools 'insatiable'

Associated Press

Nomaan Merchant/AP

In this Aug. 31, 2016 photo, Chinese students walk in line to attend the opening ceremony of the Haileybury College's Chinese campus in northern China's Tianjin Municipality. International schools from outside China are booming thanks to growing demand from Chinese parents seeking different pathways for their children to college abroad. Top prep schools are opening campuses in China and catering to students who want to go to university in the West. Getting into China's best public high schools can be monumentally difficult and many parents are opting to pay for what they see as a less stressful and more enriching experience at an international school.

TIANJIN, China — The school year at Haileybury College's campus outside Beijing began with three People's Liberation Army soldiers marching on a running track as the Chinese national anthem played over loudspeakers. Seven hundred students stood silently in single-file lines, their hands crossed, the international prep school's crest emblazoned on many of their coats and T-shirts.

Then they sang the school song in English before heading off to class in brick-facade buildings modeled on a British prep school.

For most Chinese students, attending a school like this remains unthinkable. But international schools from abroad are booming here thanks to growing demand from parents who are seeking different pathways for their children to attend college overseas, and who can increasingly afford more options. Top prep schools from around the world are opening campuses in the country, often charging higher fees than their flagships and catering to students who want to go to university in the West.

Attending Haileybury costs up to $28,000 a year. But Haileybury, which opened the Chinese version of its century-old Australian prep school three years ago, nearly doubled its enrollment this year and is considering opening a second campus in China.

Getting into China's best public high schools can be monumentally difficult, but regardless of whether their child has the academic chops, many parents are opting to pay for what they see as a less stressful and more enriching experience at an international school.

"What they really care about is the happiness of their children," said Wang Dan, an education professor at the University of Hong Kong. "Their future return on the student's education is one concern, but equally important is the concern for the learning process."

The International School Consultancy, which monitors school trends worldwide, says the demand among Chinese for English-language schools like Haileybury is "insatiable." More than 150,000 Chinese students are currently enrolled in international schools, according to the consultancy, which says the number of Chinese who can afford to pay seemingly stratospheric fees for those schools — even if it's just a small percentage of the country's population — will continue to grow, absent a dramatic downturn in China's economy.

China's top public high schools are intensely competitive and often criticized as excessively test-driven. Before their teenage years, children study long hours for entrance exams, often with high-priced private tutors. And at the end of high school, students take the notoriously difficult Chinese college entrance exam, the Gaokao, where a bad score can relegate a good student to a lesser university.

A massive government-ordered expansion of higher education over the last decade has produced many marginal colleges whose degrees count for little. That makes an overseas education even more attractive.

Western prep schools in China advertise a smoother pathway to university overseas, with teaching that emphasizes critical thinking over memorization and classes based on the International Baccalaureate program or others recognized abroad.

Once limited mainly to foreign children, international schools have been allowed during the last two decades to open campuses for Chinese students jointly with local companies. And while the Chinese government has sought to tighten its ideological control over textbooks and limit perceived Western influences, the international schools offer a valuable infusion of new teaching methods and options for China's middle class.

That opening has brought in some of the world's biggest brand names, joining long-established international schools in Beijing and Shanghai. Britain's Dulwich College now runs schools for Chinese students in the eastern city of Suzhou and the southern city of Zhuhai; Britain's Hurtwood House operates in association with a school in eastern Ningbo.

William Vanbergen, managing director of the Shanghai school consulting firm BE Education, predicts many more Western schools will enter China in the coming years. Some schools are already struggling to maintain their enrollment, but for most, China presents a "fantastic opportunity" to build a global profile, he said.

"Chinese parents are very smart," Vanbergen said. "They demand the very best, and it's going to become quite clear which operations are good and which are not."

Haileybury established its first program in China in 2001. Nick Dwyer, the school CEO, said the school's executives had long been seeking a local company with which to partner on its own campus.

"It's a tough ask for any student to go as a foreign student to another country," Dwyer said. "Here, we are offering the Australian product tailored in such a way that the Chinese students are at the center of the project, not off to one side."

Eventually, the school reached a deal with a state-owned development company to build a tree-lined campus between Beijing and the port city of Tianjin, featuring a towering administration building with two turrets that's a replica of London's Eton College prep school.

The campus anchors a development of high-rise residential towers and single-family homes. Haileybury leases the campus and charges higher tuition in China than in Australia.

Dwyer described the school as Australian in its traditions, presented "in Chinese dress."

Mississippi school honors university's first black students 50 years later

By Isabella Altman
Commercial Dispatch

COLUMBUS, Miss. — In 1966, Columbus college freshman Diane Hardy enrolled at Mississippi State College for Women, along with her two friends Barbara Turner Bankhead and Laverne Greene Leech.

They were the first black students to ever do so.

Fifty years later, Bankhead and Leech returned to the university — now Mississippi University for Women — where president Jim Borsig presented them with the university's Medal of Excellence. The ceremony was in Rent Auditorium on MUW's campus Thursday in honor of the 50th anniversary of the university integrating.

Borsig gave medals to Bankhead, Leech, Jacqueline Edwards and Eula M. Houser. Edwards and Houser were both teachers at R.E. Hunt, the segregated high school in Columbus, who enrolled at MUW as graduate students in 1966. MUW awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously to Diane Hardy.

MUW was unable to locate Mary Flowers, the sixth black student to enroll in 1966, but said when she or her family was located, the university would present her with a Medal of Excellence as well.

"It was a wonderful experience," Jacqueline Edwards, one of the other recipients, said of receiving the medal. "I was very proud."

Bankhead said she wasn't sure how she felt about receiving the medal. As she sat on the stage looking out over filled-to-capacity auditorium, she kept thinking how she had been sitting in the same auditorium when she learned Martin Luther King Jr. had been killed.

"And this place felt much bigger," she said. "And people stood up and cheered and it frightened me. So I was thinking about all those things and all those memories came rushing back."

'THE FABULOUS SIX'

Civil Rights activist Leslie Burl McLemore spoke at the ceremony, asking the audience to remember where they were in 1966.

"Some of you maybe weren't around yet," he said.

He wanted to put Mississippi 1966 into context, he said. Four years earlier, James Meredith had been the first black student at the University of Mississippi. In 1964, Freedom Summer arrived with university students from all over the nation who came to register African Americans to vote and push for Civil Rights legislation. It was the same year three university students were murdered by the Ku Klux Klan in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and the same year McLemore's personal hero Fannie Lou Hamer gave a testimony on live television telling Americans what it was like to be black in Mississippi. These things all captured the country's attention, McLemore said.

But the entrance of six black students — who McLemore termed the "fabulous six" — to MUW did not capture the nation's attention.

"The fabulous six brought blackness to (MUW) in 1966, although they brought it very quietly," he said. "It was not the red carpet welcome, but some of them stayed. And we are here today because we are celebrating the achievements of the fabulous six."

BREAKING THROUGH THE BARRIER

It had been Hardy's idea to apply to MUW, just down the road from where she grew up in Columbus. She said she wanted to "see their reaction" at getting a letter from "a colored girl," she told MUW students in 2011. Bankhead and Leech, her friends at Hunt, wouldn't let her apply alone.

During Thursday's ceremony, Leech described the day they registered in Rent Auditorium.

"We walked through those doors, 17-year-old freshmen," she said. "Very easy to see us with the rest of the students. ... We were quiet. It was very quiet. As quiet as it is now. But we registered. We enrolled. We had just graduated from Hunt High School, and our senior motto was 'We have crossed the bay. The ocean is before us.' Little did we know what the ocean was. But we decided to try and cross it."

They ran into trouble almost immediately. During their freshman year on a trip to Batesville, she said what looked like Klan members sabotaged and encircled the integrated vehicle they were in, accusing the riders of being "outside agitators."

"We were sitting there and I made my friends promise that if anyone approached us that we're not going to sit there and cry, that we're going to fight back," Bankhead said.

"And they promised and Diane cried through it," she added chuckling. "But she said OK."

Bankhead said she had always been ready and willing to fight for what she believed in and for other people.

"I would fight for anyone who needs help," she said. "In fact, I came here thinking I could be helpful. I remember that's what I thought, that ... there was somebody who needed to know something, someone who needed us. And Diane said let's try, so we did."

Bankhead remembered having to take the physical exam to attend the university.

"Do you know how separated it was when we first started?" she asked. "Even when I went for the physical. They called my name. They put my mother and (me) in the storage room in the dark because they didn't want me in their waiting room. My mother held me because I was ready to fight my way out of there, too."

It wasn't all bad, she said. The Catholic students at the university were helpful, and the three freshmen attended church with them.

Both she and Leech said they wished Hardy could have been at the ceremony.

"We had quite some experiences here," Leech said at the end of the ceremony. "Some we chose to forget, but after years, we brought them back. And I'm happy to stand here today and tell you that I feel grateful just to look out here and see the diversity that was not here in 1966. I feel honored if I played any part in making a difference. We didn't come here to make a difference. We didn't come here because anybody encouraged us to. It was just because we were three little girls who wanted an education."

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Local forecast

Above-average high temperatures for this time of year will come to a close later this week, according to the National Weather Service, which also expects a chance of rain Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The record high for Sept. 19 is 105 set in 1930. The record low is 42 set in 1991. On Sept. 19 of last year, the high was 82 and the low was 67.

Weather brief

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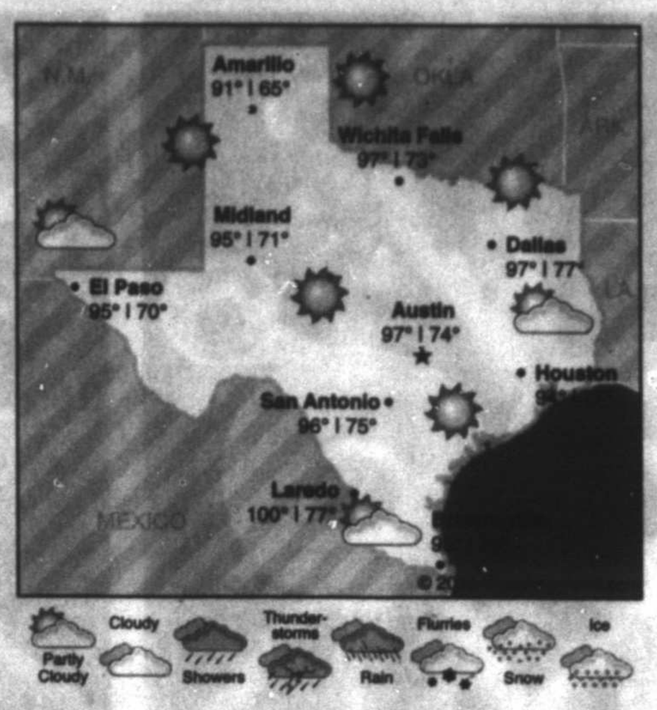
Hurricane Paine expected to weaken in Pacific off Mexico

Hurricane Paine is continuing as a Category 1 hurricane in the Pacific off Mexico's coast but is expected to weaken overnight.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Paine's maximum sustained winds Monday afternoon are near 90 mph but it is expected to drop to a tropical storm Tuesday.

Paine is centered about 280 miles west-southwest of Cabo San Lazardo, Mexico, and is moving northwest at 16 mph.

Elsewhere, a new tropical depression has formed in the far eastern Atlantic.



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Monday's temperatures

High	95
Low	71
Normal high	86
Normal low	61
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Grandparents don't approve of kids' creative clothing

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: While our 6-year-old enjoys the positive attention he receives from his often unusual and imaginative clothing choices, his grandparents feel we are being "disrespectful to others" by allowing him and our other children to wear these outfits in public.

Neither my husband nor I was permitted freedom of expression as children, and we agreed that with the exception of health, profanity, lewdness, immodesty and adherence to organizational dress codes, that we would not restrict our children's freedom of expression. While we often don't agree with our children's choice of attire, it seems prudent to choose the battles we fight.

Is anyone other than our parents actually offended by a pirate (sans weapon) in the dentist office, or a backward shirt at the grocery store? And if they are offended, does their desire not to see a costumed child trump my children's need for a healthy outlet for their individuality during this phase of their life over which they have so little control? — CLARK KENT'S MOM

DEAR CLARK KENT'S MOM: I seriously doubt that anyone other than your parents and in-laws cares at all if your children visit the dentist looking like Clark Kent, a cowboy or his horse. As far as I'm concerned, your children should be allowed to exercise their sartorial creativity. It's harmless. A few years from now, they'll be getting pressure from peers about fitting in, so let them enjoy themselves while they can.

DEAR ABBY: I have been through quite a bit of turmoil in the last two years. My boyfriend died last year. We had been together for 13 years. He was only 32 and his death was unexpected.

I am realizing now that I didn't handle my grief very well. I had no real support system at the time and soon after he passed, I reconnected with an old flame I had been in contact with on and off through the years. We have become somewhat serious, but I realize that before I can go further with this relationship, I must deal with the feelings of grief that I have for the loss of my boyfriend.

Any advice that you could provide would be greatly appreciated. I am at a loss on how to move forward in a healthy way. — LOST IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR LOST: I'm sorry for the loss of your longtime boyfriend, but I'm glad you wrote. That you recognize you need help to process his loss before you can move forward takes an admirable sense of self-awareness. If you have a doctor or a health insurer, ask for a referral to a licensed mental health professional (a psychologist, social worker, etc.). That person can help you to work through your unresolved emotions by seeing you privately, or by referring you to a grief support group.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016:

This year a touchy or difficult partnership opens up. Communication flows more easily than in the past. In general, your relationships with others improve. Your willingness to listen and adjust plays a pivotal role. If you are single, you meet people no matter where you go or what you do. You'll have many potential suitors to choose from. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy spending time together. Enjoy going on a romantic date once in a while, too! TAURUS knows how to encourage you to step up to the plate when it comes to supporting him or her.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Once you hear someone's issues, you might feel as if you should adapt to meet his or her needs — just make sure you won't be resentful later. You know how much you can handle. Use your instincts, as you could run into some rigid situations. Tonight: Trust yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ All eyes are on you right now. Don't push someone beyond his or her limits, and be sure to honor your own boundaries. A conversation might be more important than you realize in assessing your chosen direction. Encourage willing participation. Tonight: Play it low-key.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Knowing when to cut your losses is important. You might not like how a particular situation is developing. Understanding where someone else is coming from will help the discussion evolve to a new level; adjusting becomes easier as a result. Tonight: Relax with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ How you deal with others could change if you'd just relax. You might not see or grasp the big picture. Do what you need to do in order to prioritize your schedule. A meeting will be more important than you originally had thought. Others will adjust accordingly. Tonight: Loosen up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Your refusal to hear the word "no" will become an asset, as it will provide you with endurance. Nevertheless, be aware that a problem still could develop. Know when to back off from your usual stance. Accept people as they are. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Understand that your strength comes from your ability to see the big picture. You might be dealing with what seems to be an unchangeable situation; do not give in. By changing your attitude, you can change the situation. Tonight: Read between the lines.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Close relating elicits unique results that you might not have anticipated. Not everything is predictable, regardless of how insightful you tend to be about people. Don't underestimate what is happening within a domestic situation. Be more open-minded. Tonight: Time for a chat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You can't count on anyone but yourself to push a heartfelt matter to completion. You could discover that a dear friend or partner has a very different perspective from yours. Demonstrate more caring and interest. Open up to a discussion. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Pace yourself, and understand where a financial issue stems from. Communication could be overwhelming right now. You will get a matter handled once you settle down and look at what is going on. Use care with your finances. Tonight: Listen to what an associate shares.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You'll see a matter in a new light. Understand what is going on with the other parties involved. Try not to be stubborn, as it will prevent you from moving forward. A friendship with a close friend will make you feel great. Tonight: Add some spice to the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might feel as if others simply are not hearing you. Could it be possible that you are not being clear? Take charge of the situation by listening and being understanding. Conversations reveal a whole new perspective that is workable. Tonight: Accept someone's invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might not be ready for what is heading down the path toward you. You will have a choice to make. Perhaps you are not comfortable with what you are hearing. You hear a lot of news that is likely to open your eyes. Refuse to be cornered. Tonight: Happy to hang out.

BORN TODAY

Actress Sophia Loren (1934), race car driver Juan Pablo Montoya (1975), musician Jack Lawless (1987)

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With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

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♡ 9 7 5
◇ K J 9 2
♣ A 9

SOUTH
♠ J 9 8 6
♡ A 10 3
◇ Q 10 8 4
♣ 8 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♡	3♣	3♡	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	3NT
All pass			

Opening lead: King of ♡

Did South make the right choice when he bid no-trump rather than spades? He would have no chance to make a game in spades — can he make a game in no-trump?

Declarer correctly allowed the king of hearts to hold the first trick. Seeing a discouraging signal from partner, West shifted to the seven of diamonds at trick two. South couldn't allow East to gain the lead and put another heart through. He rose with dummy's ace of diamonds, East signaling encouragement with the nine, and led the king of clubs. East grabbed his ace and reverted to hearts. South played the 10, West won with the queen, and the key moment for the defense had arrived. West led a diamond and the contract could no longer be defeated. The defense would have prevailed had West shifted to a spade rather than leading a diamond.

How would you apportion the blame between East and West? East was delighted when West shifted to a diamond at trick two, but he should have seen the need for a spade play from West also. Instead of playing the nine of diamonds under the ace, he should have played the discouraging two. Now West will play a spade when he wins the second heart trick and this perfect defense would have defeated the contract. In our opinion, West defended well and East gets 100 percent of the blame.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Pilothouse wheels
6 Sphere in a library
11 Cheering syllable
14 Use a broom
15 Lubricate again
16 Touchdown approx.
17 Adjusted sales figure on which some royalties are based
19 Bus. get-together
20 Gentle touch
21 Letter that opens with a click
23 Headache treatment
26 Concerning, on memos
27 Seasonal bug
28 Wood-finishing tool
33 Tennessee senator __ Alexander
36 Zoo critter with striped legs
37 Brass instrument played like a trumpet
42 "Sure, I'll give you a ride"
43 Sleep audibly
45 Long, narrow mollusks
50 Hotel divs.
51 Poet Khayyám
52 Place for meditation
55 Intense personality
57 Response to a clever put-down
59 Actress Hagen
60 Motto for the cautious ... or a hint to the starts of 17-, 28-, 37- and 45-Across
65 Washington MLBer
66 Mount in Exodus
67 Lucky break
68 Genetic info letters
69 Seagoing mil. training group
70 Spine-tingling

DOWN

1 QVC rival
2 Baaing mom
3 Tennis do-over
4 Gracias, across the Pyrenees
5 Hurled weapon
6 "The Heart of the Matter" novelist Graham
7 Hawaiian floral rings
8 "Uh-oh!"
9 Stand-up routine
10 Besides
11 Send back, as to a lower court
12 Clothing
13 "Marvelous" Marvin of boxing
18 Bed with high sides
22 Yellow "Despicable Me" character
23 CIO partner
24 Balkan native
25 Shoe company with a cat in its logo
29 Doone of Exmoor
30 Ref's ruling
31 Retired newsman Donaldson
32 LAPD alerts
34 1990s veep
35 Camper driver, for short
38 And so on: Abbr.
39 Shop __ you drop
40 Par
41 Clever Bombeck
44 Contractor's fig.
45 Portly
46 "The Joy Luck Club" novelist
47 Mexican revolutionary played by Brando
48 Word before "Pizza" or "River," in film
49 PlayStation maker
53 Social faux pas
54 Lots and lots
56 Part of AAA: Abbr.
57 Point __ return
58 Qualifying race
61 __ conditioner
62 Capek's robot play
63 Slide down the slopes
64 Collarless shirt

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

G	A	L	E		J	A	W	S			S	P	I	T
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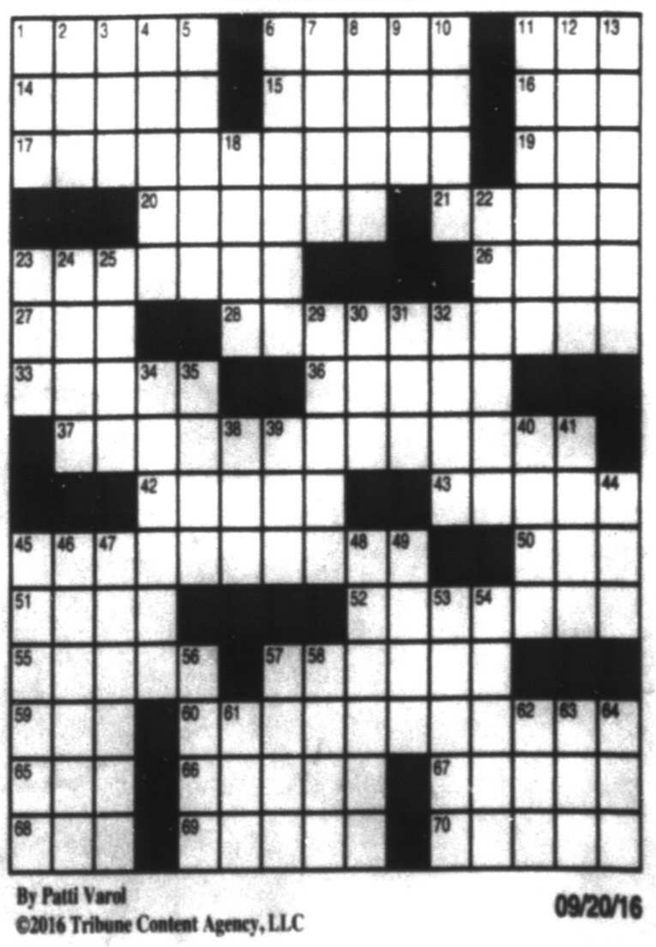

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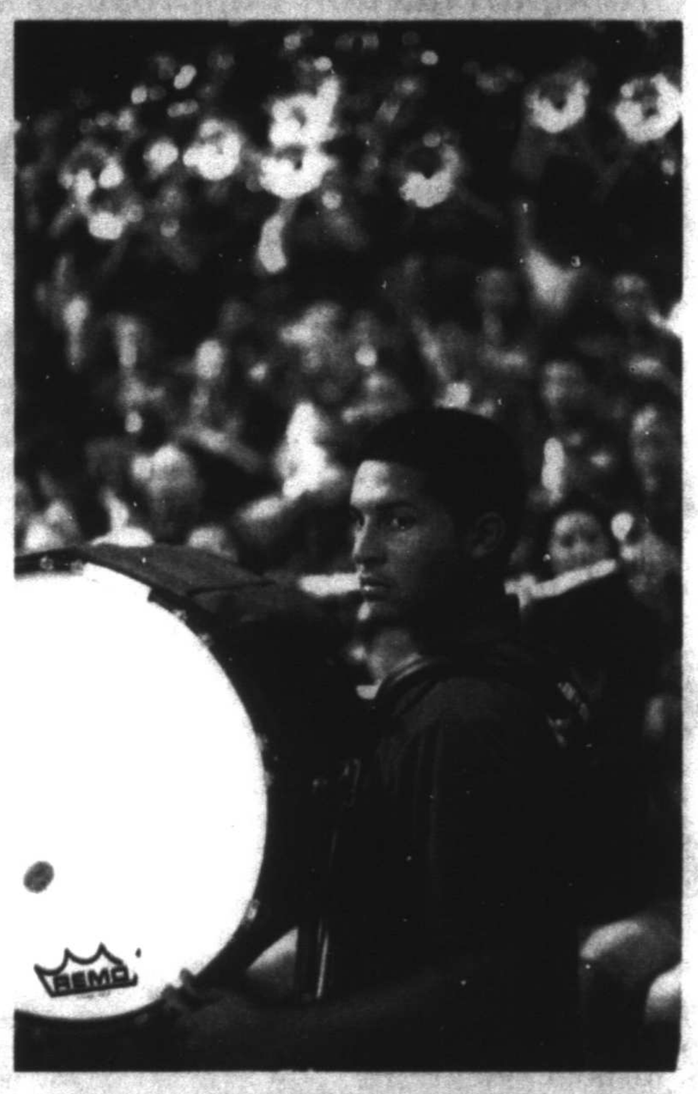

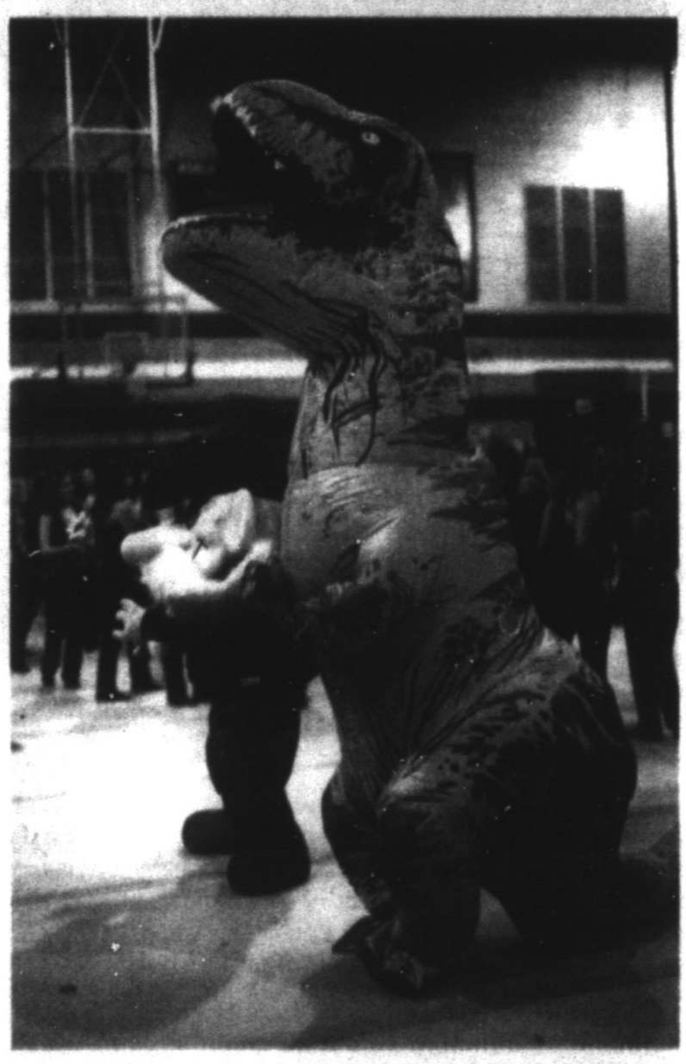

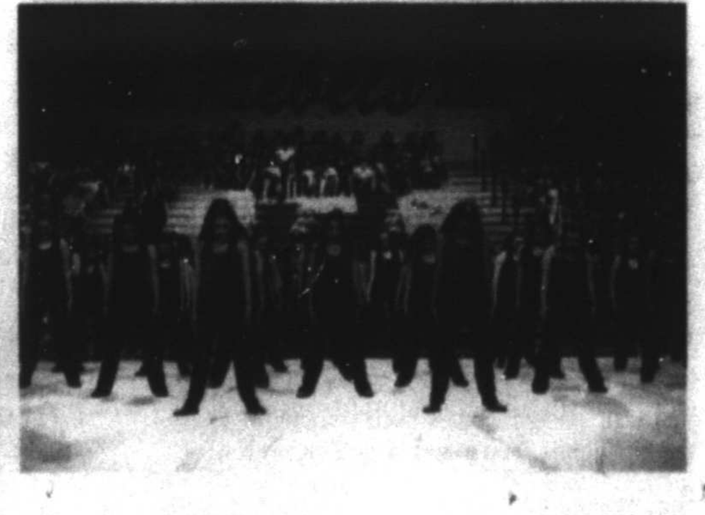

MRT AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Andrews' Del Campo helps to beat Loboes

By Oscar LeRoy
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Before the rivalry game against Monahans on Friday night, Andrews coach Ralph Mason said he needed some of his players to step up and become leaders on the field.

Del Campo

Senior Abraham Del Campo heard the call and rose to the challenge when the Mustangs needed him most.

Del Campo arguably had his breakout game against the Loboes, as he not only had some crucial kickoff returns but was the top receiver for senior quarterback Triston Williams and the explosive Mustang offense.

He had two kickoff returns for 125 yards, including a return for a touchdown, he caught a team-high seven passes for 89 yards and another score, and he added five total tackles and a fumble recovery on defense in a nail-biting 43-40 victory.

"He had a great game," Mason said.

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

"It was a big win," Del Campo said. "It's Monahans, a great team, and we knew we had to come out and play our best. Coach Mason told us before the game that it wasn't going to be handed to us.."

Mason said he had seen flashes of what Del Campo could do in practice but was waiting on him to do it in a game.

Whether it was just his time to shine or the fact that the opponent was Monahans, Del Campo stepped up in the perfect moment for his team as the Loboes did a good job of keeping the ball away from the Mustangs.

"Maybe it was just into the atmosphere, but I hadn't done anything in games," Del Campo said. "I don't know what it was. Maybe because we were playing Monahans. But Coach Mason said all of us had to become leaders and lead the right way."

Del Campo made his impact early.

After Monahans had scored a touchdown to a take 7-0 lead in the first quarter, Del Campo took the ensuing kickoff and returned it 94 yards untouched for the touchdown.

"The only reason I was able to have success with my kickoff returns was because of my blockers," he said. "We believe in working on our special teams just like our offense. We know it's important and I just did what (assistant coach Stormy Jackson) told me and look for blockers. I saw there was open space and I just went through the hole."

Added Mason: "He surprised me a little bit on that kickoff return. They had kicked it away from where we were setting up the return and he just took the ball and I don't think he was ever touched. He came up big for us."

When he wasn't having critical kickoff

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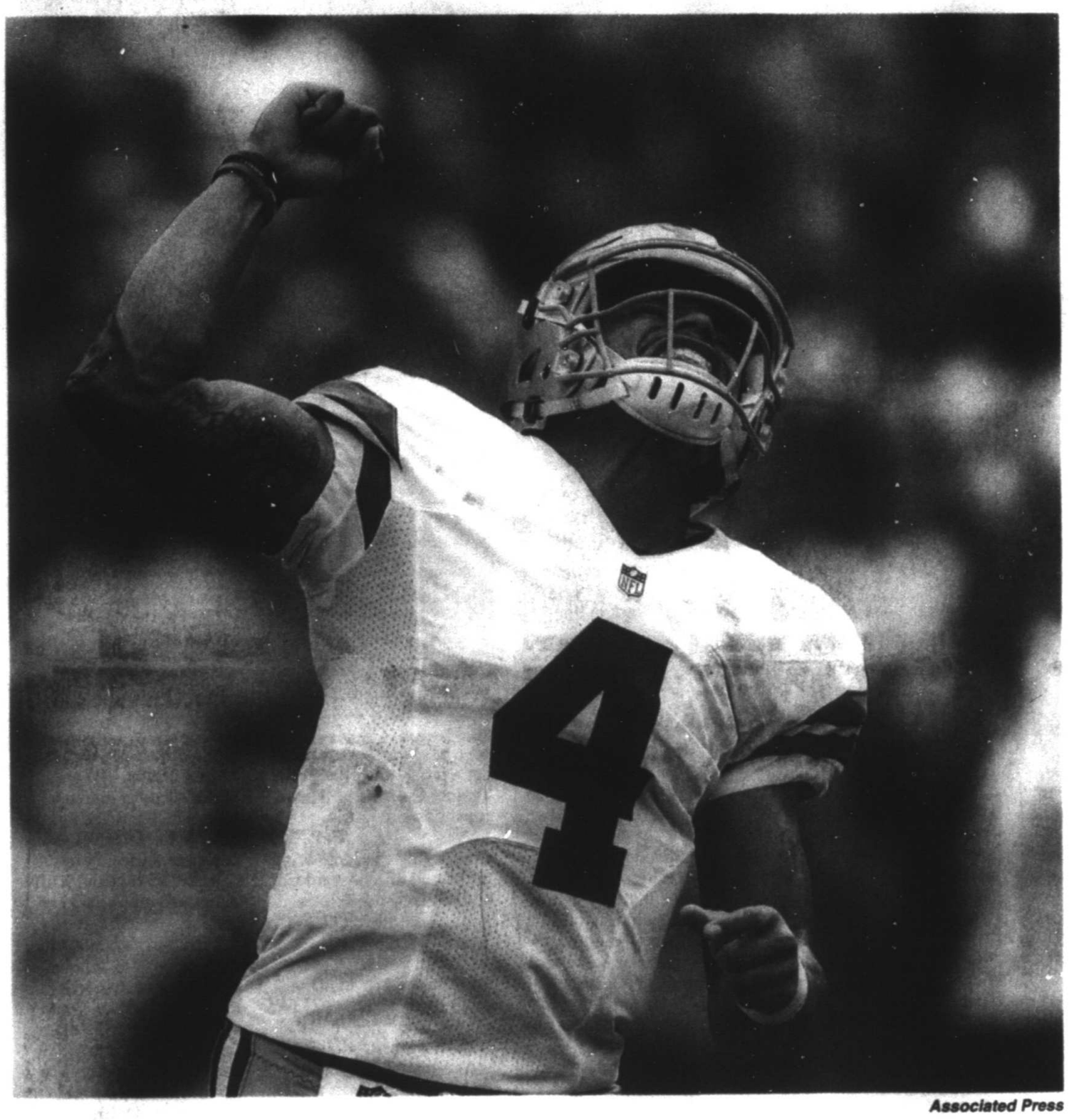
DAK TO THE FUTURE


Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) celebrates running back Alfred Morris' touchdown during the second half of a game against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md., on Sunday.

Dak has Cowboys in better shape without Romo

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

With turnover-free rookie quarterback Dak Prescott, the Dallas Cowboys are already in better shape than they were without Tony Romo in the early part of last season.

First of all, they already have a win.

There is also the hope with the way Prescott has already progressed in two games to believe there could be more wins while Romo continues to heal from that broken bone in his back.

"Now we're two weeks into this, so we have to understand that. I think he improved from Week 1 to Week 2, I think he learned from some of the experiences in the opener, and I think he improved over the course of practice and throughout the game in Washington," coach Jason Garrett said Monday.

"He approaches it the right way, it starts with that. His intangibles are excellent, his preparation, his poise, his composure, all of that stuff gives him a chance to play well."

After winning 27-23 at Washington, when Prescott helped direct a late go-ahead drive, the Cowboys (1-1) are back home Sunday night against the Chicago Bears.

Then before the bye week in late October, there are three more games against teams that have already lost games this season — San Francisco, Cincinnati and Green Bay.

Romo did make the trip with the Cowboys to Washington, a positive sign that his back was well enough to travel without any problems.

He even threw a few passes on the field before the game and got an exam from team doctors in which owner Jerry Jones said the 36-year-old quarterback "looked good."

But that is no indication of an immediately pending return for Romo.

"He's in that stage right now," Jones said. "Hopefully, soon, he'll be out of the danger stage relative to his spine, probably 2-3 more weeks and we can

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PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

Mustangs get 1st win, prepare for long road trip

By Christopher Hadorn
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The Midland Christian football team is finally in the win column.

The Mustangs (1-3) sailed to a 42-0 victory over visiting Dallas Texas Alliance of Christian Athletes after enduring an approximate 70-minute weather delay Friday at Mustang Field.

McClendon

MCS scored all of its points in the first half, while limiting TACA (1-4) to only three first downs and 21 total yards.

It was quite the contrast from the first three weeks when the Mustangs were competitive in three challenging games against Class 6A programs El Paso Eastwood and El Paso Americas and defending Class 3A Division I state champion Brock, but couldn't secure a victory in any of the contests.

"It was a game that our starters played probably a quarter and an half," MCS head coach Greg McClendon said. "It was something we really needed to go out and play and get a little work in, enjoy it and come out without any injuries. It was a good deal for us all the way around.

"The first three games of the season, it has been a pretty brutal schedule. We've just been in a dogfight the whole the time and it was good to come out with a win this week."

While McClendon acknowledged that TACA wasn't the same caliber of team the Mustangs had faced in the first three games, he said the Storm had moved the ball well on film in its previous four games.

MCS shut down TACA's offense, limiting it to only 11 yards rushing on 30 attempts.

On offense, Midland Christian quarterback Peyton Powell rushed for 114 yards and accounted for four total touchdowns; running back Luke Sheppard ran for a pair of touchdowns; and wide receiver Blake Ray had 88 yards receiving and two scores.

When the Mustangs were 0-3 last week, McClendon had strong faith in the way his team was not only competing, but the manner in which they were

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Big 12 lags behind rest of Power 5 in nonconference wins

By John Raby
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — These are not proud times for the Big 12.

The league overall has been a disappointment, going 15-11 against nonconference opponents over the first three weeks.

The .577 winning percentage ranks last among the Power 5 conferences and sixth among all FBS conferences, while the 15 wins are eighth among the 10 leagues.

The Big Ten leads the way at 79 percent, followed by the Southeastern Conference, the Pac 12, American and the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"I look around the country and there's a lot of surprises that take place," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said Monday. "Coaches understand that they're vulnerable every time they get on the field."

And all that preseason talk of again making the four-team College Football Playoff needs to be put on hold, at least for now. First, the Big 12 needs to get into position. The conference has no team ranked in the top 15.

"I hope it's too early to figure it out," said Baylor interim coach Jim Grobe. "A lot of teams have at the first of the year started a little sluggishly. We are no different than everybody else. We hope as we go through the season we get better and better."

Oklahoma made the playoff a year ago despite losing to Texas. After falling to Houston and Ohio State this month, the 25th-ranked Sooners are 1-2 for the first time since 2005, and now coach Bob

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Associated Press

Texas coach Charlie Strong yells during the first quarter of an NCAA college football game against California on Saturday in Berkeley, Calif.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV
BASEBALL
AAA Championship: El Paso Chihuahuas vs. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders, 8 p.m., NBCSN
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
West Texas A&M at UTPB, 7 p.m., MyTV 16
FUTSAL
World Cup, Rd of 16: Russia vs. Vietnam, 5:30 p.m., FS2
HOCKEY
World Cup of Hockey: Finland vs. Sweden, 2 p.m., ESPN
World Cup of Hockey: Canada vs. USA, 7 p.m., ESPN
MLB
Boston at Baltimore, 6 p.m., MLB
LA Angels at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Oakland, 9 p.m., ROOT
San Francisco at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., ESPN2, ESPNDEP
MEN'S SOCCER
La Liga: Malaga vs. SD Eibar, 12:50 p.m., beIN2
Bundesliga: VfL Wolfsburg vs. Borussia Dortmund, 1 p.m., FS1, GolTV
Bundesliga: Sporting-Club Freiburg vs. Hamburger SV, 1 p.m., FS2
Bundesliga: FC Ingolstadt 04 vs. Eintracht Frankfurt, 1 p.m., FSP, FXDEP
EFL Cup: Leicester City vs. Chelsea, 1:40 p.m., beIN
La Liga: Sevilla FC vs. Betis, 2:50 p.m., beIN2
Liga MX: CF Monarcas Morelia vs. CF Pachuca, 6:40 p.m., AZTECA
Liga MX: Cruz Azul FC vs. Deportivo Toluca FC, 6:50 p.m., UDN
Liga MX: CD Guadalajara vs. Tigres UANL, 7 p.m., UniMas
Liga MX: Club Necaxa vs. Club America, 9 p.m., UniMas, UDN
Liga MX: Puebla FC vs. CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz, 11 p.m., UDN
TENNIS
ATP: Metz & St. Petersburg, 4 a.m., TENNIS
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Stanford at Cal, 9 p.m., P12, P12 BAY

ON RADIO
MLB
LA Angels at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)
Houston at Oakland, 9 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

TENNIS
Midland High at Odessa Permian, 4 p.m.
Lee at Odessa High, 4 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL
Odessa High at Lee, 6 p.m.
Coahoma at Greenwood, 7 p.m.
Midland Christian at Lubbock Trinity, 7 p.m.
Water Valley at MCA, 6 p.m.
Lubbock Titans at Trinity, 6 p.m.

LOCAL GOLF SCORES

2016 WGA Ladies Classic
At Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Monday's gross scores

Flight 1
T. D. Peden-L. Glasser-K. Miller-P. Bettis 121; 2. B. Sikes-S. Mitchell-S. Espy-S. Bowden 127; 3. (tie) T. Youngs-R. Trevino-D. Carbajal-M. Hall 131; T. Albright-C. Foster-L. Watson-E. Wilson 131; 5. D. Weddle-B. Hester-S. Lands-P. Martin 133; 6. L. Guthrie-S. Roberts-B. Schlinger-S. Ryan 134; 7. M. Graves-D. Brannan-C. Werner-A. McCullough 138

Flight 2
1. B. Wright-S. Roberts-C. Trotter-C. Prince 127; 2. (tie) B. Brimer-H. Krueger-K. Bettis-J. Garrett 136; J. Hunnicutt-J. Burnett-K. Belin-M. Peterson 136; 4. J. Gortney-V. Kallestad-K. Burnett-K. Hooper 141; 5. R. Aguilar-B. Bowling-S. Holmes-B. Harris 144; 6. T. Lawrence-J. Duncan-P. Ares-A. Self 144; 7. M. Morris-J. Daniels-J. Moss-S. Reed 148

Flight 3
1. T. Kennedy-L. Barker-T. Gann-H. Martin 133; 2. T. Chavez-D. Edwards-T. Giles-T. Rose 135; 3. J. Stark-L. Lemons-M. Bradford-K. Dickerson 136; 4. D. Welch-S. Wallin-G. Preece-M. Bowerman 142; 5. D. Winborn-D. Walker-D. Morring-R. Johnson 144; 6. (tie) C. Foster-L. Watson-E. Wilson-L. Boynton 147; J. Bohannon-M. Kasch-M. Terrell-B. Fanning 147; 8. J. Harlan-K. Cowan-J. McLilwain-M. Westbrook 150

Flight 4
1. L. Thomson-T. Malcom-D. Dearsley-E. Jones 132; 2. K. McDonald-K. Farmer-J. Hilard-Ed. Guthrie 144; 3. E. Parmelly-S. Brown-P. Wickson-S. Hill 145; 4. M. Farris-P. Corbell-S. Cook-L. Lara 151; 5. B. Rhodes-B. Evans-L. Wilson-C. Scott 152; 6. C. Abney-L. Guillar-K. Barnes-M. Mason 155; 7. E. Goodfellow-C. Roden-J. Lamphere-S. Hall 161

FCS COACHES POLL

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — The top 25 teams in the Coaches Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 17, points and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Dakota State (26)	3-0	650	1
2. Sam Houston State	2-0	605	3
3. Chattanooga3-0	583	4	
4. Jacksonville State	2-1	558	6
5. Eastern Washington	2-1	556	7
6. Montana 2-0	509	9	
7. James Madison	2-1	429	8
8. William & Mary	2-1	426	14
9. Richmond 2-1	419	2	
10. The Citadel3-0	372	15	
11. Charleston Southern	1-2	368	12
12. Illinois State2-1	363	5	
13. Western KCkos	2-0	326	16
14. Northern Iowa	1-2	310	11
15. Villanova 2-1	250	18	
16. Eastern Illinois	2-1	206	—
17. Youngstown State	2-1	187	20
18. South Dakota State	1-2	184	10
19. Harvard 1-0	127	22	
20. McNeese State	1-2	123	13
21. Colgate 1-1	119	23	
22. N.C. A&T 2-1	118	19	
23. Albany (N.Y.)	3-0	110	25
24. Stony Brook2-1	109	—	
25. Northern Arizona	1-2	93	24
25. Portland State	1-2	93	17

Others receiving votes: Southern Utah 62, Cal Poly 37, North Dakota 25, Samford 24, Liberty 22, Stephen F. Austin 14, Grambling State 12, Jackson State 11, Fordham 10, Wofford 9, Southeast Missouri State 8, Eastern Kentucky 6, Dartmouth 4, Monmouth (N.J.) 3, Tennessee Tech 3, Towson 2, Montana State 2, New Hampshire 1, Delaware 1, Southeastern Louisiana 1

AFCA COACHES POLLS

Division II

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Northwest Missouri State (30)	3-0	750	1
2. Grand Valley State (Mich.)	3-0	713	2
3. West Georgia	3-0	687	3
4. Shepherd (W.Va.)	3-0	655	4
5. Ashland (Ohio)	3-0	627	5
6. Texas A&M-Commerce	2-0	586	7
7. Ferris State (Mich.)	3-0	550	6
8. Henderson State (Ark.)	3-0	539	8
9. Indiana (Pa.)	2-0	493	9
10. Slippery Rock (Pa.)	3-0	476	11
11. Midwestern State (Texas)	2-0	426	12
12. Tuskegee (Ala.)	3-0	386	13
13. Central Missouri	3-0	376	14
14. Sioux Falls (S.D.)	3-0	333	15
15. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	3-0	309	16
16. Augustana (S.D.)	3-0	268	18
17. Assumption (Mass.)	3-0	256	17
18. Colorado Mesa	3-0	255	23
19. Florida Tech	3-0	233	19
19. North Alabama	1-1	233	20
21. Minnesota State	2-1	135	21
22. Bemidji State (Minn.)	3-0	126	24
23. Colorado School of Mines	2-1	125	10
24. Humboldt State (Calif.)	2-1	71	25
25. Harding (Ark.)	3-0	49	—

Division III

	Record	Pts
1. Mount Union (Ohio) (37)	2-0	1045
2. Wisconsin-Whitewater (3)	3-0	966
3. Mary Hardin-Baylor (Texas) (2)	3-0	967
4. St. Thomas (Minn.)	3-0	932
5. Wisconsin-Oshkosh	2-0	822
6. Wheaton (Ill.)	3-0	798
7. North Central (Ill.)	3-0	703
8. St. John's (Minn.)	3-0	681
9. Johns Hopkins (Md.)	3-0	687
10. Wabash (Ind.)	2-0	617
11. Wisconsin-Platteville	2-0	616
12. Hardin-Simmons (Texas)	2-0	595
13. Delaware Valley (Pa.)	3-0	478
14. Linfield (Ore.)	1-1	464
15. Salisbury (Md.)	2-0	395
16. St. John Fisher (N.Y.)	3-0	363
17. Huntingdon (Ala.)	3-0	339
18. Hobart (N.Y.)	3-0	295
19. Thomas More (Ky.)	2-1	198
20. Wittenberg (Ohio)	2-0	179
21. Dubuque (Iowa)	3-0	165
22. East Texas Baptist	3-0	161
23. Franklin (Ind.)	2-1	156
24. Muhlenberg (Pa.)	3-0	136
25. St. Lawrence (N.Y.)	3-0	133

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Extended their working agreement with Aberdeen (NYP) through the 2018 season.
DETROIT TIGERS — Extended their player development contract with Erie (EL) through the 2018 season.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Named Paul Beeston president emeritus.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Reinstated RHP Aaron Blair from the 15-day DL.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Recalled INF Micah Johnson from Oklahoma City (PCL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Agreed to terms with F Giannis Antetokounmpo on a contract extension.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Re-signed F Lou Amundson.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Fined the Seattle Seahawks $400,000 and coach Pete Carroll $200,000 for violating NFL-NFLPA work rules prohibiting excessive contact in offseason workouts. In addition, the Seahawks will forfeit its first week of 2017 organized team activity and a 2017 fifth-round draft pick.
BUFFALO BILLS — Released OT Chris Martin. Signed OT William Poehls to the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed QB Charlie Whitehurst.
DETROIT LIONS — Released TE Andrew Quarless.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released CB Tay Glover-Wright. Signed LB Deontrez Mount to the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Released DL Claude Pelon from the practice squad. Signed TE Braedon Bowman to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed NT Kedric Golston on injured reserve. Released DL Louis Nix III and LB Lynden Trail from the practice squad. Signed DL Matt Ioannidis from the practice squad and LBs Jason Fanaika and Amarlo Herrera and DL Bobby Richardson to the practice squad.
HOCKEY
ECHL
READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with F Zach Hall. Named Sean Berberich trainer.
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
BUFFALO BANDITS — Signed T Andrew Watt to a one-year contract.
COLORADO MAMMOTH — Traded F Adam Jones and a 2017 second-round draft pick to Saskatchewan for F Zack Greer and 2016 first-round draft pick.
COLLEGE
CASTLETON — Named Bill Sifengo men's ice hockey coach and DJ Fimiani women's ice hockey coach.
HAMPTON — Named Angela Nicholson softball coach.
THIEL — Named Nicholas Messner men's assistant lacrosse coach.

PGA TOUR LEADERS

Through Sept. 11

Rank Player Points	YTD	Money
1. Dustin Johnson	5,189	$9,067,865
2. Patrick Reed	4,203	$5,531,675
3. Adam Scott	3,479	$6,209,500
4. Jason Day	3,409	$8,045,112
5. Paul Casey	3,252	$3,477,580
6. Rory McIlroy	3,223	$4,390,585
7. Jordan Spieth	2,771	$5,371,670
8. Russell Knox	2,465	$4,732,906
9. Emiliano Grillo	2,371	$3,153,085
10. Jimmy Walker	2,340	$4,009,146
11. Brandt Snedeker	2,117	$3,793,542
12. Justin Thomas	1,946	$3,828,455
13. Phil Mickelson	1,932	$3,866,228
14. Ryan Moore	1,893	$2,946,784
15. Kevin Chappell	1,881	$3,748,800
16. Matt Kuchar	1,875	$3,636,076
17. Hideki Matsuyama	1,856	$3,853,954
18. Si Woo Kim	1,794	$2,867,749
19. Kevin Kisner	1,787	$3,281,554
20. Gary Woodland	1,755	$2,173,424
21. Roberto Castro	1,742	$2,353,874
22. Kevin Na	1,727	$3,303,591
23. William McGirt	1,666	$3,446,372
24. Bubba Watson	1,658	$3,274,222
25. Sean O'Hair	1,652	$1,536,113
26. Daniel Berger	1,650	$3,107,184
27. Jason Dufner	1,635	$2,616,364
28. J.B. Holmes	1,618	$2,828,509
29. Jhonattan Vegas	1,611	$2,391,080
30. Charl Schwartzel	1,607	$2,717,407

Did Not Advance To Fourth Playoff Event

31. Rickie Fowler	1,607	$2,713,563
32. Sergio Garcia	1,566	$3,242,156
33. Jason Kokrak	1,554	$1,934,250

Former MC coach in custody for alleged threat at Utah school

From staff reports

A former Midland College men's basketball coach is in police custody after he allegedly told staff at a Utah elementary school to evacuate so no one would get hurt.

Craig

The Salt Lake Tribune reported that the man, who was identifying himself as Christopher Craig, entered Eagle Valley Elementary in Eagle Valley, Utah, and had made the threat. Police investigated a possible bomb threat at the school.

All students and school staff members were evacuated and safe, according to the Salt Lake Tribune.

Craig had also sent an e-mail to various media outlets before the incident identifying himself as "the radical Islamic jihadist Muhammad Allah Al-Khidr" and said the sender would "call 911 with a threat of an explosive" at the school. He not only described the bomb threat but a hunger strike he plans to conduct in jail, according to the Salt Lake Tribune.

He also wrote: "Racism is the reason for my hunger strike, to take this conversation deeper, to the truth, core and roots."

Craig was the head coach of the Chaparrals from 2011-2013 and resigned for personal reasons. The resignation followed a day in which Craig wrote about end-of-the-world prophecies and other conspiracy theories on his Twitter account and in a personal blog.

Following his resignation, Craig reportedly moved back to Utah but his run-ins with the law and bizarre behavior have not been uncommon, according to past media reports.

In 2013 in Price, Utah, Craig was arrested after he drove his car onto an elementary school playground and for possession of marijuana.

Also in 2013, police in Fort Collins, Colorado, sent a memo to local churches to keep an eye out for a man, who was later identified as Craig, who had threatened that Mormons and Catholics "would be destroyed."

A 2014 Sports Illustrated article about Craig detailed his struggles with mental illness and that he had gone in for treatment in state mental hospitals in Utah and Colorado.

Wentz comes through again as Eagles beat Bears 29-14

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Carson Wentz followed up an impressive NFL debut with another solid performance, throwing for 190 yards and a touchdown, and the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Chicago Bears 29-14 on Monday night.

Wentz showed plenty of poise, just as he did in his debut against Cleveland. The No. 2 overall draft pick completed 21 of 34 passes without an interception despite absorbing several big hits.

Ryan Mathews ran for two scores, and the Eagles (2-0) scored a pair of touchdowns late in the third quarter to break open a two-point game.

While Philadelphia was pulling away, Chicago quarterback Jay Cutler walked to the locker room with a right hand injury and did not return.

That was the biggest blow for the Bears (0-2), who lost several players and fell again after opening with a loss at Houston. It's not the sort of start they envisioned in their second year under coach John Fox after finishing last in the NFC North. But they continued to struggle at home, where they were 1-7 a year ago.

Cutler, who completed 12 of 17 passes for 157 yards, walked to the locker room following an interception by Nigel Bradham late in the third quarter.

EAGLES 29, BEARS 14

Philadelphia	3	6	13	7	—29
Chicago	6	7	0	7	—14

First Quarter
Phi—FG Sturgis 25, 6:11.

Second Quarter
Chi—Langford 1 run (Barth kick), 11:16.
Phi—FG Sturgis 29, 2:27.
Phi—FG Sturgis 53, :03.

Third Quarter
Phi—Mathews 3 run (Sturgis kick), :33.
Phi—Burton 2 pass from Wentz (kick failed), :32.

Fourth Quarter
Phi—Mathews 1 run (Sturgis kick), 10:36.
Chi—Royal 65 punt return (Barth kick), 5:09.
A—62,255.

	Phi	Chi
First downs	21	16
Total Net Yards	280	284
Rushes-yards	32-100	19-64
Passing	180	220
Punt Returns	0-0	1-65
Kickoff Returns	2-57	5-90
Interceptions Ret.	1-28	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-34-0	21-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-10	3-15
Punts	5-43.6	4-37.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-34	7-60
Time of Possession	36:05	23:55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Philadelphia, Sproles 12-40, Mathews 9-32, Smallwood 2-16, Wentz 6-10, Barner 2-2, Huff 1-0. Chicago, Langford 11-58, Howard 3-22, White 1-9, Carey 2-3, Leslie 1-2.

PASSING—Philadelphia, Wentz 21-34-0-190. Chicago, Cutler 12-17-1-157, Hoyer 9-12-0-73.

RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Matthews 6-71, Burton 5-49, Agholor 4-42, Green-Beckham 2-18, Sproles 2-8, Mathews 1-3, Huff 1-(minus 1). Chicago, Jeffery 5-68, Royal 4-62, White 4-36, Miller 4-33, Howard 2-9, Langford 1-4, Carey 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Chicago, Barth 31.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	1.000	54	45
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	59	54
Miami	0	2	0	.000	34	43
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	38	50
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	42	26
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	32	40
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	55	73
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	37	65
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	62	32
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	38	27
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	39	46
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	30	54
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	55	40
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	45	46
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	65	47
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	63	69

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	1.000	36	32
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	58	24
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	46	43
Washington	0	2	0	.000	39	65
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	38	64
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	66	48
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	59	59
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	47	51
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	42	30
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	41	40
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	54	51
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	26	52
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	55	46
Los Angeles	1	1	0	.500	9	31
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	61	30
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	15	19

Scores and schedules

Sunday's Scores
New England 31, Miami 24
N.Y. Giants 16, New Orleans 13
Dallas 27, Washington 23
Tennessee 16, Detroit 15
Baltimore 25, Cleveland 20
Pittsburgh 24, Cincinnati 16
Houston 19, Kansas City 12
Carolina 46, San Francisco 27
Los Angeles 9, Seattle 3
Arizona 40, Tampa Bay 7
Denver 34, Indianapolis 20
Atlanta 35, Oakland 28
San Diego 38, Jacksonville 14
Minnesota 17, Green Bay 14

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 29, Chicago 14

Thursday's Game
Houston at New England, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games (Sept. 25)
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 12 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 12 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 12 p.m.
Minnesota at Carolina, 12 p.m.
Denver at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.
Arizona at Buffalo, 12 p.m.
Baltimore at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.
Oakland at Tennessee, 12 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Los Angeles at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.
San Diego at Indianapolis, 3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, 3:25 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

BIG 12

From 1C

Stoops is using a bye week to shift his team's focus on winning a conference championship.

"As far as goals go, that's always a major one for us," Stoops said.

No. 16 Baylor (3-0) and West Virginia (2-0) are the league's only remaining unbeaten teams.

Coach Charlie Strong of No. 21 Texas (2-1) said the Big 12 "will be fine," while Oklahoma State's Mike Gundy said it will be several weeks before the football playoff committee starts taking an in-depth look at individual team performances.

"We've got to play our games, keep going and do the best we can," Gundy said.

Oklahoma State (2-1) hosts Baylor on Saturday in a game that will give early momentum in the league race. Four other teams continue nonconference play, and Kansas, Texas Tech and Texas join Oklahoma in having a bye week.

Some other notes from around the Big 12:

■ Premature celebrations: Stoops said he planned to talk to Joe Mixon about dropping the ball short of the goal line on a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown Saturday against Ohio State. The touchdown stood.

Against Texas, Cal's Vic Enwere did the same thing at the end of a 55-yard run. Cal retained possession and ran out the clock to win 50-43.

"When you score, just hand the ball to an official," Strong said. "Act like you've been there before."

TCU's Gary Patterson said if one of his players does that, "they just need to keep running up our tunnel."

■ Louisville's Lamar Jackson: The Cardinals quarterback has launched himself into early Heisman Trophy chatter. The only player ahead of him in total offense is Texas Tech's Patrick Mahomes at 544 yards per game. Jackson is at 459.

Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury gives Jackson his due.

"That kid's phenomenal," Kingsbury said. "Lamar has had some nationally televised games and beat a very good Florida State team. I think if Patrick just continues to improve and does what he's been doing against the competition (that) continues to get stiffer as we move into conference, all that stuff will take care of itself."

COWBOYS

From 1C

see how far he wants to go by his own volition."

When the Cowboys opted against putting Romo on injured reserve, they allowed the possibility that he could play before Nov. 6, which would have been the earliest he could have played if on that list. Their bye week is Oct. 23, a week after playing at the Packers and a week before playing Philadelphia.

It sure doesn't sound as if any continued success by Prescott would make the Cowboys more patient in waiting for Romo to return the lineup.

"Not necessarily. Not necessarily," Jones said. "Tony's situation when he's back will be about whether he's functional. We're a better team. We play better (with Romo)."

At the same time, Jones said the Cowboys "are not only playing winning football with Dak, we're developing him."

The Cowboys were off to a 2-0 start last season before Romo missed seven games because of a broken collarbone — and lost them all.

Prescott has already set an NFL rookie record with 75 pass attempts without throwing an interception, breaking a mark previously held by Hall of Famer Warren Moon.

"We don't really get caught up in records. He's just handled himself well. He's prepared for the opportunities he gets," Garrett said. "You can tell he's started a lot of games, and understands the ebb and flow of the game, and doesn't force things."

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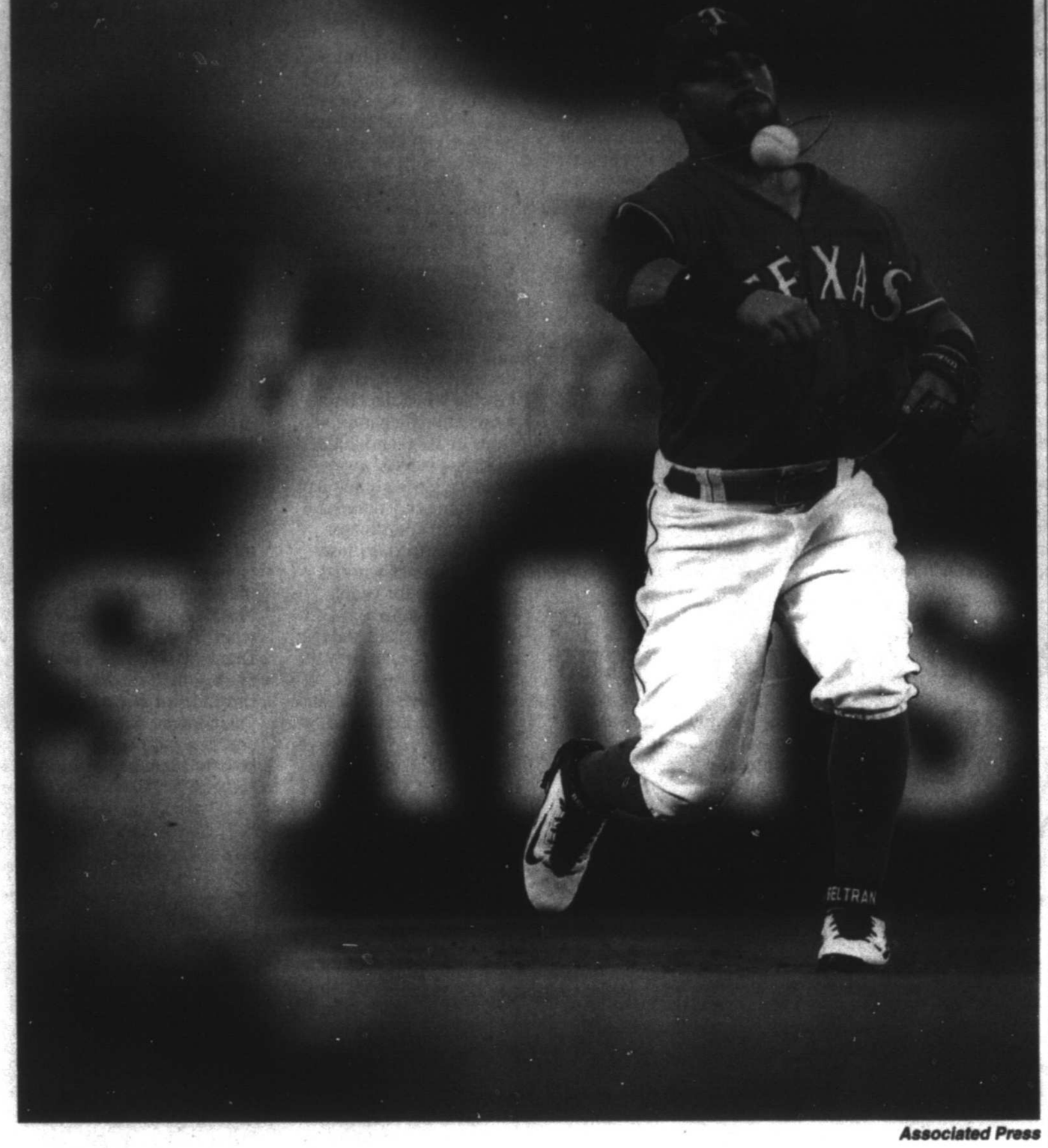

Associated Press

Texas Rangers second baseman Rougned Odor (12) makes the throw to first for the out against the Los Angeles Angels on Monday at Globe Life Park in Arlington.

Rangers rally once more, magic number 4 after beating Angels 3-2

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Ian Desmond had an RBI single with no outs in the ninth inning and the Texas Rangers moved closer to the AL West title with a 3-2 win over the last-place Los Angeles Angels on Monday night.

Elvis Andrus led off the ninth with a sharp single to left off Jose Alvarez (1-3) before Carlos Gomez turned an attempted sacrifice into a bunt single. Desmond, an All-Star center fielder, followed with his hit to right that scored Andrus.

Andrus also homered for the Rangers, who cut their magic number to four in pursuit of their second consecutive division title. Second-place Seattle was playing at home against Toronto.

Alvarez, the sixth Angels pitcher, had gotten out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth following a 38-minute rain delay.

Scully heads into final week behind mic at Dodger Stadium

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — As an 8-year-old in the Bronx, Vin Scully would grab a pillow, put it under his family's four-legged radio and lay his head directly under the speaker to hear whatever college football game was on the air in 1936.

With a snack of saltine crackers and a glass of milk nearby, the red-haired boy was transfixed by crowd's roar that raised goosebumps. He thought about how much he'd like to be at the game. As time went on, he thought he'd like to call the action himself.

His youthful aspirations came true at 22 when he was hired by a CBS radio affiliate in Washington, D.C. The following year, he joined Red Barber and Connie Desmond in the Brooklyn Dodgers' radio and television booths. In 1953, at age 25, Scully became the youngest person to broadcast a World Series game, a mark that still stands.

Now 88, Scully is heading into his final week behind the mic at Dodger Stadium before concluding his career on Oct. 2 in San Francisco, where the Dodgers end the regular season against the rival Giants. His 67 years with the Dodgers make Scully the longest-tenured broadcaster with a single team in professional sports.

"I will miss it," he said Monday. "I know that dramatically."

Scully discovered his lifelong love of baseball walking home from grade school. He passed a Chinese laundromat and saw the score from Game 2 of the 1936 World Series: Yankees 18, Giants 4.

"My first reaction was, 'Poor Giants,'" he recalled, noting he lived near the team's home at the Polo Grounds and attended many games for free after school. "That's when I fell in love with baseball and became a true fan."

Fittingly, his last game will be 80 years to the day he saw that score in the window.

"It seems like the plan was laid out for me and all I had to do was follow the instructions," Scully said.

Has he ever.

Though the years, Scully has entranced generations of baseball fans with his dulcet tones as he spins stories about the game and its players while working alone on the air. He still relishes the crowd's cheers, a sound he says is "like water out of a showerhead."

Same number, new sport: Tebow works out at Mets camp

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Tim Tebow arrived at the New York Mets' minor league clubhouse Monday morning, finding an orange-and-blue jersey with No. 15 on the back swaying in his locker.

He was asked if that worked.

"Heck, yeah," Tebow replied.

It's the same color scheme he wore as a national champion and Heisman Trophy winner at Florida, and the same number he wore with the Gators and throughout his less-than-storied years as an NFL quarterback. And now he's wearing it again as he tries to find a place in baseball, going through his first workout with the Mets' instructional league squad on Monday.

He showed some power, hitting three balls in batting practice off the chain-link fence in right-center — better than just about everyone else did. He showed some rust, popping up a half-dozen pitches in that same BP session. And he showed a need for work, after one of his throws sailed well over someone's head and nearly onto an adjacent field during a simple game of catch.

"It was a lot of fun," Tebow said. "It was great. It was great to be on a team. It was great to just go through a warmup and go through drills, just have fun, take BP, get to know all the guys, try to remember as many names as possible."

Predictably, it was also a circus atmosphere.

Hundreds of fans — many wearing Tebow jerseys, some even wearing now-on-sale Mets shirts with Tebow's name — showed up; a worker at the Mets' complex said instructional league workouts last year drew maybe a couple dozen people, tops. A news helicopter circled over the field where Tebow worked for more than an hour. He got a huge cheer from fans for executing his first official drill, one where he learned how to take a lead off first base.

"Never been here before," said Sarah Dale, a waitress who works an overnight shift and now says she'll be a Mets fan. "I'm here for Tim Tebow. ... He's a people person. Everyone loves him."

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ROYALS 8 WHITE SOX 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jose Abreu is reaching some significant milestones with others in reach, but they are not transitioning into a winning record for the Chicago White Sox.

Abreu homered in an 8-3 loss to the Kansas City Royals on Monday, becoming the first player in White Sox history to hit at least 25 homer runs in his first three major league seasons.

Abreu needs five home runs and four RBIs to join Albert Pujols as the only players in major league history with 30 home runs and 100 RBIs in their first three seasons. The homer total may be difficult to reach with only a dozen games left on the schedule.

RED SOX 5 ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE — Five days earlier, Orioles right-hander Kevin Gausman proved to be a worthy adversary to Boston Red Sox ace Rick Porcello.

Given a second chance Monday night, Porcello got the best of rookie Dylan Bundy and beat the Orioles 5-2 in a duel between the top two teams in the AL East.

Porcello (21-4) pitched a four-hitter, striking out seven and walking none in his third complete game of the year. Last week at Fenway Park, the right-hander gave up one run in eight innings against Baltimore but was outpitched by Gausman and took the loss.

In this one, Bundy (9-6) allowed two-run homers to David Ortiz and Mookie Betts before being lifted after five innings.

National League

MARLINS 4 NATIONALS 3

MIAMI — Danny Espinosa's three-run homer run accounted for the Washington Nationals' only runs of the game.

It was not enough, though, as Washington fell 4-3 to the Miami Marlins on Monday night.

"We made a couple mistakes during the game," Nationals manager Dusty Baker said. "We had opportunities to win the game and take the lead and we didn't get it done."

Washington trailed by a run to begin the ninth when Wilson Ramos led off with a double to left-center field. Michael Taylor pinch-ran for Ramos and was thrown out at third on a groundball to shortstop Miguel Rojas.

"I can't speak for what a guy was thinking, but that was a mistake," Baker said.

CUBS 5 REDS 2

CHICAGO — Dexter Fowler hit a tiebreaking single with two outs in the seventh inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-2 on Monday night.

Fowler's line drive into center field capped a three-run rally for the Cubs after they were shut down by Tim Adleman most of the night. It also made a winner of Jason Hammel (15-9), who pitched seven solid innings.

Jason Heyward added a two-run homer in the eighth as the Cubs moved seven games ahead of Washington for the best record in the National League, lowering their magic number for clinching home-field advantage throughout the NL playoffs to five. That's the only major goal still out there during the regular season for major league-leading Chicago after it secured the NL Central title last week.

Brandon Phillips homered for last-place Cincinnati, which has lost five of six. Joey Votto went 2 for 3 with an RBI single and a walk, increasing his batting average since the All-Star break to .416.

BRAVES 7 METS 3

NEW YORK — The Blair Pitch Project started to show results for the Atlanta Braves.

Using a revised windup developed during a brief trip to the minor leagues, Aaron Blair won for the first time in 13 major league starts and helped the Braves slow the New York Mets' wild-card chase with a 7-3 victory Monday night.

Acquired from Arizona along with Swanson and Ender Inciarte in December's trade that sent Shelby Miller to the Diamondbacks, Blair had been 0-6 with an 8.23 ERA in his first 12 big league starts, including 0-2 in three outings against the Mets.

"It's frustrating giving up runs and going out, not getting a win for your team, but tonight was good," Blair said.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	86	64	.573	—
Baltimore	82	68	.547	4
Toronto	81	68	.544	4½
New York	77	72	.517	8½
Tampa Bay	64	85	.430	21½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	86	63	.577	—
Detroit	79	70	.530	7
Kansas City	77	73	.513	9½
Chicago	72	78	.480	14½
Minnesota	55	95	.367	31½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	89	62	.589	—
Seattle	79	70	.530	9
Houston	78	71	.523	10
Oakland	66	83	.443	22
Los Angeles	65	85	.433	23½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	86	62	.587	—
New York	80	70	.533	6
Miami	75	75	.500	13
Philadelphia	67	83	.447	21
Atlanta	59	91	.393	29

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	95	55	.633	—
St. Louis	78	71	.523	16½
Pittsburgh	74	75	.497	20½
Milwaukee	68	82	.453	27
Cincinnati	63	87	.420	32

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	84	65	.564	—
San Francisco	79	70	.530	5
Colorado	72	78	.480	12½
Arizona	63	86	.423	21
San Diego	62	87	.416	22

x-clinched division

Scores and schedules

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's Scores

Kansas City 8, Chicago White Sox 3
Boston 5, Baltimore 2
Texas 3, L.A. Angels 2
Houston at Oakland, late
Toronto at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Boston (Rodriguez 2-7) at Baltimore (Gausman 8-10), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Shields 5-17) at Philadelphia (Thompson 2-5), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Volquez 10-11) at Cleveland (Tomlin 12-8), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 6-11) at Tampa Bay (Smyly 7-11), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Wright 0-3) at Texas (Griffin 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 5-4) at Minnesota (Santiago 12-8), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Musgrove 3-4) at Oakland (Manaea 6-9), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 19-4) at Seattle (Iwakuma 16-11), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Monday's Scores

Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Miami 4, Washington 3
Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 2
St. Louis 5, Colorado 3
Arizona at San Diego, late
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

Chicago White Sox (Shields 5-17) at Philadelphia (Thompson 2-5), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 5-10) at N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Roark 15-8) at Miami (Fernandez 15-8), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs (Lester 17-4), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee (Garza 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 11-9) at Colorado (De La Rosa 9-8), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Bradley 7-9) at San Diego (Clemens 3-5), 9:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 16-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 12-4), 9:10 p.m.

Texas box

RANGERS 3, ANGELS 2

Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Y.Escbr 3b	4	1	1	0
Trout cf	4	0	1	1
Pujols dh	4	0	1	0
Cron 1b	4	0	0	0
J.Marte lf	2	1	0	0
Ortega lf	1	0	0	0
A.Simms ss	4	0	1	0
G.Petit 2b	4	0	0	0
C.Perez c	3	0	1	1
S.Ritzan rf	3	0	0	0
Rua ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Mazara rf	3	1	1	1
Hoying rf	1	0	0	0
Andrus ss	4	2	3	1
Totals	33	2	5	2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi
C.Gomez lf	4	0	2	0
Desmond cf	5	0	3	1
Beltran dh	4	0	0	0
Beltre 3b	3	0	2	0
D.Shields pr	0	0	0	0
Alberto 3b	0	0	0	0
Odor 2b	3	0	1	0
Lucroy c	3	0	0	0
Mreland 1b	2	0	0	0
Profar 1b	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	12	3

Los Angeles	000 001 100—2
Texas	000 010 101—3

E—Odor (21). DP—Los Angeles 2. LOB—Los Angeles 5, Texas 11. 2B—Y.Escobar (26), C.Perez (14), Odor (32). 3B—Trout (5). HR—Mazara (19), Andrus (6). SB—C.Gomez (17). CS—Odor (7).

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chacin	5	6	1	1	1	3
Morin	1	0	0	0	1	2
Ege	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Rasmus	1-3	1	1	1	1	0
Achter	1-3	2	0	0	1	0
Alvarez L,1-3	2-3	3	1	1	0	0
Texas						
Perez	7	4	2	2	0	2
Bush	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dyson W,3-2	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Perez (Marte).
T—3:00. A—29,068 (48,114).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ROYALS 8, WHITE SOX 3

Chicago	010 100 100 —3 9 1
Kansas City	020 042 00x —8 12 0

Rodon, Minaya (5), B.Smith (6), Kahnle (7), Ramirez (8) and Narvaez; Ventura and Butera. W—Ventura 11-11. L—Rodon 7-10. HRs—Chicago, Sanchez (2), Abreu (25). Kansas City, Orlando (5), Escobar (8), Morales (20).

RED SOX 5, ORIOLES 2

Boston	002 030 000 —5 9 0
Baltimore	000 100 010 —2 4 1

Porcello and Leon; Bundy, Duensing (6), Wilson (7), Aquino (8), Worley (9) and Wieters. W—Porcello 21-4. L—Bundy 9-6. HRs—Boston, Betts (31), Ortiz (35). Baltimore, Jones (28).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MARLINS 4, NATIONALS 3

Washington	000 030 000 —3 9 2
Miami	011 002 00x —4 7 1

Cole, Latos (5), Treinen (6), Glover (7) and W.Ramos; Chen, Wittgren (5), Ellington (6), Rodney (7), Barraclough (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto. W—Ellington 3-2. L—Latos 7-3. Sv—A.Ramos (38). HRs—Washington, Espinosa (22). Miami, Stanton (26).

BRAVES 7, METS 3

Atlanta	021 200 200 —7 13 0
New York	000 200 0x1 —3 8 0

Blair, M.Cabrera (7), J.Ramirez (8), J.Johnson (9) and Flowers; Syndergaard, Gilmartin (4), Edgin (6), Robles (7), Verrett (8), Montero (9) and R.Rivera, Paweski. W—Blair 1-6. L—Syndergaard 13-9. HRs—Atlanta, Freeman (31). New York, Rivera (3).

CUBS 5, REDS 2

Cincinnati	010 001 000 —2 6 0
Chicago	000 000 32x —5 9 1

Adleman, Wood (7) and Barnhart; Hammel, Rondon (8), Chapman (9) and Contreras. W—Hammel 15-9. L—Wood 6-4. Sv—Chapman (35). HRs—Cincinnati, Phillips (11). Chicago, Russell (21), Heyward (7), Contreras (10).

Wild Card glance

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Baltimore	82	68	.547	—
Toronto	81	68	.544	—
Detroit	79	70	.530	2
Seattle	79	70	.530	2
Houston	78	71	.523	3
New York	77	72	.517	4
Kansas City	77	73	.513	4½

Monday's Scores

Kansas City 8, Chicago White Sox 3
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Boston 5, Baltimore 2
Houston at Oakland, late
Toronto at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Boston (Rodriguez 2-7) at Baltimore (Gausman 8-10), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Volquez 10-11) at Cleveland (Tomlin 12-8), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 6-11) at Tampa Bay (Smyly 7-11), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 5-4) at Minnesota (Santiago 12-8), 7:10 p.m.
Houston (Musgrove 3-4) at Oakland (Manaea 6-9), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Happ 19-4) at Seattle (Iwakuma 16-11), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
New York	80	70	.533	—
San Francisco	79	70	.530	—
St. Louis	78	71	.523	1
Miami	75	75	.500	4½
Pittsburgh	74	75	.497	5

Monday's Scores

Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Miami 4, Washington 3
St. Louis at Colorado, late
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games

Atlanta (Teheran 5-10) at N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Roark 15-8) at Miami (Fernandez 15-8), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee (Garza 5-7), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 11-9) at Colorado (De La Rosa 9-8), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 16-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 12-4), 9:10 p.m.

Midland High's defense comes to the rescue

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In the first three games, the Midland High offense dominated the headlines with a high-octane unit that averaged 45.7 points a game and 529 yards of total offense.

The Bulldogs' box scores were aesthetically pleasing from an offensive standpoint too, as Jackson Anuszkiewicz threw for 300 yards twice, running back Ricky Hubert topped the 100-yard rushing barrier on two occasions, and multiple receivers were eclipsing the 100-yard barrier.

Fast forward to last Friday, the MHS offense didn't enjoy the same game it was accustomed to. The Dawgs (3-1) turned the ball over three times and managed just three touchdowns in a 24-21 victory at Keller (0-4).

However, the Midland High defense came to the rescue and stole the show, which was a welcomed change because good football teams depend on all three phases — offense, defense, special teams — to win.

The Indians looked poised to pull off an upset at Keller ISD Stadium when they faced a first-and-goal on the Bulldogs' 6-yard line with about three minutes remaining.

After Keller gained five yards on three plays, the Midland High defense stuffed the Indians on a fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line, forcing a turnover on downs with a game-defining goal-line stand.

That goal-line stand is the type of event that can octapult the Bulldogs defense's confidence as they enter District 2-6A play beginning with a crosstown showdown with rival Lee at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Grande Communications Stadium. And the MHS offense knows if it has a less than stellar night, the defense can pick up the slack.

I thought Friday was a positive development in Midland High's path to be a team that can be a factor in both district and postseason play.

The most important takeaway is the Bulldogs departed Keller with the win, overcoming a long bus trip, an emotional letdown with a non-district game sandwiched between No. 2 DeSoto and Lee, and staving off an Indians team hungry for a win and sick of losing.

Talking to so-called pundits around the community, the general thought is MHS played down to its competition. But even the best teams at any level — the New England Patriots, the Alabama Crimson Tide — go through games every year where they don't play their best against teams they're expected to blow out and more often than not, they find a way to achieve the desired result of a victory.

The Bulldogs found a way to get that all important "W" and I think it will help them in their growing process to be a football team that can make the Tall City proud in November.

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Strong to get more involved, Texas defense 'will get fixed'

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas coach Charlie Strong said Monday he will take a bigger role shaping his battered defense and that all of his coaches "will be evaluated" after giving up 50 points in a loss at California over the weekend.

"We've got two weeks to look at it. I've been involved in the defense. I can get more involved and I will be more involved," said Strong, a former defensive coordinator at Florida when the Gators won national championships in 2006 and 2008.

Strong backed away from suggestions he take over game-day defensive calls from coordinator Vance Bedford, a close friend who has worked with Strong for years.

"There's other guys sitting there that have the capability to take over the defense," Strong said. "It will get fixed. The defense will get fixed. I can tell you that. Whatever I need to do to get it fixed, it's gonna happen. We'll get it fixed."

No. 21 Texas (2-1) is off until starting Big 12 play Oct. 1 at Oklahoma State (2-1).

Strong has made big midseason staff changes in the past. In 2015, Strong demoted former offensive coordinator Shawn Watson after the first game. It made scant difference as Texas finished 5-7.

Strong wants to avoid hitting the panic button so soon after Texas' 2-0 start revived the Longhorns' fan base after two consecutive losing seasons. But watching Cal quarterback Davis Webb carve up the Longhorns secondary raised serious concerns heading into the Big 12, a league where offenses flourish.

Texas had problems all over the backfield, from broken coverages to players getting physically beaten in matchups. Even when Texas beat Notre Dame 50-47 in their season opener, the Longhorns surrendered five passing touchdowns. Strong said coaches and players will be held accountable for the failures.

Keys for the Rebels as District 2-6A play begins

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The Lee football team has already undergone quite a bit of adversity through the first four games of the 2016 season.

Several injuries to key players has left a Rebel defense, which has allowed an alarming 161 points in its last three games, scrambling for answers.

Things only get tougher for Lee (1-3) as the start of District 2-6A play next Friday presents a date with crosstown rival Midland High at Grande Communications Stadium.

The Bulldogs (3-1) were just seconds away from knocking off nationally No. 6-ranked DeSoto last week before escaping with a narrow road victory at Keller on Friday.

MHS has encountered a hiccup here and there, but for the most part has had the look of a legitimate district title contender and will be an imposing task for the Rebels to overcome.

The most important objective right now for Lee is this: Stay positive.

Though the Rebels' four non-district contests turned disastrous, there is still time to correct some of the plaguing issues affecting this team.

Here are three keys for the Rebels to be successful during their six-game district slate:

1. Limit explosive plays defensively — This is the elephant in the room for the Rebels. An inability to stay in front of opposing offenses has been the single most detrimental reality for Lee through its four games.

The Rebels have been consistently victimized by both the downfield pass and by long yardage runs. The defense has also forced just five punts over the last three games, a clear indication that the opposition has been having its way.

2. Stay ahead of the chains, limit penalties — Pre-snap penalties were a thorn in the Rebels' side, especially over their first two games. Though they did improve in this area as the non-district schedule carried on, they'll need to find a way to keep the downs and distances reasonable going forward.

Against the type of explosive offenses they'll see in district, Lee simply can't afford to get into first-and-20, or second-and 15 situations.

3. Continue a strong ground game — In the last three games respectively, Lee has rushed for 206, 241 and 276 yards as a team. That's solid production and the increase in total output each week is definitely encouraging.

Sophomore running back Josh Traylor has really emerged over the last three weeks and is averaging over 100 yards per game in that span. Meanwhile senior quarterback Sema'J Davis is coming off a 15-carry, 134-yard rushing performance in Friday's 51-24 home loss to Lubbock Monterey.

If Lee can continue to run the football with authority, it shouldn't have a problem offensively over the next six contests.

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DEL CAMPO

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returns, Del Campo appeared to have the hot hand at receiver and even caught the eventual game-winning 24-yard touchdown pass from Williams with 7:18 remaining in the game to give the Mustangs the 43-33 lead at the time.

Once again, Del Campo was quick to credit others for his accomplishments.

"It was a team effort, and if it wasn't for the offensive line and blocking for the offense, there was no way the offense or myself would have had that kind of success," he said. "Like coach said, if everybody does their one/eleven, we'll be successful. My success came from my team."

As a team, there's no doubt that the Mustangs are clicking and are off to a 4-0 start.

Andrews will put that undefeated record on the line on Friday night when it travels to face old rival Big Spring (0-3).

Del Campo seems to be keeping his focus and knows his team can't rest on past success.

"Big Spring is going to be tough, so we can't take them lightly," he said. "We just have to come out, play hard and do our thing."

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Other notable performances

■ Andrews senior QB **Triston Williams** had another solid game as he completed 18 of 36 passes for 215 yards and three touchdowns in the win over Monahans.

■ Midland Christian sophomore QB **Peyton Powell** helped the Mustangs get their first win of the season by rushing for 114 yards and two touchdowns, to go with 97 yards passing and two more TDs in a 42-0 win over Dallas TACA.

■ **Devynn Smith** had 83 yards rushing, 83 yards passing and accounted for four touchdowns to help beat Rankin 37-28 and give Grady its first win of the season.

MUSTANGS

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practicing.

"Probably the thing I'm proudest of is after three straight losses is how they take the field on Monday at practice," McClendon said. "They came out, they had juice, they had energy. They came out hungry to get better and nowadays that's not something you see every day in a group of kids."

Midland Christian faces another stiff test as it will travel approximately 505 miles to meet upstart Class 6A program Shadow Creek at Memorial Stadium in Alvin.

McClendon calls the independent Sharks (3-0), in their first year of competition, the most athletic team the Mustangs have faced this year.

McClendon said his Mustangs have embraced traveling and are accustomed to long trips, as evidenced by their 2014 games at Fayetteville, Arkansas and Shreveport, Louisiana, and their 2015 road playoff game in Brownsville.

"Our kids, they understand how to travel," McClendon said. "If your kid is going to play here, you better have a new car and be ready to buy another one when they graduate."

"They came out, they had juice, they had energy. They came out hungry to get better and nowadays that's not something you see every day in a group of kids."

Greg McClendon, Midland Christian coach

Trinity's second-half woes continue

The Chargers (2-2) dropped their second straight game following a dismal second half last Friday.

Buena Vista (3-1) outscored Trinity 22-6 after halftime en route to a 44-27 victory in Imperial. The Chargers trailed by a narrow 22-21 margin at intermission.

The week prior, the Lubbock Titans scored 44 unanswered points in the second half to defeat Trinity 68-46 in Wilson.

One of the common themes of the Chargers' struggles has been the lack of balance between their running and passing games.

Against Buena Vista, Trinity amassed 144 yards on the ground on 28 rushing attempts, but could only manage 50 total passing yards on 18 attempts.

The good news is the Chargers will have extra time to iron out the kinks as they have an open week before they host No. 2-ranked Balmorhea (4-0) in their home opener, Sept. 30 at Coombes Field.

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2016 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS
(1-3)

Opponents	14	48	29	41	—132
MCS	56	48	14	21	—139

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Peyton Powell	87	744	11.1	12
Luke Sheppard	28	187	6.7	4
Bryson Harper	12	85	7.1	0
Joseph Barmea	2	16	8.0	0
Tristan Davis	3	12	4.0	0
A. Needham	6	6	1.0	0
Silas Crews	3	3	1.0	0
Blake Ray	1	2	2.0	0
Cody Wolfe	2	-4	2.0	0
Totals	**124**	**1,051**	**8.5**	**16**

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Peyton Powell	41	77	2	694	4
A. Needham	10	17	0	130	0
Totals	**51**	**94**	**2**	**824**	**4**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Blake Ray	14	283	20.2	3
Luke Watson	13	139	10.7	0
A. Needham	10	116	11.6	0
Cody Wolfe	5	92	18.4	1
Josh Bailey	1	57	57.0	0
Joseph Barmea	2	50	25.0	0
Silas Crews	2	41	20.5	0
Luke Sheppard	3	35	11.7	0
Coy Stewart	1	11	11.0	0
Totals	**51**	**824**	**16.2**	**4**

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Peyton Powell	12	0	1	0	74
Luke Sheppard	4	0	0	0	24
Blake Ray	3	0	0	0	18
Cody Wolfe	1	0	0	0	6
Joe Resicka	0	11	0	0	11
A. Needham	0	0	1	0	2
Zayne Lujan	0	2	0	0	2
Bryson Harper	0	0	1	0	2
Totals	**20**	**13**	**3**	**0**	**139**

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	S	TFL	PC	INT	PD
Threadgill	36	28	64	0	2	0	0
Crews	17	3	20	0	2	0	1
Mowles	16	14	30	0	3	2	1
Hoopes	14	12	26	0	2	1	0
Schmidt	12	23	35	0	0	0	0
Eddison	11	15	26	0	0	0	2
Davis	11	7	18	0	0	0	0
Troglin	9	7	16	0	0	0	2
Esand	8	17	0	0	0	0	0
Brunson	9	2	11	0	1	0	0
Ray	8	5	13	0	1	0	0
Granczny	8	2	10	0	3	0	0
Brown	5	1	6	0	0	0	1
Russell	5	15	20	0	0	0	0
Stewart	5	3	8	0	0	0	0
Wolfe	3	1	4	0	0	0	1
Gibbs	2	2	4	0	0	0	0
Harper	2	1	3	0	0	0	0
Watson	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Lujan	2	0	2	0	1	0	0
Thomason	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Musquiz	1	2	3	0	1	0	0
Patty	1	1	2	0	1	0	0
Needham	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Duncan	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bailey	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Patterson	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Loftis	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Weathers	0	1	1	0	0	0	0

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

OFFENSE					
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,051	262.8	824	206.0	1,875	468.8
DEFENSE					
Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
948	237.0	760	190.0	1,708	427.0

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

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

Class 6A

School	Record	Total Points	
1. Allen (22)	(3-0)	243	1
2. Converse Judson (2)	(4-0)	211	3
(tie) DeSoto (1)	(3-0)	211	2
4. Lake Travis	(3-1)	145	4
5. Euless Trinity	(3-0)	142	5
6. Austin Westlake	(3-1)	117	6
7. Cedar Hill	(2-1)	96	7
8. Cibolo Steele	(3-1)	68	8
9. The Woodlands	(4-0)	49	10
10. Galena Park North Shore	(2-1)	43	9

Others receiving votes: San Angelo Central 30. Round Rock Cedar Ridge 5. Katy 5. Austin Bowie 5. Dickinson 3. Beaumont West Brook 1. Southlake Carroll 1.

Class 5A

School	Record	Total Points	
1. Cedar Park (12)	(4-0)	229	1
2. Aledo (5)	(3-0)	222	2
3. Denton Ryan (4)	(4-0)	206	3
4. Manvel (4)	(3-0)	193	4
5. Richmond Foster	(4-0)	137	6
6. Denton	(4-0)	78	7
7. Lancaster	(3-1)	70	8
8. Waxahachie	(4-0)	69	10
9. Texarkana Texas	(4-0)	64	9
10. Frisco Lone Star	(3-1)	46	5

Others receiving votes: College Station 22. Grapevine 15. Lubbock Cooper 8. Dallas Highland Park 5. Port Neches-Groves 4. Dripping Springs 3. Canyon 2. Cleburne 1.

Class 4A

School	Record	Total Points	
1. West Orange-Stark (15)	(4-0)	237	1
2. Argyle (8)	(3-0)	220	2
3. Carthage	(3-0)	186	5
4. Waco La Vega (2)	(4-0)	177	4
5. Cisco (1)	(4-0)	136	6
6. China Spring (1)	(4-0)	130	7
7. Gilmer	(3-1)	77	3
8. Henderson	(4-0)	69	10
9. Abilene Wylie	(2-1)	46	9
10. Geronimo Navarro	(4-0)	33	NR

Others receiving votes: Van 19. Celina 12. Liberty Hill 8. Sweetwater 8. El Campo 6. Kennedale 4. Stafford 3. Gladewater 1.

Class 3A

School	Record	Total Points	
1. Brock (19)	(4-0)	244	1
2. Newton (5)	(4-0)	218	2
3. Franklin (1)	(4-0)	200	3
4. Malakoff	(3-0)	179	4
5. Sunnyvale	(4-0)	136	5
6. Cameron Yoe	(3-1)	104	7
7. White Oak	(4-0)	88	8
8. Big Sandy Harmony	(4-0)	61	9
9. Canadian	(2-2)	28	10
10. Crockett	(4-0)	28	NR

Others receiving votes: Wall 17. La Marque 16. Grandview 14. Cisco 10. Sonora 10. East Bernard 6. Elysian Fields 4. George West 4. Hallettsville 3. Mineola 3. Rockdale 3. Coleman 1.

Class 2A

School	Record	Total Points	
1. Refugio (21)	(3-0)	246	1
2. Bremond (3)	(4-0)	212	2
3. Iraan (1)	(4-0)	177	3
4. Albany	(4-0)	162	5
5. Mart	(4-0)	136	6
6. Tenaha	(4-0)	113	7
7. Lovelady	(3-0)	83	8
8. Shiner	(3-1)	74	9
9. Stratford	(2-1)	56	4
10. Wellington	(4-0)	48	10

Others receiving votes: Price Carlisle 6. Muenster 5. Goldthwaite 5. Crawford 4. Evadale 1. Christoval 1. Mason 1.

AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 2-6A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Odessa Permian	4	0	193	66	1.000
San Angelo Central	4	0	240	74	1.000
Amarillo Tascosa	3	1	139	90	0.750
Midland High	**3**	**1**	**161**	**120**	**0.750**
Lee	1	3	115	173	.250
Odessa High	0	4	34	214	.000

Sept. 15 scores

Odessa Permian 55, Bishop Timon (N.Y.) St. Jude 12; Lawton (Okla.) MacArthur 27; Amarillo Tascosa 24

Sept. 16 scores

Midland High 24, Keller 21; Lubbock Monterey 51, Lee 24; Abilene Cooper 28, Wolfforth Frenship 25; Abilene High 53, Odessa High 7; San Angelo Central 53, Killeen Shoemaker 13

Friday's games

Lee vs. Midland High; Odessa Permian at Wolfforth Frenship; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High; all games start at 7:30 p.m.; San Angelo Central is open

District 2-4A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	4	0	213	109	1.000
Clint	4	0	116	43	1.000
Mountain View	3	1	86	47	.750
Fabens	1	3	54	156	.250
San Elizario	1	3	17	93	.250

Last week's scores

Andrews 43, Monahans 40; Clint 32, Silver (N.M.) 28; Pecos 68, Fabens 22; El Paso Cathedral 44, San Elizario 3; Clint Mountain View 49, Tornillo 0

This week's games

Andrews at Big Spring; Clint at Tornillo; Clint Mountain View at Denver City; Fabens at El Paso Cathedral; Anthony at San Elizario

District 2-4A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ab Wylie	2	1	66	60	.667
Brownwood	1	2	80	80	.333
Snyder	0	2	41	88	.000
Big Spring	**0**	**3**	**49**	**139**	**.000**
Stephenville	0	4	120	188	.000

Last week's scores

Argyle at Abilene Wylie, cod.; Canyon 42, Big Spring 14; Alvarado at Brownwood, cod.; Snyder at Sweetwater, cod.; Decatur 61, Stephenville 35

This week's games

Andrews at Big Spring; Brownfield at Abilene Wylie; Giddings at Brownwood; Levelland at Snyder; Graham at Stephenville

District 2-4A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Greenwood	3	0	139	87	1.000
Seminole	3	0	102	21	1.000
Sweetwater	3	0	154	40	1.000
Fort Stockton	2	2	129	119	.500
Pecos	3	1	178	84	.750
Monahans	1	2	120	118	.333
Lamesa	1	3	81	127	.250

Last week's scores

San Angelo Lake View at Greenwood, cod; Andrews 40, Monahans 40; Lamesa 28, Stanton 18; Pecos 68, Fabens 22; Snyder at Sweetwater, cod.; Uvalde 32, Fort Stockton 27; Seminole 29, Amarillo River Road 12

This week's games

Greenwood at Fort Stockton, Monahans at Seminole; Pecos at Sweetwater

District 2-3A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Idalou	2	2	76	99	.500
Colorado City	1	3	71	62	.250
Lub. Roosevelt	1	3	61	93	.250
Coahoma	**0**	**3**	**89**	**129**	**.000**
Stanton	**0**	**3**	**8**	**119**	**.000**

Last week's scores

Christoval at Stanton, cod.; Coahoma at Borger, cod; Colorado City 40, San Angelo TLCA 0; Post 35, Idalou 21; Litefield 17, Lubbock Roosevelt 0

This week's games

Grape Creek at Coahoma; Stanton at Merkel; Colorado City at Iraan; Idalou at Muleshoe; Lubbock Roosevelt at Floydada

District 4-2A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Hawley	4	0	152	53	1.000
Anson	3	1	124	77	.750
Forsan	3	1	123	61	.750
Post	3	1	137	86	.750
Stamford	1	3	62	138	.250

Last week's scores

Reagan County 42, Forsan 14; Albany 34, Anson 0; Hawley 31, Lubbock Christian 6; Post 35, Idalou 21; Stamford 35, Haskell 26

This week's games

Forsan at Morton; Roscoe at Anson; Mason at Hawley; Post at Slaton; Hamlin at Stamford

District 6-1A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sterling City	3	1	212	95	.750
Garden City	2	1	149	67	.667
Westbrook	2	1	154	80	.667
Robert Lee	1	2	141	100	.333

Last week's scores

Balmorhea 48, Garden City 35; Ira at Robert Lee, cod.; Sterling City 67, Aspermont 18; Westbrook at Water Valley, cod

This week's games

Garden City at Rankin; Robert Lee at Highland; Hermleigh at Sterling City; Grady at Westbrook

District 7-1A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Buena Vista	3	1	165	68	.750
Fort Davis	2	2	132	182	.500
Marfa	2	2	183	172	.500
Rankin	**1**	**3**	**114**	**133**	**.250**

Last week's scores

Grady 37, Rankin 28; Buena Vista 44, Trinity 27; Sanderson 70, Fort Davis 28; Grandfalls-Royalty 66, Marfa 34

This week's games

Garden City at Rankin; Imperial Buena Vista at Sanderson; Fort Davis at El Paso Faith; Dell City at Marfa

District 6-1A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Grandfalls-Royalty	3	1	127	56	.750
Loop	3	1	128	100	.750
Sands	2	1	89	83	.667
Wellman-Union	2	2	99	181	.500
Grady	**1**	**3**	**140**	**230**	**.250**

Last week's scores

Grady 37, Rankin 28; Trent at Ackerly Sands, cod.; Dawson 28, Klondike 0; Loop 26, Wilson JV 6; Wellman-Union 40, Plainview Christian 32

This week's games

Grady at Westbrook; Ackerly Sands at Meadow; Amherst at Dawson; Loop vs. Gustine in Hermleigh; Hart at Wellman-Union

TAPPS Division II, District 1

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Christian	3	1	139	93	.750
Grapevine Faith	3	1	169	50	.759
FWBW Christian	3	1	137	56	.750
Legacy Christian	2	1	131	78	.667
Midland Christian	**1**	**3**	**139**	**132**	**.000**

Last week's scores

Midland Christian 42, Dallas TACA 0; Fort Worth Christian 35, Gainesville State 25; Grapevine Faith 35, Dallas Lincoln 8; Fort Worth Southwest Christian 34, Arlington Grace Prep 13; Lindsay 55, Frisco Legacy Christian 49

This week's games

Midland Christian at Alvin Shadow Creek (Saturday); Fort Worth Christian at Whitesboro; Keller at Grapevine Faith; Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Fort Worth Temple Christian; Colleyville Covenant Christian at Frisco Legacy Christian

TAPPS Six-Man Division I, District 1

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Trinity	2	2	171	140	.500
Denton Calvary	2	2	95	125	.500
Watauga Harvest	2	2	199	152	.500
Ab. Christian	1	2	92	131	.333

Last week's scores

Imperial Buena Vista 44, Trinity 27; Denton Calvary Academy 38, Savoy 22; Benjamin at Abilene Christian, cod.; Plano CHANT 55, Watauga Harvest 35

This week's games

Strawn at Abilene Christian; Fort Worth THESA at Watauga Harvest; Trinity and Denton Calvary are open

Associated Press

Simon Pagenaud lifts the Astor Cup after winning the IndyCar auto race and IndyCar championship as team owner Roger Penske, lower right, looks on Sunday in Sonoma, Calif.

Penske dominates season for IndyCar

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — It was the year of Roger Penske in IndyCar. No team came close to stopping Team Penske's march to the top of the standings.

When the checkered flag fell Sunday on the 2016 season, Penske drivers celebrated with their 10th victory of the year and a 1-2-3 finish in the final IndyCar standings. The last time a team swept the season standings was in 1994 by another Penske group: Al Unser Jr., Emerson Fittipaldi and Paul Tracy.

This trio of Simon Pagenaud, Will Power and Helio Castroneves couldn't be touched this season as the entire organization was determined to forget its failure a year ago while giving the boss the gift of an IndyCar championship in the 50th anniversary season of Team Penske.

"The numbers look great, for sure. It's very satisfying," said Pagenaud, who won his first championship in his sophomore season driving for Penske. "It's certainly a big year for us. Fifty-year anniversary, win for the team, winning myself, my name is always going to be there. It's great to be the little thing I am in such a big team with such history."

The dominance shown by the organization this year comes amid signs of promise for IndyCar's future.

Although the series continues to be dwarfed by NASCAR in television ratings, its viewership increased this season on NBC Sports Network. The 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 was sold out, and the series celebrated a new American winner that day in rookie Alexander Rossi.

Rossi didn't put together a magical season after his surprising 15 minutes of fame, and right up until he ran out of gas in the last corner of Sunday's season finale, he's been a mixed bag.

"It's weird how this sport works — we won the biggest race of the year the same way (on fuel)," Rossi said. "It's just the way it goes sometime. It's easier to look back at things that could have been different, but that's racing and I hope to show what I'm capable of in the future."

What his future holds, nobody knows.

Rossi could try to return to Formula One, where he's still seeking a role beyond reserve driver, or return to IndyCar. He entered the series in a partnership between Bryan Herta and Andretti Autosport, but was suddenly mentioned at Sonoma Raceway as a potential candidate to drive for Penske.

Penske has yet to commit to four cars next season, which puts Juan Pablo Montoya in a state of limbo. While last year's Indianapolis 500 winner doesn't expect Penske to bring him back in 2017, Penske himself said planning is still ongoing and he'd like to have his lineup set in the next 60 days.

Many believe Josef Newgarden, another budding American star, will be Montoya's replacement. The only thing that is certain, though, is that Newgarden will likely be the first domino to fall in what could be a frenzied offseason free agency that leads to new jobs for Montoya, Sebastien Bourdais, Tony Kanaan, Newgarden and others.

Meanwhile, Chip Ganassi has yet to announce a replacement sponsor for Target, which is leaving IndyCar after 27 seasons with the team owner. Target's departure leaves four-time series champion Scott Dixon without a sponsor, but Ganassi has shown no signs of worry.

While the loss of Target could be seen as a blow to IndyCar's place in the sports marketing world, the series was bolstered this weekend by DHL Express renewing its sponsorship of Ryan Hunter-Reay through 2020 and Menards returning to the series in a significant sponsorship role with Pagenaud next season.

"Ryan is a tremendous brand ambassador for us," said DHL CEO Mike Parra. "Then the association with ... having the Andretti name associated with DHL — we say we're the world's most international company. Who better than to be associated with what I believe is the best owner and the best name in this business?"

US must beat Canada to avoid elimination at World Cup

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

TORONTO — One game into the World Cup of Hockey, the United States is on the verge of elimination.

The U.S. goes into its showdown against Canada on Tuesday night needing a victory to survive and give itself a chance to advance to the semifinals.

A loss in the opener to Team Europe and Europe's overtime victory over the Czech Republic on Monday made this a win-or-go-home game for the Americans.

U.S. players circled the game against Canada as the biggest game of the tournament as soon as the schedule was released. Based on their precarious position, it has become exactly that.

"We were looking forward to this game as a great measuring stick, and the result of not winning the first game is it's also for our lives now," center David Backes said. "We can't hold anything back. This is all the chips on the table for our team, and we need to play desperate."

Coach John Tortorella called it the Americans' "championship game" even before it was clear that they had to win to stay alive. He expects a charged atmosphere at Air Canada Centre, where the U.S is the enemy and is facing a must-win game.

"Playing there, against them, everybody wants us knocked out," Tortorella said Monday. "I can't wait and I think our players can't wait for this game to start. It's going to be a blast."

The U.S. focus has been on Canada, but the host and tournament favorite is focused on itself. Goaltender Carey Price called facing the U.S. "just another game," and Canada is going about its business as usual.

"The most important game you're playing in these tournaments is the one you're playing tomorrow," coach Mike Babcock said.

Canadian players even brushed aside eliminating the U.S. as a source of motivation. Canada just wants to beat everyone.

Canada would clinch a spot in the semifinals for itself and Europe with a win.

Some things to watch when the U.S. faces Canada:

KANE AND ABDELKADER: Hart Trophy winner Patrick Kane is expected to play on a line with grinder Justin Abdelkader and center Derek Stepan. Abdelkader isn't a linemate anyone expected to play with Kane, but Tortorella thinks the Detroit Red Wings winger has been strong and needs to play more.

"I need to get in on the forecheck, use my size, use my physicality to create opportunities," Abdelkader said. "Wherever he uses me, wherever he puts me, I'll be ready. I'm not going to change anything with my game."

CONTAINING CROSBY: If the U.S. is going to have any success, it'll have to keep Canada's potent first line of Brad Marchand, Sidney Crosby and Patrice Bergeron from doing too much damage. Checking center Brandon Dubinsky has guarded Crosby many times, but stopping the Canadian captain is a team effort.

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You can email it to sports@mrt.com.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Munguia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Vencant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzantedde@yahoo.com.

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Man's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Poat 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reed's Super Bowl
What: Fatkwinter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 432-704-5385

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl, 3920 W Wall St.
Cost: $10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6846

Color Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reed's Super Bowl
Cost: $18 for three games. Cash prizes awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6846

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Lanier for clinics and lessons at jonier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 191 and Faudree Road, Odessa
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 432-254-8214

Lacrosse

West Texas Lacrosse Learn-2-Play Clinics
For: Boys 3rd through 12th grade
When: Sundays on Oct. 2, 9 & 16 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Hogan Park South (across from Sibley Nature Center)
Cost: $10 per session
For more info: Go to info@westtexaslacrosse.org

Texas Tech Lacrosse 2nd Annual Mini-cap and Exhibition Game
For: Boys 3rd through 12th grade
When: Sunday, Oct. 23 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Registration begins at 1:45 p.m. Game between Texas Tech and West Texas Old Boys will be from 5-6 p.m.
Where: Trinity School, 3500 W. Wadley
Cost: $20 or $45 if signing up for all three Learn-2-Play Clinics
For more info: Go to info@westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Washburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-782-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month. first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bullseye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Co-ed Small Ball Tournament
Men swing a 28-inch bat with 3-home run limit ($5 or an out after). USSA co-ed rules will apply
When/where: Oct 1, San Angelo
Entry fee: $150 (double elimination)
Deadline: Sept. 24
For more info: Call Chris at 325-374-2910

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Midwest Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (8th-9th grade: freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults). Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtennriscenter.com or call. 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 520-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com
Note: Will be holding its annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 11 a.m.

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 854-707-0622 or email jmalcolmtexas@gamil.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: $15 per family
Walks: One Saturday morning per month
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 432-697-4310, email gpeterson3@suddenlink.net or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com

BUSINESS & OIL

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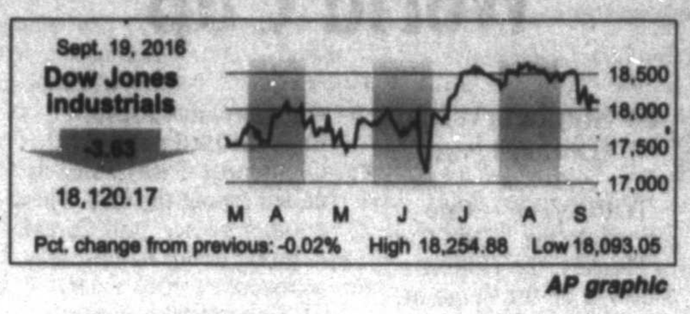
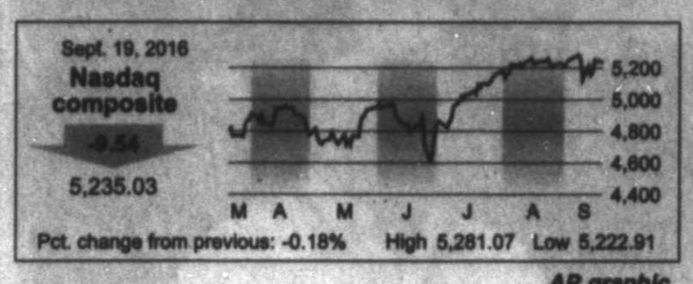
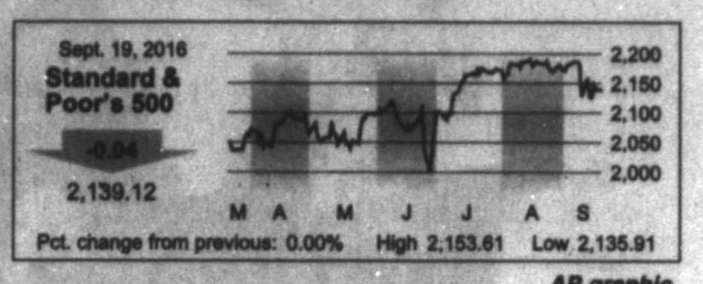






OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $43.30
Previous: $43.03

POSTED

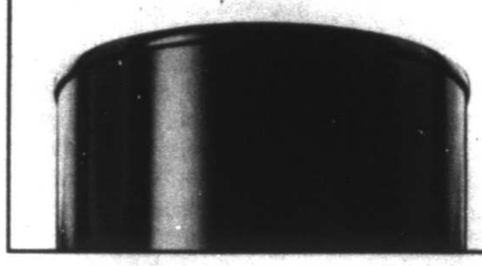
Monday: $39.75
Previous: $39.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $35.35
Previous: $35.10

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $2.934
Previous: $2.948



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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
ChesEng	1137637	6.81	-.54
S&P500ETF	747378	213.41	+.04
BkofAm	650406	15.59	+.10
iShEMkts	521900	36.80	+.29
SPDR Fncl	500370	19.31	+.13

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Infoblox	26.35	+3.52	+15.4
KenonHld n	10.64	+1.07	+11.2
ScorpBlk rs	3.80	+.36	+10.5
FairmSant	7.56	+.56	+8.0
EverydayH	7.99	+.55	+7.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GugFncl	31.01	-13.26	-30.0
CVR Rfng	9.81	-1.44	-12.8
CmtyHll	11.09	-1.20	-9.8
Q SA C	5.00	-.52	-9.4
DaqoNEn	20.35	-1.75	-7.9

Diary

Advanced	2,035
Declined	955
Unchanged	108
Total issues	3,098
New Highs	61
New Lows	12
Volume	3,050,452,517

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MGT Cap	79634	2.52	-.74
B2gold g	35810	2.78	+.04
iShIndia bt	30136	29.50	+.05
SandstG g	29933	5.38	...
NwGold g	28744	4.55	+.11

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Norsat g rs	7.88	+1.54	+24.3
CorMedix	2.64	+.39	+17.3
AsteriasBio	4.42	+.47	+11.9
PowerREIT	7.90	+.75	+10.4
eMagin	2.75	+.23	+9.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MGT Cap	2.52	-.74	-22.7
ErbnEn rs	2.37	-.28	-10.6
IDI rs	5.28	-.40	-7.0
TelinstEl	3.71	-.27	-6.8
Electrmed	4.43	-.27	-5.7

Diary

Advanced	216
Declined	142
Unchanged	20
Total issues	378
New Highs	3
New Lows	4
Volume	88,299,996

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Novavax	797608	1.49	+.20
SiriusXM	517049	4.14	+.03
SareptaTh	503074	48.94	+20.79
Apple Inc	454780	113.58	-1.34
GoPro	347995	15.31	+.35

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SareptaTh	48.94	+20.79	+73.9
IsleCaprl	22.04	+5.11	+30.2
ClearsBio n	10.44	+2.07	+24.7
TechData h	84.80	+15.46	+22.3
PTC Thera	10.99	+1.88	+20.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Vical rs	3.00	-.86	-22.3
EssaPhrm g	2.26	-.34	-13.1
ResMG rs rs	2.26	-.34	-13.1
Cyclacel pf	6.32	-.93	-12.8
ElevenBio	3.25	-.45	-12.2

Diary

Advanced	1,661
Declined	1,160
Unchanged	162
Total issues	2,983
New Highs	104
New Lows	32
Volume	1,735,007,953

Banks focus more on new accounts, the extra fees they bring

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Wells Fargo CEO John Stumpf testifies before a Senate committee hearing today, it won't be just his bank under fire for turning friendly branches into high-pressure sales centers. It'll be the entire industry.

Wells Fargo is in the spotlight now after its employees allegedly opened up to 2 million bank and credit card accounts, transferred customers' money without telling them and even created fake email addresses to sign people up for online banking in an effort to meet lofty sales goals.

But cross-selling, as it is called, is the lifeblood of the entire retail banking industry. Other banks don't face allegations of fraud, like Wells Fargo is, but experts say the industry as a whole engages in high-pressure sales tactics. Once customers open a basic savings or checking account, banks give them the hard sell to sign up for even more, whether that's a credit card or a mortgage or a retirement account.

Overdraft protection was one common tactic, former Wells bankers said, telling customers to open an additional savings account to put aside money to cover overdrafts even though the customer didn't have the resources to fund the account. Or getting the customer to open a new credit card just for overdraft protection.

Surveys done last year by consulting firm cg42 showed that roughly 40 percent of Wells Fargo customers asked said their No. 1 complaint was employees' constant pushing of products the customers did not need or want. But customers at other banks made similar complaints. Of Bank of America customers, 31 percent said they felt overly pressured for products they didn't want or need. At both Chase and Citigroup, that figure was 27 percent.

"Bank of America, Citi, Chase were all envious of Wells' ability to cross-sell as well as they did," said Steve Beck, a managing partner with cg42.

Although customers complained of overly aggressive sales tactics, none of the other banks have been accused of wrongdoing except Wells.

The change in focus for retail banks had been taking place slowly for years, but the financial crisis that began in 2007 and the impact on banks fueled faster change. The Federal Reserve's cutting interest rates to nearly zero gave the economy a boost during the Great Recession, but it also eviscerated the banks' ability to earn interest income, spurring them to seek out new forms of revenue — often in the form of fees.

And the more products a customer has, the more potential there is for a bank to earn fees. Those could be the overdraft fees at a checking account or management fees of a retiree's nest egg. Another benefit for the industry is that having several products with a bank makes it more difficult for customers to leave and switch to a new one, said Bob Hedges, a banking industry consultant with A.T. Kearney.

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> **Bob Hedges,** A.T. Kearney consultant

To adapt to their new business model, banks have been physically transforming their branches. Chase, Citi, BofA and Wells have all opened smaller branches with few, if any, teller windows for routine transactions like depositing checks or account inquiries that are more often handled at ATMs or on the Internet. Instead, there's more square footage for personal bankers to assist customers with their needs — or possibly sell them additional products. Wells makes a point of calling its locations "stores" instead of branches.

"Cross-selling is hard, difficult work, but ultimately it's about keeping customers banking with you," Hedges said. "But you also risk alienating your customers when you cross-sell too hard."

Wells Fargo, familiar to customers for its stagecoach logo, had also long been known in the banking industry for its aggressive sales goals. The average Wells Fargo household had on average more than six products with the bank, a metric Wells top executives would highlight every quarter with investors. The bank even had a "Gr-Eight" program aiming to raise that number to eight. Wells never reached that level.

Wells' definition of a "product" covers many types of services, Hedges said. Online banking, a savings account and a checking account could all be considered separate products at Wells. Customers at other banks usually have no more than three products, said Hedges.

Ruth Landaverde, a former worker at both Wells Fargo and Bank of America, said the pressure was intense at Wells and at BofA.

She worked for Wells Fargo from 2009 to 2010 at a division that sold additional products like credit cards to already existing customers. Stress got so high that Landaverde said she developed a tic in her eye and sleep problems.

Landaverde said she had to sell four credit cards and four auto loans each week, as well as three home mortgages or refinance submissions. She said the quotas were simply to keep her job, not to earn any substantial commission or bonus.

"I wasn't going to do something unethical, but the sales pressure was very real," she said.

Stocks finish lower

U.S. stocks wobbled and finished mostly lower Monday as investors waited for central bank meetings in the United States and Japan. Health care and technology companies took some of the biggest losses while banks rose.

Investors were indecisive as leaders of the Federal Reserve and Bank of Japan prepared to meet, and stocks swung several times between gains and losses. The Dow rose as much as 131 points early on, then fell as much as 30 points in the afternoon. Banks, utility companies and machinery makers rose. Bond yields edged higher and the dollar weakened.

Russ Koesterich, head of asset allocation with BlackRock's Global Allocation Fund, said investors don't expect the Fed to raise interest rates. However he said investors have more questions about the Bank of Japan's plans.

While advancing stocks far outnumbered decliners, the Dow Jones industrial average dipped 3.63 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 18,120.17. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 0.04 points to 2,139.12. The Nasdaq composite fell 9.54 points, or 0.2 percent, to 5,235.03.

Metal prices mostly rise

Gold rose $7.60 to $1,317.80 an ounce. Silver added 43 cents, or 2.3 percent, to $19.29 an ounce. Copper remained at $2.16 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $75.42 Up 0.60

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $124.02 Down 1.37

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $7.10 Up 0.02

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $89.29 Down 0.40

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.43 Down 0.18

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.41 Down 0.19

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.47 Down 0.29

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $37.30 Up 0.19

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.69 Up 0.05

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.37 Down 0.09

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		13	4.30	+.19	+92.0
AT&T Inc	1.92	16	40.06	-.14	+16.4
Abraxas	...	...	1.46	-.01	+37.7
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.93	-.02	+.8
AMD	...	...	6.16	+.11	+114.6
Alcoa	.12	28	9.36	-.08	-5.2
Alibaba	...	36	103.03	-1.61	+26.8
AlonUSA	.60	...	8.64	+.12	-41.8
Ambev	.19e	...	5.91	+.01	+32.5
Amgen	**4.00**	**16**	**171.38**	**-1.58**	**+5.6**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**57.52**	**...**	**+18.4**
Annaly	1.20	44	10.53	+.06	+12.3
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**57.85**	**-.71**	**+30.1**
Apple Inc	2.28	13	113.58	-1.34	+7.9
ApldMatl	**.40**	**24**	**30.30**	**+.25**	**+62.3**
ArcelorMit	...	...	5.58	+.15	+73.6
Archrock	.38	...	11.01	-.21	+46.4
ATMOS	**1.68**	**23**	**75.45**	**+1.36**	**+19.7**
AutoData	2.12	26	86.56	-.19	+2.2
BP PLC	**2.40a**	**...**	**33.44**	**+.13**	**+7.0**
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	18.98	...	+10.0
BakrHu	.68	...	48.50	+.10	+5.1
BkofAm	.30f	13	15.59	+.10	-7.4
B iPVxST rs	...	...	37.90	-1.01	...
BasicEnSv	...	...	.61	+.06	-77.4
BerkHa A	**...**	**14218000**	**00**	**-400.00**	**+10.2**
BlkHlsSCp	**1.68**	**20**	**59.77**	**+.77**	**+28.7**
BrklySg	**1.52**	**39**	**55.08**	**-.52**	**-19.9**
BrownFA s	**...**	**31**	**49.05**	**+.95**	**...**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**46.41**	**+.30**	**-7.9**
CVS Health	1.70f	17	89.17	-.95	-8.8
Caterpillar	3.08	23	81.88	-.17	+20.5
Celestic g	...	10	10.31	+.03	-6.5
CntryLink	2.16	12	27.04	+.15	+7.5
ChesEng	...	...	6.81	-.54	+51.3
Chevron	**4.28**	**...**	**98.04**	**+.20**	**+9.0**
Chicos	.32	73	12.35	-.05	+15.7
Cimarex	.32	...	126.99	-.45	+42.1
Cisco	1.04	15	31.02	+.18	+15.1
Citigroup	.64f	12	48.59	+.18	-10.0
ClayEng	**...**	**...**	**75.42**	**+.60**	**+155.1**
CliffsNRs	...	13	5.84	+.32	+269.6
CocaCola	**1.40**	**26**	**42.10**	**-.04**	**-2.0**
ColgPalm	**1.56**	**26**	**72.19**	**+.23**	**+8.4**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CmtyHlt		21	11.09	-1.20	-49.2
ConAgra	**1.00**	**24**	**43.20**	**-.05**	**+2.5**
ConchoRes	**...**	**73**	**124.02**	**-1.37**	**+33.6**
ConocoPhil	**1.00**	**...**	**39.28**	**-.59**	**-15.9**
Coty	.28f	38	24.02	-.46	-6.3
CrackerB	4.60f	19	140.17	+.02	+10.5
CSVelIVST	...	...	34.26	+.86	+32.8
CSVLgCrd rs		...	...	18.77	...
CrosTim	**1.11e**	**11**	**17.85**	**-.31**	**+37.2**
DCP Mid	3.12	19	33.06	+.30	+34.0
DTE	2.92	21	94.40	+.84	+17.7
Dataram rs	...	...	1.30	+.05	-34.3
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**40.85**	**-.14**	**+27.7**
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	36.75	-.58	...
DrGMBll s	...	...	17.99	+.64	...
DrGBull s	...	...	18.49	+.28	...
Disney	**1.42**	**16**	**92.63**	**+.07**	**-11.8**
DowChm	**1.84**	**17**	**53.01**	**+.29**	**+3.0**
EOG Resrc	**.67**	**...**	**90.05**	**-.92**	**+27.2**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**23**	**34.13**	**+.09**	**+21.6**
EnCana g	.06	...	9.86	+.11	+93.7
Energen	.08	...	52.68	-.15	+28.5
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	37.28	+.91	+10.5
EnPro	**.84**	**39**	**54.95**	**-.05**	**+25.3**
EnteroM rs	...	...	.14	+.03	-92.8
EntProdPt	1.60f	21	26.74	+.73	+4.5
Ericsson	.46e	...	6.71	-.04	-30.2
ExxonMbl	**3.00**	**33**	**83.83**	**-.20**	**+7.5**
Facebook	...	45	128.65	-.42	+22.9
Fitbit n	...	20	16.31	+.36	-44.9
FordM	.60a	6	12.11	...	-14.1
FrptMcM	...	...	10.01	+.07	+47.9
FrontierCm	.42	61	4.30	+.02	-7.9
GATX	**1.80**	**7**	**41.25**	**+.42**	**-3.1**
GabBfdIT	**.94e**	**...**	**7.34**	**-.06**	**-2.1**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**32.24**	**-.10**	**+.9**
GenElec	**.92**	**28**	**29.43**	**-.25**	**-6.5**
GenMotors	**1.52**	**6**	**31.72**	**+.75**	**-6.7**
GoPro	...	...	15.31	+.35	-15.0
GtPlainEn	**1.05**	**16**	**26.98**	**+.18**	**-1.2**
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**...**	**41.26**	**+.24**	**+21.3**
HP Ent n	.22	21	22.68	+.42	+49.2
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	32.78	+.11	+58.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.13	+.04	+.1
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	37.81	+.08	+7.1
iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.80	+.29	+14.3
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	57.79	+.30	-1.6
iShR2K	1.77e	...	122.67	+.81	+8.9
Infoblox	...	...	26.35	+3.52	+43.3
Intel	**1.04**	**18**	**37.16**	**-.51**	**+7.9**
InterDig	.80	22	78.96	+1.65	+56.9
JPMorgCh	1.76	12	66.19	+.37	+.9
JohnJn	**3.20**	**19**	**117.66**	**-.59**	**+14.5**
KimbClk	**3.68**	**20**	**122.17**	**+.36**	**-4.0**
KindMorg	.50	35	21.90	+.43	+46.8
Kinross g	...	...	4.11	+.02	+125.8
Kroger s	.48	14	30.79	-.29	-26.4
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.43	-.18	-18.3
LendingClb	...	...	6.19	-.24	-44.0
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**4.15**	**-.09**	**-7.2**
MarathnO	.20	...	14.09	-.15	+11.9
McDnlds	3.56f	22	115.21	-.07	-2.5
Merck	1.84	18	61.33	-.95	+16.1
MeritMed	**...**	**40**	**24.41**	**+.27**	**+31.3**
MexcoEn	...	...	3.43	-.17	+6.2
MicronT	...	55	16.95	-.53	+19.7
Microsoft	1.44	26	56.93	-.32	+2.6
Nabors	.24	...	9.65	+.04	+13.4
NatGrid	**3.35e**	**...**	**70.42**	**+.84**	**+1.3**
NOilVarco	.20	17	32.36	-.50	-3.4
Novavax	...	...	1.49	+.20	-82.2
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**15.53**	**+.04**	**+6.8**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**15.14**	**-.06**	**+4.9**
OcciPet	**3.04f**	**...**	**70.82**	**-.21**	**+4.7**
OnSmcnd	...	21	11.52	+.21	+17.6
Oracle	.60	19	39.23	+.31	+7.8
ParTech	**...**	**39**	**5.04**	**+.02**	**-25.1**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**2.10**	**-.04**	**+15.4**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**19.26**	**+.30**	**+27.7**
Penney	...	...	10.09	-.01	+51.5
PennaRE	**.84**	**...**	**23.27**	**+.08**	**+6.4**
Pmian	.31e	20	7.04	+.03	+39.1
Petrobras	...	...	9.10	...	+111.6
Pfizer	**1.20**	**15**	**33.65**	**-.29**	**+4.2**
PioNtrl	.08	53	176.50	-.62	+40.8
PlainsAAP	**2.80**	**28**	**27.84**	**+.35**	**+20.5**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	116.78	-.51	+4.4
Praxair	**3.00**	**23**	**117.81**	**+.13**	**+15.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**58.30**	**...**	**+10.0**
PUVixST rs			20.93	-1.15	...
ProctGam	**2.68**	**25**	**88.37**	**+.32**	**+11.3**
RangeRs	.08	...	37.15	-.23	+51.0
RegionsFn	.28f	13	9.66	+.10	+.6
Rowan	.40	4	12.87	+.15	-24.1
RoyDShllA	3.76	72	47.42	+.21	+3.6
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	180.98	+.01	+4.0
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	213.41	+.04	+4.7
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	36.09	-.04	+19.4
SabnR	2.11e	14	36.55	-.49	+39.2
SanderFm	**.88a**	**15**	**94.73**	**+.42**	**+22.2**
SareptaTh	...	...	48.94	+20.79	+26.9
Schlmbrg	2.00	37	75.96	-.37	+8.9
SiriusXM	...	38	4.14	+.03	+1.7
SkylineMd h	...	...	.18	-.02	-93.9
Smucker	3.00f	19	137.03	...	+11.1
SwstnEngy	...	...	13.86	+.18	+94.9
Sprint	...	...	6.65	...	+83.7
SP Engy	2.04e	...	67.41	-.04	+11.8
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	19.31	+.13	-.2
SP Util	1.55e	...	49.75	+.49	+14.9
SunocoLog	2.00f	...	28.19	+.39	+9.7
TeleflEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**10.18**	**+.05**	**-8.0**
Tesoro	2.20f	6	83.54	+1.56	-20.7
3M Co	4.44	22	176.72	+1.66	+17.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Torchmark	**.56**	**15**	**64.07**	**+.23**	**+12.4**
Transocn	...	...	8.96	-.20	-27.6
TriContl	**.82e**	**...**	**21.00**	**-.08**	**+4.9**
21stCFoxA	.36f	17	23.93	+.03	-11.9
Twitter	...	...	18.36	-.75	-20.7
TylerTech	**...**	**61**	**170.98**	**+.05**	**-1.9**
UBSI	**1.32**	**19**	**37.36**	**+.08**	**+1.0**
US OilFd	...	...	9.98	-.02	-9.3
USSteel	.20	...	16.81	+.90	+110.7
Vale SA	.29e	...	5.08	+.05	+54.4
ValeroE	2.40	9	57.14	+.41	-19.2
VanEGold	.12e	...	26.09	+.13	+90.2
VangEmg	1.10e	...	37.11	+.31	+13.5
VerizonCm	2.31f	14	51.20	-.68	+10.8
VimpelCm	.04	...	3.40	...	+3.7
VulcanM	**.60**	**38**	**107.85**	**-.79**	**+13.2**
WEC Engy	1.96	21	61.47	+.68	+19.8
WalgBoots	1.50f	24	80.81	-.68	-5.1
WealthInt	**...**	**...**	**5.58**	**-.15**	**-33.5**
WellsFargo	**1.52**	**11**	**46.01**	**+.58**	**-15.4**
WstnRefin	1.52	11	28.64	+.95	-19.6
WhitingPet	...	...	6.97	-.07	-26.2
WmsCos	.80m	...	30.00	+.24	+16.7
XcelEngy	**1.36**	**20**	**41.68**	**+.48**	**+16.1**
Xerox	**.31**	**13**	**9.85**	**+.05**	**-7.3**
Yamana g	.02m	...	4.40	+.01	+136.6

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18,668.44	15,450.56	Dow Jones Industrials	18,120.17	-3.63	-.02	+3.99	+9.75
8,358.20	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,792.38	+22.05	+.28	+3.78	-3.80
723.83	547.22	Dow Jones Utilities	678.88	+7.10	+1.06	+17.49	+19.59
10,803.86	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,564.30	+32.03	+.30	+4.15	+4.95
5,287.61	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,235.03	-9.54	-.18	+4.55	+8.41
2,193.81	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,139.12	-.04	...	+4.66	+8.75
1,581.53	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,532.39	+11.43	+.75	+9.57	+7.91
22,785.41	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	22,212.64	-27.88	-.13	+4.94	+7.01
1,261.11	943.09	Russell 2000	1,232.53	+7.75	+.63	+8.51	+8.15

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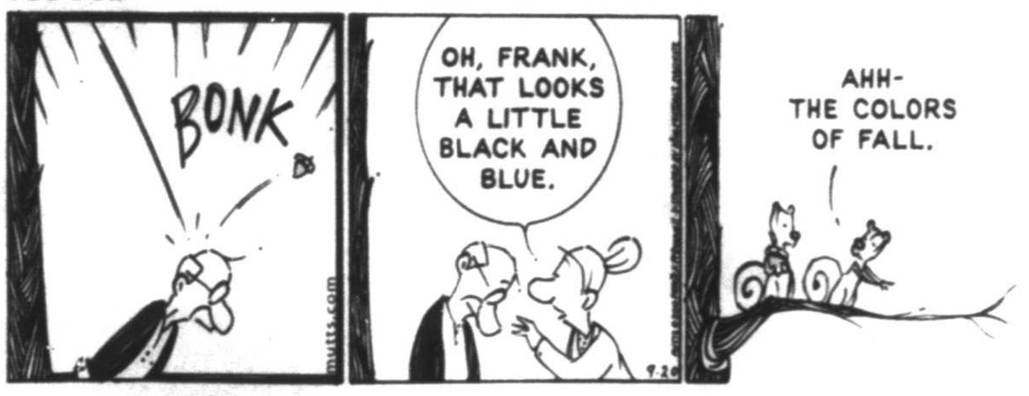

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"KINDA BORING OVER HERE. ALL HE WANTS TO PLAY IS STARING CONTESTS AND THE QUIET GAME."

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

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"Daddy just yawned and now we're all sharing it."

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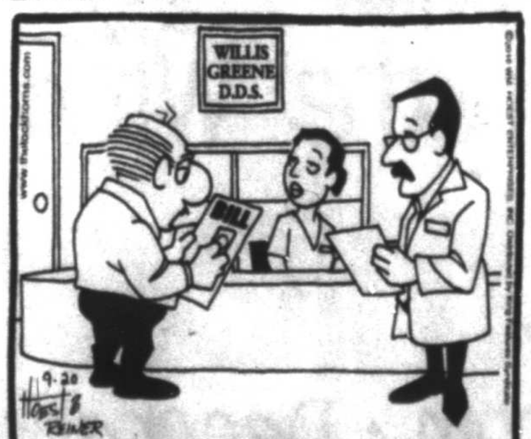

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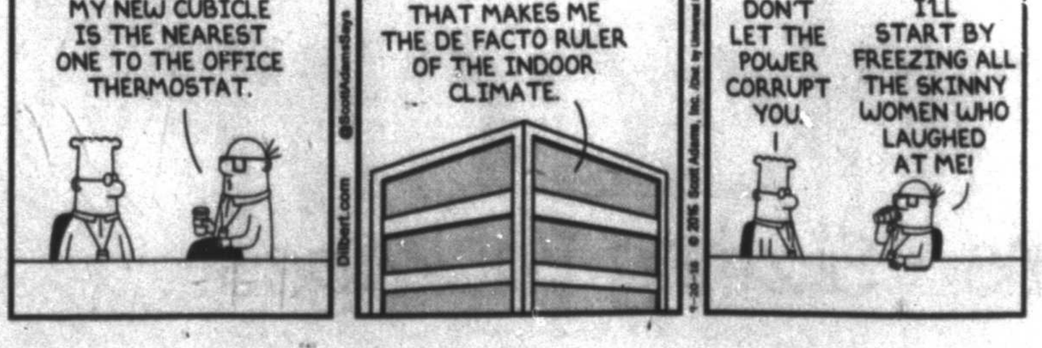

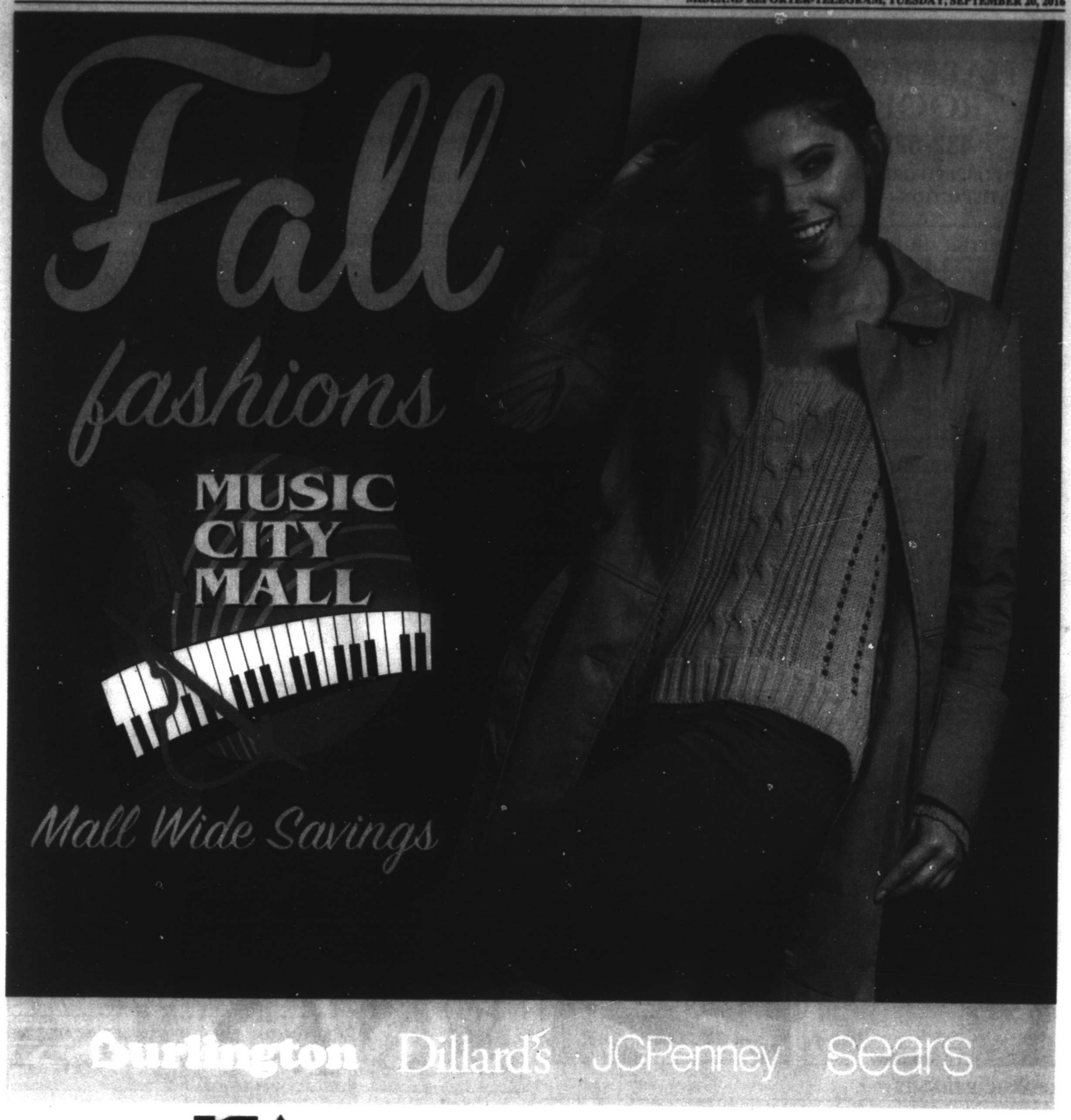

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Miller Fabrication LLC. is looking for a Mechanic to work on our expanding fleet in Midland TX. The job duties will include light mechanical work, construction equipment servicing, and fleet preventative maintenance. Requires a class A CDL, or must be obtainable within a short period. Insurance offered after 90 days. Random drug testing. Pay DOE. Email resume to: caley@miller-fab.com or call 432-694-4257

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AUTOMOTIVE

Mechanic

Phoenix Lease Services - Midland TX

Duties will include (but not limited to):

• Must have own tools • Required to perform repairs and preventative maintenance on 18- wheelers, tankers, pickups • Tire changing and possible field service • Management skills and CDL a plus

Minimum Requirements:

• N Endorsement • Good MVR and Work History • DOT Physical and Drug Screen • Must be willing to work long hours and weekends if needed • 24 HR on call when working • Welding not required but is a PLUS

Benefits:

• Performance Bonus • FREE Health Insurance • Paid holidays and vacations • Pay depends on experience

Apply in person at 8310 W I-20 Midland Texas 79706 OR contact 432-563-9802

ENERGY & UTILITIES

Senior Production Foreman

Houston based Oil and Gas Company's West Texas District office is in search of a Senior Production Foreman for their operations located in the Delaware Basin. Ten years experience required including workovers, completions and production facilities. Full Benefits with Competitive Salary. Please send all inquiries along with resume to the following e-mail address: beesonn@temaog.com.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

CRMWD

Colorado River Municipal Water District

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is accepting applications for the following position:

Electrician - Responsible for maintaining the District's control panels, motors, electric substations and power lines. Intermediate level position, good understanding of electricity required.

For additional information visit www.crmwd.org

Mudloggers/Field Geologists

Advance Consultants Corp. is now hiring **Experienced Mudloggers/Field Geologists.** Geology Degree preferred. Email resumes to advance@advancelogging.com

Snubbing Assistant

Rogue Pressure Services is currently accepting applications. Seeking: Snubbing Assistant. Requirements: Class A CDL; Snubbing experience a plus, oil field experience preferred. Please send Resume to: applicants@steelteams.com Excellent benefit package and competitive wages.

Mechanical Engineer

Education: BS Mechanical Engineering. **Job Experience:** Prefer 5+ years in design of oilfield pressure control equipment. **Job responsibilities:** Possess basic knowledge of manufacturing capabilities; Design pressure control equipment; Responsible for taking a lead for design projects from concept to production; Implementation of API 6A procedures throughout company; develop project schedules to coordinate with machine shop/manufacturing; verify tolerances as well as applicability of design

Email resume: kaci@jwwellheads.com

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

The Midland Reporter Telegram has an immediate full time opening in our Production area for the position of:

Post Press Mailroom Packaging Manager

This position is responsible for managing the packaging, mailing and processing of the many publications that we print while managing a staff of approximately 16-associates. Knowledge of 848 inserting machine, Quipp stackers and Dynaric strappers is a plus!

Duties are as follows although not limited to:

- Maintain a teamwork environment for a fast and accurate product packaged each shift with quality control.
- Oversee the duties performed by the mailroom personnel and ensure the task and duties are completed.
- Provide leadership of frontline employees along with the necessary training to develop a quality control standard within the mailroom.
- Must be able to perform under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Perform equipment maintenance.

Requirements:

- Previous supervisory experience preferred.
- Ability to understand and comply with all Company policies.
- Basic literacy, including basic math skills and legible writing.
- Ability to withstand noise, vibration, standing, bending and lifting.
- Basic computer skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to learn working knowledge of all job descriptions within the mailroom.
- Willing to be forklift certified.
- Must be mechanically inclined.
- Must be able to work various shifts as needed.

The successful candidate will report directly to the Director of Production/Facilities
We offer a competitive compensation plan and benefits package
If you have the qualifications and want to join a GREAT TEAM please send your resume to:
John Maddox Director of Production/Facilities
201 E. Illinois Midland, Texas 79701 or email jmaddox@hearstnp.com
No phone calls please.

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

$10.00 per hour

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HEALTHCARE

Available Positions

Hogan Park Nursing and Rehabilitation
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Hogan Park Nursing and Rehabilitation located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions

• FT Nurses • FT CMA

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MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR - MNDIR

Full-Time/Part Time
Reports to: Administrator

RESPONSIBILITIES: Responsible to plan, organize, direct, control and evaluate maintenance program and services, grounds maintenance and upkeep. Direct or perform duties concerned with plumbing, painting, carpentry, mechanical, heating, cooling, water systems and minor electrical. Monitor and supervises all service contracts or other outside contract work. Directs or performs duties concerned with maintenance of grounds, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, security etc. Directs or performs duties related to transportation, including maintenance of vehicles and other campus equipment. Understand and adhere to the Senior Care Centers (SCC) facility maintenance program

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to communicate effectively with verbal and written instructions in English
- Ability to identify maintenance problems, plan and follow through to their solution in a timely manner
- In depth understanding of physical plant maintenance requirements
- Prior long term care experience preferred
- Knowledge of state and federal guidelines
- prefer experience in estimating maintenance and repair costs

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Serves as electrician in repairing minor electrical malfunctions and installing new equipment
- May work as a plumber assembling, installing and repairing pipes, fittings, and fixtures of heating, water and sewer systems, also opening clogged drains
- Acts as a carpenter in the alteration, repair and maintenance of buildings, floors, roofs, stairway, partitions, doors, windows, screens, scaffolding forms, wood fixtures and furniture
- May operate hand saw, planer, joiner, shaper, table saw, sanding machine, router, electric drill and other power equipment
- Maintains tools and machinery in good condition and uses all tools carefully and as instructed
- Ensures that high standards of safety are developed, met and maintained at the facility
- Arranges and coordinates annual fire safety inspections with local fire department; follows up on any deficiencies or recommendation
- Ensures the facility and grounds are maintained in accordance with relevant regulations, agency standards and fiscal consideration, agency standards and fiscal consideration
- Develops, implements and reviews regularly site-specific maintenance logs
- Ensures that major equipment and furnishings are maintained in safe, operable condition and/or arrange for replacement
- Develops, implements and reviews equipment records (included in maintenance logs)
- Establishes procedures and contacts to ensure timely repairs of equipment requiring minor repairs on a frequent basis
- Arranges and coordinates annual fire safety training for all residential services personnel and residents
- Ensures the appropriate use and proper care of the agency maintenance van
- Promotes positive public relations with patients, residents, family members and guest
- Uses tactful, appropriate communications in sensitive and emotional situations
- Use appropriate work place behavior and adhere to dress code at all times

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Have the ability to safely perform movements such as pushing, pulling, lifting, bending, kneeling, reaching and lifting up to 150 pounds with or without reasonable accommodations

WORK SCHEDULE:

As assigned, including some weekends, holidays and evening; on call 24 hours; non-exempt position

Send resume to:
kpowell@seniorcarecentersltc.com

ADA/EEL/M/F/D/V

RN and/or LVN

Immediate opening for RN and/or LVN, experience preferred. FT. Excellent benefit package. Send resume with references to: jodyclinic@gmail.com or Midland Women's Clinic, Attn: Jody Sulla, 2500 W. Illinois Ave Suite 100, Midland, TX 79701.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Hotel General Manager

We are seeking a General Manager for two hotels in Odessa that must have degree and/or management experience that is motivated, energetic and people-oriented person. Must have "hands on" ability to oversee all daily hotel operations, mentoring team and creating the standard for excellence in guest service. Ensures company franchise standards are maintained and performed daily. Benefits and bonus are available.

Please send resumes: careers@insignlamgmt.com

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

Groundskeeper/ Maintenance

The Hillard Companies has an opening for groundskeeper/ maintenance personnel. Person should be knowledgeable in all areas of lawncare and maintenance, general commercial building, residential and automobile. Please fill out application at 3001 W. Loop 250 N. St. E127, Midland or call 432-617-4677 and ask for Veronica or email veronica.taylor@hillardos.com

MARKETING

Marketing Associates

Sysco West Texas is hiring Marketing Associates in Midland, Odessa and the surrounding area. This job is an outside commission based sales position selling food products, supply and equipment, and cleaning supplies directly to restaurants, hotels, nursing homes, or any other facility serving food away from home. We offer excellent benefits including group medical, dental, vision, life, and 401k. To apply please go to www.sysco.com/careers and search for positions in Midland, TX or call 1-855-797-2678 or email sysocoareers@corp.sysco.com. Sysco West Texas is an Equal Employment Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer who makes employment decisions without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, citizenship, sex, veterans' status, and age or disability status. Sysco West Texas takes affirmative steps to employ and advance in employment qualified protected veterans and qualified individuals with disabilities.

OTHER JOBS

Nursery Worker

Local Church needing Nursery Worker, Sunday only hours 9:15 am-12:15 pm and 5:30 pm- 7:30 pm. Must be dependable and able to pass a background check. $15 per hour. Call 432-557-1537 if interested.

PARTY CHIEF & SURVEY TECHNICIAN

Topographic Land Surveyors is looking for an experienced Party Chief & Survey Technician. Experience is required. Salary DOE. Candidates must live in Midland, Tx or are willing to relocate. Interested candidates please send your resumes along with references and salary requirements to: angelica.rodriguez@topographic.com

Vendor Position

Information/Title Research company seeking individual part time. Abstractor/courthouse research experience is an absolute must and must be computer friendly. This will be a vendor position to perform land title etc research around the Midland area. Please send contact information or resume to Mike at info@nsinfoserv.com or fax to 800-333-4592

SKILLED LABOR

Diesel Mechanic

Local company seeks diesel mechanic with in frame experience, knowledge of cummins and CAT motors. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, 79706.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers

Now Hiring full time CDL Drivers. Must have Hazmat and Tanker endorsement. Must pass criminal back ground check as well as drug test. At least 6 months experience a must. Please fax or mail resume. Fax - (325) 573-4760 P.O. Box 163 Snyder, TX 79550

CDL Drivers & Owner Operators

Local trucking company Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers & Owner Operators, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. Apply in person at 3913 FM 715, Midland, Texas 79706

CDL Truck Driver

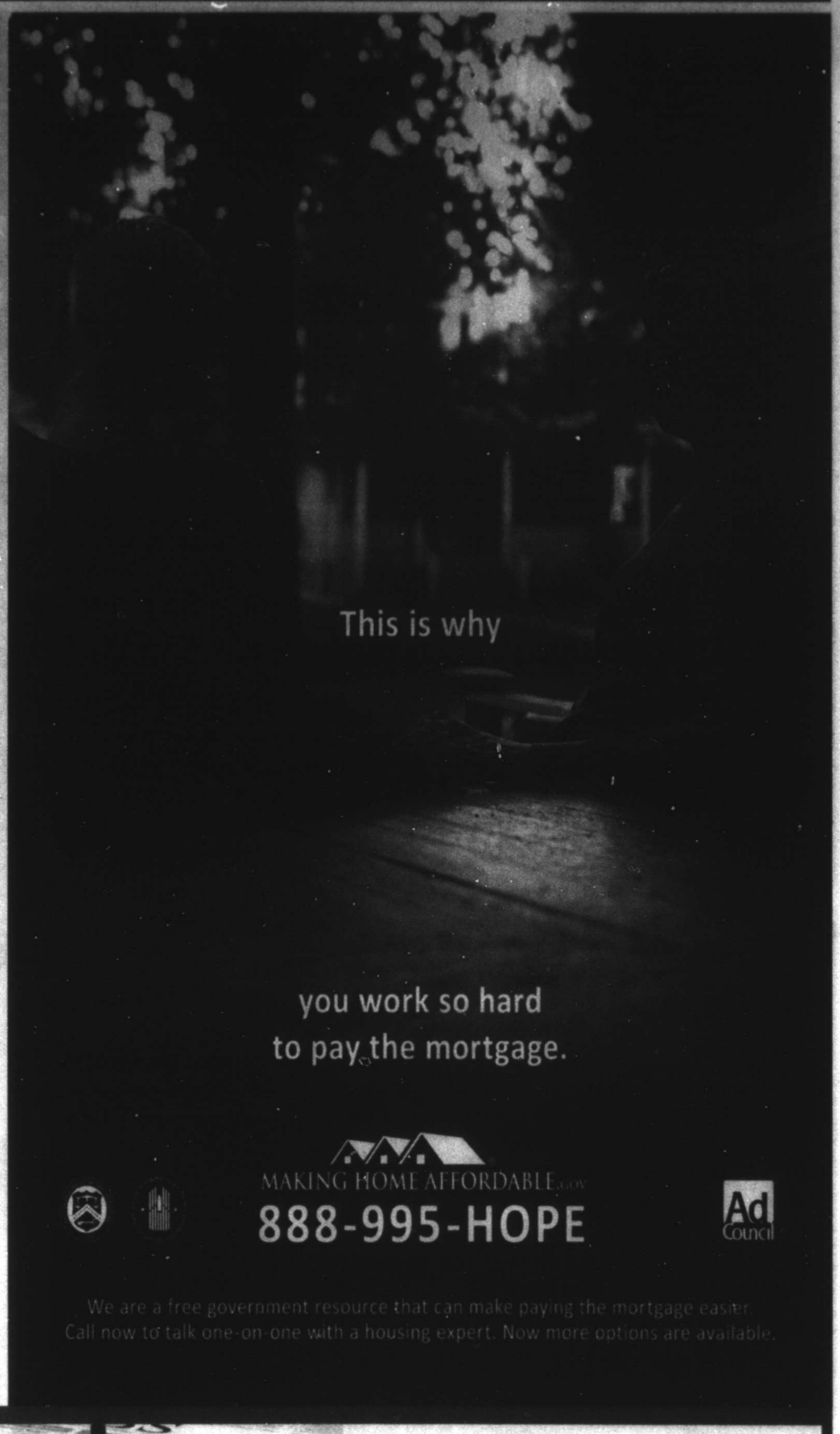
CDL truck driver needed. Must be willing to drive and work in warehouse. Apply at 11524 CR 128 West, Midland.

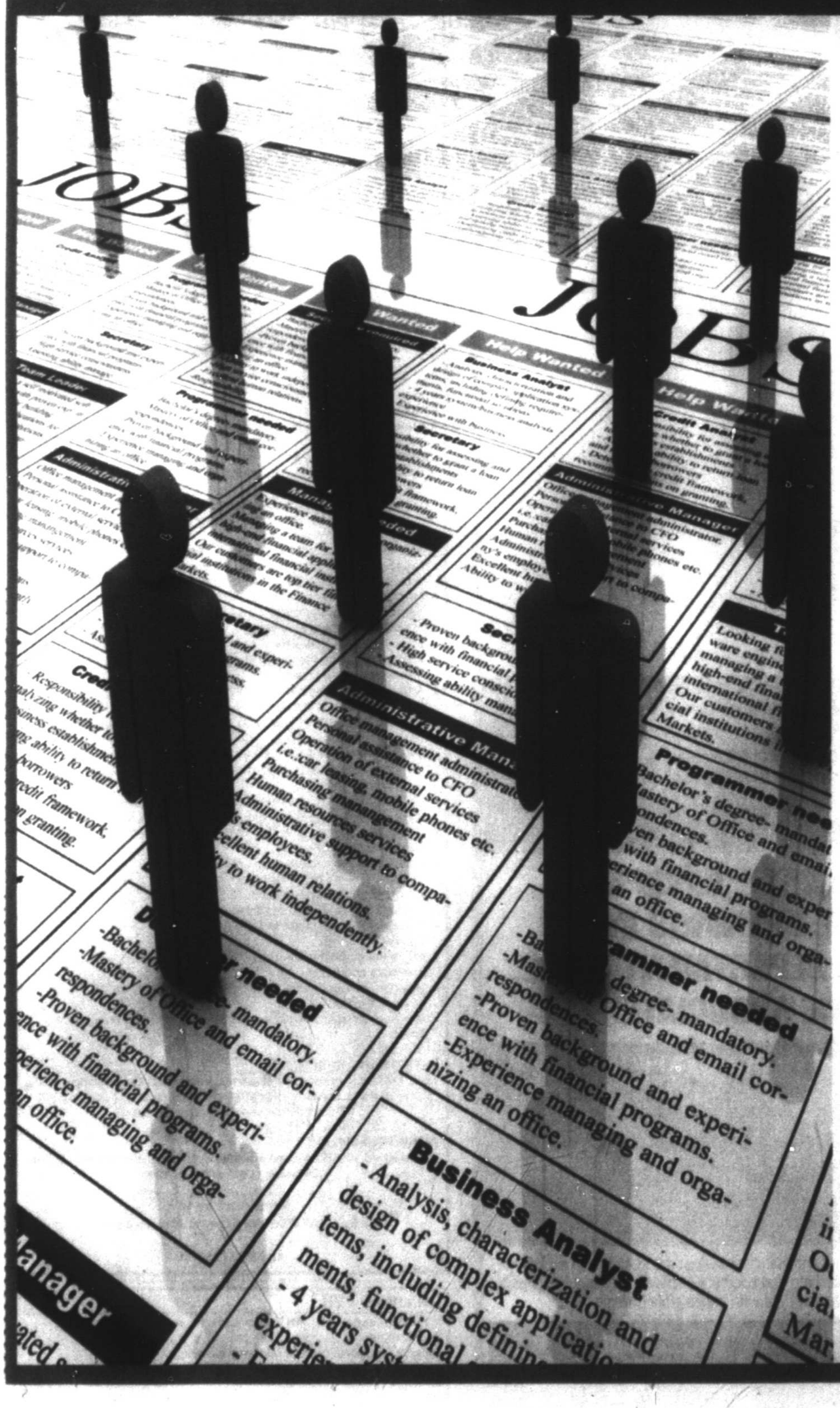
Class A CDL Drivers

Minimum of 2-3 years experience. Hazmat endorsement preferred but not necessary. vacuum truck experience. Call 361-387-9400 or 432-934-3829.

Class A CDL Truck Driver

Miller Fabrication LLC. is looking for a Class A CDL truck driver with a tanker endorsement. Employee will operate our transport truck & will move our construction equipment. Must be comfortable loading/unloading equipment from a detach lowboy trailer, & oe able to secure their own load. Tanker endorsement can be obtained at a later time. Insurance offered after 90 days. Requires random drug testing. Pay DOE. Please email resume to: caley@miller-fab.com or call 432-894-4257





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FAX YOUR AD 24/7 682-6999

S & R Home Health, Inc. (License # 1812331) will permanently close effective September 30, 2016. Medical records location: 3807 Northfield Drive, Midland, TX 79707 Medical records custodian: Rebekah West 3807 Northfield Drive Midland, TX 79707 432-559-2914

Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Application for Surface Commingling

Oxy USA INC. is applying to the Railroad Commission for a permit to commingle oil and gas production into the Green Central Tank Battery, located in RRC District 8 in Howard County. Commingling production will result in reduced surface facility footprint and is the most effective means of producing the reserves.

Pursuant to Statewide Rules 26 and 27, interested parties must file objections or requests for hearing in writing to the Railroad Commission office within 21 days after publication, or the Commission may approve the application.

For questions pertaining to the application, please contact Taylor Stillman, Oxy's representative at (713) 366-5945.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of **Edwin Dale McCarter, deceased:**

Shawn Wesley McCarter, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of **Edwin Dale McCarter**, deceased, late of Midland, Midland County, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. P18823 on September 16, 2016, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to said Independent Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

Shawn Wesley McCarter
Independent Executor of the Estate of
Edwin Dale McCarter, deceased
c/o Mary Lou Cassidy
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Midland, Texas 79701

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4WD & SUV

2005 JEEP Wrangler X. 2 door wagon/sport. 4.0. 4WD. Flat tow ready. 36,000 Miles. 33X12 50R15. Winch, jack, heavy duty spare tire rack. 432-689-9804, 432-694-6221 or 432-208-3652.

CADILLAC, 2008 Escalade. 68,200 Miles. Excellent Condition, garage kept, recent oil change and alignment. $22,500.00 432-528-6347.

ESCALADE ESV,04 6.0. Worn tan leather interior. 6-disc CD/DVD player, Navigation, cassette. Clear title. Has cracked windshield. No mechanical issues. 160k miles. $5700 obo. No financing. Text Kristin at 325-262-2351.

JEEP, 2005 Liberty. New valve job. A/C works, windows tinted. Must See! Nice & clean. $4,500. 432-349-0041.

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RV SPACES for rent - Northeast Midland off Loop 250 clean fenced safe quite park, paved access, 50 amp all utilities furnished includes cable and Wifi. Call 432-894-8234 for fall move in specials.

Recreational Vehicles

2010 HARLEY Davidson Street Glide, Brand new 2016 motor, 96 CI, clean, race tuner stereo, cruise, new back tire. $12,900. 972-955-7419

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LYNX 1968 15' 5th wheel travel trailer. Ready to go with new tires and tags. Camping, hunting, its a great buy for $2,800. Call 432-694-8234 for more information.

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Furniture

SOFA FOR SALE. Bought 3-4 months ago from Carter's Furniture. Beautiful curved sofa, brown in color with maroon and 2 sided animal print decorative pillows. Perfect condition, non smoking home. Paid $3200, taking only reasonable offers. 432 631-9610

Miscellaneous for Sale

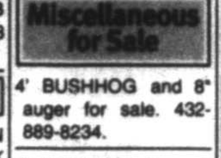
4' BUSHHOG and 8" auger for sale. 432-889-8234.

BRAND NEW Jazzy 6 mobility electronic chair.$1,800. 432-352-7948

FOR sale-Resthaven Memorial Park, Lot 53 Space 3, lower & upper, $6,295 OBO. 361-729-1248

RIDGE RIVER VACATION membership available. Just a few monthly maintenance fees. 432-978-1926.

VINTAGE NASCAR collectables. Many still in the boxes. 702-575-8103.



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2 BEDROOM house with carport and fenced yard, near Midland Memorial Hospital. $1,000 Monthly bills paid. Please call 432-230-9667.

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3 BEDROOM, 2 bath central air, 1003 W. Cuthbert. $1,350 plus deposit. 720-252-5162

4602 Debbie Cove 4/2/2 $2,000 Super!
4105 St. Andrews 4/3/2 $2,350 Large!
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709 LANHAM 2 bedroom 1 bath, living room w/ wood floor, dining room w/ wood floor. Washer/ dryer, carport, outside storage shed, stove, refrigerator. $1,250 month, $1,250 deposit. 432-570-8348

DUPLEX FOR rent 2 bedroom 1 bath. $800 month. $600 deposit. 432-520-6618

FOR LEASE - 2608 Delano Ave. 2bd, 1ba, No smoking, Pets with deposit (restrictions apply). Background / Credit check. $825/ month $825/ deposit. Call 432-222-0794.

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Residential Rentals

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Homes for Sale

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Home For Sale
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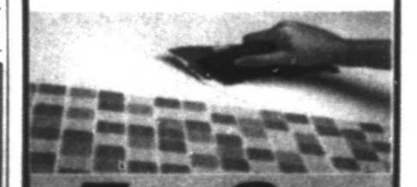

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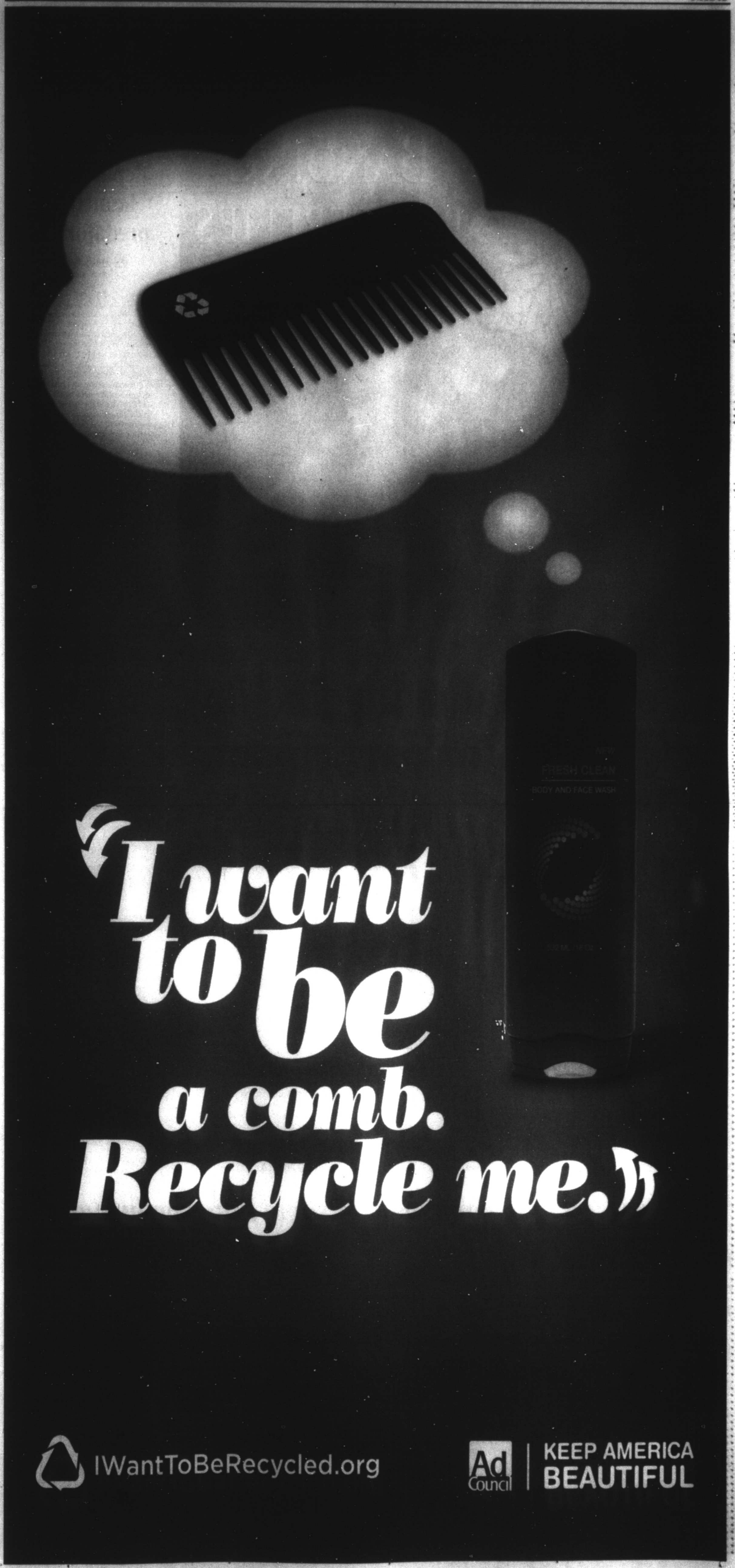
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In this Sept. 7 photo, a monarch butterfly lands on phlox in Millie's Garden at Brighton District Library in Brighton, Mich.

Monarch Watch tagging day sets record for participants

By Elvyn Jones
Lawrence Journal-World

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Ellie Ariagno made her annual return to Lawrence to help with a scientific study of another yearly return.

The 13-year-old Leawood girl was one of the participants who help band butterflies Saturday morning at the annual Monarch Watch project at the Baker Wetlands south of Lawrence.

"I've been coming forever," she said, before clarifying it was her fifth year attending the event. "This year I got to bring all my friends. I caught two (monarchs), but one was already tagged. The other one was a female. I've caught more in other years."

Chip Taylor, director of the Kansas University-based Monarch Watch conservation group, said the 617 participants surpassed the previous high of 551 at the previous tagging site near Clinton Lake, the Lawrence Journal-World.

Taylor predicts when all of this year's national tagging efforts are totaled and entered into a database, it will be found that the overall numbers of monarchs are down. That wasn't the case at the wetlands, which are now dotted with yellow from scattered groups of monarch-attracting wild sunflowers. Taylor suspects when Saturday's count is tallied, 200 to 300 monarchs will have been tagged.

"There are a lot of monarchs out there," Taylor said. "They are pretty spread out over the wetlands."

Some of the enthusiasts saw butterflies that weren't close enough to catch. Those willing to walk to the wetlands' southern boundary near the Wakarusa River found abundant monarchs, Taylor said.

The fields of Douglas County and northeast Kansas have been kind to monarchs this year, Taylor said.

"There are more than the usual number of monarchs produced here this year," he said. "I had a friend call me and say he counted 300 monarch caterpillars on plants in a field. You just don't see 300 caterpillars."

Jeni Nadvornik, a 14-year-old homeschool student from rural Ottawa, said she and the other participants were taught how to tag the butterflies "very carefully" on the strong "mitten area" in the center part of the wing. With the help of her parents, she was able to tag the two monarchs she captured in her net.

Taylor explained the small circular tags have a special adhesive that bonds to the wing for life. Each has a six-character number/letter combination that will be added to a national database. In the last 24 years, 1.2 million tag numbers have been entered into the database and 15,000 to 16,000 "recoveries" have been recorded, Taylor said.

"That's an absolute goldmine," he said. "It tells us a lot about these migrations."

The compelling story of the insects' long annual migration from Mexico to as far north as Canada and back is one of the things about monarchs that captures the public imagination, Taylor said. It's a trip that proves the butterfly's fragile appearance is deceiving.

"They're tough," Taylor said. "They are extremely rubbery."

Other traits boosting the insects' popularity are their unique appearance in the caterpillar, chrysalis and adult stages and the distinctiveness of the milkweed plant that provides nutritious meals for caterpillars, Taylor said.

"There's something charismatic about this insect," he said. "They also are extremely accessible. They are slow enough to catch."

But human-made challenges often threaten the tough monarchs more than the predators or weather conditions encountered on their long migrations. One factor affecting the monarchs' numbers, Taylor said, is the agricultural-related elimination of milkweed.

The lower monarch population is an indication of stress on other pollinators, Taylor said. The complex interactions that take place in an ecosystem mean the lack of pollinators will have adverse consequences on many other species, he said.

The last of this year's monarchs are expected to leave the area near the end of the first week of October.

"The probability of monarchs making it to Mexico if they leave after that date goes down dramatically," Taylor said.

Natural Resources department to launch deer predator study

By Todd Richmond
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — State wildlife officials plan to launch a five-year study next month that they say should provide unprecedented data on how predators, chronic wasting disease and other factors affect deer survival in southwestern Wisconsin.

The Department of Natural Resources will start the $3 million effort by capturing and placing radio collars on deer predators, such as bobcats and coyotes, in Dane, Iowa and Grant counties in October. The agency will start capturing and collaring deer in January.

The collars will be equipped with GPS tracking devices that will record and display information on the animals multiple times per day. Plans call for capturing and collaring 200 adult deer, including bucks and does, 100 fawns and 60 predators annually. The agency plans to use staff and trappers to capture and collar predators and hire between 15 to 20 field technicians to capture and collar deer, DNR big-game ecologist Kevin Wallenfang said.

The study should result in unprecedented information on movement, behavior, habitat use and predator-prey survival, DNR Wildlife and Forestry Research Section Chief Scott Hull wrote in a memo to the agency's board.

The study will take place in two areas: One spans the Grant and Iowa county line with low CWD-infection rates, and the other will span a portion of the Iowa and Dane county line where CWD infection rates are high. Running the study in both areas will help DNR scientists better understand how the disease may be interacting with predators and other environmental factors to affect deer survival, Hull wrote.

Chronic wasting disease affects deer's brains, causing them to grow thin, act strangely and ultimately die. It was first found in Wisconsin in 2002 near Mount Horeb. The DNR initially attempted to contain the disease by eradicating as many deer as possible, a plan generated intense public backlash and led to the agency ultimately backing off on eradication.

The DNR's current strategy calls for reducing local herds in isolated areas of infect that appear far from known disease clusters but centers mostly on simply monitoring the disease's spread.

The disease has moved beyond southwestern Wisconsin into 41 of the state's 72 counties. Test results released in March show 9.4 percent of the 3,133 deer tested last year were infected, the highest prevalence rate since the disease's discovery in the state.

The study is part of a series of initiatives Gov. Scott Walker announced in May to bolster CWD surveillance and better understand the disease. The governor called for more studies on deer populations, research investments, a best practices plan for captive deer farms and biannual deer farm fence inspections.

The money for the study will come from federal Pittman-Robertson grants, which are funded through federal sales taxes on guns and ammunition.

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A: This is where I, in my best Alex Trebek (with moustache, because without is a joke) voice, remind you that all submissions should be given in the form of a question. Points of order aside, who says that he's not doing some good? How do you know he's not actually finding the cure for cancer? He literally might just be doing that.

With the increase in Stranger Danger since most of us were kids, children nowadays spend less unsupervised time outside and more indoors looking for ways to keep engaged and in touch with the outside world. Most of us are aware of how social media like Facebook and Twitter can help with that, but online gaming has remained as a less legitimate means of doing so. Aside from actually keeping in touch with friends with video and audio chats while playing games, kids (and adults … don't judge me) are able to contribute to some noteworthy causes with their gaming.

One of the biggest examples of this is FoldIt (fold.it). FoldIt has users navigate different puzzles that actually represent biological building blocks for many diseases. When its thousands of users 'solve' a puzzle, they're solving a problem that helps with scientific and medical breakthroughs.

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Taking it from microscopic to larger than life, Planet Hunters (planethunters.org) allows anyone with an internet connection and computer to become a deep space explorer. Boasting at times well over 300k users, this site has been responsible for mapping deep space. Users have identified planets, stars, and other phenomena that astronomists and their state of the art tools simply don't have the time or resources to realistically do.

If you prefer to focus on saving this planet rather than discovering others, check out the work being done at Cropland Capture (bit.ly/29weN1d). This project actually tasks its users with solving world hunger, well kind of. Players scour the earth looking for arable land that can be used to feed the estimated 10 billion people that will call our rock home by 2050.

If none of these games are quite the right fit, there are a lot more out there at sites like Zooniverse (zooniverse.org/projects) and the Center for Game Science (centerforgamescience.org). Both offer games of various styles and for dozens of causes so most people should be able to find one or more that interests them.

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