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The Cowboys beat the Giants 30-10 despite Eli Manning's return.

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MISD report: Alcohol, pot use typically begin before teenage years

Editor's note: Midland ISD has made the Texas Academic Performance Report available. This is another article using information from that report.

By Stewart Doreen
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The average age of "first use" for Midland ISD students using marijuana or alcohol is age 12.

That information is part of the district's "Safe and Drug-free Schools Survey, which can be found in the district's Annual Performance Report. The district will host a public hearing on its 2016-17 performance report today during the board's regularly scheduled meeting, which is

slated to begin at 5:30 p.m. at the auditorium of Bowie Fine Arts Academy, 895 Elk Ave.

The drug survey, conducted by Palmer Drug Abuse Program, took into account student use of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana. Information included percentage of students using alcohol, tobacco or marijuana in the last 30 days, during the last year and the age of first use.

The survey showed 31 percent of students surveyed used alcohol in the last 30 days, 48 percent used alcohol during the past year, and 12 was the average age of first use.

Fourteen percent of students surveyed used cigarettes during the past 30 days, 20 percent used cigarettes during the past year, and 13 was the average age of first use.

Fewer students were using smokeless tobacco. Nine percent had used smokeless tobacco during the past 30 days, 14 percent used smokeless tobacco during the past year, and 14.8 was the average age of first use.

Lastly, the report shows 15.4 percent of students surveyed used marijuana during the past 30 days (second only to alcohol), 18.3 percent used marijuana during the past year, and 12 was the average age of first use. That means the average age of first use for both marijuana and alcohol was lower than either cigarettes or smokeless tobacco.

The report also indicates there were nine violent or

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Ally Outdoors facility is shown Saturday. See the slideshow of photos and review of Midland's newest shooting range at mrt.com.

Rash of retirements triggers Texas political bonanza

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Is Texas' political dinner bell ringing?

An unusual rash of seven congressional retirements is triggering a stampede among ambitious conservatives — and, gasp, even some Democrats — who see a rare opportunity for seizing higher-profile office in the state.

Five Republicans and two Democrats in Congress have announced that they'll be stepping down next year. Also, the powerful GOP speaker of the Texas House and some of his top lieutenants are leaving, in what seems to be more of an actuarial blip than a seismic political shift.

But it's turned what once looked like a low-wattage off-year election into a political spectacle.

No real change is likely in party balance: The open Republican congressional seats should stay in GOP hands barring upsets, and the Democratic ones look equally safe. The Texas Legislature will

remain solidly Republican-controlled no matter what.

Still, Texas will see a large throng of conservatives going at each other in a political climate already polarized by President Donald Trump. And the U.S. may be introduced to new faces from a place that lately has been a launching pad for national GOP prominence, while giving rising Democratic stars potentially larger footholds in the country's largest red state.

"I think a lot of our representatives that represent themselves as conservatives really aren't," said David Balat, a former hospital CEO who's already firing early shots in his bid for the suburban Houston seat being vacated by retiring Republican U.S. Rep. Ted Poe. "When it comes down to how they vote, or how they behave, they do something that's generally geared to their own interest and own longevity."

Like Poe, set to retire next year are Republican Rep. Sam Johnson from suburban Dallas, Jeb Hensarling of Dallas, who is term-limited out of his chairmanship of the powerful House Financial Services

Committee, and San Antonio's Lamar Smith who is similarly losing the House Science, Space and Technology Committee chairmanship.

Rep. Joe Barton, from Ennis outside Dallas who is Texas' most-senior member of Congress, joined the retirement group after a sex scandal.

The departing Democrats are longtime Houston Rep. Gene Green and El Paso's Beto O'Rourke, who is trying to oust U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz next November.

Texas has the most open congressional seats in its history this cycle. Of 36 seats, only two were open in 2016. More than 50 Republicans alone are running.

"It's almost like free-market competition," said Republican Party of Texas spokesman Jamie Bennett.

A vacancy in the Legislature may spark the biggest political scum of all. Joe Straus, the moderate San Antonio Republican who kept state lawmakers from moving farther right on many hot issues, like the "bathroom bill" targeting

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Schafersman declares candidacy for county judge

From staff reports

Local scientist Steven Schafersman has announced his run for Midland County judge. The candidate, who works for area petroleum and environmental companies as a consulting scientist, said he is concerned about residents' future.

Schafersman is a long-time advocate for improved science education in Texas public schools. In 2012, he campaigned for the State Board of Education's District 15 seat.

"When I did run for state board, I got to discuss... all the problems involving public education in Texas, and I publicized them," Schafersman said. "I can do the same here in Midland. I can use it as an effort to educate people."

Schafersman has filed as a Democratic candidate, according to a press release. He said the party had success in 2017 elections and that he was encouraged to enter the county judge race.

"There is an effort all over the state to get Democrats to run for office," he said. "The reason they're doing that is because we consider 2018 to be a Democratic year."

Schafersman said he plans to address water conservation locally as well as chromium groundwater contamination in the southern portion of the county.

The candidate, who previously worked as a petroleum geologist and taught science courses, has lived in Midland since 2000. Schafersman was born in Texas and grew up in various states. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Northern Illinois University and a PhD from Rice University.

If elected as county judge, Schafersman said he could work with state lawmakers to make changes, including those related to property tax.

"The county board doesn't have any power to solve many of these outstanding problems," he said. "They're state problems... Nevertheless, county judges have influence."

Schafersman is seeking the position currently held by Mike Bradford, who announced this year he wouldn't run for a fourth term as county judge.

For Schafersman, county leadership has shown fiscal responsibility and integrity while maintaining its infrastructure. "The county administration has been doing a good job of that for decades, and that's most of the business right there," he said. "I don't see big changes in 99 percent of the county business."

Profiles of other county judge candidates were published in previous editions of the Reporter-Telegram.



Schafersman

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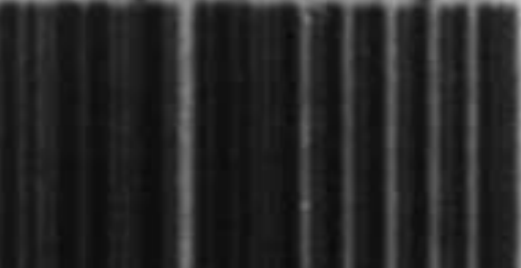
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Disney's "Coco" has topped the box office for a third time. Page 5A

The big number
about 1 million dollars was raised by Jane Fonda for her 80th birthday. Page 5A

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

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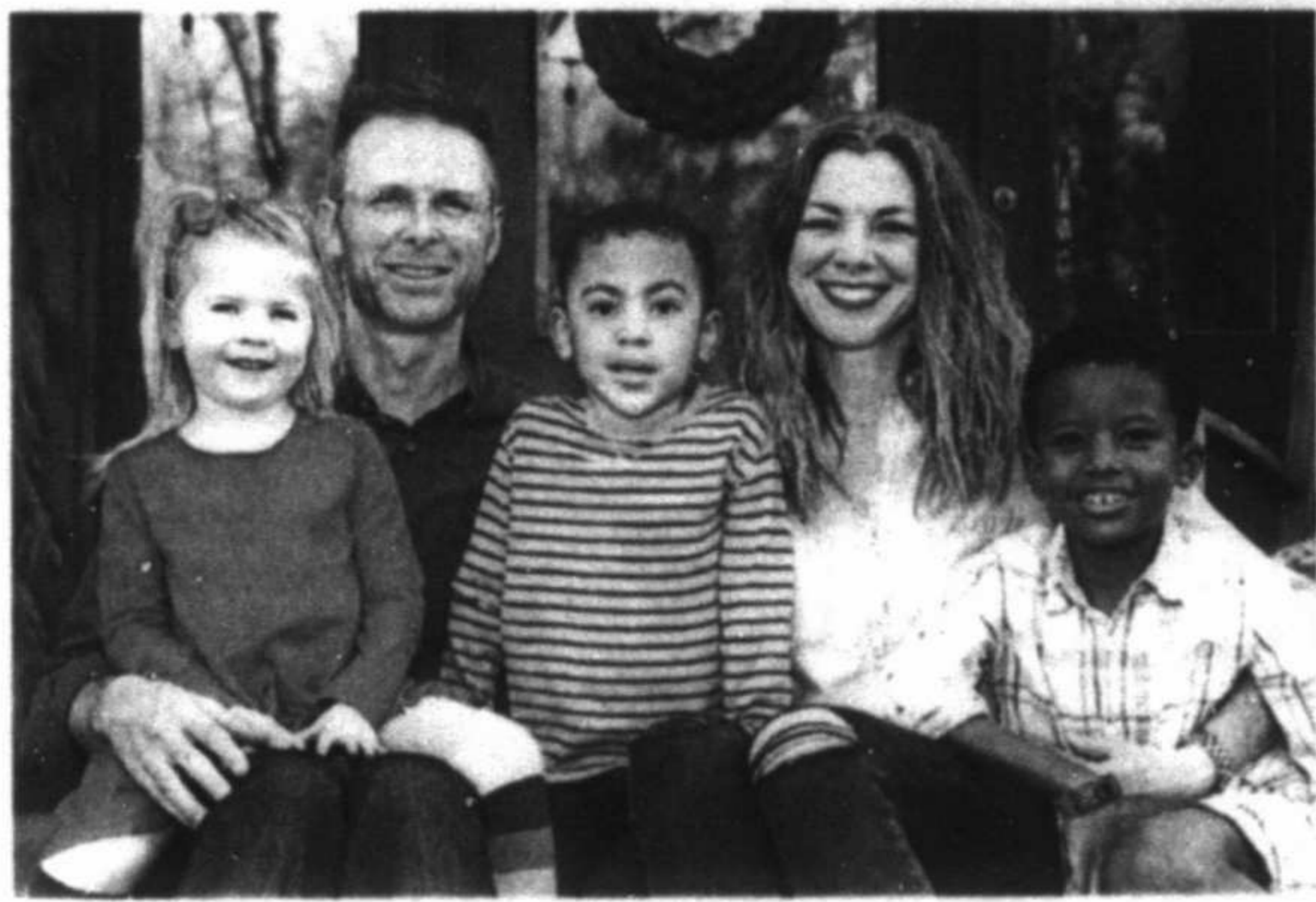


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Lance and Stephanie Schmidt pose for a photo with their children, from left, Stella, Theo and Solomon, at their home Dec. 3, in Oklahoma City. The Schmidts have opted for a cost-sharing ministry this year after they realized their monthly insurance bill would have more than doubled to over \$1,200 and stuck them with an \$8,000 deductible for their family of five.

Price hikes push insurance shoppers into hard choices

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

Margaret Leatherwood has eight choices for health insurance next year but no good options.

The cheapest individual coverage available in her market would eat up nearly a quarter of the income her husband brings home from the oilfields.

The Bryson couple makes too much to qualify for Affordable Care Act tax credits that help people buy coverage. But they don't make enough to comfortably afford insurance on their own, even though Paul Leatherwood works seven days a week.

"I hate to put it like this, but it sucks," said Margaret Leatherwood, who stays at home and takes care of her grandchildren.

This largely middle-class crowd of shoppers is struggling to stay insured. They've weathered years of price hikes and shrinking insurance choices with no help. Faced with more price increases for next year, they're mulling options outside insurance or skipping coverage entirely.

A decision that could lead to a fine for remaining uninsured and huge bills if an emergency hits.

The sign-up period for 2018 coverage closes Friday in most states, meaning shoppers have only a few more days to find something that squeezes into their budgets.

"I kind of cringe when I am meeting with those clients because I don't have a solution for them," said Kelly Rector, a Missouri-based insurance agent.

The ACA helped chop the U.S. uninsured population 41 percent to 28.8 million people earlier this year from 48.6 million in 2010, when it became law, according to the latest government figures.

The law expanded Medicaid coverage for the poor and created health insurance marketplaces where people can use income-based tax credits to buy a single or family individual insurance plan if they don't get coverage through work. Those subsidies cover part or all of the bill, capping insurance costs at a percentage of income for those who are eligible. That shields recipients from price hikes of 20 percent or more that have hit many markets.

But that help stops abruptly for people making four times the federal poverty level or more — around \$48,000 for an individual and more than \$98,000 for a family of four.

Of the roughly 15 million people who bought ACA-compliant individual insurance for this year, nearly 7 million had no tax credit help, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Meanwhile, the uninsured rate among adults who make too much to qualify for help buying coverage jumped to 5 percent this year from 2 percent in 2016, according to The Commonwealth Fund.

Brokers and health care researchers expect that to climb again, especially for people with income levels close to the cutoff for federal help.

"It's not going to be like an on-off switch where prices get too high and nobody buys coverage," said Sherry Glied of New York University. "It's more like a drip, drip, drip."

The vulnerable population includes the self-employed, small business owners and those close to qualifying for the Medicare program that covers people age 65 and over.

These customers can face monthly bills

that climb past \$2,000 for a family plan and then a big deductible before most coverage starts. Plus fewer markets this year have insurance that comes with a health savings account, which lets people save for medical expenses before taxes. Those accounts are popular with individual insurance shoppers who don't get tax credit help, said St. Louis broker Emily Bremer.

Leslie Glogau said some of her customers in the Orlando, Florida area are considering short-term, limited-benefits plans that are cheaper than ACA-compliant coverage but can leave them vulnerable to big medical bills. Such plans also won't stave off the uninsured penalty, which can amount to a few thousand dollars depending on income.

"People just don't know which way to turn," Glogau said.

Insurance shoppers won't be fined if they can't find an affordable option in their market. But going uninsured would still leave them exposed to huge medical bills.

Margaret and Paul Leatherwood wound up with a limited-benefits plan this year, but they want better protection in case of a big bill. She's 58 and he just turned 60. They're weighing joining a medical cost-sharing ministry for next year.

These ministries are not insurance, but they allow people to band together to share expenses, often by making monthly payments. They can be cheaper than regular coverage, and belonging to one allows customers to escape the ACA penalty for remaining uninsured.

Such arrangements usually come with restrictions or qualifications. For instance, participants may not be allowed to use tobacco, and there might be limits on help for medical conditions that existed before the customer signed up.

"That's really the only option we have that's going to cover anything," Margaret Leatherwood said.

Lance and Stephanie Schmidt bought family coverage in the individual insurance market for years because they don't get employer-sponsored coverage through Lance's dental practice. But the Oklahoma City couple opted for a cost-sharing ministry this year after they realized the monthly insurance bill for their family of five would have more than doubled to over \$1,200 and stuck them with a deductible that topped \$7,000.

They now pay \$450 a month for a plan through Liberty HealthShare, and they are leaning toward returning next year.

"There's still some risk there, but so far it has proven to be just fine," said Stephanie Schmidt.

Cost-sharing ministries and short-term plans aren't the only alternatives to individual insurance. Tom Morrill, a broker from Kansas City, Missouri, has helped many of his customers set up group coverage through their businesses.

He said that gives them better options than what they would find on the individual market, where coverage prices from the dominant insurer, Cigna, are climbing an average of 42 percent. Four insurers have left that market. The 10 remaining plans all have narrow networks of providers and don't pay for care outside those networks.

"It's nuts," Morrill said. "Rates have jumped dramatically. It's not good coverage."

(Lee High).

Incident rates, according to the district, were as followed: Lee High School 0.2 percent, Goddard Junior High 0.2 percent, Abell Junior High 0.1 percent, San Jacinto Junior High 0.1 percent, Midland High 0.0 percent, Lee Freshman High School 0.0 percent.

There wasn't any information in the report for Midland Freshman High School, Alamo Junior High or any of the elementary schools.

Obituaries



Arlice Houston Hamby

Arlice Houston Hamby, 77, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

No services will be held at this time with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. A private family burial will be held in Olton at a time to be determined by the family.

Houston was born on August 12, 1940, in Kress, Texas to J.C. Hamby and Pauline Carson.

Anyone who knew Houston and was a dear friend called him "Punk." He cherished the fishing and hunting trips with all of his buddies over the years. All knew him as the "life of the party" and a joker. He loved pulling silly pranks on his friends and family. He was a beautiful man and beloved PaPa. We will miss you daddy.

Houston and his dad, J.C. Hamby, owned a Phillips' jobbership (liquid fuels distributorship) in Plainview, Dimmitt, Hart, Olton and Halfway, Texas and West Texas Gas, Inc. was able to purchase that jobbership on February 1, 1980, along with keeping almost all of the local employees. Some of those employees were Clyde Schulte, Roy Harmon and Melvin Bramlett. Houston was very knowledgeable and respected in those communities and allowed for the continued growth and success of West Texas Gas. (The company further acquired jobberships in Morton, Clarendon, Seminole, Pecos, and other Texas Panhandle communities.) Houston supervised the Northern Districts for many years based out of Plainview. Sometime in the late '90s, Houston relocated to Midland to further the acquisition and operations of several more jobberships in West Texas. Houston knew and was able to help in J.L. Davis' personal farm operations by his contacts in the cattle business, farm equipment, and seed companies.

He is survived by his children, Sharissa Karol and husband Mike from Austin, Texas; Crystal Lasater and husband Paul from Midland, Texas; Brent and Christy Hamby from Olton, Texas; Page Perry and husband Jared from Midland, and Ken Hamby from Lubbock, Texas; grandchildren, Karson Karol from The Woodlands, Texas; Kole Karol from Austin, Reagan Oneal from San Antonio, Texas; and Ryan Cook and Loren Cook from Fort Worth, Texas; sister, Sandra McCoy, nieces, Rhonda McCoy Coffey and Pamela McCoy; and nephew, Jason McCoy, all from Amarillo, Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, J.C. Hamby and

Pauline Carson Hamby. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The C.F. Foundation.

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

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Mary E. "Bonnie" Scott

Mary E. "Bonnie" Scott, 77 of Midland, passed away on December 8, 2017. The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, December 12, 2017. Services will be at West Kentucky Baptist Church at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating. Pallbearers for the service are May Ford Mathes, J.R. Mathes, Gene Mathes, Joe Mathes, Glenn Ledford, David Ledford and John Ledford.

Bonnie was born on August 28, 1940 in Carrollton, Georgia to Henry and Alice Puckett. She was an excellent cook, loved to sew, and had a great personality. She worked for 36 years as a nurse's aide at various facilities. She was very proud of her family, her children, Mary Jo, Helen and James, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, James W. Scott Sr.; her children, Mary Jo Rigsby of Carrollton, Georgia, Helen Moore of Midland, Texas, and James W. Scott Jr. of Chaparral, New Mexico; step daughters, Sheerie N. Evans and Gemette Barton; brother, Clyde A. Puckett; five grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Alice Puckett; sisters, Florence Adams, Jewell Thomas, Etta Puckett, and Helen Thomas; and brothers, James Puckett and Willie Puckett.

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Marguerite Clark Aldana

Marguerite Clark Aldana, 47, of Midland, entered into Heaven on Thursday, December 7, 2017.

You are welcome to pay your respects on Monday, December 11, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Elevate Church in Midland.

Marguerite, known to many as Margie, was born on August 30, 1970 in Dardanelle, Arkansas to Lee and Carol Ann Clark. She grew up in Midland, Texas, where she would stay and marry the love of her life, Bobbe, and raise their two daughters, Tori and Alex.

Margie will be remembered for her strong spirit. She was a fighter and stayed tough until the end. She was feisty and funny, strong-willed, loving and the life of the party.

Her hobbies included riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles with her husband, interior design, arts and crafts projects with her girls, and party planning. She was truly "the hostess with the mostest" and found joy in throwing fun, themed parties. She was an excellent homemaker and continued to do her absolute best, despite being diagnosed with numerous conditions throughout life, including lupus and lymphoma.

She is survived by her husband, Bobbe Aldana; daughters, Victoria "Tori" Aldana and Alexandra "Alex" Aldana; mother, Carol Ann Clark; sisters, Rachel Simmons and Rebecca Bradford, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father, Lee Clark.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or the Texas Oncology Foundation.

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

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Death Notices

Thomas Allen Puthoff

Thomas Allen Puthoff, 71, of Midland passed away on Friday, December 8, 2017 at his residence.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are by Ellis Funeral Home.

Patients at risk at psychiatric hospital

Associated Press

DALLAS — Federal officials have warned that patients at a psychiatric hospital in Dallas are in "immediate jeopardy" two years after Texas regulators threatened to close the facility over severe safety problems, a newspaper reported Sunday.

A Nov. 1 letter from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services addressed to Timberlawn's chief executive said that Timberlawn Mental Health System "no longer meets the requirements for participation in the Medicare program because of deficiencies that represent immediate jeopardy to patient health and safety," according to the Dallas Morning News, which obtained a copy of the letter.

A scathing inspection report by state regulators

in October described how Timberlawn put children at risk, coinciding with a 13-year-old patient's allegations that she was raped by a 17-year-old male patient.

Long a mainstay of psychiatric care in Dallas, Timberlawn serves adults and adolescents. The for-profit hospital is part of national chain Universal Health Services Inc.

The October report found that the hospital placed boys and girls in bedrooms near one another. Experts say this poses a problem when combined with poor staffing. Inspectors cited this in their report about the alleged rape in October.

Timberlawn CEO James Miller denied that the hospital was dangerous and said he viewed every visit from hospital regulators as an opportunity to improve. His staff, he said in a state-

ment to the newspaper, "strives to provide our patients with the best possible care and treatment in a safe environment."

The federal and state scrutiny raises questions about whether Texas has done enough to ensure safety. The problems occurred even as the state says it visited the hospital 10 times this year before the reported rape.

State officials said they were doing everything possible to make sure the facility met safety standards, including visits that often spanned several days.

"We're monitoring the Timberlawn situation very closely," said Carrie Williams, spokeswoman for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Texas regulators had ordered Timberlawn to close in March 2016, citing a patient's 2014 suicide, violent fights among patients, dirty conditions and medical records issues. But the 144-bed complex negotiated a way to stay open: a \$190,000 fine and a three-year probation.

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From 1A

criminal incidents on secondary campuses. These incidents included one possession of a firearm at Midland High, one possession of an illegal knife at Lee High, three possessions of a prohibited weapon (two at Lee and one at Goddard Junior High), two incidents of indecency with a child (one at Goddard and the other at San Jacinto), one aggravated assault against a non-employee/volunteer (Abell Junior High), one sexual assault against a non-employee/volunteer (Lee Freshman High School) and one aggravated robbery

TODAY IN MIDLAND

WORD OF THE DAY

Endemic
(an-dem-ik)
adjective
1. natural to or characteristic of a specific people or place; native; indigenous.

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On Dec. 11, 1978, Hearst entered into an agreement to purchase the Midland Reporter-Telegram from Mrs. James N. Allison Sr.
The Reporter-Telegram had been owned by the Allison family since 1940.
Dec. 11, 1999 Lee routs Aldine Eisenhower, 42-21, in Austin's Royal Memorial Stadium to win its second straight Class 5A state football championship.

Candidate filings

Filings for office for the 2018 primary elections will continue through 8 p.m. Monday. Those interested in running can contact Republican Party Chair Sherril Market at sherrilbmarket@gmail.com or Democratic Party Chair David Rosen at dr5002@yahoo.com.

Republican Party Filings

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Stephen Robertson

County Commissioner Precinct 2
Robert R. "Robin" Donnelly

County Commissioner Precinct 4
Randy Prude

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Judge, Midland County Court at Law
Kyle Pfeister

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Kyle Pfeister



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Annual Christmas parade Saturday

Law #2 Marvin Moore	Mitzi Baker	Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Hazel Holmes Hudson
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Terry Luck	Midland County Clerk Alison Halsey	Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 Billy Johnson Jr.
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 2 David M. Cobos	Midland County Republican Party Chair Sherril B. Market	Midland County Democratic Party Chair Margaret Hett Williams Kerry Manzo
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4 John Wesley Barton	Democratic Party Filings	Things to do
District Clerk Ross Bush	County Judge Steven Schallersman	SoGirls STEM Camp for ages 8-12, 5 p.m., Midland County Public
Midland County Treasurer	441st Judicial District Court Judge Sara Ruth Spector	

Weather

Sunday's temperatures
High... 69
Low... 29
Normal high... 59
Normal low... 31

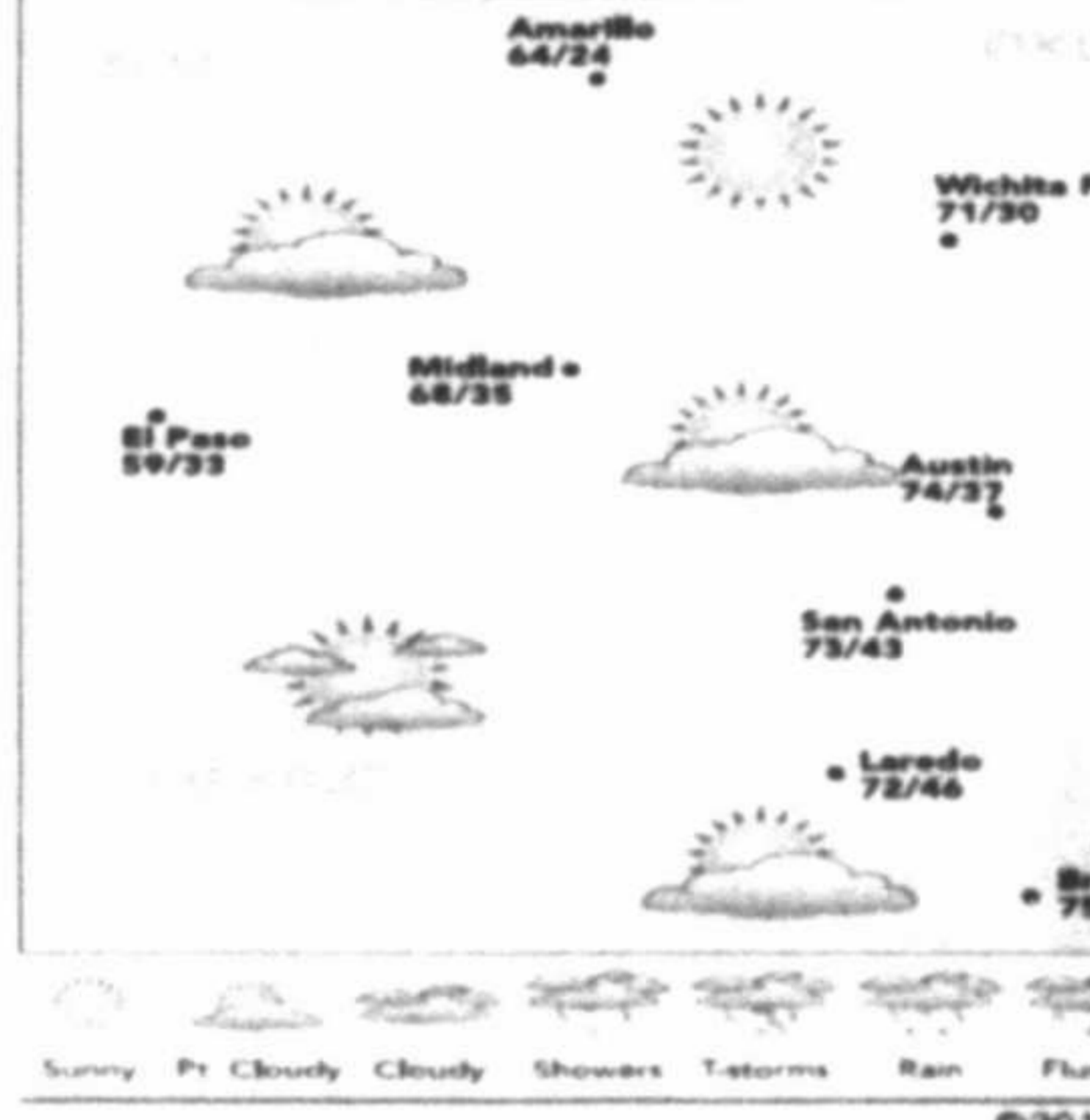
Dec. 10's records
Record high: 82 set in 1933
Record low: 15 set in 1978

Precipitation
Saturday... 0.00 in
Sunday... 0.00 in
Month total... 0.36 in
Year total... 17.70 in
Normal total (year to date)... 14.20 in

Winds
Average: 5.0 mph
Highest wind speed: 12 mph
Highest gust speed: 15 mph

Today's forecast
High: 70
Low: 35
Conditions: Sunny during day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 5-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise... 7:39 a.m.
Sunset... 5:45 p.m.
Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, December 11, 2017



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Others will try to be diplomatic when presenting their different points of view. Just be mellow and agreeable, and together you'll be able to resolve a problem. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a somewhat childlike personality. **Tonight:** Kick back and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Make it your pleasure to add some romance to your day. You have high energy, and others can't seem to stay away from you. Your creativity continues to emerge. You indirectly invigorate those around you. Make the most of the moment. **Tonight:** Time for excitement!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Personal builds around you. Tension life. Take a deep breath rather than react. You will be better served if you choose your response carefully. Your outside commitments might be draining you. Make a point of stopping and getting more sleep. **Tonight:** Homeward bound.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Keep communication flowing. Others find interacting with you meaningful yet fun. Consider what is happening on the homefront. You will find

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** Your fiery spirit emerges and makes the day more interesting than you had thought possible. You'll attempt to be diplomatic, but if that doesn't work, you could become a bit aggressive. Others might not understand your thought

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** You might not be able to rein in your feelings. You are vulnerable to overindulgence. Know that you can make an adjustment later, if need be. Enjoy the moment, as you don't often get to be as happy-go-lucky as you are right now. **Tonight:** Be sure to balance your checkbook.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** The spotlight is on you. You naturally are spontaneous, and today is no different. Remain upbeat and open to fast change. Be aware that you could become involved in a financial crisis. Hold off on making any agreements for now. **Tonight:** Let someone else pick up the tab.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Lie low, if possible. Share a project or some other important idea with others. Waiting to take action for several days will be important. Trust that you will know when the timing is right. A key person in your life might ask some interesting questions. **Tonight:** With a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** You might be involved in a lively discussion or meeting in the morning. Do not ignore any harsh comments, as they could help you tighten up a project. Listen to news openly. Friends surround you. Be sure to accept a forthcoming invitation. **Tonight:** Happy among the crowds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Sometimes you feel as if too much falls on your shoulders. Look for a positive resolution to your dilemma. You like power, and you like control. Often with these characteristics comes heavier-than-normal responsibility. **Tonight:**

Check in with an older friend or family member.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** Your unique perspective adds an interesting quality to the next few days. Others tend to seek you out. Though you consider yourself open to new concepts, you might experience some rigidity to certain concepts that are presented. **Tonight:** Send out cards to those at a distance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** You don't always enjoy listening to a loved one's commentary; nevertheless, you might be able to handle this better than usual right now. Your ability to say what you think could be somewhat diminished, as you worry about hurting others' feelings. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

BORN TODAY
Actor Rider Strong (1979), comedian Mo'Nique (1967), actress Maila Nurmi (1922)

Insider Q&A: PayPal founder talks digital payments, bitcoin

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Max Levchin helped introduce the masses to the concept of a digital wallet when he co-founded PayPal in the late 1990s.

These days, he's still trying to use online services to reshape the world of finance. He is currently CEO of Affirm, a San Francisco startup that offers fixed-payment loans through the internet. It's an alternative to traditional credit cards, which can get consumers into trouble because small minimum payments they make each month can keep them in debt for decades.

Levchin, now 42, recently connected with The Associated Press to discuss the state of digital payments, computer security and bitcoin, a cryptocurrency whose value has ranged from about \$1,000 to more than \$19,000 this year as investors have bet on its future prospects. The interview has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: Are digital payments progressing as quickly as you hoped since you started PayPal?

A: They are moving at a good pace, adjusted for just how large and complicated the market is. It's highly regulated and there are a lot of things to be careful about. The elephant in the room for the last seven or eight years has been cryptocurrency. A big "what if" and "when if" has been surrounding bitcoin and its ilk.

Q: Why so?

A: The asset generally appreciated at such

a blistering pace. Any time you acquire it, why not hang on to it? Because you just don't want to spend it yet. On the whole, it's a kind of transaction tool that is locked into areas where credit and cash don't really service the purpose. So you wind up finding it in somewhat darker corners.

Q: Do you invest in bitcoin?

A: I wound up with a lot of bitcoin as an early investor in one of the early bitcoin startups. But it wasn't a conscious decision to go buy a bunch of bitcoin.

I generally don't speculate. I am very old school in that sense. I try to understand how value is traded and what is going to happen to it in the very long term, not because I am a stranger to speculative investing. It's because I don't have time to time the market. So what I end up doing is committing to a stock or committing to a company.

Q: What are some of the most interesting areas of digital payments?

A: A good example is international remittances, where companies can pop up and do well. They're the guys who figured out how to do it much cheaper and much more transparently with much lower friction to both the recipient and the sender.

Q: Should we be concerned about hackers wreaking havoc with our financial system?

A: We should be worried broadly about our cybersecurity preparedness. I don't think it's specific to payments. It is just generally increasing the cost of doing business and reduces societal trust. And this is the first time in history where it's scary. Everything has got a chip. We are going to have to learn how to secure keys (secret codes for unlocking digital files and services).



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This photo provided by Affirm shows PayPal co-founder Max Levchin. Levchin thinks the pace of innovation is progressing well, considering the banking industry is the most regulated this side of health care. But he considers the speculation around bitcoin to be "the elephant in the room." He also thinks massive computer hacking attacks are threatening to reduce society's trust in technology.

Removal of feral hogs continues

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, N.M. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture is nearing the end of an eradication program targeting feral hogs that have been rooting up New Mexico and other parts of the country. The program is set to end in September 2018 and more funding will be needed to continue fighting the pests, USDA District Supervisor for Wildlife Services Brian Archuleta said.

Officials say about 1,620 invasive feral hogs were removed from New Mexico

in the five years since eradication began.

The pigs dig up \$1.5 billion in damage each year across the country, according to USDA records.

"They're just mean animals," said Woods Houghton, Eddy County agriculture extension agent with New Mexico State University.

"They can sure eat up a freshly planted field easily. They get everything you planted. It's unbelievable what they can do to an alfalfa field."

Not native to New Mexico, the hogs are believed to have been first

brought over from Europe in the 1500s when explorers were setting up future food sources in what was a desolate, untamed wilderness.

The pigs can grow to more than 1,000 pounds and as long as 6 feet, the Carlsbad Current-Argus reported.

To eradicate the pigs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service embarked on a five-year eradication program in 2012.

The project started out with an annual budget of \$1 million, but today, funding has dropped to about \$400,000 per year.

"We need to do more eradication efforts," Archuleta said. "We're trying to find these little needles in a haystack. They are scattered."

RETIREMENTS

From 1A

transgender people, is leaving as House speaker. Some House Republicans are already pushing to adopt rules to ensure that Straus' replacement is more conservative.

The spate of competitive races should showcase the issues that conservatives believe are the best weapons to wield against each other.

One likely contentious point is who would be tougher on immigrants. That issue's potency was reflected by the Legislature's recent approval of anti-"sanctuary cities" policies that can jail police chiefs and sheriffs who don't crack down. Trickier would be trying to use Trump, who, said Rice University political science professor Mark Jones, "is too much of a wild card."

Some of his policies "are in line with movement conservatives," Jones said. But "the way he comports himself, as well as some of his other policies are not in line."

That hasn't spooked Roger Barone, a longshot to replace Johnson, whose online profile says, "I only speak MAGA" for Make America Great Again.

Candidates relying on their colorful biographies include Eric Burkhart, a retired

CIA operations officer, who wants to replace Smith. Burkhart says he survived being poisoned repeatedly over a three week period during lavish meals prepared by a Russian contact while working in the Balkans in 2001.

For most, the objective is to get to the rightmost point in the field while attempting to paint their opponents as closet moderates. Former state Rep. Kenneth Sheets, an Iraq war veteran, hopes to stake out the right flank in the race to replace Hensarling, saying, "People in this district are concerned about conservative issues."

But Sheets may have trouble owning that turf if he has to face ex-Florida Congressman Allen West, a tea party darling who once famously called then-President Barack Obama "probably the dumbest person walking around in America." West has moved to Texas but hasn't announced plans to run.

On the Democratic side, state Sen. Sylvia Garcia is the favorite to replace Green, ending Houston's run as America's largest Hispanic city without a Hispanic in Congress.

"That's significant, not just for me as a candidate, but for our community," said Garcia who would also be the first Hispanic woman from Texas in Congress.

Oklahoma residents concerned about 350-mile power line

By Kelly Bostian
Tulsa World

WOODWARD, Okla. — Her story wasn't so much about the calf that was saved, but the tree that was lost.

After learning some details about a 350-mile power line planned to connect the massive Wind Catcher wind farm in the Panhandle to a substation to be built near Tulsa, rancher Candye Kline raised the calf story as an example of the unknown challenges facing that line and to air her doubts, and others', about the idea of completing the largest power line Oklahoma has ever seen in a period of less than three years.

When the cattle count came up one short one day at her 1,200-acre Ellendale Springs Ranch, a portion of family property that dates back to 1915, about 30 miles northeast of Woodward, she went looking.

"I heard him bawling and found him down in there," she said, pointing to a brush-lined hole in the rolling high prairie Gypsum Hills accentuated by white outcroppings of the porous stone.

The rancher and a friend worked up a system of pulleys and ropes and used a big overhanging tree to lift the calf out of the hole that was "like a drain in the bottom, perfectly round and about 15 feet deep."

As she retold the story, she had to describe the situation because a few years later the hole now is more than 40 yards across, has steep, unstable sides, and is bottomless.

That big tree?

It's gone.

"It keeps expanding," Kline said. "The hole swallowed that tree."

She knows of at least 30 other sinkholes on her 1,200 acres, the Tulsa World reported. She said she can only imagine how many are just under the surface of the Gypsum Hills region — home to the nearby Alabaster Caverns State Park, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Selman Bat Cave, and right next door to the University of Central Oklahoma's Selman Living Laboratory, all of which are home to miles of caves and hundreds of thousands of bats.

Concern about the geology is just one reason Kline, two neighbors and the former director of the Selman Living Laboratory met at her ranch this month to explain why they think routing the line through the area is a mistake.

Wind Catcher, a partnership between Public Service Company of Oklahoma and Southwestern Electric Power Co., is a \$4.5 billion project aimed at providing clean, affordable wind energy while boosting the state's economy, according to a statement from PSO.

It includes a 2,000-megawatt wind farm in development with 800 turbines in Texas and Cimarron counties that is being built by Chicago-based Invenery. General Electric is providing the turbines. Subject to regulatory approvals, the power companies will acquire the wind farm from Invenery when it is operational in 2020.

American Electric Power Transmission will build the power line, which will connect to a new substation to be built north of Tulsa.

The final route for the power line is to be announced in early 2018, and the line is expected to go into service in late 2020, according to Tiffini Jackson, PSO director of

communications.

The final route will be determined with feedback gathered from landowners at a series of public meetings that wrapped up in October, and through an online open house option, according to Jackson.

The Wind Catcher Connection project, with its 765-kilovolt line, will be larger than any other in Oklahoma, and the Wind Catcher wind farm is the largest of its kind in the U.S.

"PSO is one of the largest purchasers of wind power in Oklahoma. Wind energy has helped us provide our customers with clean, reliable energy at stable and affordable prices," Jackson wrote in an email. "Our long-term plan is to increase reliance on clean energy resources, like natural gas, wind and solar energy. When it comes on line, Wind Catcher will be the lowest cost energy on our system."

Jackson said AEP pioneered big power lines in the 1960s as an improvement over running several smaller lines.

"AEP maintains and operates roughly 2,000 miles of 765 kV line, the first of which was constructed in 1969. All of these lines are east of the Mississippi," she wrote. Jackson noted that the line would be roughly 350 miles long with towers every 1,000 to 1,500 feet along the route — that's 1,400 to 1,750 towers. Each tower is 140 feet tall with a base that is 40 to 50 feet across. The right-of-way will be 200 feet wide.

By comparison, wind turbine tower structures are 212 feet tall with 116-foot-long blades.

Kline said she drove to her ranch the day after the community meeting in Woodward and checked the proposed route across her property. She almost fell into a sinkhole she had not seen before.

"I parked the truck, and when I walked around, I saw this right next to it and, 'Uh-oh!' I moved the truck right away," she said as she stood near a hole not much bigger around than a truck tire but of indiscernible depth.

"You couldn't build towers across here," she said. "It's not just the towers, but it's driving the equipment across here and disturbing all this; you don't know where these sinkholes will appear," she said.

Sue Selman, owner of the nearby Selman Ranch and a longtime prairie chicken advocate, laid out a list of concerns.

"There is no way any power transmission line coming out of the Panhandle is going to miss important prairie chicken habitat because the best prairie chicken habitat in Oklahoma is in Beaver County. There's just no way to miss it," she said. "It is an issue, but right now our main concerns are the bats and destroying their (hibernation area), the erosion it could cause and the idea of building a power line across this area with all these sinkholes."

"If they would move it to the south 20 miles or so, that would be better," said Bill Caire, a leading authority on Oklahoma's bat populations and former director of the Selman Living Laboratory.

The lab was created to protect the Selman Cave System, which has nearly three miles of passageways and several entrances on the laboratory lands and the neighboring ranches. It is home to the largest hibernating population of cave myotis bats in Oklahoma at 70,000 to 100,000, as well as four other species, including the rare

Townsend's big-eared bat, he said.

The construction process and the resulting structures could have untold impacts and potentially violate the Oklahoma Cave Law, which prohibits activities that can harm or disturb the biota of any cave, Caire said.

In addition to the bats, the caves and the surrounding gypsum outcroppings are home to dozens of species of plants and animals unique to that habitat, he said.

Power lines are known to emit UV light and electromagnetic fields that affect insect behaviors, but it's unclear what impact that may have on bats, which feed on insects.

"It's an unknown, but it's a concern," Caire said.

One of the proposed routes would put the line just south of the Selman Bat Cave, part of a system that's home to 150,000 to 300,000 migrating Mexican free-tailed bats each summer, he said.

"That would have the line immediately south in their migration route," Caire said. "We don't know if that's a problem, but that's why you research and study before you build. It would be such a shame to damage these cave systems."

Justin Voigt summed up the concerns after looking over his land, which adjoins the Selman Lab property. His property has cave entrances and sinkholes, but the landscape free of power lines is valuable as well, he said.

"This is a unique place, a special part of the country, and I don't think they really know what they're getting into here," he said. "The timeline — they're doing this too fast. I don't see how they're going to be able to do any kind of environmental study to know what kinds of problems that kind of construction could cause."

Jackson said the community meetings gave the company "a lot about our state that could not be learned looking at maps" and noted that PSO is considering the topography and geology of the Gypsum Hills.

"At this time we're still working to identify a proposed route," she said. "Once identified, a siting study will be prepared that documents our process, outreach efforts, data gathering effort, and the environmental, cultural, and land use considerations used in the selection of the proposed route."

"This document is not an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement under the federal National Environmental Policy Act, but includes much of the same information and analysis. Any additional analysis or process requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act will only be identified once a Proposed Route is ultimately selected," she wrote.

No more community meetings are scheduled along the route, but Jackson said PSO and Wind Catcher representatives will be meeting with individuals and that the virtual open house on the PSO website includes all of the project details, including maps and technical data, and still provides a link for people to provide comments.

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'Coco' tops box office again before 'Star Wars' hits



LochDisney-Pixar via Associated Press

In this image released by Disney-Pixar, character Hector, voiced by Gael Garcia Bernal, left, and Miguel, voiced by Anthony Gonzalez, appear in a scene from the animated film, "Coco."

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The animated family film "Coco" has topped the box office for a third time on a quiet, pre "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" weekend in theaters.

Disney estimated Sunday that "Coco" added \$18.3 million, which would bring its domestic total to \$135.5 million.

The weekend's sole new wide release was the Morgan Freeman film "Just Getting Started," which launched to a meager \$3.2 million from 2,161 theaters and barely made the top 10.

Most studios have chosen to avoid competing against "The Last Jedi," which is expected to dominate theaters and moviegoer attention when it opens on Dec. 15.

Thus, most of the charts have looked quite similar for the past few weeks.

Warner Bros. and DC's "Justice League" took second place with \$9.6 million and Lionsgate's sleeper hit "Wonder," which has now passed \$100 million, placed

third with \$8.5 million. Warner Bros. also crossed the \$2 billion benchmark domestically Saturday — the first studio to do so in 2017.

This quiet period before "Star Wars" has allowed some of the indie and prestige titles to thrive in limited releases and expansions, like James Franco's "The Disaster Artist." The film, about the making of one of the worst films of all time, "The Room," expanded to 840 locations in its second weekend in theaters. It managed to bring in \$6.4 million, landing it in fourth place.

Greta Gerwig's coming-of-age film "Lady Bird" also added 363 locations and placed 9th in its sixth weekend in theaters. With the \$3.5 million from this weekend, "Lady Bird" has netted \$22.3 million.

The Guillermo del Toro-directed romantic fantasy "The Shape of Water" expanded to 41 theaters in its second weekend and earned \$1.1 million.

The Tonya Harding biopic "I, Tonya" launched in four locations in New York

and Los Angeles and brought in a solid \$245,602.

The Winston Churchill film "The Darkest Hour" and the summer romance film "Call Me By Your Name" also continue to thrive in more limited releases as well.

"The Darkest Hour," which stars Gary Oldman as Churchill, earned \$777,000 from 53 locations, and "Call Me By Your Name," with Armie Hammer and Timothee Chalamet, took in \$291,101 from nine theaters.

"This is the best time to be a moviegoer if you're an indie fan," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "The last few weeks have enabled films

like "The Shape of Water," "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" and now "I, Tonya" to really find an audience."

He added: "It's great time for those films ahead of the box office death star that is 'Star Wars.'"

The year is still down 4 percent from last year, though, which is a pit that even a juggernaut like "Star Wars" might struggle to fill. The cash influx from "The Last Jedi" will be significant, nonetheless, and if the precedent of "Rogue One" and "The Force Awakens" holds, it could range from \$400 million to over \$600 million of additional domestic revenue before the books close on 2017.

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ATLANTA Jane Fonda raises \$1.3 million at 80th birthday fundraiser

Jane Fonda used her 80th birthday celebration to raise \$1.3 million for her foundation.

The two-time Oscar-winner held the "Eight Decades of Jane" fundraiser at an upscale hotel Saturday night.

The event recognized Fonda's life achievements along with her foundation, Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Power & Potential, which she created in 1995.

The Atlanta-based nonprofit focuses on teen pregnancy prevention and adolescent health.

Fonda's foundation hosted the event with 228 guests in attendance including CNN founder and ex-husband Ted Turner, her son Troy Garity and producer Paula Weinstein. James Taylor and Carole King performed several songs including "So Far Away" and "You've Got a Friend."

Dolly Parton, Kerry Washington, Ludacris and Oprah Winfrey shared a toast through a video message.

CALIFORNIA Queens of the Stone Age singer apologizes for concert kick

INGLEWOOD — Queens of the Stone Age frontman Joshua Homme has apologized after a photographer claimed the singer kicked her camera while she photographed the band's concert in Southern California.

Photographer Chelsea Lauren said on Instagram that she sought medical treatment after the camera smashed into her face from the kick Saturday night at a radio station's annual

Christmas event. Video posted to social media shows Homme swinging his leg and connecting with the camera while playing guitar at the Forum near Los Angeles.

Homme said on Twitter Sunday that he was "in a state of being lost in performance" and thought he was kicking lighting equipment on state. He says it was unintentional and he hopes Lauren accepts his apology.

MIAMI Comedian Hannibal Buress arrested on intoxication charge

A Florida newspaper reports that comedian Hannibal Buress was arrested on a disorderly intoxication charge after an encounter with a police officer.

The Miami Herald first reported that 34-year-old Buress was booked into Miami-Dade jail at 1:57 a.m. Sunday and posted bail just before 6 a.m.

A video circulated on social media showed Buress handcuffed against a Miami patrol car.

According to the paper, Buress asked officers why he was being arrested. One officer said, "trespassing," but he wasn't charged with that.

A police report obtained by the Herald said Buress asked an officer to call him an Uber, and when the officer refused, Buress became loud and belligerent.

Miami Police did not respond to calls and an email requesting to release the report on Sunday.

LONDON Princes William and Harry choose sculptor for Diana statue

Kensington Palace says Princes William and Harry have chosen sculptor Ian Rank-Broadley to create

a statue of their mother, Princess Diana, to mark the 20th anniversary of her death.

Rank-Broadley, whose image of Queen Elizabeth II has appeared on British coins since 1998, will complete the work by 2019. The statue will be placed on the grounds of Kensington Palace, where Diana once lived.

The princes said in a statement Sunday that the statue is meant to create "a fitting and lasting tribute to our mother" and to remember her life and legacy.

The princes added they had been touched by the kind words and memories shared with them about Diana this year, as the world recalled her death in a Paris car accident in 1997.

NEW YORK Charlie Sheen sues tabloid over assault allegation

Charlie Sheen is suing the National Enquirer, saying that the magazine defamed him by alleging he sexually assaulted teen actor Corey Haim.

In papers filed Friday in Los Angeles, Sheen called the tabloid's allegations "ridiculous" and "disgusting."

The Enquirer's Nov. 8 edition includes a quote from actor Dominick Brascia, saying that Sheen had assaulted Haim when he was in his mid-teens and Sheen around 20.

Sheen and Haim, who died in 2010, both appeared in the 1986 release "Lucas." Brascia told the Enquirer that the assault came during the film's production.

Sheen is seeking unspecified damages.

The Enquirer's parent company, American Media Inc., said in a statement Saturday that it looked "forward to litigating" the case and welcomed the chance to expose Sheen's "depravities."



John Locher/Associated Press

People walk through the newly renovated lobby at the Monte Carlo hotel and casino in Las Vegas Wednesday. The Monte Carlo is undergoing renovations to become the Park MGM.

Las Vegas' overhauled Monte Carlo transforming into Park MGM

By Regina Garcia Cano
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A lifelike network of twisting tree roots emerges from the ceiling and branches out into the lobby featuring green, earthy accents, crystal chandeliers and soon, work from British Pop Art legend David Hockney. Steps away from the check-in desk, Pablo Picasso artwork graces a South of France-inspired restaurant.

Not one slot machine is within sight of the lobby at this Las Vegas casino-hotel.

With a robust art collection, rooms with a residential feel and an overall romantic atmosphere that contrasts sharply with the city's stereotypical glitz, the Monte Carlo is being transformed from an antiquated midlevel property taking up prime real estate on the Las Vegas Strip into the upscale Park MGM casino-hotel.

The redesign is aimed at attracting younger, affluent visitors who favor modern aesthetics over kitschy themes and who travel to Sin City for its countless entertainment options, not necessarily to gamble.

Monte Carlo owner MGM Resorts International partnered with New York hotelier Sydeff Group for the ongoing \$450 million overhaul that will result in two hotels.

Park MGM will retain 2,700 rooms, while about 290 rooms and suites in the existing hotel's top floors will be transformed into NoMad Las Vegas, a version of Sydeff Group's New York City flagship property by the same name.

Guests are already being assigned renovated Park MGM rooms, which feature a cozy nook with a picture window and built-in settee, eclectic artwork like framed photographs and postcards, and red or green accent walls. Gone are

the patterned carpet and drapes, cream-colored walls and generic hotel furniture sets.

"At the heart of what we do is we like to create a sense of community, a sense of warmth, almost like a residential feel," Sydeff CEO Andrew Zobler recently told The Associated Press. "We create a place where you go and you kind of feel at home."

The company expects to have 90 percent of the rooms overhauled by next week.

The site is the most centrally located among MGM's Strip properties, catty-cornered to the 20,000-seat T-Mobile Arena and near the complex that includes the luxury Aria casino-hotel. But over time, the 21-year-old Monte Carlo, which was originally modeled after Monaco's famous Place du Casino, became the operator's least recognizable Las Vegas brand.

"It was not living up to its potential based on its real estate," said Alex Bumazhny, gambling analyst with Fitch Ratings. "MGM is doing the right thing by redeveloping both in terms of return on investment and having better flow of traffic of people going through their most prized corridor."

Other Las Vegas hotels that have been rebranded have seen strong results, Bumazhny said.

The new hotels will anchor an MGM-developed section of the Strip that features the arena, a theater and a leafy outdoor pedestrian area with restaurants. The French-inspired restaurant and a steakhouse are already seating diners. Eataly, a popular Italian food emporium, will open next year.

Park MGM is expected to be finished in the first half of 2018, while the entire overhaul will be completed later that year.

OPINION

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Clinton's specter loomed over Franken resignation

■ Democrats in Congress could ill-afford to look the other way again

It seems odd to think a president would play a role in the forced ouster of a Democratic senator, despite having departed the Oval Office more than 16 years ago.

But there is little doubt that Bill Clinton became part of the equation when Senate Democrats called on Al Franken, D-Minn., to resign after multiple women accused the senator of groping them.

For whatever reason, six accusations made against Franken were not enough, but when his seventh accuser stepped forward, that was a bridge too far. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., was the first to call for Franken to resign. The number quickly increased to 30 Democratic senators, and by that point, everybody knew Franken would have to step down.

In his Senate floor speech, Franken was hardly contrite. He denied the allegations, spoke of himself as a "champion" for women and complained about President Donald Trump and Senate candidate Roy Moore, both accused of sexual assault, before saying he'd resign "in the coming weeks."

So why the sudden reversal? Democrats were ready to let Franken off the hook. Congressional colleagues defended him or refused to condemn him. He received a letter of support from three dozen female

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employees on Saturday Night Live. Two explanations complement each other.

First, the Democrats wanted to have the upper hand against Republicans. With Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., and Franken both stepping down after accusations of sexual harassment, Democrats can claim the moral high ground as the GOP continues to support Trump and Moore, should he win his race on Dec. 12. They wouldn't be wrong, but let no one say Democrats pushed for Franken's ouster based solely on the merits.

The other explanation is the ghost of Bill Clinton and the many accusations made against him by a variety of women. Forget about his blue-dress dalliance with Monica Lewinsky. Her name surfaced because of the sexual harassment allegations made by Paula Jones.

The defensive reaction of Clinton operatives to Jones' accusations would be unheard of in today's political climate

Clinton adviser James Carville said of Jones, "If you drag a hundred-dollar bill through a trailer park, you never know what you'll find." When the Supreme Court ruled 9-0 in 1997 that Clinton was not immune from lawsuits, Clinton attorney Bob Bennett went on Meet the Press to warn if Jones "really wants to put her reputation at issue, as we hear, we are prepared to do that."

Bennett faced criticism from The New York Times and Maureen Dowd for his threats. Patricia Ireland, then head of the National Organization for Women, said Bennett engaged in the "nuts and sluts" defense. One would think after facing such criticism, they might go a different route should any other accusers step forward.

Bonne chance. Kathleen Willey (who alleged Clinton groped her) and Juanita Broadrick (who claims Clinton raped her) were written off as liars. Even in the case of Lewinsky, before the truth emerged, some described her as a "floozy," "bimbo" and "stalker." Even Hillary Clinton referred to her as a "narcissistic loony toon."

None of it mattered to Clinton's popularity. Even after Clinton's lies were revealed, he remained a rock star in Democratic circles. The imagery of him making his way to the stage at the Democratic National Convention in 2000

was choreographed in a manner befitting a conquering emperor returning to Rome and basking in the adulation of the crowd. Clinton received VIP treatment during the 2012 Democratic National Convention, as well, credited in large part with distinguishing President Barack Obama from Mitt Romney.

Hillary Clinton's loss — which helped expedite her and Bill's shift to political irrelevance — and the #MeToo movement proved to be the conduit for people to express new thoughts on Clinton's legacy. Gillibrand said Clinton should have resigned his office when the Lewinsky allegations surfaced. MSNBC host Chris Hayes tweeted, "As gross and cynical and hypocritical as the right's 'what about Bill Clinton' stuff is, it's also true that Democrats and the center-left are overdue for a real reckoning with the allegations against him."

New York Times columnist Michelle Goldberg wrote a piece titled "I Believe Juanita."

Democrats in Congress could ill-afford to look the other way again. Call it political machination on their part if you want, but both sides of the political aisle have now added to the negative portion of the Bill Clinton legacy what it so richly deserves.

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GUEST VIEW

Baylor, its survivors offer important lessons for #MeToo movement

Men long entrenched in power are now ensnared in an astonishing moment of U.S. history that is calling out perpetrators of sexual assault and harassment.

As the #MeToo movement forces establishments everywhere to look hard at themselves and rigorously clean house, it's worth remembering that one Texas institution, Baylor University, got a humiliating head start on grappling with the reality of sexual violence and its cover-up.

Baylor's reckoning came about only because many courageous women united to demand accountability as they revealed their stories of sexual assault on the campus of the world's biggest Baptist university.

These Baylor survivors weren't featured in Time magazine's "Silence Breakers," its just-released 2017 Person of the Year that recognized those who helped force consequences with their accounts of sexual harassment and assault.

Yet the women from Waco, honored by this newspaper last year as one of our Texan of the Year finalists, were a compelling harbinger of Time's 2017 designation. In our opinion, the Baylor survivors rank high among, in the magazine's words, "the voices that launched a movement."

This year's Person of the Year cover included well-known faces such as Ashley Judd and Taylor Swift, but look carefully at the lower right-hand portion of the photo to see the most significant honoree. The carefully cropped image is of a hospital worker from Texas who told her story to Time on the condition that she remains anonymous.

Like so many of the Baylor women whose cases are pending at the courthouse, this young woman represents those who can't publicly identify themselves because they fear the problems it might cause for them personally and their families.

These Jane Does are proof that it doesn't require a high-profile name to be a powerful catalyst for change.

In response to the survivors' solidarity and perseverance, Baylor has done a lot of things right over the past 18 months, starting with firing its president and football coach.

While the tragedy was hardly confined to the school's then-mighty football program, Baylor took a stand too many schools stumble over: College sports are not as important as student safety and school integrity.

Under new President Linda Livingston, the school removed additional administration figures whose behavior was sketchy at best. The school's accrediting agency just lifted sanctions after verifying more than 100 improvements Baylor made to its institutional response to sexual assault.

But questions — and lawsuits — linger. Baylor's board of regents never agreed to release a written version of the Pepper Hamilton investigative report. Just Thursday, the school's latest Title IX coordinator, who has been on the job a little more than a year, resigned. Baylor so far has offered no details, citing the situation as a personnel matter.

Despite Baylor's promises that the days of deception are over, the school is hardly in the clear. What improvements that have occurred should be credited to Baylor's brave survivors, who refused to remain shamed.

Long before this year's recognition of "The Silence Breakers," the Baylor women challenged their school to make things right and have persevered beyond the trauma to try to protect their peers.

— Dallas Morning News

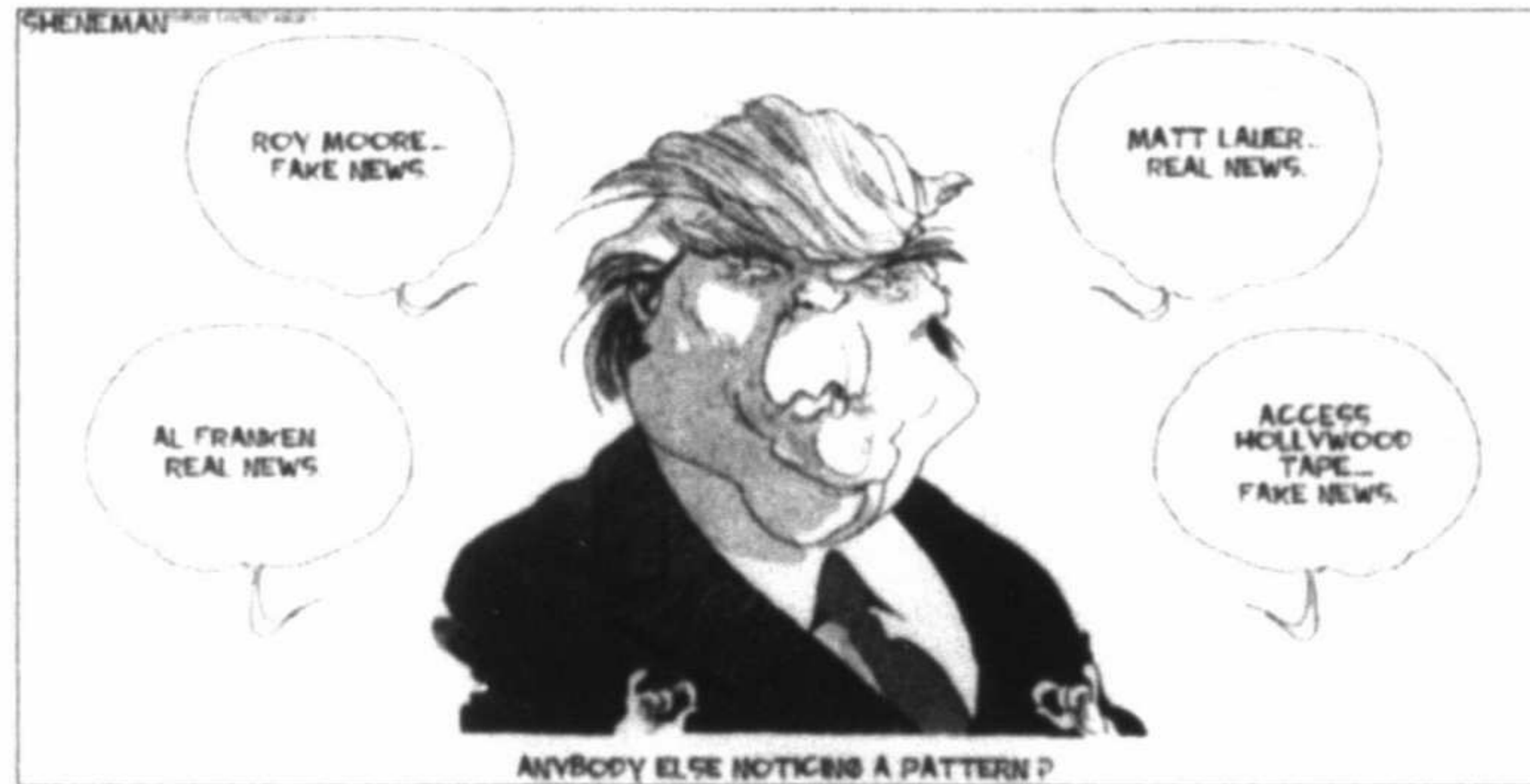
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Trump partisans undermine America

Thursday was Pearl Harbor Day, the anniversary of one of the deadliest attacks on American soil and perhaps the most unifying day in American history.

This year some of us marked Pearl Harbor Day by attacking America from within.

For five hours on Thursday, President Trump's partisans delivered a reckless and sustained attack on the FBI and the special counsel. They amplified Trump's claim that the FBI's "reputation is in tatters — worst in history" and that Robert S. Mueller III's Russia probe, which has already secured guilty pleas from two Trump campaign officials and the indictments of two more, is part of a system that is "rigged," "phony," "dishonest" and using a "double standard."

Shamefully, Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee launched an all-out assault on the special counsel and the FBI — choosing to protect Trump at the cost of Americans' faith in the justice system and the rule of law.

Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., the chairman, echoed Trump's "tatters" claim and told FBI Director Christopher A. Wray that Mueller's probe and the Clinton email probe have been tainted by "bias."

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, said he has a "hunch" that "pro-Clinton, anti-Trump bias" at the FBI was behind a secret "warrant to spy on Americans associated with the Trump campaign."

Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., called former FBI director James B. Comey an "egomaniacal rogue" and speculated that the FBI paid for the "dossier" on Trump's activities in Russia.

Rep. Ron DeSantis, R-Fla., speculated that anti-Trump bias led the FBI to conclude that Russia interfered in the U.S. election, and he threatened Wray: "I think you're walking into a contempt of Congress."

This is calumny. Mueller is a longtime Republican who was appointed FBI director by George W. Bush. He was named special counsel by Rod J. Rosenstein, also a Republican, who was appointed by Trump himself to be deputy attorney general. Comey, a Republican who served in Bush's Justice Department, made political contributions to John McCain, Mitt Romney and other Republicans. Wray, a Republican who also gave to GOP candidates, was appointed by Trump.

The slander is based on the fact that several of Mueller's underlings made political contributions that went mostly to Democrats, including Clinton; that one member of Mueller's team opposed Trump's first travel ban (which was struck down and withdrawn), and anti-Trump texts between one of Mueller's people (since taken off the case, with the incident under review by the Justice Department inspector general) and his girlfriend.

But if we're going to declare "biased" those who gave money to Democrats, then Jared Kushner, Ivanka Trump, Steven Mnuchin, Gary Cohn and

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the president himself are biased against Trump. Also, if Mueller had inquired about political leanings before making hires, he would have violated Justice Department rules.

And more broadly: pro-Clinton bias? It was precisely Comey's public announcement of a reopened Clinton probe just days before the election that helped give the presidency to Trump.

What's more outrageous is the purpose of the attacks on the FBI and Mueller. To help Trump with his legal problems, these officials are willing to undermine Americans' faith in the justice system.

This is part of a pattern. As House Republicans were attacking the FBI and Mueller, Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., was announcing his resignation on the Senate floor. He had been drummed out by fellow Democrats for sexual misbehavior, but Trump and the Republicans are rallying behind GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore, faced with credible allegations of sexual misbehavior with teenagers — for the short-term benefit of keeping one Senate seat Republican.

Trump routinely attacks institutions, including the courts, the media, the electoral process, the intelligence community, the IRS, the United Nations, foreign allies, the Justice Department and the pope. That's the strategy of the autocrat: Don't believe the courts or the justice system or the electoral process or the legislature or the media or my accusers. Believe me.

When lawmakers back up Trump, however, they give a cue to GOP voters that such out-of-bounds attacks on our system are legitimate. That's how they normalized Trump. That's how we're getting Moore. That's why Republicans are being convinced the FBI and federal prosecutors are corrupt.

The FBI is one government agency Republicans historically held in high regard (70 percent had a favorable view in a 2015 Pew Research Center poll), but a poll by the University of Texas in June — after Trump's attacks began — found favorable views of the FBI among Texas Republicans at 43 percent.

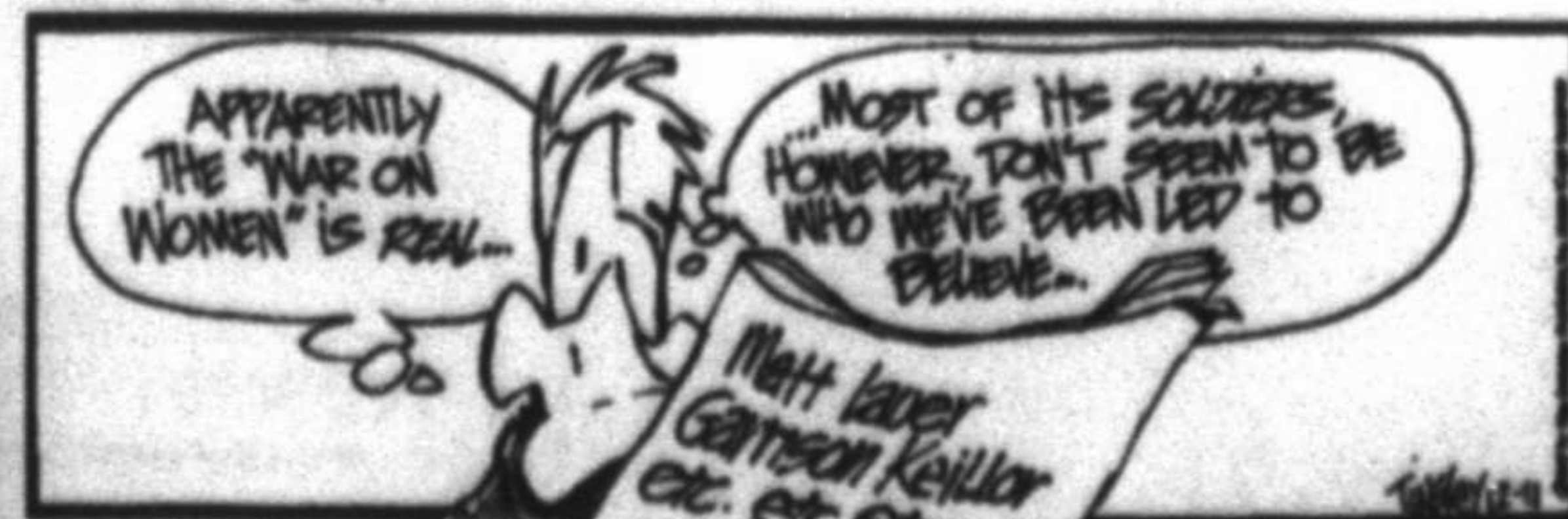
Likewise, multiple polls found that Republicans are far more likely to believe sexual-harassment claims against Democrats than against Republicans; Democrats see the claims as credible regardless of the perpetrator's party.

This tribalism is meant to help Trump, and Moore. It undermines America.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Sexual misconduct often part of hospitality industry

By Don Babwin
Associated Press

CHICAGO — One woman recalls how a general manager at a Chicago-area restaurant where she worked told her that if security cameras recorded him reaching between her legs and grabbing her genitals, he could simply "edit that out."

Another woman worked at an Atlanta restaurant and says her boss did nothing when two dishwashers kept making vulgar comments, so she quit wearing makeup to look less attractive and hopefully end the verbal abuse.

In the wake of sexual misconduct allegations against several prominent men in entertainment, politics and journalism, accounts like the ones these women share quietly play out in restaurants, bars and hotels across the country and rarely get the headlines.

Court documents and interviews with the women and experts on the topic show hospitality industry workers are routinely subjected to sexual abuse and harassment from bosses, co-workers and customers that are largely unchecked. The nature of the work, which often has employees relying on tips, can make them especially vulnerable to abuse.

"I was absolutely humiliated," said Sharonda Fields, who said the abuse at the Atlanta restaurant began shortly after she started working there last year. "It was degrading. I felt embarrassed. I felt low. I just felt like nothing happened when those guys talked to me that way, and especially when the staff and the managers knew what was going on. It made me feel like dirt."

She filed a lawsuit against the restaurant last spring. Calls to the restaurant from The Associated Press went unanswered.

Joyce Smithy, an Annapolis, Maryland, attorney who has handled several sexual harassment lawsuits, said those accused of misconduct "have a great sense of who the victims are, who the women are who will put up with this, who need the job, are so scared they don't fight back."

That's especially true in an industry where immigrants are a large part of the workforce. In a 2014 federal lawsuit in New York that was ultimately settled, a woman alleged that the general manager of a fast-food restaurant where she worked asked about her immigration status regularly and knew that she was "even more vulnerable" partly because she had no family in the United States.

Many accused think fighting back is futile. According to a survey in Chicago, not only had 49 percent of hotel workers reported incidents in which guests "exposed themselves, flashed them or answered the door naked,"



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Sharonda Fields, left, who said she was abused while working at a Georgia restaurant last year, talks with her attorney Brad Dozier in his office Dec. 4 in Atlanta. "I was absolutely humiliated. It was degrading. I felt embarrassed," said Fields. "I just felt like nothing happened when those guys talked to me that way and especially when the staff and the managers knew what was going on. It made me feel like dirt." As new allegations of sexual harassment are leveled against famous people in the worlds of entertainment, news and politics day after day, stories like Fields' are quietly playing out in restaurants, bars and hotels across the country.

but just 1 in 3 of the workers who had such experiences reported it to a boss.

Sarah Lyons, a research analyst with UNITE HERE Local 1, the union that conducted the survey last year and represents more than 15,000 hospitality workers in the Chicago area and northwestern Indiana, said the most common reason these workers didn't come forward is because they knew someone who tried to report sexual misconduct and nothing changed as a result.

Often things can get worse for those who report misconduct. Attorneys and advocates for workers say waitresses who speak out risk facing retaliation. Their shifts can be taken away or they might be scheduled for slower business times when there are fewer opportunities to receive tips.

In a 2011 lawsuit against a Maryland yacht club, Victoria Tillbery reported that a boss had told her she would "never have to worry about your shifts" if she let him perform oral sex on her. She refused and after she reported her allegations to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, her job started making her do her prep duties during shifts and not before them. That took her away from waiting tables and earning tips.

Attorneys say the goal in these situations is to prompt the employee to quit and, if that doesn't work, the worker is often made the target of an effort to discredit her character.

After Fields, the Atlanta restaurant worker, refused to quit, "false and bogus reasons to terminate her" surfaced, her attorney said.

"They enlisted another employee to falsely state that she (Fields) had come up to her and said, 'If you agree to back me up on my claim I'll pay you \$100,'" said Fields' attorney, Brad Dozier.

The other worker, hoping to gain favor with the bosses and get a promotion, made the false claim and the restaurant used it to fire Fields, Dozier said.

The woman who recounted the story about the Calumet City, Illinois, restaurant general manager, who suggested he would edit security camera footage of him inappropriately touching her, said she rebuffed the man's advances.

After that, Vger Williams said, a job opportunity she was promised at one of the restaurant chain's other locations never developed and she was fired.

Williams filed a lawsuit last month. Restaurant officials declined comment when reached by the AP.

Workers who are sexually harassed by customers are often under pressure to remain quiet, too.

David Craver, president of the National Bartenders Association, said companies don't want to lose business so "they roll out the red carpet to every customer."

"It's just like if a family member said something inappropriate, you can't get rid of family," he said.

A lot of harassment occurs in situations in which the workers are underpaid, said Saru Jayaraman, co-founder of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, a national organization that works to improve industry conditions. She said managers often encourage waitresses to dress sexier to get more tips, which can lead to sexual misconduct. If the workers were paid more, they wouldn't have to rely on tips and the misconduct would decrease, she said.

Improvements have shown up in other ways. In October, following the lead of voters in Seattle the year before, the Chicago City Council passed an ordinance requiring hotels to develop anti-harassment policies and to provide panic buttons to workers by next summer if they work alone in guest rooms.

Also in October, celebrity chef John Besh stepped down from the company he founded after 25 women alleged that male supervisors at Besh's New Orleans restaurants sexually harassed them. One woman says Besh pressured her into a sexual relationship, but Besh has said he believes it was consensual.

While suing is one way victims of misconduct can fight back, most settlements contain nondisclosure clauses that prevent them from talking about what happened to them. So the incidents are not publicized.

"It fosters the problem we are seeing so much of (because) these serial harassers, bullies and predators aren't talked about," Boston employment attorney James Weliky said.

After allegations, Moore avoids spotlight, questions



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Steve Bannon, left, introduces U.S. senatorial candidate Roy Moore, right, during a campaign rally Tuesday in Fairhope, Ala. Dogged by allegations of sexual misconduct, Moore has kept to events with limited publicity and shunned contact with the traditional media in the heated race for U.S. Senate.

By Kim Chandler
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Republican U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore has been a rare sight on the traditional campaign trail in the days ahead of a critical U.S. Senate race. He's appeared at only a handful of rallies in front of friendly audiences and steadfastly has shunned reporters from the mainstream media.

Moore's past campaigns have never been heavy on the conventional, but his relative absence from the spotlight this time around is nearly unheard of for a major party candidate.

Moore has focused on meeting with small groups of supporters and an aggressive social media campaign out of camera range as he tries to win Tuesday's election against Democrat Doug Jones — a contest that was supposed to be an easy GOP victory — until November, when a number of women stepped forward to accuse Moore of engaging in sexual misconduct when he was

in his 30s and they were teenagers.

Moore has denied the allegations and refuses to back down.

Moore's stealth effort has left Jones resorting to mockery as the Democrat crisscrosses the state trying to pull an upset in Tuesday's special election, buoyed by the possibility that enough Republicans will abandon the 70-year-old Moore in the wake of the allegations.

"Roy Moore is in hiding. He's kind of like the groundhog. He comes out every so often to see if he can see his shadow," Jones said Saturday in Selma

during one of several stops for the Democrat this weekend.

Ben DuPre, a campaign spokesman, said Moore is not holding back.

"He's talking to voters. We are getting the message out any way that we can. I know you are the old media and you get offended when we don't talk to you, but we've got Twitter. We've got Facebook. He's doing interviews. He's doing radio."

Moore campaign chairman Bill Armistead said Moore has spent the week doing smaller unannounced events with supporters and has been on

the phone with pastors and others urging supporters to get to the polls on Tuesday. He said the campaign feels confident going into Tuesday.

Moore's campaign is actively pushing his narrative on social media and in press releases. He's also drawing headlines with the help of President Donald Trump, who came to the Florida Panhandle on Friday night and has lined up a recorded telephone call from the president that will start being delivered to Alabama voters on Monday.

Moore has never been conventional. He has built a large following among some evangelical voters from two failed gambits: upholding a display of the Ten Commandments in a state building and trying to block same-sex marriage in Alabama. He was tossed from office in both instances.

Moore plans to close out his campaign Monday night with another large rally featuring former Trump campaign guru Stephen Bannon.

Alabama campaign consultant David Mowery — whose client Democrat Bob Vance lost to Moore in the 2012 Alabama Supreme Court chief justice race — said Moore has never been a candidate to do many public events but shunning just about all traditional media during the Senate race is "pretty unprecedented."

Still, Mowery said,

Moore knows how to focus on his base.

"We never knew where he was and then we'd get a picture from somebody showing us some church marquee saying, 'Judge Moore is here on Saturday,'" he recalled. "He's out there, he's just with his base, and usually in small events."

Mowery said the temptation is to obsess too much over what Moore is doing.

"You lose the forest for the trees worrying over the opponent," Mowery said. "It wasn't like we were competing over the same voters anyway."

"We were going after the Chamber of Commerce, country club, First Methodist kind of Republicans ... not the fundamentalists and the snake handlers. We were never going to get them anyway, and neither is Doug," he said.

Bill Stewart, the former chairman of the political science department at the University of Alabama, said Moore appears to be banking on his evangelical base, as well as the state's overwhelming tendency to vote Republican, to carry him to victory on Tuesday.

Republicans in Alabama tend to clear 60 percent of the vote — though Moore has struggled in his previous races to reach that number — and voters here haven't elected a Democrat to the Senate since 1992.

Stewart said he can't remember a candidate ever virtually "disappearing from public view" the way Moore has. Still, he said Moore has little to gain but "a lot to lose" by making a mistake.

"There may be a method in his madness," Stewart said.

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Sunglasses reflect the audience as a protester wears a Confederate battle flag sticker on her mouth as part of a silent protest to the current Mississippi state flag during the grand opening ceremony for the Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum on Saturday, in Jackson, Miss. A small group of protesters wore the stickers and stood silently holding an alternative flag during the program.

Trump draws protests while honoring civil rights heroes

By Darlene Superville
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — President Donald Trump has honored figures of the civil rights movement, some famous, some not, at a ceremony that exposed stark divisions among Americans about his commitment to that legacy.

Trump on Saturday toured the new Mississippi Civil Rights Museum and the adjacent Museum of Mississippi, both in Jackson. Outside, demonstrators protested his presence, some holding signs that said "Make America Civil Again" and "Lock Him Up" and others shouting "No Trump, no hate, no KKK in the USA." During the opening ceremony, about 25 people stood silently with Confederate battle flag stickers covering their mouths.

Trump spent about 30 minutes at the museums, gave a 10-minute speech to select guests inside and flew back to his Florida estate, skipping the dedication ceremony held outside on a chilly day. He spent more time getting to Jackson than he did on the ground.

In a deliberate voice and rarely diverting from his prepared words, the president sought to honor the famous and the anonymous for their efforts on behalf of freedom and equality. He did not acknowledge the anger his participation had sparked leading up to the dedication.

"The civil rights museum records the oppression, cruelty and injustice inflicted on the African-American community, the fight to bring down Jim Crow and end segregation, to gain the right to vote and to achieve the sacred birthright of equality," he said. "And it's big stuff. That's big stuff."

Trump has been accused of harboring racial animosity, and critics cite his blaming of "both sides" for deadly violence at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville,

Virginia, over the summer. Trump has also relentlessly criticized NFL players for kneeling during the national anthem to protest racism and police brutality largely directed at African-American males.

Trump opened his presidential campaign by branding Mexicans as rapists and criminals, and while campaigning called for a "complete and total shutdown" of Muslims entering the U.S. after a deadly gun attack in San Bernardino, California.

The national president of the NAACP and the mayor of Mississippi's capital city said they kept their distance from Trump because of his "pompous disregard" for the values embodied by the civil rights movement.

Derrick Johnson, head of the nation's oldest civil rights organization, and Mayor Chokwe Lumumba said at a news conference Saturday that they looked forward to a "grand opening" of the museum that they can attend. "We will never cede the stage to an individual who will fight against us," Johnson said. "We will not allow the history of those who sacrificed to be tarnished for political expediency."

Johnson and Lumumba spoke to about 100 supporters, including some who participated in the civil rights demonstrations of the 1960s, at Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center. Once the first public school built for African-Americans in Jackson, it's now a museum to black history and culture.

Lumumba called Trump to task for "his pompous disregard for all of those factors that will not enable us to stand with him today."

The state's attorney general, Jim Hood, criticized Republican Gov. Phil Bryant for inviting Trump. "It threw cold water in the face of people who fought the battles for civil rights," Hood said.

Bryant, who introduced Trump, spoke of "the emotion

that comes over you in waves as you see the past, the struggle, the conflict. I'm so very proud today that the president of the United States was here to see and witness it."

Trump told Bryant the museums would be a "great legacy" for him as governor.

In his remarks, Trump drew on the achievements of civil rights veterans.

"Today we strive to be worthy of their sacrifice," he said. "We pray for inspiration from their example. We want our country to be a place where every child from every background can grow up free from fear, innocent of hatred and surrounded by love, opportunity and hope. Today we pay solemn tribute to our heroes of the past and dedicate ourselves to building a future of freedom, equality, justice and peace."

He called the museums "labors of love — love for Mississippi, love for your nation, love for God-given dignity written into every human soul."

Trump singled out Medgar Evers, the Mississippi NAACP leader who was shot to death outside his home in 1963. His widow, Myrlie, was in the audience for Trump's speech and drew a standing ovation when he acknowledged her.

Trump said Medgar Evers "knew it was long past time for his nation to fulfill its founding promise to treat every citizen as an equal child of God." Evers, Trump said, now rests in Arlington National Cemetery "beside men and women of all races, backgrounds and walks of life who've served and sacrificed for our country. Their headstones do not mark the color of their skin but immortalize the courage of their deeds."

Myrlie Evers did not mention Trump in her remarks a short time later at the outdoor public ceremony. "Regardless of race, creed or color, we are all Americans. ... If Mississippi can rise to the occasion, then the rest of the country should be able to do the same thing," she said.

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., a leader of the civil rights movement, was among those who stayed away. He said Trump's presence at the museum opening was an insult.

The White House accused Lewis and others of injecting politics into a moment it said could be used to bring people together.

Associated Press writers Jeff Amy and Emily Wagster Pettus contributed to this report.

US Nobel laureate worries politics could undermine science

By David Keyton and Jim Heintz
Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — An American researcher who shared this year's Nobel Prize for medicine bluntly criticized political developments at home in his address at the awards' gala banquet Sunday night.

Michael Rosbash, who was honored for his work on circadian rhythms — commonly called the body clock — expressed concern that U.S. government support such as that received by him and colleagues Jeffrey Hall and Michael Young is endangered.

"We benefited from an enlightened period in the postwar United States. Our National Institutes of Health have enthusiastically and generously supported basic research ... (but) the current climate in the U.S. is a warning that continued support cannot be taken for granted," he said in a short speech at the ornate city hall in Stockholm.

The 2018 federal budget proposed by President Donald Trump calls for cutting science funding by billions of dollars.

"Also in danger is the pluralistic America into which all three of us of born were born and raised after World War II," Rosbash said.

"Immigrants and foreigners have always been an indispensable part of our country, including its great record in scientific research."

Literature laureate Kazuo Ishiguro of Britain expressed concern about increasing tensions between social factions.

"We live today in a time of growing tribal enmities of communities fracturing into bitterly opposed groups," said Ishiguro, who was born in Japan.



Michael Rosbash, laureate in Medicine 2017 delivers a speech, during the Nobel banquet in the City Hall on Sunday in Stockholm.

He said Nobel prizes can counterbalance such animosity.

"The pride we feel when someone from our nation wins a Nobel prize is different from the one we feel witnessing one of our athletes winning an Olympic medal.

We don't feel the pride of our tribe demonstrating superiority over other tribes. Rather it's the pride that from knowing that one of us has made a significant contribution to our common human endeavor," he said.

In the Norwegian capital of Oslo, a survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima compared her struggle to survive in 1945

to the objectives of the group awarded this year's Nobel's Peace Prize.

Setsuko Thurlow, who was 13 when the U.S. bomb devastated her Japanese city during the final weeks of World War II, spoke as a leading activist with the Nobel-winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons.

Thurlow said the Hiroshima blast left her buried under the rubble, but she was able to see light and crawl to safety.

In the same way, the campaign to which she belongs is a driving force behind an international treaty to ban nuclear weapons, she said after ICAN received the

Nobel prize it won in October.

"Our light now is the ban treaty," Thurlow said.

"I repeat those words that I heard called to me in the ruins of Hiroshima: 'Don't give up. Keep pushing. See the light? Crawl toward it.'"

The treaty has been signed by 56 countries — none of them nuclear powers — and ratified by only three. To become binding it requires ratification by 50 countries.

ICAN Executive Director Beatrice Fihn, who accepted the prize along with Thurlow, said that while the treaty is far from ratification "now, at long last, we have an unequivocal norm against nuclear weapons."

"This is the way forward. There is only one way to prevent the use of nuclear weapons — prohibit and eliminate them," Fihn said.

The prize winners were announced in October. All except the peace prize were awarded in Sweden on Sunday.

The other laureates were American Richard Thaler for his work in behavioral economics; American physicists Kip Thorne, Rainer Weiss and Barry Barish for confirming the existence of gravity waves; and Jacques Dubochet of Switzerland, American Joachim Frank and Richard Henderson of the United Kingdom for advances in electron microscopy.

Associated Press writer David Keyton reported this story in Oslo and AP writer Jim Heintz reported from Moscow.

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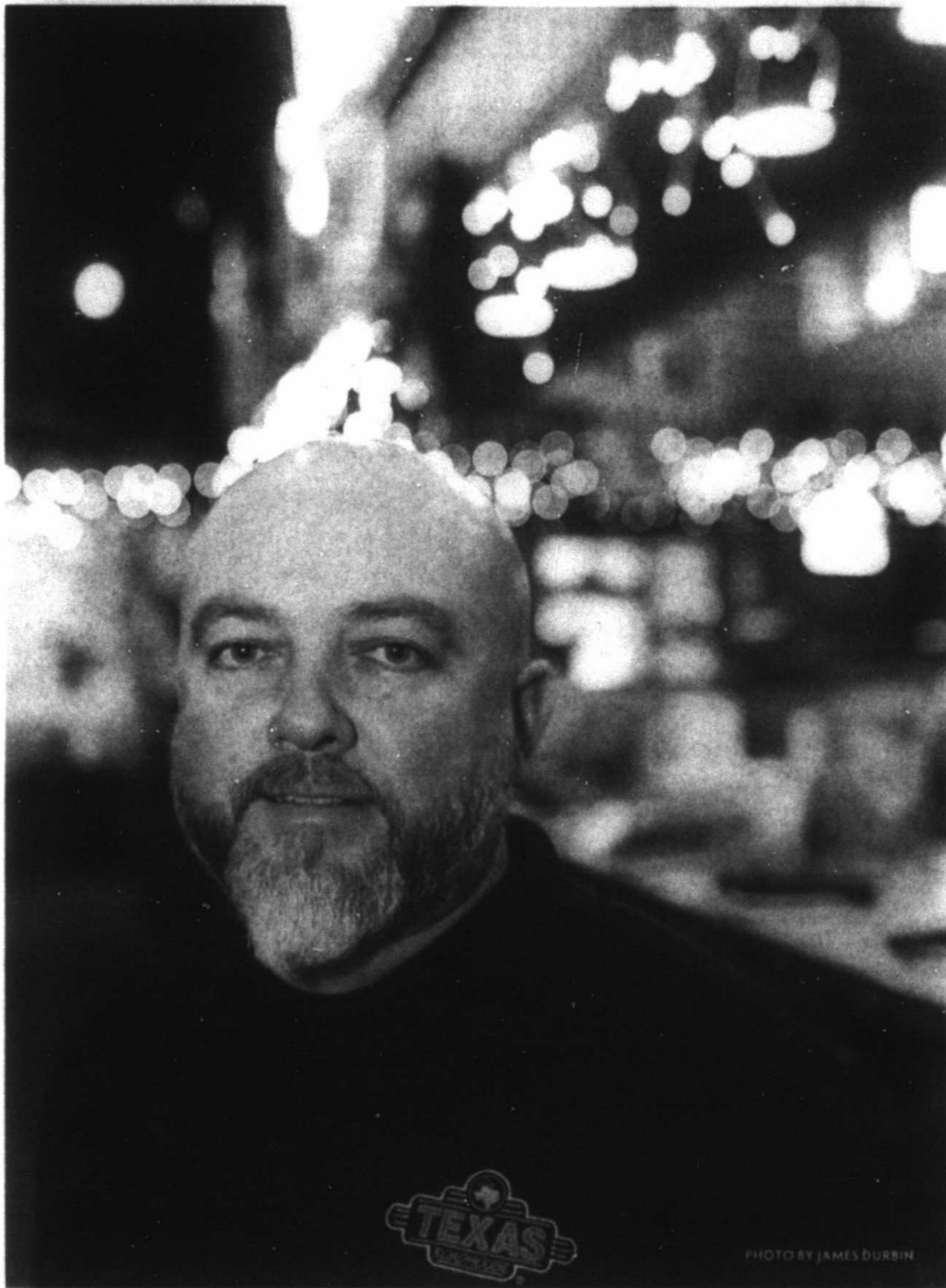


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Professional and community involvement: I have been managing partner of Texas Roadhouse-Midland since November 2010. I have served on the board of Unlock Ministries for eight years, I am a volunteer cross country/track coach at Midland Christian, and I support Meals on Wheels Veteran's Day lunch initiative, Breakfast with Santa - Big Brother's Big Sisters, Kick 4 Kenya - KWO Ministries, blood drives - United Blood Services and Tour De Vine - March of Dimes.

In your position at Texas Roadhouse, how did you get involved with local nonprofit organizations, especially Senior Link Midland? When my family and I first moved to Midland and I was still working with Carmo's, Kobi Nix Lincoln invited me to support an event for the organization that is now Senior Link. It was a taste of the town, and I realized Midlanders enjoyed going to events like that, and they supported nonprofits they felt strongly about. Over time, I noticed the same restaurants and companies were always at these kinds of events. That's how I met Jerry Morales, and as I was asked to support more events, I would ask, "Is Jerry going to be there?" if he was, I was there, too.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while helping these nonprofits? The unexpected lessons I've learned are from some of the great leaders in our community. The leaders I've supported the longest are those who have decided to be excellent at whatever they do. At Texas Roadhouse, we like to say, "Be legendary." These leaders won't take no for an answer, and they find ways to become better at what they do. The Tracy Rentons, Saul Herreras, Treisa Grismores and Ben Walls of the world inspire you with their passion for their organization. You know when you support them, they will make a difference in the lives of the people their organizations serve. As a result, I've become a better leader.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? I rarely say "no" to any organization. From a business perspective, it gets Texas Roadhouse's name out there. I grew up with two amazing parents (Mary Helen and Burnie Battles) who volunteered a lot of their free time. They were always volunteering at our church or being the "water boys" at my high school football games, and they taught my brother, sister and me the importance of giving back. I've had a blessed life, and I enjoy helping others.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I've lived in Midland a little over 12 years. My family and I moved here at a time when we were ready to settle down. It's a great city to run a restaurant, or any business, and it's been a great city to raise my kids.

What else would you like our readers to know about you? Going back to my "Be legendary" comment, I'm very proud of my team at Texas Roadhouse, as we were voted Best Restaurant and Best Steak in Midland by the readers of the MRT. We know we are not perfect, but we strive to be every shift. Other than that, my favorite pastime is grabbing my girlfriend, Jessica, and heading to one of our four kids' sporting events/activities and enjoying time with our family.

"HE'LL BE RIGHT THERE TO HELP MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE, POSSIBLE"

It has been a joy to watch Aaron Battles, a man who serves others with a giving heart, grow in the spirit of making the world a better place.

I have known Aaron for more than 12 years. During this time, one thing has become clear: This man is absolutely one of the most philanthropic people I know. Just ask anyone in Midland, they will tell you that Aaron, through either Carmo's or Texas Roadhouse, has played a key role in their organization's fundraiser.

Aaron has a "never-say-die" attitude, which is contagious when it comes to overcoming obstacles. He'll be right there to help make the impossible possible.

His work with Senior Link Midland has made it possible to honor our homebound veterans. For the past several years, Aaron has partnered with Senior Link Midland to ensure that even homebound veterans are able to be honored through the Texas Roadhouse Veterans Day meal.

Aaron loves people, and he loves his business. What makes Aaron so special to this community is that he treats (everyone) like they are the most important person in the world. I've seen him with his staff and his customers; everyone loves him. It is truly an honor to nominate Aaron Battles for 52 faces.

Tracy Renton, development director, Senior Link Midland

"HE IS TRULY CHANGING THE FACE OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE BETTER"

Aaron Battles is a wonderful example of why Midland is a great place to live.

He has been a blessing for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Whenever we have asked for his help, the response has always been, "Absolutely." For many years (too many to count), he and his crew at Texas Roadhouse have cooked, delivered and donated food for bowlers during our annual Bowl For Kids' Sake, helping to ensure we raise the money needed to serve the children in our program.

Five years ago, we had to find a new location for our Breakfast with Santa — an annual event in which the children in our program have breakfast with their families, see Santa and choose a gift. We were a little hesitant about approaching Aaron because we felt he was already doing so much, but we couldn't think of where else to turn. We asked, and he promptly answered, "Absolutely." So for the past five years, he and the crew at Texas Roadhouse open early on a Saturday morning just for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and they provide a great breakfast to the 150 or so people who attend.

Aaron shares his love of giving back with his employees, friends and family. His daughter and her friends often serve as "elves" (complete with the ears) at our Breakfast with Santa. Starting early on a Saturday morning makes it a very long day for the crew at Texas Roadhouse but we never see anything but smiles from everyone there.

Perhaps the most impressive part is that Big Brothers Big Sisters is just one of many nonprofits and schools that Aaron and Texas Roadhouse support. He is truly changing the face of our community for the better.

Key Crites, executive director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland

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Digital gifts can simplify holiday shopping

By Lauren Zumbach
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — It's Christmas Eve, you still have gifts to buy, and as the hours tick by, your options grow thin.

Anything you order online won't arrive in time. A gift card feels impersonal. You're skeptical that something picked primarily because it was in stock at a retailer open late on a holiday will be a hit, and don't want to saddle the recipient, or yourself, with the hassle of returning a

slapdash gift.

This year, more retailers are giving desperate last-minute shoppers another option — e-gifts.

After choosing an item to give on a retailer's website, a gift-giver can send a message by email, text or Facebook message inviting the recipient to "unwrap" their present. The customer doesn't have to know the size, color, or even home address — the recipient provides all that information. If the recipient doesn't like it, the giver never has to know — the gift's value can be applied to something else.

Like gift cards, which more than half of consumers plan to buy this holiday season, e-gifts are procrastinator-friendly and reduce the risk of guessing wrong on size or style. But unlike the ubiquitous gift card, which can be grabbed while in line at the supermarket or printed from a home computer, e-gifts are designed to let gifters show they put in at least a bit more thought.

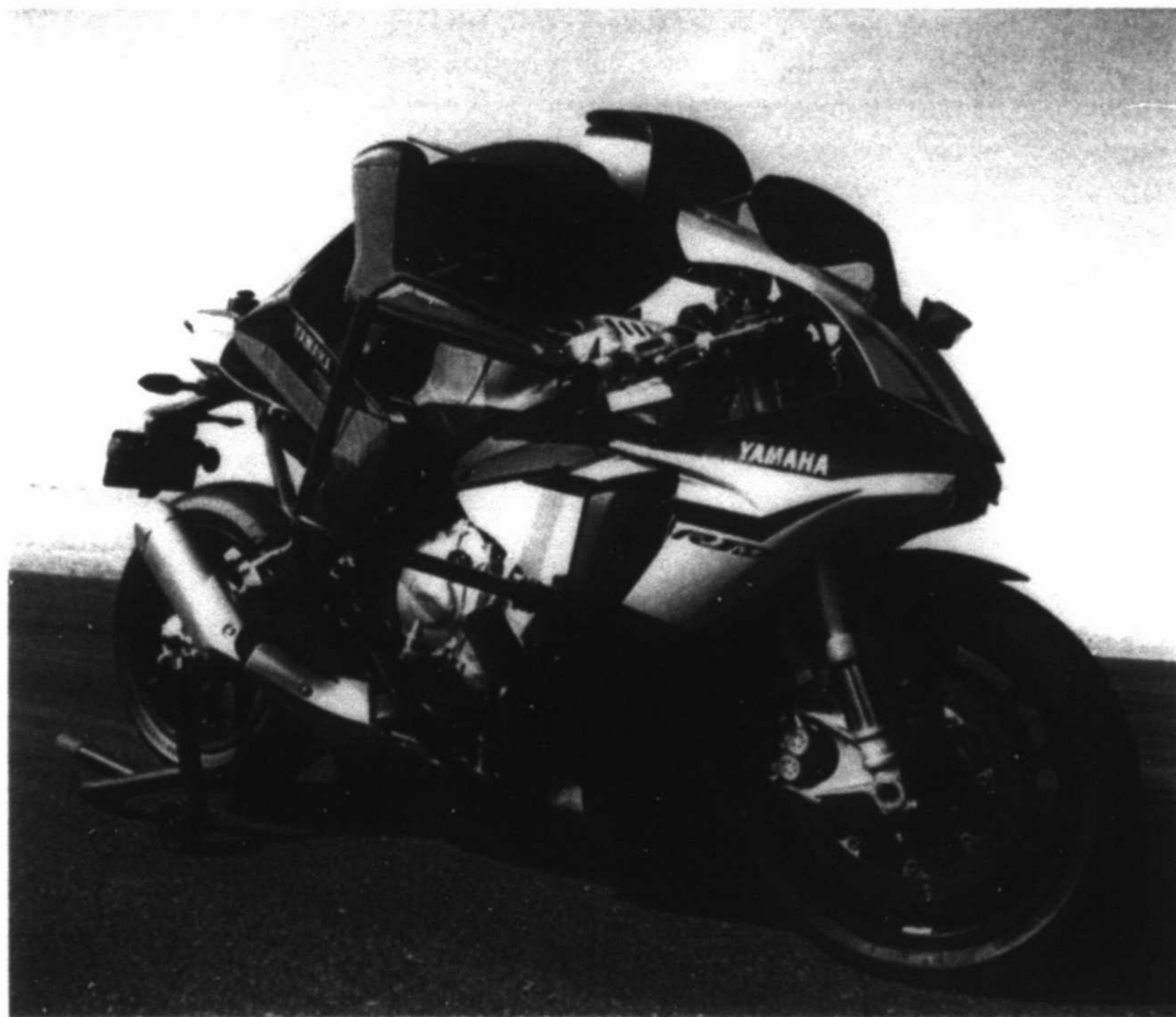
Nordstrom, Macy's and American Giant have offered e-gifting options for at least a year. But more retailers have joined the bandwagon within the last year, includ-

ing Target, Lilly Pulitzer, Vera Bradley and Gap's Banana Republic and Athleta divisions.

"People don't necessarily know what size their friends or family fit in, or what flatters them. Fit isn't just size, but how they like it to fit, which can be very personal," said Noam Paransky, senior vice president of digital at Gap. "This gives the gift-giver the option of choosing something they think would be great or want to share, but they can give without the

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GET YOUR MOTO RUNNING



Courtesy of SRI International/TNS

Motobot 2.0, a joint research project of SRI International and Yamaha Motor Ventures in Menlo Park, Calif., is shown in a promotional image. The 2-year-old Motobot project, which in its second iteration recently achieved speeds higher than 124 miles per hour, employs a humanoid robot on an unmodified Yamaha YZF-R1M to test ways to increase performance and speed while boosting ridership safety.

Robot tries to move faster than human motorcycle racer

By Kevin Kelly
Mercury News

Researchers who want to leave one of the world's fastest motorcyclists in their robot's dust failed in two attempts, but they aren't ready to give up.

Since late 2014, Menlo Park, Calif.-based SRI International's robotics division has partnered with Yamaha Motor Co. to perfect Motobot, a humanoid robot that controls an unmodified Yamaha YZF-R1M and transmits data to boost its performance, maneuverability and speed. The goal is to create smoother rides and increase rider safety.

The Yamaha YZF-R1M happens to be the same motorcycle used by Valentino Rossi, a nine-time Grand Prix world champion from Italy whose lap time the SRI/Yamaha team has been trying to beat. The joint venture failed twice by about 30 seconds, most recently in October.

With Motobot 2.0, the second iteration, the team did manage to exceed 124 mph, roughly 30 mph faster than the first version.

Speed is important because "the

higher the speed, the greater the requirement on sensing, computing, positioning and more," said Hiroshi Saijo, CEO and managing director at Yamaha Motor Ventures and Laboratory Silicon Valley. "In short, the higher the speed, the greater the technical challenge. We wanted to establish the comprehensive capabilities of professional test riders."

Saijo left the door open to racing Rossi a third time and hinted there may be a Motobot 3.0. He said Yamaha plans to continue collaborating with SRI researchers, though what that next joint project will be is yet to be determined.

The team achieved higher speed by switching the robot's frame from aluminum to light carbon fiber, which also freed space for more batteries farther down the robot's legs, giving it a lower center of gravity. Brian Foster, SRI's Motobot project manager, said the lower center of gravity allowed Motobot to accelerate more quickly without doing a wheelie.

"In order to improve a system like this, you have to find out where it doesn't perform well," Foster said.

"You have to find its limits before you can change its code or change its hardware to make improvements. ... We're constantly testing right at that threshold of its capability. If Motobot goes beyond that limit, then he might crash."

Beyond improving future Yamaha motorcycles, SRI and the local Yamaha team say they hope the research will lead to robots integrating with other vehicles, such as farming and mining equipment. Foster said deploying robots on existing unmodified vehicles is far less expensive than creating autonomous vehicles, particularly important in developing nations. And, he said, why throw away perfectly good equipment?

Saijo said such robots could also improve the health and safety of workers by keeping them out of some hazardous industrial zones.

"I think that ... a key role for robotics is to keep humans away from dangerous or contaminated areas," he said. "There are many labor-intensive industrial uses ... where humans are at risk."

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Instagram releases most photographed locations and cities of 2017

By Megan McDonough
Washington Post

What is the point of traveling the world if you can't share it — or boast about it — with desk-bound friends back home?

Instagram, the popular photo-sharing platform, has become a fan favorite among travelers, who often post wanderlust-inducing photos from their worldly adventures to remind loved ones they're on vacation — and very #happy about it.

The app recently released its year-in-review data, which included, among other stats, the most photographed cities, locations and museums, based on geotagged data, of 2017. Instagram's data team also highlighted the top hashtags and filters used by its global community of 800 million users this past year.

The Big Apple and the House of Mouse took the top slots for most photographed city and location, respectively, while Paris' Louvre Museum was the most Instagrammed museum worldwide (no doubt thanks to tourists' countless selfies with the "Mona Lisa").

The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York took first place among U.S. museums, while Washington's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden cracked the top 10 — at No. 8 — for the first time, probably because of Yayoi Kusama's wildly popular and photo-friendly mirrored infinity rooms. Nearly 160,000 people experienced the museum's record-breaking Kusama exhibition and posted around 34,000 snapshots from it on their Instagram accounts, according to the museum.

Here are a few of the site's top lists:

MOST INSTAGRAMMED CITIES OF 2017

1. New York
2. Moscow
3. London
4. Sao Paulo
5. Paris
6. Los Angeles
7. St. Petersburg, Russia
8. Jakarta, Indonesia
9. Istanbul
10. Barcelona

MOST INSTAGRAMMED LOCATIONS OF 2017

1. Disneyland, Anaheim, Calif.
2. Times Square, New York
3. Central Park, New York
4. Eiffel Tower, Paris
5. Tokyo Disneyland
6. Disney's Magic Kingdom, Orlando
7. Louvre Museum, Paris
8. Brooklyn Bridge, New York
9. Disney California Adventure Park, Anaheim, California
10. Las Vegas Strip

MOST INSTAGRAMMED MUSEUMS (GLOBAL) OF 2017

1. Louvre Museum, Paris

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KMDZ ABC	5:30-6:00	Jeopardy!	Wheel (H)	C'mon Light Fight (H)	C'mon Light Fight (H)	The Bachelor (H)	News (H)	News (H)	News (H)	News (H)	News (H)	News (H)	News (H)
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HBO3	304-309	304-309	304-309	304-309	304-309	304-309	304-309	304-309	304-309	304-309	304-309	304-309	304-309
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MAX2	382-387	382-387	382-387	382-387	382-387	382-387	382-387	382-387	382-387	382-387	382-387	382-387	382-387
PLX	310-315	310-315	310-315	310-315	310-315	310-315	310-315	310-315	310-315	310-315	310-315	310-315	310-315
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FX	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50	45-50
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TLC	51-56	51-56	51-56	51-56	51-56	51-56	51-56	51-56	51-56	51-56	51-56	51-56	51-56
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TYLAND	49-54	49-54	49-54	49-54	49-54	49-54	49-54	49-54	49-54	49-54	49-54	49-54	49-54
USA	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31	26-31
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Years of bailouts fail to help sister who's drowning in debt

DEAR ABBY: My only sister has been "borrowing" money from me every month for years. She has a ton of credit card debt and cannot afford to meet her monthly financial obligations. Last year, my husband and I paid her property taxes for her so she wouldn't lose her house. It was over \$5,000. She promised to pay us back with her tax return money, but we never saw a dime. I have given her information on debt consolidation programs and offered to pay for her to file bankruptcy, but she has done nothing to improve her financial situation. She works and makes OK money. Her husband is disabled, but gets Social Security and a small pension. She also supports her adult child, who doesn't work, and she smokes like a chimney. I have told her many times that I can't keep giving her money, but she still asks every month. This is causing a strain in my marriage. I don't know what else to do. Any words of advice would be appreciated. — **TIREDFORBEINGASKEDFORMONEY**

DEAR TIREDFORBEINGASKEDFORMONEY: You are a caring sister, but what you have done out of love and charity has allowed your sister to continue living beyond her means. The next time she asks for money, remind her

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that you have already given her information about debt consolidation, and that you will no longer continue pouring your and your husband's hard-earned money down a bottomless pit. Then stick to your guns.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I, 21 years happily married, have a recurring problem. It rarely happens, but when it does, it causes an argument. A recent example: Late the other evening, my husband, adult daughter and I were returning home from a hockey game in separate cars because of our work schedules before the game. There are several routes to get home from where we were. I followed my daughter, while my husband took a different route to get home faster. I think it would have been a chivalrous and fatherly thing for him to follow us and make sure we made it home safely. I got angry that he didn't do it, and it turned into a huge argument. My grown daughters

and I are fiercely feminist and independent, but I still think it would have been the caring thing to do. My own father would, even after I was 40, and he still does it to this day. It didn't bother my daughter, but it bothered me. What are your thoughts, Abby? If you think it's not an issue, I will let it go from now on. — **TO FOLLOW OR NOT TO FOLLOW**

DEAR TO FOLLOW: Your father comes from a generation in which men were taught it was their duty to protect the females in their family. Your spouse is the husband of a fiercely feminist wife and the father of a daughter cut from the same cloth. Independent women do not need to be followed home unless they request it because they assume they can handle whatever happens themselves — particularly if they are traveling in twos. You can't have it both ways. You say you have a happy marriage. Please give your husband a break.



GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 6 ♥ J 8 6 3 ♦ A K 5 3 ♣ Q 10 7 3

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
INT ♠ ? DN* ?

*Negative, values with no clear bid

What call would you make?
A — The opponents are about to find their spade fit. Put some pressure on them by bidding four hearts.

Q2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ K J 5 4 ♥ A K 6 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A K Q 5

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♣ Pass INT ?

What call would you make?
A — Don't double, as that will surely fetch a diamond bid from partner. You can't pass with such a massive hand either. Pick between two hearts and

two clubs. Good luck.

Q3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A 8 3 ♥ A J 3 2 ♦ J 7 6 4 ♣ K 4

Right-hand opponent opens one heart. What call would you make?
A — Double is out — you can't support clubs. This hand is also not strong enough to bid one no-trump. What's left? Pass.

Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 6 5 ♥ A K 7 3 ♦ 10 4 2 ♣ A 10 6 4

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
2♣ 3♦ 4♣ ?

What call would you make?
A — It's dangerous to bid at the five level, but you cannot suppress magnificent support like this. Bid five hearts, with confidence.

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Apps

App Store Official Charts for the week ending Dec. 3.

- Top Paid iPhone Apps:**
1. Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
 2. Minecraft, Mojang
 3. kirakira+, Kentaro Yama
 4. Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
 5. Monument Valley 2, ustwo Games Ltd
 6. Bloons TD 5, Ninja Kiwi
 7. iSchedule, HotSchedules
 8. NBA 2K18, 2K
 9. Facetime, Lightricks Ltd.
 10. Trivia Crack (No Ads), Etermax

- Top Free iPhone Apps:**
1. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google Inc.
 2. Rules of Survival, NetEase Games
 3. Messenger, Facebook Inc.
 4. Snapchat, Snap Inc.
 5. Instagram, Instagram Inc.
 6. Facebook, Facebook Inc.
 7. Rush, Ketchapp
 8. Amazon Mobile, AMZN Mobile LLC
 9. Gmail — Email by Google, Google Inc.
 10. Google Maps — GPS Navigation, Google Inc.

- Top Paid iPad Apps:**
1. Minds On Physics the App — Part 1, Physics Classroom, LLC
 2. Minecraft, Mojang
 3. Procreate, Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
 4. Monument Valley 2, ustwo Games Ltd
 5. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd
 6. Geometry Dash, RobTop Games AB
 7. Notability, Ginger Labs
 8. Poly Bridge, Dry Cactus
 9. XtraMath, XtraMath
 10. GoodNotes 4, Time Base Technology Limited

- Top Free iPad Apps:**
1. Rules of Survival, NetEase Games
 2. YouTube: Watch, Listen, Stream, Google Inc.
 3. Netflix, Netflix Inc.
 4. Facebook, Facebook Inc.
 5. Messenger, Facebook Inc.
 6. Kick the Buddy, Chill Fleet
 7. Google Chrome, Google Inc.
 8. Amazon Mobile, AMZN Mobile LLC
 9. Gmail — Email by Google, Google Inc.
 10. EffYourself By Office Depot, Magic Mirror LLC

Movies

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Dec. 3

- iTunes Movies US Charts:**
1. Kingsman: The Golden Circle
 2. Trolls Holiday
 3. Logan Lucky
 4. The Hitman's Bodyguard
 5. Atomic Blonde
 6. Elf (2003)
 7. Wind River (2017)
 8. Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets
 9. Despicable Me 3
 10. The Little Hours

- iTunes Movies US Charts Independent:**
1. Wind River (2017)
 2. The Little Hours
 3. Home Again (2017)
 4. 2.22
 5. The Tribes of Palos Verdes
 6. Good Time
 7. Beatriz at Dinner
 8. The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature
 9. Sweet Virginia
 10. Super Troopers

Music

iTunes Official Music Charts for the week ending Dec. 7

- Top Songs**
1. Perfect Duet (with Beyoncé), Ed Sheeran
 2. Perfect, Ed Sheeran
 3. Him & I, G-Eazy & Halsey
 4. rockstar (feat. 21 Savage), Post Malone
 5. Havana (feat. Young Thug), Camila Cabello
 6. Thunder, Imagine Dragons
 7. Meant to Be (feat. Florida Georgia Line), Bebe Rexha
 8. Amazing Grace, Brooke Simpson
 9. Bad at Love, Halsey
 10. End Game (feat. Ed Sheeran & J. Cole), Taylor Swift



- Top Albums**
1. From A Room: Volume 2, Chris Stapleton
 2. Songs of Experience (Deluxe Ed.), U2
 3. What Makes You Country, Luke Bryan
 4. Reputation, Taylor Swift
 5. A Pentatonix Christmas Deluxe, Pentatonix
 6. War & Leisure, Miguel
 7. I Don't Believe We've Met, Danielle Bradbery
 8. Christmas, Michael Bublé
 9. +, Ed Sheeran
 10. Warmer in the Winter, Lindsey Stirling

Source: Apple Inc.



Antonio Perez/Chicago Tribune/TNS

Store manager Lisa Stasch demonstrates the eGift card at the Athleta store in the Oak Brook shopping mall in Chicago on Nov. 28. Several retailers are giving customers a new option for gift-buying that's more personal than a gift card, an eGift card.

E-GIFTS

From 2B

concerns around having to make those decisions.

The concept seems to be catching on with last-minute shoppers, said Loop Commerce CEO and co-founder Roy Erez, who is working with several retailers to provide the GiftNow service. About 40 to 50 percent of all gifts bought through GiftNow are purchased within a day of their intended delivery, he said.

But while digital gifts can eliminate some of the barriers to last-minute buying and hassles of dealing with returns, they're not entirely seamless.

Givers can see whether an item is in stock when they purchase it through GiftNow but can't reserve a specific item. If the item has sold out by the time

the gift is delivered, the retailer will provide a credit equivalent to the gift's value. Erez says that's rarely an issue in practice, since most recipients claim gifts quickly.

Prices also can change by the time the recipient opens the gift, especially during the promotion-heavy holiday season, and policies vary by retailer.

If the gift goes on sale after the giver purchases it, the recipient will get a credit for the difference at Target and Athleta, while Neiman Marcus says it will refund the giver. If the price goes up post-purchase, Nordstrom says the recipient can choose to cover the difference, or accept a gift card for the amount the giver initially paid, while other retailers say they will let the recipient claim the gift without

paying more.

Liz Ladner, 57, of Western Springs, who recently bought her daughter a digital gift at Oakbrook Center's Athleta store, considered it a "win-win." "I get to personalize it, and if she changes her mind, she has that option," Ladner said.

But Lynn Hare, 54, of Oak Brook, was skeptical when told the gift would be unveiled to its recipient as an image on a smartphone or laptop. "Eew. That's not nice," Hare said. "That's like something a college boyfriend does."

E-gifts should help stores reduce returns because most people do a better job picking out items for themselves than other people, said Bobby Stephens, a senior manager in consultancy Deloitte Digital's retail practice.

Some retailers limit the items available for e-gifting, suggesting it could be used to nudge customers to relatively high-margin products or away from those that are selling out, he said.

"I think it's a holiday wish for retailers that it will catch on," Stephens said.

A new version of the GiftNow service being tested in 10 Athleta stores this holiday season, including one at Oakbrook Center, lets customers who

buy an e-gift take home a square purple card. When the recipient unwraps the card and visits the website address on the back, the selected gift is shown.

Store manager Lisa Stasch said she could see it being popular with customers who don't want to risk guessing wrong. "I believe it will be a big sell for men, especially as it gets closer to the holidays," she said.

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Visitors to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York view the painting "Washington Crossing the Delaware" by Emanuel Gottlieb Leutze on Jan. 12, 2012. The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York took first place for most Instagrammed museum among U.S. museums.

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- MOST INSTAGRAMMED MUSEUMS (U.S.) OF 2017**
1. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
 2. The Museum of Modern Art, New York
 3. Los Angeles County Museum of Art
 4. American Museum of Natural History, New York
 5. Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
 6. Museum of Ice Cream, Los Angeles
 7. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
 8. Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Washington, D.C.
 9. National September 11 Memorial & Museum, New York
 10. Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York

TOP HASHTAGS OF 2017

1. #Love
2. #Fashion
3. #PhotoOfTheDay
4. #Photography
5. #Art
6. #Beautiful
7. #Travel
8. #Happy
9. #Nature
10. #PicOfTheDay

HASHTAGS THAT INCREASED MOST IN POPULARITY IN 2017

1. #Photography
2. #TravelPhotography
3. #Memes
4. #Summer2017
5. #NaturePhotography
6. #Meme
7. #Travel
8. #FitnessMotivation
9. #BTS
10. #Photographer

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Morris, Trammell elected to Hall of Fame

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Fittingly, Jack Morris reached the Hall of Fame in extra innings.

Morris was elected to the Hall by its Modern Era committee on Sunday along with former Detroit Tigers teammate Alan Trammell, completing a joint journey from Motown to Cooperstown.

The big-game pitcher and star shortstop were picked by 16 voters who considered 10 candidates whose biggest contributions came from 1970-87. Morris got 14 votes and Trammell drew 13, one more than the minimum needed.

They will be enshrined on July 29, and fitting they'll go in together.

They both began their big league careers in 1977 with Detroit and played 13 seasons alongside each other with the Tigers.

"The time that I've spent wondering if this day would ever come seems to be vanished and erased right now because it did come, and it's amazing," the 62-year-old Morris said during a conference call. Trammell felt overwhelmed.

"I came to realization that it might not happen, and I was OK with that. I really was," he said. "If people thought it was a tad short, I could live with that."

Former catcher Ted Simmons fell one vote shy, and former players' union head Marvin Miller was five short of the 12 needed.

"It's not a big surprise," Miller's

son, Peter, said from Japan. "I think my father's place in history is understood by all baseball players, all baseball fans and the general public."

Morris had 254 wins and seven more in the postseason, including his 10-inning shutout in a 1-0 win for Minnesota over Atlanta in Game 7 of the 1991 World Series.

"No question it was my defining moment in baseball," Morris said. "I never thought I was in trouble and I knew I could get out of it if I was. So I had the best mindset I've ever had in my entire on that night."

Morris also pitched for World Series winners in Detroit — with Trammell, in 1984 — and Toronto

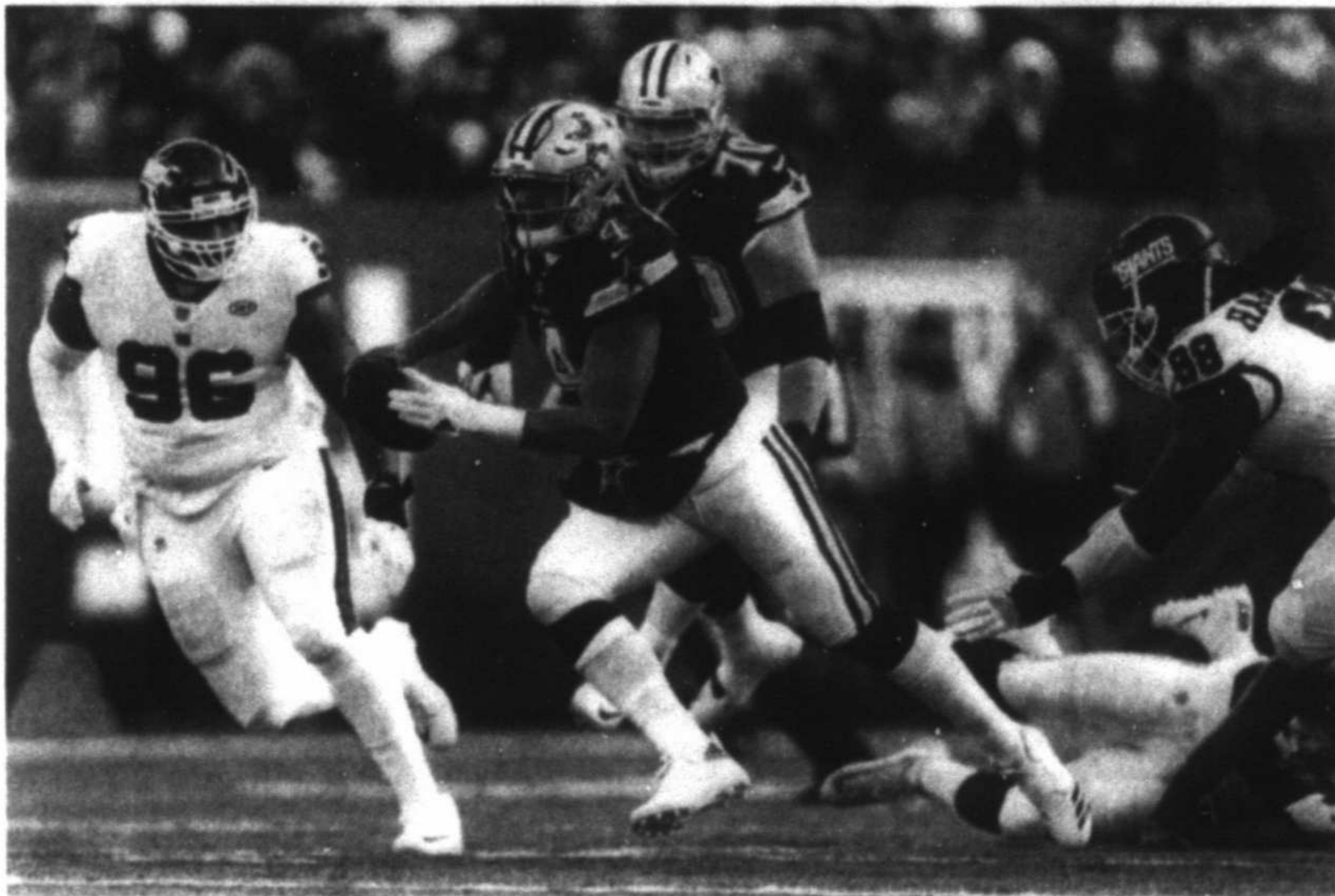


AP file photo

Detroit Tigers' Alan Trammell hits a two-run home run in the first inning of World Series Game 4 against San Diego Padres at Tiger Stadium on Oct. 13, 1984 in Detroit. Former Tigers teammates Jack Morris and Trammell were elected to the baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday completing the journey from Motown to Cooperstown.

Please see FAME/4C

An impressive finish



Adam Hunger/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) runs the ball against the New York Giants during the second quarter of an NFL game Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Prescott throws 3 TDs, Cowboys spoil Eli's return

By Tom Canavan
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Dallas Cowboys needed a big win to stay in the playoff hunt and they got it with the big play in spoiling Steve Spagnuolo's debut as New York interim coach and the return of quarterback Eli Manning to the Giants' starting lineup.

Dak Prescott threw two of his three touchdown passes, including a go-ahead 20-yarder to Jason Witten, and linebacker Sean Lee set up a touchdown run by Rod Smith as the Cowboys scored three times in a 4:41 span late in the fourth quarter to beat the still reeling Giants 30-10 on Sunday.

"To me, the biggest part of this game was the finish," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "That's always a huge emphasis for us, finishing plays, finishing drives and ultimately finishing the game."

The Cowboys (7-6) did just that in keeping their slim playoff hopes alive. The biggest play might have been

Prescott's 54-yard third down pass play to Cole Beasley. Witten scored on the next play to break a 10-all tie with 7:38 to play and it seemed to take the air out of the Giants (2-11).

"We know what we got to do," Beasley said. "We can't play that way. We have to focus on Dallas Cowboy football, taking it one at a time. You can't think ahead. We could win all of them and not get in."

After a punt, Rod Smith scored on an 81-yard pass play on third down with 4:08 to play and he closed out the scoring with 2:57 to play with his run on a play that looked as if no one on the Giants wanted to tackle him.

"We knew we needed a play. Guys aren't panicking," Beasley said. "I wouldn't say we were desperate. When you're desperate, you start reaching a little bit, maybe start trying too hard. You have to stay within the system and stay within the game and keep playing and eventually have faith that those things will happen."

Prescott, who was 20 of 30 for a career-high 332 yards also threw a 50-

yard scoring pass to Dez Bryant as the Cowboys stayed in the playoff hunt with three games left in the regular season.

Dan Bailey added a 21-yard field goal as the Cowboys finished with 454 yards.

Manning, who got a standing ovation taking the field, threw a 1-yard TD pass to Rhett Ellison late in the second quarter that gave New York a brief 10-3 lead. Aldrick Rosas had a 39-yard field goal. Manning finished 31 of 46 for 228 yards with a touchdown and two late interceptions.

"Nothing's easy, but we hung in there and have played tough," Manning said. "Dallas made a couple big plays, and we didn't."

The game capped a hectic week for the Giants that started Monday with the firing of second-year coach Ben McDoo and general manager Jerry Reese and saw Spagnuolo promoted from defensive coordinator to interim coach. He coached the St. Louis Rams from 2009-11.

The moves came with the Giants

Please see COWBOYS/3C

Garoppolo leads 49ers to 26-16 win over Texans

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — After years of struggles at the position, the San Francisco 49ers may have finally found their quarterback of the future in Jimmy Garoppolo.

But even after leading the team to its second straight win, 26-16, over the Houston Texans on Sunday, the former backup to Tom Brady wasn't convinced the job is his to keep.

"We'll see what happens this week. That's on (coach) Kyle (Shanahan)," he said when asked about starting next week. "I don't know."

It's pretty safe to say that Garoppolo will be under center for the rest of the season after throwing for a career-high 334 yards and a touchdown as the 49ers (3-10) won their second straight game.

Garoppolo was 20 of 33 in his second start for a team that hasn't had consistent play at quarterback since Colin Kaepernick's great 2013 season. Acquired before the trade deadline from New England, Garoppolo threw for 293 yards in his debut with the team last week to help the 49ers to a 15-14 win at Chicago.

"You've got to have guys who are fearless, can hang in there and keep their eyes down the field. He does that very, very well," Shanahan said. "But he also has the foot quickness and agility to get out of there and extend some plays."

The game was tied when he found Garrett Celek on a 6-yard touchdown pass with about two minutes left in the third quarter to make it 23-16. Celek had a big play earlier in that drive on a 61-yard reception on third down.

"We knew it was kind of feast or famine against this defense because they're very physical," Shanahan said. "But sometimes, you get your opportunities, and we were fortunate enough to come down with them."

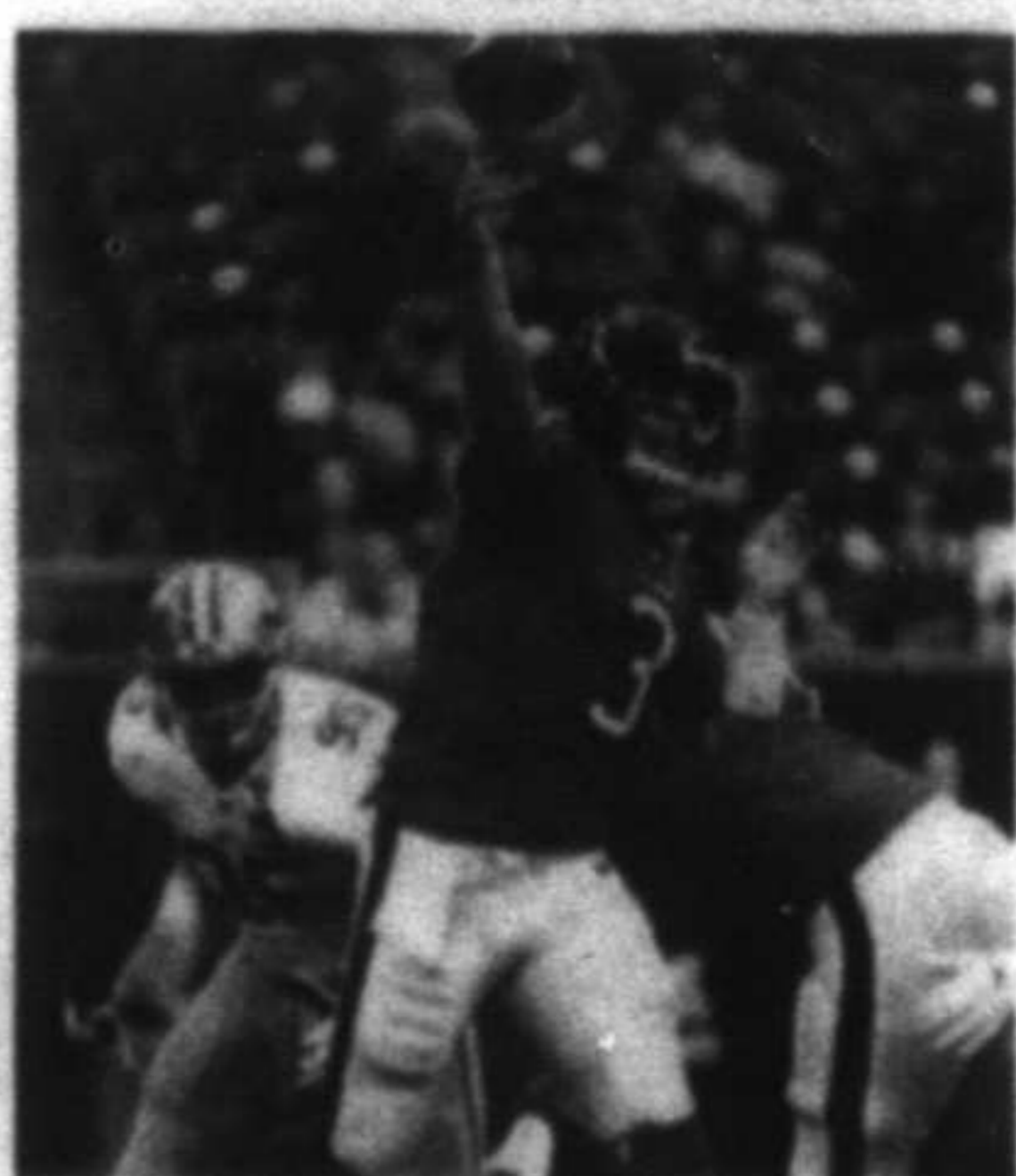
DeAndre Hopkins had 149 yards receiving and two touchdowns, but lost a fumble in the fourth quarter with the Texans down by 7. San Francisco added 41-yard field goal after that to secure the victory.

T.J. Yates threw for 175 yards and two touchdowns after Tom Savage left with a concussion in the second quarter. Texans (4-9) lost their third straight and sixth in seven games.

Savage was injured when he was driven to the ground on a hit by Elvis Dumervil with about nine minutes left in the second. Replays showed Savage looking dazed after his head hit the ground with both of his arms lifted upward shaking.

He was taken to the medical tent, where he stayed for less than three minutes before returning to the bench and going back in for the next series.

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Houston Texans quarterback Tom Savage (3) throws against the San Francisco 49ers during the first half of an NFL game on Sunday in Houston.

Sunday's Week 14 NFL Scoreboard

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DAILY RUNDOWN

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TRANSACTIONS

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DALLAS STARS — Recalled F Jason Dickinson from Texas (AHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Sent F Shane Price to Bridgeport (AHL) for a conditioning assignment.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS — Recalled D Egan Pilon from Wheeling (ECHL) to Wilkes-Barre Scranton (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Placed F Justin Schwartz on injured reserve. Recalled F Jan Barta from Chicago (AHL).
American Hockey League
BIRMINGHAM CONDORS — Returned D James Desrosiers to team to Wichita (ECHL).
INDIANAPOLIS FIGHTING SHOOTING STARS — Assigned F Derek Cogan to Hampton (ECHL).
CLEVELAND MONSTERS — Recalled F Tyler Bernes to team to Toledo (ECHL).
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFPINS — Recalled F Luke Espinoza from Toledo (ECHL).
ROCKFORD ICEHOGS — Recalled D Brandon Amadio from Indy (ECHL).
SAN JOSE BARRACUDA — Recalled F Omer Aker from team to Allen (ECHL).
Recalled F Bryan Moore from Allen.
TEXAS STARS — Recalled F Tommy Thompson to team to Idaho (ECHL).
TORONTO MARLERS — Assigned G Car Heese to Orlando (ECHL).

PRO GOLF SCORES

Table with columns for tournament name, player name, score, and other details. Includes events like 'The Open Championship' and 'FedEx St. Jude'.

NBA GLANCE

Table showing NBA team records by conference and division. Columns include team name, wins, losses, and percentage.

NHL GLANCE

Table showing NHL team records by conference and division. Columns include team name, wins, losses, and percentage.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Table listing fight events with dates, times, and locations. Includes events like 'Dolly vs. ...' and '... vs. ...'.

No. 11 Lady Vols stop No. 2 Texas 82-75

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — On a day that honored three of its national championship teams, Tennessee made a statement that it's ready to start competing for titles again.
Jaime Nared and Mercedes Russell both produced double-doubles Sunday as No. 11 Tennessee outlasted No. 2 Texas 82-75 in a physical match-up of unbeaten teams.
"If that was the No. 2 team in the country, where do we stand now?" Russell asked after the game. "82-75. There's your answer right there."



Calvin Matthis/Associated Press

Texas (7-1) is the highest-ranked team Tennessee has defeated in Holly Warlick's six seasons as coach. The Lady Vols closed the 2016-17 regular season by winning at Mississippi State, which was ranked second in the coaches' poll and third by the Associated Press.
Tennessee made a statement in front of a crowd that included members of the Lady Vols' 1987, 1997 and 2007 national championship teams, who were honored at a halftime ceremony.
Those former champions met Tennessee's current players at a pregame shootaround and joined the postgame locker-room

Tennessee guard Jaime Nared (31) goes for a layup in the second half of an NCAA basketball game against Texas on Sunday in Knoxville, Tenn.

celebration. Chamique Holdclaw, the star of the 1997 team and the leading scorer in Tennessee history, was unable to attend but tweeted "haven't seen a TN team play this hard and together in a long time" late Sunday afternoon.
"We talk to our kids a lot about tradition and 'Lady Vols For Life,'" Warlick said. "We take that really, really seriously. A lot of programs are the same, but I think what separates Tennessee is our alumni and the love they have for this program. The former Lady

Vols take a lot of things personal. They're competitive. But they've been nothing but positive with this group. I was excited they could be here to watch a big win for us."
Nared collected 23 points and 13 rebounds as Tennessee never trailed. Russell added 15 points and 12 rebounds, and Tennessee freshman Evina Westbrook had a career-high 15 points.
After Texas tied the score 29-14 in the opening minute of the third quarter, Tennessee went

on a 7-0 run to pull back ahead for good. The Lady Vols overcame shaky free-throw shooting down the stretch by making seven of their last eight field-goal attempts.
The Lady Vols led 74-73 when Tennessee's Anastasia Hayes was fouled with 42 seconds remaining. Hayes made the first free throw and missed the second, but Nared got the offensive rebound and was fouled with 32.6 seconds left. Nared made both free throws to provide some breathing room.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Table listing college basketball games, teams, scores, and game details. Includes sections for Men's and Women's basketball.

NBA ROUNDUP

TIMBERWOLVES 97, MAVERICKS 92
MINNEAPOLIS — Karl-Anthony Towns had 28 points, including four on the offensive end, for his NBA-leading 21st double-double of the season. Minnesota committed 18 turnovers but hit four free throws at the end to pull away in a game in which no team led by more than six points.
Harrison Barnes scored 19 and Maxi Kleber tied a career high with 16 points for Dallas.
PACERS 126, NUGGETS 116
INDIANAPOLIS — Victor Oladipo had a career-high 47 points and added seven rebounds and six assists in the Indiana Pacers' 126-116 overtime victory over the Denver Nuggets on Sunday.
The Pacers used an 8-0 scoring run, capped by Thad Young's putback with 5 seconds left in regulation, to tie it.
Then, Indiana got the first nine points in overtime to secure its fourth straight victory, outscoring the Nuggets 12-2 in the extra period.
Myles Turner added 24 points and eight rebounds, and Lance Stephenson had 12 points, six rebounds and six assists for the Pacers. Oladipo made six 3-pointers, with the biggest coming with 2:10 to play in the third quarter to give Indiana its first lead of the game.
They Lyles led the Nuggets with a career-high 25 points.
CELTICS 91, PISTONS 81
DETROIT — Al Horford had 18 points, Kyrie Irving added 16 and Boston beat Detroit to get revenge for a rare loss.
The Eastern Conference-leading Celtics bounced back from a loss Friday night at San Antonio, extending their feat of losing consecutive games only once this season.
The Pistons, meanwhile, have lost six straight for the first time since late in the 2014-15 season.
Boston shut down the Pistons after giving up a season-high 118 points to them in a loss at home last month. The Celtics held Detroit to a season low in points and forced it to miss two-thirds of its shots.
Boston's Jaylen Brown scored 12 points, reserve Marcus Smart had 12 and smooth-shooting rookie Jayson Tatum 11. Tatum made a 3-pointer late in the game to help hold off a potential comeback.
Tobias Harris had 19 for Detroit.
RAPTORS 102, KINGS 87
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — DeMar DeRozan scored 13 of his 25 points in the third quarter and Toronto Raptors held off Sacramento for its sixth straight victory.
Kyle Lowry added 15 points, 12 rebounds and six assists on an off-night shooting. Serge Ibaka scored 20 points, and C.J. Miles had 11 for the Raptors. They won for the first time

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NFL ROUNDUP

EAGLES 43, RAMS 35
LOS ANGELES — Carson Wentz threw for 291 yards and four touchdowns before leaving with a knee injury, and Jake Elliott kicked the go-ahead 33-yard field goal with 3:45 left as the Eagles clinched the NFC East title.



Wally Skiff/Los Angeles Times/TNS

Two sources familiar with the injury tell The Associated Press that doctors believe Wentz has torn his left anterior cruciate ligament and will miss the rest of the season and playoffs. Wentz needs an MRI to confirm the severity of the injury. Both people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information.

Wentz was hit hard as he scrambled into the end zone on a play that was called back because of holding. He stayed in the game and threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Alshon Jeffery four plays later to give the Eagles the lead. Foles replaced Wentz on the next drive for Philadelphia (11-2).

The NFC West-leading Rams (9-4) then went up 35-31 on Todd Gurley's second short TD run.

Elliott kicked a 41-yard field goal to pull the Eagles to 35-34. His go-ahead field goal was set up when Chris Long, a second-round draft pick of the then-St. Louis Rams in 2008, had a strip-sack of Jared Goff, with Rodney McLeod recovering.

STEELERS 39, RAVENS 38
PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers won one for injured star Ryan Shazier — and wrapped up the AFC North in the process.

Chris Boswell made a 46-yard field goal with 42 seconds left and Pittsburgh's defense overcame a sloppy night to stop one Baltimore's last-gasp drive in the Steelers' 39-38 victory Sunday night.

The Steelers (11-2) trailed by 11 points going into the fourth quarter but capped an emotionally trying week following Shazier's spinal injury to rally for their eighth straight victory and third division title in four years.

BILLS 13, COLTS 7
ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — LeSean McCoy scored on a 21-yard run with 1:33 left in overtime to secure the Buffalo Bills' 13-7 win over the Indianapolis Colts in a wintry, white-out setting best suited for snow shoes and sled dogs.

McCoy finished with 156 yards rushing and topped the 1,000-yard mark for the sixth time in his career on a slick, snow-covered field.

The Bills' sideline erupted after McCoy's touchdown, with numerous players running on to the field to either make snow angels or engage in celebratory snowball fights.

Buffalo (7-6) stayed alive in the AFC playoff picture, while the Colts (3-10) were mathematically eliminated from playoff contention.

The game began in nearly white-out conditions with a major lake-effect storm blowing in off nearby Lake Erie. The snow fell so hard a half-hour before kickoff it was nearly impossible to see.

New Era Field's west-end scoreboard from the east-end stands.

McCoy's touchdown came on Buffalo's second possession of overtime. Facing third-and-2, McCoy found a crease up the middle and had enough footing to cut to his left and scamper into the end zone untouched.

It was a lopsided game played in a snow-globe setting, with a regular parade of work crews taking the field with snow blowers on their backs to clear the yard lines.

JAGUARS 30, SEAHAWKS 24
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Blake Bortles threw two perfect passes for touchdowns and Jayton Mickens set

Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz walks off the field after injuring his leg against the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday at the Coliseum in Los Angeles, Calif.

up another score with a 72-yard punt return. The Jaguars (9-4) intercepted three passes by Russell Wilson, including two on deep balls, and won for the sixth time in their last seven games. This victory, coupled with Tennessee's loss at Arizona, moved Jacksonville atop the AFC South.

It's the first time since 2010 that the Jaguars have had the outright division lead this late in a season. The loss didn't sit well with the Seahawks (8-5), who had two players ejected in the final minute. Defensive tackle Sheldon Richardson was ejected for throwing a punch during a melee that included defensive tackle Michael Bennett and Jaguars running back Leonard Fournette.

CARDINALS 12, TITANS 7
GLENDALE, Ariz. — Phil Dawson kicked four second-half field goals and the Cardinals shut down Tennessee's offense nearly all day.

Dawson connected from 47, 23, 32 and 35 yards and missed from 40 for the Cardinals (6-7), whose victory came two weeks after they beat the AFC South leader Jacksonville on the same field.

The Cardinals intercepted Marcus Mariota twice in the second half after the Titans (8-5) nursed a 7-0 lead at halftime.

Mariota completed 16 of 31 passes for 159 yards. Tennessee managed 65 yards rushing against the Cardinals after gaining 198 on the ground in a win over Houston a week ago.

CHARGERS 30, REDSKINS 17
CARSON, Calif. — Philip Rivers passed for 319 yards and two touchdowns, and the Chargers continued their ferocious playoff push with their fourth straight victory.

Tyrell Williams caught a 75-yard touchdown pass and Hunter Henry had another scoring grab for the Chargers (7-6), who have won seven of nine after an 0-4 start to their relocation season.

While outscoring their opponents 131-53 during their winning streak, the Chargers also moved above .500 for the first time since September 2015 with a dominant offensive performance against Washington.

The Chargers stayed atop the AFC West alongside the Chiefs (7-6), their opponents Saturday in Kansas City.

PACKERS 27, BROWNS 21
CLEVELAND — Brett Hundley threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Davante Adams in overtime as the Packers rallied from a two-touchdown deficit in the

fourth quarter. Cleveland fell to 0-13 and made too many crucial mistakes to break into the win column.

On third-and-6, Hundley threw a short pass to Adams, who broke a tackle and went in untouched with 5:05 left as the Packers (7-6) won in overtime for the second straight week — and third time this season. The Packers have stayed alive in the playoff race without Rodgers, who has been out since Oct. 15 with a broken collarbone, but is expected to play next Sunday.

It was another devastating loss for the Browns (0-13). Green Bay's TD came after safety Josh Jones intercepted Browns rookie DeShone Kizer, who inexplicably threw the ball up for grabs while being pressured by Clay Matthews.

Down 21-14 heading into the fourth period, the Packers, who beat Tampa Bay last week in overtime, rallied on Hundley's 1-yard TD pass to Adams with 17 seconds left in regulation. A 65-yard punt return by Trevor Davis set up Green Bay's score, which came after Hundley was ruled down inside the 10 after an apparent 6-yard scoring run. Of timorous, coach Mike McCarthy elected not to risk a run and Hundley rifled his pass into the corner for Adams, who beat Jason McCourty on the play.

CHIEFS 26, RAIDERS 15
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kareem Hunt ran for 116 yards and a touchdown and the Chiefs led down Derek Carr and his offense to snap a four-game losing streak.

The suddenly stingy Chiefs (7-6) also made a big statement in the crowded AFC West race. They are tied atop the division with the Chargers, the Raiders are 6-7.

The Chargers visit Kansas City on Saturday night. Alex Smith threw for 268 yards and Charcandrick West had a touchdown run for the Chiefs, who held the Raiders without points until Marshawn Lynch's 22-yard run with 8:51 to go.

By that point, the Chiefs were cruising toward their 14th win in 15 divisional games.

Carr was 24 of 41 for 211 yards with a touchdown and two picks, a far cry from his performance when the teams met in October. Carr threw for 417 yards and three touchdowns that day, including the winning toss to Michael Crabtree on the final play of the game.

That loss was part of a midseason swoon for Kansas City, which started 5-0 but lost six of seven to fall into a tie for the division lead — and put its once-

solid playoff prospects in peril.

PANTHERS 31, VIKINGS 24
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jonathan Stewart ran for 103 yards and three touchdowns, and the Panthers snapped the Vikings' eight-game winning streak.

Cam Newton threw for a touchdown and ran for 75 yards as the Panthers (9-4) racked up 216 yards on the ground against the league's No. 2 ranked defense to pull even with the Saints atop the NFC South standings.

Carolina sacked Case Keenum six times and forced three turnovers to keep the Vikings (10-3) from clinching the NFC North division title.

BRONCOS 23, JETS 0
DENVER — The Broncos snapped their longest losing streak since joining the NFL in 1970 thanks to wide receiver Demaryius Thomas' big game and a return of Denver's stingy defense.

Trevor Siemian threw for 200 yards and his favorite target was Thomas, who caught eight passes for 93 yards and a touchdown as the Broncos (4-9) avoided tying their franchise futility record of nine consecutive losses set way back in 1967.

This was their first win in 70 days — and their first shutout since Nov. 20, 2005, a 27-0 win over the Jets. It was fueled by a check all afternoon.

The Jets (5-8) were limited to 100 yards of offense, 59 on the ground and 41 through the air. Jets quarterback Josh McCown was knocked from the game twice by hard hits, including a clean shot by pass rusher Shane Ray in the third quarter that left McCown with a broken left hand.

LIONS 24, BUCCANEERS 21
TAMPA, Fla. — Matthew Stafford passed for 381 yards with an injured throwing hand and set up Matt Prater for a 46-yard field goal in the closing seconds.

Stafford made his 109th consecutive start despite being limited in practice after his right hand was stepped on during the previous week at Baltimore. He completed 36 of 44 attempts against the Bucs (4-9), and the Lions (7-6) overcame two interceptions and a fumble to stop a two-game losing streak.

Jameis Winston rallied Tampa Bay, which has lost eight of 10 following a 2-1 start, with a pair of fourth-quarter TD passes. But once again, the Bucs' defense couldn't hold off an opponent down the stretch.

BEARS 33, BENGALS 7
CINCINNATI — Rookie Mitchell Trubisky threw for a touchdown and for another in his best showing yet, and the Bears ended a five-game losing streak with their most lopsided victory in five years.

Jordan Howard ran for 147 yards and a pair of touchdowns as the Bears (4-9) dominated a matchup of the NFL's worst offenses. Their rookie quarterback took full advantage of an injury-depleted defense, completing a season-high 25 passes out of 32 attempts for 271 yards. He also ran 4 yards for a score.

The Bengals (5-8) were coming off a 23-20 loss to the Steelers on Monday night that crushed their playoff hopes and pulled their defense apart. The Bears piled up a season-high 482 yards against a unit missing starting cornerbacks Adam "Pacman" Jones and Dre Kirkpatrick, as well as linebackers Vontaze Burfitt and Nick Vigil.

It was Cincinnati's worst home drubbing since a 34-3 loss to Baltimore in 2008. Many of the 52,000 fans headed for the exits early in the fourth quarter.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include New England, Buffalo, Miami, N.Y. Jets, South, Jacksonville, Tennessee, Houston, Indianapolis, North, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland, West, Kansas City, L.A. Chargers, Oakland, Denver.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include Philadelphia, Dallas, Washington, N.Y. Giants, South, New Orleans, Carolina, Atlanta, Tampa Bay, North, Minnesota, Detroit, Green Bay, Chicago, West, L.A. Rams, Seattle, Arizona, Cincinnati.

Sunday's Scores

Table with columns: Game, Score. Rows include Dallas 10, Carolina 24, Chicago 7, Kansas City 28, Oakland 15, Detroit 24, Tampa Bay 21, Buffalo 13, Indianapolis 17, Green Bay 27, Cleveland 21, San Francisco 28, Houston 16, Denver 23, N.Y. Jets 0, Arizona 12, Tennessee 7, L.A. Chargers 30, Washington 13, Jacksonville 26, Seattle 21, Philadelphia 43, L.A. Rams 30, Pittsburgh 38, Baltimore 38.

Today's Games

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

COWBOYS

From 1C

spiraling out of control in a season where much was expected following their first playoff appearance since 2011.

Fans were also upset with the benching of Manning days earlier in a loss to Oakland, a decision that ended the two-time Super Bowl MVP's streak of 210 consecutive starts.

COWBOYS' SCHEDULE

Table with columns: Date, Time, Opponent. Rows include Dallas 10, New York 0, San Francisco 16, Oakland 15, Pittsburgh 38, Baltimore 38, Houston 16, Denver 23, N.Y. Jets 0, Arizona 12, Tennessee 7, L.A. Chargers 30, Washington 13, Jacksonville 26, Seattle 21, Philadelphia 43, L.A. Rams 30, Pittsburgh 38, Baltimore 38.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Stat. Rows include Dezhaian Johnson, Dallas, 19-42, 156; Tony Stewart, Houston, 12-28, 108; Matt Ryan, Atlanta, 23-33, 271.

TEXANS

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He threw two interceptions on that drive, and Houston's team doctor approached him after he returned to the sideline after that possession.

Savage tried repeatedly to enter the game on the next series. But a team official kept grabbing Savage's jersey and finally his arm and pulled him away from the field. He then could be seen arguing with that person and the team's trainer before being escorted to the locker room.

TEXANS' SCHEDULE

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NFL BOXES

PANTHERS 31, VIKINGS 24

Box score for Panthers vs Vikings. First Quarter: Panthers 7, Vikings 0. Second Quarter: Panthers 14, Vikings 0. Third Quarter: Panthers 7, Vikings 0. Fourth Quarter: Panthers 7, Vikings 0.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Stat. Rows include Jonathan Stewart, Panthers, 103 Yds, 3 TD; Cam Newton, Panthers, 216 Yds, 1 TD.

BRONCOS 23, JETS 0

Box score for Broncos vs Jets. First Quarter: Broncos 7, Jets 0. Second Quarter: Broncos 7, Jets 0. Third Quarter: Broncos 7, Jets 0. Fourth Quarter: Broncos 9, Jets 0.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Stat. Rows include Demaryius Thomas, Broncos, 200 Yds, 8 Rec, 1 TD; Trevor Siemian, Broncos, 200 Yds, 4 TD.

CHIEFS 26, RAIDERS 15

Box score for Chiefs vs Raiders. First Quarter: Chiefs 7, Raiders 0. Second Quarter: Chiefs 7, Raiders 0. Third Quarter: Chiefs 7, Raiders 0. Fourth Quarter: Chiefs 5, Raiders 5.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Stat. Rows include Kareem Hunt, Chiefs, 116 Yds, 1 TD; Alex Smith, Chiefs, 268 Yds, 1 TD.

BEARS 33, BENGALS 7

Box score for Bears vs Bengals. First Quarter: Bears 7, Bengals 0. Second Quarter: Bears 14, Bengals 0. Third Quarter: Bears 7, Bengals 0. Fourth Quarter: Bears 9, Bengals 7.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Stat. Rows include Mitchell Trubisky, Bears, 271 Yds, 25 Comp, 2 TD; Jordan Howard, Bears, 147 Yds, 2 TD.

JAGUARS 30, SEAHAWKS 24

Box score for Jaguars vs Seahawks. First Quarter: Jaguars 7, Seahawks 0. Second Quarter: Jaguars 14, Seahawks 0. Third Quarter: Jaguars 7, Seahawks 0. Fourth Quarter: Jaguars 6, Seahawks 4.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Stat. Rows include Blake Bortles, Jaguars, 319 Yds, 2 TD; Philip Rivers, Jaguars, 319 Yds, 2 TD.

PACKERS 27, BROWNS 21

Box score for Packers vs Browns. First Quarter: Packers 7, Browns 0. Second Quarter: Packers 7, Browns 0. Third Quarter: Packers 7, Browns 0. Fourth Quarter: Packers 6, Browns 11.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Stat. Rows include Brett Hundley, Packers, 25 Yds, 1 TD; Davante Adams, Packers, 25 Yds, 1 TD.

BUCCANEERS 21, LIONS 24

Box score for Buccaneers vs Lions. First Quarter: Buccaneers 7, Lions 0. Second Quarter: Buccaneers 7, Lions 0. Third Quarter: Buccaneers 7, Lions 0. Fourth Quarter: Buccaneers 7, Lions 7.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Stat. Rows include Matthew Stafford, Buccaneers, 381 Yds, 1 TD; Matt Prater, Buccaneers, 46 Yds, 1 FG.

STEELERS 39, RAVENS 38

Box score for Steelers vs Ravens. First Quarter: Steelers 7, Ravens 0. Second Quarter: Steelers 14, Ravens 0. Third Quarter: Steelers 7, Ravens 0. Fourth Quarter: Steelers 11, Ravens 18.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Stat. Rows include Ryan Shazier, Steelers, 100 Yds, 1 TD; Chris Boswell, Steelers, 46 Yds, 1 FG.

CHARGERS 30, REDSKINS 17

Box score for Chargers vs Redskins. First Quarter: Chargers 7, Redskins 0. Second Quarter: Chargers 14, Redskins 0. Third Quarter: Chargers 7, Redskins 0. Fourth Quarter: Chargers 6, Redskins 7.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Table with columns: Player, Team, Stat. Rows include Philip Rivers, Chargers, 319 Yds, 2 TD; Tyrell Williams, Chargers, 75 Yds, 1 TD.

RAIDERS 15, CHIEFS 26

Box score for Raiders vs Chiefs. First Quarter: Raiders 0, Chiefs 7. Second Quarter: Raiders 0, Chiefs 7. Third Quarter: Raiders 0, Chiefs 7. Fourth Quarter: Raiders 5, Chiefs 5.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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SEAHAWKS 24, JAGUARS 30

Box score for Seahawks vs Jaguars. First Quarter: Seahawks 7, Jaguars 0. Second Quarter: Seahawks 7, Jaguars 0. Third Quarter: Seahawks 7, Jaguars 0. Fourth Quarter: Seahawks 3, Jaguars 13.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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RAIDERS 15, CHIEFS 26

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BUCCANEERS 21, LIONS 24

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Aster 41, Lubbock 20, Pflugerville 20, Round Rock Cedar Ridge 30, Pflugerville 20, Henderson 2
Katy 37, Geneva Park North Shore 3, Lake Travis 35, SA Northside O'Connor 17
State Semifinals
Aster 14-0 vs. Round Rock Cedar Ridge (11:30 a.m. Saturday, Wilson's McLane Stadium)
Katy 11-0 vs. Lake Travis (12:00, 2 p.m. Saturday, San Antonio Alamogordo Stadium)
CLASS 6A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Waco Midway 42, Southlake Carroll 28, Longview 33, Lubbock 32, Cypress Fairbanks 31, Houston Langham Creek 14
Austin Westlake 28, Cibola Steele 14
State Semifinals
Waco Midway 14-0 vs. Longview (11:30 a.m. Saturday, Allen's Eagle Stadium)
Cypress Fairbanks 15-0 vs. Austin Westlake (1:00, 2 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium)
CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Denton Ryan 69, Lubbock Comanche 49, Dallas Highland Park 37, Mansfield Lone Ridge 30
Marble Falls 43, Temple 34, Angleton 41, Richmond Foster 10
State Semifinals
Denton Ryan 14-0 vs. Dallas Highland Park (11:30 a.m. Friday, Angleton's AT&T Stadium)
Marble Falls 13-0 vs. Angleton (11:00, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Houston's NRG Stadium)
CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Aledo 43, N. Richardson Hills 7, Mansfield Legacy 24, Frisco Star 30, College Station 48, Fort Bend Marshall 47, Austin McCallum 20, CC Calallen 7
State Semifinals
Aledo 14-0 vs. Mansfield Legacy (12:00, 1 p.m. Saturday, Baylor's Pennington Field)
College Station 12-0 vs. Austin McCallum (1:00, 6 p.m. Saturday, Houston's NRG Stadium)
CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Stephenville 31, WFF Houch 21, Harlingen 63, Kaufman 30, Carthage 20, Henderson 11, Waco La Vega 28, Liberty Hill 18
State Semifinals
Stephenville 12-0 vs. Harlingen (11:30 a.m. Friday, Angleton's AT&T Stadium)
Carthage 14-0 vs. Waco La Vega (1:00, 6 p.m. Friday, Frisco's Ford Center)
CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Cotton 62, Burkhead 47, Necheska Pleasant Grove 55, Mesquite 14, West Orange Star 14, Seaton 0, Wintersville 44, Cooper 30
State Semifinals
Cotton 14-0 vs. Necheska Pleasant Grove (1:00, 6 p.m. Thursday, Frisco's Ford Center)
West Orange Star 12-0 vs. Wintersville (11:30 a.m. Friday, Katy's Legacy Stadium)
CLASS 3A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Brook 34, Comanche 7, Kemp 13, Grandview 10, Rockdale 42, Ruppel 20, Hudson 40, Ombal 7
State Semifinals
Brook 12-0 vs. Kemp (11:30 a.m. Thursday, Angleton's AT&T Stadium)
Rockdale 11-0 vs. Hudson (11:30 a.m. Friday, Coppell's FCU Stadium)
CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Cameron 20, Chiswick 20, Gunter 62, New Diana 13, Newcomer 45, Waxahatchee 6, Spring 39, Leavelle 21
State Semifinals
Cameron 14-0 vs. Gunter (1:00, 6 p.m. Friday, Warner)
Newcomer 13-0 vs. Spring (9:30, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Parker's Dean One Stadium)
CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Quarterfinals
Gardfield 61, Pantherville 7, Mori 47, Crossland 6, San Augustine 50, Carlsville 14, Naylor 38, Mason 14
State Semifinals
Gardfield 13-0 vs. Mori (11:30 a.m. Thursday, Snyder)
San Augustine 14-0 vs. Pantherville (11:30 a.m. Thursday, Crossland)
CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Quarterfinals
Wilmington 20, Cameron 9, Mansfield 28, Albany 12, Temple 30, Timpson 9, Burton 49, Falls City 45
State Semifinals
Wilmington 13-0 vs. Mansfield (1:00, 6 p.m. Thursday, Warner)
Temple 14-0 vs. Burton (11:30 a.m. Thursday, Crossland)
CLASS 1A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVISION I
State Championship
Bender County 70, Happy 38, Jewettville 69, Topp 38
State Semifinals
Bender County 14-0 vs. Jewettville (11:30 a.m. Friday, San Augustine's AT&T Stadium)
CLASS 1A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVISION II
State Championship
Bermuda 88, Taylor Valley 90, Drown 102, Milford 71
State Semifinals
Bermuda 13-0 vs. Drown (1:00, 6 p.m. Friday, San Augustine's AT&T Stadium)
CLASS 1A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVISION III
State Championship
Bermuda 88, Taylor Valley 90, Drown 102, Milford 71
State Semifinals
Bermuda 13-0 vs. Drown (1:00, 6 p.m. Friday, San Augustine's AT&T Stadium)

Stanford beats Indiana for 3rd straight title

By Dave Zeitlin
Associated Press

CHESTER, Pa. — Sam Werner ripped off his shirt, raced the length of the field and was smothered by a swarm of Stanford teammates.

Even for a budding dynasty, that championship feeling isn't getting old.

Werner scored in the second overtime to lead Stanford to its third straight NCAA men's soccer title with a 1-0 win over Indiana on Sunday.

The goal was blasted over goalkeeper Trey Muse's head from close range and sneaked just under the crossbar after an Indiana turnover in the box, setting off a wild celebration.

"I honestly need to watch the tape — I'm not really sure what happened," Werner said.

Stanford coach Jeremy Gunn then leaned over and whispered something in the midfielder's ear during the postgame news conference.

"Oh yeah, you're right, I scored a bike," Werner said with a laugh. The golden goal wasn't quite as pretty as a bicycle kick, but it sure was dramatic.

Before the College Cup final, Indiana (18-1-6) was the only team in the country without a loss. The Hoosiers were denied their first undefeated season in program history and their ninth national championship.

"Our guys had a special year," Indiana coach Todd Yeagley said. "We often say the best mark you can leave is putting a star on your jersey and we came really close today. But I do know this team will be talked about not only this year or next year but for many years to come."

The Cardinal (19-2-2), who came into the NCAA tournament as the No. 9 seed, is just the second men's soccer program to win



Derik Hamilton/Associated Press

Stanford celebrates on the field after winning the NCAA Cup championship soccer match against Indiana on Sunday in Chester, Pa. Stanford won 1-0 in overtime.

three straight titles. Virginia, under former U.S. national team coach Bruce Arena, won four in a row from 1991 to 1994.

The Cardinal women won the national championship last weekend, making Stanford the first school to win both soccer titles in the same season.

"I don't think what it means to us and what it means to the university and program will sink in for a few weeks," said senior defender Tomas Hilliard-Arce, a key part of all three men's championship teams.

Anchored by Hilliard-Arce and Indiana's Grant Lillard, both teams' defenses limited scoring chances and controlled the flow of the game on a cold day at Talen Energy Stadium, home of Major League Soccer's Philadelphia Union. Hilliard-Arce and Lillard

are finalists for the MAC Hermann Trophy, given to college soccer's best player, and Hilliard-Arce is expected to be one of the top picks in next month's MLS draft after ending his college career with three straight titles.

"I could do it again if you guys let me stay another year," the center back said.

With the defenses playing clean and organized soccer, the best first-half scoring chance came 10 minutes into the game, but Muse made a diving save on Stanford's Bryce Marion. The freshman goalie had another big stop to keep the game scoreless midway through the second half and snagged a deep shot in overtime.

Muse, who posted an NCAA record 18 shutouts this year and led the country in goals-against average, finished with five saves.

"He gave our group a lot of composure and consistency," Yeagley said. "I can't say enough about how good he was this year, and today was no different."

Both teams were coming off shutouts in Friday's semifinal matchups, with Stanford beating Akron 2-0 and second-seeded Indiana knocking off North Carolina 1-0.

Before their run of titles began in 2015, with U.S. national team forward and Seattle Sounders star Jordan Morris leading the way, the Cardinal had never won a men's soccer championship.

"The journey's been amazing," Gunn said. "We've been fortunate enough with hard work to be celebrating and standing at the end of the season three times."

Lomachenko stops Rigondeaux to win match of Olympic greats

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Vasily Lomachenko doesn't just beat fighters. He makes them quit.

Even Guillermo Rigondeaux, who had never even lost a fight as a pro.

"I guess I should change my name now to NoMaschenko," Lomachenko said.

Lomachenko won their bout Saturday night when Rigondeaux's corner stopped the fight after six rounds because the boxer was complaining of pain in his left hand.

Lomachenko was easily winning boxing's first pro match between two-time Olympic gold medalists when Rigondeaux and his trainers jointly called for the match to be stopped.

Promoter Dino Duva said Rigondeaux first felt pain in the second round and hurt it more significantly in the third. Duva said doctors

believed the hand could be broken and were sending the 2000 and 2004 Olympic gold medalist from Cuba to the hospital for X-rays.

Duva said the injury came from a punch — though Rigondeaux certainly didn't hit Lomachenko with many of them.

"Where did he hurt his hand, in the dressing room?" promoter Bob Arum said.

Lomachenko (10-1, 8 KOs) earned his seventh straight victory by stoppage and defended his WBO 130-pound title. And for the fourth straight time, his match ended with his opponent quitting.

Rigondeaux lost for the first time in his 18 pro fights and was loudly booed afterward by a crowd that was supporting both fighters early in the match.

But it was quickly apparent that the 2008 and 2012 gold medalist was too much for the 37-year-old Rigondeaux, the 122-pound champion who was moving up

two weight classes for the historic match.

"I adjusted to his style, low blows and all," Lomachenko said.

Long one of boxing's best defensive fighters, even Rigondeaux couldn't find a way to defend himself against Lomachenko's onslaught.

"It just amazes me what this guy does to an opponent," Duva said. "He just frustrates his opponent so bad you don't even know what to do."

Lomachenko started cautiously but by the third round he had begun finding his way through Rigondeaux's defense.

He was leading 59-54 on two judges' cards and 60-53 on the other, and a fighter who does as little offensively as Rigondeaux was unlikely to make that up even if he could've continued.

"I'm going to come back and fight against anybody because there are no excuses," Rigondeaux said through a translator. Rigondeaux would have liked

the fight at a lower weight but the height difference may have been a bigger problem. Giving up three inches to the 5-foot-7 Lomachenko, he frequently was caught when he tried to lunge forward for shots and couldn't slip Lomachenko's accurate punches, and when he kept trying to duck lower and lower Lomachenko even hit him on top of the head.

It was tense in the fifth round, when Rigondeaux was warned for hitting on the break and they jawed at each other after the bell sounded to end the round. But Lomachenko came back and scored with some solid shots in the sixth, and it became a bigger round for him when Rigondeaux had a point deducted for holding.

Moments later, it was over. Lomachenko won titles in two weight classes after just seven fights and it may not be long until he has a chance at another, possibly moving up to lightweight next year.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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Flag Football
YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
For more info: Call 582-2551.

Football
Perrin Youth Football Chapter needs officials
Note: Education and training will be provided.
For more info: Call Brent Potts at 553-0204 or James Harkness at 432-254-8814.

Martial Arts
Judo
When: Mondays-Fridays 7-9 p.m., Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Style: Specializing in traditional Judo style.
For more info: Call Jeff Pigg, 684-7008 or 379-5156.

Perrin Youth Football-Odessa Lessons

For Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advance!
Where: Perry's, Sam-Private and Group Lessons are available.
Where: Perry's Call: Masha Ocaso-Jimenez, 432-555-9900, masha@perry.com.

Baltimore Martial Arts
When: Mondays through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Ju-Jitsu-Rampu-Kung-Fu.
For Ages 5 and up.
Where: 2008 Culberson.
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 432-7467 or 689-8444.

Miscellaneous
Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For assisting high school student athletes with academic athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Josh Santolucito at (915) 245-1030.

Poker
Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to advanced players. Ages 21 and up.
When: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., Saturdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Where: 7000 S. Loop West, Suite 100.
For more info: Go to www.texaspokerleague.com.

Professional Wrestling
Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa.
When: 7:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2-4 p.m. Saturdays.
Cost: \$30 per player (8 game season).
Where: Register at 684 and 683, 30-18 W. 10th.
For more info: Call 553-6533.

Rugby
Mid Day Rugby Football Club
Practice: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Rippen-Burton Park (north end).
For more info: call: 432-687-6418.

Running
Perrin Youth Running Club
Cost: \$20 per year for individual membership. \$50 for year for family membership.
For more info: Go to www.perrinyouthrunning.com or email: Shaun Harty, president at harty@perrinyouthrunning.com.

Golfing Training Group
When: 8 a.m. Saturdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
Cost: \$50 per month.
Where: 7000 S. Loop West, Suite 100.
For more info: Call 432-687-6418.

Shooting
Comanche Trail Shooting
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland.

When Monthly shoots last Saturday and first Sunday of each month. Last Saturday beginning at 10 a.m., then Sunday from 1 p.m. Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m. Also shoot on 8th Sunday on monthly that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. for the shooter's mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jaker's Club.
For more info: Go to comchestrailshooting.org or call Houston Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition. Including: airgun, benchrest rifle, bullseye rifle, high power rifle, pistol, silhouette, rifle, silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, steel, trap & state and sporting class.
When: Shooters 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
Perrin Youth Soccer Association
What: Register for women's spring summer season.
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Oak and Broad.
When: Wednesdays, Saturdays and Thursdays from 7-9:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jason Cheeks at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Cheeks at 238-6847 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18.
Where: Perry's/Fall Stadium.
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 McEster at 553-6130.

Midland Men's Woodball Football Association
For more info: Call 624-6214 or visit www.midlandwoodball.com.
Email: Tommy McEster, 624-6214.

Cotton Valley Fall Fish Jamboree
For: Only youth teams, JV teams welcome.
When: Saturdays, Jan. 13-14, San Angelo.
Entry: \$275 per team.
Deadline: Jan. 1.
For more info: Call Owa Cantelero at 355-214-2810.

Swimming
COM Pro-competitive swimming
Where: Midland Aquatic Center.
Cost: \$50 per month.
Where: Register at 684 and 683, 30-18 W. 10th.
For more info: Call 684-7755.

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unobstructed, self-paced class.
Where: Call Tommy McEster at 684-7755.

COM Senior Fitness Class
What: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
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Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening.
For more info: Call LaFleur 582-2551.

Central YMCA Aerobic/White Exercise Classes
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Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
What: All ages and ability.
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Control YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For Ages 6 and up.
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Tennis
West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and sponsors USPTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-2811 or www.westtexasnet.com for more information.

South Texas Tennis Center Clinics
What: Babson Tennis 500 (3-4), Redburn 18 (ages 6-8), Orange and Green Ball \$10 (ages 9-12), Junior Development \$10-all grade, Multigrade \$10, Junior Level 1/2/3/4/5, FHS Adults (adult beginners), Intermediate Adults, 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults), Alan Jarvis Tennis registration new age.
Where: Bush Tennis Center.
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call: 689-8160.

UTSA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
What: Leagues run May through September.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center.
For more info: Sherry 582-6810 or Email: www.midlandtennis@att.net.

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center.
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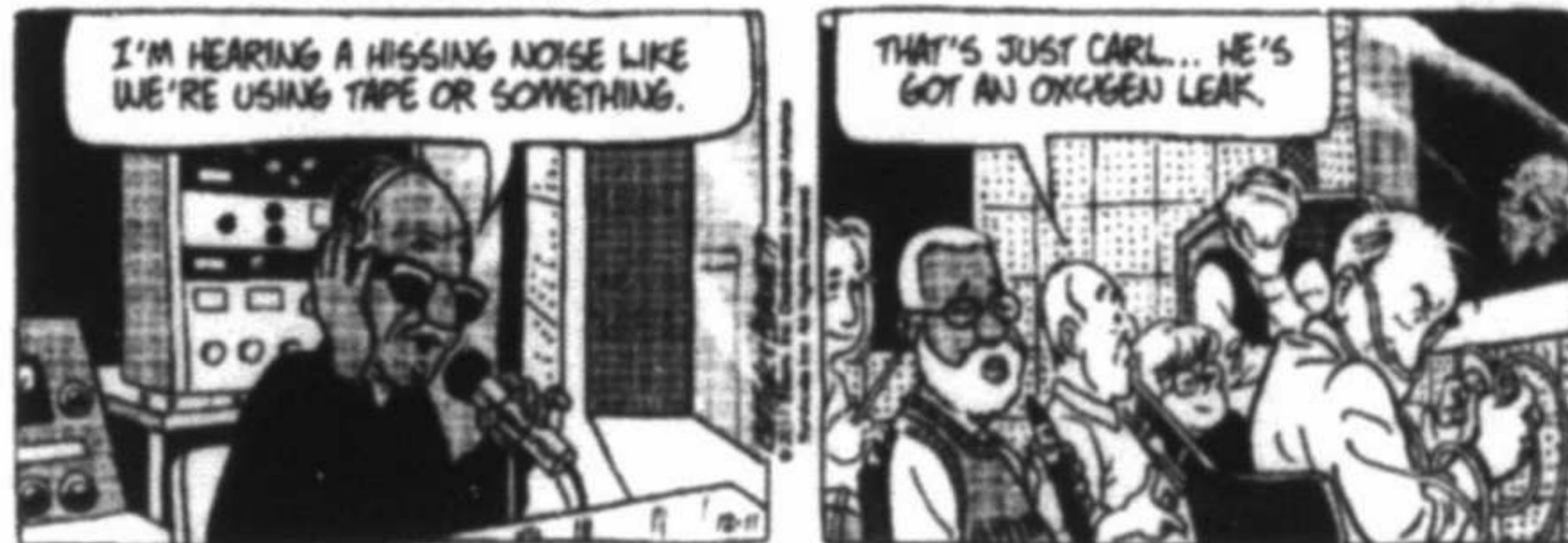
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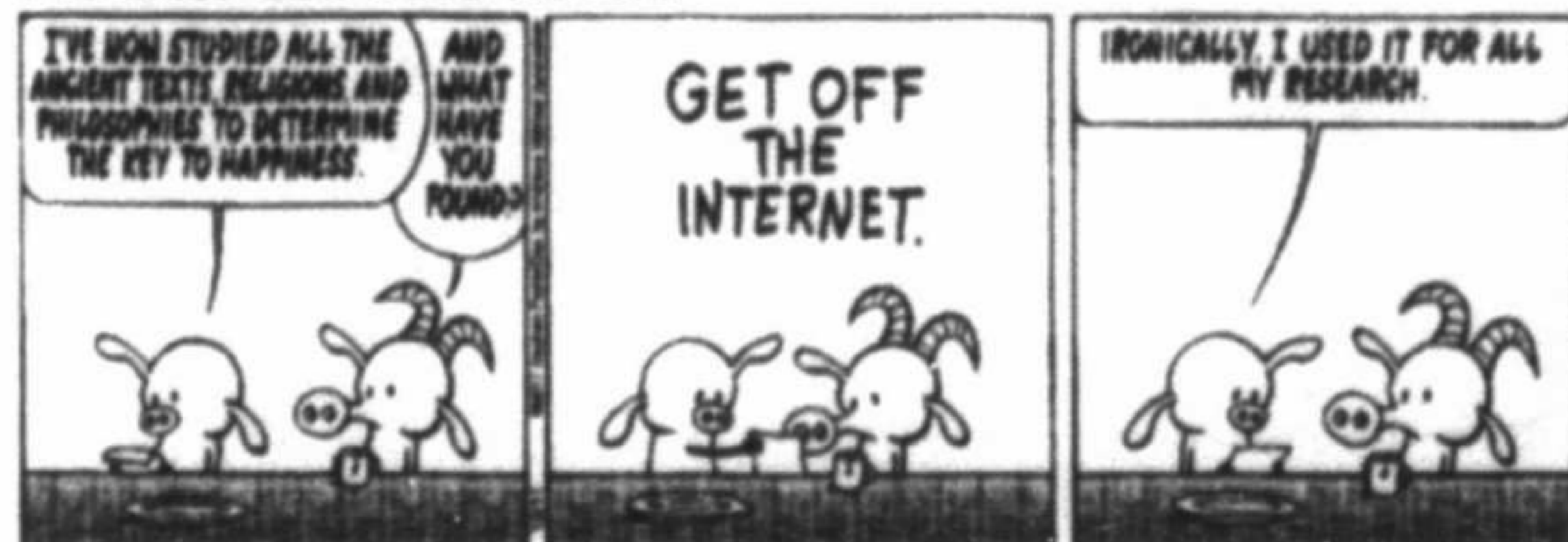
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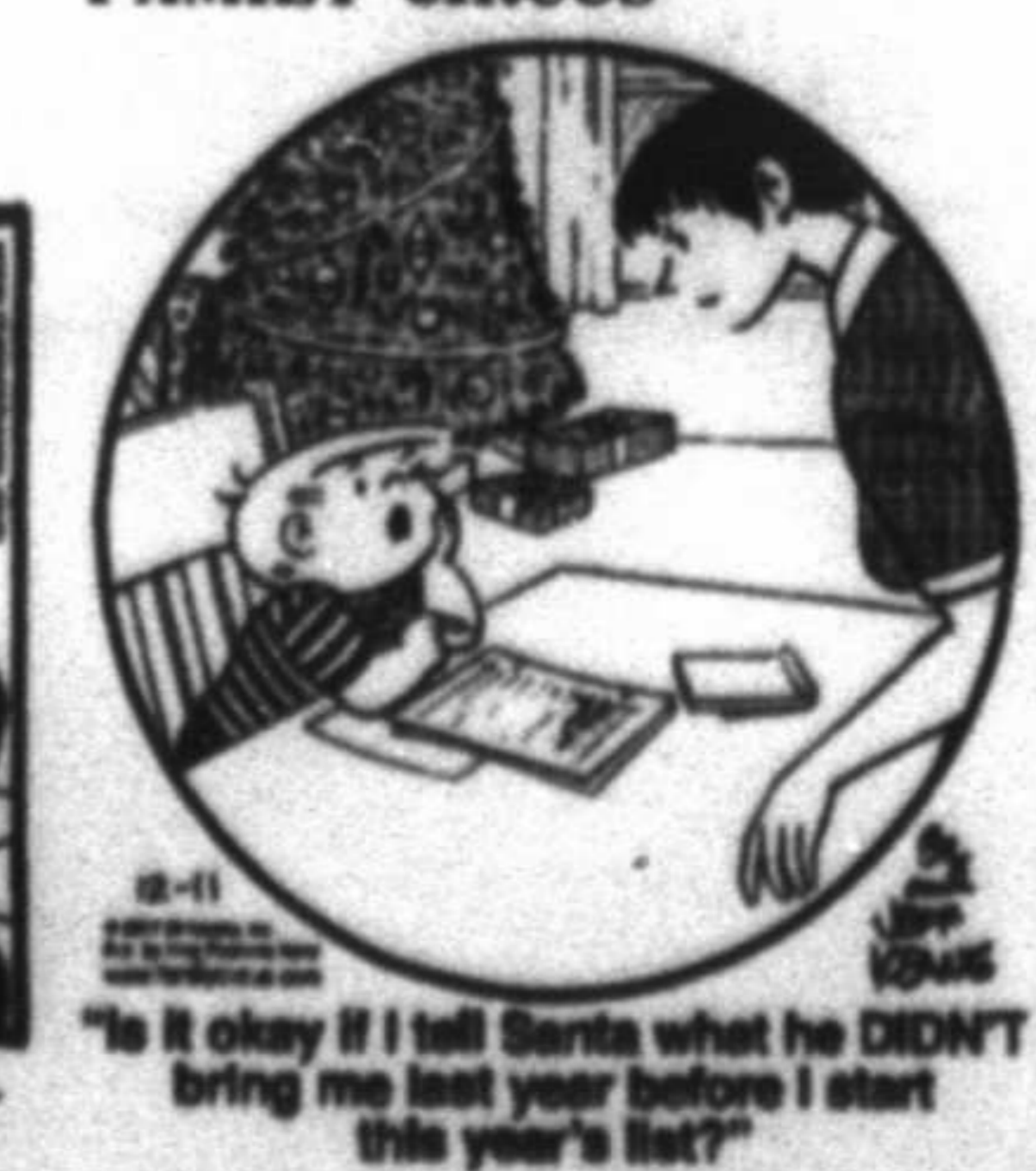
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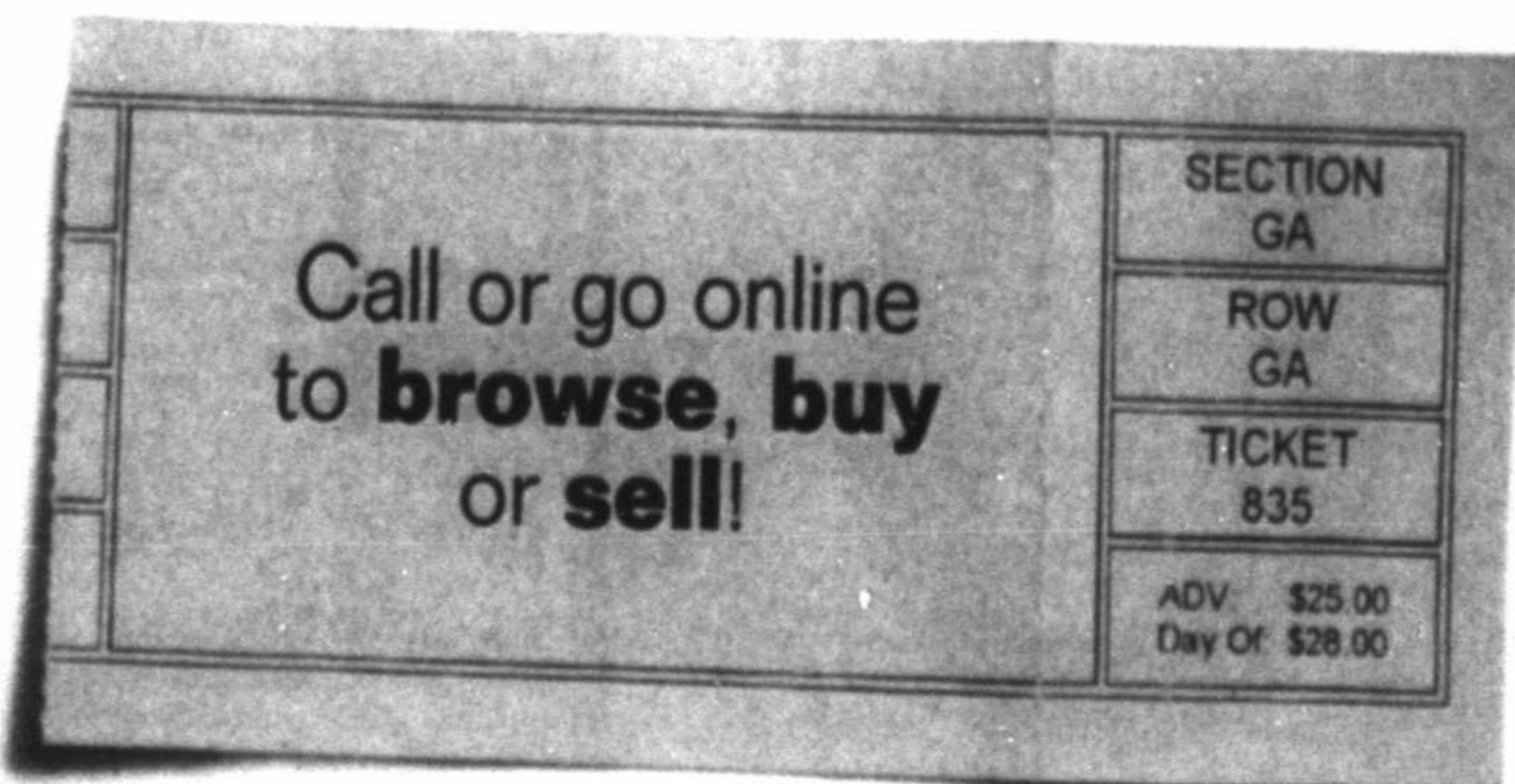
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Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

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Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 17MCO527 -MOVING AND STORAGE

A MANDATORY survey will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday December 19, 2017 at the Midland Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department and at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday December 19, 2017 at the Midland County Downtown Library. We will meet in the lobby after passing through security. Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

The RFP will be available on Monday December 11, 2017. Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4872 or pur103@co.midland.tx.us or on the Midland County Purchasing website www.co.midland.tx.us/departments/purchasing

Krasy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Pursuant to the Decree and Order for Partition by Public Sale entered in Cause No. 7104 in the 118th District Court in Martin County, Texas, the following property will be sold by public auction:

THE SURFACE ONLY OF SECTION 43, BLOCK 37, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, TEXAS & PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 233, MARTIN COUNTY, TEXAS, CONTAINING 640.81 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

Such sale will be for cash, which may also be in the form of certified funds. The public auction will take place in front of the northeast corner of the Martin County Courthouse on the 2nd day of January, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

For information about the property, please contact Brent Preston at (806) 470-0464.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AJAX RESOURCES, LLC, OPR 000597, HAS FILED WITH THE TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSION THE FOLLOWING:

P-17 AMENDED APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26 AND/OR 27 TO SURFACE COMMINGLE PRODUCTION, ALLOCATE PRODUCTION, AND FOR OFF-LEASE SEPARATION, METERING AND STORAGE.

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WITH PRODUCTION FROM AN OIL AND GAS LEASE ON ALL OF SECTION 8, BLOCK HA, J. H. O'BRIEN, ORIGINAL GRANTEE, AND THE N/2 OF SECTION 8, BLOCK HA, S. R. LANIER, ORIGINAL GRANTEE, MARTIN COUNTY TEXAS.

ANY AFFECTED MINERAL INTEREST OWNERS WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTIFICATION ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT: ALEX BOLANOS OF AJAX RESOURCES, LLC, AT 713-400-3844 BY JANUARY 15, 2018, 24 GREENWAY PLAZA, STE. 650, HOUSTON, TX 77068.

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