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CHRIS HIGHTOWER

MISD's director of social studies talks about the local elections.

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Grrenwood's Ryan Snodgrass delivered by rushing for a season-high 268 yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries. He added nine tackles from his outside linebacker position as he hardly, if ever, left the field.

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Oil extends amid OPEC resolve, Iraq disruptions

Brent crude futures for December above $60; WTI price is about $54

By Grant Smith
Bloomberg

Oil extended a two-year high above $60 a barrel in London amid growing signs that OPEC and Russia will press on with supply curbs, and a brief disruption in exports from Iraq's Kurdish region.

Brent crude futures added 0.4 percent. Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman last week backed extending production cuts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies beyond March, following a similar endorsement by Russian President Vladimir Putin earlier this month. Iraq's Kurds resumed oil exports to Turkey after a short suspension, highlighting uncertainty in the region, which in September voted to secede from the rest of the country.

"High OPEC compliance" and "roaring oil demand growth combined over the last few months have accelerated the rebalancing of the oil market," said Giovanni Staunovo, an analyst at UBS Group AG in Zurich. "Reports that Saudi Arabia and Russia are mulling over the prospect of an extension" have "played a part in buoying market sentiment and recently lifting oil prices."

Both Brent, the benchmark for more than half the world's oil, and U.S. marker West Texas Intermediate crude have jumped in October amid speculation that OPEC and partners including Russia will prolong output cuts aimed at reducing a global glut. World stockpiles are down to about 160 million barrels above the five-year average, and prices are heading toward "fair" levels, according to Qatar Energy Minister Mohammed Al Sada.

Brent for December settlement, which expires today, rose as much as 45 cents

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FALL FESTIVITIES

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Members of Fairmont Park Church of Christ pass out candy to trick-or-treaters during Halloween in 2016. Check out reader-submitted photos of kids in costume at **mrt.com** and photos from Pumpkin Patch at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on **Page 4A and at mrt.com.**

Halloween, fall celebrations planned for tonight

With the number of trunk-or-treat events today, younger folks could rake in the candy big time. Adults get in on the fall fun with costume contests and even grown-up parties.

Family-friendly

■ Midland Park Mall's trick-or-treating will feature treats from retailers as well as the new Disney Junior Play Date: "Vampirina," 6-8 p.m. at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Road. simon.com/mall/midland-park-mall.

■ Spooky Science Spectacular Family Science Night. Guests can experiment with boo bubbles, create spider web slime and more. 6:30 p.m. at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20 West. pbpetro.org.

Festival fun

■ Fall Festival with trunk or treat, refreshments, train ride and bounce houses. 6 p.m. at Fairmont Park Church of Christ, 3613 N. Midland Drive.

■ All Saints Fall Festival with game booths, candy and more. Non-scary costumes encouraged. 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine, 1401 Garden Lane.

Trunk or Treats

■ Trunk' n Treat, 5-7 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1701 N. Main St.

■ Portico Way Trunk or Treat. 5-6:30 p.m. at Basin Dentistry, 5016 Briarwood Ave.

■ Trunk or Treat, 6 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield St.

■ Trunk or Treat with Alamo Heights Baptist Church. The event will feature free hot dogs, games, music, candy and more. 6-8 p.m. at Fasken Park, 2404 Humble Ave.

■ Trunk or Treat, 6-8 p.m. at One Hope Church of Christ, 2503 W. Ohio Ave.

Please see **HALLOWEEN/4A**

Local paramedic serves on National Disaster team

By Rebecca Bell
Midland College

When disaster strikes, Midlander Leland Hart steps in to provide emergency medical assistance throughout the world. He currently is deployed to Puerto Rico with fellow members of the National Disaster Medical Assistance Team.

"Our job is to fill in the gaps when state and local response teams are overwhelmed, such as is currently the case in Puerto Rico due to Hurricane Maria," Hart said.

Hart, 56, is a licensed paramedic and joined DMAT in 1996. He teaches in Midland College's Emergency Medical Services program and has been doing so since August 2006.

"I happened to be reading an article in a trade publication about the National Disaster Medical System," said Hart. "I remember telling my wife that I should check into the program and see if there was a way that I could help. We both feel that it is important to help in times of crisis, so after contacting DMAT, I was assigned to coordinate with their Houston headquarters office."

Hart's first assignment came in the late 1990s during a severe flood in Houston. Then in 2001, he was deployed to New York City for two weeks after the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center. His longest deployment was in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina. He spent eight weeks assisting with medical needs, not only in New Orleans, but also in San Antonio and Fort Worth where he helped to provide medical services for evacuees.

"Our main responsibilities are to screen people needing medical assistance and then take care of their medical needs," stated Hart. "We are usually part of a team composed of paramedics and EMTs, nurses and physicians. Sometimes as a paramedic,

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Price of oil
$54.15 ▲ $0.25
December 2017

The big number
6 people have died in automobile accidents in Midland County this month. Page 2A

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

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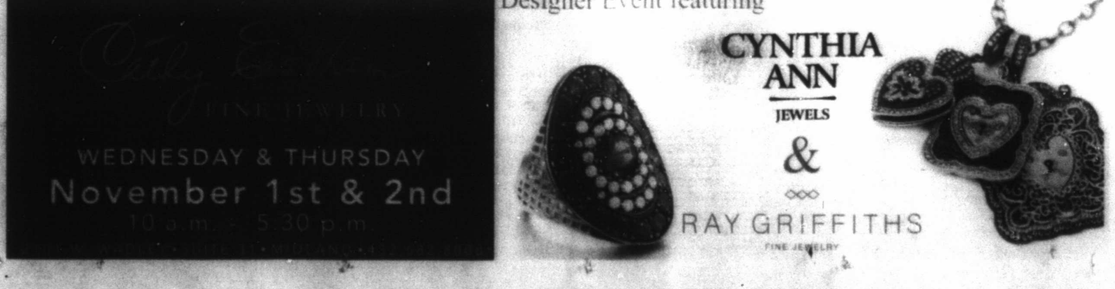

Courtesy photo

Paramedic Leland Hart, who teaches in Midland College's Emergency Medical Services program, serves with the National Disaster Medical Assistance Team. He currently is deployed in Puerto Rico.

HART

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I'm assigned in the field taking care of victims before they are transported to hospitals or clinics. Other times, I work in makeshift clinics, which are usually large tents."

Hart said that DMAT's scope of work covers more than just disaster relief. He was deployed to the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa.

"DMAT reports to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of Preparedness & Response," Hart said. "We are sometimes deployed to national events where our services could potentially be needed. Fortunately, each time I've been deployed to one of these events, there hasn't been a major circumstance of violence. Although, I have had to assist with some minor injuries. We are usually stationed along parade routes during protests."

Hart's most recent deployment before Puerto Rico was in Washington, D.C., during President Trump's inauguration.

"Obviously, when we're deployed for events such as presidential inaugurations, the living conditions are much more favorable than they are during natural disasters," Hart said. "In all situations, DMAT teams carry enough medical supplies and equipment to sustain ourselves for three days. Every disaster or emergency is different — and so is every DMAT deployment."

Hart said there are some years when he hasn't been deployed at all, and he has the option of turning down deployments. Similar to the military reserves, DMAT team members have regular jobs and serve on a rotational on-call schedule. Whey they are activated in an emergency response or as part of a national security special event, they are considered to be intermittent federal employees. When serving during disaster relief, team members must be committed to staying at the site for up to two weeks.

His team from Houston was deployed after Hurricane Harvey, but Hart was unable to commit to that deployment. So, when the request came to backfill with a team from Pennsylvania that was being deployed to Puerto Rico, he was happy to be able to assist. He will spend two weeks in Puerto Rico; however, he said that because of the devastating conditions in that country, he wouldn't be surprised if he is called back to assist again in December or January.

Hart explained that the National Disaster Medical System requires that he maintain his paramedic licensure and be in good health because deployment during a disaster can be physically demanding.

When he isn't teaching and responding to national and global emergencies, Hart enjoys spending time with his wife, Kathy, who is the assistant to the executive director at MARC. The couple have two daughters and one son and seven grandchildren.

Hart lends his paramedic skills to other causes, as well. He is a member of the Greenwood Volunteer Fire Department and served as the department's chief from 2001 until 2015. He is also pastor of Open Door Church in Odessa. When he is on assignments with DMAT, his wife Kathy steps in to fulfill pastor responsibilities.

Hart's MC duties include instructing paramedic and emergency medical technician courses and teaching high school students enrolled in the MC/MISD dual credit Health Sciences Academy.

"I'm very fortunate that Midland College allows me to participate with DMAT," Hart said. "My fellow faculty members are willing to help out and cover my classes when I'm on deployment. They are all paramedics and realize the importance of being a first responder and fulfilling this important need."

Rebecca C. Bell is dean, Community Relations, at Midland College.

MPD: Monahans man dies in I-20 wreck in Midland

From staff reports

A Monahans man died Saturday night after a four-vehicle wreck on Interstate 20, according to the Midland Police Department.

Police responded to the crash at about 8 p.m. near the intersection of I-20 and Lamesa Road. The vehicles involved were a Ford Escape, which was towing an unoccupied Chevy Equinox, a Ford F-250 and a Ford F-150.

The Escape and F-250 were westbound on I-20, according to the release. The F-150 was traveling west on the north service road The F-150 crossed the median into the main travel lanes and struck the Escape and the Equinox. The F-150 was subsequently struck by the F-250.

One occupant of the F-150 — 54-year-old Geronimo Ortiz Melchor of Monahans — had died by the time police arrived on the scene, according to the release. The other occupant of the F-150 was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Escape was transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation into the cause of the crash is ongoing. No charges have been filed at this time.

Melchor is the 34th person to die on roads in Midland County this year and the sixth this month, according to Reporter-Telegram records. On Oct. 22, four people died in two separate wrecks, according to previous Reporter-Telegram articles.

Texas governor says 'inaccurate' displays unfit for Capitol

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott's office said Monday that "substantially inaccurate historical statements" don't belong on display at the state Capitol as they seek a review of a Confederate marker that rejects slavery as an underlying cause of the Civil War. It was a clearer denunciation than Abbott's office originally gave last week following a private meeting with a black Texas lawmaker, who later blasted the Republican's characterization of their conversation about a 1959 plaque titled "Children of the Confederacy Creed." Democratic state Rep. Eric Johnson said he left Friday's meeting under the impression that the governor supported removing the plaque from the hallways of the Texas Capitol. Abbott has denied that account, causing Johnson to rip the governor for releasing a brief statement that made no mention of how they discussed the importance of historical accuracy.

STATEBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KAUFMAN

Woman's body found in car trunk following police chase

Officials east of Dallas say a New Orleans man who led authorities on a highway chase following a road-rage incident told a sheriff's deputy that a woman's body was in the trunk of his car.

Thirty-three-year-old Freddie Gilbert was being held Monday in the Kaufman County jail on charges that include evading arrest.

Kaufman County sheriff's spokeswoman Jolie Stewart says police were notified Sunday of a road-rage incident in which a gun was fired at a car carrying four people.

A deputy found the suspect's car on Interstate 20, a chase ensued and the car later crashed.

The deputy found the body after being told it was in the trunk. Authorities have not released the name of the woman or the cause of death.

Online jail records did not indicate an attorney for Gilbert.

Obituaries

Joshua M. Larson

Joshua Mark Larson, known legally as Joshua T. Brown, 25, passed away Sunday, October 22, 2017 on Hwy 80 in Midland, Texas.

Joshua was rendering aid to a stranger who had crashed his motorcycle and was struck by another motorcycle. Joshua heroically pushed his fiancée out of the way, saving her life and tragically losing his.

Joshua was born on March 4, 1992 in Mesa, Arizona.

Joshua is survived by his fiancée, Janice Young (soon to be Jay Larson since they were planning on getting married before Thanksgiving); mother and father, Susan and Mark Larson; son, Skyler Larson; and by his brothers, Paul Larson, Nicholas Green, and Garrett Brown.

His best friends, Zack Ziccardi and Ryan (Troll) Fotheringham, have been helping our family through this terrible time.

In the short time Josh was able to spend with Jay's family, he had truly become part of their family. He was the type of man who would help anyone, anytime, anywhere and loved his son and fiancé more than life itself, which was proven with his final act of heroism, saving the love of his life from certain pain or possibly even death.

Josh made friends everywhere he went. In the short 25 years of Josh's life, Josh was able to spend a lot of time with his dad, mom, son, and brother Paul. (More time than most parents see their children in 50 years.)

We all feel very blessed to have had 25 years with Josh. He loved his family, including Jay Young-Larson more than anything on this Earth. We know he would do the same thing again in a heartbeat to protect any of us. Rest in peace baby! I will see you when God decides to bring me home. Until then, I promise we will do everything we can to make sure no one else's family has to go through this. All of our love is with you and we will take care of Skyler and make sure he knows how much his Daddy loved him and that his daddy died a hero.

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

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

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2300 N. Big Spring • Midland, TX • (432) 682-7766

Wayne A. Piette

Wayne Piette, 86, passed Sunday, October 29, 2017 at his home in Midland, Texas, surrounded by family. He was born September 2, 1931 in Appleton, Wisconsin to Walter and Alma (Rehfeldt) Piette.

Wayne served two years in the United States Army. He then attended the University of Wisconsin and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology. While in college, he met and married his bride, Ginny Knoche, almost 63 years ago. They moved to Houston in 1957 and then on to Midland in 1966. Wayne worked for various major oil companies in Houston and Midland before becoming a successful independent petroleum geologist.

Wayne loved his family, faith, hunting, fishing, and traveling. He was an avid reader and history buff. Wayne enjoyed maps, geography, and planning adventurous trips for his wife and family throughout the years. He was active in St. Ann's Catholic Church and school and served two terms on the school board. He was a member of the AAPG and the West Texas Geological Society. He was also a member of the COM Aquatics club where he swam laps daily for the past 20 years. Wayne enjoyed many enriching friendships throughout his life.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Ginny; daughters, Renee Richards (Guy), Suzanne Piette, Pam Logan (Brad), Nancy Piette, and Jennifer Boggs (Greg); grandchildren, Luke, Ashley and Shanon Richards, Jeremie Piette, Mallory Buck, Paul and David Logan, Dylan, Trey and Hannah Baker, and Danielle, Grace and Ben Boggs.

He is also survived by nine great-grandchildren; sister, Shirley Krause; sisters-in-law, Mary and Rose Piette; brother-in-law, Tom Knoche (Marilyn); and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Russ, Carl, and Norb Piette, and his granddaughter, Kelsey Logan.

Visitation will be Wednesday, November 1, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home where the family will greet friends.

The Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with a reception following.

A private burial will take place before the funeral Mass.

The family thanks Hospice of Midland for their support and care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Wayne's name to the Kelsey Logan Angel Fund, PO Box 5072, Midland, TX 79704, or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 550-5800

Death Notices

Donna "Didi" Thomas

Donna "Didi" Thomas, 68, of Midland, passed away Friday, October 27, 2017.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, November 2, 2017 at Stonegate Fellowship in Midland.

A private graveside will be held for family only.

All floral offerings may be delivered to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Survivors include mother, Ruth Becker; daughter, Laura Justice; son, Jeffrey Thomas; and three siblings.

Larry G. Hendrix

Larry G. Hendrix, 59 of Midland, passed away on Sunday October29, 2017.

There will be a visitation on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home.

A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2017 in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Malcom Joe Brockington

Malcom Joe Brockington, 54, of Midland, passed away October 24, 2017.

He is survived by companion, Cindy Mauldin; children, Pete, Anthony, Dustin, Coby, Jonathan, and Preston Devin Brockington III; and by seven siblings.

A memorial service will be held October 31, 2017, 11:00 a.m. at West Kentucky Baptist Church in Midland.

Transportation commissioner budgets money for Midland bicycle path

From staff reports

The Texas Transportation Commission has budgeted more than $500,000 for a pedestrian and bicycle path in Midland, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Transportation.

The project, according to the release, will construct 5-foot-wide bicycle lanes northbound and southbound on North Loraine Street and North Main Street from West Louisiana Street to East Wall Street. The project also includes curb extensions at roadway intersection corners and a new median that provides safer street crossings for pedestrians by reducing the length of the crossing.

Additional project improvements include ADA-compliant curb ramps, signage, crosswalk striping and parallel parking delineation. Pedestrian intersection improvements are also proposed adjacent to East Illinois Avenue from North Main Street to North Baird Street and adjacent to Texas Avenue from North Loraine Street to North Baird Street. These improvements will increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and serve adjacent commercial and institutional properties.

TxDOT awarded $501,630 for the proposed project. The city of Midland has budgeted $125,408 for the project.

The project was one of 46 to receive funding, according to TxDOT. The Texas Transportation Commission approved more than $44 million for bicycle and pedestrian projects for rural/nonurban and small urban population areas across the state. The funding from the federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program supports population areas of 200,000 or less.

State-selected TASA projects are intended to enhance safety, improve mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists, help mitigate congestion and connect important community destinations.

"Bicycle and pedestrian projects are important to many Texans," said Texas Transportation Commissioner Jeff Austin III. "Funding for these projects will help enhance our state's bicycle and pedestrian programs."

OPEC

From 1A

to $60.89 a barrel on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange, the highest since July 2015. It was at $60.67 at 1:21 p.m. in London. Prices gained 4.7 percent last week. The global benchmark crude traded at a premium of $6.59 to WTI.

WTI for December delivery was at $54.11 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, up 21 cents. Total volume traded was about 36 percent below the 100-day average. Prices on Friday advanced 2.4 percent to $53.90, capping a 4.7 percent weekly gain.

Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurds began pumping oil again to Ceyhan, Turkey, at about 1:25 p.m. local time Monday after Kurdish crude stopped arriving at the Mediterranean port at 4 a.m., the port agent said by email. Information on the amount of oil flowing wasn't immediately available, the agent said.

The halt came days after Iraqi troops captured oil fields from Kurdish fighters in northern Iraq's disputed Kirkuk province. Shipments by pipeline averaged 264,000 barrels a day before the stoppage, less than half their normal daily level of 600,000 barrels.

TODAYINMIDLAND

Things to do

■ Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.

■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m., and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Tuesdays, Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

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

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m., Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

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

■ Karaoke and pool tournament at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Today is Halloween

Many Americans celebrate Halloween on Oct. 31. Celebrations include costume parties and trick-or-treating.
Source: www.timeanddate.com

Early Voting

■ Times: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today
■ Where: Midland County Annex, 2110 N. "A" St.
■ On the ballot: State propositions (for all voters) and $100 million road bond for voters inside the city of Midland
■ Notes: Election Day is Nov. 7. ... There will be 12 Election Day vote centers.
■ Early voter total: 3,379 after six days

Oct. 23	471
Oct. 24	611
Oct. 25	509
Oct. 26	516
Oct. 27	661
Monday	611

Source: Midland County Elections Office

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The 5K Run Fur Rescues, a fundraiser for Lone Star Sanctuary, was Saturday at Midland College.

Chamber to host road bond rally

The Midland Chamber of Commerce will host a rally in support of the Midland Road Bond on Monday. The purpose of the rally is to raise awareness before the Election Day and encourage voter turnout. A free lunch will be served.

The rally will be outside in the Bank of America Plaza, at the corner of Wall and Big Spring streets, beginning at noon.

State of the Economy

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

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

Community calendar

■ Senior Link Midland is planning a second Texas Size Garage Sale: 12:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday at 407 E. Scharbauer Drive. All items will be 75 percent off.

■ The Scarborough-Linebery House is planning its annual Christmas open house for 2-4 p.m. Sunday. The home, which was built in 1907 and is an example of ranch-style architecture, is at 802 S. Main St.

When it's open

■ Midland County Tax Assessor/Collector 2110 N. "A" St. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday 688-4810

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

■ Department of Public Safety: Driver's License Office 2800 Wright Drive 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays 686-1120

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 31, the 304th day of 2017. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween.

Today's highlight:

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther sent his 95 Theses denouncing what he saw as the abuses of the Catholic Church, especially the sale of indulgences, to the Archbishop of Mainz, Germany (by some accounts, Luther also posted the Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg), marking the start of the Protestant Reformation.

On this date:

In 1926, magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit of peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix.

In 1941, work was completed on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota, begun in 1927.

In 1975, the Queen single "Bohemian Rhapsody" was released in the United Kingdom by EMI Records.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 7-6-4
Pick 3 day: 6-7-0
Pick 3 evening: 7-2-0
Pick 3 night: 3-6-0
Daily 4 morning: 4-6-8-4
Daily 4 day: 9-3-7-0
Daily 4 evening: 4-7-9-1
Daily 4 night: 8-2-5-6
Cash Five: 15-18-20-23-30
Triple Chance: 1-6-9-14-19-34-36-41-44-48

Texas Two-Step: 5-19-33-35
BB: 29
All or Nothing morning: 1-3-5-8-11-12-14-16-18-19-20-22
All or Nothing day: 1-3-11-12-13-14-17-18-19-21-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-3-4-7-10-12-13-14-16-20-21-24
All or Nothing night: 1-4-5-6-7-8-12-13-16-19-21-23

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Weather

Monday's temperatures

High	64
Low	43
Normal high	73
Normal low	47

Oct. 30's records
Record high: 90, set in 2016
Record low: 24, set in 1993

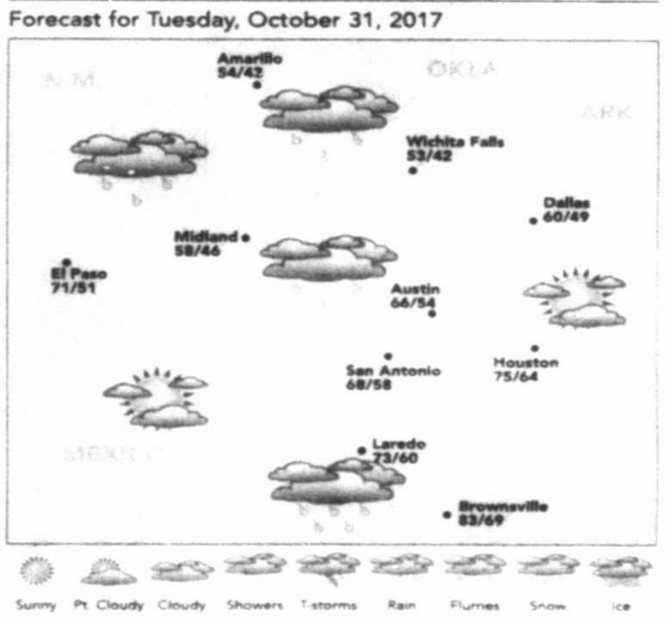
Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.90 in.
Year total	16.90 in.
Normal total (year to date)	13.27 in.

Winds
Average speed: 12.3 mph
Highest speed: 27 mph
Highest gust speed: 35 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Tuesday, October 31, 2017



High: 58
Low: 46
Conditions: Showers during the day/clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: 50 percent during the day
Sunrise ..... 8:05 a.m.
Sunset ..... 7:00 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2017:**

This year you increase the possibilities in your life. You seem capable of working through nearly any situation and landing on your feet. You also quickly can understand where others are coming from. You are entering a very lucky birthday year. If you are single, you might meet someone unexpectedly who could be Mr. or Ms. Right. You will know immediately that this person is different. Do not settle. If you are attached, you might be so upbeat this year that your partner could feel a little left out. Share more of yourself with your sweetie. PISCES understands you almost a little too well!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Follow your instincts with a higher-up, and you'll be content with the results. Be willing to make an adjustment. Allow others to speak their mind. You could hear some remarkable suggestions. Know that you don't need to say anything more. **Tonight:** Deep in thought.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ A friendship could play a significant role in what goes on. Someone has much to share, which clearly comes from this person's unique perspective. Once a partner starts revealing what is on his or her mind, you won't be able to stop him or her. **Tonight:** Hand out Halloween treats.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might not be sure where someone else is coming from. You'll need to revise certain ideas and financial decisions. Open up talks, but don't be upset if the other party backs off for a while. Note an element of confusion around this matter. **Tonight:** A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Reach out to an expert. You might not think that you need feedback, but you will gain from the discussion. You need to be aware of your limits, as you could be more tired than you realize. Re-evaluate a partner's ideas and consider testing one out. **Tonight:** Let your mind drift.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating determines the success of proceeding as you have. You will get the feedback you need and desire. You might want to change your schedule accordingly. As a result, you'll gain clarity and direction. Communicate what is on your mind. **Tonight:** Be responsive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Others seek you out. Your popularity soars and allows you to share more of your thoughts, especially the imaginative ones. Know that you can't avoid a domestic issue; in fact, the longer you put it on hold, the longer it will take to resolve. **Tonight:** Defer to a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your imagination often can affect your daily life and broaden your horizons. Conversations could be unusually insightful right now. You might opt to head in a new direction as a result. Try your best to avoid overthinking a statement. **Tonight:** Time for some relaxation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Reach out for new ideas, and weigh the pros and cons of each one. You might want to find an expert to discuss a key matter. Your ability to communicate grows as you stretch to understand a different mindset from your own. **Tonight:** Be a little naughty and nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Reach out to a family member who could feel left out. You understand where this person is coming from, yet you don't seem to have enough time to visit with everyone you want to. Communication flows. Try to control your feelings for now. **Tonight:** Happily head home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You beam in whatever you want. Understand that you need to follow your instincts closely, or else you could feel left out. News comes forward from a friend that might surprise you. Do not overthink a personal matter; let the chips fall where they may. **Tonight:** All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Be sensitive to your self-imposed limits; you'll be a lot happier if you stick to them. A certain amount of confusion swirls around you, which seems to imply that any decisions made right now might not be as solid as you'd like them to be. **Tonight:** Stay within your budget.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Go for more of what you want. Do whatever is necessary to get past an issue or problem. A conversation enlightens you as to what someone else expects from you. You might want to let this person know whether you can meet his or her expectations. **Tonight:** A must appearance.

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ST. LUKE'S PUMPKIN PATCH

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Six-month-old Yelani Martinez poses in the pumpkin patch at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, on Saturday.

A family picks out pumpkins in the pumpkin patch.

Zrayden Grant, age 5, and Reese Grant, age 4, look through the pumpkin patch.

Halloween, fall celebrations planned for tonight (from 1A)

■ Hallelujah Night Trunk or Treat with inflatables, food trucks, candy and more. 6-8 p.m. at Calvary Assembly of God, 908 Johnston St.

■ Trunk or Treat with face painting, jumpers and more. 7-9 p.m. at Against the Grain Barbers and Stylists, 410 N. Lamesa Road.

Grown-up parties

■ Halloween Karaoke Fun with DJ Trixie. 7 p.m. at Hot Shots, 615 W. Wall St.

■ Part Bats: Halloween at The Bar costume party. 8 p.m. at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

■ Halloween 2017 features drink specials and costume contest. 8 p.m. at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. rockinrodeomidland.com.

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■ Halloween Storytime and Craft. 10 a.m. at Ector County Library, 321 W. 5th St., Odessa.

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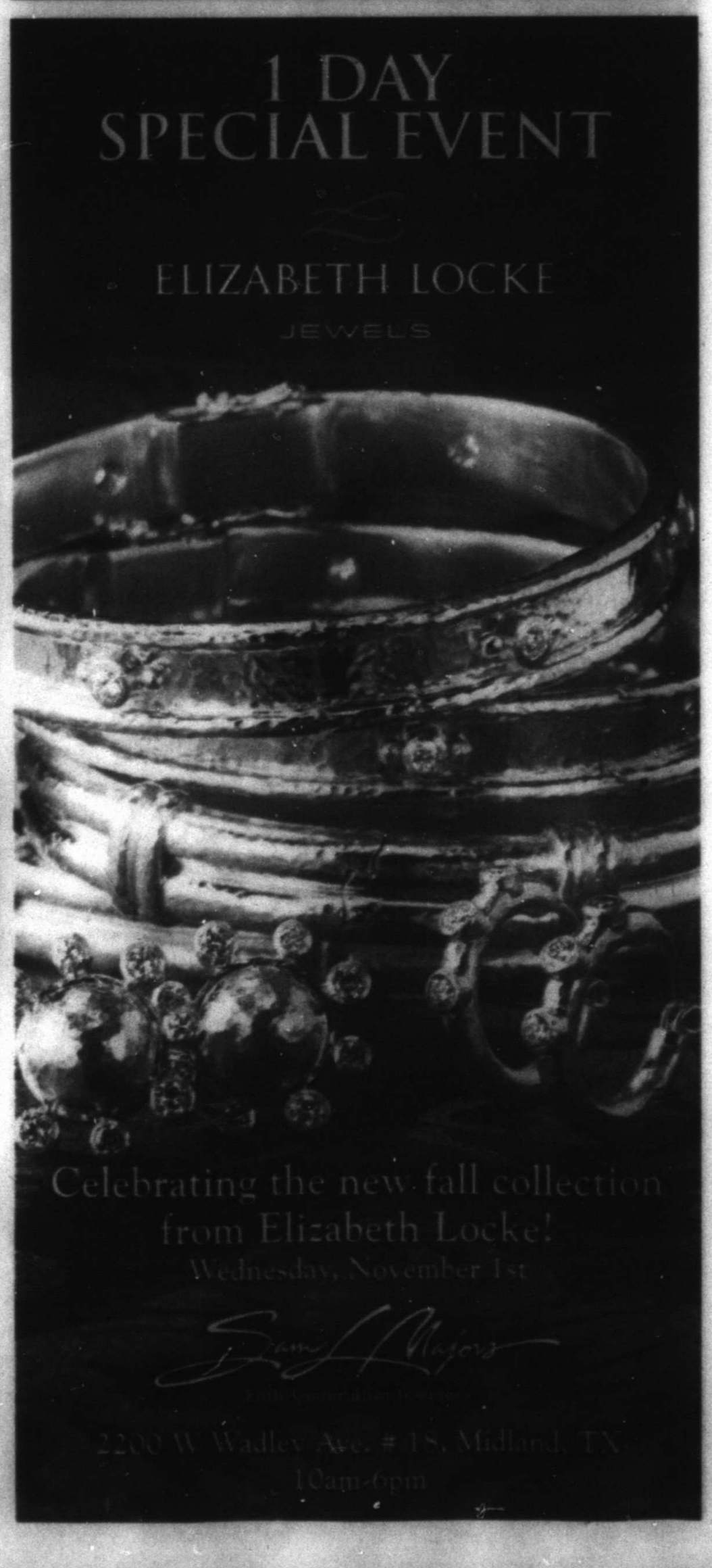

'House of Cards' cancelled as fallout continues for Spacey

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The fallout from Kevin Spacey's response to being accused of alleged sexual assault continued Monday, with the two-time Oscar winner being harshly criticized on social media, the plug pulled on his hit show "House of Cards" and "deeply troubled" producers of the political thriller arriving on set to comfort cast mates.

Spacey

Executives from Netflix and the show's producer, Media Rights Capital, said they arrived in Baltimore, where the show is shot, Monday afternoon to make sure actors and crew "continue to feel safe and supported." Spacey was not scheduled to be on set Monday.

Though the decision to end the series was announced Monday, the decision to pull the plug on the series was made several months ago, according to a person with knowledge of the situation who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the decision.

Spacey is the latest Hollywood man to be named in widening allegations of sexual harassment and abuse in entertainment, media and other industries. The avalanche of allegations began earlier this month after the New York Times published a story alleging that producer Harvey Weinstein had sexually harassed numerous women.

On Monday, NBC fired political journalist Mark Halperin after multiple allegations of sexual harassment, and The New Republic said it had launched an investigation after publisher and president Hamilton Fish was accused of harassing women.

In an interview published by BuzzFeed News on Sunday, actor Anthony Rapp alleged that he was attending a party at Spacey's apartment in 1986 when an inebriated, 26-year-old Spacey picked him up, placed him on his bed, and climbed on top of him. Rapp, then 14, was able to get away without any physical harm.

Spacey responded on Twitter by saying he doesn't remember the alleged encounter but if he acted the way Rapp alleges, "I owe him the sincerest apology for what would have been deeply inappropriate drunken behavior."

Spacey then said Rapp's story "encouraged" him to address long-simmering rumors about his sexuality. He wrote that he's had romantic relationships with both men and women in the past but is now living "as a gay man" and wanted to be honest so he could examine "my own behavior." Requests for comment went unanswered Monday.

The two-paragraph statement — an apology in the first for a 31-year-old alleged assault and a self-outing in the second — struck many as an odd time for Spacey to address his sexuality or even an attempt to deflect blame.

Worse, he seemed to make a connection between being gay and sexual abuse of minors.

"Kevin Spacey really tried to throw the entire LGBT community under a bus and call it solidarity in an effort to mask his personal failings," wrote civil rights activist DeRay Mckesson on Twitter. Actor Zachary Quinto called Spacey's outing "a calculated manipulation to deflect attention from the very serious accusations."

Sarah Kate Ellis, president and CEO of the gay rights group GLAAD said in a statement that the story was really about unwanted sexual advances on Rapp not Spacey's sexuality. "Coming out stories should not be used to deflect from allegations of sexual assault," she said.

Rapp cited the dozens of Weinstein accusers as the reason he recounted his encounter with Spacey.

"I came forward with my story, standing on the shoulders of the many courageous women and men who have been speaking out to shine a light and hopefully make a difference, as they have done for me," he wrote on Twitter. Rapp, who starred on Broadway in "Rent," currently stars in "Star Trek: Discovery."

Many Hollywood figures came to Rapp's side, including fellow "Discovery" co-star Wilson Cruz and Rose McGowan, one of the leading voices against sexual harassment in Hollywood, who said of Spacey: "It's your turn to cry."

Two comedians offered withering criticism: "You do not get to 'choose' to hide under the rainbow!" Wanda Sykes, outspoken member of the LGBT community, wrote on Twitter. Billy Eichner also blasted the move: "Kevin Spacey has just invented something that has never existed before: a bad time to come out."

Former "House of Cards" showrunner Beau Willimon, who also serves as the president of the Writers Guild of America, East, called Rapp's story "deeply troubling."

In a statement, Willmon said: "During the time I worked with Kevin Spacey on 'House of Cards,' I neither witnessed nor was aware of any inappropriate behavior on set or off. That said, I take reports of such behavior seriously and this is no exception. I feel for Mr. Rapp, and I support his courage."

NBC fires Mark Halperin after several sexual harassment accusations

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBC News said Monday it has terminated its contract with Mark Halperin, the political journalist who was accused of sexual harassment by several women when he worked at ABC News more than a decade ago.

Since the charges came to light last week, publisher Penguin Press canceled a planned book by Halperin and John Heilemann about the 2016 election and HBO pulled the plug on a miniseries that would have been based on the book. Showtime also said Halperin would not be brought back with co-hosts Heilemann and Mark McKinnon should the political series "The Circus" be renewed.

At NBC News, Halperin was a contributor who was most visible as a regular panelist on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." The network initially suspended him last week.

Halperin has apologized for his behavior and said he sought counseling. He said he acknowledges and apologizes for conduct that was often aggressive and crude.

"No one had filed a human resources complaint against me, no colleague had confronted me," he said on Twitter. "But I didn't need a call from HR to know that I was a selfish, immature person, who was behaving in a manner that had to stop."

Journalist Eleanor McManus was interviewed by NBC's Megyn Kelly on Monday, describing how Halperin tried to kiss her and more in his office in the late 1990s, when she was a college student and had been invited by him to give career advice. She said she quickly left the office and didn't report the incident, and that the stories that emerged about Halperin last week made her angry.

"I'm angry because I was silent, and because I was silent this happened to other people," she said.

She said Halperin's behavior was "an open secret," and she's upset that some women did not pursue journalism as a career because of what happened to them.

Halperin said on Twitter that some of the allegations made against him were not true, although he did not specify which ones. "But I realize that's a small point in the scheme of things," he said.

Freddie Gray case: Disciplinary board hears officer's case

By Brian Witte
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — A Baltimore police officer who was acquitted of criminal charges in the death of a suspect while in custody is now fighting an administrative procedure that could cost him his job.

Officer Caesar Goodson is facing a police disciplinary board hearing over the death of Freddie Gray, who sustained fatal spinal cord injuries while being transported in a police van in April 2015. Goodson was the driver of the van.

Attorney Neil Duke, who is representing the Baltimore Police Department, said Goodson failed in his duty by not fastening the 25-year-old Gray in his seatbelt after he was arrested. Duke also said Goodson failed to interact with Gray and did not take him to a hospital, as Gray had requested.

The case, Duke said, boils down to whether Goodson followed police policies.

"The evidence will show that he did not," Duke told a three-member disciplinary board in opening statements on the first day of hearings Monday.

Sean Malone, an attorney representing Goodson, said the department is to blame for failing to properly spread word of a recent rule change that required prisoners to be secured with a seatbelt while being transported. He also said Goodson was working in one of the most violent parts of a violent city, and a crowd had gathered as officers put Gray in the van.

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OPINION

Free college helps the rich more than the poor

NOAH SMITH
Bloomberg

Free college sounds like a great idea, when you first hear the words. That might be why Bernie Sanders was able to whip up so much enthusiasm around the idea in his 2016 presidential bid, and is still campaigning for it. For anyone who has had to pay sky-high tuition at a big-name university, or dealt with the crushing weight of student loans, those two magical words must seem like a rope being thrown down from heaven.

But the dream of free college is a mirage. While much needs to be done to fix the U.S.'s overpriced university system and deliver the bounties of higher education to more people, plans like Sanders' — which would eliminate tuition at all public universities — are not the way to do it.

One problem, which many others have pointed out, is that free college would disproportionately benefit the wealthy and upper-middle class. An analysis by researcher Matthew Chingos for the Brookings Institution found that students from higher-income families tend to go to schools where tuition is higher, whereas students from more disadvantaged backgrounds tend to go to cheaper in-state schools and community colleges.

Of course, this might change if all public colleges were free, since high tuition is one of the reasons why so many kids from lower-income households don't go to expensive schools. But there are reasons to think it wouldn't. Prestigious colleges that spend a lot on renowned professors, fancy dormitories and the like would still have an incentive to admit lots of kids from rich families, because these kids are more likely to get rich themselves, and therefore to make large alumni donations. Tuition, after all, accounts for only about one-fifth of public university revenue. Also, rich kids tend to have better grades and test scores, so prestigious public universities will admit more of them in order to maintain their status.

So free college would yield a lot of benefits for the rich, while failing to pay the non-tuition costs — such as room and board, textbooks and meals — that are a big burden for poorer students.

Another problem with free college is that it would probably worsen the quality of universities. If the government paid for all tuition, it would have to cap the price, to avoid having government expenditures spiral out of control. Some of the price cap could be accomplished by cutting the number and the salaries of administrators. But some would undoubtedly come at the expense of hiring good professors, who can command high salaries in the private sector. And some would come from limiting spending on dormitories and other student facilities, as well as the world-class scientific research that makes U.S. universities the best in the world.

That drop in quality would reduce the benefits that accrue to poor and working-class kids from attending formerly elite public universities. Top professors would leave public schools for better pay at private ones (or for the private sector), and top students would follow. The public university system would become more like the U.S. K-12 public school system — free and universal, but not a very powerful a tool for equalizing opportunity. Ultimately, lower-income kids might not even find it worth their while to go to these colleges, opting instead to enter the workforce and earning at least a modest sum of money right out of high school.

There is evidence to support this outcome. England, which used to provide tuition-free public universities, switched to a tuition system in 1998, and has raised fees several times since then. Economists Gill Wyness, Richard Murphy and Judith Scott-Clayton studied the impact of getting rid of free college. What they found might prove a shock to Sanders supporters:

"The analysis shows that since the move from a free higher education system to a high-fee, high-aid system, university enrolment has increased substantially, with students from the poorest backgrounds experiencing the fastest increases in participation. Moreover, university funding per head has recovered dramatically since the introduction of fees."

England's experience shows that there is a much better way to provide low-income students with the opportunity to get a cheap high-quality education. Instead of making college free for all, England focused on providing help to disadvantaged students.

One way it did this was through means-tested grants — a system of need-based financial aid similar to that used by elite private universities like Stanford and Harvard in the U.S. The second policy was income-contingent loans — debt that students would only have to pay back if they succeeded in their careers.

In other words, instead of having the government subsidize the rich — as Sanders's plan would do — England had both rich kids and government subsidize poor kids. And it worked.

The U.S. should copy England's example. It should also build more public schools, to expand the number of kids equipped to get high-quality secondary education. Free college might make a good campaign slogan, but there are much better policies out there.

GUEST VIEW

Congress should know prudent tax reform is not just a matter of 'cuts'

Bloomberg

Congress adopted a budget last week, paving the way for the introduction of a tax bill, and the White House responded (as it is wont to do) with a tweet. "Budget passes house," it read. "Momentum for tax cuts growing. #TaxCuts #TaxReform."

Sadly, this message betrays a confusion that does not bode well for the prospects for smart tax reform. Tax cuts and tax reform aren't the same thing. Tax reform is vital to strengthen the economy. Cuts without reform — meaning higher government borrowing and a shakier fiscal position — will weaken it.

The budget resolution envisions a tax plan that will cost the Treasury $1.5 trillion in forgone revenue over the next 10 years. If that were accurate, it would be $1.5 trillion too much, because U.S. public debt is already on a rising trajectory. But the revenue shortfall under the proposed "framework" would probably be bigger than that. (One can't say for sure, because the plan is still full of holes.)

It's true that well-designed tax reform can raise economic growth, offsetting some of the so-called static loss of revenue. It's not true that growth can make tax cuts entirely self-financing. With the economy at full employment, there's no scope for the kind of growth miracle that the administration predicts.

The basic approach should be to broaden the tax base, lower the rates and avoid distorting economic choices in unintended ways. The current code is so encrusted with pointless complexity that, consistently pursued in a fiscally responsible way, a simpler system could bring improvements in growth, wages and living standards — but wise reformers wouldn't take that for granted.

Reform should also aim to make the system as fair as possible. This means adjusting the burden among different groups of taxpayers — always remembering that one person's tax cut is someone else's tax increase. Who gains and who loses is a crucial question for any tax-reform plan.

These principles shouldn't be controversial — and if they were embraced, they could open the way to compromise in Washington. President Donald Trump and the Republican majorities in Congress could prioritize simplification, together with easing taxes on profits and investment — measures likely to yield a long-term growth benefit. At the same time, they could meet Democrats' demand for fairness by closing loopholes exploited by the rich and by raising the tax rate applied to the highest personal incomes.

As this quarrel grinds on, it's helpful to remember three things. First, tax reform is about the promise of long-term growth for the economy as much as the immediate consequences for any particular tax bracket. Second, any reform plan should be judged as a whole, not praised or denounced item by item. And most important, the goal here — and accompanying hashtag emphasis — should be tax reform, not tax cuts.

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Magazine alumni in cone of ignorance

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I was amazed by the #MeToo outpouring by women who have been sexually harassed or assaulted. So many women I know have been victims, and yet, I marveled, I had spent my career in charmed workplaces where such things didn't happen.

But this week I learned that, earlier in my career, I worked in a place that was the very definition of a hostile work environment — a place that is now one of the most visible examples of the Harvey Weinstein fallout. Worse, one of my dearest friends was a victim — indeed, the one who first went public.

Michelle Cottle and I worked together at the New Republic in the late 1990s, as did Leon Wieseltier, the magazine's brilliant literary editor who Friday was fired by The Atlantic after apologizing for past "offenses" against female colleagues. Cottle published a brave and devastating account in The Atlantic on Friday quoting, on the record, many women Wieseltier had harassed.

Cottle wrote of the couple of occasions in which "he hit me with an abrupt, decidedly non-platonic kiss" with "a hint of tongue."

She quoted Vox's Sarah Wildman, with whom I also worked at TNR, saying: "Leon cornered me by the bathroom and kissed me. I clapped my hand over my mouth and he said, 'I've always known you'd do that.'"

Cottle reports about many women being touched and kissed by Wieseltier. And then there was the blackmail: that if Cottle divulged something he had told her, he would (falsely) "tell people we're f----ing."

How could I possibly have missed all of this?

Cottle, when we spoke Friday, was generous in offering absolution. She didn't tell me about it. She didn't file a complaint. Even she didn't know until recently how pervasive the behavior was.

That's awfully charitable of her, but undeserved. No, I didn't know Wieseltier was doing these things to my friend and other women (and, in fairness to Wieseltier, he is accused of nothing like what Roger Ailes and Harvey Weinstein are). But we all knew that Wieseltier was a flirt and a bit of a playboy and that he had a strong if vague reputation for being lecherous. Like many, I figured he was a harmless scamp.

But here's what I did know:

I knew that Wieseltier could be a bully. At editorial meetings, he would harshly cut down those he didn't like. I was advised before I took the job that if I wanted to get ahead at TNR, I needed to be on his good side. He would protect those he held in favor and sink those he didn't. I was one of those he protected. I think he liked me. I liked, and greatly admired, him.

I also knew the magazine was a boys' club and most top editors were men. The real power was Wieseltier, by virtue of his close relationship with the absentee owner; no editor could remain in place without his blessing.

Did that mean we should have known what he was doing? Not necessarily. But there were clues — not just the occasional lewd comment but mean and bullying behavior in editorial meetings.

I didn't get it at the time, but sexual harassment and sexual predation are, at core, about the abuse of power. Not all bullies are sexual predators or sexual harassers. But most sexual harassers and predators are bullies.

I met Mark Halperin around the time I met Wieseltier. Halperin, too, had a reputation for mistreating women. Until now, I hadn't heard specifics. But I could see with my own eyes that he was a bully who, lacking Wieseltier's charm, enjoyed power plays over colleagues and other journalists. Our president, likewise, routinely attempts to humiliate aides and opponents alike; is it any wonder that he has also boasted of assaulting women?

I and many other male alumni of TNR, feminists all, are shaken by what we've learned this week. We weren't a conspiracy of silence, but we were in a cone of ignorance. My friend Franklin Foer, a former editor, recalls being uncomfortable with Wieseltier's lewd comments when he first arrived at the magazine. But "they just seemed accepted. I said nothing — and didn't think hard enough about how those remarks would be suggestive of private behavior or created a hostile environment."

Maybe this is because Foer and I were both members in good standing of the same boys' club. "One of the byproducts of benefiting from male privilege is that it blinds you to the costs of the system," Foer continues. "I abstractly understood this and even tried to combat it. But the toll wasn't evident to me until now."

Me too.

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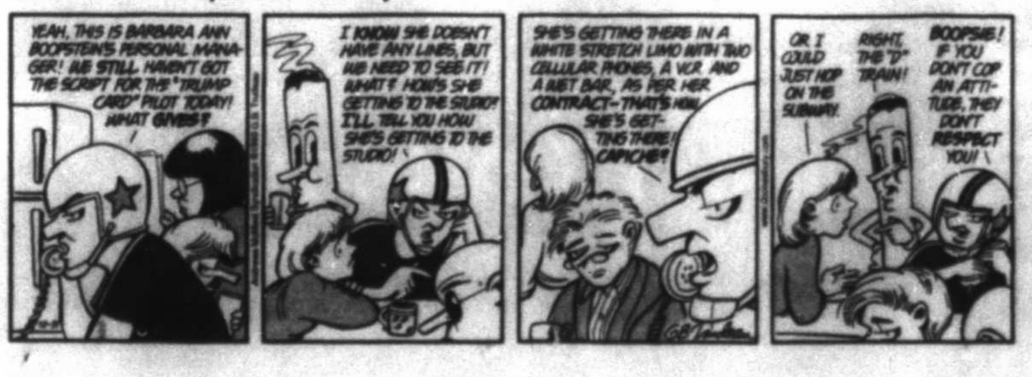

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

First guilty plea, indictment of Trump aides in Russia probe

By Chad Day and Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On a black Monday for Donald Trump's White House, the special counsel investigating possible coordination between the Kremlin and the Trump presidential campaign announced the first charges, indicting Trump's former campaign chairman and revealing how an adviser lied to the FBI about meetings with Russian intermediaries.

The formal charges against a total of three people are the first public demonstration that special counsel Robert Mueller and his team believe they have identified criminal conduct. And they send a warning that individuals in the Trump orbit who do not cooperate with Mueller's investigators, or who are believed to mislead them during questioning, could also wind up charged and facing years in prison.

Paul Manafort, who steered Trump's campaign for much of last year, and business associate Rick Gates ended the day under house arrest on charges that they funneled payments through foreign companies and bank accounts as part of their private political work in Ukraine.

George Papadopoulos, also a former campaign adviser, faced further questioning and then sentencing in the first — and so far only — criminal case that links the Trump election effort to the Kremlin.

Manafort and Gates, who pleaded not guilty in federal court, are not charged with any wrongdoing as part of the Trump campaign, and the president immediately sought to distance himself from the allegations. He said on Twitter that the alleged crimes occurred "years ago," and he insisted anew there was "NO COLLUSION" between his campaign and Russia.

But potentially more perilous for the president was the guilty plea by former adviser Papadopoulos, who admitted in newly unsealed court papers that he was told in April 2016 that the Russians had "dirt" on Democratic rival Hillary Clinton in the form of "thousands of emails," well before it became public that the Democratic National Committee and Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta's emails had been hacked.

Papadopoulos was not charged with having improper communications with Russians but rather with lying to FBI agents when asked about the contacts, suggesting that Mueller — who was appointed in May to lead the Justice Department's investigation — is prepared to indict for false statements even if the underlying conduct he uncovers might not necessarily be criminal.

The developments, including the unexpected unsealing of a guilty plea, usher Mueller's investigation into a new, more serious phase. And the revelations in the guilty plea about an adviser's Russian contacts could complicate the president's assertions that his campaign never coordinated with the Russian government to tip the 2016 presidential election in his favor, the central issue behind Mueller's mandate.

Mueller's investigation has already shadowed the administration for months, with investigators reaching into the White House to demand access to documents and interviews with key current and former officials.

The Papadopoulos plea occurred Oct. 5 but was not unsealed until Monday, creating further woes for an administration that had prepared over the weekend to deflect the Manafort allegations. In court papers, Papadopoulos admitted lying to FBI agents about the nature of his interactions with "foreign nationals" who he thought had close connections to senior Russian government officials.

The court filings don't provide details on the emails or whom Papadopoulos may have told about the Russian government effort.

Papadopoulos has been cooperating with investigators, according to the court papers. His lawyers hinted strongly in a statement Monday that their client has more testimony to provide.

There, too, the White House scrambled to contain the potential fallout, with press secretary Sarah Sanders contending that Papadopoulos' role in the campaign was "extremely limited." She said "any actions that he took would have been on his own."

The criminal case against Manafort, who surrendered to the FBI in the morning, had long been expected.

The indictment naming Manafort and Gates, who also had a role in the campaign, lays out 12 counts, including conspiracy against the United States, conspiracy to launder money, acting as an unregistered foreign agent, making false statements and several charges related to failing to report foreign bank and financial accounts. The indictment alleges the men moved money through hidden bank accounts in Cyprus, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Seychelles.

In total, more than $75 million flowed through the offshore accounts, according to the indictment. Manafort is accused of laundering more than $18 million.

Outside the courthouse, Manafort attorney Kevin Downing attacked the charges and said "there is no evidence that Mr. Manafort or the Trump campaign colluded with the Russian government."

Manafort's indictment doesn't reference the Trump campaign or make any allegations about coordination between Russia and campaign aides. But it does allege a criminal conspiracy was continuing through February of this year, after Trump had taken office.

Manafort, 68, was fired as Trump's campaign chairman in August 2016 after word surfaced that he had orchestrated a covert lobbying operation on behalf of pro-Russian interests in Ukraine. The indictment against Manafort and Gates says the pair had managed a covert Washington lobbying operation on behalf of Ukraine's ruling political party.

Gates personally directed the work of two prominent Washington lobbying firms, Mercury LLC and the Podesta Group. The indictment doesn't refer to the companies by name, but the fallout at one was swift.

Prominent Washington lobbyist Tony Podesta, a Democrat and brother to John, resigned Monday, seeking to avoid further enmeshing his firm in the controversy, according to a person familiar with the decision who spoke anonymously to preserve relationships with former colleagues.

Specifically, the indictment accuses Manafort of using "his hidden overseas wealth to enjoy a lavish lifestyle in the United States, without paying taxes on that income." That included using offshore accounts to purchase multimillion-dollar properties in the U.S., some of which the government is trying to seize. The indictment also cites more than $900,000 in payments to an antique rug store, about $850,000 to a New York men's clothing store and the purchase of a Mercedes Benz and multiple Range Rovers.

Manafort also had registered with the Justice Department as a foreign agent for parts of Ukrainian work that occurred in Washington. The filing under the Foreign Agents Registration Act came retroactively, a tacit acknowledgment that he operated in Washington in violation of the federal transparency law. The indictment Monday accuses Manafort and Gates of making several false and misleading statements in that FARA filing.

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Paul Manafort, left, leaves Federal District Court in Washington on Monday. Manafort, President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, and Manafort's business associate Rick Gates pleaded not guilty to felony charges of conspiracy against the United States and other counts.

Russia probe: Conspiracy, lies and offshore accounts

WASHINGTON — Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election meddling ramped up Monday, with charges against President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman and one of his associates. Separately, former Trump campaign adviser George Papadopoulos is pleading guilty to lying to the FBI about his contacts with Russians.

A look at what we know now:

WHO WAS INDICTED?

Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and former Manafort business associate Rick Gates were indicted on felony charges and pleaded not guilty. Manafort was fired from the Trump campaign in August 2016 after word surfaced that he had orchestrated a covert lobbying operation on behalf of pro-Russian interests in Ukraine. Gates was a longtime associate of Manafort's and worked for the Trump campaign past Manafort's ouster. As of two weeks ago, Gates was still working for Tom Barrack, a Trump confidant, helping with the closeout of the inauguration committee's campaign account.

WHAT ARE THEY ACCUSED OF?

The separate charges against Manafort and Rick Gates contend the men acted as unregistered foreign agents for Ukrainian interests. The indictments also include several other financial counts involving tens of millions of dollars routed through offshore accounts. The indictment lays out 12 counts including conspiracy against the United States, conspiracy to launder money, acting as an unregistered foreign agent, making false statements and several charges related to failing to report foreign bank and financial accounts. The indictment alleges the man moved money through hidden bank accounts in Cyprus, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Seychelles.

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WHO IS GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS?

George Papadopoulos was a member of the campaign's foreign policy team. He is pleading guilty to lying to federal agents about his dealings with several Russians who were offering "dirt" on Trump's Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton.

Papadopoulos' plea occurred Oct. 5 and was unsealed Monday. In court papers, he admitted lying about the nature of his interactions with "foreign nationals" who he thought had close connections to senior Russian government officials.

Trump aides have said he played a limited role in the campaign and had no access to Trump.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH RUSSIAN MEDDLING?

The guilty plea by Papadopoulos marked the first criminal count that cites interactions between Trump campaign associates and Russian intermediaries during the campaign.

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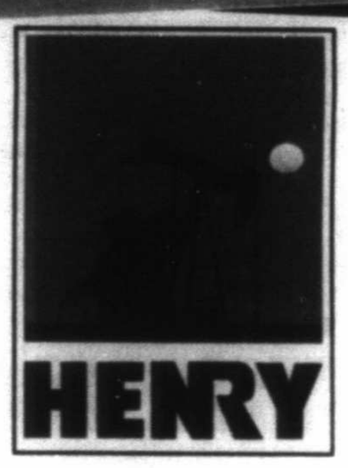

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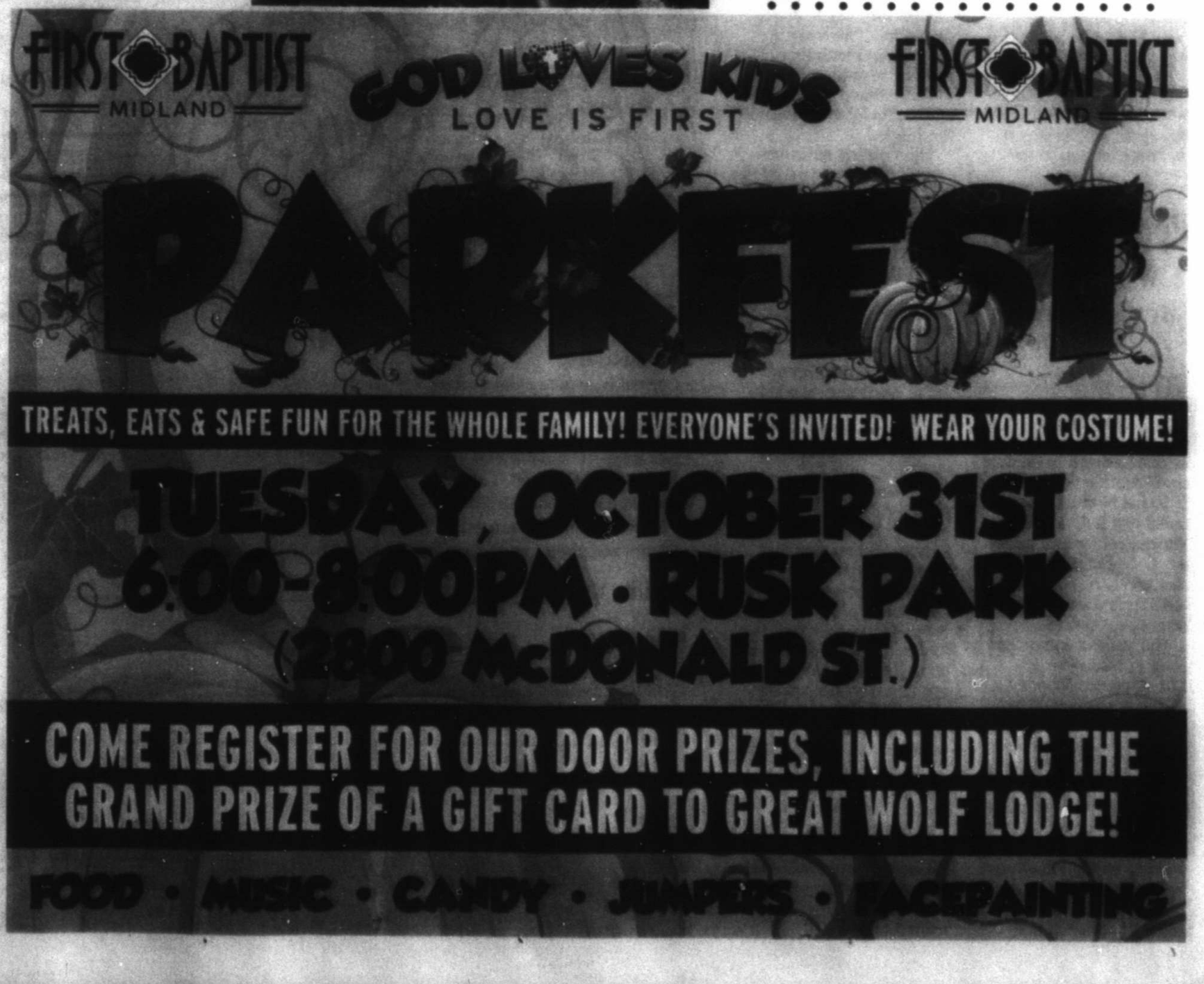

Iraqi militia commander brushes off US call to disband

By Susannah George
Associated Press

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Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, center, attends a ceremony marking Police Day in 2016 in Baghdad, Iraq. On Monday in his first extensive interview with a major western media outlet, al-Muhandis, the deputy head of the mostly Shiite forces known as the Popular Mobilization Units and a designated terrorist according to the United States department of treasury, described a "strong" and lasting role for the forces under his command in Iraq, many closely supported by Iran.

BAGHDAD — With the Islamic State group driven from nearly all of Iraq, U.S. officials have suggested that the thousands of mainly Shiite paramilitary fighters who mobilized against the Sunni extremists three years ago lay down their arms.

But Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, who once battled U.S. troops and is now the deputy head of the state-sanctioned Popular Mobilization Forces, says they are here to stay.

"The future of the (PMF) is to defend Iraq," he told The Associated Press in his first extensive interview with a Western media outlet. "The Iraqi army and Iraqi police say they cannot operate without the support of the Hashd," he added, using a shortened Arabic term for the paramilitary force.

In the years after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, al-Muhandis led the Hezbollah Brigades, a feared Shiite militia with close ties to Iran and the Lebanese militant group of the same name. His real name is Jamal Jaafar Ibrahim, but he's still better known by his nom de guerre, and his rise to the top ranks of Iraq's security apparatus reflects the long, slow decline of U.S. influence over the country.

He participated in the bombing of Western embassies in Kuwait and the attempted assassination of that country's emir in the early 1980s, for which he was convicted in absentia and added to the U.S. list of designated terrorists. But like many Shiite militants, he returned to Iraq after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. Two years later, he was even elected to parliament, before being forced to step down under American pressure.

In 2009, the State Department linked him to the elite Quds Force of Iran's Revolutionary Guard, calling him a "threat to stability" in Iraq, and as recently as last week it referred to him as a terrorist.

But in the summer of 2014, when the Islamic State group swept across northern Iraq, and the U.S.-trained and funded army collapsed, his and other Shiite militias mobilized in defense, halting the extremists on the outskirts of the capital. The mostly Iran-backed militias remained separate from the U.S.-led coalition, but over the next three years they helped Iraq's reconstituted military to drive IS out of most of the country.

Today, al-Muhandis, in his mid-60s, is among the most powerful men in Iraq, splitting his time between the front lines, Iran and his home and office in Baghdad's heavily-guarded Green Zone. He describes the PMF as a "parallel military" that will help keep the peace once IS is gone.

Al-Muhandis "demonstrates that Iran has a direct venue with which to influence Iraqi politics, and a powerful one at that," said Phillip Smyth, an expert on Shiite militias at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

"It's no secret," al-Muhandis said of his close relationship with Iran, the country where he spent decades in exile and underwent military training. He said he personally seeks spiritual and moral guidance from the country's leadership, but that the PMF only gets material support from Tehran.

Earlier this month, U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson demanded that Iran-backed militiamen in Iraq return to their homes, integrate into the Iraqi army or leave the country.

Al-Muhandis casually dismissed the appeal. "Tillerson is asleep," he said.

"Iran was the only country that supported Iraq from the beginning of the Daesh crisis," he said, referring to the IS blitz in 2014. "It's like when you're in a hospital and you need blood. The Americans would be the one who would show up with the transfusion when it was too late."

As to whether the Americans should remain in Iraq, Al-Muhandis said: "We follow the Iraqi government despite our personal opinions, and our personal opinions are well known, so I won't repeat them here."

The PMF sprang into action again earlier this month, when federal forces retook the northern city of Kirkuk and other disputed areas from Kurdish forces in response to the Kurds' vote for independence in September. The military action, which caused few casualties and was celebrated as a victory by the country's Arab majority, gave a further boost to the paramilitary forces.

"What happened in Kirkuk is a success for the Iraqi government and the Iraqi forces," Al-Muhandis said, adding that his forces had helped coordinate the Kurdish withdrawal to minimize clashes and casualties. "We want a brotherhood with the Kurds," he said, referring to their shared struggle against Saddam Hussein in the 1980s.

The fighting nevertheless displaced thousands of people, according to the United Nations and Amnesty International, which documented the looting and destruction of "hundreds" of properties near Kirkuk.

International rights groups alleged widespread violations by the militias throughout the campaign against IS and said the government had failed to hold them accountable. Al-Muhandis and other commanders say any abuses were isolated incidents, and that perpetrators have been brought to justice.

Al-Muhandis rarely speaks to reporters, but his image is pervasive on social media, where he can be seen wearing olive fatigues and surveying front-line positions from Iraq's northern border to the western Anbar province, where troops and militiamen are battling IS in the last pocket under its control. He's often standing beside Gen. Qassem Soleimani, the head of Iran's elite Quds Force, and a key adviser to the PMF. Music videos shared online praise al-Muhandis' humility and fearlessness.

He can also be seen in photos attending strategy meetings chaired by Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi. The PMF are officially an "independent military formation" under the prime minister's command.

Al-Muhandis holds a "pivotal" position in Iraq's political and security hierarchy, said Nathaniel Rabkin, managing editor of Inside Iraqi Politics, a political risk assessment newsletter.

"It's a source of concern in and outside Iraq," Rabkin said. "If you have elements of the armed forces or the security forces loyal to a particular political party you're creating a setup where it will be very difficult to have free, fair and competitive elections that don't descend into violence."

Iraq is set to hold parliamentary elections next year. When asked if his forces would participate in politics, al-Muhandis laughed, saying: "Don't mention it or you'll scare off all the politicians." He added that PMF fighters would be free to run for office, but must first leave the paramilitary organization.

Smyth, the militia researcher, doubts such rules would be enforced, noting the long history of militia commanders cycling in and out of political office.

Whether they run or not, Al-Muhandis said the PMF are "the biggest force that can influence the upcoming elections."

Pope: Humanity risks 'suicide' with nuclear confrontation

By Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis warned Monday that "humanity risks suicide" with the increased threat of nuclear confrontation between the U.S. and North Korea — a threat that will dominate a Vatican conference gathering 11 Nobel peace laureates, top U.N. and NATO officials and ambassadors from key countries.

The Vatican announced details of the Nov. 10-11 conference Monday, saying it was part of the Vatican's longstanding effort to promote a nuclear weapons-free world. Vatican spokesman Greg Burke denied that the conference, first reported by La Repubblica newspaper, represented a mediation effort by Francis.

The pope has already urged Washington and Pyongyang to step back from the brink of war and accept mediation efforts by others, telling reporters in April that "a good part of humanity" would be destroyed if tensions on the Korean peninsula escalated.

On Monday, Francis visited staff of the Vatican office organizing the conference and warned that "humanity risks suicide" with nuclear war, Flaminia Giovanelli, undersecretary in the office, told Vatican Radio. Francis is due to address the conference on its opening day. Top speakers include Beatrice Fihn, executive director of this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons; the former head of the U.N.'s nuclear agency, Mohamed ElBaradei; and the NATO deputy secretary-general, Rose Gottemoeller of the United States.

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Midlanders aren't involved enough in electoral process

■ Local elections determine the course a community will take

The amount of research done on why so few people participate in our democratic system are voluminous. The point of voting at its most basic level is that if we (the people) do or do not like something, we have the opportunity to make our voice heard. Several studies indicate a clear threat to our representative democratic government because of low voter turnout. Explanations of this include the political withdrawal of the electorate and the accession of cynicism and mistrust of government by the American voter. The topic of the apathetic voter can be explored, but the simplest explanation could be the best. Potential voters simply don't want to take the time to learn about issues that affect them, and they rationalize the decision to not be informed by not participating in an election.

National and state elections are important, but our impact is minimized by the vastness of the population and electoral systems. However, the place where our voices can be heard best is in local elections. It is hard to reconcile why we have meager participation in local elections versus state and national contests. Our local elections determine the course we follow as a community and are a direct reflection of what we value.

Looking at a sample of five elections in Midland from 2014 to 2017, it is clear that we neglect our responsibility. On May 10, 2014, there was an election for an at-large Midland City Council seat; just under 4 percent of eligible voters participated. On Nov. 3, 2015, 10 percent of the voting population showed up to vote on seven state constitutional amendments. For Midland ISD's tax ratification election on Oct. 18, 2016, nearly 9 percent of eligible voters showed up. On the most recent local election, 4B tax election on May 6, nearly 11 percent of the voting population showed up. These four elections are all eclipsed by last year's presidential election. On Nov. 8, less than a month after the TRE election, an amazing 61 percent of eligible voters contributed.

The outcomes of these elections are not the point of this introspection. What is of paramount concern is that we as a citizenry don't show up. We as a citizenry are not doing nearly enough, and we could be doing so much more for the people of this city if we are brave enough to meet the challenge of staying informed and participating. Being civically engaged means working to make a difference in the life of our community. This requires developing our values, knowledge and skills, and most importantly, the motivation, to actually make a difference.

We are all part of an interwoven community that must be more civically minded, and all who are of voting age need to seriously consider taking action the next election. No matter if you are for or against a ballot measure, your voice must be heard. Participation in elections sets an example to follow, and the adults in our community need to be a voice for our future.

Chris Hightower is director of social studies for Midland ISD.

UTPB PINK GAME

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

GUEST VIEW

'District of innovation' efforts undermine public trust

The Beaumont Enterprise

Beaumont ISD leadership might have hit the trifecta — worst local idea of the year, worst way to present it, worst way to bolster already-faint hopes for passing a bond issue. We're talking about a dubious proposal to declare BISD a "district of innovation."

No one should be misled by the nature of the change proposed by the BISD administration, which several other area school districts have adopted. The shift is less about innovation than about achieving economy by avoiding state oversight.

BISD's state-appointed managers should look thoroughly and skeptically at this possible end-around of taxpayers' participation. We all remember what happened before. The last thing managers should want to do is start looking like the dysfunctional trustees they replaced — tone-deaf to community sensibilities, inclined to do things simply because they can and disdainful of public accountability. After all the high hopes, and especially lately, this is a district that looks as if it continues to require more oversight, not less.

Many school boards like the "district of innovation" designation because it allows them to hire more non-certified teachers, have larger class sizes and disclose less about operations. That's not progress. It's the reason that modern reforms were enacted.

Then there's the underhanded way in which BISD is presenting this to taxpayers — in a completely unnecessary emergency "public hearing," at noon on Monday.

That's outrageous. Short notice for a midday hearing (the day before Halloween and in the midst of continuing Harvey fallout) virtually guarantees that few or none of those annoying taxpayers will show up to rock the boat. Then the board can claim that no one objected and claim support for plans to plow forward. Something this important should be presented to district residents in a deliberate way with plenty of time for them to study it and react.

Finally, Beaumonters have this philosophical question to consider:

Do high-handed actions like this doom any plans for another bond issue, possibly one to replace Harvey-damaged Central High School? Or was that a non-starter to begin with?

BISD administrators continue to be too cagey about district operations.

A good example — or a bad one — is the report that contrary to initial reports that only two schools needed repairs after Harvey, six buildings were damaged and three failed air-quality tests. That information was only released in response to a public information request.

Why the secrecy, both wrong and unnecessary? That sounds frighteningly like the previous regime's MO. BISD leadership should be focused on building trust and public confidence, not undermining it. Sad to say, this proposal does the opposite.

Lawmakers to continue discussion about teacher pay

By Eva-Marie Ayala
The Dallas Morning News

AUSTIN — Teacher pay is once again coming into sharp focus after lawmakers failed to pass legislation this summer that would have bumped up salaries.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has charged senators with studying teacher compensation, recruitment and retention issues during the interim leading up to the 2019 session of the Legislature.

Lawmakers took a crack at it during the last session after Gov. Greg Abbott said he wanted them to boost educators' pay by $1,000. The Senate approved a plan that would have given longevity bonuses of $600 to $1,000 based on experience but the measure didn't clear the House.

Many educator groups were skeptical of those bills anyway, saying the move to raise salaries then was aimed at distracting folks from other heated education issues, such as the debate on school vouchers.

Any new discussion on raises will have to answer one major question: Who's going to pay?

School district leaders worry that any mandated pay raise for the state's 350,000 teachers won't come with extra money from the state.

Dallas ISD Superintendent Michael Hinojosa said this summer that the district would have to scramble to find an extra $10 million to pay for such a raise if required to do so.

But as lawmakers debate teacher pay, we're likely to hear more about Dallas ISD's program called the Teacher Excellence Initiative, which can boost pay up to $5,000 for high-performing educators.

Education Commissioner Mike Morath regularly touts Dallas' system across the state. This summer Morath, a former DISD trustee, floated a proposal loosely based on the district's pay-for-performance plan.

That plan would have funneled additional dollars to schools with teachers who earn distinctions with high-poverty schools and schools in rural areas getting major increases.

Rural school district leaders say teacher pay is their top challenge because they can't find enough candidates for job openings or even keep the ones they recruit. Too often they lose new talent to districts in major urban areas such as Dallas, where districts can pay teachers $10,000 or more over rural districts.

Please see PAY/2B

UTPB assistant professor says job allows her to give back

■ Iraan native trains future mental health counselors

By Ruth Campbell
Odessa American

As an assistant professor of counseling at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Samantha Klassen said she feels she has the best of both worlds — giving back to the community and teaching people how to counsel others.

The Iraan native earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Angelo State University, her master's in counseling from Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi and her PhD from the same university.

Her job at UTPB is her first full-time faculty position.

Having grown up in West Texas, Klassen said she knows the needs associated with living in this part of the world.

"You have to kind of know what you're getting yourself into and have a perspective about the community you're coming to. That also includes its strengths, because it's not a very physically beautiful part of the world, but the people in West Texas are like the people nowhere else," Klassen said.

With a specialization in children and adolescents, Klassen began counseling full time after she graduated and loved it.

"I was doing that and I got recruited to come back for the Ph.D program. I was thinking I had a ton of fun teaching. I also love counseling, but how cool would it be to do both if I can still give back to the community in terms of providing services, and I can train other people how to do this kind of work. (It's) the best of both worlds," Klassen said.

In her position, Klassen teaches graduate-level courses to students who will become school counselors and clinical mental health counselors.

"My passion for counseling started when I was an undergrad student at Angelo State," Klassen said.

She said she took a psychology of adjustment course, thought it was the "coolest thing ever" and wanted to learn more. That led her to earning her bachelor's degree in psychology.

She said a master's degree is required to counsel people, so she looked into different programs and found Texas A&M Corpus Christi had a good one.

"I loved counseling. I still love counseling. I kind of miss it, but the teaching aspect is so rewarding, as well. It's really important for me to be able to give back to our community. … I'm just one counselor, but if I can be responsible for training even more people to do this kind of work, that's pretty powerful," Klassen said.

And it's proven true. She said the best part of the program is the passionate, caring and smart students who will one day make amazing school counselors and licensed professional counselors.

"We live not just in a physical desert. We live in a mental health desert. We have such a need for people who can do this kind of work," Klassen said.

Klassen said she thinks there are a lot of adjustment issues in this part of the country, because of the transient population.

"People come to work in the oilfield and then there's a bust, or they get transferred elsewhere. That can be really hard, not just on the people who are doing that work but on their families. That moving around all the time is hard on kids, hard on a relationship, so I think that there's a big need for it here," Klassen said.

At the same time, though, there is a certain amount of shame associated with getting help.

"And it's really unfortunate. Everyone throughout their life is going to have some kind of mental health issue," whether it's diagnosable or not, she said.

"We all go through stuff. We can all benefit from seeing somebody who can help us get back on track, but there's such a stigma attached to that. A lot of people don't get the help that they need, so I think a big part of our jobs, in addition to educating our students, is educating the community and letting them know that you're not crazy. This is OK. We all have stuff that we have to work through at some point or another in our lives," she said.

UTPB currently offers school counseling and clinical mental health counseling. She said UTPB is starting a new addictions class in the spring. The counseling program offers few online classes.

"We like to do more face-to-face than online because there's a relational component associated with counseling that you really can't get if you only have online. … We like to do both, but supporting that online education with a physical presence is important to us, as well," Klassen said. "It's hard to see how our students would be with clients if we don't get to see them in the room as students."

This semester, Klassen is teaching counseling techniques, a class in which students are counseling each other.

"They're paired up with a peer, so they get the opportunity to be a client and a counselor. They're talking about real stuff in their lives, the stress of graduate school, the stress of work, and their peer counselor is helping them work through this kind of stuff. So they're getting the opportunity to practice running a session, implementing techniques and learning how to be in the room with people," she said.

The process can be pretty nerve-racking for the students because they have to confide private things.

"But I think that experience is so valuable because that's exactly what we expect clients to do when they come to us," Klassen said.

This gives them a taste of what it will be like when they have their practicums and internships later in the program, she said.

Klassen said she chose to come to UTPB because during her first interview they asked her what she wanted out of the department, and she told them she wanted a place that feels like family because she came from such a collegial program at Texas A&M Corpus Christi.

"That's really important to me that my colleagues like each other, that we have fun, that we work stuff out. We don't just close our doors and just sit in here and write our papers, or whatever we're doing. That sense of community is really important to me. And like in every family, you're going to have people that you're not best friends with, and you'll have ones that you definitely click with. That's something that I love about where we are here at UTPB because we have all kinds. It really takes all kinds to make a department as strong as this one," Klassen said.

Counseling falls under the College of Education, but the counseling department consists of only Klassen and Maria Avalos, assistant professor and program coordinator.

"We're a very tiny program," Klassen said. "We work really closely with each other. We actually had our biggest incoming class of new students this fall. We had, I think, 20 new ones."

College of Education Dean Selina Mireles said Klassen is a tremendous addition to the clinical mental health counseling and school counseling programs.

"Her experience and research make her a good fit for the counseling students and the College of Education as a whole. With a Ph.D. in counselor education and supervision from a CACREP accredited program, she brings knowledge and experience that will help propel the UTPB counseling programs into becoming a CACREP program.

CACREP stands for Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

Avalos said Klassen hit the ground running and brings an energy and passion to the department's work of teaching and training future counselors to serve the communities in and around the Permian Basin.

"In two short months, she has earned the trust and respect of our students, which is crucial to their success and the success of the UTPB counseling programs. I know that we have some exciting times ahead!" Avalos wrote in an email.

Teachers' perceptions can become reality for students

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CHICAGO —

If it's true that perception is reality, then perceptions can be both advantageous and burdensome when applied to education.

This occurred to me as I played a "Flocabulary" video for a group of fourth-grade students who struggle with math. Ostensibly, it was about how easy it is to multiply by ones and by zeroes, but the creators went heavy on the self-esteem aspect.

"I feel smart, I feel good. ... I know my math, man, I know my facts. ... Man, it's so easy to multiply, 'cause I can multiply, son, and I can divide,'" says the hip-hop inspired song.

It plays over an animation of an African-American mathematician who is such an expert at computing that the bling hanging around his neck is a multiplication sign.

This isn't mere frivolity. Earlier this summer, a study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences demonstrated the power of positive thinking at school.

Researchers found that African-American and Hispanic students who wrote a few sentences about core values that were personally important to them — such as relationships, creativity or humor — took more challenging courses, were less likely to be placed in remediation and were more likely to enroll in college seven to nine years later.

More recently, the Society for Research in Child Development published findings from a longitudinal study showing that students' perceptions about their own capability to succeed on academic tasks in math and reading play an important role in motivating their achievements over time.

I've said it a million times, but it's worth repeating: Parents, please don't ever tell your kids that when you were in school you were "no good" at math or reading.

This information does not help students persist through the challenges of these subjects.

Instead insist that you are confident they can master whatever skill they're working hard to learn.

As powerful as it is to understand the impact of positive self-image on helping students succeed in difficult disciplines, it's important to note that teacher perceptions become realities as well — and not always to positive effect.

White teachers make up the vast majority of educators in America, but, on average, they have far lower expectations for black students than they do for similarly situated white students, according to a new article in the journal Education Next. Researchers from American University and Johns Hopkins University calculated that having a teacher who is 20 percentage points more confident that a student will complete college increases a student's chances of doing so by 3 percentage points.

A few more dismal numbers: Teachers expect 58 percent of white high school students — but just 37 percent of black high school students — to obtain at least a four-year college degree.

And when evaluating the same black student, white teachers were 9 percentage points less likely than their black colleagues to expect that student to earn a college degree.

This bias was more flagrant for black male students than for black female students.

There are no easy answers for how to quickly and easily change mindsets (though a great place to start is Stanford University psychologist Carol Dweck's education-world-shaking book "Mindset: The New Psychology of Success").

And the research on unconscious bias — social stereotypes about certain groups of people that individuals hold even though they're not consciously aware of them — is still in its infancy.

This makes it difficult to say how exactly we can change the codes that help our brains process the world.

Until we can fully understand our own unacknowledged prejudices — and how to correct for them — we'll have to settle for greater awareness.

Ralph Waldo Emerson is often quoted as having said, "We are what we think about all day long," and this is a great opportunity for oneself. But if used thoughtlessly in regards to others, our perceptions can be a very real curse on them.

Report: College tuition increases surpass grant aid

By Danielle Douglas-Gabriel
The Washington Post

Breakneck increases in college tuition appear to be a thing of the past as annual price hikes continue to moderate. But that doesn't mean students are getting a break: Grant aid is failing to keep pace with even modest increases in tuition, so families are still having to dig deeper, according to a series of reports released (last) week.

By holding annual sticker price increases to about 3 percent for the last five years, schools have slowed the double-digit growth in tuition and fees witnessed at the height of the recession, according to a pair of studies released Wednesday by the College Board. Still, the amount of money students actually pay after taking grants, scholarships and tax credits into account, known as net price, continued to rise between the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years.

Published tuition and fees for four-year public colleges and universities this fall average $9,970 for in-state students, a 3.1 percent increase. The average local, full-time student received enough grant aid and federal tax benefits to cover 58 percent of that cost. But that's just tuition and fees. Net price for those students climbs to an average $14,940 when room and board are added. And even though grant aid and federal education tax credits are more than enough to cover the average tuition and fees at community colleges, full-time students still have an average $8,070 in living expenses to worry about.

"It's true that some people can live at home and live off their parents, but a lot of students are independent and have to pay for their own housing and food," said Jennifer Ma, policy research scientist at the College Board and co-author of the two reports on tuition and financial aid. "If they are going to school full time, they often can't work full time."

At private nonprofit colleges, tuition and fees after aid was $14,530 this fall, up from $13,890 the prior year. Including room and board, the net price rose from $25,490 to $26,740 for full-time students. Still, the average net tuition and fees at private nonprofit universities is lower this fall than it was in the 2007-2008 academic years because the increase in grant aid and tax benefits was larger than the rise in published prices.

Private universities have been setting their sticker prices artificially high and then offering deep discounts to attract students. A recent report from the National Association of College and University Business Officers found that for every dollar in gross tuition revenue private colleges received from first-time full-time students in the 2016-2017 academic year, schools used nearly half for grant-based financial aid.

With public colleges and universities educating the vast majority of students, state contributions to higher education play a critical role in college affordability. State-funded student financial aid, however, has inched up only slightly in recent years. An annual survey from the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs released Monday shows states awarded about $12.5 billion in financial aid in the 2015-2016 academic year, an increase of less than 1 percent from the prior year. About two-thirds of the money states awarded in 2015-16 was based on financial need.

Enrollment and population trends are key factors in the levels of state aid being dispensed, said Frank Ballmann, director of the association's Washington office. College enrollment has trailed off since reaching peaks before and during the recession. The stronger the economy, the less pressure people feel to earn a degree. What's more, a number of states in the Northeast and Midwest have below-average or weak population growth that has slowed the pipeline of college students. With fewer students enrolling, state legislatures are less inclined to dole out more aid.

"The number of high school seniors is declining in some states by as much as 5 percent. That makes it harder to award any kind of aid," Ballmann said. "And to the extent that the economy is improving, that makes people a little less likely to qualify for need-based aid."

Median family income has increased at an average rate of 0.3 percent between 2007 and 2016, but tuition has risen much faster than family income, Ma said. Even if grants and scholarships eliminate tuition expenses, paying hundreds of dollars for books, fees and transportation can be taxing for low-income families. Still, fewer families are taking out loans to pay for college. Annual education borrowing declined for the sixth consecutive year in part because enrollment is waning, while grant aid continues to climb, albeit slowly.

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But during the special session this summer, rural districts did get a victory: Lawmakers approved an additional $41 million to begin phasing out a "penalty" in the complex funding formulas that gave small districts of fewer than 300 square miles in area less aid than others that have fewer than 1,600 students enrolled.

Rural superintendents said fixing that formula alone could allow them to be more competitive in teacher pay. It's estimated that eliminating the 300-square-mile rule would mean funneling about $200 million more to the 473 affected districts.

Other items on Patrick's interim charge to lawmakers concerning education include more examination to clean up teacher misconduct, exploring how to make transferring college credits between schools easier and looking at ways to boost virtual education options.

During the regular session this past spring, lawmakers considered bills that would have significantly expanded virtual charter schools. Such online providers have had rocky results across the nation.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Middle (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Black-ish (N)	The Mayor (N)	Saves-World "Brutal Acts of Kindness" (N)	Local 2 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Trapped" (N)		Bull "The Exception to the Rule" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Acceptable Loss" (N)	CBS 7 News (N)	(35) The Late Show		(35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball World Series Houston Astros at Los Angeles Dodgers. Game 6 Site: Dodger Stadium -- Los Angeles, Calif. (If necessary) (L)					Fox 24 News (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Our Messiah	Housecall	Update News	Walls of Jerusalem	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest	Creation Magazine	Mission: M25	Restore Zion	HaYesod
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	The Voice "Best of the Season" (N)		This Is Us "The 20's" (N)		Law & Order (N)	NewsW-est 9 (N)	(35) The Tonight Show		(35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Roots "Immigrant Nation" (N)		The Vietnam War "Things Fall Apart (January 1968-July 1968)"			The Draft	Our Veterans	Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	The X-Files		The X-Files		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game / Game
FLIX		340	575			165	(5:35) Open Water		★★ Primal Fear ('96, Susp) Richard Gere.				(:15) ★★★ The Boondock Saints			(:05) Tika Hunti...	
HBO		300	550	14	14		BillMaher	News (N)	Split ('16, Hor) James McAvoy.				Curb	(:35) The Deuce		(:45) Boards	Lights Out
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HBOS		304	552	16	102		(:35) ★★ Jason Bourne Matt Damon.				John Wick: Chapter 2 Keanu Reeves.					(:05) ★★★ Wanted James McAvoy.	
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(4:55) ★★ Orphan		★★★ American Psycho				★ American Psycho 2			(:15) Kuptura ('16, Hor) Noomi Rapace.	
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(5:45) ★★★ Die Hard ('88, Act) Bruce Willis.		★★★ Role Models						(:40) The Wedding Singer		(:20) How to Be ...
PLEX				96			(5:15) Cloak & Da...		★★★ Jumanji Robin Williams.				(:45) ★★★ DragonHeart Dennis Quaid.				★★ Flyboys James Franco.
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:15) Black Sabba...		Ray Donovan		Inside the NFL		Ray Donovan		Inside the NFL	White	Movie
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) Battlefield E...		★★ 1408 John Cusack.				(:45) ★★★★ The Descent			Intruders Rory Culkin.	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	L. Remini: The Rise of David Miscavige"		Remini: Scientology		Remini: Scientology "The Ranches"		Remini: Scientology (N)		(:05) Remini (L)	(:10) Remini	(:05) Remini: Scientology
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	Movie	★★★★ Halloween Donald Pleasence.					Halloween 4: The Return of Michael...			Halloween 5: The Revenge ...	
BET		58	-		40		Lip Sync Battle		To Be Announced				Tales		To Be Announced		
BRAVO		65	76		41		BelowD. "Blindsided"		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck		Watch (N)	Below Deck	H.Wives
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		AdventureCapitalists		Shark Tank		Shark Tank
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360
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ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	Playoff "Top 25" (L)		MLS Soccer (L)					ESPN Films	"Baltimore Boys"		SportsCenter (N)
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	Baseball Tonight		NCAA Football Miami (OH) at Ohio University Site: Peden Stadium (L)						Playoff "Top 25" (N)		Baseball Tonight
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson		Hannity
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:40) ★★★ Hocus Pocus			(:50) ★★★ Hocus Pocus ('93, Com) Bette Midler.					The 700 Club		Hocus Pocus
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Spursln-sider (N)	Stars Insider (N)	Cowboys Legends	Power of Sports	NCAA Football Kansas State at Kansas Site: Memorial Stadium Lawrence -- Lawrence, Kan.						Bull Riding Championship
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(5:00) The Purge		★★ The Purge: Anarchy Frank Grillo.				Cult (N)			Cult	
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	(5:00) My Christ...		The Nine Lives of Christmas				Looks Like Christmas Anne Heche.				Family for Chris...
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		H.Hunt	House	H.Hunt	House	Fixer Upper
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		(:05) Count.	(:35) Count.	(:05) Forged In Fire		(:05) Forged In Fire
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MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow
NBCSN		38	43				Curling "Women's Division: USA vs. Japan" (N)				Curling "Men's Division: Scotland vs. USA"				Curling "Women's Division: Scotland vs. USA"		
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends / Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Ink Master: Angels		Ink Master (N)		Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo / Tattoo
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	A Nightmare on Elm Street 5: The Dre...				Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare				★★★ A Nightmare on Elm Street		
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Joker's Wild (N)	Drop the Mic	Conan		Joker's Wild	Conan
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) Poltergeist		★★★ The Old Dark House			★★★ The Haunting Julie Harris.				House on Haunted Hill	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Sin senos (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Sí Hay Par
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	7 Little Johnstons "The M Word"		Little Couple "Quack! Quack! Quack!"		Little Couple "Just the Facts, Please"		To Be Announced		The Little Couple "I Love Candy!" (N)		To Be Announced
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Major Crimes "Shockwave Part 1" 1/2		Major Crimes "Shockwave Part 2"		M.Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 1" (SF) (N)		M.Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 1"		Law & Order "Tragedy on Rye"		Law & Order "The Ring"
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens / Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	WWE Super Smackdown				Chrisley Knows (N)	Chrisley (SF) (N)	(:05) Modern	(:35) Modern	(:05) Modern / (:35) Modern
WGN		19	85				★★ Child's Play 2 (1990, Horror) Jenny Agutter, Gerrit Graham, Alex Vincent.				★★ Child's Play 3 (1991, Horror) Justin Whalin, Peter Haskell, Brad Dourif.				★★ Child's Play 2 (1990, Horror) Jenny Agutter, Gerrit Graham, Alex Vincent.		

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Runaway dad on dating site is guilty of false advertising

Dear Abby

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

DEAR ABBY: Last year I had a baby with one of my college professors. He left me 10 days before our daughter was born and has never met her. I chased him through family court, and he gives me the bare minimum in state-ordered support.

Recently, I spotted him advertising himself on a dating website as a loving man and describing how he loves his first daughter with no mention of ours (he has two other children, a girl and a boy).

How do I move past this? A part of me is angry for her, but I'm also angry for myself. I'm in therapy, but seeing him on a dating website describing himself as a good person, when in truth he's a sociopath, has reopened wounds I thought had closed months ago. — OPEN WOUNDS

DEAR OPEN WOUNDS: Thank you for writing to me, but this is a question you should be addressing with your psychotherapist. Sometimes it takes multiple doses of "medicine" to cure an ailment, but the longer you allow this man to occupy real estate in your head, the harder it will be for you to get on with your life. Call your therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I love my fiance with all my heart. We have good friends and family. The problem is, my fiance loves to talk. He talks A LOT.

I've known this since I met him, but because I don't talk much, it doesn't bother me. I like listening to his stories. However, I can see our friends getting annoyed because of his constant talking. It also happens when we are around his family — and they usually end up treating him badly for it.

Is there any way I can gently talk to him about this so he's aware that he is irritating people? I don't want to hurt him, but I also don't want him to annoy people. I'm also afraid it may affect his employment. His co-workers get that same look on their faces when he's talking that his family members do when they are annoyed with him. — ENGAGED TO A BIG TALKER

DEAR ENGAGED: Your fiance may have difficulty picking up on social cues, which is why he doesn't notice that others become annoyed as he drones on and on. You should absolutely point out to him what you have noticed, and tell him you are concerned that it may affect his employment. Then suggest he discuss his compulsive talking with a licensed mental health professional. This is not to imply there is anything "wrong" with him, but rather that he may benefit from professional help in recognizing the social cues he is missing.

A NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: Tonight is the night when wee witches and goblins will be out trick-or-treating. Please supervise them so they'll be safe. Happy Halloween, everyone! — Love, ABBY

Goren Bridge

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Martel magic

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ 8 7 4
♡ 7 6 5 2
◇ K Q
♣ A K Q 7

WEST
♠ K J 10 9 3 2
♡ 10
◇ 7 6 4 3 2
♣ 4

EAST
♠ A
♡ K 9 4 3
◇ J 10 9 8 5
♣ 9 6 5

SOUTH
♠ Q 6 5
♡ A Q J 8
◇ A
♣ J 10 8 3 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	2♣	Dbl*	Pass
4♡	Pass	6♣	All pass

*Negative, values with no clear bid

Opening lead: Ten of ♡

Today's deal is from the recent Bermuda Bowl held in Lyon, France. South was American Chip Martel. Martel, from the San Francisco area, was en route to yet another world championship. He has won six other world championships over the last 35 years.

The contract looks utterly hopeless, and it would have failed had West led his own suit, spades. The heart lead gave Martel a small chance, but it required inspired play and a lucky lie of the cards. Martel won the opening heart lead with his queen when East played low. He led a club to dummy's ace and continued with the king of clubs, West discarding a diamond.

The timing from this point onward had to be perfect. Martel led a low heart from dummy and inserted his eight when East played low. The ace of diamonds was cashed before leading a club to dummy's queen, drawing the last trump. Martel now cashed the king of diamonds, discarding a spade from his hand, and led a heart to his jack. He cashed the ace of hearts and exited with a low spade.

East won this with his singleton ace, but was forced to lead a diamond and give Martel a ruff-sluff. Martel discarded a spade from his hand while ruffing the diamond in dummy and claimed his miracle slam!

CHARACTERS COME TO LIFE

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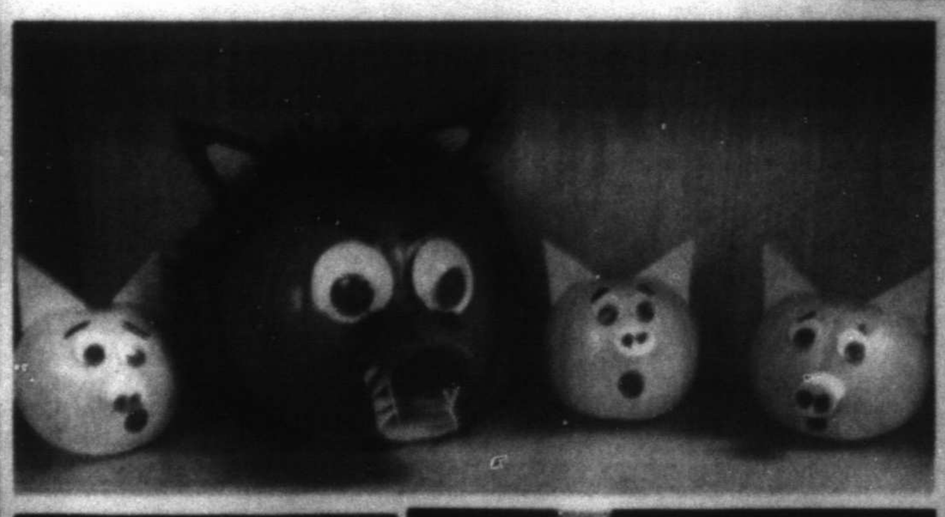

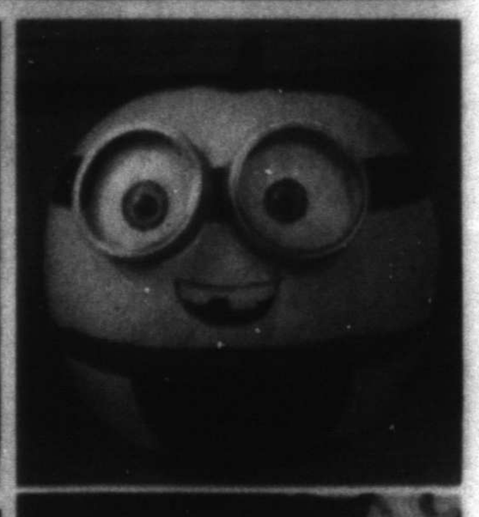

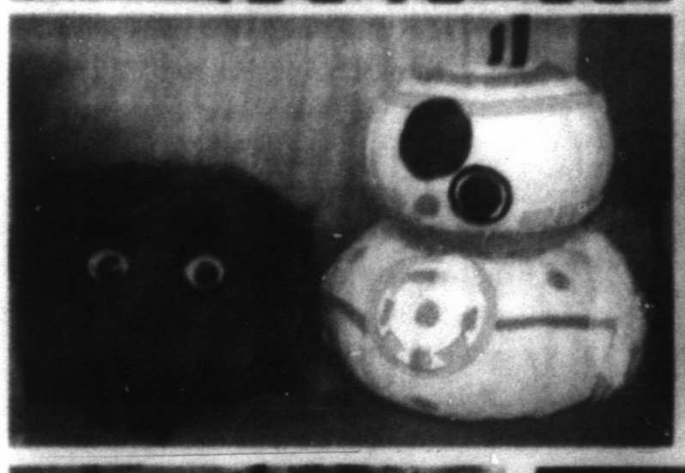

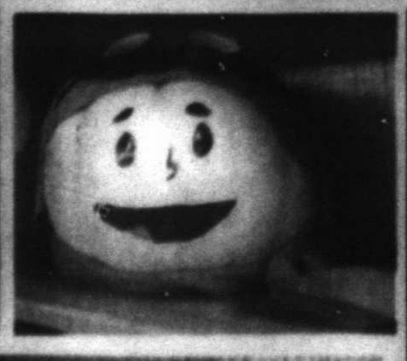

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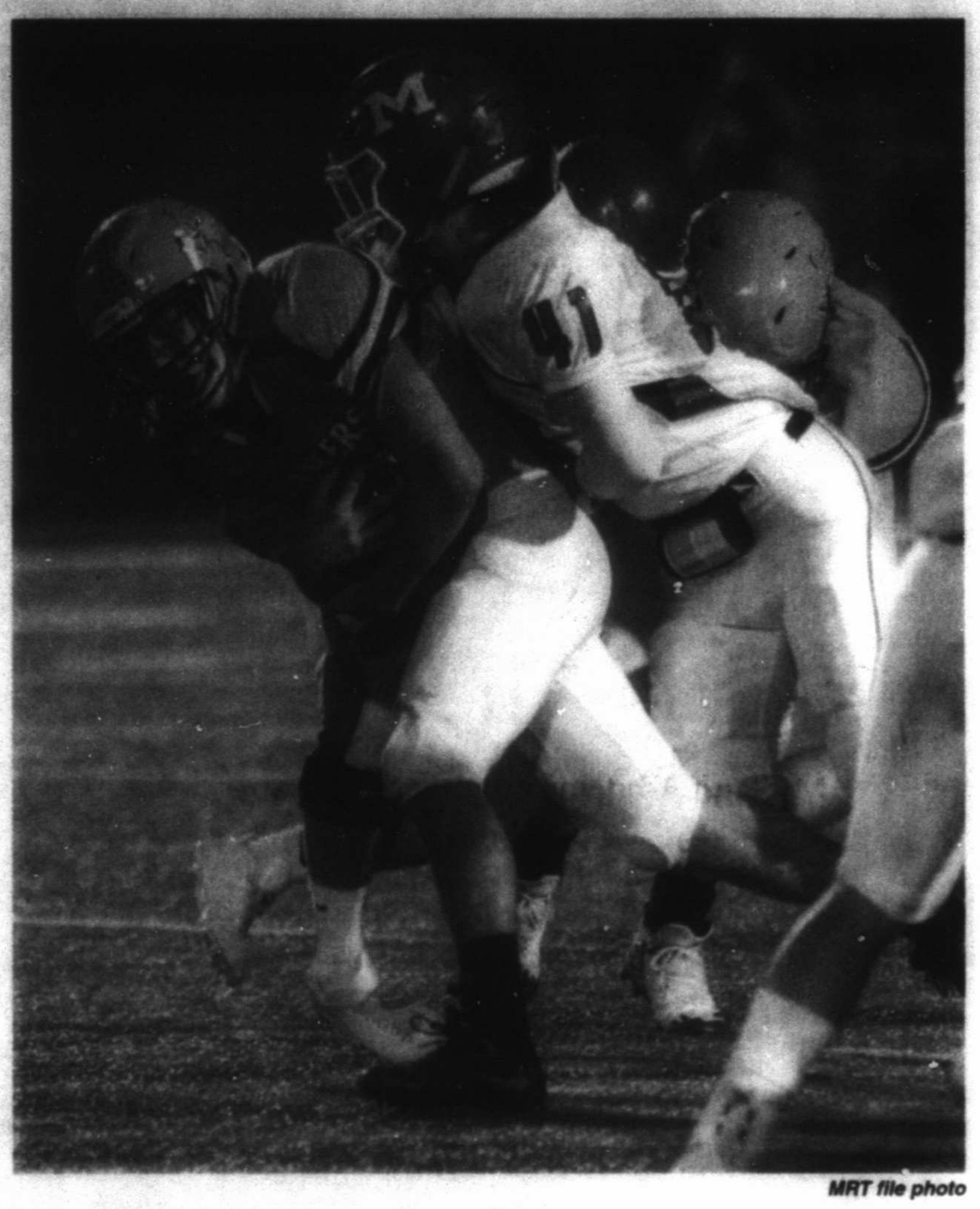

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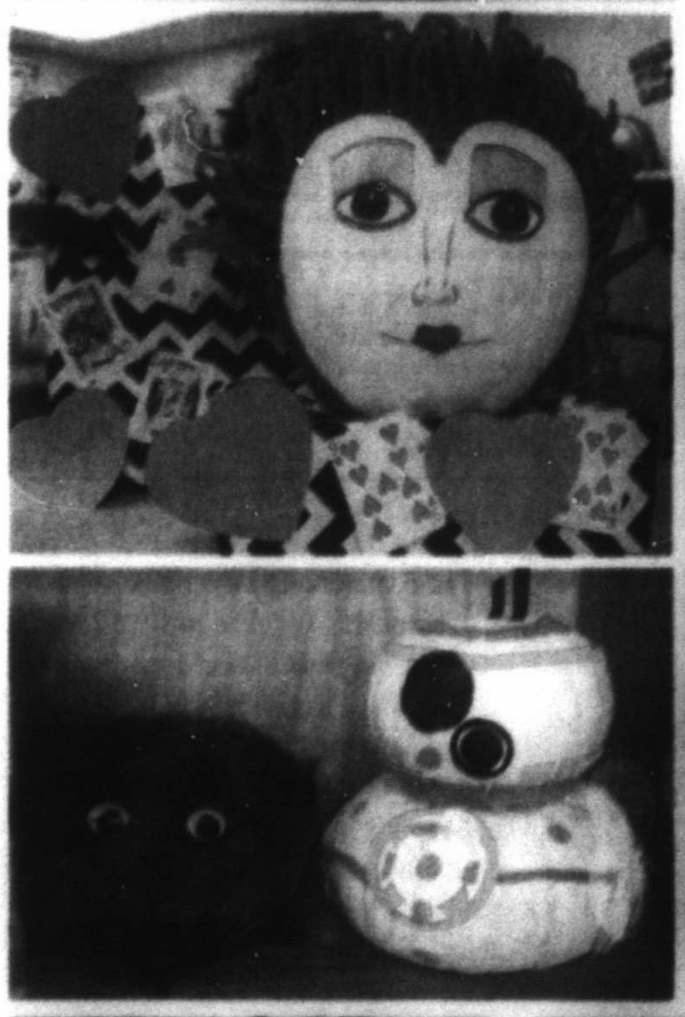

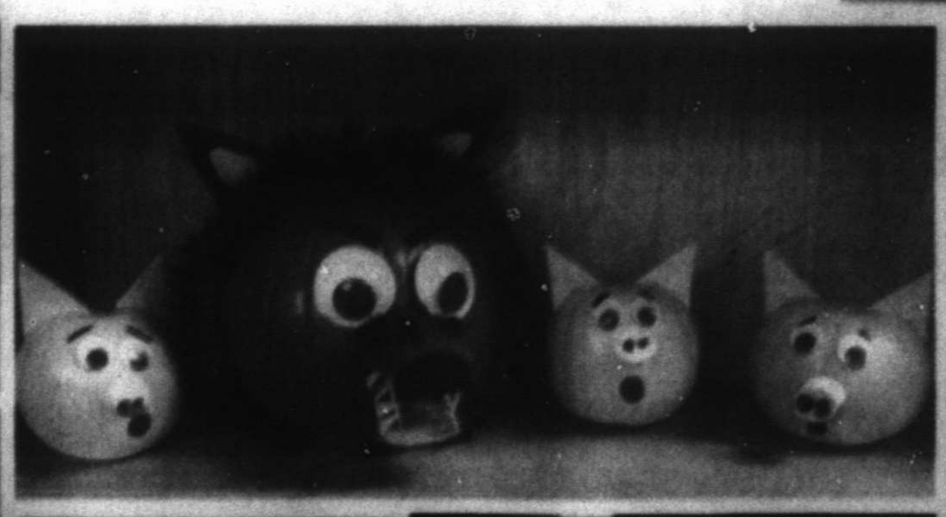

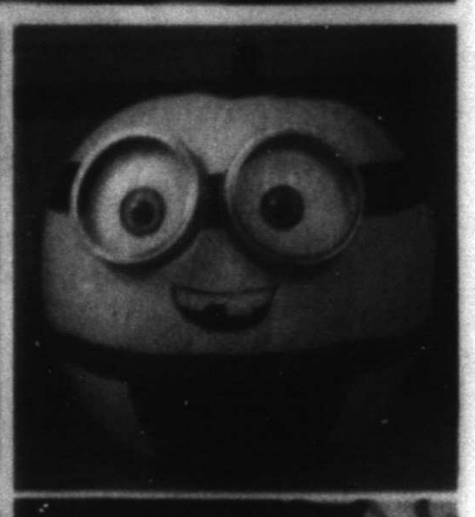

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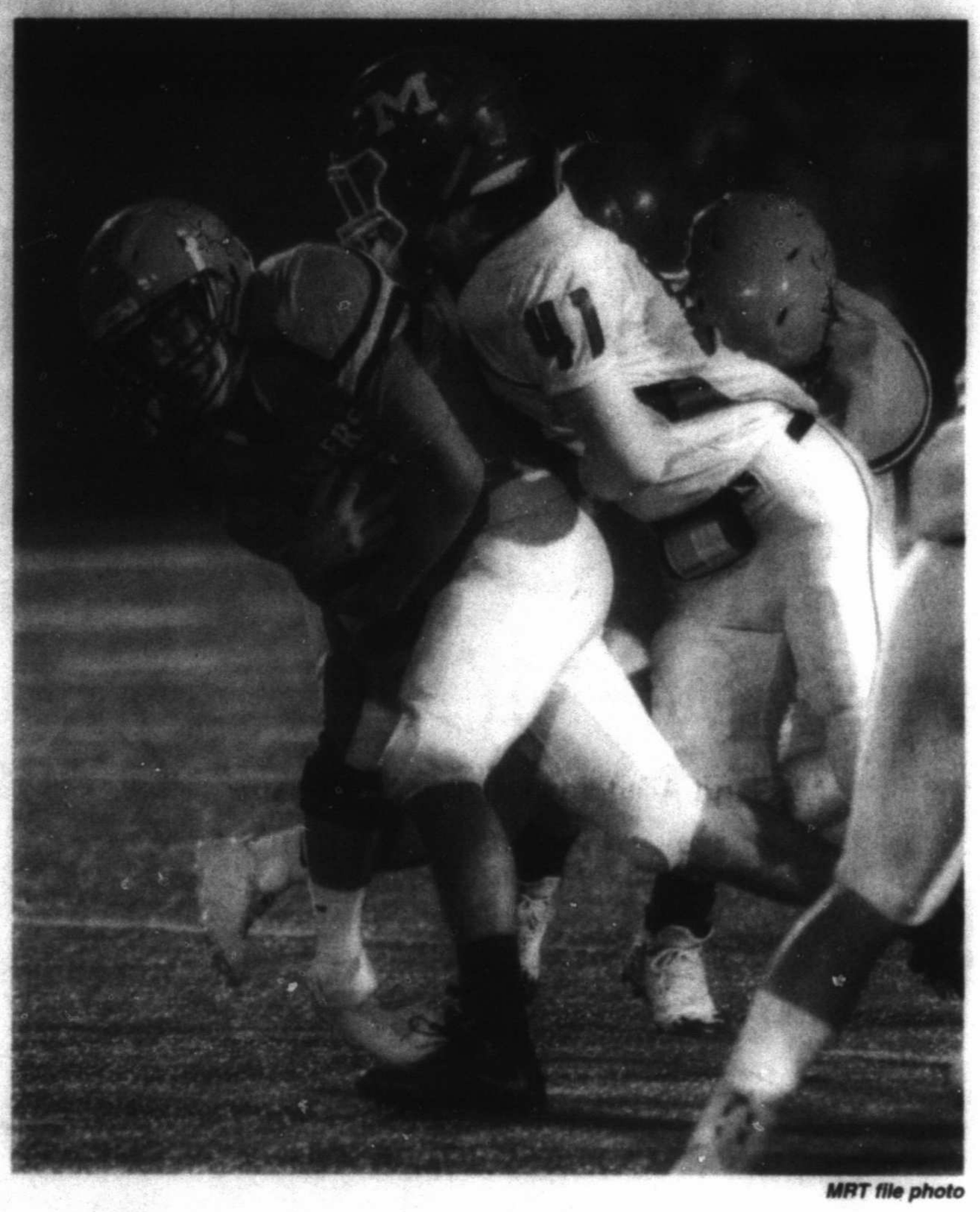

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National Basketball Association
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Florida	11	4	6	1	9	40	44
Montreal	12	4	7	1	9	31	45
Buffalo	12	3	7	2	8	29	44
Metropolitan Division							
New Jersey	10	8	2	0	16	40	31
Columbus	12	8	4	0	16	37	30
N.Y. Islanders	12	7	4	1	15	45	38
Pittsburgh	13	7	5	1	15	36	50
Philadelphia	12	6	5	1	13	41	35
Washington	12	5	6	1	11	36	41
Carolina	10	4	4	2	10	28	30
N.Y. Rangers	12	3	7	2	8	34	43
WESTERN CONFERENCE	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central Division							
St. Louis	13	10	2	1	21	44	30
Winnipeg	10	5	3	2	12	31	31
Colorado	11	6	5	0	12	34	34
Dallas	11	6	5	0	12	32	32
Nashville	11	5	4	2	12	27	31
Chicago	12	5	5	2	12	38	34
Minnesota	9	4	3	2	10	30	28
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	12	9	2	1	19	40	24
Vegas	10	8	2	0	16	37	25
Vancouver	10	6	3	1	13	30	25
Anaheim	11	6	4	1	13	35	33
Calgary	12	6	6	0	12	28	33
San Jose	10	5	5	0	10	27	26
Edmonton	10	3	6	1	7	22	33
Arizona	12	1	10	1	3	30	51

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

Scores & Schedule

Monday's Scores
Arizona 4, Philadelphia 3, OT
N.Y. Islanders 6, Vegas 3
Columbus 4, Boston 3, SO
Tampa Bay 8, Florida 5
Montreal 6, Ottawa 3
St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 2
Dallas at Vancouver, late
Toronto at San Jose, late

Tuesday's Games
Vegas at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

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Through Oct. 29

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Minnesota State (19)	9-0	822	3
2. Shepherd (22)	8-0	820	2
3. Indiana (Pa.) (2)	9-0	777	4
4. Midwestern State	7-0	717	5
5. Indianapolis	9-0	710	6
6. Fort Hays State	9-0	683	7
7. Central Washington	9-0	625	8
8. NW Missouri State (34)	8-1	577	1
9. Texas A&M-Commerce	7-1	558	9
10. Assumption	8-0	516	12
11. Ashland	8-1	510	12
12. Ferris State	7-1	483	11
13. Sioux Falls	8-1	405	14
14. Wingate	8-0	402	16
15. Colorado Mesa	8-1	399	15
16. Virginia State	8-0	347	17
17. Humboldt State	7-1	296	18
18. Winona State	8-1	289	10
19. Grand Valley State	7-2	215	19
20. Bowie State	8-1	214	20
21. Eastern New Mexico	7-1	190	21
22. Findlay	8-1	159	22
23. West Alabama	7-2	100	25
24. Colorado State-Pueblo	7-2	88	24
25. West Georgia	7-2	48	-

Others receiving votes: Shippensburg 41, Central Missouri 25, Slippery Rock 15, Ouachita Baptist 7, Minnesota-Duluth 5, Washburn 4, California (Pa.) 2, Arkansas Tech 1, Notre Dame (Ohio) 1

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FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
COLLEGE FOOTBALL				
Tuesday				
Bowling Green	PK	2½	(50½)	at KENT ST
at OHIO U	9½	9½	(55½)	Miami (Ohio)
Wednesday				
at W. MICHIGAN	6	6½	(51½)	Cent. Michigan
Thursday				
at TOLEDO	10	9	(58)	N Illinois
at E. MICHIGAN	23½	24	(47)	Ball St
Navy	8½	8	(55½)	at TEMPLE
at TROY	18	18½	(51)	Idaho
Friday				
at FAU	8	9	(61)	Marshall
Memphis	14	11½	(78½)	at TULSA
at UTAH	4½	5	(60)	UCLA
Saturday				
Baylor	11	8	(63½)	at KANSAS
Clemson	8	7½	(51)	at NC STATE
at FLORIDA ST	6	4	(50)	Syracuse
Ohio State	17½	16½	(52½)	at IOWA
at WEST VIRGINIA	2½	2½	(61½)	Iowa St
at ARIZONA ST	4	4	(57½)	Colorado
New Mexico St	11½	10	(56)	at TEXAS STATE
at TENNESSEE	10	5	(48½)	Southern Miss
Auburn	10½	15	(52½)	at TEXAS A&M
at AIR FORCE	5½	7	(62)	Army
Wisconsin	10½	10½	(49½)	at INDIANA
at GEORGIA	22	24½	(45½)	South Carolina
at TEXAS TECH	1	3½	(63)	Kansas St
at TCU	7½	6½	(46)	Texas
at LOUISIANA TECH	6	3	(67)	North Texas
at MICHIGAN	15	15½	(41½)	Minnesota
at OKLAHOMA ST	3	3	(75)	Oklahoma
at NOTRE DAME	15½	13	(56½)	Wake Forest
at UAB	11	11½	(51)	Rice
UTSA	6½	4	(50½)	at FIU
at MIDDLE TENNESSEE	17	18	(47)	UTEP
at MISSOURI	+3	3½	(59½)	Florida
at ALABAMA	22	21	(48½)	LSU
Penn St	13	7½	(48)	at MICHIGAN ST
at SOUTHERN CAL	8	7	(72)	Arizona
at HOUSTON	23	24½	(63½)	East Carolina
NFL				
Thursday				
FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Buffalo	3	3½	(43)	at NY JETS
Sunday				
at PHILADELPHIA	7½	7½	(OFF)	Denver
LA Rams	3½	3½	(42)	at NY GIANTS
at NEW ORLEANS	6½	7	(50)	Tampa Bay
at JACKSONVILLE	4½	5½	(39½)	Cincinnati
at CAROLINA	2½	2½	(44)	Atlanta
at HOUSTON	11	13	(48½)	Indianapolis
at TENNESSEE	4	OFF	(OFF)	Baltimore
Arizona	1	2½	(39)	at SAN FRANCISCO
at SEATTLE	6½	7	(45)	Washington
at DALLAS	2	1	(OFF)	Kansas City
Oakland	2	3	(44)	at MIAMI
Monday				
Detroit	3	2½	(43)	at GREEN BAY

VOLLEYBALL

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sets, we just couldn't overcome the mental side."

Lee (28-16) got a team-high 10 kills from Emily Hillman and a team-best 20 assists from Allie Gomez. Quinci Strambler led the Lady Rebels with four blocks, while teammate Karigan Edwards provided eight digs.

El Dorado avenged an early season loss when Lee upended the Lady Aztecs in four sets during an Aug. 25 match at the Margaret Hussman Tournament in El Paso.

The Lady Rebels, who finished second in District 2-6A, were competing in their first playoff match since 2011.

"It's a stepping stone," Blakley said. "We are changing the culture and we're building a winning tradition."

GREENWOOD SWEEPS MOUNTAIN VIEW

FORT STOCKTON — Greenwood swept Clint Mountain View 25-23, 25-18, 25-23 during Monday's Class 4A bi-district playoff match at Fort Stockton High.

The Lady Lobos (13-11) played the Rangerettes (27-13) competitively in the first and three sets, but GHS was able to prevail, winning its first postseason match since 2011.

"We played a little shaky at spots," Rangerettes head coach Terri McCulloch said. "We came through with a three-game win, so I am proud of them. We need a couple of hard practices to prepare for the next round. We played a team with a slower offense that kind of slowed us down."

McCullough said Greenwood didn't pass the ball well in the first set, but got into rhythm in the second set. She said Mountain View's strategy made it difficult to counter with a fast-paced offense.

"With first round nerves, we will take a three-game win anytime," McCulloch said.

Greenwood leaders included Bradi Good with 10 kills, Hanna Flores with 20 assists, Payslee Sims with 13 digs, Caity Payne with two blocks and Madi Ulcak with four aces.

The Rangerettes will face Tuesday's Seminole-Dalhart winner in the area round.

Statistics

CLASS 6A BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF
EL PASO EASTWOOD DEF. MHS
25-20, 25-14, 17-25, 22-25, 15-12
Midland High statistics
Kills — Genny Foreman 11, Merrick Beach 8, Hayley Branco 7, Caroline Harper 6, Sarah Nelson 4, Bailey Goodrum 3, Reagan Squire 1
Assists — Makaylee Carter 27, Macy Kidwell 12
Digs — Squire 20, Branco 18, Brighton Butler 14, Kidwell 8, Carter 8, Foreman 6, Nelson 5, Sarah Mata 4, Harper 2, Goodrum 1
Blocks — Foreman 6, Beach 4, Brando 2, Harper 1, Goodrum 1, Nelson 1
Aces — Carter 1
Records: MHS 30-13; Eastwood 28-13
Next: MHS' season is over.

CLASS 6A BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF
EL PASO EL DORADO DEF. LEE
27-25, 25-18, 25-20
Lee statistics
Kills — Emily Hillman 10, Jensen Letcher 6, Kelsey Harrington 7, Quinci Strambler 4, Elizabeth Kuhn 3, Blake Gibson 3, Elissa Gillette 1
Assists — Allie Gomez 20, Letcher 15, Karigan Edwards 1
Digs — Edwards 8, Gomez 6, Kuhn 5, Letcher 4, Hillman 2, Harrington 2, Jill Tarin 1
Blocks — Strambler 4, Letcher 2
Aces — Gomez 1, Hillman 1, Edwards 1
Records: Lee 28-16; El Dorado 24-14
Next: Lee's season is over.

CLASS 4A BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFF
GREENWOOD DEF. CLINT MOUNTAIN VIEW
25-23, 25-18, 25-23
Greenwood statistics
Kills — Bradi Good 10, Caity Payne 6, Kelley Martinez 7, Payslee Sims 6, Kyndall Dove 4, Kaityn Ellis 2, Hanna Flores 1, Madi Ulcak 1
Assists — Flores 20, Faith Duran 17
Digs — Sims 13, Ulcak 10, Jacie Royse 10, Ellis 6, Payne 4, Good 4, Flores 3, Duran 3, Dove 2, Grace Huber 1, Kayleigh Kitto 1
Blocks — Payne 2, Martinez 1, Flores 1, Good 0.5, Huber 0.5
Aces — Ulcak 4, Roys 2, Duran 2, Ellis 1
Records: Greenwood 27-13; Mountain View 13-11
Next: Greenwood vs. Seminole-Dalhart winner, TBA, area round

HSVOLLEYBALLCAPSULES

BY WILL KORN

TAPPS 3A AREA
MIDLAND CLASSICAL VS. FORT WORTH CAVALRY CHRISTIAN
When/where: 6 p.m. Tuesday, MCA gym

Records/seeds: MCA 24-5-1, No. 1 seed out of TAPPS 1-3A; Cavalry Christian 10-9, No. 3 seed out of TAPPS 2-3A

Notes: For the second season in a row, the Lady Knights blazed their way straight into the second round of the playoffs thanks to first round bye. MCA enters today's contest having won 18 of its last 20 matches dating back to an Aug. 25 loss against Alpine. ... Lady Knights first-year head coach Amie Miller said she believes her team benefited from its bye with some extra practice and rest time. But also, despite not knowing much about Cavalry Christian, she is confident in her team's preparation after playing a pair of quality opponents last week in Lubbock Titans and Lubbock All Saints to close the season. "This (last) week has been a very valuable week," Miller said. "So I feel like that's good preparation going into the playoffs. It has been good to have those teams to get a glimpse of where we are and give us a good focus." ... Miller, whose team received a midseason boost from freshman setter Kenna Bayley, a JV call-up, said the Lady Knights are playing with plenty of belief and won't be fazed by very little if any working knowledge of today's opponent. "I feel like this late in the game, there's not a whole lot of changes or adjustments," Miller said. "This team is pretty flexible as far as being able to make adjustments on the fly. It's a pretty confident group and they're ready for it."

Next: Winner plays winner of Denton Cavalry-Rockwall Heritage Christian, TBA Saturday, Nov. 4 in TAPPS 3A state quarterfinal

CLASS 4A BI-DISTRICT
ANDREWS VS. SAN ELIZARIO
When/where: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Stockton High School

Records/seeds: Andrews 24-12, No. 1 seed out of District 4-4A; San Elizario 10-22, No. 4 seed out of District 3-4A

Notes: Andrews rolls into the bi-district round with the momentum of winning the District 4-4A title behind three straight victories to close the regular season. ... Lady Mustangs head coach Britney Hanna said she and her staff don't know much about San Elizario, as the two teams rarely play each other, making the preparation of a game plan challenging. "We don't ever see them, so that's tough," Hanna said. "We're definitely not taking anything lightly." ... Hanna added that she's pleased with her team's performance over the past couple of weeks, especially during last Tuesday's match at Greenwood, when then Lady Mustangs rallied from a 1-0 set deficit to capture the district title. "We're playing well right now, we're excited and anxious to get back onto the court," Hanna said. ... Hanna said minimizing unforced errors will be the key to match for Andrews, but noted that her players have done a nice job of mentally moving past mistakes and continuing to play.

Next: Winner plays winner of Pampa-Denver City, TBA in Class 4A area round

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL PAIRINGS

UIL volleyball playoffs
Class 6A
Region I
Bi-district
Arlington Martin (38-5, W4) 3, Keller Fossil Ridge 0
El Paso Franklin (35-12, R1) vs. Amarillo Tascosa (24-18, T2), Tuesday, Andrews
Keller (28-11, W3) vs. Fort Worth Paschal (26-14, F4), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fort Worth Brewer HS
El Paso El Dorado (24-14, T1) 3, Lee 0
Copperas Cove (37-8, W8) vs. DeSoto (21-17, F7), Tuesday, West HS
Southlake Carroll (36-7, R5) vs. Plano (27-9, T6), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, The Colony HS
South Grand Prairie (22-12, W7) vs. Killeen Ellison (20-8, F6), 7 p.m. Hillsboro HS
Allen (31-7, R6) vs. Trophy Club Byron Nelson (34-9, T5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Coppell HS
El Paso Eastwood (29-12, F1) 3, Midland High 2
Weatherford (38-6, R3) 3, Arlington 0
El Paso Coronado (32-3, W1) 3, San Angelo Central 0
Mansfield (26-17, R4) vs. Keller Timber Creek (27-13, T3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Richland HS
Plano West (28-12, W6) vs. Flower Mound (17-15, F5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Frisco
Duncanville (14-13, R7) vs. Belton (17-12, T8), 8:15 p.m. Tuesday, West HS
Hebron (35-7, W5) 3, Denton Guyer 1
Waco Midway (19-17, R8) vs. Cedar Hill (20-14, T7), TBA

Class 4A
Bi-district
Andrews (24-12, W4) vs. San Elizario (10-22, F3), 6:30 pm. Tuesday, Fort Stockton HS
Pampa (R1) vs. Denver City (T2), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Littlefield HS
Fabens (27-9, W3) 3, Monahans 2
Levelland (R2) 3, Borger 1
Glen Rose WB vs. Benbrook (23-16, F7), TBA
Brownwood (13-16, R5) 3, Vernon 1
Springtown (22-8, W7) vs. Life Waxahachie (27-12, F8), TBA
Burkburnett (R6) vs. Seewheater (10-30, T5), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Cisco
Seminole (26-7, W2) vs. Dalhart (F1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dimmitt HS
Greenwood (27-12, T4) 3, Clint Mountain View 0
Bushland (36-1, W1) 3, Brownfield 0
Pecos (R4) 3, Clint 0
Graham (32-5, W8) vs. Big Spring (10-13, F8), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Tuscola Jim Ned HS
Kennedale (17-23, R7) vs. Stephenville (20-21, T8), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aledo HS
Abilene Wylie (21-16, W5) vs. Iowa Park (F8), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Breckenridge
Midlothian Heritage (34-5, R8) 3, Castleberry 0

Class 3A
Bi-district
Sonora (27-12, W4) 3, Crane 0
Amarillo River Road (R1) 3, Littlefield 1
Alpine (25-5, W3) vs. San Angelo TLCA (F4), TBA
Frenship (22-16, R2) vs. Childress (16-13-1, T1), 6 p.m. Tuesday, Canyon Randall HS
Boyd (25-4, W6) vs. Tolar (20-21, F7), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aledo HS
Clyde (21-18, R5) 3, Dublin (T8) 0
Rissiter (29-13, W7) 3, Nocona 0
Tuscola Jim Ned (8-22, T5) 3, Breckenridge 2
Shallowater (32-4, W2) vs. Tulia (F1), 7:30 p.m. Tuesday
San Angelo Grape Creek (T4) def. Tomball Hightand Park (28-11, W1) vs. Dimmitt (F2), TBA
Wall (18-18, R4) vs. Kermit (T3), 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sterling City
Comanche (22-10, W5) vs. Coahoma (F5), late
Brock (35-6, R7) 3, Holliday 0
Colorado City (W6) vs. Eastland (F6), TBA
Henrietta (31-12, R8) vs. Millsap (24-10, T7), 7 p.m. Tuesday

TAPPS 3A
Bi-district
Midland Classical (24-5-1), bye
Fort Worth Cavalry Christian (10-9) def. Dallas Covenant (9-12), 3-0
Rockwall Heritage Christian (28-8-3), bye
Denton Cavalry (14-24), bye
Amarillo Ascension (6-12), bye
Irving Highlands (16-15), bye
Dallas Lakehill Prep (16-15) def. El Paso Faith Christian (10-13), 3-0
Willow Park Trinity Christian (34-3), bye
Round Rock Christian (31-5-1), bye
San Antonio Keystone def. McAllen South Texas Christian, 3-0
San Antonio Christian-Castle Hills (27-2-1), bye
Austin Hill Country Christian (18-13) def. Beaumont Legacy Christian (11-7), 3-1
Mission Juan Diego (11-5-1), bye
Temple Central Texas Christian (30-11) def. San Antonio Lutheran (12-19-3), 3-0
Spring Frassati Catholic (17-10-1), bye
Hallettsville Sacred Heart Catholic (15-12) def. Tomball Rosehill Christian, 3-1

Area
Midland Classical (24-5-1) vs. Fort Worth Cavalry Christian (10-9), 6 p.m. Tuesday, MCA gym
Denton Cavalry (14-24) vs. Rockwall Heritage Christian (28-8-3), Tuesday
Amarillo Ascension (6-12) vs. Irving Highlands (16-15), 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Vernon
Willow Park Trinity Christian (34-3) vs. Dallas Lakehill Prep (16-15), 6:30 p.m. Willow Park
Round Rock Christian (31-6-1) vs. San Antonio Keystone, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Round Rock
Austin Hill Country Christian (18-13) vs. San Antonio Christian-Castle Hills (27-2-1), Tuesday
Temple Central Texas Christian (30-11) vs. Mission Juan Diego (11-5-1), 2:30 p.m. Tuesday
Hallettsville Sacred Heart Catholic (15-12) vs. Spring Frassati Catholic (17-10-1), Tuesday

DAHLBERG

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architecture. In Game 2 at Dodger Stadium, the teams combined for a record eight home runs, and already the series record for home runs has been shattered — with potentially two games remaining.

It's enough to get the tongues of the conspiracy theorists wagging. Interestingly enough, one of them will be starting Game 6 Tuesday night for the Astros.

Justin Verlander thinks the balls for this series are slicker, making sliders tougher to throw.

"I think it's pretty clear," Verlander said before Game 5. "I think our commissioner has said publicly that they wanted more offense in the game. I'm pretty sure I'm not fabricating a quote here when I say that."

He's not, because as little as two years ago Rob Manfred was searching for ways to get more offense in the game. No one, it seems in this day of nonstop action, wants a 2-1 game anymore.

Keep this up, though, and Manfred may start looking into raising the pitcher's mound again.

Yes, the game of baseball has changed. That was evident early in Game 2 when Dodgers manager Dave Roberts lifted starter Rich Hill after four solid innings in which he struck out seven and allowed just one run.

It was evident later in that game when the Dodgers were on their ninth pitcher of the night, and balls kept flying out of a stadium where home runs were just an abstract concept when it was built in the early 1960s.

And then came Sunday night/Monday morning and a game where 14 pitchers were all pretty much equally lousy at getting hitters out.

Some of that can be blamed on the grind of the season and the length of the playoffs. Arms are tired, and pitchers aren't always used properly or in their natural rotation. And every batter who comes to the plate these days seems to take giant uppercuts with the bat that the people in analytics say will pay off with more home runs.

Pitchers are left to throw the ball that baseball officials insist hasn't been juiced and, if they're not too shell-shocked, to add it up when it's all over.

Entertaining, yes, but so was Game 1 when Clayton Kershaw pitched an immaculate seven innings in a game that took less than half the time of the 5-hour, 17-minute marathon that was Game 5. That was the fastest game in 25 years in the World Series, but it quickly became clear it was an aberration in this series.

Kershaw is going to have a tough time dealing with his latest outing, which adds to his postseason woes. But he's not alone in a series that is destroying a lot of pitchers' reputations.

For baseball, it's all good if it draws eyeballs. And the ratings Sunday night seems to show the big bats are doing just that.

Keep this up, though, and we'll all be worn out before this epic World Series finally ends.

World Series glance

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; y-if necessary)
All Games Televised by Fox
Houston 3, L.A. Dodgers 2
Tuesday, Oct. 24: L.A. Dodgers 3, Houston 1
Wednesday, Oct. 25: Houston 7, L.A. Dodgers 6, 11 innings
Friday, Oct. 27: Houston 5, L.A. Dodgers 3
Saturday, Oct. 28: L.A. Dodgers 6, Houston 2
Sunday, Oct. 29: Houston 13, L.A. Dodgers 12, 10 innings
Tuesday, Oct. 31: Houston (Verlander 15-8) at L.A. Dodgers (HR 12-8), 7:20 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Nov. 1: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 7:20 p.m.

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

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Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys star Ezekiel Elliott, center, exits federal court after a hearing Monday in New York. Elliott sought to have his six-game suspension by the NFL postponed; however, a judge reinstated the suspension.

Elliott's 6-game suspension reinstated

By Tom Hays
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge cleared the way Monday night for the NFL to enforce a six-game suspension of Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott over domestic violence allegations.

U.S. District Judge Katherine Polk Failla denied the request for a preliminary injunction from players' union attorneys working for Elliott. Failla put the ruling on hold for 24 hours to give Elliott's legal team time to appeal, a likely move.

It's the second time a federal ruling has overturned a reprieve that kept Elliott on the field. Earlier this month, a federal appeals court threw out a Texas court's injunction and ordered the dismissal of Elliott's lawsuit there.

The NFL briefly enforced Commissioner Roger Goodell's suspension before a judge sitting in for Failla in the Southern District of New York issued a temporary restraining order that blocked the punishment for the second time.

If the suspension holds this time, Elliott will be out starting Sunday at home against Kansas City. He will be eligible to return Dec. 17 at Oakland.

Elliott attended the roughly two-hour hearing in New York on Monday, a day after rushing for 150 yards and two touchdowns in the Cowboys' 33-19 win at Washington. He left court without speaking to reporters.

The 22-year-old Elliott was suspended in August after the league concluded following a yearlong investigation that he had several physical confrontations in the summer of 2016 with Tiffany Thompson, his girlfriend at the time.

Prosecutors in Columbus, Ohio, decided not to pursue the case in the city where Elliott starred for Ohio State, citing conflicting evidence. Elliott denied the allegations under oath during his NFL appeal.

A lawyer for the NFL Players Association, Jeffrey Kessler, argued that the process Goodell used to determine the punishment against Elliott was "fundamentally unfair" because it downplayed the conclusion by an internal investigator that Thompson wasn't credible in her account of the 2016 violence.

The doubts "were kept from the union, the Cowboys, the player and, we believe, Mr. Goodell," Kessler said.

At one point, the judge asked NFL attorney Paul Clement, "Why it was OK that the commissioner was not told that (the investigator) had concerns?"

Clement responded that a report given to Goodell before he made his decision made clear that the accuser was a flawed witness, but that he relied on photos of her bruised body and other corroborating evidence to make his decision. Though criminal authorities declined to bring charges in the case, the league has an obligation to combat domestic abuse under its labor agreement, he said.

"There's a concern on the behalf of the league that its players are held to a higher standard," Clement said.

The union's suggestion that its lawyer should have been able to cross-examine Thompson during an arbitration hearing won by the league would set a "terrible precedent," he added.

MCA has two finish in top 10 at TAPPS 3A cross-country meet

From staff reports

WACO — A pair of Midland Classical girls runners departed Cottonwood Creek Golf Course on Monday with medals following their performance at the TAPPS 3A State Cross-Country Championships.

MCA sophomore Kaleigh Boyt placed ninth in the girls 2-mile race with a 14 minutes, 6.3 seconds, while Lady Knights senior Ellenie Avampato finished 10th with a time of 14:08.0.

The Midland Christian girls finished 12th out of 23 schools with 355 points in the TAPPS 5A 2-mile race.

MCS sophomore Savanna Lejeune turned in her team's top performance, finishing 40th with a time of 14:15.4. Sophomore Lillian Marshall had the Lady Mustangs' second-best time of 14:45.0 to come in 56th.

Midland Christian sophomore Caden Norris recorded a time of 19:02.2 to finish 40th in the TAPPS 5A boys 3-kilometer race.

Trinity freshman Victoria Salcido finished 43rd in the TAPPS 3A girls race with a time of 14:48.3.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CELTICS 108
SPURS 94

BOSTON — Kyrie Irving scored 24 points, Jaylen Brown added 18 and Al Horford had 13 rebounds on Monday night to help the Celtics beat the San Antonio Spurs 108-94 and lead Boston to its fifth straight victory.

Irving scored 24 for the third straight game, rookie Jayson Tatum had 11 rebounds and Terry Rozier had 10 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter. Boston lost its first two games of the season on back-to-back nights — and star free agent Gordon Hayward, too — but have not lost since.

Reserves Brandon Paul had 18 points and Rudy Gay scored 14 for San Antonio, which remains without Tony Parker and Kawhi Leonard. The Spurs lost on back-to-back nights and fell to 1-3 on a four-game road trip, leaving coach Gregg Popovich waiting for career victory No. 1,155, which would tie him with Phil Jackson at sixth on the NBA's all-time list.

It was the first game this season that LaMarcus Aldridge didn't lead San Antonio in scoring. He had 11 points.

JAZZ 104
MAVERICKS 89

SALT LAKE CITY — Rodney Hood scored 15 of his season-high 25 points in the third quarter to help the Utah Jazz rally to beat the Dallas Mavericks 104-89 on Monday night.

The Mavs hit nine of 14 3-pointers in the first half and the Jazz struggled to defend their drive-and-kick action. But Utah came alive in the second half thanks to Hood and a 25-4 run to start the third quarter.

The Jazz adjusted their defense in the second half and made things much more difficult for one of the best 3-point shooting teams in the league. The Mavericks were just 3 for 10 from behind the arc in the second half.

Dallas climbed back within five late in the fourth quarter, but an 11-0 run highlighted by a pull-up Hood 3-pointer from the top of the arc put the game away. Hood had just five first-half points.

76ERS 115
ROCKETS 107

HOUSTON — Ben Simmons had 24 points, nine assists and seven rebounds and Joel Embiid added 22 points to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 115-107 win over the Houston Rockets on Monday night.

After losing 105-104 on a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Eric Gordon in Philadelphia on Oct. 18, the 76ers snapped an eight-game losing streak against the Rockets, winning in Houston for the first time since Feb. 16, 2011.

The Rockets missed nine of their last 10 shots, scoring just four points in the final 3:28 and dropped consecutive games for the first time this season.

James Harden scored 29 points and Gordon had 25.

Philadelphia led by as many as 14 points and entered the fourth quarter up 92-80. Houston's reserves rallied without Harden to cut the lead to five early in the fourth.

Embiid, who played through a right hand contusion, gave Houston's defense fits when he got the ball and was disruptive in the paint on the defensive end. Backup point guard T.J. McConnell frequently pressured Harden defensively for Philadelphia, adding 11 points and five assists off the bench.

TIMBERWOLVES 125
HEAT 122

MIAMI — Jeff Teague scored 23 points, Andrew Wiggins scored 22 and the Minnesota Timberwolves scored the first six points of overtime before holding on to beat the Miami Heat 125-122 on Monday night.

Karl-Anthony Towns scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who got 16 from Jimmy Butler and 13 from Jamal Crawford.

Jimmy Butler scored 14, Jamal Crawford scored 13 and Towns grabbed 12 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

Dion Waiters tied a career-high by scoring 33 for Miami, 14 of those coming in the fourth quarter including a layup that sent the game to overtime. His 30-footer that would have tied the game as time expired bounced off the rim.

KNICKS 116
NUGGETS 110

NEW YORK — Kristaps Porzingis scored a career-high 38 points and Kyle O'Quinn added 15 points and 12 rebounds to help the New York Knicks beat the Denver Nuggets 116-110 on Monday night.

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored all 13 of his points in the fourth quarter after the Knicks had blown all of their 23-point third-quarter lead.

Nikola Jokic led the Nuggets with 28 points and Jamal Murray scored 20.

HORNETS 104
GRIZZLIES 99

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kemba Walker scored 27 points and keyed a fourth-quarter rally to erase a double-digit deficit as the Charlotte Hornets handed Memphis its first home loss of the season with a 104-99 win over the Grizzlies on Monday night.

Jeremy Lamb added 17 points and rookie Malik Monk finished with 13 points.

Memphis held a 10-point lead with just under 8 minutes left, but Walker re-entered the game and kick-started the Charlotte rally. Walker had nine points in the stretch, part of which included an 18-4 run by the Hornets.

MAGIC 115
PELICANS 99

NEW ORLEANS — Marreese Speights highlighted an 18-point performance by hitting five of his career-high six 3-pointers during a decisive 22-6 run, and the Magic soundly defeated the Pelicans.

Speights' second 3 of the game made it 87-83 in the final minute of the third quarter. He drained four more early in the fourth, after which Orlando led 106-89.

Coming off a lopsided victory over Cleveland on Saturday, the Pelicans were unable to respond during the final seven minutes.

Nikola Vucevic, Evan Fournier and Jonathon Simmons each scored 20 points for Orlando, which shot 50.6 percent (43 of 85) from the field and 47.1 percent (16 of 34) from 3-point range. Aaron Gordon added 17 points, helping the Magic bounce back from a loss at Charlotte a night earlier.

Chiefs force 5 TOs, beat Broncos in AFC West showdown

Chiefs	29
Broncos	19

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Harrison Butker kicked five field goals, Marcus Peters returned a fumble 45 yards for a touchdown and the Kansas City Chiefs beat the turnover-prone Denver Broncos 29-19 on Monday night.

Alex Smith threw for 202 yards and a touchdown, most of it going to tight end Travis Kelce, who hauled in seven balls for 133 yards and the score. The Chiefs (6-2) also intercepted Trevor Siemian three times and hopped on two fumbles to beat Denver (3-4) for the fourth straight time.

Siemian finished 19 of 36 for 198 yards and a touchdown, and has now thrown eight picks and only three TD passes in the past five games. The Broncos have lost all but one of them.

It was a crucial bounce-back win for the Chiefs, who had their 12-game AFC West winning streak snapped 10 days ago in Oakland. The Chiefs had won five straight to start the season before losing to the Steelers and then to the Raiders on Derek Carr's last-second touchdown throw.

It started just like old times, too: Jamaal Charles with a run, the Chiefs with a touchdown.

The only difference was Charles, who went to four Pro Bowls with the Chiefs, was back in Kansas City with the Broncos. And the TD came when the opportunistic Peters stripped him, picked up the loose ball and returned it 45 yards for the opening score.

Watson shines, but Texans defense struggles without Watt

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texans rookie quarterback Deshaun Watson continued his record-setting play in a loss to Seattle on Sunday.

However, Houston's defense will have to pick things up for the Texans to get back in the win column on Sunday against Indianapolis.

The Texans (3-4) allowed Russell Wilson to pile up 472 yards in the 41-38 loss as they gave up more than 40 points for the second time in three games on a day when Watson had four touchdown passes to become the first rookie to throw at least three in four straight games.

The unit took a huge hit when three-time Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt and outside linebacker Whitney Mercilus both sustained season-ending injuries in a 42-34 loss to Kansas City on Oct. 8.

Coach Bill O'Brien was asked what the defense needs to improve.

"Our defense did a great job of stopping the run, but there were ... too many pass plays that were 20 yards or more down the field," he said.

"Our guys need to do a better job of combining coverage and rush. Our coaches, all of us, starting with me, we all just need to kind of get back in there ... and start meeting with these guys and clean up the mistakes and move on to Indianapolis."

Houston has been good against the run all season, allowing just 96.6 yards a game which ranks ninth in the league. The problems have been in the passing game where the Texans are giving up 238 yards a game, which is 22nd.

The Texans have struggled to generate much of a pass rush in the wake of the injuries. With Watt and Mercilus out, teams have routinely sent two and sometimes three players to keep Jadeveon Clowney out of the backfield.

Clowney was frustrated that the Texans lost another game where they were leading late after also dropping a game to the Patriots on a touchdown in the final minute.

"We have to figure out how to close games," he said. "This has happened twice, and both teams have been to the Super Bowl. We've got to start doing better at the end of games."

With Andrew Luck still out with a shoulder injury, the Texans face Jacoby Brissett when they host the Colts on Sunday.

The Texans already have history with Brissett after he led the Patriots to a 27-0 win over them last season in his first NFL start while filling in when Tom Brady served a suspension.

Brissett threw for just 103 yards in that game, but added 48 yards rushing and a touchdown to help the Patriots to the victory.

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0	.750	216	179
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	153	115
Miami	4	3	0	.571	92	152
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	157	186
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	4	3	0	.571	183	110
Tennessee	4	3	0	.571	158	173
Houston	3	4	0	.429	215	188
Indianapolis	2	6	0	.250	142	246
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	187	131
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	170	148
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	122	135
Cleveland	0	8	0	.000	119	202
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	2	0	.750	167	131
Denver	3	4	0	.429	127	147
L.A. Chargers	3	5	0	.375	150	152
Oakland	3	5	0	.375	189	190

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	1	0	.875	232	156
Dallas	4	3	0	.571	198	161
Washington	3	4	0	.429	150	180
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.143	112	156
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	191	145
Carolina	5	3	0	.625	148	142
Atlanta	4	3	0	.571	153	152
Tampa Bay	2	5	0	.286	148	188
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750	179	135
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	184	161
Detroit	3	4	0	.429	176	189
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	134	171
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	5	2	0	.714	175	132
L.A. Rams	5	2	0	.714	212	138
Arizona	3	4	0	.429	119	191
San Francisco	0	8	0	.000	133	219

Scores & Schedule

Monday's Score
Kansas City 29, Denver 19

Thursday's Game
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, noon
Baltimore at Tennessee, noon
L.A. Rams at N.Y. Giants, noon
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, noon
Indianapolis at Houston, noon
Atlanta at Carolina, noon
Denver at Philadelphia, noon
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Oakland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Chicago, Minnesota, New England, L.A. Chargers, Cleveland, Pittsburgh

Monday, Nov. 6
Detroit at Green Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's box score

CHIEFS 29, BRONCOS 19

Denver	0	3	10	6	—19
Kansas C.	14	3	3	9	—29

First Quarter
KC—Peters 45 fumble return (Butker kick), 9:25.
KC—Kelce 29 pass from A.Smith (Butker kick), 6:11.
Second Quarter
Den—FG McManus 27, 11:48
KC—FG Butker 25, 5:02
Third Quarter
KC—FG Butker 32, 12:30.
Den—FG McManus 34, 8:11.
Den—Booker 6 run (McManus kick), 1:14.
Fourth Quarter
KC—FG Butker 43, 12:30.
KC—FG Butker 51, 7:03.
KC—FG Butker 42, 4:41.
Den—Derby 11 pass from Siemian (pass failed), 1:55.
A—76,573.

	Den	KC
First downs	23	16
Total Net Yards	384	276
Rushes-yards	31-177	26-79
Passing	187	197
Punt Returns	4-3	1-0
Kickoff Returns	4-69	3-54
Interceptions Ret	1-0	3-18
Comp-Att-Int	19-36-3	14-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-11	1-5
Punts	4-40.5	5-41.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-53	7-69
Time of Possession	31:23	28:37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Denver, C.Anderson 15-78, Booker 6-40, Charles 8-35, Siemian 2-20. Kansas City, K.Hunt 22-46, A.Smith 4-33.

PASSING—Denver, Siemian 19-36-3-198. Kansas City, A.Smith 14-31-0-200, Hill 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING—Denver, Dem.Thomas 5-66, Booker 3-14, Fowler 2-55, Derby 2-21, Latimer 2-15, Green 1-16, Heuerman 1-11, Taylor 1-8, C.Anderson 1-7, Charles 1-5. Kansas City, Kelce 7-133, K.Hunt 3-22, Hill 2-38, Robinson 1-5, West 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	5	2	.714	—
Toronto	3	2	.600	1
New York	3	3	.500	1½
Brooklyn	3	4	.429	2
Philadelphia	3	4	.429	2
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	5	2	.714	—
Washington	4	2	.667	½
Charlotte	4	3	.571	1
Miami	2	4	.333	2½
Atlanta	1	6	.143	4
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	5	2	.714	—
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	½
Indiana	3	3	.500	1½
Cleveland	3	4	.429	2
Chicago	1	4	.200	3

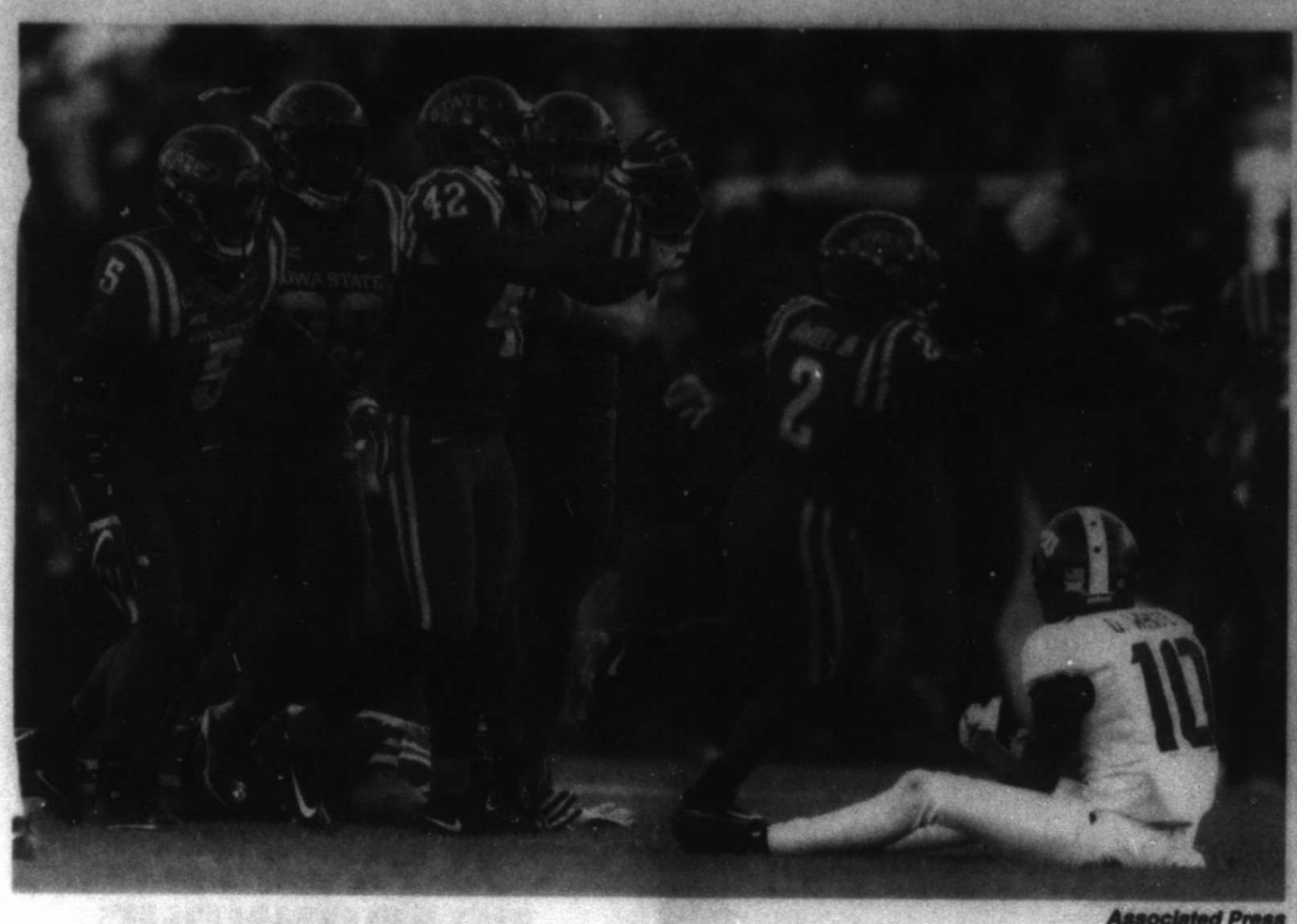
WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	5	2	.714	—
Houston	5	3	.625	½
San Antonio	4	3	.571	1
New Orleans	3	4	.429	2
Dallas	1	7	.125	4½
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	4	2	.667	—
Minnesota	4	3	.571	½
Utah	4	3	.571	½
Oklahoma City	3	3	.500	1
Denver	3	4	.429	1½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	4	1	.800	—
Golden State	4	3	.571	1
L.A. Lakers	2	4	.333	2½
Phoenix	2	4	.333	2½
Sacramento	1	5	.167	3½

Scores & Schedule

Monday's Scores
Boston 108, San Antonio 94
Minnesota 125, Miami 122, OT
New York 116, Denver 110
Charlotte 104, Memphis 99
Orlando 115, New Orleans 99
Philadelphia 115, Houston 107
Utah 104, Dallas 89
Toronto at Portland, late
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
Sacramento at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.



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Iowa State linebacker Marcel Spears Jr. (42) celebrates with teammates after intercepting a pass in front of TCU wide receiver Desmon White (10) during the second half Saturday in Ames, Iowa. Iowa State won 14-7.

Defense pushes Cyclones atop Big 12

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State's rise to the top of the Big 12 standings has been one of the nation's biggest surprises this fall. The Cyclones can thank their vastly improved defense.

No. 14 Iowa State (6-2, 4-1 Big 12) has the league's top-rated defense through five games, allowing just 13.6 points in league outings and holding each of its opponents to at least 10 points below their season average. Iowa State put forth one of the best defensive efforts in school history last weekend, holding TCU's offense scoreless in a 14-7 win.

The Cyclones, who are in a four-way tie for first place in the Big 12, will face another potent offense during a visit to West Virginia on Saturday.

"I always tell our kids, 'Be who you say you are.' And eventually you've got to stop saying and start doing," coach Matt Campbell said. "We are having some of those moments where we are doing some positive things. You hope those things continue."

Hardly anyone outside of Iowa State's football facility thought the Cyclones would be this good on that side of the ball.

The Cyclones ranked just 86th nationally in scoring defense in 2016, allowing 31.3 points a game, and their start to 2017 didn't suggest they had improved all that much. Iowa State gave up 24 points to Northern Iowa of the FCS and 44 in a loss at home to Iowa. But after allowing 14 points in the second quarter at Akron, the Cyclones defense found itself.

Iowa State has allowed just two offensive touchdowns— and one was by Texas Tech after the Red Raiders returned an interception to the Iowa State 7-yard line — in its last three games. TCU's only points came on a kickoff return, which allowed the Cyclones to win despite being shut out in the second half.

"I was never worried about my defense. My defense always holds it down," sophomore running back David Montgomery said.

Perhaps the biggest area of improvement for the Cyclones has come at linebacker.

Even though converted quarterback Joel Lanning (second in the Big 12 with 87 tackles) has gotten most of the attention, all three starters are playing at an all-conference clip.

Marcel Spears, a sophomore, was named the Big 12's defensive player of the week twice in a row after sealing his team's last two wins with interceptions in the fourth quarter. Spears ranks fourth in the Big 12 with 70 total tackles.

"You're starting to see a steady progression going forward, and it's really fun to watch," Campbell said. "He's really talented, has great athleticism, great balance and is a really good tackler. Now you're starting to see his awareness (increase)."

Junior Willie Harvey is having his best season with 49 tackles, six tackles for loss, three sacks, a forced fumble, an interception and three pass breakups.

But the success of the unit hasn't been a surprise for Campbell, who expected his linebackers to take a leap forward in 2017 — in part because he expected the linemen in front of them to improve as well.

"I really, really thought that that group had a chance to be really special, and not because they're just great players but because of who those guys are," Campbell said. "That linebacking corps is getting a lot of positive attention because of what that defensive line is doing as well."

Big 12 Confernece standings

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Oklahoma	4	1	200	165	7	1	343	202
Oklahoma St.	4	1	194	143	7	1	356	195
TCU	4	1	151	75	7	1	298	118
Iowa St.	4	1	135	68	6	2	259	150
West Virginia	3	2	200	186	5	3	342	253
Texas	3	2	129	90	4	4	250	168
Kansas St.	2	3	138	148	4	4	255	188
Texas Tech	1	4	174	186	4	4	309	265
Kansas	0	5	73	239	1	7	168	342
Baylor	0	5	120	217	0	8	195	316

REPORT

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for the third straight season after notching 129 tackles in 2015 and 177 tackles in 2016.

TRINITY HOSTS LAKE COUNTRY IN FINAL HOME GAME

Following its third open date of the season, Trinity (0-6, 0-3 in TAPPS Division III, District 1) will host Fort Worth Lake Country Christian (2-6, 2-3) at 7 p.m. Friday at Coombes Field.

The Chargers will be celebrating Senior Night, as Daniel Webb, Logan Ramsey, Cade Lawson, Mark Fanous and Jude Garcia are set to play their final home game.

The five seniors were part of a Trinity program that reached the TAPPS Six-Man Division I state championship game in 2015 and was a state semi-finalist last year.

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2017 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS
(6-2, 2-0)

Opponents	24	59	49	48	180
MCS	65	79	48	73	264

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Peyton Powell	119	952	8.0	12
Luke Sheppard	85	441	5.2	5
Coy Stewart	52	294	5.7	2
Bryson Harper	18	123	6.8	1
Garison Breeding	16	68	4.3	0
Ben Gibbs	9	45	5.0	1
J.T. McCollum	1	5	5.0	
Rhett Clark	2	5	2.5	0
Peyton Murdock	1	2	2.0	0
Silas Crews	5	2	0.4	0
Josh Keating	2	-1	-0.5	0
Totals	310	1,938	6.2	21

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Peyton Powell	80	154	1	911	9
Coy Stewart	17	31	2	229	3
Luke Sheppard	1	1	0	4	1
J.T. McCollum	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	98	187	3	1,193	13

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Silas Crews	23	264	11.4	6
Josh Brown	17	258	15.1	1
Joe Rawlold	17	220	12.9	0
Randall Blanscett	13	177	13.6	2
Coy Stewart	10	132	13.2	2
Luke Sheppard	10	87	8.7	0
Bryson Harper	3	26	8.7	1
Peyton Powell	2	5	2.5	1
Ben Gibbs	1	2	2.0	0
Totals	98	1,193	12.2	13

SCORING

Player	TD	RET	2PT	FG	TP
Peyton Powell	13	0	1	0	80
Silas Crews	6	0	0	0	36
Luke Sheppard	5	0	1	0	32
Joe Rawlold	0	23	0	3	32
Coy Stewart	4	0	0	0	24
Bryson Harper	3	0	0	0	18
Josh Brown	3	0	0	0	18
Randall Blanscett	2	0	2	0	16
Ben Gibbs	1	0	0	0	6
Micah Brahan	0	0	1	0	2
Totals	37	23	5	3	264

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	S	FC	FR	INT
Threadgill	66	36	102	1	1	2	1	2
Estin	25	35	60	3	2	0	1	0
Harper	32	18	50	3	0	1	0	0
Breeding	29	12	41	1	0	3	0	1
Brahan	24	10	34	0	1	1	2	1
Crews	26	6	32	1	1	1	0	0
Brown	22	9	31	0	0	0	2	1
Loftis	17	10	27	2	2	0	1	0
Gilbreath	14	13	27	4	2	1	0	0
Murdock	20	8	28	0	0	1	1	0
Gower	15	7	22	3	4	0	0	0
Brunson	13	7	20	0	0	0	0	0
Z. Lujan	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	1
Graniczny	5	3	8	0	0	1	0	0
Thomason	3	4	7	1	1	0	0	0
Bailey	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
Carter	3	2	5	1	1	0	0	0
Gibbs	4	1	5	0	0	0	1	0
Fisher	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Gibson	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stewart	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
S. Lujan	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Welch	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Carlisle	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rawlold	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shoemaker	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fields	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

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

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,938	242.0	1,193	149.1	3,129	391.1

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,445	180.6	1,513	189.1	2,958	369.8

AREA

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(3-5, 0-4) at 7 p.m. Friday with a chance to clinch a playoff spot.

Other notable performances from last week:

■ In addition to Snodgrass' big night, junior QB **Jake Somers** had a good night in Greenwood's 56-42 win over Pecos as he completed 11 of 18 passes for 181 yards, four TDs and no interceptions. Somers added 104 on 12 carries.

■ Garden City's **Josue Gutierrez** helped the Bearkats to 59-14 victory over Westbrook in the District 6-1A Division I opener with 211 yards and three touchdowns on 18 carries.

■ In a 40-21 loss to No. 2 Wall, QB **Coy Stewart** rushed for 121 yards and threw for 74 yards and two TDs on eight completions.

■ Andrews crushed Mountain View as Mustangs QB **Jace Keesee** completed 19 of 24 passes for 204 yards and five touchdowns, while **Noah Lujan** caught six passes for 146 yards and four TDs to go with an 88-yard kickoff return for a score.

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Gun Runner is 9-5 favorite for Breeders' Cup Classic

By Mike Farrell
Associated Press

DEL MAR, Calif. — Gun Runner, the top older horse on the East Coast, is the slight 9/5 favorite for the $6 million Breeders' Cup Classic on Saturday at Del Mar.

He breaks from the No. 5 post while defending champion Arrogate starts from the rail as the 2-1 second choice.

Del Mar is hosting the $28 million, 13-race Breeders' Cup for the first time. The season-ending championships open with four races on Friday followed by nine, including the Classic, on Saturday.

Gun Runner arrives on a three-race winning streak, all Grade 1 stakes, for trainer Steve Asmussen. The 4-year-old posted dominant victories in the Stephen Foster at Churchill Downs and the Whitney and Woodward Stakes at Saratoga. His last defeat was to Arrogate in Dubai.

Arrogate, the world's all-time leading money earner with $17.3 million, is one of four Classic runners trained by Bob Baffert. He also sends out Collected (6-1), Mubtaahij (12-1) and Travers winner West Coast (6-1) in the richest race of the weekend.

The Classic will be shown live in prime time on NBC.

Post positions were drawn Monday afternoon with actress Bo Derek assisting for the Classic and the Distaff.

Arrogate, has been vulnerable since winning the Dubai World Cup in March. He was fourth in the San Diego Handicap and second by a half length to stablemate Collected in the Pacific Classic.

Mike Smith, Arrogate's rider, said the colt is "training like it," when asked to compare his current fitness compared to last year when he beat California Chrome by a half length.

"It took a while to get his legs back," Smith said.

Arrogate tries to become the first horse to win consecutive Classics since Tiznow in 2000-01.

The field will not include any of this year's Triple Crown winners: Always Dreaming (Kentucky Derby), Cloud Computing (Preakness) and Tapwrit (Belmont Stakes).

Baffert is going for an unprecedented fourth straight victory in the Classic, after winning the last three years with Bayern, Triple Crown winner American Pharoah and Arrogate. Regardless of the outcome, Baffert will set a Classic record as the first trainer to saddle four horses in the race.

Churchill (15-1), Gunnevera (30-1), Pavel (20-1) and a trio of 30-1 shots-- War Decree, War Story and Win the Space-- complete the Classic field.

Stellar Wind (5-2) returns for a third straight try in the $2 million Distaff, the marque race on the Friday program. She was second in 2015 and fourth last year.

The 5-year-old mare trained by John Sadler is a perfect 3 for 3 in 2017.

"She's been a great mare," Sadler said. "She's done everything we've asked this year. We're excited. She's ready and we've got our fingers crossed."

Stellar Wind breaks from post No. 2.

The road to next year's Triple Crown starts Saturday with the $2 million Juvenile for 2-year-olds where Bolt d'Oro looms the 9-5 favorite for trainer Mick Ruis from post No. 11.

The son of Medaglia d'Oro is 3 for 3 following a 7 3/4-length romp in the Front Runner Stakes at Santa Anita.

The Irish-bred Ulysses is one of Europe's top contenders in this Breeders' Cup as the 7/2 favorite in the $4 million Turf contested one race before the Classic.

HIGH SCHOOL AREA FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 2-6A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
San Angelo Central	8	0	357	168	1.000
Odessa Permian	6	1	279	126	.857
Lee	6	1	347	215	.857
Amarillo Tascosa	6	3	368	243	.666
Odessa High	3	5	175	206	.375
Midland High	2	6	208	316	.250
Wolfforth Frenship	0	9	116	392	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-San Angelo Central	4	0	170	82	1.000
Odessa Permian	3	1	170	61	.750
Lee	3	1	161	129	.750
Midland High	2	2	93	133	.500
Amarillo Tascosa	2	3	179	170	.400
Odessa High	1	3	78	109	.250
Wolfforth Frenship	0	4	42	164	.000

x-clinched playoff berth

Last week's scores

Midland High 49, Amarillo Tascosa 42; San Angelo Central 31, Odessa Permian 20; Odessa High 28, Wolfforth Frenship 7 Lee was open

Friday's games

San Angelo Central at Midland High; Lee at Wolfforth Frenship; Odessa High vs. Odessa Permian, all games at 7:30 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa is open

District 2-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Clint	7	1	278	145	.875
Andrews	7	2	485	212	.778
Fabens	5	4	224	173	.556
Mountain View	2	6	161	245	.250
San Elizario	0	8	54	341	.000

District standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Andrews	3	0	191	35	1.000
Fabens	2	1	101	98	.667
Clint	1	1	56	61	.500
Mountain View	0	2	35	86	.000
San Elizario	0	2	07	110	.000

Last week's scores

Andrews 65, Clint Mountain View 21; Fabens 40, San Elizario 7; Clint 39, El Paso Cathedral 14

This week's games

Clint at Andrews; Clint Mountain View at San Elizario; Fabens is open

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ab. Wylie	6	2	281	161	.750
Stephenville	6	2	299	145	.750
Brownwood	4	4	286	259	.500
Snyder	2	6	141	225	.250
Big Spring	0	9	99	436	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Ab. Wylie	3	0	114	51	1.000
Stephenville	2	0	99	21	1.000
Snyder	1	1	47	40	.500
Big Spring	0	2	19	82	.000
Brownwood	0	2	59	75	.000

Last week's scores

Stephenville 71, Big Spring 0; Abilene Wylie 27, Snyder 7; Brownwood 28, Alvin Shadow Creek 21

This week's games

Brownwood at Big Spring; Stephenville at Snyder; Abilene Wylie is open

District 2-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Seminole	8	1	337	114	.889
Sweetwater	7	1	398	127	.875
Monahans	6	2	239	220	.750
Greenwood	5	3	297	208	.625
Pecos	5	4	255	287	.556
Lamesa	4	5	236	303	.444
Fort Stockton	3	5	129	221	.375

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
x-Seminole	5	0	198	84	1.000
Monahans	3	1	117	92	.750
Sweetwater	3	1	200	71	.750
Greenwood	2	2	147	104	.500
Fort Stockton	1	3	39	120	.250
Pecos	1	4	140	210	.200
Lamesa	0	4	33	182	.000

Last week's scores

Greenwood 56, Pecos 42; Monahans 49, Lamesa 20; Seminole 28, Sweetwater 27, OT; Fort Stockton is open

This week's games

Lamesa at Greenwood; Fort Stockton at Seminole; Sweetwater at Monahans; Pecos is open

District 2-3A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Colorado City	7	1	218	66	.875
Coahoma	6	3	255	223	.667
Idalou	3	6	150	228	.333
Stanton	2	6	144	284	.250
Lub. Roosevelt	0	8	53	391	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Colorado City	2	0	74	02	1.000
Coahoma	2	1	65	64	.667
Stanton	1	1	43	57	.500
Idalou	1	2	57	47	.000
Lub. Roosevelt	0	2	23	82	.000

Last week's scores

Colorado City 46, Coahoma 2; Idalou 39, Lubbock Roosevelt 0; Stanton was open

This week's games

Stanton at Idalou; Lubbock Roosevelt at Colorado City; Coahoma is open

District 4-2A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Hawley	7	2	258	153	.778
Stamford	6	2	284	178	.750
Post	5	3	263	147	.625
Anson	5	4	299	323	.556
Forsan	3	5	252	249	.375

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Hawley	3	0	119	35	1.000
Stamford	2	0	84	62	1.000
Anson	1	2	104	127	.333
Forsan	0	2	62	102	.000
Post	0	2	34	77	.000

Last week's scores

Anson 62, Forsan 41; Hawley 28, Post 0; Stamford was open

This week's games

Post at Forsan; Stamford at Hawley; Anson is open

District 6-1A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	6	2	482	217	.750
Sterling City	5	3	434	358	.625
Westbrook	5	3	352	258	.625
Robert Lee	4	4	375	407	.500

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	1	0	59	14	1.000
Sterling City	1	0	50	40	1.000
Robert Lee	0	1	40	90	.000
Westbrook	0	1	14	59	.000

Last week's scores

Garden City 59, Westbrook 14; Sterling City 90, Robert Lee 40

This week's games

Sterling City at Garden City; Robert Lee at Westbrook

District 7-1A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Buena Vista	6	1	390	188	.857
Rankin	6	2	392	196	.750
Marfa	5	2	299	223	.714
Fort Davis	4	4	258	278	.500

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Buena Vista	1	0	84	44	1.000
Rankin	1	0	53	08	1.000
Fort Davis	0	1	08	53	.000
Marfa	0	1	44	84	.000

Last week's scores

Rankin 53, Fort Davis 8; Imperial Buena Vista 84, Marfa 44

This week's games

Rankin at Marfa (Thursday); Fort Davis at Imperial Buena Vista

District 6-1A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sands	7	2	414	259	.778
Wellman-Union	4	4	296	259	.500
Dawson	2	5	215	370	.285
Loop	1	6	86	345	.143
Grady	1	7	173	435	.125

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sands	3	0	166	43	1.000
Wellman-Union	1	1	102	62	.500
Grady	1	1	79	79	.500
Dawson	0	2	56	120	.000
Loop	1	2	76	175	.333

Last week's scores

Sands 54, Wellman-Union 25; Loop 68, Dawson 50; Grady was open

This week's games

Grady at Loop; Dawson at Wellman-Union; Sands is open

TAPPS Division II, District 1
Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Christian	8	1	387	90	.889
Midland Christian	6	2	284	189	.750
FWSW Christian	6	2	284	141	.750
Grapevine Faith	4	4	245	186	.500
Frisco Legacy	2	6	205	242	.250

District standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Midland Christian	2	0	69	27	1.000
FW Christian	2	0	91	23	1.000
Grapevine Faith	1	2	85	65	.333
FWSW Christian	1	1	55	69	.500
Frisco Legacy	0	3	60	144	.000

Last week's scores

Wall 40, MCS 21; Fort Worth Christian 38, Grapevine Faith 13; Fort Worth Southwest Christian 42, Frisco Legacy Christian 27

This week's games

MCS at Frisco Legacy Christian; Fort Worth Southwest Christian at Fort Worth Christian; Grapevine Faith at Rice

TAPPS Division III, District 1
Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Lubbock Chr.	7	1	267	115	.875
Lubbock Trinity	7	1	251	114	.875
WP Trinity	7	2	267	69	.778
FW Calvary	6	3	233	137	.667
Sacred Heart	5	3	251	142	.625
Lake Country	2	6	172	265	.250
Trinity	0	6	50	174	.000

District standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Lubbock Chr.	4	0	126	72	1.000
Lubbock Trinity	3	1	122	67	.750
Sacred Heart	2	1	90	49	.667
WP Trinity	3	2	119	59	.600
FW Calvary	2	3	79	100	.400
Trinity	0	3	12	91	.000
Lake Country	0	4	54	167	.000

Last week's games

Lubbock Christian 44, Fort Worth Lake Country 28; Willow Park Trinity 21, Fort Worth Calvary Christian 0; Lubbock Trinity 48, Austin St. Stephen's Episcopal 21; Trinity and Muenster Sacred Heart were open

This week's games

Fort Worth Lake Country at Trinity; Willow Park Trinity at Lubbock Christian; Muenster Sacred Heart at Lubbock Trinity (Saturday); Fort Worth Calvary Christian is open

AP TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

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

Class 6A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Allen (19)	(8-0)	243	1
2. Converse Judson (4)	(8-0)	217	2
3. Katy (2)	(6-0)	208	3
4. Austin Westlake	(8-0)	171	5
5. Garland Sachse	(8-0)	119	6
6. Waco Midway	(8-0)	97	7
7. Duncanville	(8-0)	93	10
8. The Woodlands	(5-1)	75	8
9. Klein Collins	(7-0)	73	9
10. DeSoto	(7-1)	34	4

Others receiving votes: Spring Westfield 19, Mansfield 8, Lake Travis 6, Humble Atascocita 5, San Benito 2, Boerne Field Ridge 1. 5A Northside O'Connor 1. San Angelo Central 1.

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (16)	(8-0)	237	1
2. Manvel (4)	(7-0)	231	2
3. Denton Ryan (1)	(8-0)	199	3
4. CC Calallen	(8-0)	161	4
5. Cedar Park	(7-1)	119	5
6. Angleton	(8-0)	111	7
(tie) Dallas Highland Park	(7-1)	111	6
8. Dripping Springs	(8-0)	68	9
9. Frisco Lone Star	(7-1)	51	10
10. Hutto	(8-0)	22	NR

Others receiving votes: Colleyville Heritage 21, Lubbock Coronado 13, Mansfield Lake Ridge 10, Temple 7, College Station 5, Port Neches-Groves 3, Mansfield Legacy 3, Austin McCallum 1, Mission Memorial 1, Frisco Reedy 1.

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Carthage (22)	(8-0)	246	1
2. West Orange-Stark (3)	(8-0)	210	2
3. Argyle	(8-0)	200	3
4. Waco La Vega	(8-0)	176	4
5. Cuero	(7-0)	151	5
6. Midlothian Heritage	(8-0)	109	6
7. Kennedale	(7-1)	105	7
8. Van	(8-0)	75	8
9. Texarkana Pleasant Grove	(8-0)	66	9
10. Graham	(8-0)	24	NR

Others receiving votes: Lubbock Estacado 6, Seminole 3, Sweetwater 1, Houston North Forest 1, Rio Hondo 1, Gilmer 1.

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Gunter (15)	(9-0)	234	1
2. Wall (2)	(8-0)	201	2
3. Lexington (3)	(8-0)	193	3
4. Newton (5)	(7-0)	184	4
5. Meridian	(8-0)	133	5
6. Canadian	(8-0)	123	6
7. Brock	(7-1)	98	7
8. New London West Rusk	(7-0)	83	8
9. Yoakum	(7-1)	49	10
10. Hallettsville	(7-1)	47	9

Others receiving votes: Jefferson 18, Sonora 14, Mount Vernon 5, Big Sandy Harmony 5, East Bernard 4, Woodville 3, El Maton Tidehaven 1.

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Tenaha (17)	(9-0)	229	1
2. Mason (3)	(9-0)	214	2
3. Muenster	(8-0)	185	3
4. Albany	(8-0)	146	5
(tie) Mart (3)	(7-1)	146	4
6. Refugio (2)	(8-1)	140	6
7. Abernathy	(8-0)	118	7
8. De Leon	(8-0)	93	8
9. Bremond	(7-1)	43	9
10. San Augustine	(8-0)	27	NR

Others receiving votes: Wellington 10, Burton 4, Joaquin 3, Milano 3, New Deal 1, Thrall 1, Valley View 1, Big Sandy 1.

SUDOKU

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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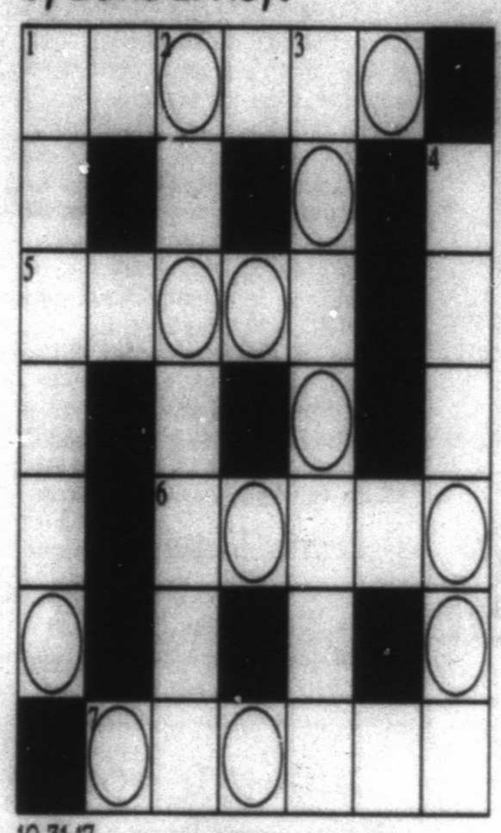

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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Plan, plot	MESHCE
5. Move	DGBEU
6. Funny act	AICTN
7. One golf shot	KOSTER

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Outlying area	BBRUSU
2. Fire ___	YTNHARD
3. Conductor	TSMOREA
4. Save	CURSEE

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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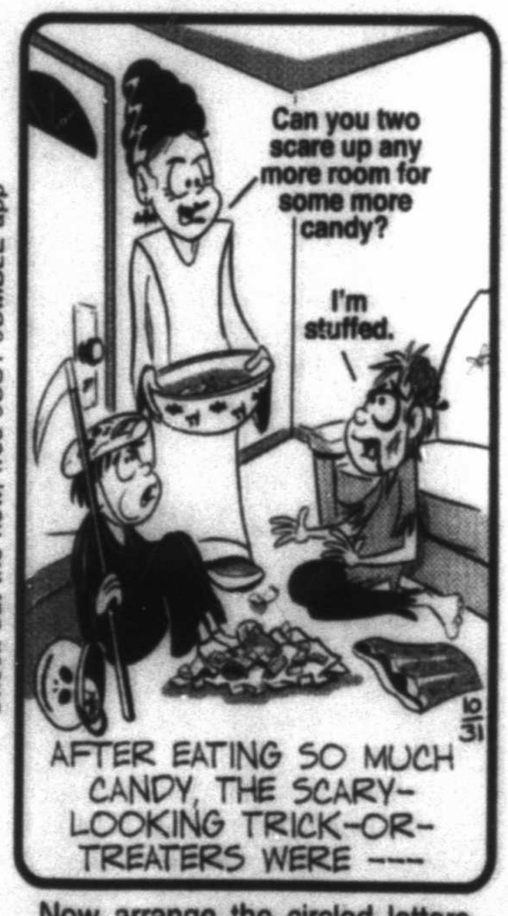

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7 Actress Moore
11 Dick and Jane's dog
15 Tropical lizard
16 Large-scale
17 Vagrant
18 "Evita" Tony-winning actress
20 __-ran
21 Diminutive suffix
22 Fort full of gold
23 Guitarist Clapton
24 Spanish king
25 Coast Guard rank
29 Prefix with sol
30 Flight height: Abbr.
31 Ambient music pioneer Brian
32 Rural road surface
34 Carpal or tarsal lead-in
36 Prilosec target
37 Roberto Clemente, notably
41 "__-daisy!"
42 Approximately
43 Small fishing boat
44 D.C. United's org.
45 Sweetie pie
46 Urge
48 Ceramics shaper
52 34-Down, in Toledo, Sp.
55 Naturalist John
56 "__ Lang Syne"
57 Truant GI
58 Fatherly nickname
59 Tinker in the workshop
62 Move a bit
63 "__, Brute?"
64 Not inclined (to)
65 Meat safety org.
66 Loch with a mystery
67 Blowtorch user

DOWN
1 Windshield cleaner
2 Striped quartz
3 Like old wagon trails
4 Appease, as hunger
5 Smart game-show vowel purchase for "F_LM CR_T_C"
6 "The Color Purple" author Alice
7 Bus terminus
8 Modeling glue
9 60 secs.
10 Devils' playing surface, ironically
11 Puppeteer Lewis
12 Patrol vehicle
13 Target of captioning censorship
14 "That's __ bad"
19 "Do __ others ..."
23 Young salamander
25 Caresses, as a dog
26 Inaugural recitation
27 Envelope part
28 Used a bike
29 Superficially cultured
32 Embassy workers
33 "What a harebrained idea!"
34 52-Across, in Toledo, OH
35 Self-esteem
36 Retired Yankee slugger, to fans
37 Gas station machine
38 Crude dude
39 Catering coffeepots
40 Big screen star
45 Ship's pronoun
46 One-named soccer great
47 Change, as map details
49 Sparkly crown
50 Light bulb units
51 Many Rwandans
52 See 59-Down
53 Shake awake
54 Change
57 Brother of Cain
58 Nittany Lions' sch.
59 It's mightier than the 52-Down, so they say
60 4 x 4, for short
61 Blvd.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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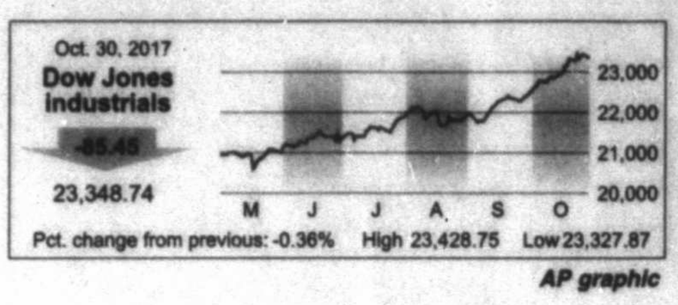

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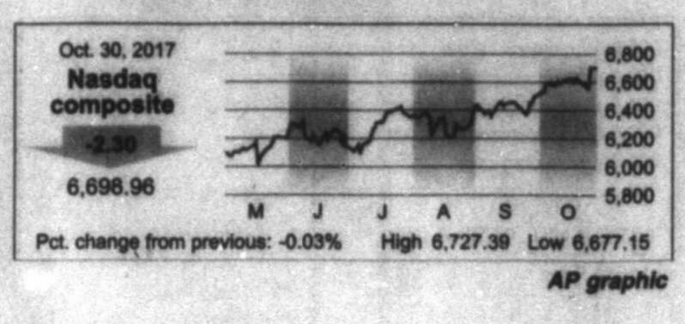

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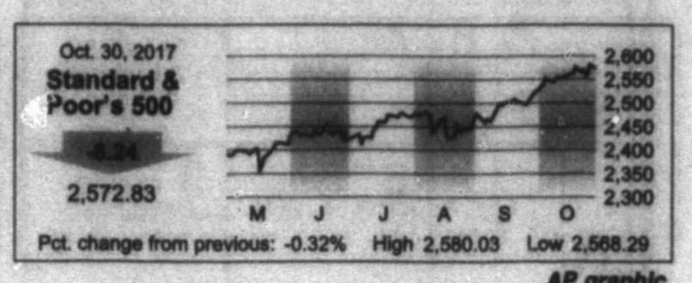

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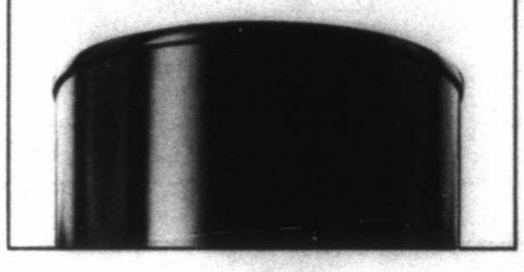

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GenElec	806696	21.32	-.18
NokiaCp	656273	4.76	-1.29
S&P500ETF	587993	255.62	+.33
BkofAm	540872	27.74	+.11

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Twitter	20.31	+3.17	+18.5
WhitingPet	5.56	+.69	+14.2
WldW Ent	24.40	+2.85	+13.2
Celadon	7.55	+.85	+12.7
FTI Cnslt	41.00	+4.46	+12.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NokiaCp	4.76	-1.29	-21.3
Intelsat	4.79	-1.15	-19.4
Oceaneerg	19.34	-4.26	-18.1
GNC	6.65	-1.47	-18.1
Brunswick	48.63	-8.85	-15.4

Diary

Advanced	1,536
Declined	1,389
Unchanged	100
Total issues	3,025
New Highs	189
New Lows	82
Volume	3,708,751,395

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TransEnrix	112033	2.86	-.25
SRC Eng	55735	9.04	+.16
NwGold g	53442	3.39	-.10
Globalstar	36541	1.63	+.05
VoltInfoSci	36147	4.10	+.70

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VoltInfoSci	4.10	+.70	+20.6
RexahnPh rs	2.04	+.21	+11.5
StrsEn wt	3.37	+.24	+7.7
McClatch rs	9.75	+.45	+4.8
LGL Grp	5.93	+.26	+4.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TransEnrix	2.86	-.25	-8.0
CaledoMin n	5.23	-.28	-5.1
SlvrcpMt n	2.46	-.13	-5.0
CondHos rs	9.82	-.49	-4.8
AcmeU	22.35	-1.14	-4.8

Diary

Advanced	152
Declined	186
Unchanged	19
Total issues	357
New Highs	7
New Lows	13
Volume	99,193,536

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Celgene	648332	99.99	-19.57
Comcast s	544638	36.27	-.56
Intel	347498	41.35	+.57
Microsoft	274237	78.76	+.13
MicronT	265200	40.60	-.46

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NeosTher n	10.05	+2.75	+37.7
OpiantPh n	40.15	+10.55	+35.6
IRadimed	12.55	+2.35	+23.0
BuffaloWW	120.95	+19.80	+19.6
EchoGLog	22.90	+3.20	+16.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InsysTher s	5.74	-1.68	-22.6
Essendant	9.83	-2.72	-21.7
UltraClean	25.82	-6.87	-21.0
MolecTemp	7.13	-1.47	-17.1
Celgene	99.99	-19.57	-16.4

Diary

Advanced	1,460
Declined	1,407
Unchanged	230
Total issues	3,097
New Highs	131
New Lows	70
Volume	1,997,551,330

NM utility seeks electricity options other than coal

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico's largest electric provider on Monday put out a request for proposals for hundreds of megawatts of power to fill a future void as the utility plans ahead for weaning itself from coal-fired generation over the next several years.

Public Service Co. of New Mexico plans to close two units at the San Juan Generating Station in northwestern New Mexico before the end of the year to meet a federal mandate aimed at reducing haze-causing pollution in the region. By 2022, the rest of the plant could close.

In an announcement late last week, the utility said it is looking for a combination of sources that can ensure the reliability of a system that serves a half-million customers around New Mexico. It pegged the amount at 456 megawatts.

The utility also is encouraging renewable and battery-storage options.

The utility also plans to divest its ownership shares in the nearby Four Corners Power Plant when its coal supply contract runs out in 2031. That would leave the company with no coal resources in its portfolio.

Executives at PNM Resources, the utility's parent company, have pointed to the uncertainty surrounding coal given possible future environmental regulations and ongoing pressure to address pollution concerns.

They also have said replacing the coal supply with renewable energy and more flexible natural gas-powered plants will save money for customers in the long run.

Overall, the amount of U.S. electricity generated by coal has fallen to about one-third in the last decade, mostly as hydraulic fracturing has made natural gas cheaper and more plentiful.

Bidders hoping to supply New Mexico with energy will have until Nov. 30 to announce their intention to bid. Proposals will be due in January.

The utility has said options for filling the void will include building new solar farms and more natural gas plants. It also suggests that new transmission lines could alleviate current capacity limits that will prevent more wind energy from being developed in eastern New Mexico.

US consumer spending surged by 1 percent in September

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumers boosted their spending by 1 percent in September, the biggest gain in eight years. The surge was fueled by robust demand across sectors, especially autos in the wake of recent hurricanes.

The sharp jump in consumer spending was up from a tiny 0.1 percent gain in August and was the best showing since an increase of 1.3 percent in August 2009, the Commerce Department reported Monday. Income growth was also solid in September, rising by 0.4 percent as wages and salaries climbed.

Consumer spending is closely monitored because it accounts for 70 percent of economic activity. The latest result suggests that Americans were feeling increasingly confident about the economy heading into the final quarter of the year.

That should support solid growth in the fourth quarter. Gross domestic product grew at a solid 3 percent annual rate in the July-September quarter, despite the devastation from two hurricanes.

The big spending surge in September was led by a 14.7 percent increase in spending for new motor vehicles, as drivers began replacing the estimated more than 300,000 vehicles destroyed in the hurricanes. Spending on nondurable goods such as clothing and services such as utility payments was also strong.

"Consumers were not shy in September," said Eugenio Aleman, senior economist at Wells Fargo. "Every sector of consumption was booming."

Consumer confidence has been bolstered by a Wall Street rally, which has pushed stocks to new highs. Economists expect even stronger spending next year if Republicans are able to push their tax cut package through Congress, and the cuts are made retroactive to the start of 2018.

"Most households should get the benefit of a reduction in taxes early in the New Year, but we won't know what proportion of households will be net beneficiaries of the Republican's tax cuts until the details of the plan are released this Wednesday," said Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist for Capital Economics.

A key inflation gauge closely followed by the Federal Reserve showed consumer prices rose 1.6 percent in September compared to a year ago, up from readings of just 1.4 percent the past three months.

Fed officialshave raised interest rates twice this year and will meet again on today and Wednesday.

Stocks around the world take a pause ahead of frenetic week

NEW YORK — Stocks retreated from their record highs on Monday, ahead of a frenetic week for markets.

Investors are waiting to learn who the next head of the Federal Reserve will be, what several of the world's biggest central banks will decide on interest rates, and whether Apple and other big U.S. companies can keep piling their profits higher. In the meantime, reports continued to show that the economy is strengthening and negotiations continued in Washington to cut income-tax rates.

Amid the many cross currents, the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 8.24 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,572.83 from its record set on Friday. Losses for health care stocks, telecoms and other areas of the market overshadowed gains for technology companies and energy producers.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 85.45, or 0.4 percent, to 23,348.74, and the Nasdaq dropped 2.30, or less than 0.1 percent, to 6,698.96. Smaller stocks fell more than the rest of the market, and the small-cap Russell 2000 index lost 17.42, or 1.2 percent, to 1,490.90.

Gold price higher

Gold rose $5.90 to $1,277.70 per ounce, silver gained 10 cents to $16.85 per ounce and copper added a penny to $3.11 per pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $132.80 Up 0.43

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.57 Up 0.07

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $106.20 Up 1.63

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.57 Up 0.03

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.96 Down 0.21

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.05 Down 0.15

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $14.71 Up 0.22

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $33.49 Up 0.47

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.61 Up 0.05

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.40 Up 0.40

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.96	13	33.67	+.18	-20.8
Abraxas	...	**48**	**1.91**	**-.03**	**-25.7**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**15.43**	**+.04**	**+21.4**
AMD			12.01	-.33	+5.9
Akorn Inc		19	32.84	-.38	+50.4
Alibaba		48	170.32	+.10	+94.0
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e		10.49	+.17	-16.7
Ambev	.06e	6	6.32	-.16	+28.7
AmAirlines	.40	7	48.61	-2.41	+4.1
Amgen	**4.60**	**16**	**176.52**	**-.98**	**+20.7**
Anadarko	**.20**	...	**47.69**	**+.91**	**-31.6**
Annaly	1.20a	10	11.50	-.34	+15.3
Apache	**1.00**	...	**39.59**	**+.08**	**-37.6**
Apple Inc	2.52	18	157.41	+1.00	+35.9
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**55.93**	**+.63**	**+73.3**
Archrock	.48	...	11.70	...	-11.4
ATMOS	**1.80**	**24**	**86.36**	**+.32**	**+16.5**
AtossGen rs	...	...	.45	-.40	-68.1
AutoData	2.28	32	117.30	+.96	+14.1
BP PLC	**2.38**	**29**	**38.65**	**-.14**	**+3.4**
BkofAm	.48	16	27.74	+.11	+25.5
Barclay	.15e	...	9.45	-.99	-14.1
B IPVxST rs		...	36.26	-.09	
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.99	+.06	+3.3
BarrickG	.12	22	14.51	-1.24	9.2
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	
BerkHa A	**...**	**192828**	**10.03**	**-224.99**	**+15.8**
BkHillsCp	**1.78**	**19**	**65.09**	**+.20**	**+6.1**
BonTon	.20	...	.73	-.11	-50.3
BostonSci	...	18	28.82	-.79	+33.2
BrMySq	**1.56**	**24**	**60.95**	**-3.05**	**+4.3**
BrownFA s	**...**	**33**	**56.72**	**+.63**	**+22.6**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**56.33**	**+.67**	**+25.4**
CSX	.80	26	52.35	-.57	+45.7
CVS Health	2.00	13	73.31	-2.22	-7.1
CaesumEnt	...	...	12.30	...	+44.7
CallonPet	**...**	**32**	**10.27**	**+.05**	**-33.2**
Caterpillar	3.12	36	136.94	+.10	+47.7
Celestic g	...	8	11.90	-.08	+.4
Celgene	...	25	99.99	-19.57	-13.6
Cemex	.29t	...	8.16	+.06	+5.7
CntryLink	2.16	8	18.51	-.02	-22.2
ChesEng	...	8	3.53	-.02	-49.7
Chevron	**4.32**	**67**	**118.44**	**...**	**+.6**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Chicos	.33	11	8.33	-.01	-42.1
Cimarex	.32	36	113.36	+.32	-16.6
Cisco	1.16	18	34.27	-.03	+13.4
Citigroup	1.28	14	73.79	+.17	+24.2
ClevCliffs	...	5	6.53	-.30	-22.4
CocaCola	**1.40**	**28**	**46.23**	**+.18**	**+11.5**
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**24**	**71.21**	**-.21**	**+8.8**
Comcast s	.63	20	36.27	-.56	+5.1
ConAgra	**.85**	**19**	**33.38**	**-.55**	**-15.6**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**130.12**	**-.41**	**-1.9**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**41**	**51.46**	**+1.50**	**+2.6**
CrackerB	4.80	24	155.63	+.93	-6.8
CSVVxSh rs	...	...	9.58	-.06	-89.9
CSVLgNG rs		...	9.92	-.40	-78.5
CrosTim	**.93e**	**15**	**15.07**	**+.12**	**-16.1**
CumMed rs	...	1	.50	+.19	-51.0
DCP Mid	3.12	17	32.84	+.27	-14.4
DTE	3.30	23	110.12	-.65	+11.8
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**34.91**	**+.56**	**-23.6**
DrGMBll rs	...	...	15.05	-.75	...
Disney	**1.56**	**17**	**96.56**	**+.79**	**-5.4**
DowDuPnt	1.84	23	73.05	+1.96	+27.7
DryShips s	.15e	1	4.65	-.33	-100.0
EOG Resce	**.67**	**...**	**96.92**	**+.77**	**-4.1**
EldorGld g	.02e	16	1.31	+.01	-59.3
EnCana g	.06	21	10.70	+.10	-8.9
Energen	.06	...	49.48	...	-14.2
EnPro	**.80**	**55**	**80.86**	**+1.61**	**+20.0**
ENSCO	.04	2	5.01	-.04	-48.5
EntProPt	1.69f	19	24.58	+.22	-9.1
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.12	-.46	+5.0
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**32**	**83.47**	**+.30**	**-7.5**
FordM	.60a	13	12.27	+.23	+1.2
FrptMcM	...	...	14.69	-.01	+11.4
GATX	**1.68**	**12**	**59.86**	**+.01**	**-2.6**
GNC	.80	5	6.65	-1.47	-39.8
GabMultT	**.94e**	...	**8.58**	**-.45**	**+18.5**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**35.90**	**-.03**	**+15.1**
GenElec	**.96**	**18**	**21.32**	**-.18**	**-32.5**
GlaxoSKln	2.89e	...	36.60	-1.59	-5.0
Goldcrp g	.24	40	12.92	+.04	-5.0
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**21**	**32.40**	**+.25**	**+18.5**
HP Inc	.53	14	21.52	-.15	+45.0
Hallibrtn	.72	94	41.24	-.22	-23.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
HuntBncsh	.44f	20	13.91	+.03	+5.2
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	8.82	-.29	+29.5
iShBrazil	.67e	...	40.63	-1.25	+21.9
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	45.67	-.03	+31.6
iShEMkts	.59e	...	45.48	-.31	+29.9
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	69.02	-.01	+19.6
iShR2K	1.77e	...	148.76	+.31	+10.3
IderaPhm	...	...	1.47	-.56	-2.0
Intel	**1.09**	**18**	**41.35**	**+.57**	**+14.0**
InterDig	1.40f	9	75.85	+.75	-17.0
JD.com	...	...	36.81	-.59	+44.7
JPMorgCh	2.24f	15	101.74	+.72	+17.9
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**141.81**	**-.58**	**+23.1**
Keycorp	.38	17	18.52	+.20	+1.4
KimbClk	**3.88**	**19**	**113.59**	**+1.19**	**-.5**
KindMorg	.50	33	18.00	+.04	-13.1
LegacyRes	...	...	1.52	+.04	-28.3
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**2.42**	**-.02**	**-43.5**
MYOS	...	...	1.41	-.08	+19.5
McDnlds	4.04f	28	164.01	+.43	+34.7
Merck	1.88	16	61.99	-.46	+5.3
MeritMed	**...**	**48**	**38.05**	**-3.65**	**+43.6**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.20	-.07	-16.0
MicronT	...	9	40.60	-.46	+65.2
Microsoft	1.68f	28	78.76	+.13	+26.7
Nabors	.24	...	6.14	-.27	-62.6
NOVarco	.20	81	33.86	+.23	-9.6
NikeB s	.84	24	56.81	+1.67	+11.8
NokiaCp	.17e	...	4.76	-1.29	-1.0
NSTFD	**.55e**	**...**	**14.98**	**-.06**	**+6.7**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**14.34**	**-.05**	**+4.5**
OcciPet	**3.08**	**...**	**64.62**	**-.73**	**-9.3**
Oceaneerg	.60	28	19.34	-4.26	-31.4
Oracle	.76	23	50.15	+.45	+30.9
PDC Engy	**...**	**34**	**46.25**	**+.34**	**-38.3**
PerTech	**...**	**24**	**9.85**	**-.48**	**+76.5**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**.99**	**+.01**	**-62.1**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**19.09**	**+1.12**	**-29.1**
PennaRE	**.84**	**7**	**9.97**	**-.09**	**-47.4**
Pmlsn	.63e	25	9.12	-.13	+18.3
Pfizer	**1.28**	**16**	**35.74**	**-.42**	**+10.0**
PioNtrl	.08	...	142.31	+.15	-21.0
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**16**	**19.36**	**+.38**	**-40.0**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	146.96	-.47	+24.0
Praxair	**3.15**	**27**	**149.60**	**+5.98**	**+27.7**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**49.90**	**-.10**	**-7.6**
PUVixST rs	...	...	17.55	-.10	...
ProctGam	**2.78f**	**22**	**87.50**	**+.64**	**+4.1**
RangeRs	.08	19	17.72	-.36	-48.4
RegionsFn	.36	17	15.81	+.24	+10.1
RiceEngy	...	29	26.29	-.48	+23.1
RiteAid	...	84	1.67	-.11	-79.7
Rowan	.40	6	13.28	+.04	-29.7
RoyDShllA	3.76	92	60.90	-.15	+12.0
SpdrDJIA	3.96e	...	233.85	+.69	+18.4
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	255.62	+.33	+14.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	32.42	+.17	-21.7
SabnR	2.27e	19	40.60	-.22	+15.5
SanderFm	**1.28f**	**13**	**146.05**	**+1.02**	**+65.6**
Schlmbrg	2.00	49	63.37	-.07	-24.5
SiriusXM	.04f	37	5.58	+.02	+25.4
Smucker	3.12f	14	104.14	+.21	-18.7
SnapInc A n	...	...	14.39	+.23	-41.2
SwstAirl	.50f	15	55.11	-2.05	+10.6
SwstnEngy	...	47	5.17	+.12	-52.2
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	82.16	-.83	+19.2
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	53.56	+.04	+3.6
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	28.80	+.15	+15.3
SP Util	1.55e	...	54.71	+.01	+12.6
TAL Educ s	...	...	27.73	-4.64	...
TOP Shi rs	...	...	.67	+.18	-100.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TeckRes g	.20f	...	20.84	-2.04	+4.0
TelefEsp	**1.20e**	**...**	**10.18**	**-.19**	**+10.7**
TevaPhrm	1.36e	5	13.69	-.24	-62.2
3M Co	4.70	27	232.94	-4.74	+30.4
Torchmark	**.60**	**18**	**85.08**	**+.50**	**+15.3**
TriContl	**1.00e**	**...**	**25.69**	**-.10**	**+16.5**
Twitter	...	...	20.31	+3.17	+24.6
TylerTech	**...**	**57**	**181.86**	**+11.35**	**+27.4**
UBSI	**1.32**	**19**	**37.00**	**+.25**	**-20.0**
US OilFd	...	...	10.57	+.09	-9.8
Vale SA	.29e	...	9.88	-.45	+29.7
ValeroE	2.80	25	76.29	-1.39	+11.7
VanEGold	.06e	...	22.43	-.40	+7.2
VanE JrGld	...	...	31.91	-.48	+1.1
Vereit	.55	14	7.75	-.05	-8.4
VerizonCm	2.36f	10	48.89	+.25	-8.4
VulcanM	**1.00**	**39**	**123.01**	**+.68**	**-1.7**
WEC Engy	2.08	23	67.28	+.51	+14.7
WalgBoots	1.60	14	67.11	-2.25	-18.9
WeathfInt	...	...	3.21	-.15	-35.7
WellsFargo	**1.56f**	**14**	**55.62**	**+.37**	**+.9**
WhitingPet	...	...	5.56	+.69	-53.7
WmsCos	1.20	41	28.41	+.07	-8.8
XcelEngy	**1.44**	**22**	**49.05**	**-.33**	**+20.5**
Xerox rs	1.00	11	30.65	-2.45	+33.3

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23,485.25	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	23,400.86	+71.40	+.31	+18.41	+28.79
10,080.51	7,865.70	Dow Jones Transportation	9,881.46	+91.37	+.93	+9.25	+23.29
755.37	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	746.61	+.27	+.04	+13.19	+13.11
12,443.80	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	12,352.43	+15.85	+.13	+11.72	+17.61
6,641.57	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,556.77	-7.12	-.11	+21.80	+25.71
2,578.29	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,560.40	+3.25	+.13	+14.36	+20.04
1,836.28	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,829.27	+8.73	+.48	+10.16	+21.87
26,800.02	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	26,598.63	+44.75	+.17	+13.54	+20.23
1,514.94	1,158.08	Russell 2000	1,497.46	+3.98	+.27	+10.34	+25.84

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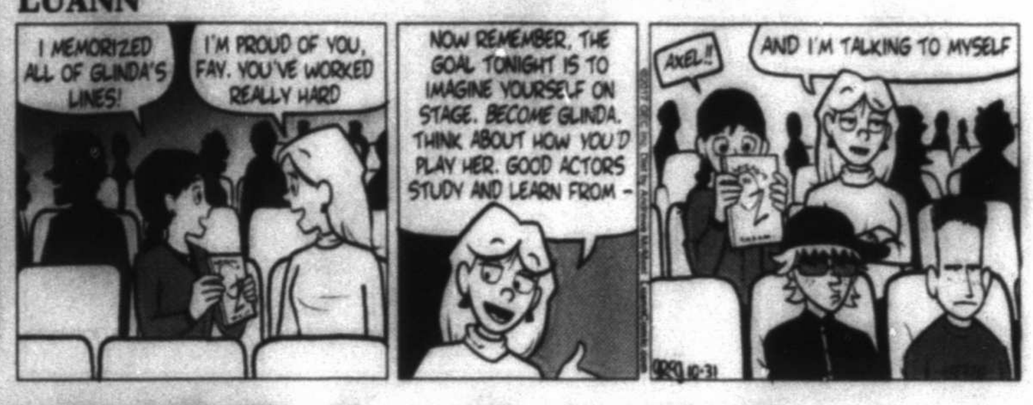

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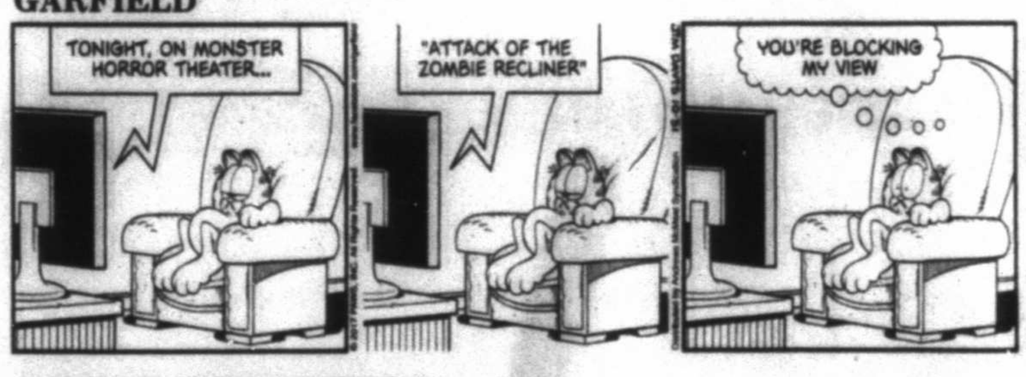

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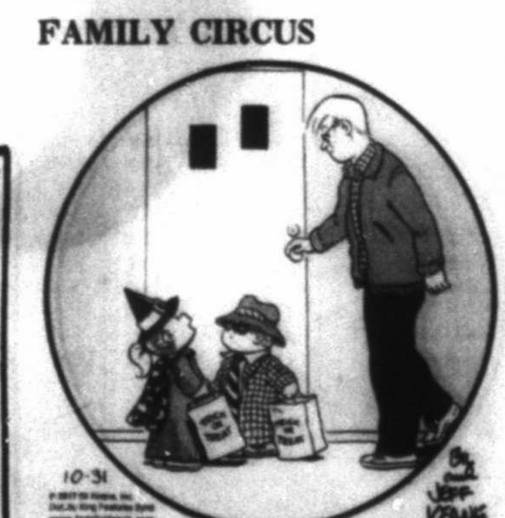

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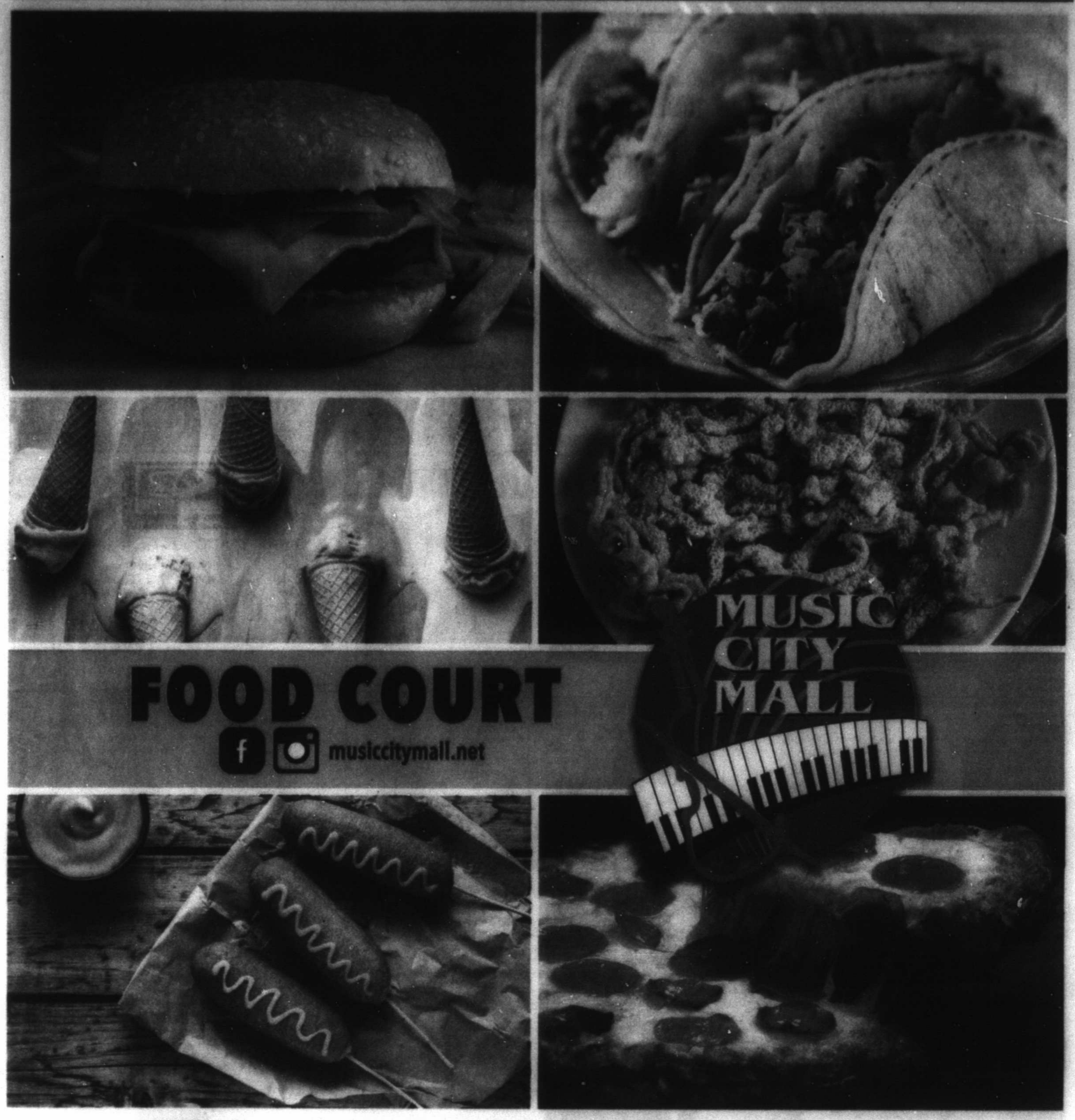

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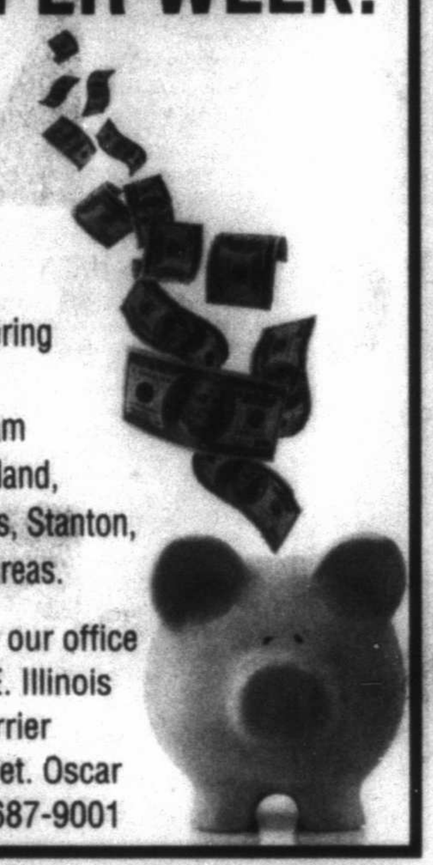

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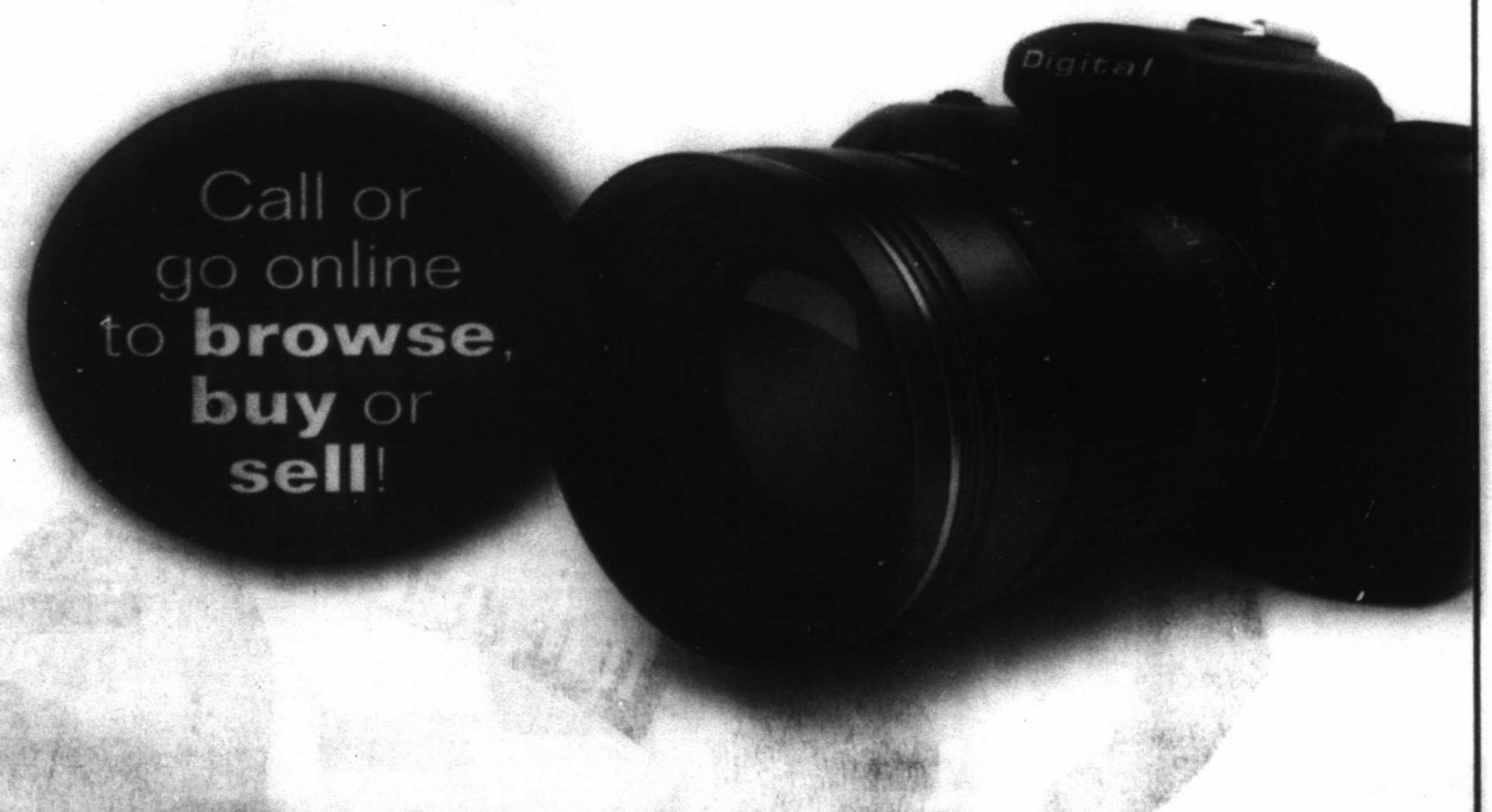

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0307264
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 20, 2017 Status/Permit No. 829259
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 27, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC, [RRC Operator No. 217012] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement because the location is less than the required Rule 37 distance to an external lease line for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 7, Bk. 40 T2S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-50, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 6 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Nov 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

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Lease/Unit Well No.	101LS	
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Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0	
Lease Lines	1678.0 F E (offlease) L,	777.0 F S (offlease) L
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Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal	
Lateral: TH1		
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Terminus Location		
BH County: MIDLAND		
Section: 19	Block: 40 T2S	Abstract: 56
Survey: T&P RR CO		
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10215 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jerry Russell, at (512)4690064.

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DISTRICT 08 — Rule 37 Case No. 0307266
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Oct 20, 2017 — Status/Permit No. 829280
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Nov 27, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751.**

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

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Lease/Unit Well No.	103LS	
Lease/Unit Acres	650.03	
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0	
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	636.0	
Lease Lines	1738.0 F E (offlease) L,	778.0 F S (offlease) L
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Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal	
Lateral: TH1		
Penetration Point Location		
Lease Lines:	1738.0 F E (OFFLEASE) L 778.0 F S (OFFLEASE) L	
Terminus Location		
BH County: MIDLAND		
Section: 19	Block: 40 T2S	Abstract: 56
Survey: T&P RR CO		
Lease Lines:	966.0 F WEST L 50.0 F SOUTH L	
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Voluntarydisconnect

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Andrew Diecidue, 15, left, and Karl Hines, 16, sit in the hallway while a discussion about smartphone technology takes place in Tiffany Southwell's English Literature class Oct. 18 at George M. Steinbrenner High School, in Lutz, Fla.

Students give up cellphones for a day

■ Sophomores write essay on the experience in conjunction with reading 'Fahrenheit 451'

By Marlene Sokol
Tampa Bay Times

LUTZ, Fla. — They were everywhere at Steinbrenner High School. Teens with panic-stricken faces, furiously slapping one thigh, then the other.

My phone. Where's my phone?

Then they'd remember.

They were reading Ray Bradbury's 1953 novel "Fahrenheit 451," and the assignment from English teacher Tiffany Southwell — strictly optional — had been to explore the book's themes of entertainment overload and social alienation. Give me your phones for a day, she suggested to 30 sophomores, and write me an essay.

Would Bradbury's tale of a futuristic world where books are burned be relatable in 2017?

One student, Chase Jackson, thought so.

"People are going too fast and don't take time to observe things and enjoy the luxuries of life," he wrote in his essay. "When people are always on their phone, they are not observing anything else."

It was, some students thought, the easiest homework ever in a school where grade competition is fierce. Who wouldn't take that bet?

But it wasn't long before they realized a phone was like a child's security blanket — or, as Dylan Leugers wrote, "a second heart."

First came the frantic groping and scouring of pockets and backpacks.

"I literally thought that it was the end of the world," John Kahyaoglu wrote.

Two students admitted they reached for their phones while driving.

Jennifer Vazquez described symptoms of physical withdrawal: Jumpiness, irritability, then a headache, "like having a weight over your head."

Gone was their instant access to Google and Edsby. A teacher's urgent text would not arrive in time. Unable to photograph what was on the whiteboard, they would have to take notes.

And there were social mine fields, like that nightmare about coming to school naked.

A phone is everyone's vaccination against an awkward conversation. It doesn't even have to ping. It's just there to grab at any moment.

So lunch was an exercise in endurance. "Nearly half of Steinbrenner High School is generally in one area and people are still not talking to each other physically," Jackson noticed. Instead, they "stuff their faces" and scroll through their phones.

The trip home was not much better with no music, no Snapchat and no Instagram.

"It was the longest bus ride in my life," said Kai'Rell Lewis.

And yet, although not comfortable to talk face-to-face, they knew conversations were happening just out of their reach.

"I felt disconnected in a weird sense, almost like I was part of 'some other world' that required my attention, but I was cut off from," wrote McKenna Leist.

Would there be a price to pay later, a loss of stature, bruised feelings over unanswered texts?

Jackson: "I lost my phone, not my life." But it seemed "that to my friends, I wasn't there."

Interactions at home did not change as much. These are, in a large part, solid families who eat dinner together — phoneless, in some cases.

Bobby Harrigan had a chance to talk with his sister and his parents about this future.

Sebastian Maceda had thought his attachment to the phone was "a teenage thing." But he noticed his mother, father, sister and brother were not much better.

Over the course of the day, he said, they put down their devices, one by one, and soon the whole family was engaged in a conversation about an upcoming trip to the Dominican Republic.

The real problem was boredom.

There was no one to talk to, nothing to shop for. MJ Aljuboori could not watch his cat videos.

"In some cases," Maomi Marintez wrote, "I felt like the world slowed down and the day couldn't go by any slower."

At 4:45 p.m., wrestler Adrian Carmen found himself lying on his bed, doing absolutely nothing.

Adin Kossoff couldn't stand it. He grabbed his mother's phone to "just type randomly." That eased the jitters in his hands and arms.

But the worst was yet to come.

He had to watch "Monday Night Football" without being able to check on his fantasy team. He couldn't go to sleep because he had to wait for a television report, well past midnight, to check the game statistics.

But the students also described moments of enlightenment. A sense of living in the moment. Of walking the dog and being aware of the dog. Without headphones, they realized nature has its own cacophony of sounds.

"The sky and trees looked more vibrant," Lauren Donahey wrote. "I felt this feeling of serenity, comfort and contentment."

Football player Harrison Klein spoke, actually spoke with a teammate after practice about things other than football.

"We talked about school," Klein wrote, "and what he does when he is not playing or watching football."

Most told their teachers they slept better, although a few admitted in their essays that it was hard to doze off without that last spin through YouTube.

They said the exercise helped them focus on their homework. One told the teacher, "if I didn't have a phone, I'd be a rock star" in school.

Southwell was especially impressed by their thoughtfulness, how "they really are concerned about the younger generation."

There are reasons why, for half a century, teachers have assigned "Fahrenheit 451" to high school classes.

The most obvious: It celebrates books in a way that appeals to young readers. It makes books — and things books represent, such as intellectualism and independent thought — delicious symbols of resistance and rebellion.

It also invites the reader to take a hard look at the more mindless pursuits that fill their days and occupy their minds.

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Louisiana could be key to bat survival

By Steve Hardy
The Advocate

BATON ROUGE, La. — As Halloween approaches, it's the bats who should be scared.

A relatively new disease has ravaged populations across the eastern half of North America, but Louisiana could hold the key to keeping species alive.

Bats — of the order Chiroptera, meaning "winged hands" — may conjure images of blood-sucking vampires, but the local varieties are interested in eating only insects, making them vital to their human neighbors.

"The fewer bats we have, the more (pesticide) chemicals go on our crop foods. (Bats) contribute billions in ecosystem services to the agriculture industry," says Louisiana Fisheries and Wildlife zoologist Beau Gregory.

The plague on bats is a disease known as white nose syndrome.

It's caused by the ominously named fungus Pseudogymnoascus destructans, or Pd for short. Bats contract white nose when they come into contact with another bat or surface where Pd is present. It's especially dangerous for hibernating bats because their immune system is suppressed while they're dormant.

As its name implies, the syndrome causes white fungus to grow on non-hairy parts of bats' bodies, including their noses and wings. Those areas can develop infected lesions.

Yet the bigger problem is the disease wakes up hibernating bats when they should be conserving their energy, says Texas Tech biology professor Richard Stevens, a bat researcher who formerly worked at LSU.

"They're on a pretty tight energy balance . and they just run out of energy and die," he said.

Louisiana's warm climate and lack of rock caves is giving scientists hope that the state's particular ecosystem could shelter species that are dying out elsewhere.

The state's warm climate means insects are active year-round, so bats don't have to hibernate. Also, Pd has an unusual preference for cooler temperature.

Also, without rock caves, concentrate bat populations elsewhere and allow the mass transmission of disease, Louisiana bats are more likely to roost in trees and other smaller sites, preventing large-scale Pd breakout.

White nose is believed to have originated in New York state around 2006, likely caused by a human traveler introducing Pd from Europe.

In the years since, the fungus has raced up and down the Appalachian Mountains and spread around the Great Lakes and the Ozarks.

When white nose breaks out in a bat population, more than 90 percent of individuals have died, federal Fish and Wildlife officials wrote in a June statement. At that time, they were announcing that the disease had penetrated into Alabama. Researchers found infected bats within the Lake Purdy Corkscrew Cave outside Birmingham.

For the first time, the southeastern bat species had fallen ill.

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Dear PropellerHeads: I've started ordering household goods from Amazon because it's more convenient than going to the store, but it's still a hassle having to login, click around, confirm my address, etc. Can't they streamline this a little more?

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Then we've got great news for you! Amazon now has a line of "dash buttons" that place the order for you with a single tap of the finger (http://amzn.to/2c4siTX). No need to get that thumb involved with inefficient snapping!

Dash buttons are just that – physical buttons on a small, branded device about the size and shape of a pack of gum. They are available to Amazon Prime members for $5 apiece (refunded once you place your first order). Each is designed to order one product, like Dial soap or Tide detergent or Glad trash bags, and lasts for

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about 1000 pushes.

Amazon suggests sticking them close to where you use those products, like on the washing machine or under the sink. Then you tap the button whenever your supply is running low. This places an order with Amazon using your account, so there's nothing else left to do. The initial setup, which connects the button to your Wi-Fi network, happens through a phone app and only takes place once per button.

That's great if you're out of Charmin, but what does it mean for PropellerHeads? The idea that you can initiate some action on the Internet by simply hitting a button is pretty cool, so Amazon created a generic "Internet of Things" (IOT) button for $20 (http://amzn.to/2cHRyRx).

These are programmable Dash buttons — hitting them runs custom software (hosted on Amazon servers) to do just about anything. If you can do it from a website, now you can do it from a button — whether "it" is sending an email, ordering a pizza, or requesting an Uber ride.

They can also control Internet-connected devices like Philips Hue light bulbs, or services like Netflix. One company programmed them to play sounds through computer speakers, so they press a button after making a bad joke to hear a rimshot, or after their co-worker spills his drink to hear a sad trombone (bit.ly/2czb9Gn).

If you're already using IFTTT (ifttt.com) for automation, check out their "Do Button" which responds to taps on your phone screen instead of requiring a separate physical button (http://ift.tt/2cqxUbG). Or check out Bttn (bt.tn), especially if you have a marketing idea that would benefit from a dedicated physical button with your company's logo on it.

While dedicated buttons performing web-based tasks are cool, Google's idea of the "physical web" turns this around so that everyday objects signal our phones about how they can be used (bit.ly/2cqtF01). In their vision, small Bluetooth beacons will transmit URLs over short distances so we can interact with things in the physical world using devices we already carry.

This might remind you of QR codes from a few years back, which sadly never took off. Physical web beacons are more user-friendly because the data is sent to you automatically — no scanning required.

As you walk around town, the nearby bus stop might broadcast the bus schedule, while a corner restaurant sends menus and coupons to your phone. Movie posters would broadcast previews, while a book in the bookstore window transmits reviews or excerpts. Parking meters might blast out a link to a website where you can pay, while your dog's collar could broadcast her vet's address in case she gets lost (bit.ly/2c6iFcm). An unobtrusive phone notification would alert you that nearby objects were providing information.

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