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Josie Campbell is one of 52 Faces of Community.

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CHURCH SHOOTING

A gunman opened fire at a Nashville, Tennessee church, killing one person and wounding seven.

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Energy surpluses drive down electricity prices

Permian wells produce more natural gas than state needs

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

AUSTIN — Texas produces more energy than we know what to do with, and some electricity generators say that could cause serious problems in the future.

From fossil fuels to renewable sources, the state has an embarrassment of riches. The huge energy surpluses drive electricity prices so low that most of Texas's coal-fired power plants are losing money, nuclear power is struggling, and new wind farms will be hard to finance when tax credits expire in 2020, according to experts who spoke at the Texas Renewable Energy Summit in Austin last week.

With little or no profits, generators say they have no incentive to build new power plants, which they say could lead to a future electricity shortage. Many want an overhaul of the wholesale electricity market so they can make higher profits.

The Texas Public Utilities Commission and Legislature should hold steady.

Last week, I wrote about the huge increase in Permian Basin oil drilling, and while we don't use oil to generate electricity in Texas, those wells are crushing the electricity market because they also produce natural gas, which is used to generate 40 percent of the state's electricity.

Since the gas is a byproduct, Permian drillers sell it at a 20 percent discount to the Henry Hub benchmark. Even then, the wells are producing more gas than the state can use, said Neel Mitra, director of utilities and power research at

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OUT COME THE FROGS

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A female Couch's Spadefoot toad peeks out from a pool of rainwater in an industrial yard south of Midland after a recent rain. Spadefoots live buried in the soil for most of the year and emerge only after a heavy summer rain, according to Michael Price, former executive director of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve. After a storm, the toads seek rain-filled pools to breed. Spadefoot eggs hatch into tadpoles and must mature into adults before the water evaporates. Spadefoots can mature in as little as nine days. A little more than 1 inch of rain was recorded Sunday by the National Weather Service. There is an 80 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms today.

Chevron to donate land for loop extension

■ Commissioners to vote on oil company's donation of 73 acres

From staff reports

Midland County commissioners today are scheduled to discuss and take action on a land donation for the southwest extension of Loop 250.

Chevron donated about 73 acres to Midland County for extending Loop 250 South from Interstate 20 to State Highway 349, according to a press release from the company. The project goal is to eventually create a route that reaches State Highway 158.

Chevron previously donated 17 acres of land in March, and Commissioner Rose Donnelly of Precinct 2 was appreciative of the donations.

"We have been really excited for a long with Chevron because they had been really good to us on that first phase," she said.

The land to be discussed today is south west of the city and approximately one mile long. The overall project would provide an alternate route to the intersection of the interstate and Highway 349, according to the release.

"We are pleased to be able to support Midland County's efforts to expand road infrastructure and create solutions that improve road safety for our communities," said Chevron Operations Area Manager Michelle Obatowinbo in the release.

President's criticisms spark more protests at NFL games

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

President Donald Trump's comments about owners firing players who kneel during the national anthem sparked a mass increase in such protests around the National Football League on Sunday, as more than 130 players sat, knelt or raised their fists in defiance during early games.

A week ago, just four players didn't stand and two raised their fists.

Defensive star Von Miller was among the majority of Denver Broncos who took a knee in Buffalo on Sunday, where Bills running back LeSean McCoy stretched during the "Star Spangled Banner." In Chicago, the Pittsburgh Steelers stayed in the tunnel except for one player, Army veteran Alejandro Villanueva, who stood outside with a hand over his heart. Tom Brady was among the New England Patriots who locked arms in solidarity in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

The president's comments turned the anthems — usually sung during commercials — into must-watch television shown live by the networks and Yahoo!, which streamed the game in London. In some NFL stadiums, crowds booed or yelled at players for stand. There was also some applause.

NFL players, coaches, owners and executives used the anthems to show solidarity or their defiance to Trump's criticism.

In Detroit, anthem singer Rico Lavelle took a knee at the word "brave," lowering his head and raising his right fist into the air.

Jets Chairman and CEO Christopher Johnson, whose brother Woody is the ambassador to England and a foe of Trump's,

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Anthony Weiner will be sentenced for sending obscene material to a teenage girl. Page 5A

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8 countries' citizens will face new restrictions on entry to the U.S. Page 8A

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September 26 & 27
10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

LIKA BEHAR COLLECTION
Designer Show & Personal Appearance

Jeff Newpher/The Journal

U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz (both R-Texas) listen to an explanation of the "Galveston Plan," which allows county employees to "opt out" of Social Security. The meeting was held at Rice University.

Cornyn offers endorsement for Cruz re-election

By Patrick Svitek
Texas Tribune

After previously withholding his endorsement, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said Sunday he's supporting Ted Cruz for re-election in 2018. Cornyn also said he's running for re-election himself in 2020.

In a joint session with Cruz at The Texas Tribune Festival, Cornyn called the junior senator "enormously constructive" in the Senate and pledged to support him as he seeks a second term. Cornyn said he recently had breakfast with Cruz, and they agreed it was important to set aside their differences — mainly on tactics, not policy — in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

"I think it's really important, particularly in light of the challenges brought by this huge natural disaster, that we stand together as a Texas delegation and there's no space between Sen. Cruz and me when it comes to doing work for our state," Cornyn said. "So I told him I'd support him in his re-election, and I think it's important to do so to send the message that Texans, when it comes to something like the recovery after this natural disaster, that we are going to stand together and not be distracted."

Cornyn had previously declined to endorse Cruz for re-election, saying he was "not going to get involved in any primary races, particularly with my colleagues in the Senate." And Cruz refused to back Cornyn when he was seeking re-election in the 2014 primary.

Cornyn also said Sunday he intends to run for a fourth term in 2020, citing his seniority as a perk that continues to benefit Texas — including during the response to Harvey.

"I'm the vote-counter for the Senate, the majority whip, and I think it's frankly helpful given my seniority and my position in leadership to continue to serve as long as the people of Texas will have me," Cornyn said.

In 2018, Cruz is facing a challenge from U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-El Paso. Cruz has been generally tight-lipped about O'Rourke, but he went further than usual at the festival while responding to a question about his opponent.

"I don't think Texans want a far-left Democrat in the Senate," Cruz said.

The joint interview came as Republicans are scrambling to salvage their last-ditch effort to repeal Obamacare. While Cornyn made a pitch for the latest proposal, known as Graham-Cassidy, Cruz continued to assert he was undecided — and was even more explicit at one point, saying Senate leaders still don't have his vote.

Cruz said Graham-Cassidy has some "very good elements" but does not do enough to lower health insurance premiums. He said he and U.S. Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, met with the bill's authors last week and proposed changes. The authors took the changes but removed them a day later, Cruz said.

"Right now, they don't have my vote, and I don't think they have Mike Lee's either," Cruz said.

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

KILLEEN

Boy seriously injured in hit-and-run accident

A 5-year-old Texas boy has been taken to the hospital with serious injuries after a hit-and-run accident Sunday afternoon.

A Killeen Police spokesman said witnesses told officers that the boy was hit around noon by a silver Dodge Charger with black diagonal stripes.

Witnesses say the Charger stopped a few houses down after hitting the boy.

A late-model red Ford Mustang or Dodge Challenger stopped alongside the other car, and after a few moments both fled the area.

Police say the boy was taken to McLane's Children's Hospital in Temple by ambulance. The extent of the boy's injuries was not known Sunday afternoon, but police say they "appear to be serious."

FORT WORTH

Two officers injured in crash chasing road rage suspect

Two police officers have been taken to the hospital with serious injuries after crashing during a vehicle pursuit of a person involved in a road rage incident.

Fort Worth Police spokesman Officer Brad Perez told The Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Sunday that the officers were responding to a call around 3 p.m. for a road rage incident during which a suspect allegedly displayed a gun at another vehicle.

Perez says there was "some type of accident" that involved the officers crashing their patrol car into a brick wall at a Wells Fargo Bank and the suspect's car being disabled as well. Perez said the suspect took off on foot after the accident. The suspect, who was not identified, was in custody as of 4:30 p.m.

NEW MEXICO

Filmmaker, family begin new look at cold case

ALBUQUERQUE — Nearly three decades since a 19-year-old woman disappeared from her small New Mexico town, her family with the help of a former friend and filmmaker are renewing the search for answers.

Tara Calico disappeared from Belen in September 1988, and her case has remained unsolved since. With the help of Calico's family, filmmaker Melinda Esquibel began a new investigation into case, KRQE-TV reported last week.

Esquibel, who said she became friends with Calico on a high school band trip, started examining the case with a documentary film project. That initial examination turned into an investigation after finding the case files in disorder, she said.

Esquibel said progress has been made on the case, and they're unearthing information that has been hidden for years.

The information they are gathering is also being shared with Valencia County Sheriff's Department investigators.

The sheriff's department has remained the lead law enforcement agency on the case. A new detective was recently appointed to the investigation.

While much of the information uncovered about the case cannot be released as it's an ongoing investigation, Esquibel has started the podcast "Vanished: The Tara Calico Story" to share some of what they are learning

NEW MEXICO

Police say man found dead in his home was murdered

ROSWELL —Police say they're investigating the death of a man found dead in his family's home and it's a homicide case.

They have identified the victim as 26-year-old Jared Analla.

Members of Analla's family say they had been away from the house they shared with him before returning home to find him dead Friday night.

Based on the examination of the scene, police investigators say they believe Analla was murdered but they won't disclose any details.

Investigators are tracking down information to try to identify a suspect.

The cause of Analla's death will be determined by an autopsy.

Obituaries

Diann Louise Dorsey Dow

Diann Louise Dorsey Dow, 76, of Midland, Texas, passed away Thursday, September 21, 2017.

Diann was a descendant of a pioneer Midland family. She was born May 4, 1941 to Mark and Judy Dorsey, granddaughter of Sarah Dorsey Brown and great-granddaughter of Zachary Taylor and Sara Brown, early settlers of Midland County 1885. Diann attended schools in Midland and Rankin, graduating from Reagan County High School, Class of 1959. Upon graduation, she attended Seten School of Nursing in Austin and subsequently San Angelo College. Diann worked as a secretary for various oil comipanies and was last employed by Midwest Oil.

Diann married Don F. Dow on May 14, 1971. Together they raised their children, Anthony Wade Wilson of Austin; Carolyn Dow Allison and husband Cody; and Bobbi Dow Mullinax, all of Midland.

Diann was active in several organizations including St. Ann's Church Choir and Altar Society, past President of the Permian Basin Landman's Auxiliary, the Sand and Seed and Gwyn Garden Clubs, and the Midland County Historical Society.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband and children; grandchildren, Morgan Pierce Grimes, Cameron Dow Molina, Kimberly Ann Brice, Abby Dell Mullinax, Shawn Patrick Allison, and Madison Diann Mullinax; great-granddaughter, Copelyn Marie Grimes; in-laws, Dwight and Jana Dow of Austin, and Joyce Dow of Seminole; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Diann was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Mark Edward Dorsey; and her sister, Judy Buckingham.

There will be a public viewing from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2017 and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Midland.

A rosary will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church - Chapel.

Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial to follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Anthony Wade Wilson, Cody James Allison, Morgan Pierce Grimes, Cameron Dow Molina, Matthew Buckingham, and Shawn Patrick Allison.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to Midland County Historical Society or St. Ann's Altar Society.

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

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John Paul Stroup

John Paul Stroup, known as JP, was born of Rose Eleanor McMullin and Frederick Howard Stroup in Kokomo, Indiana on December 4, 1923. JP passed away in Midland, Texas on September 20, 2017.

JP received his elementary and high school education in various Catholic schools in Indiana and Missouri and was awarded a full scholarship to St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 33 years, Adaline M. Hamilton Blase, and by his parents and all of his two sisters and two brothers, as well as by his first wife, Ann Garcie-Pitau.

JP is survived by Tom Blase, his stepson and his wife, Sherrilyn; his step daughter, Donna Aguirre and her son Karl Rimkus; Tom Blase, Jr., step grandson, and his wife Ashley; Melissa Romero, step granddaughter, and her husband David, plus numerous great grandchildren.

JP is also survived by his son JP, Jr. and Chystle Stroup, the mother of JP's six grandchildren, Owen, Reed, Nimes, Danka, Ginger and Mitchell.

JP was a US Air Force aircraft pilot during World War II, Korea, and thereafter in the active and US Air Force reserve until retirement at the Grade of Lt. Colonel. He was active for many years as a member of the Midland Downtown Lions Club, and part time Sacristan with his wife, Adaline, and lector at St. Ann's Catholic Church, as well as, a member of an exclusive pilot's club, the QB's.

JP was happy as a transplant to Midland in 1986. After a short period of 'adjustment,' West Texas became his home and he was very proud to be known thereafter as a 'Texan.' He basked in the love and attention of too many friends to try to name here, and he wants them all to know that he returns their love here and in the hereafter.

A memorial Mass will be take place on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Ann's Catholic Church Chapel.

The family requests no flowers; however honorariums may be made to the Texas Lions Camp, PO Box 290247, Kerrville, TX, 78029-0247.

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

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SURPLUS

From 1A

Tudor, Pickering and Holt, a Houston energy investment bank.

Cheap gas means cheap electricity, but not high profits for generators. There is excess generation capacity for most of the year, which means natural gas generators compete for market share by bidding very low prices into the wholesale electricity market. Low margins on low prices mean low profits.

Natural gas generation is much cheaper than coal- or nuclear-fueled plants, which can't shut down when demand is low or start only when prices spike the way natural gas can. Those plants take days to ramp up and will run for weeks or months nonstop, accepting whatever price the wholesale market is paying.

Prices are so low that only two out of Texas' 15 coal-fired power plants are making enough money to cover costs, Mitra said.

Big coal plant operators like Vistra Energy Corp. have said they are considering retiring older, less efficient plants.

But even if every coal plant in North Texas were shut down, there would still be a surplus of natural gas in the Texas market for years to come, Mitra added. That means extended low natural-gas prices.

Texas is also rich in wind, which is how the state became the nation's largest wind energy producer. Thanks to the federal production tax credit, Texas went from almost no wind energy in 2000 to 20 gigawatts in 2017, enough to power 14 million homes. Wind generates about 15 percent of the state's electricity.

Congress, though, is phasing out the tax credit by 2020. And though new wind farms are cheaper than new coal plants, they can't compete with natural gas that costs less than $3 for a million British thermal units.

Therefore, investment in new Texas wind projects will likely screech to a halt in 2020, according to a financial analysis by Kevin Hanson, lead market analyst for ERCOT, the nonprofit operator of the grid that covers 95 percent of Texas customers.

Texas also has abundant sunshine, particularly in the west. Congress is phasing out the federal investment tax credit for solar projects much more slowly, which means Texas companies can profitably add a huge amount of solar capacity over the next three years, Hanson said.

The amount of solar generation is expected to rise to 21 gigawatts by 2021, according to ERCOT projections. And all of that new electricity is being added to a market with minimal demand growth as customers become more energy-efficient.

That's why electricity companies are screaming in pain and demanding that politicians save them rather than learning how to compete better.

Coal and nuclear power plant operators want extra pay for operating 24 hours a day. Renewable energy companies want more power lines out of West Texas so they can sell to more markets. Natural gas operators want more pay for ramping up and down as needed to meet demand and compensate for the intermittent nature of wind and solar energy.

These companies, though, should remember that this is the competitive market they asked for in the 1990s. And if their power plants can't compete, then they should simply shut them down.

Five of Texas' money-losing coal plants are more than 40 years old, and six are more than 30 years old.

They've had plenty of time to generate a return on investment. If they shut down, that would tighten supply and improve pricing for the remaining plants and encourage construction of more efficient facilities.

Texas led the nation in doing away with government-regulated monopolies and introducing less-regulated competition. That has led to some of the lowest power prices in the country and a boom in industrial construction.

The state should not abandon its faith in the competitive market by fixing the game to protect incumbents.

Driving out the old and inefficient is what the market is all about, and we should welcome the creative destruction created by our enormous energy potential.

SERENITY memorial gardens cemetery

Services for Today
Leslie Samuel Jackson Jr.
11am @
Greater Ideal Baptist Church

TODAYINMIDLAND

Things to do

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

■ Whiskey Dick, James Hunnicutt, Stump Tail Dolly, TFRP, 7 p.m. at Corky's Bar and Grill, 6705 Andrews Highway, Odessa.

■ Audition for "Miracle on 34th Street: The Musical." Roles available for 11 men, nine women and eight youths. Audition packets available at the box office. Youth auditions by appointment. 6:30 p.m. at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

■ Studio Ghibli Fest: "Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind (subtitled)." 7 p.m. at Tall City Stadium 14, 4915 S.W. Loop 250 N. $13.53. fathomevents.com.

Meetings

Commissioners' Court
9 a.m.
Midland County Courthouse auxiliary courtroom.
500 N. Loraine Ave.

Community calendar

■ The Permian Toastmasters Club will meet 12:10 p.m. Wednesday at the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 208 S. Marienfeld St.

For more information, contact Nelson Spear at 853-9915 or Nelson@NelsonSpear.com.

■ Mayor Jerry Morales and the Midland City Council are scheduled to issue a proclamation during Tuesday's meeting stating their support of Dementia Friendly Midland, a coalition that is working toward recognizing and respecting those dealing with dementia, according to Janet Cross, program coordinator of the West Texas Chapter Alzheimer's Association.

For more information, call Cross at 570-9191, extension 8031.

THEY ALL SAW A WENZEL

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Author Brendan Wenzel talks with Travis Elementary first-graders Sept. 18 before they travel by Wells Fargo Stagecoach to the school as part of Project Literacy. Wenzel's book, "They All Saw a Cat," was distributed to all Midland County first-graders during last week's Project Literacy, a reading initiative between the Reporter-Telegram, Wells Fargo and the Midland County Public Library.

The St. Ann's Family Fair
Sept. 28th – Oct. 1st
For all the Fair & Carnival information go to:
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Weather

Sunday's temperatures

High	79
Low	66
Normal high	84
Normal low	59

Sept. 24's records

Record high: 101 set in 1977

Record low: 36 set in 1989

Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	1.06 in.
Month total	1.10 in.
Year total	13.84 in.
Normal total (year to date)	11.24 in.

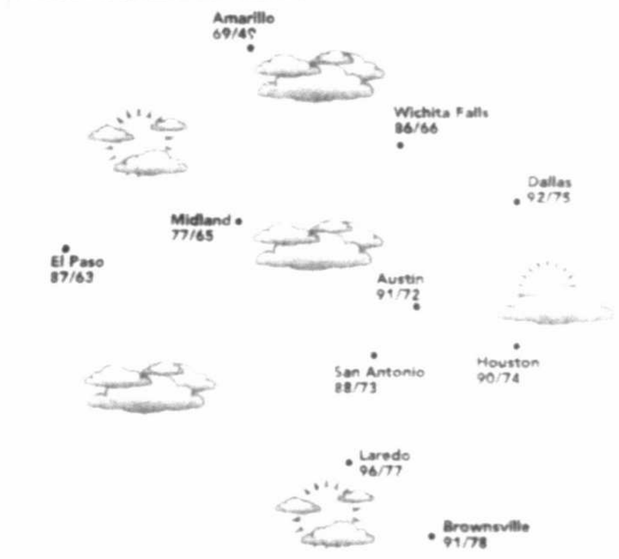
Winds

Wind speed: 23 mph
Gust speed: 30 mph

Today's forecast

High: 79
Low: 66
Conditions: Thunderstorms today and tonight
Winds: Southeast 15 mph tody and tonight
Chance of rain: 80 percent today and tonight/up to 1 inch expected
Sunrise ..... 7:39 a.m.
Sunset ..... 7:41 p.m.

Forecast for Monday, September 25, 2017



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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 Libra and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Monday, Sept. 25, 2017:** This year you are more optimistic than you have been in many years. Sometimes you experience a brief moment of insecurity, but you manage to cruise right through it. Supportive friends surround you. If you are single, you easily could charm the socks right off someone. You might opt not to settle down, as you seem to enjoy the process of dating. If you are attached, the two of you share many mutual interests and always have something to share with each other. You both can enjoy a day just chatting about this or that. SAGITTARIUS takes a lot of risks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Someone challenges you, especially when it comes to your choices. Remain confident that you know what you are doing. An associate at work could add a lot turmoil to your life. This person is changing, hence what you do together also is changing. **Tonight:** Make and return calls.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover. Confirm meetings with others who might be involved. A mistake easily could be made. An associate is likely to need some time to think before committing to a set plan. Be more available to this person. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might be off-topic, according to a loved one. Perhaps this person doesn't understand you well or grasp what is going on. Work on taking a new approach in order to get your message across. You might feel confused at some point in the day. **Tonight:** Get with the program.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You'll go with the flow, yet you might feel tense when dealing with a routine domestic matter. You could go back and forth trying to handle one issue after the other. Stop and decide which situation stresses you out more, then handle that first. **Tonight:** Choose a fun stress-buster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You can loosen up a situation with your playful personality. Still, someone close to you could be a downer just by making a sharp comment. Confusion surrounds communication. It would be wise not to take any comments or actions personally. **Tonight:** Cheer the night on!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Tension builds on the homefront. No matter what you do, you might feel as if you cannot change direction. Extremes seem to mark your day. You could sense some conflict when it comes to your desires and how you present them to the world. **Tonight:** Happiest at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Speak your mind loud and clear with the full expectation of being heard. You see life from a different perspective. Stay as upbeat as possible. You have a tendency to go overboard whenever your feelings are involved. **Tonight:** Catch up on a roommate's or neighbor's news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Your intensity, when focused, can make a big difference. Your concerns swing from a desire for more possessions to sticking to your budget. A meeting provides interesting results. Understand what is happening around you before you take a leap of faith. **Tonight:** Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Focus on the outcome and know full well what is needed in order to reach your goal. You might have a brief moment of insecurity, which you will bypass with the encouragement of one of your many cheerleaders. You will see that a smile goes far. **Tonight:** Do what pleases you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ You might want to be low and rethink a problem more carefully. Your reflection could determine the outcome of what is happening. Pick your advisers accordingly, keeping in mind each person's natural biases. **Tonight:** Spend time with a favorite younger person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Emphasize a friendship and your long-term goals. A moment of disagreement with this person could occur as you re-evaluate this bond. Know that this friend probably has gone through a lot that he or she has not yet shared. **Tonight:** Get together with loved ones.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You want to make a change, but you seem to be holding back for several reasons. Others want to run the show. Let them, as you could find it difficult to take a charge right now. Perhaps you aren't as strong-willed as they are about a key matter. **Tonight:** Could be a late night.

BORN TODAY
Actor Will Smith (1968), broadcaster Barbara Walters (1929), artist Mark Rothko (1903)

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[dih-vel-uh p-muh nt]
noun
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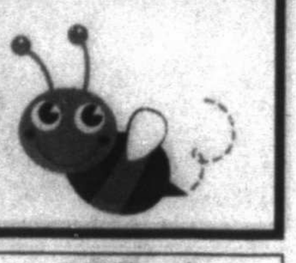
2. a significant consequence or event.



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Immigrants touched by Mexico quake, try to help from afar

By Adriana Gomez Licon and Regina Garcia Cano
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — When Luis Ramirez finally reached his mother after the powerful Mexico earthquake, he learned her home was so badly damaged that it had to be demolished.

He considered getting on a plane from New York to help her find a new home, but it was too risky now that the program that has been shielding him from deportation is being phased out. He tried to send money, but the usual courier that he uses shut down because of the damage from the 7.1-magnitude quake in his home state of Morelos.

"The situation is eating me alive because you can't do anything," he said about sending help to his mother from New York City.

The earthquake that killed nearly 300 people and destroyed dozens of buildings in Mexico set off a frantic response in communities around the U.S. as people desperately try to connect with their loved ones, figure out ways to send emergency help, money and goods as well as raise funds for smaller towns around the capital they say are receiving less help from the government. Those in the country illegally wish they could travel to help their loved ones cope with the aftermath but are afraid they wouldn't be able to return.

"We saw people desperately trying to connect with their families. Lines were down. They couldn't think of other ways to find their relatives," said Ana Flores, who heads an office for the Mexican state of Puebla in Passaic, New Jersey. "We have gone through all of the feelings from anxiety, to anguish and now trying to find all the support we can."

Traditionally a month of parties for Mexicans who celebrate the country's independence from Spain, September has dealt one blow after another. It started with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in Houston, which has the third-largest population of Mexicans in the U.S. Then on Sept. 5, President Donald Trump announced his decision to phase out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that shielded from deportation nearly 800,000 immigrants — the great majority from Mexico — brought to the U.S. as children. Another earthquake struck in Mexico's southern coast on Sept. 7, killing at least 90 people.

Tuesday's earthquake has Mexicans in the U.S. glued to their televisions and their phones trying to get specific news from their local towns to help their families.

Monica Dominguez, who lives in Huntington Beach, California, had been calling childhood friends who now work for Mexico's Civil Protection trying to pull strings to move the construction rubble from her grandparents' home in the town of Yautepec south of Mexico City so her family can go out to the street. The old house where she lived when she was 5 collapsed when the wooden beams cracked, leaving it in ruins.

"All they were able to get out of there were some couches where they have been sleeping in the back. They have power but they are running out of food," she said. "There are so many of us with similar stories of suffering."

In Las Vegas, Luis Ramon Corona-Rizo is helping collect funds among friends and hosting a car wash to raise money to send back home. Corona-Rizo says his parents and sister survived the quake and offered to use the money he sends to buy medicines and take them to a collection center.

"A lot of people don't trust the government in Mexico, so I'm going to send the money to my family," he said.

On Sunday, a grocery store chain in Las Vegas that caters to the area's Hispanic community hosted a fundraiser with a taco stand and live local bands that drew dozens to one of its shops. Adults and children throughout the afternoon dropped cash at donation boxes decorated with the Mexican flag, the slogan "cada dolar cuenta!!!" (every dollar counts) and #unidospormexico (united for Mexico). The proceeds will benefit the Mexican Red Cross.

"We are all brothers right now really trying to help," said Ramon Aleman, a Las Vegas resident who attended the fundraiser with his two children. "They know exactly what's happening. They have seen it on TV and have visited Mexico City. That's why they have asked me 'Is Mexico going to break?'"

In Miami, a group is hosting a Day of the Dead arts and crafts event for families and sending money from ticket sales to the Topos, a group of rescue workers who emerged after the 1985 earthquake killed thousands in Mexico. In San Diego, the chambers of commerce in the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa border communities launched a drive to collect donated goods and fly them to Mexico City on a private plane. The Mexican customs agency is waiving duties.

"Many of our employees have relatives and friends who were affected by the earthquake," said Ruben Anaya, chief operations officer of Mariana's Supermarkets in Las Vegas. "It is our duty as human beings to help when tragedies like the one that just happened in Mexico occur. Many of the videos we've watched are horrible."

The quake happened around the same time as Hurricane Maria ravaged Puerto Rico, and Mexican immigrants are joining efforts in places such as New York City where Puerto Ricans are also in distress.

Both Univision and Telemundo broadcasters are also producing television specials this weekend with actors, singers and news anchors to help raise funds for those affected by the earthquake and hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

For immigrants like Ramirez, sending money is a race against time. His mother is confined to a room on her property that — unlike her home — the authorities have not condemned. Her poor health makes it impossible for her to wait in line for relief services, so Ramirez is hoping to send her money via wire transfer from his savings so she can get food and supplies at the store and find a new place to live, but so far it hasn't been easy.

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An Otomi indigenous family cooks a meal of pork, potatoes and pasta Saturday on the sidewalk of their apartment building after it was declared uninhabitable by authorities after Tuesday's 7.1 earthquake, at the corner of Guanajuato and Monterrey streets in the Roma neighborhood of Mexico City. Hundreds of buildings across the city are roped off with police tape, and some could fall in coming weeks. Some could survive until the next earthquake, and then collapse with great loss of life.

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Search and rescue workers remove rubble a bucket at a time Sunday while standing on the debris of a felled office building brought down by a 7.1-magnitude earthquake, in the Roma Norte neighborhood of Mexico City. As rescue operations stretched into day 6, residents throughout the capital have held out hope that dozens still missing might be found alive.

Hopes of finding quake survivors dwindle

By Maria Verza
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Five days after the deadly magnitude 7.1 earthquake, the hulking wreckage of what used to be a seven-story office building is one of the last hopes: one of just two sites left where searchers believe they may still find someone trapped alive in Mexico City.

Among the families of the missing, there are periodic moments when spirits lift. A flurry of activity, or relatives are summoned to the search site, raising hopes that someone has been found.

But despair deepens when the work slows or even stops, when rain or an aftershock threatens the stability of the tottering pile, and as day after day passes without their loved ones emerging.

For the family of Adrian Moreno, a missing 26-year-old human resources worker at an accounting firm, the emotional roller coaster is getting to be too much. Moreno's mother has a look of anguish and has largely stopped being able to speak. His boyfriend, Dario Hernandez, also looks lost, his gaze tear-stained and unfocused.

"Just hearing the earthquake alarm was horrible," Hernandez said of a siren that rang during a 6.1 quake Saturday that was an aftershock of an even earlier and bigger temblor on Sept. 7.

"Something moves and ..." he said, his voice trailing away at the unspeakable thought the whole pile could suddenly collapse. "There is a lot of nervousness, a lot of desperation. ... This is the worst thing I have ever seen in my life, the worst."

A total of 38 buildings in the Mexican capital — mostly apartment blocks or office buildings — collapsed in the Sept. 19 earthquake, and the first days saw a dramatic scramble with picks, shovels and bare hands to reach survivors.

Mexican marines, the lead force in many of the rescue efforts, said they had recovered 102 bodies and rescued 115 people alive from buildings toppled by the quake, which has killed 319 people including 181 in the capital alone, according to the latest death toll announced Sunday.

Thousands more have been left homeless because their houses or apartment buildings, while still standing, have been rendered too dangerous to remain.

Mexico City Mayor Miguel Angel Mancera reported that 7,649 properties have been examined and 87 percent of those are safe and require only minor repairs. But that means about 1,000 left standing have been deemed uninhabitable — and the number seemed likely to rise as more are inspected.

Mancera also said Saturday night on Twitter that nearly 17,000 people have been "attended to" at 48 shelters, though it's not clear how many of those are being housed there. Many are bunking with family or friends.

One by one, the searches have closed down in recent days, after sniffer dogs were sent in and didn't find life and thermal imaging devices turned up no body heat signatures. Then heavy machinery moved in to begin removing the mountains of debris. Empty lots began to appear where just days ago a building stood.

Now hopes were focused solely on concrete slabs at two sites: the former office block in the Roma Norte neighborhood, where around 40 people were believed to be missing, and an apartment building on the south side where searchers were looking for five people.

At the latter site, members of a Japanese search and rescue team pulled a small white dog from the rubble alive Sunday afternoon, cradling and petting it as they brought it down.

Expert search teams that flew in from other countries including the United States and Israel have worked alongside their Mexican counterparts this week to help tunnel, measure and direct the removal of chunks of concrete.

At the Roma Norte site, after Saturday's aftershock passed, work began again, grim, controlled, purposeful. An enormous crane lifted huge chunks of concrete slab. Previously rescuers carved reinforced vertical tunnels into the heart of the wreckage, and from there crawled into the narrow, claustrophobic horizontal spaces left between the collapsed floors.

Work stopped again for about an hour Sunday afternoon after the mound of debris shifted, resuming after experts checked the pile for stability.

The last time someone was found alive was Wednesday, when a woman was pulled from the rubble. A couple of bodies were found Friday.

Volunteer rescue worker Johny Yebra said the smell of death was now heavy directly atop the rubble heap, and by Sunday afternoon, occasional gusts of wind were blowing it outside the immediate search site.

"All of us are doing the most we can," Yebra said.

Beyond the barricades and the ring of floodlights that lit the area overnight lay a makeshift collection of tents and tarps where anxious family members have endured rain, cold, grief and sleeplessness.

"It has been many days. Four, five ... we can only wait and bear what happens," said Enrique de Luna, the uncle of another missing man, Said Guzman.

As the names of the confirmed dead trickled in, one by one, their relatives have been packing up their tents and going away.

That happened Saturday with the family next to Moreno's. They didn't say a word as they left weeping, and nobody had the courage to ask them what news they had received.

Everyone was even more on edge Sunday as rescuers told families they were going to lift a large slab that could reveal some information about anyone inside.

"We are very nervous. They're going to remove the last rock in there," said Dario Hernandez, Adrian Moreno's friend.

Some fell silent and didn't want to talk anymore.

Next to a tent someone had strung up a canvas sign: "Adrian, you are a warrior. Your family, your friends and Dario are waiting for you."

Mexico quake leaves country's historic churches battered

By Christine Armario and Dario Lopez-Mills
Associated Press

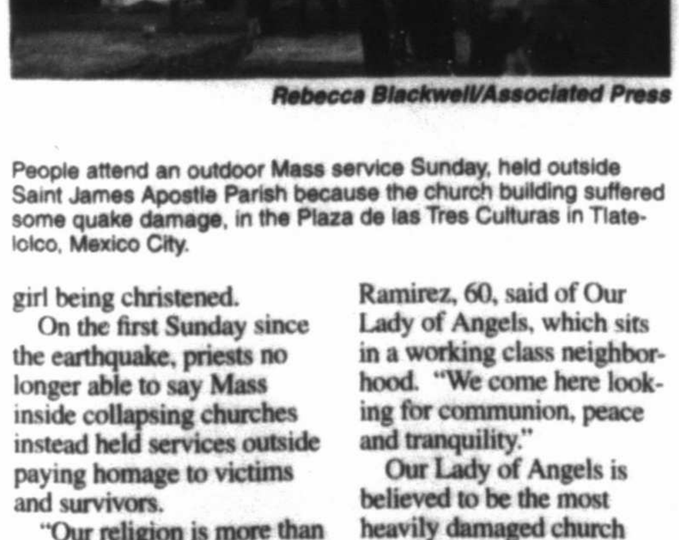
MEXICO CITY — Our Lady of Angels Church has survived several major earthquakes, but Tuesday's magnitude 7.1 shake proved to be the final death knell for the Mexico City temple's historic cupola.

Violent cracks criss-crossed the dome, and stone from the roof continued to fall onto the church's wooden pews. On Sunday evening, the cupola split and half crashed to the floor.

"Each earthquake has left its mark," said Marco Antonio Fuentes, part of the church's ministry. "This one seems to be the straw that will break the camel's back."

According to the Archdiocese of Mexico, more than 150 religious temples in this deeply Roman Catholic country were damaged by Tuesday's deadly quake. Statues of saints have been left maimed, missing hands and feet. Once towering, celestial church naves now open to the sky. Dust from fallen stone and concrete cover altars.

Many of the battered churches are in the state of Puebla, where the quake's epicenter was located. There in the city of Atzala, a child's baptism turned into tragedy when the roof of a church collapsed, killing 11 family members inside, including the 2-month-old girl being christened.



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People attend an outdoor Mass service Sunday, held outside Saint James Apostle Parish because the church building suffered some quake damage, in the Plaza de las Tres Culturas in Tlatelolco, Mexico City.

On the first Sunday since the earthquake, priests no longer able to say Mass inside collapsing churches instead held services outside paying homage to victims and survivors.

"Our religion is more than a building," Colin Noguez, the priest at Our Lady of Angels, told parishioners inside a tent with a table holding a cross and candles from the building.

Many of the collapsed buildings where rescuers have been searching for survivors held offices and apartments, places where people worked and lived. The damage to churches hit a different chord — striking places that in many Mexican cities serve as pillars of strength in times of distress.

"It's our mother," Azalia Ramirez, 60, said of Our Lady of Angels, which sits in a working class neighborhood. "We come here looking for communion, peace and tranquility."

Our Lady of Angels is believed to be the most heavily damaged church in Mexico City, while the severity of destruction to religious structures is largely concentrated in Puebla.

In Atzala, a town of 1,200 people, little remains of the golden yellow church with a red roof where the 11 people died. The interior where worshipers once prayed from pews is now a mess of twisted metal and fallen stone leading to an altar where the word "merciful" now hangs at a slant.

"Everything happened in the blink of an eye," said Sergio Montiel, the church's sexton.

As the Santiago de Apostol church shifted to recovery mode, a planned wedding instead took place outside under a beige tent with mariachi players standing nearby. The bride and groom exchanged rings and a kiss before being showered with rice and confetti just feet from the destruction. "I'm very sad for the church," said Aremy Sanchez, the bride. "But we must go on."

At Mass in Puebla and elsewhere, priests urged parishioners to use the painful moment as a time of reflection. Damaged churches held mass in plazas and auditoriums. In San Francisco Xochiteopan, clergy members moved broken statues of saints into a gym and proceeded with a service. At the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a national shrine in Mexico City, Cardinal Norberto Rivera asked God to deliver peace.

"It pains us to see our city hurt, so many hopes lost," he said, speaking before a giant Mexican flag. "For that reason, we come to you, consoler of the afflicted."

The origin of Our Lady of Angels dates back 433 years, when a painting of the Virgin Mary transported by a Spanish ship was found to have been damaged by water during the journey. A painter in the city's then-predominantly indigenous community was commissioned to create a replica.

Gunman opens fire in church; 1 dead, 7 wounded

By Kristin M. Hall and John Raby
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A masked gunman invaded a Nashville church Sunday and opened fire, walking silently down the aisle as he shot unsuspecting congregants. At least one person was killed and seven others wounded, authorities said.

Samson

An usher confronted the shooter, who apparently shot himself in the struggle before he was arrested, police said.

No motive was immediately determined. Church members told investigators that the suspect had attended services a year or two ago, said Don Aaron, a spokesman for the Metro Nashville Police Department. Nashville police did not immediately comment on several bizarre posts on the suspect's Facebook page in the hours before the shooting.

The gunman pulled into the parking lot at the Burnette Chapel Church of Christ as services were ending. He fatally shot a woman who was walking to her vehicle, then entered the rear of the church with two pistols and kept firing, hitting six people, Aaron said.

Authorities identified the attacker as Emanuel Kidega Samson, 25, of Murfreesboro, who came to the United States from Sudan in 1996 and was a legal U.S. resident.

It was unclear whether the self-inflicted wound to the chest was intentional, Aaron said.

The gunman was discharged hours later from Vanderbilt University Hospital but remained in police custody. Warrants charging him with murder and attempted murder were pending, Aaron said.

Witness Minerva Rosa said the usher was "a hero."

"He's amazing," said Rosa, a member of the church for eight years. "Without him, I think it could be worse."

The suspect said nothing as he fired. While the gunman made his way down the aisle, Rosa said, the pastor started shouting, "Run! Run! Gunshots!"

Aaron called the usher, 22-year-old Robert Engle, "an extraordinarily brave individual."

The woman who was killed in the parking lot was identified as Melanie Smith, 39, of Smyrna, Tennessee.

The gunman and six others were treated for gunshot wounds at nearby hospitals, along with Engle, who was pistol-whipped, Aaron said.

Among the wounded was Joey Spann, who is the church's pastor and is a Bible study teacher at Nashville Christian School.

After the attack, the nearby New Beautiful Gate Church opened its doors to Burnette Chapel churchgoers as they reunited with loved ones. New Beautiful Gate Pastor Michael Mosby said he is neighbors with Spann.

"As a pastor myself, you come with the expectation of sitting down and having a service and not thinking about what can happen around you," Mosby said. "You never know who is going to come to the door or what reasons they would come to the door, come to your church and do something like that. We're always on guard. We just thank God many more weren't hurt."

Forty-two people were at the church at the time of the shooting, and all victims were adults, Aaron said.

The small brick church describes itself on its website as a "friendly, Bible-based group of folks who love the Lord and are interested in spreading his word to those who are lost."

Photos on the church's Facebook page show a diverse congregation with people of various ages and ethnicities.

On Samson's Facebook page, a post in the hours before the shooting read, "Everything you've ever doubted or made to be believe as false, is real. & vice versa. B."

Another post read, "Become the creator instead of what's created. Whatever you say, goes."

And a third post read, "You are more than what they told us."

Samson also posted several shirtless photos of himself flexing his muscles. In some he wears a tank top that reads "Beast Mode."

Nashville Mayor Megan Barry said in a statement that the shooting was "a terrible tragedy for our city." She said her administration "will continue to work with community members to stop crime before it starts, encourage peaceful conflict resolution and promote non-violence."

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Kaitlyn Adams, a member of the Burnette Chapel Church of Christ, hugs another church member at the scene after shots were fired at the church on Sunday in Antioch, Tenn.

Right-wing activist holds short, small California rally

By Daisy Nguyen
Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — A weeklong conservative free speech showcase at famously liberal University of California, Berkeley was supposed to start Sunday. But it apparently ended the same day after a blink-and-you-miss-it appearance by right-wing firebrand Milo Yiannopoulos and angry shouts from small groups of competing protesters who came to celebrate and condemn him.

Yiannopoulos blew kisses, posed for selfies and briefly addressed a few dozen supporters at the campus while a slightly larger crowd protesting him was kept separate by police. Wearing sunglasses and an American flag hoodie under a denim jacket, he spoke without amplification for a few moments on the steps of Sproul Hall. Then he led a rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" before being whisked away in a car. The whole appearance lasted less than a half hour.

Jake Wall, a college student from Los Angeles in town to visit his girlfriend, described Yiannopolous' showing as a "meet and greet." He said Yiannapoulos couldn't make any points without a microphone and promised his admirers he'd return to deliver a proper address.

"When you can't speak through a mic, how effective was that?" Wall asked. University officials said a request for amplification, required under school rules, was never made.

A defiant Yiannapoulos announced Saturday that he would appear at an unsanctioned rally despite the sudden cancellation of a planned four-day conservative event dubbed Free Speech Week. The campus conservative group Berkeley Patriot, which had been organizing the gathering with Yiannopoulos, told university administrators that the group would cancel it, the university said.

Yiannopoulos said he was blindsided by the news.

Those hoping to hear him speak Sunday were herded through metal detectors, while demonstrators who came out against the appearance were held behind barricades on Sproul Plaza, the center of activity on campus during the 1960s Free Speech Movement.

Kat McLain, 26, said she considers herself a liberal but decided to come out to support conservatives' right to be heard. "There's no way to come to a peaceful resolution until we can stop and talk to each other," she said.

University officials said there were no injuries and at least two arrests, including one of somebody allegedly using unpermitted amplified sound.

UC Berkeley spokesman Dan Mogulof joked that the money spent on mobilizing police for the short appearance amounted to "probably the most expensive photo op in the university's history." But he defended the tactical strategy of deploying so many officers, saying they had to be prepared for the unexpected.

Campus police Chief Margo Bennett estimated that the university spent roughly $800,000 on security.

Berkeley freshman Alexandria Storm bemoaned the money spent on a huge police presence for an event that went bust. "This is a waste of resources, a waste of student dollars to militarize the police," she said.

UC Berkeley recently shelled out $600,000 for security when conservative Ben Shapiro spoke.

Berkeley's reputation as a liberal stronghold and the birthplace of the Free Speech Movement has made the city and campus flashpoints for the country's political divisions since the election of Republican President Donald Trump.

Yiannopoulos' attempt to speak at Berkeley in February was shut down by masked anarchists who rioted on campus.

"Claims that this (the cancellation of the Free Speech Week event) is somehow the outcome desired by the campus are without basis in fact," Mogulof said in a statement Saturday. "The University was prepared to do whatever was necessary to support the First Amendment rights of the student organization."

Daisy Nguyen/Associated Press

Pro-first amendment supporters rally Sunday at UC Berkeley's Sproul Plaza before right-wing provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos made a brief appearance on campus in Berkeley, Calif. Yiannopoulos was whisked away in a car after a brief appearance at the University of California, Berkeley that drew a few dozen supporters and a slightly larger crowd protesting the Yiannopoulos.

Mary Altaffer/Associated Press

Former U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, left, leaves Federal court May 19 in New York after pleading guilty to a charge of transmitting sexual material to a minor. Weiner is to be sentenced today for sending obscene material to a 15-year-old girl in 2016.

Weiner faces sentencing in latest chapter of sexting drama

By Tom Hays and Steve Peoples
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It seemed as if Anthony Weiner had hit rock bottom when he resigned from Congress in 2011.

"Bye-bye, pervert!" one heckler shouted as the Democrat quit amid revelations that he had sent graphic pictures of himself to women on social media. Time has shown his self-destructive drama had only just begun.

Weiner, 53, is set to be sentenced Monday for sending obscene material to a 15-year-old girl in a case that may have also have played a role in costing Hillary Clinton — former boss of Weiner's wife, Huma Abedin — the presidential election.

Federal prosecutors have asked for a sentence of slightly more than two years behind bars because of the seriousness of the crime, in which Weiner sent adult porn to the girl and got her to take her clothes off for him on Skype.

"The defendant did far more than exchange typed words on a lifeless cell-phone screen with a faceless stranger," prosecutors wrote to the judge. "Transmitting obscenity to a minor to induce her to engage in sexually explicit conduct by video chat and photo — is far from mere 'sexting.'"

But Weiner's attorneys contend he is a changed man who has finally learned his lesson, calling his compulsive sexting a "deep sickness" best treated without time behind bars. The memo also suggested Weiner himself was a victim of the scandal, saying the North Carolina high school student initiated contact with him because she "hoped somehow to influence the U.S. presidential election" and write a tell-all book.

Some legal observers doubt the wisdom of the defense in questioning the girl's motivations.

The strategy "is fraught with peril since an attack on a victim can be read by the judge as undermining the defendant's claim that he has accepted full responsibility," said Robert Mintz, a former federal prosecutor. He added that he expects Weiner to get jail time, "given the nature of the charges and the lack of any real mitigating factors here."

The sentencing will be the latest chapter in the spectacular downfall of Weiner, a once-promising politician and half of an up-and-coming Washington power couple.

The trouble began in 2011, when an explicit photo of Weiner, then a congressman representing part of New York City, sent from his Twitter account became public. He first claimed his account had been hacked but later resigned after admitting he'd had explicit online contact with at least a half-dozen women.

Weiner tried to resurrect his career by running for mayor in 2013 and surged to the lead in the polls. But once again, more racy online messages, where he used the cheesy moniker "Carlos Danger," surfaced to doom his candidacy and open the door for the then-little-known Democrat who would go on to win, Bill de Blasio.

His stunning downfall in that campaign was captured in the behind-the-scenes documentary "Weiner," which featured a memorable scene of Weiner and his wife alone in a conference room staring at each other in what a New York Times review called "the longest and most painful onscreen marital silence this side of an Ingmar Bergman film."

In the end, the most significant impact of Weiner's woes may have been on the 2016 presidential contest.

More than any other factor, Clinton has blamed her loss on FBI Director James Comey's decision to reopen an investigation into her private email server in the campaign's final days. Comey's decision came after FBI agents investigating Weiner's sexual misdeeds discovered that her emails had been forwarded to Weiner's laptop, apparently by his wife.

In a matter of days, the FBI concluded there was nothing new in the emails, but Clinton has said the damage was done. Some political analysts suggested the issue may have indeed been a factor in tilting the election in Donald Trump's favor, particularly across Midwestern battlegrounds such as Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

In her new book "What Happened," Clinton revealed the moment that Abedin burst into tears after learning her husband had triggered Comey's "October surprise."

"When we heard this, Huma looked stricken," Clinton wrote. "Anthony had already caused so much heartache. And now this. 'This man is going to be the death of me,' (Huma) said, bursting into tears."

In a letter to the court, Weiner expressed his "profound" sorrow for endangering the welfare of a girl he admits knowing was underage. The fallout included news his wife had filed for divorce in May on the same day he pleaded guilty.

"My continued acting out over the years crushed the aspirations of my wife and ruined our marriage," he said. His young son, he added, "will forever have to answer questions about the public and private failings of his father."

OPINION

Trump promoted conservative ideas at UN

■ No wonder the left hated it

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When Donald Trump ran for president, he criticized the interventionist policies of his Republican and Democratic predecessors, sparking fears that he would usher in a new era of American isolationism. But at the U.N. this week, Trump laid out a clear conservative vision for vigorous American global leadership based on the principle of state sovereignty.

Judging from their hysterical reaction, critics on the left now seem to fear he's the second coming of George W. Bush. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., called his address "bombastic." Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., said it represented an "abdication of values." And Hillary Clinton said it was "very dark" and "dangerous." This is all the standard liberal critique of conservative internationalism. The left said much the same about PresidentRonald Reagan.

In New York, Trump called on responsible nation-states to join the United States in taking on what he called the "scourge" of "a small group of rogue regimes that . . . respect neither their own citizens nor the sovereign rights of their countries." This mission can be accomplished, Trump said, only if we recognize that "the nation-state remains the best vehicle for elevating the human condition."

He is right. Communism and fascism were not defeated by the United Nations, and global institutions did not fuel the dramatic expansion of human freedom and prosperity in the past quarter-century since the collapse of the Soviet Union. What has inspired and enabled the spread of peace, democracy and individual liberty was the principled projection of power by the world's democratic countries, led by the United States.

This is what is needed today — and what Trump promised in his address. He recast his "America First" foreign policy as a call not for isolationism but for global leadership by responsible nation-states. He embraced the Marshall Plan — the massive U.S. effort to support Europe's postwar recovery. And he declared that "if the righteous many do not confront the wicked few, then evil will triumph" because "when decent people and nations become bystanders to history, the forces of destruction only gather power and strength."

Trump then used this theme of sovereignty to challenge the United States' two greatest geopolitical adversaries, China and Russia, insisting that "we must reject threats to sovereignty from the Ukraine to the South China Sea."

The president also had a blunt message for North Korea. He dismissed its leader, Kim Jong Un, as "Rocket Man" and said Kim "is on a suicide mission for himself and for his regime." He made clear that "the United States has great strength and patience, but if it is forced to defend itself or its allies, we will have no choice but to totally destroy North Korea."

This message rattled some, and that was its intent. During the Cold War, Soviet leaders truly believed that Reagan was preparing for war and might actually launch a first strike. This belief is one of the reasons that a cataclysmic war never took place.

If we hope to avoid war with North Korea today, the regime in Pyongyang must be made to believe and understand that Trump is in fact, as he said at the U.N., "ready, willing and able" to take military action. His tough rhetoric was aimed not just at Pyongyang but also at China and other states whose cooperation in squeezing the regime is necessary for a peaceful solution. Those words must be followed by concrete steps short of total destruction to make clear that he is indeed serious and that North Korea will not be permitted to threaten American cites with nuclear annihilation.

Trump also put himself squarely on the side of morality in foreign policy and explicitly stood with those seeking freedom around the world. He promised to support the "enduring dream of the Cuban people to live in freedom." He declared that "oppressive regimes cannot endure forever" and upbraided the Iranian regime for masking "a corrupt dictatorship behind the false guise of a democracy" while promising to stand with "the good people of Iran [who] want change." He took on Iran's ally, "the criminal regime of Bashar al-Assad" in Syria, whose "use of chemical weapons against his own citizens, even innocent children, shock the conscience of every decent person."

And his best moment came when he turned to what he called the "socialist dictatorship" of Nicolás Maduro, declaring that "the problem in Venezuela is not that socialism has been poorly implemented, but that socialism has been faithfully implemented." Trump promised to help the Venezuelan people "regain their freedom, recover their country and restore their democracy."

This is classic conservative internationalism: a vigorous defense of freedom, a bold challenge to dangerous dictators and a commitment to the principle of peace through strength.

No wonder Trump's critics on the left are so upset.

OPINION EXTRA

Focus on improving, not just rebuilding

Beaumont Enterprise

From one end of this region to the other, people are slowly trying to recover the lives they led before Harvey's rains. As often as possible, however, the focus should be on improving instead of just rebuilding.

Rebuilding restores a road, bridge or a building to the condition it was pre-Harvey. In many cases that could be the only option. If something can be improved, however, made more resistant to the next disaster, that's even better. The post-Harvey buzzword is "future-proofing," and it should be put into practice.

For example, the major highways in the region — I-10, U.S. 69, Texas 73 — are elevated and were mostly usable. Yet that wasn't true for enough access routes leading to and from these highways. Sometimes, those roadways and intersections were so low they became the worst lakes around.

If some of those access routes can be elevated or retrofitted with better drainage, more people will be able to get to more places.

Drainage District 7 had some water pumps shut down because they ran out of diesel fuel, and Harvey's demands were extraordinary. An extra fuel tank or two at certain stations could alleviate that. Those tanks don't have to filled all the time; they just have to be there in case they are needed.

The Social Security Administration learned a lesson from Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans when many paper records were lost. They agency focused more on electronic record-keeping that could be backed up off-site. Government at all levels should do that.

Some places need more culverts and better drainage ditches to move water along faster. They should get them. More retention ponds will always help.

A disaster like this requires hard questions: Should Beaumont's Riverfront Park be rebuilt, or should that land be transformed into something that will withstand the Neches River better the next time? How can the city's water intake plants upstream be improved to avoid being flooded out again?

Frankly, some structures in exceptionally low-lying areas should not be reconstructed no matter how sentimental some people feel about them.

Harvey's rains may never be repeated in our lifetimes. But we will see downpours and tropical storms again. If we rebuild better, higher and stronger, that next crisis will be more manageable.

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Are McConnell, Ryan tired of winning?

■ They sold their souls so their party could win the White House. How are things looking now?

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Don't cry for Mitch & Paul. The truth is they never served you ...

These Republican swamp dwellers only serve their own interests, which they've hitched to the wagon of the Washington establishment. To join this club, members of both parties must take an oath never to put public service or doing the right thing ahead of more important things such as getting re-elected, taking care of the powerful, and maintaining the status quo.

Now that Donald Trump has forged alliances with Democrats on disaster clean-up, immigration and possibly even tax reform, it's tough to muster sympathy for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan.

You might think some compassion would be in order. The Republican congressional leaders look painfully weak and pathetic, like a couple of teenage boys home on Saturday night because their girlfriends took other dates to the prom.

But from the sound of the public discourse, not many Americans are bothered that McConnell and Ryan have been left out in the cold. In fact, in a rare example of bipartisan agreement, elements of both parties insist that they had it coming.

As you would expect, the folks on the left have no use for these GOP leaders, other than as election-year foils. After all, my liberal friends say, McConnell and Ryan knew well before ballots were cast that they were getting behind a flawed and divisive figure with a knack for doing and saying the wrong thing. They also knew that their party's standard-bearer had a long history of supporting Democrats and espousing liberal views. But, once Trump became the nominee, they supported him anyway. Even after the release of the "Access Hollywood" videotape revealed Trump to be a truly despicable human being, and some Republicans called for party leaders to pull their support, McConnell and Ryan stuck by the GOP nominee.

So, as far as many Democrats are concerned, Republican leaders dug their own graves. McConnell and Ryan helped normalize Trump, and thus they empowered him. There may have been a time — in the beginning of his campaign — when the billionaire businessman needed their help and would have appreciated their support. But those days are gone. If there is one thing that Trump learned on the campaign trail, it's that he could get as much mileage from working against the party establishment as he would from working with it.

Regarding all this civil warfare across the aisle, the Democrats couldn't be happier. But, as is usually the case in politics, there is a catch: There are those on the left who would rather not see Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi get cozy with Trump as they work out back-room deals. Some seem to be worried that Trump will get the best of the Democratic leaders.

Those nervous liberals needn't be concerned about that. The opposite is more likely to happen. Trump will be lucky to leave any negotiation without being fleeced by these lifelong politicians.

Meanwhile, what's much more surprising is what is happening on the right and how Trump voters are reacting to all this political horse trading.

They're not loyal to McConnell and Ryan in the least. If Trump wants to work with Democrats to address pressing issues, that's fine by them. They trust him, and they certainly can't say that about the GOP establishment.

They also seem extremely pragmatic in that they're interested in solutions over ideology. They don't seem to care who gets the credit, as long as problems get fixed and their concerns get addressed.

This makes sense. It fits the profile of the Trump voters. Having thrown their support behind a renegade and bomb-thrower who few people expected to win, they're not big on party loyalty. As such, they're the ultimate political free agents.

Suddenly, it's McConnell and Ryan who find themselves without a constituency. And it all started when they held their noses and backed Trump in the first place, without getting anything in return or modifying his behavior in any way.

Why would these two leaders humiliate themselves like that? That's easy. Because they wanted their party to win the White House at all costs.

Well, now that McConnell and Ryan are the odd men out, you have to wonder: Are they tired of winning yet?

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Trump tweet, NFL response escalate drama of Sunday games

By Dave Campbell
Associated Press

The owners of the Baltimore Ravens, the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots and other teams on Sunday joined a chorus of NFL executives criticizing President Donald Trump's suggestion that they fire players who kneel for the national anthem.

The statements, including those from Patriots owner Robert Kraft and Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti, contrasted a morning tweet from Trump and further escalated the political drama of the league's game day, which was expected to be one of the most-watched for non-sporting reasons in years.

Bisciotti said he "100 percent" supports his players' decision to kneel during the national anthem. At least seven of them did, joined by more than a dozen Jacksonville Jaguars, before the teams played at Wembley Stadium in London.

Other players linked arms — and Jaguars owner Shad Khan joined them, standing between tight end Marcedes Lewis and linebacker Telvin Smith. He called it a privilege to do so.

Kraft, who has been a strong backer of the president, expressed "deep disappointment" with Trump and said politicians could learn much from the unifying spirit of a competitive, team-oriented enterprise like football.

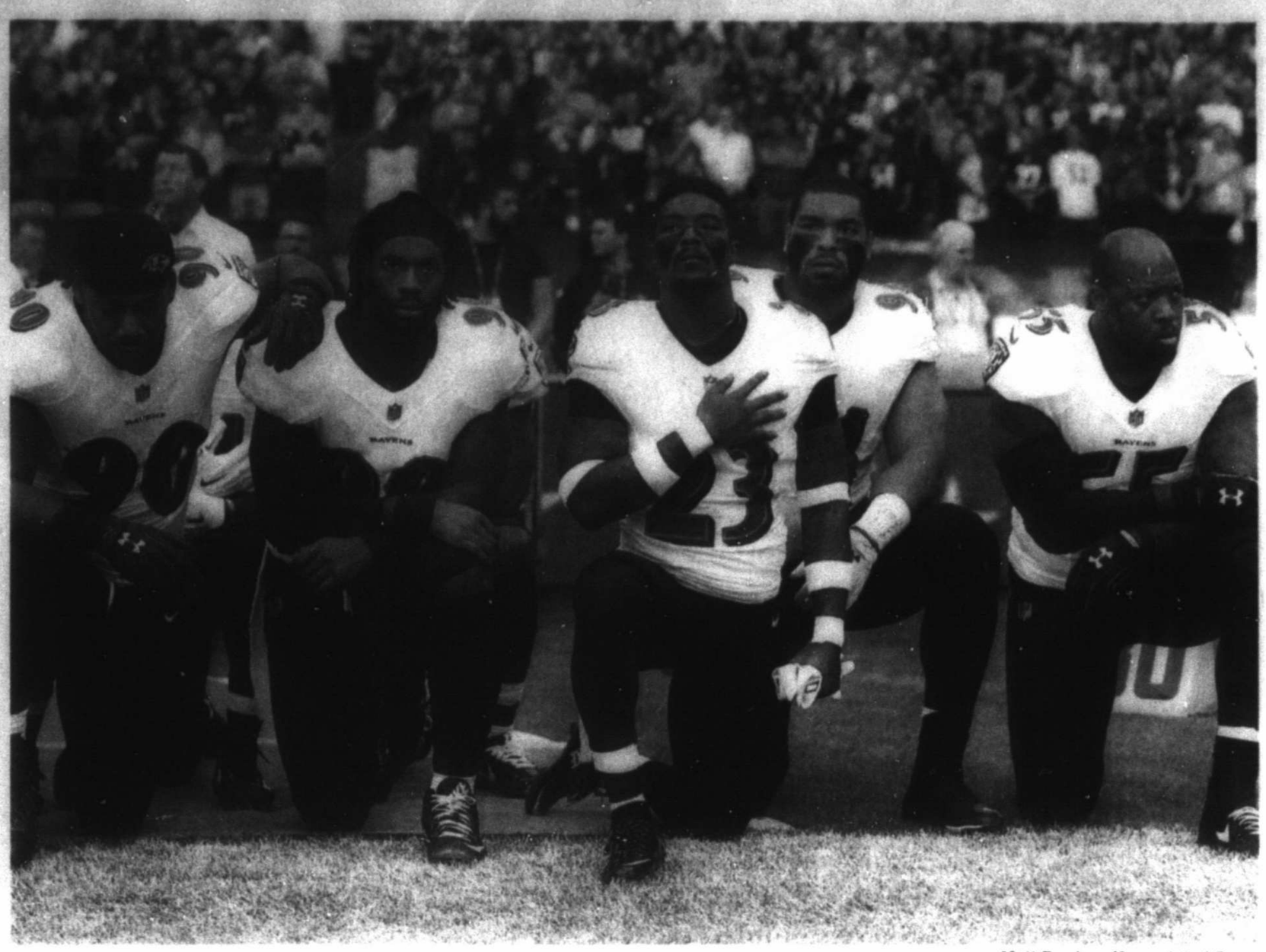
"Our players are intelligent, thoughtful, and care deeply about our community and I support their right to peacefully affect social change and raise awareness in a manner that they feel is most impactful," Kraft said in a statement.

Cleveland Browns owners Jimmy and Dee Haslam wrote that they didn't want to let "misguided, uninformed and divisive comments from the President or anyone else deter us from our efforts to unify," and Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin told CBS his team wouldn't be on the field when the anthem plays before the Steelers game in Chicago. He doesn't want his players to be divided between those who kneel and those who stand, he said.

"We're not going to be divided by anything said by anyone," Tomlin said. "We're not going to let divisive times or divisive individuals affect our agenda."

Haslam's brother, Bill, is the Republican governor of Tennessee.

Quarterback Colin Kaepernick started the kneeling movement last year when he played for the San Francisco 49ers, refusing to stand during "The Star-Spangled Banner" to protest the treatment of black people by police. Kaepernick became a free agent and has not been signed by a new team for this season.



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Baltimore Ravens players kneel down during the playing of the U.S. national anthem on Sunday at Wembley Stadium in London

Without identifying Kaepernick, Trump aimed a Friday talk at a Huntsville, Alabama, rally at those players who have knelt for the anthem.

"Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, you'd say, 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now. Out! He's fired,'" he said to loud applause.

Again in a Sunday morning tweet, Trump urged his supporters to take action: "If NFL fans refuse to go to games until players stop disrespecting our Flag & Country, you will see change take place fast. Fire or suspend!"

Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin followed up Sunday on ABC's "This Week" defending Trump, saying the NFL has many rules governing what players can and cannot do.

"I think what the president is saying is that the owners should have a rule that players should have to stand in respect for the national anthem," Mnuchin said. "They can do free speech on their own time." Trump's remarks provoked team owners and the NFL to stridently defend the sport and its players. Commissioner Roger Goodell, who has taken heat for Kaepernick's struggle to find a team, quickly condemned Trump's comments.

"The NFL and our players are at our best when we help create a sense of unity in our country and our culture. There is no better example than the amazing response from our clubs and players to the terrible natural disasters we've experienced over the last month," Goodell said.

"Divisive comments like these demonstrate an unfortunate lack of respect for the NFL, our great game and all of our players, and a failure to understand the overwhelming force for good our clubs and players represent in our communities."

At least seven team owners donated $1 million each to Trump's inaugural committee. But Los Angeles Chargers owner Dean Spanos, Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank, New York Giants owners John Mara and Steve Tisch, Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross, Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay, Tennessee Titans' controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk, Detroit Lions owner Martha Firestone Ford and San Francisco 49ers owner Jed York were among the league power brokers who issued condemning statements through their clubs.

"The callous and offensive comments made by the president are contradictory to what this great country stands for," York said.

"Our players have exercised their rights as United States citizens in order to spark conversation and action to address social injustice. We will continue to support them in their peaceful pursuit of positive change in our country and around the world."

Added Green Bay Packers President and CEO Mark Murphy: "We believe it is important to support any of our players who choose to peacefully express themselves with the hope of change for good. As Americans, we are fortunate to be able to speak openly and freely."

This weekend's games were sure to bring more protests, with Tampa Bay receiver DeSean Jackson promising to make "a statement."

"I know our players who kneeled for the anthem, and these are smart young men of character who want to make our world a better place for everyone," Ross said.

"They wanted to start a conversation and are making a difference in our community, including working with law enforcement to bring people together. We all can benefit from learning, listening and respecting each other."

TRUMP

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most ardent supporters, called it "an honor and a privilege to stand arm-in-arm unified with our players during today's national anthem" in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

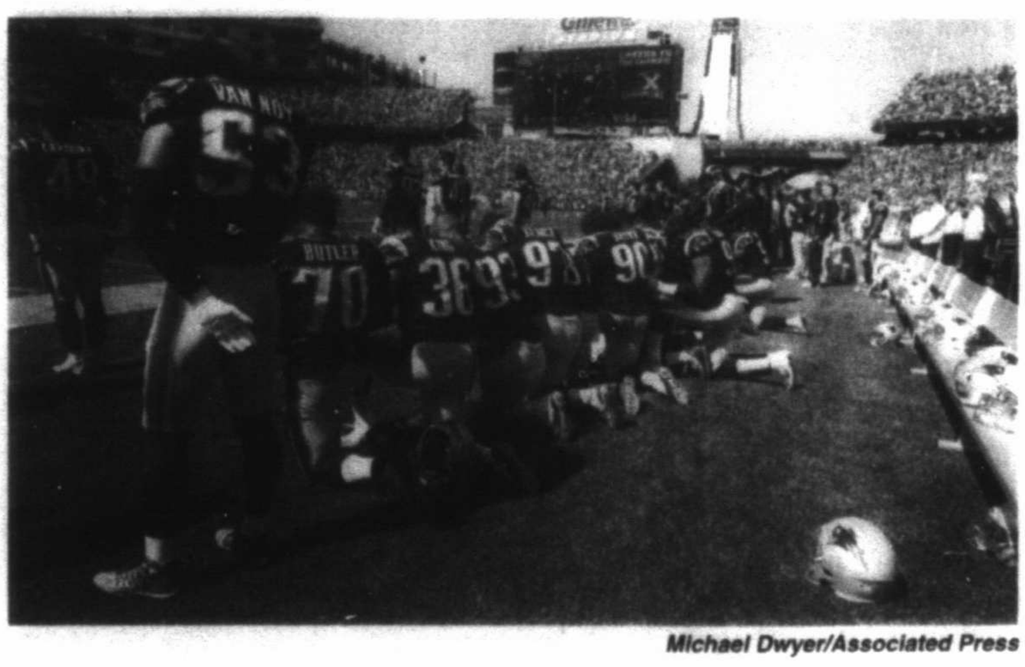
The issue reverberated across the Atlantic, where about two dozen players, including Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs and Jaguars running back Leonard Fournette, took a knee during the playing of the U.S. anthem at Wembley Stadium.

"We stand with our brothers," Suggs said. "They have the right and we knelt with them today. To protest, non-violent protest, is as American as it gets, so we knelt with them today to let them know that we're a unified front. There ain't no dividing us. I guess we're all son-of-a-bitches."

Jaguars owner Shad Khan and players on both teams who were not kneeling remained locked arm-in-arm throughout the playing of the anthem and "God Save The Queen." No players were knelt during the British anthem.

Trump saw the arm-in-arm gestures as a victory. Among his latest tweets on the top Sunday was this: "Great solidarity for our National Anthem and for our Country. Standing with locked arms is good, kneeling is not acceptable. Bad ratings!"

A handful of NFL players have refused to stand during the anthem to protest several issues, including police brutality. But that number ballooned Sunday following Trump's two-day weekend rant that began with the president calling for NFL protesters to be fired and continued Saturday with the president rescinding a White House invitation for the NBA champion Golden State Warriors over star Stephen Curry's criticism of Trump.



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Several New England Patriots players kneel during the national anthem on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass.

The movement started more than a year ago when former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick refused to stand during the national anthem as a protest of police treatment of racial minorities. This season, no team has signed him, and some supporters believe NFL owners are avoiding him because of the controversy.

A handful of Miami Dolphins players wore black T-shirts supporting Kaepernick during pregame warm-ups. The shirts have "#IMWITHKAP" written in bold white lettering on the front.

Trump's targeting of top professional athletes in football and basketball brought swift condemnation from executives and players in the National Football League and the National Basketball Association.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin defended Trump's attacks Sunday, saying on ABC's "This Week" that the president thinks "owners should have a rule that players should have to stand in respect for the national anthem." Mnuchin added that "they can do free speech on their own time."

The National Hockey League's reigning champion Pittsburgh Penguins announced Sunday they've accepted a White House invitation from Trump. The Penguins said they respect the office of the president and "the long tradition of championship team visiting the White House."

"Any agreement or disagreement with a president's politics, policies or agenda can be expressed in other ways," the Penguins said. "However, we very much respect the rights of other individuals and groups to express themselves as they see fit."

Before Game 1 of the WNBA Finals in Minneapolis on Sunday, the Los Angeles Sparks left the floor while the Minnesota Lynx stood arm-in-arm. The Sparks returned to a chorus of boos when the song was finished.

Sports hasn't been immune from America's deep political rifts, but the president's delving into the NFL protests started by Kaepernick brought new attention to the issues.

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"If NFL fans refuse to go to games until players stop disrespecting our Flag & Country, you will see change take place fast. Fire or suspend!" Trump said in a Sunday morning tweet.

Trump also mocked the league's crackdown on illegal hits, suggesting the league had softened because of its safety initiatives, which stem from an increased awareness of the devastating effects of repeated hits to the head.

Kahn, who was among the NFL owners who chipped in $1 million to the Trump inauguration committee, said he met with his team captains before kickoff in London "to express my support for them, all NFL players and the league following the divisive and contentious remarks made by President Trump."

Trump's comments drew sharp responses from some of the nation's top athletes, with LeBron James calling the president a "bum." Hours later, Major League Baseball saw its first player take a knee during the national anthem.

The NFL, its players, often at odds, have been united in condemning the president's criticisms.

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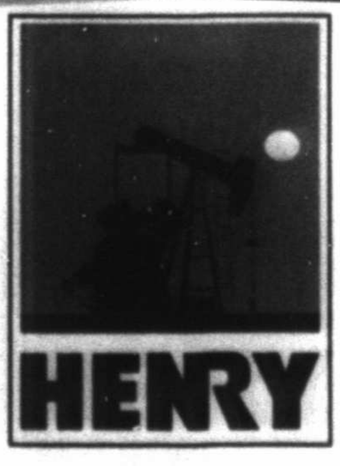

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Micah 6:8
He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Opposition from GOP senators grows, jeopardizes health bill

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican opposition to the GOP health care bill swelled to near-fatal numbers Sunday as Sen. Susan Collins all but closed the door on supporting the last-ditch effort to scrap the Obama health care law and Sen. Ted Cruz said that "right now" he doesn't back it.

White House legislative liaison Marc Short and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., one of the measure's sponsors, said Republicans would press ahead with a vote this week. But the comments by Collins and Cruz left the Republican drive to uproot President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act dangling by an increasingly fraying thread.

A vote must occur this week for Republicans to prevail with their narrow Senate majority. Next Sunday, protections expire against a Democratic filibuster, bill-killing delays that Republicans lack the votes to overcome.

President Donald Trump seemed to distance himself from the showdown, saying his "primary focus" was his party's drive to cut taxes.

"I don't know what they're doing," Trump told reporters about the bill's GOP opponents as he prepared to fly back to Washington after a weekend at his New Jersey golf club. "But you know what? Eventually we'll win, whether it's now or later."

Two GOP senators, Rand Paul of Kentucky and John McCain of Arizona, have already said they oppose the legislation. All Democrats will vote against it. "No" votes from three of the 52 GOP senators would kill the party's effort to deliver on its perennial vow to repeal "Obamacare" and would reprise the party's politically jarring failure to accomplish that this summer.

Collins cited the bill's cuts in the Medicaid program for low-income people and the likelihood that it would result in many losing health coverage and paying higher premiums. The Maine moderate also criticized a provision letting states make it easier for insurers to raise premiums on people with pre-existing medical conditions.

"It's very difficult for me to envision a scenario where I would end up voting for this bill," said Collins.

The conservative Cruz also voiced opposition, underscoring the bill's problems with both ends of the GOP spectrum.

"Right now, they don't have my vote," Cruz said at a festival in Austin. He suggested the measure doesn't do enough to reduce premiums by allowing insurers to sell less comprehensive coverage than Obama's law allows.

Cruz said he doesn't think fellow conservative Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, backs the GOP bill. Lee spokesman Conn Carroll said Lee wants "technical changes" but hasn't finalized his position.

The growing opposition leaves the White House and party leaders with one immediate option: changing opponents' minds.

Republicans have said they're still reshaping the bill in hopes of winning over skeptics. Collins said sponsors were making last-minute adjustments in the measure's formulas for distributing federal money to states.

"So yes, we're moving forward, and we'll see what happens next week," Graham said.

Paul said even though the bill transforms federal health care dollars into block grants states would control, the GOP bill left too much of that spending intact.

"Block granting Obamacare doesn't make it go away," Paul said.

McCain has complained that Republicans should have worked with Democrats in reshaping the country's $3 trillion-a-year health care system and cited uncertainty over the bill's impact on consumers.

A chief target of GOP leaders is Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, whose state has unusually high health care costs because of its many remote communities. Collins and Murkowski were the only Republicans who voted "no" on four pivotal votes on earlier versions of the GOP legislation in July.

Murkowski has remained uncommitted, saying she's studying the bill's impact on Alaska. Her state's officials released a report Friday citing "unique challenges" and deep cuts the measure would impose on the state.

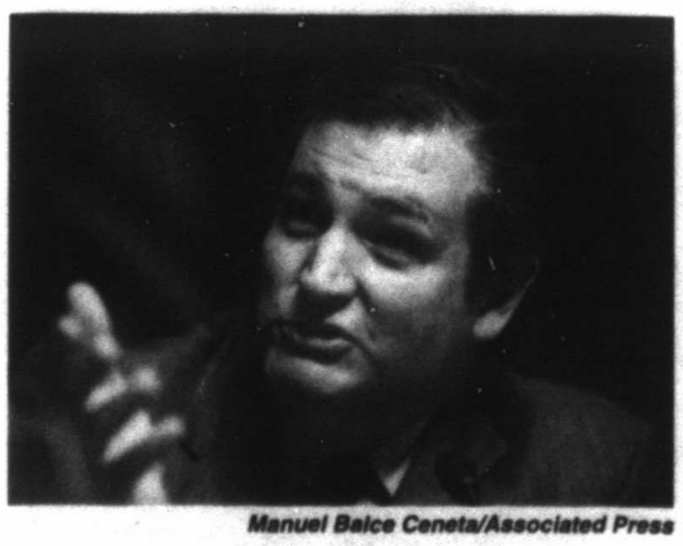
Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has said he intends to have a vote this week but has stopped short of firmly committing to it. If party leaders expected to lose, they would have to choose between conservatives demanding no surrender and others seeing no point in another demoralizing defeat.

The White House's Short said he expects a vote Wednesday.

The bill would repeal much of the 2010 law, including its tax penalties on people who don't buy insurance and on larger employers not offering coverage to workers. States could loosen coverage requirements under the law's mandates, including prohibiting insurers from charging seriously ill people higher premiums and letting them sell policies covering fewer services.

It would eliminate Obama's expansion of Medicaid and the subsidies the law provides millions of people to reduce their premiums and out of pocket costs, substituting block grants to states.

Collins was on CBS' "Face the Nation" and CNN's "State of the Union," Graham appeared on ABC's "This Week" and Paul was on NBC's "Meet the Press," and Short was on CBS, NBC and "Fox News Sunday."



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Senate Judiciary Committee member Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, speaks Sept. 6 during the committee's hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington. Cruz said he's against the Republican bill that would erase much of President Barack Obama's health law. If the Texas Republican sticks to that stand, GOP leaders will have little hope that their 11th-hour Senate push will survive.

Staff Sgt. Joshua Smoot/U.S. Air force via AP

In this photo made available by the Department of Defense, a U.S. Air Force B-1B Lancer, assigned to the 37th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, deployed from Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., prepares to take off Saturday from Andersen AFB, Guam. The Pentagon says B-1B bombers from Guam and F-15 fighter escorts from Okinawa, Japan, have flown a mission in international airspace over the waters east of North Korea.

US flies mission north of DMZ, sends message to North Korea

By Robert Burns and Matthew Pennington
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a show of American military might to North Korea, U.S. bombers and fighter escorts flew Saturday to the farthest point north of the border between North and South Korea by any such American aircraft this century. The Pentagon said the mission in international airspace showed how seriously President Donald Trump takes North Korea's "reckless behavior."

"This mission is a demonstration of U.S. resolve and a clear message that the president has many military options to defeat any threat," Defense Department spokesman Dana White said in a statement.

"North Korea's weapons program is a grave threat to the Asia-Pacific region and the entire international community. We are prepared to use the full range of military capabilities to defend the U.S. homeland and our allies," White said.

North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un, has said Trump would "pay dearly" for threatening to "totally destroy" North Korea if the U.S. was forced to defend itself or its allies against a North Korean attack. Kim's foreign minister told reporters this past week that the North's response to Trump "could be the most powerful detonation of an H-bomb in the Pacific."

North Korea has said it intends to build a missile capable of striking all parts of the United States with a nuclear bomb. Trump has said he won't allow it, although the U.S. so far has not used military force to impede the North's progress.

The Pentagon said B-1B bombers from Guam, along with F-15C Eagle fighter escorts from Okinawa, Japan, flew in international airspace over waters east of North Korea on Saturday. The U.S. characterized the flights as extending farther north of the Demilitarized Zone, than any U.S. fighter or bomber had gone off the North Korean coast in the 21st century.

B-1 bombers are no longer part of the U.S. nuclear force, but they are capable of dropping large numbers of conventional bombs.

U.S. Pacific Command would not be more specific about many years it had been since U.S. bombers and fighters had flown that far north of the DMZ, but a spokesman, Navy Cmdr. Dave Benham, noted that this century "encompasses the period North Korea has been testing ballistic missiles and nuclear weapons."

At the United Nations, North Korea's foreign minister, Ri Yong Ho, said Saturday that his country's nuclear force is "to all intents and purposes, a war deterrent for putting an end to nuclear threat of the U.S. and for preventing its military invasion, and our ultimate goal is to establish the balance of power with the U.S."

He also said that Trump's depiction of Kim as "Rocket Man" makes "our rocket's visit to the entire U.S. mainland inevitable all the more."

Trump on Friday had renewed his rhetorical offensive against Kim.

"Kim Jong Un of North Korea, who is obviously a madman who doesn't mind starving or killing his people, will be tested like never before!" the president tweeted.

Trump continued the heated exchange with the North Koreans Saturday night.

He tweeted: "Just heard Foreign Minister of North Korea speak at U.N. If he echoes thoughts of Little Rocket Man, they won't be around much longer!"

On Thursday, Trump announced more economic sanctions against the impoverished and isolated country, targeting foreign companies that deal with the North.

"North Korea's nuclear weapons and missile development is a grave threat to peace and security in our world, and it is unacceptable that others financially support this criminal, rogue regime," Trump said as he joined Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and South Korean President Moon Jae-in for a meeting in New York.

Hours later, Kim responded by saying Trump was "deranged."

In a speech last week at the United Nations, Trump had issued the warning of potential obliteration and mocked the North's young autocrat as a "Rocket Man" on a "suicide mission."

Trump's executive order expanded the Treasury Department's ability to target anyone conducting significant trade in goods, services or technology with North Korea, and to ban them from interacting with the U.S. financial system.

Trump also said China was imposing major banking sanctions, too, but there was no immediate confirmation from the North's most important trading partner.

If enforced, the Chinese action Trump described could severely impede the isolated North's ability to raise money for its missile and nuclear development. China, responsible for about 90 percent of North Korea's trade, serves as the country's conduit to the international banking system.

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Trump travel ban expires Sunday; new restrictions expected

Citizens of eight countries will face new restrictions on entry to the U.S. under a proclamation signed by President Donald Trump on Sunday.

The new rules, which will impact the citizens of Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen, will go into effect October 18.

The restrictions range from full travel bans on nationals from countries like Syria to more targeted restrictions. A suspension of non-immigrant visas to citizens for Venezuela, for instance, applies only to senior government officials and their immediate families.

The announcement comes the same day as Trump's temporary ban on visitors from six Muslim-majority countries is set to expire, 90 days after it went into effect. That ban had barred citizens of Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen who lack a "credible claim of a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States" from entering the U.S.

"As President, I must act to protect the security and interests of the United States and its people," reads the proclamation.

Officials stressed that valid visas would not be revoked as a result of the proclamation. The order also permits, but does not guarantee, case-by-case waivers .

The restrictions are targeted at countries that Department of Homeland Security officials say refuse to share information with the U.S. or haven't taken necessary security precautions.

"The acting secretary has recommended actions that are tough and that are tailored, including restrictions and enhanced screening for certain countries," said Miles Taylor, counselor to acting Homeland Security Secretary Elaine Duke, said Friday.

Unlike Trump's first travel ban, which sparked chaos at airports across the country and a flurry of legal challenges, officials said they had been working for months on the new rules, in collaboration with various agencies and in conversation with foreign governments.

The restrictions are based on a new baseline developed by DHS that includes factors such as whether countries issue electronic passports with biometric information and share information about travelers' terror-related and criminal histories.

The U.S. then shared those benchmarks with every country in the world and gave them 50 days to comply.

The eight countries are those that refused or were unable to comply. Trump last week called for a "tougher" travel ban after a bomb partially exploded on a London subway.

"The travel ban into the United States should be far larger, tougher and more specific-but stupidly, that would not be politically correct!" he tweeted.

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

NEW JERSEY

Trump promising huge tax cut, focus on taxes vs health care

MORRISTOWN — President Donald Trump is promising "the largest tax cut in the history of our country" that will slash rates for the middle class and corporations to spark economic growth and jobs.

Trump said Sunday his "primary focus" is the tax overhaul rather than last-ditch efforts to bring a repeal of the Obama health care program. The health care legislation brought forward by Republicans teetered near failure over the weekend.

Trump said the tax plan that the White House and congressional Republicans have been working on for months, for the first major overhaul of the tax system in three decades, is "totally finalized." He was speaking on the tarmac at the Morristown Municipal Airport.

Trump's details weren't firm. He said "I hope" the top corporate tax rate will be cut to 15 percent from the current 35 percent. House Speaker Paul Ryan has said a 15 percent rate is impractically low, with a rate somewhere in the low- to mid-20 percent range more viable to avoid blowing out the deficit.

The rate is "going to be substantially lower so we bring jobs back into our country," Trump said.

Trump also said, "We think we're going to bring the individual rate to 10 percent or 12 percent, much lower than it is right now."

He did not say whether the tax rate for the wealthiest Americans, now at 39.6 percent would be cut, as some Republicans have advocated.

"This is a plan for the middle class and for companies, so they can bring back jobs," he said.

The plan also is expected to reduce the number of tax brackets from seven to three.

Trump spoke as House Republicans on the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee huddled behind closed doors to discuss the plan. They have promised to reveal an outline and possible details of the plan later this week, after all Republican lawmakers in the House get a chance to discuss it and put questions to the chief architects, including Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, who heads the Ways and Means panel.

Republicans have been split on some core issues. They are divided over whether to add to the nation's soaring $20 trillion debt with tax cuts. The GOP also is at odds over eliminating the federal deduction for state and local taxes.

Republican senators on opposing sides of the deficit debate have tentatively agreed on a plan for $1.5 trillion in tax cuts. That would add substantially to the debt and would enable deeper cuts to tax rates than would be allowed if Republicans followed through on earlier promises that their tax overhaul wouldn't add to the budget deficit.

By Catherine Lucey and Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

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RECOGNIZING MIDLAND'S UNSUNG HEROES & VOLUNTEERS

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JOSIE CAMPBELL

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Professional and community involvement: I'm a Senior Companion. I volunteer at Midland Soup Kitchen. I'm a former Sunday school teacher.

How did you decide to serve the community at Senior Link? I thought it would benefit me and my companion and would get me out of the house. Loneliness is a bad thing.

What talents and skills do you share with the community through your role at Senior Link and as a Senior Companion? Something to keep busy — knitting, crochet, puzzles.

What unexpected lesson have you learned while serving as a Senior Companion? It is hard to find someone to listen enough to give a civil answer. Listening is an art.

Why is volunteerism a priority for you? You are never too old to give back to your community. I love making someone else feel life is worth living.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I have lived here for 76 years. I went to school here, and most of my family live here.

What else would you like our readers to know about you? I attend church regularly at Alexander Temple COGIC and attend Sunday school and Bible class. And most of all, I truly love God with all my heart.

"HER FRIENDSHIP IS A BLESSING TO ME"

After Robert, my husband of 56 years, died, I called Community and Senior Services (now Senior Link). Josie was brought to my house to meet me. Her twice-a-week visits soon began.

We have had many laughs and good conversations together. Her friendship is a blessing to me.

Nelda Rountree

"THIS SOFT-SPOKEN GRANDMOTHER WILL MELT YOUR HEART WITH JUST ONE LOOK AND THE FLASH OF HER SMILE"

Josie Campbell is a current Senior Companion serving other homebound seniors who desire to maintain their independence by living in their own home. While most people her age are in need of assistance, Ms. Campbell is always there to lend a helping hand. Ms. Campbell, at 91 years young, is more active that most people I know. It doesn't look like she plans on slowing down anytime soon.

Many other Senior Companions look up to Ms. Campbell. When you're around Ms. Campbell, you feel loved. She has a way about her that makes people feel at ease — like you're with your own grandparent. This soft-spoken grandmother will melt your heart with just one look and the flash of her smile.

Ms. Campbell is no stranger to the community. She has volunteered for various organizations throughout the years, such as the Midland Soup Kitchen. Most days, when not helping out the elderly, you can catch Ms. Campbell giving to her church, Alexander Temple COGIC. We could all learn a few lessons of love from Ms. Campbell's heart.

Eric Uresti, *Senior Companion Program coordinator*

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iPhone 8, iPhone 8 Plus: Function over glamour

HAYLEY TSUKAYAMA
The Washington Post

Apple has three new phones coming this fall. Although most of the attention has been focused on the iPhone X, the iPhone 8 and iPhone 8 Plus will hit stores first — and at a lower price than the iPhone X's $1,000 price tag. They went on sale Friday starting at $699 and $799, respectively.

How much of an upgrade are we getting with these two phones? Apple provided me with some to try out for a few days. Below are my main takeaways.

■ The basics

These both are solid updates to the iPhone line. They're very familiar, as Apple hasn't strayed too far from the template that's made the iPhone a blockbuster. The iPhone 8 and iPhone 8 Plus are, this year, the phones for people who prize function over fancy features.

■ Differences

The iPhone 8 and iPhone 8 Plus aren't identical, of course. The iPhone 8 Plus is larger, at 5.5 inches to the iPhone 8's 4.7 inches. In terms of the way they operate, the most noticeable difference between the iPhone 8 and the iPhone 8 Plus is in the camera. The iPhone 8 Plus has a dual camera, which allows it to provide a greater sense of depth in your pictures and helps the camera distinguish between foreground and background.

That sensor intelligence enables several portrait shooting modes that take artistically lit shots of people. Apple has examples of each mode in its promotional materials.

Practically speaking, my own portraits weren't as glamorous but were noticeably nicer than the shots I took with my older iPhones, and without the special filters. If you change your mind, you can remove a portrait mode filter after the fact, or swap which effect you want to apply.

There are also some usability differences, which mirror closely what we've seen from other iPhone/iPhone Plus lines. The iPhone 8 Plus is more like a tablet, and those who watch a lot of video will appreciate its larger screen and may also like returning features such as a landscape layout for apps such as mail. And, perhaps most importantly for the productivity focused, there is also a battery life difference.

■ Battery

I used each of these phones as my primary phone, to get a "normal" day test out of them. The iPhone 8 Plus definitely has better battery life than its smaller sibling, even when being used heavily. On a day where I had to use it for navigation, video streaming and plenty of email, it made it through the day and probably could have made it through the next morning without being in dire need of a top-up. The iPhone 8, when I used it, got down pretty low by the end of the day, at which point I

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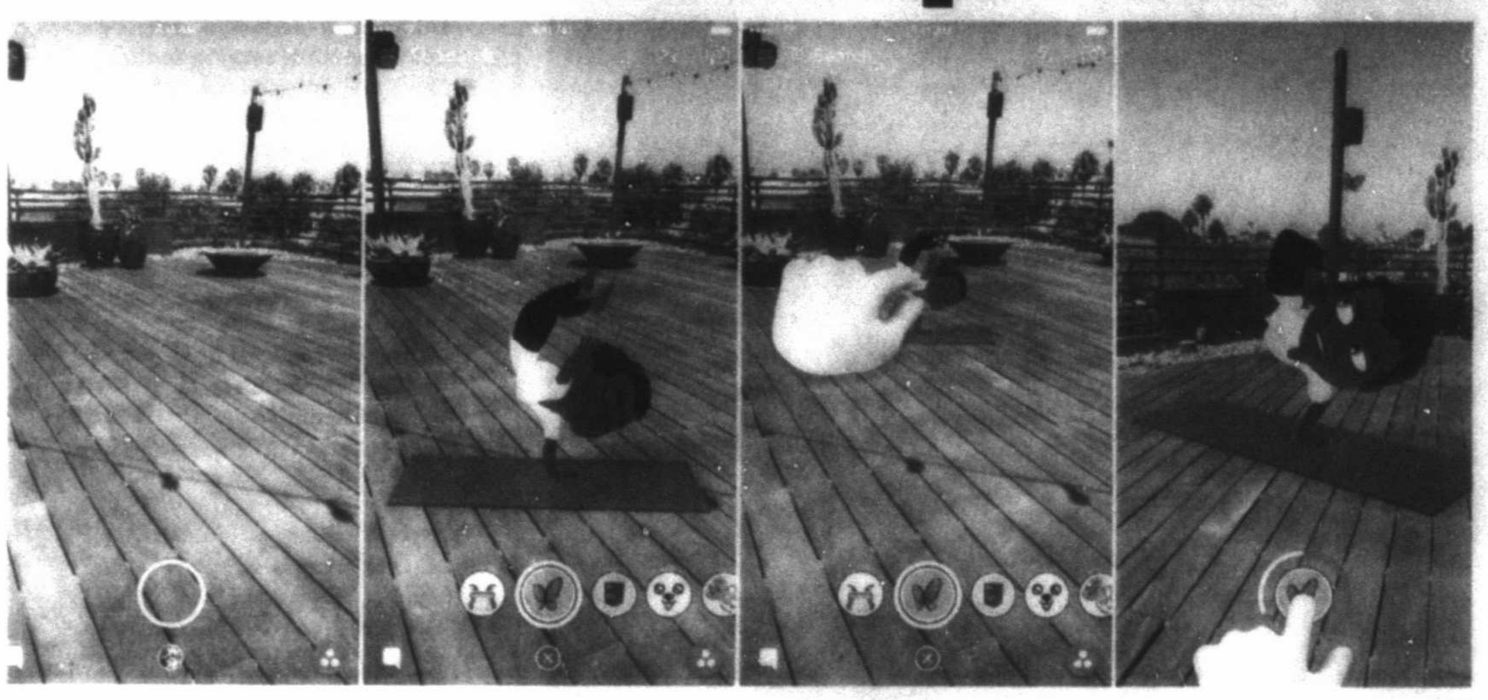
Virtual-self expression



TNS

Caricatures become obsession for some users

■ Bitmoji is one of world's most-downloaded apps

By Paresh Dave
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — For Anokhy Desai, a new haircut or outfit requires more than a trip to the shopping center. These days, she also finds herself also diving into the Bitmoji app to chop hair and replace clothes.

It's there that Desai and millions of other people have created personalized caricatures of themselves.

Bitmoji attaches the cartoonish likenesses to funny and cheesy phrases and then stamps them on images that can be shared across social media.

The hilarity and absurdity of those images has turned Bitmoji into one of the most-downloaded apps in the world, and its illustrations have taken over text-messaging threads and Snapchat conversations.

They've become such an important form of self-expression that it's common to encounter people, like Desai, who regularly update their Bitmoji avatars to reflect new hairdos and fashion choices.

The most devoted among them boast that they spend more time picking out clothes for their Bitmoji than their real-world self — a level of care unlike anything before, experts in the virtual reality industry say.

"We would look at Bitmoji as the high-water mark for what's been done to make the avatar experience mainstream," said Berkley Frei, general manager at avatar software firm Morph 3D.

But what that adds up to is the big question for Snapchat, which bought Bitstrips — the company that developed Bitmoji — for more than $64 million 18 months ago.

Snap Inc. as a whole has been under pressure from investors since its initial public offering this year to increase ad revenue and show that it's far from finished adding users.

The unprofitable Los Angeles company hasn't released revenue figures or user numbers for Bitmoji.

But earlier this month, Snap announced 3D Bitmoji World Lenses, which allow users to place a three-dimensional rendering of their Bitmoji in real-world scenes captured through their smartphone camera.

The characters appear to interact with their environment, and the animations can be shared on Snapchat.

The feature marks a major technological step for a company that has already dabbled in mixed reality features that place virtual objects, such as a now-famous dancing hot dog, in photos and videos.

If it takes off, it could further Snap's lead in the nascent mixed and augmented reality sector.

But it's unclear whether Bitmoji will turn into a major revenue generator for Snap.

Before the acquisition, Bitstrips had partnerships with HBO, Forever 21 and other companies making branded clothing available to users.

Terms of the deals, which Snap has allowed to stand for now, haven't been disclosed.

Soliciting sponsored options from any advertiser would fit with prior strategy. Financial analyst James Cakmak mused that just analyzing users' bitmoji selections could reveal a lot about their current emotions and be valuable in deciding what ads to show them elsewhere in Snapchat.

Further, the Bitmoji app enables users to search for images tied to a particular greeting or mood, and the search data would provide additional insight if used for advertising purposes someday.

But Snap hasn't added any new revenue-generating options to Bitmoji, except for introducing the NBA and Major League Baseball as partners for virtual jerseys.

Digital avatars aren't a new phenomenon — Yahoo popularized online avatars in the late 2000s but was later overtaken by Google and Facebook, both of which instead prioritize real-life profile photos.

Asian companies, which have been trendsetters in online chat tools, have seen only mild pickup with Bitmoji-like apps such as FaceQ and Myidol, according to app research firm Sensor Tower.

And video game avatars, such as the Nintendo Mii for Wii gaming devices, lack the same broad appeal and constant editing associated with bitmoji, experts said.

Snapchat's rival Facebook and several startups, including Oben and Gabsee, are fighting to become the dominant provider of 3-D avatar-making tools for virtual and augmented reality experiences. Apple even showcased earlier this month Animoji — animated emoji whose facial expressions users can change with the iPhone's new face-scanning technology.

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Jetpack propels swimmer faster than Michael Phelps

■ YouTube video shows engineer clocks in a 6.25 mph, which beat Olympian's 6 mph

By Peter Holley
The Washington Post

The goal was an ambitious one: Create an underwater, "Iron Man"-inspired jetpack capable of propelling someone through water faster than Olympian Michael Phelps on his best day in the pool.

In the process, Ryan Kung and David Shulman, two Silicon Valley engineers behind "Eclectical Engineering" — a YouTube channel dedicated to bringing imaginative contraptions to life — knew they'd be embarking on their most dangerous project to date, a reality that did little to deter the duo.

Previous projects include a massive Nerf gun capable of exploding watermelons and turning their faces into 3-D selfies made of chocolate.

"In a lot of ways the way we pick these projects is by finding engineering we really want to improve our skill set in," Shulman, 28, said. "We hadn't done any projects involving water and wanted to get better with motors."

Combining battery-powered motors and water is a recipe for electrocution. That explains why the two men spent the bulk of their time figuring out how to create a watertight seal for the jetpack's battery compartment, which contained powerful lithium batteries.

The sealed battery pack was initially tested in 3 feet of water.

That meant the men couldn't be certain the pack would remain water-resistant if the depth, and pressure on the pack, increased.

How did Shulman feel jumping into the water for the first time?

"It was absolutely scary," he said. "This was really putting your money where your mouth is. I've never built a project and then strapped it onto myself before."

As their finished YouTube video attests, Shulman survived, and the project was a complete success.

At top speed, the underwater jetpack clocked in at 6.25 mph, breaking Phelps' record of 6 mph.

The propellers were more powerful than expected, Shulman said, noting that at times it felt as if they were "going to pull my arms off."

The pair, who do most of their DIY engineering on the weekends, estimate they spent 60 hours and $1,000 to make the jetpack a reality.

They hope to refine the contraption, but they already have another project occupying their imaginations.

"We want to create a launcher that helps you skip rocks easily and a lot further than anyone can by hand," Shulman said. "We have a backlog of 80 projects, so our problem is not coming up with fun things to do, but finding the time to do them."

Words With Friends adds 50,000 pop culture words

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tell your bae or your bestie: The mobile game Words With Friends is adding thousands of pop culture words as part of its largest dictionary update in the game's eight-year history.

Game developer Zynga told The Associated Press on Tuesday that it is adding 50,000 internet slang words, including BFF, fitspo, delish, FOMO, hangry, kween, smize, TFW, turnt, werk, yas — as well as bae and bestie.

Gurpreet Singh, director of product for the Scrabble-esque game, said Words With Friends players are constantly reaching out — on social media and in the game itself, which has a submission feature — with words they'd like added to the dictionary. He said Zynga gets 5,000 suggestions a day, which formed the basis of the update.

"For us, it's a way to listen to our players and also have a bit of fun," Singh said. "The words that they're requesting are really a reflection of what they're doing in their day-to-day life and how they communicate with their loved ones."

The multiplayer phone-friendly crossword game has been installed more than 200 million times since 2009, according to Zynga. This year, an estimated 57 million active Words With Friends games are being played around the world at any given time.

The 50,000 new words will be added to the existing dictionary of 173,000 words, which is always evolving. The game earlier this year added "covfefe" after President Donald Trump introduced the mysterious term and it spread like wildfire on social media, while twerk and selfie were added in 2014.

Singh said there's no hard-and-fast rule for what constitutes a word and what doesn't. The team leans toward ones that are inclusive and popular.

"We try to be very holistic in our thinking," he said. "It's a game based on connecting and if we feel our values are being adhered to by the word that we're adding, then even if it's not a proper word — as a standard dictionary would consider it to be — we would still go ahead and add those."

Does Singh have some favorites? Yes, the high-point offering queso — "anytime I can use a 'q,' I'm happy," he said — as well as turnt, which is a variation on "turn up" that means getting excited.

Zynga via AP

This image released by Zynga shows the Words With Friends app. Game developer Zynga said Tuesday that it is adding 50,000 internet slag words, including BFF, fitspo (fitness inspiration), delish, FOMO (fear of missing out), hangry (hungry and angry), kween, smize, TFW (that feel when), turnt, werk, yas — as well as bae and bestie.

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Son jumps into online dating by asking personal questions

DEAR ABBY

Universal Press Syndicate

DEAR ABBY: My 40-year-old son signed up with an online dating site. He has a 17-year-old son and has never been married. During his initial contact with one woman, she mentioned she had several kids and my son asked if they were all by the same father. She said he was out of line to ask that question!

I realize people today think one's sexual history shouldn't matter, but doesn't my son have a right to know how many other men he's going to be involved with if he becomes involved with her? How does one find out this kind of information relatively soon into the relationship? Waiting until he knows her better seems like a waste of both parties' time if he's not interested in someone who brings several other families into the relationship.

Relationships are hard enough when a man brings his family and a woman brings her family together in the marriage. It's harder when the man and woman have exes. Each ex increases the level of difficulty to make the relationship work. Love is a choice, and it would be painful for my son to give up a young lady he really cared for because he found out after a few dates that a future with her involved four or more baby daddies. — OUT OF LINE IN ARIZONA

DEAR OUT OF LINE: Although it might be "painful" for your son to give someone up after a few dates, he should make the effort to get to know the person before asking a question like the one he posed to a complete stranger. Frankly, I don't blame her for being offended, because it implied he thought she was promiscuous.

Your son fathered a child with a woman he didn't end up marrying. It happens. What if the same thing had happened to her, but more than once? One would think that as a mature adult, if he had feelings for someone, he would continue the relationship and see where it led. And why are you the one who wrote to ask me this and not your son?

DEAR ABBY: We are all familiar with the rules of who pays for what in a wedding. Usually the bride's family pays for certain portions of the wedding and reception, while the groom's family pays for the rehearsal dinner, among other things.

But what are the rules for same-sex marriages? My daughter and her girlfriend are getting married, and I'm confused about the financial etiquette. Is everything split evenly? — MODERN DAD IN LOUISIANA

DEAR MODERN DAD: According to Steven Petrow, the LGBT etiquette author, there are few set rules about gay weddings. Your only "requirement" is to provide them with your love and support.

Many couples today, both gay and straight, foot the bill themselves. You might offer a gift to help them pay for the flowers or rehearsal dinner. However, like any responsible couple, your daughter and her intended should plan a wedding that is within their budget.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

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

♠ 10 6 ♡ K J 9 5 ◇ A J 9 2 ♣ Q 10 4

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	3♣	4♣*

*Both majors

What call would you make?

A — Should you reasonably decide to raise clubs, bid four diamonds "on the way." This is a lead-directing bid and it should help if you end up defending the hand.

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

♠ A 4 ♡ Q J 6 5 2 ◇ K J 5 4 ♣ K 7

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	4◇*	Pass

What call would you make?

A — This is a decent hand, but the splinter bid tells you that your diamond strength is probably wasted. Bid four hearts.

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

♠ A K 9 5 4 2 ♡ K J 9 3 ◇ 3 ♣ Q 5

With the opponents passing, you open one spade and partner responds one notrump. What call would you make?

A — It is important to rebid two hearts with this hand. Partner can easily hold four or more hearts and short spades. A two spade rebid, instead, would lose your best fit.

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

♠ J 9 8 7 5 4 2 ♡ A 9 3 ◇ A 7 4 ♣ Void

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — We think that pre-empting with two aces outside of your suit is a poor idea. It's a small stretch, but we like one spade.

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App Store Official Charts for the week ending Sept. 17

Top Paid iPhone Apps

1.Minecraft: Pocket Edition, Mojang
2.Heads Up!, Warner Bros.
3.Iron Marines,Ironhide S.A.
4.Bloons TD 5,Ninja Kiwi
5.iSchedule, HotSchedules
6.Plague Inc., Ndemic Creations
7.Facetune, Lightricks Ltd.
8.MONOPOLY Game, Electronic Arts
9.Tabs & Chords by Ultimate Guit...,Ultimate Guitar
10.Geometry Dash, Rob-Top Games AB

Top Free iPhone Apps

1. tbh 7/8,Midnight Labs LLC
2. YouTube, Google, Inc.
3. Instagram, Instagram, Inc.
4. Bitmoji,— Your Personal Emoji, Bitstrips
5. Snapchat, Snap, Inc.
6. Instagram,Instagram, Inc.
7. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
8. Bitmoji,— Your Personal Emoji, Bitstrips
9. Google Maps, Google, Inc.
10. Boonk Gang, Tha Lights Global

Top Paid iPad Apps

1. Minds On Physics the App — Part 1,Physics Classroom, LLC
2. Minecraft: Pocket EditionMojang
3. XtraMath, XtraMath
4. Notability, Ginger Labs
5. Iron MarinesIronhide S.A.
6. Procreate — Sketch, paint, cre....Savage Interactive Pty Ltd
7. The Escapists, Team17 Software Ltd
8. Terraria,505 Games (US), Inc.
9. Geometry Dash, Rob-Top Games AB
10. GoodNotes 4, Time Base Technology Limited

Top Free iPad Apps

1. YouTube, Google, Inc.
2. Netflix, Netflix, Inc.
3. Gmail — email by Google: secur...,Google, Inc.
4. Facebook,Facebook, Inc.
5. Snake VS Block, Voodoo
6. Messenger, Facebook, Inc.
7. Google Chrome, Google, Inc.
8. Bowmasters — Multiplayer Game,Playgendary
9. Google Docs,Google, Inc.
10. ROBLOX, Roblox Corporation

iTunes Movies U.S. charts for week ending Sept. 17

iTunes Movies US Charts

1. Baby Driver
2. Transformers: The Last Knight
3. The Mummy (2017)
4. Captain Underpants: The First Epic Movie
5. Life
6. Wonder Woman (2017)
7. Stephen King's It
8. Baywatch
9. Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2
10. Rough Night

iTunes Movies US Charts — independent

1. Beatriz At Dinner
2. It Comes At Night
3. The Wilde Wedding
4. The Layover
5. The Grand Budapest Hotel
6. Unlocked
7. The Hero
8. The Limehouse Garden
9. The Lost City of Z
10. What We Do In the Shadows

iTunes Official Music Charts for the week ending Sept. 21

Top Songs

1. rockstar (feat. 21 Savage), Post Malone
2. Look What You Made Me Do, Taylor Swift
3. Bodak Yellow, Cardi B
4. Thunder, Imagine Dragons
5. Feel It Still, Portugal. The Man
6. 1- 800-273-8255 (feat. Alessia ..., Logic
7. Sorry Not Sorry, Demi Lovato
8. What About Us, P!nk
9. Too Good at Goodbyes, Sam Smith
10. Too Much to Ask, Niall Horan

Top Albums

1. Concrete and Gold, Foo Fighters
2. Love Yourself ? 'Her', BTS
3. Prophets of Rage, Prophets of Rage
4. Future Friends, Pt. Two, Superfruit
5. Life Changes, Thomas Rhett
6. The Stories We Tell Ourselves, Nothing More
7. Evolve, Imagine Dragons
8. w , Ed Sheeran
9. By Any Means 2, Kevin Gates
10. Greatest Hits, Red Hot Chili Peppers

Source: Apple Inc.

ReadThisNext, Libby are apps for book lovers

HAYLEY TSUKAYAMA
The Washington Post

If you love reading but can never figure out what your next book should be, ReadThisNext, as the name implies, is here to help.

You can use the app to follow your favorite authors and see what they suggest. Because you can follow multiple authors, you'll get a range of recommendations — just in case you're having one of those days where you're not vibing with Haruki Murakami.

Signing up requires your email address. From there, you can search for authors you like and follow accounts accordingly.

The app's website describes it as being like a book club with all of your favorite authors, which is apt — except that you can't get together with Stephen King, nosh and dish about the book together.

And, of course, no one will ever scold you for not reading the book. Still, ReadThisNext is a solid app for those who love reading but never know what to tackle next.

Free, for iOS devices.

One of the worst-kept secrets is that your local library often has way more to offer than a traditional book or two. E-books and audiobooks are as much a part of the catalogue these days.

And Libby is an app from OverDrive — a company that works with libraries around the country to show off the e-books and audiobooks they offer.

Users will need a valid library card from a participating system to use Libby. But if you meet those criteria, then the app makes it a snap to check out materials or place holds on the titles you want. You can read or listen to them right in the app.

It can also send your library books to a Kindle.

Kiddos can access graphic novels or picture books with read-along audio.

Another bonus: You can sign into multiple library systems, if you hold multiple cards. The app will let you know when the items you want are available.

Free, for iOS and Android devices and Windows 10.

Wal-Mart wants employees to stock customers' fridge

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Would you be OK with letting a stranger into your house for the sake of convenience?

Wal-Mart is testing the idea with a new service that lets a delivery person walk into your home when you're not there to drop off packages or put groceries in the fridge.

"This may not be for everyone," wrote Sloan Eddleston, Wal-Mart's head of e-commerce strategy, in a blog post Friday; "but we want to offer customers the opportunity to participate in tests today and help us shape what commerce will look like in the future."

The retailer said it is trying out the service with a small group of tech-savvy Wal-Mart.com shoppers in California's Silicon Valley who have internet-connected locks.

The delivery person is given a one-time code to open the door and customers get an alert on their smartphones when someone enters. If they have cameras set up in the home, customers can watch as their orders are dropped off.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other brick-and-mortar retailers have been working to make online orders easier for shoppers as they face increasing competition with online retail giant Amazon. Wal-Mart, for example, recently teamed up with Google to offer voice-activated shopping on the tech company's devices.

Bentonville, Arkansas-based Wal-Mart said the in-home delivery service is aimed at busy families that don't have time to stop at a store or unpack their groceries.

Swayne B. Hall/Associated Press

This photo shows corporate signage at a Walmart on Jan. 5 in Kissimmee, Fla. Walmart is testing a service that lets a delivery person walk into a customer's home when they're not there to drop off packages or put groceries in the fridge. The retailer says the service is for busy families who don't have time to stop at a store.

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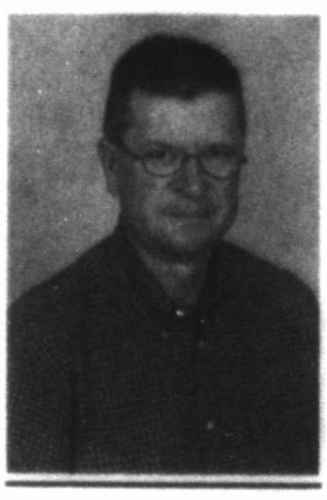
AUDIO ACOUSTICS

Pretending to hear is no way to go through life

By Orland Purcell, Au. D., CCC-A



ORLAND PURCELL, AU.D.

You're out with your friends at your favorite restaurant or spending time with your friends and family over a weekend and you start visiting with someone you haven't met before. In the background, the music is seemingly ever present and the conversations around you are interfering with their voice.

The story begins and then OH NO! The context of what they are talking about is coming out of left field. You try to fill in the blanks but you feel like you're completely lost. You kind of smile and nod once in a while. You keep trying to catch a key phrase that will enable you to understand enough to fill in the blanks. But by now, you're in an emotional panic and you will do anything but ask them to repeat the beginning because you now realize that all seems to be lost.

So you nod and smile again and try to move on quickly. Maybe you hope someone comes up and they repeat the story so you have a second chance to hear it. Or you make some brilliant statement like "that must have been a very interesting experience and I hope to hear more about it later. That IS the truth because you might give anything to really HEAR what they are talking about.

But before you can get away, disaster strikes!

You see a social cliff ahead. They ask a question and you answer with a timid "yes". Suddenly, they look confused. Darn! It wasn't a yes or no question!

You play down the incident with a shrug, blaming the noise and putting the ball back in her court. But, you can't hide the embarrassment.

Why we pretend to hear

It depends. Some of us don't want to interrupt the flow of the conversation or don't want to do anything that calls attention to our hearing problem. Or maybe we just don't know how else to deal with the situation. Especially in group conversations, we don't want to be a burden and ask everyone to repeat everything just so that we can be filled in—multiple times.

The thing is, everyone pretends. Pretending occasionally is probably harmless, but when you have hearing loss and you pretend, you give the false impression to others that you can hear better than you do. *Pretending* can sometimes get you out of an uneasy situation temporarily, but as my dad used to say, "That's no way to run a railroad!" Deep down you know it's no way to live.

One way to relieve this stress is to try to resolve the problem. Go see an audiologist and let them help you determine if there is a possible solution for your situation. The technology available today is far superior to that of even 3 or 4 years ago. So even if you explored it before, it might be time to try again!

Audio Acoustics, a full-service hearing center owned by Orland Purcell, Au. D., has been in business since 1975. Ginger Peugh, Au. D., is his associate. They offer industrial hearing conservation, diagnostic audiology and a wide variety of hearing aids. They are located at 2101 North Midland Drive, Suite Four. The phone number is 689-4327.

iPHONE

From 2B

switched to low power mode. In other words, it got me through a day, but not much further.

A new feature that's come to both of these phones is wireless charging. You can use any charging pad that uses the Qi standard — the most common wireless charging technology. In addition to using the Mophie charger that Apple provided for me, I also was able to use a Samsung wireless charger, among others. You do have to strip your phones of their cases to have them charge, as their new glass backs need to be touching the charging pad to work.

Charging didn't seem super-fast on the wireless charger — and can be derailed by a bump to your nightstand or a misbehaving pet, for example. But it felt like the phones filled up at about the same pace as they would on the cord.

■ Augmented reality

This is the iPhone 8 and iPhone 8 Plus's most gee-whiz feature, if you're looking for a little excitement. The augmented reality features overlay digital objects onto the real world through the camera. These made it feel like these phone are pushing the iPhone forward — even if they are set to be immediately outshone by the iPhone X on the innovation front.

That said, even the AR apps I tried and liked didn't feel like must-have apps. A number of developers let me access their AR apps as part of the review, including the makers of IKEA Place and Sky Guide, two of the apps Apple showed off at its debut event. I also got to play around with a game, "The Machines: AR" in its beta, which let me conduct a high-tech battle on my living room floor.

The apps were all fun and well-executed. Some, such as the IKEA app, would be useful in a very specific scenario. (Redecorating, in this case.) But this is a feature that shows more promise than practicality right now. That doesn't mean it's not exciting, it just means that you may not find something that clicks with you right away.

■ Recommendations

Both phones have features that make them worth upgrading for, especially from the iPhone 6s line. If you're a fan of wireless charging, it may even be worth an upgrade from the iPhone 7.

If you don't mind the size and the price bump, I'd say that the iPhone 8 Plus is more appealing between the two phones. The camera features are worth paying for — as is the extra battery life — even if it does feel a little cumbersome at times if you're not accustomed to the size.

Not that interested in the camera features, but want a new iPhone? Stick with the iPhone 8, which has received a very nice upgrade even if it's not going to blow you away.

Of course, if you want the most innovative iPhone of all, you may want to wait until we get more time with the iPhone X, which is due for preorder in late October. If you know already, however, that you don't want to spend at least $1,000 on a new smartphone, consider one of these less glamorous but still improved models.

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Schauffele wins Tour, Thomas takes FedEx Cup

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Justin Thomas is the FedEx Cup champion, a surprise to no one who saw him power his way to scoring records, his first major at the PGA Championship and more PGA Tour victories than anyone this season.

Standing next to him at the trophy ceremony was Xander Schauffele, who never imagined being at the Tour Championship, much less winning it.

Both put on quite a show Sunday at East Lake.

Schauffele, a 23-year-old rookie from San Diego who was worried about keeping his card just over three months ago, capped off an amazing summer with four par saves on the back nine when he couldn't afford to drop a shot. He closed out his 2-under 68 by swirling in a 3-foot birdie putt for a one-shot victory over Thomas.

"My hands were shaking so much," Schauffele said. "I'm still kind of in shock."

Thomas did his part, even with a runner-up finish.

Five shots behind to start the final round and needing to play well to have a shot at the FedEx Cup, he nearly won the Tour Championship with two late birdies, only for his 25-foot birdie on the 18th snap hard to the left in front of the cup. He shot a 66.

No matter.

His repeat victory in Malaysia, his sweep of Hawaii — including a 59 and the lowest 72-hole score in PGA Tour history at the Sony Open — his first major and a bold finish at East Lake carried him to a FedEx Cup title and little doubt who was the best in golf this year.

Thomas won the $10 million bonus, along with second-place prize money of $945,000 that pushed him over $10 million for the year to win the money title.

"It's huge," he said. "It's awesome just because I feel like I played so well this year. I was

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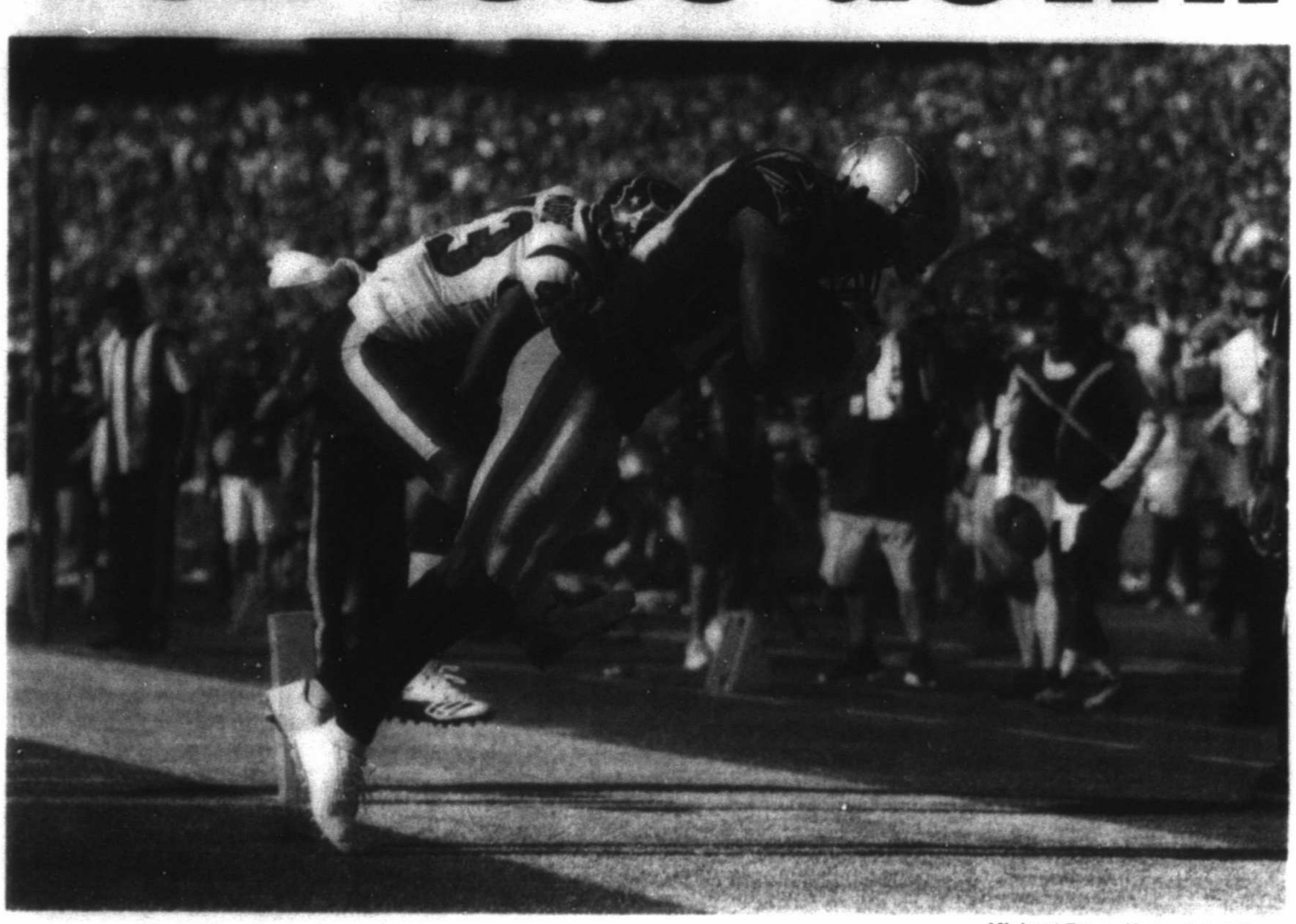
Xander Schauffele holds up the trophy after winning the Tour Championship golf tournament at East Lake Golf Club Sunday in Atlanta.

Ten toes down



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New England Patriots wide receiver Brandin Cooks, right, drags his toes as he makes the game-winning catch in the end zone for a touchdown in front of Houston Texans safety Corey Moore Sunday in Foxborough, Mass. The Patriots won 36-33.

Patriots win in final seconds, 36-33 over Texans

By Kyle Hightower
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady connected with Brandin Cooks for a 25-yard touchdown pass with 23 seconds left, his fifth TD throw of the game, and the New England Patriots rallied to beat the Houston Texans 36-33 on Sunday.

Brady finished 25 of 35 for 378 yards as New England won its fifth straight regular-season meeting with Houston and seventh of eight overall.

Cooks caught five passes for 131 yards and pair of scores. It was the fifth multi-touchdown game and eighth 100-yard game of his career.

Texans rookie Deshaun Watson was strong in his second career start. The Patriots were thin on the edge without linebacker Dont'a Hightower for the second straight week, and Watson took advantage, completing 22 of 33 passes for 301 yards and two touchdowns.

But he did have two interceptions, including one that set up a New England first-half touchdown.

The Patriots extended their halftime lead to 28-20 in the third quarter before Houston used a 12-yard TD pass from Watson to Ryan Griffin, and a 31-yard Ka'imi Fairbairn field goal to edge back in front 30-28 early in the fourth quarter.

The Texans forced New England to punt with just over seven minutes to play, but had to settle for a 36-yard Fairbairn field goal with 2:24 left. Houston failed on a third-and-1 at the Patriots 18.

That left Brady room. After an early holding penalty pushed New England back to its 15, Brady used a 15-yard pass to Rob Gronkowski and 27-yarder to Danny Amendola to the Houston 25. But the Texans had a chance to end the game prior to the Amendola reception when safety Corey Moore dropped an interception on Brady's second-and-18 pass attempt to Cooks.

Instead Cooks made good on his second chance for the go-ahead score. He also caught the ensuing 2-point conversion.

Houston wasn't intimidated by the Patriots in the first half, trading leads with the defending champions thanks to big plays on both sides of the ball.

With Houston trailing 7-3 after an early Brady touchdown pass to Gronkowski, the Texans' defense handed Watson great field position on the Patriots 44. The rookie responded with a 29-yard touchdown pass to Bruce Ellington.

Watson got caught trying to do too much a few drives later and paid for it when Stephon Gilmore intercepted his pass intended for DeAndre Hopkins and returned it 39 yards to the Houston 12. Brady took the lead back two plays later when he hit a wide-open Chris Hogan across the middle for a 7-yard score.

It was 14-13 when Whitney Mercilus got free around the end and sacked Brady

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Sunday's Week 2 NFL Scoreboard

Jaguars	**44**	**Jets**	**20**
Ravens	7	Dolphins	6
Bills	**26**	**Eagles**	**27**
Broncos	16	Giants	24
Bears	**23**	**Saints**	**34**
Steelers	17	Panthers	13
Falcons	**30**	**Titans**	**33**
Lions	26	Seahawks	27
Colts	**31**	**Packers**	**27**
Browns	28	Bengals	24
Vikings	**34**	**Chiefs**	**24**
Buccaneers	17	Chargers	10
Patriots	**36**	**Redskins**	**27**
Texans	33	Raiders	10

Cardinals take on Cowboys in home opener

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals finally get to play a home game.

Following two preseason road games and two more away from home to start the regular season, the Cardinals are back in Arizona tonight against Dallas.

That means a lot of Cowboys fans in the seats at University of Phoenix Stadium. It's always that way when the Cowboys come to town. Arizona season ticket holders see a way to make back most or all of their investment by selling tickets to the game for Dallas fans.

So when Dallas (1-1) meets Arizona (1-1), it will be a mixed gathering cheering on both teams as the Cowboys look to bounce back from one of their worst losses in years, 42-17 at Denver, and overcome running back Ezekiel Elliott's perceived loafing after teammate Dak Prescott threw six interceptions.

"There were a lot of things in that ballgame that needed to be addressed and that was one of them," Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. "Oftentimes a player can be frustrated by something and it doesn't necessarily show who he is. One of the reasons we drafted Zeke Elliott is because he's one of the great competitors we've ever been around.

"You're honest. You're very clear with what the expectations are and you learn for them and move forward."

It had been a tough day all around for Elliott, who had averaged 100 yards rushing per game until he managed 8 yards in nine carries against the Broncos.

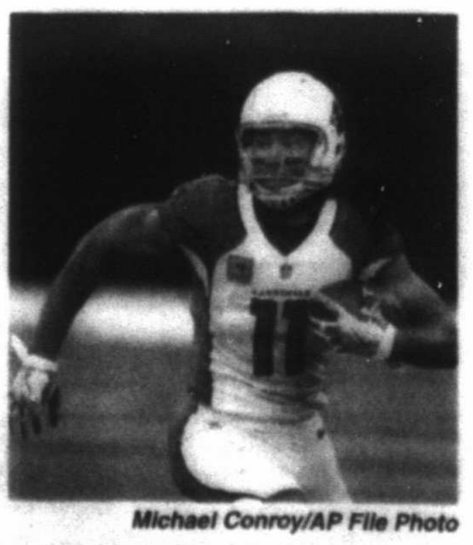
"If you look at those runs, we never really gave Zeke much of a chance with our execution to ever get it going," tight end Jason Witten said.

Plus, Elliott still has that possible NFL suspension hanging over him, blocked by a court ruling.

Arizona coach Bruce Arians was asked if Denver offered a blueprint of how to control the Cowboys.

"Well, if I could have Von Miller I'd be happy. He's special," Arians said. "We've got a pretty good one, so yeah. It's a copycat league, but you can't change what you do. They have some unique stuff that they run that you have to be very aware for. Hopefully our matchups are pretty solid."

The Cardinals had all kinds of trouble on offense but got it going in the nick of time to score 10 late points to forced overtime against Indy before finally winning 16-13.



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Arizona Cardinals' Larry Fitzgerald runs during the first half of an against the Indianapolis Colts on Sept. 17 in Indianapolis.

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ON THE AIR

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Major League Baseball
Houston at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW, ATTSW
Men's Soccer
PL: Arsenal vs. West Bromwich Albion, 2 p.m., NBCSN
National Football League
Dallas at Arizona, 7:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNDEP
National Hockey League
New Jersey at Ottawa, 5 p.m., NHL
Calgary at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m., NHL
Tennis
WTA: Dongfeng Motor Wuhan Open, 6 a.m., beIN
RADIO
Major League Baseball
Houston at Texas, 7 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM, KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
National Football League
Dallas at Arizona, 7:30 p.m., KQRX 95.1 FM, KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KTXC 104.7 FM (Spanish)

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Acquired INF-OF Connor Joe from Atlanta for international amateur signing bonus pool space.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned to D Kyle Capobianco, Dysin Mayo, Jalen Smereck and Joel Hanley, C Lane Pederson; RWs Michael Stalo, Jens Looke and Conor Garland; and LW Michael Bunting Tuscon (AHL) and D Pierre-Olivier Joseph to Charlottetown (QMJHL). Released D Tyson Strachan from his professional tryout agreement.
BUFFALO SABRES — Assigned Fs Kyle Criscuolo, Hudson Fasching and C.J. Smith; and D Brendan Guhle to Rochester (AHL).
EDMONTON OILERS — Assigned C Grayson Downing, D Caleb Jones, LW Joey LaLeggia and D Ryan Martina to Bakersfield (AHL). Placed LW Mitch Callahan, D Keegan Lowe and G Eddie Pasquale on waivers for the purpose of assignment to Bakersfield.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP TOP 25 POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1 Alabama (52)	4-0	1515	1
2 Clemson (8)	4-0	1458	2
3 Oklahoma (1)	4-0	1397	3
4 Penn St	4-0	1304	4
5 Southern Cal	4-0	1247	5
6 Washington	4-0	1186	7
7 Georgia	4-0	1136	11
8 Michigan	4-0	1088	8
9 TCU	4-0	1028	16
10 Wisconsin	3-0	1023	9
11 Ohio St	3-1	1016	10
12 Virginia Tech	4-0	828	13
13 Auburn	3-1	701	15
14 Miami	2-0	693	14
15 Oklahoma St	3-1	665	6
16 Washington St	4-0	551	18
17 Louisville	3-1	502	19
18 South Florida	4-0	406	21
19 San Diego St	4-0	365	22
20 Utah	4-0	356	23
21 Florida	2-1	342	20
22 Notre Dame	3-1	246	NR
23 West Virginia	3-1	212	NR
24 Mississippi St	3-1	148	17
25 LSU	3-1	92	25

Others receiving votes: NC State 87, Duke 79, Texas Tech 40, Florida St 35, Memphis 26, Iowa 16, Stanford 8, California 7, Colorado 5, UCF 4, Minnesota 3, Kansas St 1, Oregon 3, Tennessee 1, Wake Forest 1.

AMWAY COACHES TOP 25 POLL

The Amway Top 25 football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 23, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1 Alabama (59)	4-0	1570	1
2 Clemson (4)	4-0	1499	2
3 Oklahoma	4-0	1443	3
4 Penn State	4-0	1328	4
5 Southern California	4-0	1306	5
6 Washington	4-0	1277	6
7 Michigan	4-0	1152	8
8 Georgia	4-0	1089	12
9 Ohio State	3-1	1066	9
10 Wisconsin	3-0	1029	10
11 TCU	4-0	985	15
12 Virginia Tech	4-0	877	13
13 Miami (Fla.)	2-0	727	14
14 Oklahoma State	3-1	687	7
15 Auburn	3-1	684	16
16 Washington State	4-0	574	18
17 South Florida	4-0	522	17
18 Louisville	3-1	505	20
19 Utah	4-0	437	21
20 Florida	2-1	345	22
21 San Diego State	4-0	315	25
22 LSU	3-1	221	23
23 West Virginia	3-1	184	NR
24 Mississippi State	3-1	132	19
25 Florida State	0-2	104	11

Others receiving votes: Notre Dame 100, Duke 93, North Carolina State 54, Memphis 44, Kansas State 27, Minnesota 15, Wake Forest 15, Central Florida 13, Stanford 12, Texas Tech 11, Iowa 9, Oregon 9, Tennessee 7, Georgia Tech 6, Navy 6, South Carolina 6, Texas A&M 4, Colorado 3, Appalachian State 1, Maryland 1, Troy 1.

WNBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

Finals
(Best-of-5, x-if necessary)
Los Angeles 1, Minnesota 0
Sunday, Sept. 24: Los Angeles 85, Minnesota 82
Tuesday, Sept. 26: Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29: Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
x-Sunday, Oct. 1: Minnesota at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Oct. 4: Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	14	4	6	50	67	35
New York City FC	14	5	4	52	51	38
Atlanta United FC	14	5	4	46	53	35
Chicago	14	10	2	44	53	42
Columbus	12	7	5	41	48	37
New York	11	6	6	39	42	33
Montreal	11	13	2	35	39	51
New England	10	14	2	32	38	47
Philadelphia	9	12	4	31	36	40
Orlando City	9	12	4	31	32	47
D.C. United	9	17	4	31	27	49

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	10	10	9	39	47	40
San Jose	11	13	6	39	32	52
FC Dallas	9	9	11	38	40	42
Minnesota United	9	15	5	32	40	59
Los Angeles	7	17	6	27	37	58
Colorado	7	17	5	26	27	44

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Sunday's Scores
Sporting Kansas City 2, Los Angeles 1
Atlanta United FC 2, Montreal 0
Orlando City at Portland late

Wednesday's Games
Philadelphia at Atlanta United FC, 6 p.m.
D.C. United at New York, 6:30 p.m.
New England at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.
New York City FC at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at FC Dallas, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	1	1	0	0	2	4	1
Boston	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
Toronto	1	1	0	0	2	3	2
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	0	2	2	1
Detroit	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
Florida	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
Montreal	1	0	1	0	0	1	4
Buffalo	1	0	1	0	0	0	3

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	1	1	0	0	2	5	2
New Jersey	1	1	0	0	2	3	1
Carolina	1	1	0	0	2	2	0
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	0	2	2	0
N.Y. Rangers	1	1	0	0	2	1	0
Philadelphia	1	1	0	0	2	4	2
Columbus	1	0	1	0	0	2	4
Washington	1	0	1	0	0	0	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	1	1	0	0	2	6	3
Dallas	1	1	0	0	2	4	1
Chicago	1	1	0	0	2	4	1
St. Louis	1	1	0	0	2	3	1
Nashville	1	1	0	0	2	2	1
Colorado	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
Winnipeg	1	0	1	0	0	3	4

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	5	5	0	0	10	25	12
San Jose	3	3	0	0	6	15	6
Los Angeles	4	2	1	1	5	14	13
Vancouver	6	2	3	1	5	21	29
Vegas	3	2	1	0	4	15	10
Arizona	3	1	2	0	2	9	10
Anaheim	3	1	2	0	2	5	12
Calgary	4	1	3	0	2	13	17

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

Sunday's Scores
Nashville 5, Columbus 3
Florida 4, Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota at Colorado, late
Vegas at Anaheim, late
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, late

Today's Games
New Jersey at Ottawa, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Arizona, 9 p.m.

MC GOLF

MC golf in lead at High Country Shootout
From staff reports

RUIDOSO, N.M. – The Midland College golf team leads after the first two rounds of the High Country Shootout played Sunday at Links at Sierra Blanca.

MC has a 17-stroke lead over South Mountain (Ariz.) Community College and is 20 shots ahead of third place Western Texas College after shooting 286-274—560.

MC's Chris Ayers is second in the individual standings and is one shot back of UTEP's Aaron Terrazas after shooting 69-68—137. MC sophomore Michael Salazar is in a tie for third with a 72-66—138 total.

The final round concludes today.

HIGH COUNTRY SHOOTOUT
At Links at Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso, N.M.
Sunday's results

Team standings – 1. Midland College 286-274—560; 2. South Mountain CC 292-285—577; 3. Western Texas College 290-290—580; 4. Mesa CC 293-296—589; 5. Odessa College 303-291—594; 6. Odessa College B 298-302—598; 7. New Mexico Military Institute 306-299—605; 8. Eastern Arizona College 316-304—620; 9. Garden City 303-325—628; 10. University of the Southwest 315-314—629; 11. New Mexico JC 288-no Midland College individuals – Chris Ayers 69-68—137; Michael Salazar 72-66—138; Callum Bruce 75-71—146; Tommy Parker 80-69—149; Alex Motes 77-72—149; Austin Heatherly 77-73—150; Gonzalo Noguera 79-81—151; Justin Benson 78-76—154.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Sept. 26
At Cannery Casino & Hotel, Las Vegas (FS1), Eduard Ramirez vs. Leduan Barthelemy, 10, featherweights.

Sept. 28
At the Crown Plaza Louisville (Ky.) Airport Hotel (CBSSN), Toka Kahn Clary vs. Braulio Rodriguez, 10, for the vacant WBC Continental Americas featherweight title; Duke Micah vs. Mario Diaz, 10, for Micah's WBC International bantamweight title.

Sept. 30
At Riga, Latvia, Mairis Briedis vs. Mike Perez, 12, for Briedis' WBC World cruiserweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinal); Krzysztof Glowacki vs. Leonard Damian Bruzzese, 10, cruiserweights.
At House of Blues, Boston (ESPN), Ricky Dulay vs. Dardan Zeneluna, 10, super featherweights; Gary O'Sullivan vs. Nick Quigley, 10, middleweights.

Oct. 3
At TBA (FS1), Devon Alexander vs. Walter Castillo, 10, welterweights.

Oct. 5
At Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, Conn., Vaughn Alexander vs. Elvin Ayala, 10, middleweights.

Oct. 7
At Stuttgart, Germany, Chris Eubank Jr. vs. Avni Yildirim, 12, for Eubank's IBO World super middleweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinal); First Arslan vs. Mauricio Barragan, 10, cruiserweights.

Oct. 13
At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN), Fidel Maldonado Jr. vs. Ismael Barroso, 12, for Maldonado's WBC FECARBOX super lightweight title; Pablo Cesar Cano vs. Marcelino Nicolas Lopez, 10, super lightweights.

Oct. 14
At Wembley Arena, London, George Groves vs. Jamie Cox, 12, for Groves' WBA Super World super middleweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinal); Patrick Nielsen vs. John Ryder, 10, super middleweights.
At Barclays Center, New York (SHO), Erislandy Lara vs. Terrell Gausha, 12, for Lara's WBA junior middleweight title; Jermell Charlo vs. Erickson Lubin, 12, for Charlo's WBC junior middleweight title; Jarrett Hurd vs. Austin Trout, 12, for Hurd's IBF junior middleweight title.

QB Kenny Hill, running game push TCU into title races

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

Brody Schmidt/Associated Press

TCU players celebrate with their fans in the end zone of Boone Pickens Stadium in Stillwater, Okla., Saturday. TCU defeated Oklahoma State 44-31.

STILLWATER, Okla. — Quarterback Kenny Hill and TCU's offense struggled at the end of last season, looking nothing like the juggernaut that had turned the Horned Frogs into a Big 12 power in recent years.

The old TCU is back. The 16th-ranked Horned Frogs used Hill's efficient effort and a balanced attack to knock off No. 6 Oklahoma State 44-31 on Saturday. TCU rushed for 238 yards and passed for 228 against the sixth-ranked Cowboys to put its mark on the conference and national championship races.

Hill has been outstanding, if unspectacular. Against Oklahoma State, he completed 22 of 33 passes for 228 yards, with one touchdown and one interception. He has completed 73 percent of his passes this season and has thrown nine touchdown passes and just three interceptions. His passer rating is 162.2, up from 129.2 last season.

"I feel good," Hill said. "Confidence in the offense and confident in what we are doing and the understanding of it all and what it takes off the field, too. I feel good, especially after a game like this."

Last November, the Horned Frogs were held to six points in a loss to Oklahoma State and six points in a loss to Kansas State. This season, the Horned Frogs are rolling. A week after gaining 619 yards in a 56-36 win over SMU, TCU's offense controlled the game against Oklahoma State.

Oklahoma State defensive coordinator Glenn Spencer said Hill played a key role in Saturday's result.

"I was impressed with him," Spencer said. "During the week, I had mentioned that Hill was playing with a lot of confidence, and I thought I was right in saying that. He has kind of gelled in their system a little bit."

Darius Anderson has emerged as a star at running back. He ran for 89 yards against yards and two touchdowns against SMU, and then ran for 160 yards and three scores against Oklahoma State, including a 42-yard touchdown bolt in the fourth quarter that put the Horned Frogs in control for good.

"For only being a sophomore, he's really giving us what we need," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "If you want to win championships, you've got to throw it, but you've got to run the football — especially when you go on the road."

Baylor almost completely ruined the weekend for football fans in the Sooner State, but third-ranked Oklahoma did just enough to gut out a 49-41 win over the winless Bears.

"Yeah, I think it was a good reality check for us," Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield said. "We say it all the time around here: all gas, no brakes. So you can never let your foot off the pedal, especially playing a team like that because they can score in a second. Doesn't matter their record or anything."

The Sooners lowered the boom with their running game. Abdul Adams had 11 carries for 164 yards, including a 99-yard touchdown run. Trey Sermon ran 12 times for 148 yards and two touchdowns, all in the fourth quarter. It was a strong running performance from an Oklahoma team that lost running backs Samaje Perine and Joe Mixon to the NFL from last year's team.

"The guys we have in the backfield, they're not slouchy either," Mayfield said. "They're special guys. No, not everybody knows who they are and they haven't had the same amount of reps as Joe and Samaje did, but those guys are talented too. That's why they're at the University of Oklahoma."

Georgia, TCU jump into top 10, 'Noles fall out

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

No. 7 Georgia and No. 9 TCU jumped into the top 10 of The Associated Press college football poll for the first time this season and Florida State dropped all the way out of the rankings for the first time since 2011 after starting 0-2.

Alabama remained No. 1 and won back some of the support it lost last week to No. 2 Clemson. The Crimson Tide received 52 first-place votes Sunday, up seven from last week, after beating Vanderbilt 59-0 on Saturday.

Clemson received eight first-place votes, down seven from last week, after taking more than three quarters to pull away from Boston College. No. 3 Oklahoma got the remaining first-place vote.

Penn State held at No. 4. Southern California was No. 5, followed by Pac-12 rival Washington.

Georgia followed Michigan, TCU and Wisconsin rounded out the top 10.

Poll points out

What a strange start to the season for Florida State, which had a streak of 105 straight poll appearances snapped. The Seminoles were No. 3 in the preseason poll, lost to Alabama in a marquee opener and lost quarterback Deondre Francois to a season-ending injury in that game, too.

Then Florida State's season was put on hold for two weeks because of Hurricane Irma. That cost the 'Noles what figured to be a good game against Louisiana-Monroe to break in freshman quarterback James Blackman, and delayed its game against Miami.

Finally back on the field against North Carolina State, the Seminoles lost 27-21 to drop to 0-2 for the first time since 1989. Florida State also became the first team to start the season ranked in the top three of the AP poll and begin its season with two losses since 1984, when No. 3 Pitt began 0-4 and finished 3-7-1.

Gray's jumper helps Sparks avoid collapse in Game 1

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Chelsea Gray got a sliver of daylight and let a 14-foot jumper fly — Game 1 of the WNBA Finals and what would have been a dubious piece of history for the Los Angeles Sparks hanging in the balance.

When it splashed through there may have been a few sighs of relief sprinkled in among those celebratory high fives.

Gray's pull-up jumper with 2 seconds delivered an 85-84 victory on Sunday over the Minnesota Lynx in the kind of edge-of-your-seat finish that no one saw coming when the Sparks led 28-2 in the first quarter.

"I think all athletes dream of that moment," Gray said. "I think you dream of hitting that shot. ... I'm glad it went in."

Gray scored a career-high 27 points and Candace Parker added 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Sparks, who joined their NFL brethren by sitting out the national anthem. The Sparks led 28-2 in the first quarter and 78-66 with five minutes to play, but gave it all back after a charge from the Lynx.

Maya Moore scored 27 points and Sylvia Fowles had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Lynx, who roared back from that 26-point hole to take an 84-83 lead with 6.5 seconds to play. A victory would have been the largest playoff comeback in WNBA history, but Minnesota could not get one last stop.

"I know everyone is going to talk about what a great comeback it was, but that's not the world we live in," Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve said. "That means absolutely nothing to us."

The Sparks beat the Lynx in a five-game thriller last season, and Game 1 had plenty of fireworks even before the opening tip.

With the Lynx locking arms in solidarity, the Sparks quickly left the Williams Arena court just before "The Star Spangled Banner" began to play, joining hundreds of NFL players in opposition to President Donald Trump's call for NFL owners to fire players who do not stand for the national anthem. As soon as the song was over, they returned to a chorus of boos and then made another emphatic statement once the game started.

They led 12-0 when Gray knocked down a 3-pointer and pushed the lead to 28-2 later in the first quarter, a staggering level of dominance against a star-studded Lynx team playing in the finals for the sixth time in seven seasons. The Lynx did not grab a rebound in the entire first quarter and it took them more than eight minutes to get Fowles, the league MVP, her first shot.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS

9/23 7th Annual Furr Ball at Petroleum Club of Midland
10/5 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
10/9 6:00 Volunteer Orientation at Adoption Center in PetSmart
11/5 Pet Pictures with Santa at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store

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Arizona Diamondbacks' Brandon Drury, right, celebrates with a teammate in the locker room after clinching a National League Wild Card playoff spot against the Miami Marlins, Sunday in Phoenix. The Diamondbacks defeated the Marlins 3-2.

Davis slugs 41st, Cotton goes 5 strong as A's top Texas 8-1

By Gideon Rubin
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Nearing the end of a long, disappointing season, the Oakland Athletics are finally on a roll.

Khris Davis hit another big home run, Jharel Cotton pitched five shutout innings of one-hit ball and the Athletics extended their season-best winning streak to seven games with an 8-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Cotton (9-10) struck out six and allowed one walk as he won his fourth straight decision.

"I was excited to come out today for the team and myself, and we're on a seven-game winning streak, so it's pretty fun," Cotton said. "It's a fun clubhouse right now."

Texas got swept over three games at an inopportune time. The Rangers entered the series in contention for the second AL wild card, but fell 5 1/2 games behind Minnesota with a week left in the season. The Twins swept Detroit over four games this weekend.

The Rangers have lost eight straight in Oakland and 10 of 15 overall.

"We made it tough on ourselves," Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre said. "This series was a bad one for us. We expect to come here and at least win the series. It didn't turn out that way."

The Rangers will take their longshot odds back to Arlington on Monday for a seven-game homestand to close out their regular season.

"It will be nice to get home tomorrow and finish up with the seven at home," interim manager Steve Buechele said.

Davis' 41st home run, projected at 445 feet by Statcast, came on a 1-1 changeup from starter Martin Perez (12-12). It highlighted a decisive five-run burst in the fifth inning for Oakland.

A's pitchers held the Rangers scoreless for a season-high 21 consecutive innings in the series — their previous best was 16.

The Rangers broke through in the seventh, when Nomar Mazara hit a solo home run — his 20th — off Simon Castro.

Ben Margot/Associated Press

Oakland Athletics pitcher Jharel Cotton works against the Texas Rangers in the second inning Sunday in Oakland, Calif.

Quotable

Said A's catcher Josh Phegley: "We're just kind of relaxing and playing our game and I think we need to take a lesson from that. We need to play like that all the time and I think we come into next year with that same mentality and just play with what we have, have fun, play hard for each other. We've got a great team."

Anthem protest

A's catcher Bruce Maxwell took a knee during the national anthem for the second straight day. On Saturday, he became the first major league baseball player to participate in the protest movement.

Trainer's room

Rangers: Buechele said it wasn't known when manager Jeff Banister will rejoin the team. Banister flew to Texas on Saturday morning to be with his ailing mother Verda, who lives in Clear Lake.

Athletics: First baseman Matt Olson came out of the game after suffering a hamstring injury turning a double play in the top of the sixth inning. The severity of his injury wasn't immediately known. A's manager Bob Melvin said. ... OF Chad Pinder was out of the lineup for a second straight day and has entered concussion protocol, and it's not clear whether he'll be cleared to play before the end of the season, Melvin said. Pinder suffered injuries previously thought to be whiplash after crashing into the center-field wall on Friday. He was sent home Saturday after his symptoms worsened. ... OF Boog Powell (knee) is on roughly the same timetable as Pinder. ... Maxwell is close to completing concussion protocol tests and could be behind the plate for Monday's game, Melvin said.

Up next

Rangers: RHP Andrew Casher (10-10, 3.44 ERA) will start Monday's series opener against Houston. He is 1-4 with a 4.06 ERA against the Astros in five starts this season. He'll be the first Rangers pitcher to start six games against the same opponent since 2012 (Yu Darvish, vs. the Los Angeles Angels).

Athletics: RHP Daniel Gossett (4-9, 5.38) will pitch Monday's series opener against Seattle. Gossett has lost three of his last four decisions and is 0-2 with a 6.75 ERA in two career starts against the Mariners.

MLB ROUNDTIP

American League

TWINS 10
TIGERS 4

DETROIT — Jorge Polanco and Eduardo Escobar homered, and Minnesota beat the Detroit Tigers 10-4 on Sunday to complete a four-game sweep that moved the Twins closer to securing a wild-card berth in the playoffs.

Polanco hit a solo homer in the first off Buck Farmer (4-5), and Escobar welcomed Victor Alcantara with a three-run drive in the sixth.

Minnesota (82-74) began the day 4½ games ahead of Kansas City, Texas and the Los Angeles Angels for the second AL wild card. The Twins outscored the Tigers 39-12 in the sweep.

Detroit has lost seven straight and 14 of 16. At 62-94, the Tigers will finish with their worst record since going 43-119 in 2003.

BLUE JAYS 9
YANKEES 5

TORONTO — Jose Bautista had two hits and a walk in what was likely his final home game with the Toronto Blue Jays, leaving to a standing ovation during the ninth inning of a 9-5 win over the New York Yankees on Sunday.

Bautista, who turns 38 next month, is hitting .203 with 22 homers and 62 RBIs, and Toronto appears unlikely to exercise its half of a $17 million mutual option.

Aaron Judge homered twice for the Yankees, increasing his AL-leading total to 48 — one shy of the major league rookie record set by Mark McGwire in 1987. Judge has 11 home runs in September.

A day after clinching a postseason berth, New York dropped five games behind AL East-leading Boston with seven games to play. The Yankees' lead over Minnesota for the top AL wild card was cut to 4½ games.

ORIOLES 9
RAYS 4

BALTIMORE — J.J. Hardy enjoyed a memorable afternoon during an otherwise dreary season, hitting a crowd-pleasing home run and scoring twice to help the Baltimore Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Rays 9-4 on Sunday.

Rookie Chance Sisco also homered for the Orioles, who earned a split of the four-game series to finish their home schedule with a 46-35 record.

On Saturday night, however, Baltimore was mathematically eliminated from the playoff hunt and assured its first losing season since 2011.

In this one, most of the 23,424 fans rose to their feet and cheered when Hardy came to the plate in the first inning. A fixture at shortstop for Baltimore since his arrival in 2010, the 35-year-old Hardy has a contract that has a $14 million team option for 2018 with a $2 million buyout.

After three straight injury-riddled seasons — including a stay on the 60-day disabled list this year — and the acquisition of Tim Beckham in a trade with the Rays, it's likely Hardy won't be coming back. Hardy followed the initial standing ovation with a groundout, but he gave the crowd something to yell about in the fourth, when he ripped a two-run homer off Chris Archer (9-12) to give Baltimore a 6-4 lead.

WHITE SOX 8
ROYALS 1

CHICAGO — Rookie right-hander Lucas Giolito pitched seven strong innings and Avisail Garcia drove in three runs with his 18th homer and a double to lead the Chicago White Sox past the fading Kansas City Royals 8-1 on Sunday.

Kevan Smith had a solo homer and a single for two RBIs as Chicago took two of three from the Royals and dropped them 5½ games behind Minnesota for the second AL wild card. Kansas City has seven games left.

Lorenzo Cain's solo homer in the fourth was the only run off Giolito (3-3).

One of the top prospects for the rebuilding White Sox, the 23-year-old Giolito allowed five hits while striking out five and walking none in his 11th career start. He has given up just four runs over 20 innings in his last three outings.

INDIANS 4
MARINERS 2

SEATTLE — Corey Kluber threw seven strong innings to become the first 18-game winner in the American League. Jose Ramirez's 29th home run snapped a 2-all tie, and the Cleveland Indians beat the Seattle Mariners 4-2 on Sunday.

Kluber (18-4) made only one mistake in winning his sixth straight start and strengthening his campaign for the AL Cy Young Award. He struck out 10 and allowed six hits. It was his 15th start this season with at least 10 strikeouts.

Ben Gamel had a two-run homer with two outs in the fifth inning to pull Seattle even and snap a string of 26 2/3 scoreless innings by Kluber. Both of the runs were unearned after an error by Giovanny Urshela. But it was the only offense the Mariners could produce against Cleveland's ace.

The loss eliminated the Mariners from contention for the second AL wild card. Seattle is seven games behind Minnesota with six games left.

Interleague

RED SOX 5
REDS 4

CINCINNATI — Mookie Betts doubled with the bases loaded to tie it in the eighth inning and dashed home from second base on an infield single, rallying the Boston Red Sox to a 5-4 victory Sunday over the Cincinnati Reds that moved them closer to the AL East title.

By winning 14 of its last 17 games, Boston has left virtually no opening for the second-place New York Yankees to catch up. The Red Sox, already assured a playoff spot, completed an 8-1 road trip that put them in excellent position to win a second consecutive division crown for the first time in franchise history.

Coupled with New York's 9-5 loss in Toronto, the Red Sox reduced their magic number to three. They lead the Yankees by five games with seven to play.

That means Fenway Park can start preparing for a potential celebration. Boston finishes the regular season at home with three games against Toronto and four vs. Houston.

National League

NATIONALS 3
METS 2

NEW YORK — Max Scherzer struck out 10 and outpitched Jacob deGrom in a matchup of aces, and the Washington Nationals edged the New York Mets 3-2 on Sunday to clinch home-field advantage in the NL Division Series.

Trea Turner hit a two-run homer and Scherzer (16-6) limited the Mets to three hits and one walk over six innings. He leads the National League with 263 strikeouts and ranks second to Dodgers lefty Clayton Kershaw (2.26) with a 2.55 ERA.

Washington, the NL East champion, will host Game 1 of a playoff series on Oct. 6. The team's opponent remains to be determined, but the only NL division winner that can finish the season with a better record than the Nationals (94-61) is Los Angeles.

The Chicago Cubs could win the NL Central and win 94 games, but Washington won the season series between the teams 4-3.

PHILLIES 2
BRAVES 0

ATLANTA — Nick Pivetta outpitched Luiz Gohara in a matchup of rookies, Mikael Franco homered to break up a scoreless tie and the Philadelphia Phillies beat Atlanta 2-0 on Sunday in the Braves' final home game of their first season at SunTrust Park.

Pivetta (7-10) threw six innings, allowing five hits and one walk with four strikeouts. The right-hander earned his second straight win.

Gohara (1-3) allowed one run on five hits and two walks in seven innings in his fourth start since his promotion from Triple-A Gwinnett.

Franco hit Gohara's first pitch of the fifth into the left-field seats for his 21st homer. It was Philadelphia's 167th homer of the season, a high mark for the team since hitting 224 in 2009.

Aaron Altherr's run-scoring double to left off A.J. Minter in the eighth stretched the lead to 2-0.

PIRATES 4
CARDINALS 1

PITTSBURGH — The St. Louis Cardinals stumbled against the Pirates for the second straight day, allowing home runs to Starling Marte and rookie Jordan Luplow in a stinging 4-1 loss to Pittsburgh on Sunday.

St. Louis began the day 1½ games behind Colorado for the NL's second wild card.

With the score 1-1, Pat Bostick singled against Seung Hwan Oh (1-6) leading off the fifth and Marte followed with his seventh home run. Luplow went deep an inning later off Brett Cecil.

Jameson Taillon (8-7) allowed one run and four hits in five innings. Five pitchers combined for hitless relief, with Felipe Rivero striking out two in a perfect ninth for his 19th save in 21 chances.

Matt Carpenter hit his 22nd home run for St. Louis.

CUBS 5
BREWERS 0

MILWAUKEE — Jose Quintana pitched a three-hitter for his second big league shutout, and the Chicago Cubs beat Milwaukee 5-0 Sunday to close in on a second straight NL Central title and damage the Brewers' playoff hopes.

Coming off its first World Series title since 1908, Chicago (87-68) won three of four in the weekend series and opened a 51/2-game lead over the second-place Brewers (82-73) with seven games remaining. Milwaukee began the day one game behind Colorado for the NL's second wild card.

Quintana (7-3 with Cubs, 11-11 overall) struck out 10 and walked one in his second complete game in 182 starts. He threw 116 pitches, his most since Sept. 7 last year.

He did not allow any extra-base hits and retired his final 11 batters after walking Domingo Santana in the sixth.

DODGERS 3
GIANTS 1

LOS ANGELES — Clayton Kershaw became the first 18-game winner in the majors, pitching eight stingy innings to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers over the San Francisco Giants 3-1 on Sunday.

Yasmani Grandal homered and drove in all three runs for the NL West champions Kershaw (18-4) allowed only Mac Williamson's home run in the eighth. He gave up eight hits, did not walk a batter and struck out six.

Moments after the final out, Cleveland ace Corey Kluber also earned his 18th win to take over sole possession of the American League lead.

Kershaw, bidding to win his fourth NL Cy Young Award, lowered his league-best ERA to 2.21. His six strikeouts gave him 200 on the season, making him the first Dodgers pitcher with seven 200-strikeout seasons.

Brandon Morrow worked a perfect ninth for his second save.

DIAMONDBACKS 3
MARLINS 2

PHOENIX — J.D. Martinez lined a two-out RBI single to deep left field with the bases loaded in the ninth inning, and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Miami Marlins 3-2 on Sunday to clinch the top wild card in the National League.

The Diamondbacks, who won only 69 games a year ago but are 90-66 this season, were already assured a playoff berth earlier in the day when St. Louis lost at Pittsburgh, and Milwaukee was beaten at home by the Chicago Cubs.

But the comeback victory over Miami ensured Arizona will host the NL wild-card game Oct. 4.

Fernando Rodney (5-4) pitched a perfect ninth for the win.

ROCKIES 8
PADRES 4

SAN DIEGO — Gerardo Parra hit a tiebreaking single in a two-run third inning, Pat Valaika and Charlie Blackmon hit consecutive home runs in the ninth and the Colorado Rockies beat the San Diego Padres 8-4 Sunday to open a two-game lead over Milwaukee for the second NL wild card heading into the final week of the regular season.

St. Louis trails the Rockies by 2½ games. Seeking its first postseason appearance since 2009, Colorado opens a six-game homestand Monday, playing Miami and then the Los Angeles Dodgers. At 41-40, the Rockies tied their record for road wins, set in 2009.

German Marquez (11-7) allowed two runs, five hits and three walks in five innings. He had been 0-2 in six starts since beating Milwaukee on Aug. 18. Colorado starters have a 2.52 ERA in their last nine games.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Boston	91	64	.587	
z-New York	88	69	.555	3
Tampa Bay	76	80	.487	15½
Baltimore	75	82	.479	17
Toronto	73	83	.468	18½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	98	58	.624	
Minnesota	82	74	.526	16
Kansas City	79	77	.506	19
Chicago	63	93	.404	35
Detroit	62	94	.397	36

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	97	59	.622	
Los Angeles	79	77	.506	18
Texas	76	80	.490	21
Seattle	76	81	.481	22
Oakland	67	90	.427	31½

x-clinched division
z-clinched playoff berth

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	94	62	.603	
Miami	77	77	.500	17½
Atlanta	72	84	.455	23
New York	70	86	.449	25
Philadelphia	62	94	.397	33

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	87	68	.561	
Milwaukee	82	73	.529	5½
St. Louis	81	74	.523	6½
Pittsburgh	75	80	.484	12½
Cincinnati	68	87	.439	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	91	65	.583	
z-Arizona	90	66	.577	1
Colorado	84	72	.538	7
San Diego	71	84	.458	19½
San Francisco	62	93	.400	28½

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

Wild Card standings

American League

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-New York	88	69	.555	
Minnesota	82	74	.526	5½

National League

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
z-Arizona	90	66	.577	
Colorado	84	72	.538	6
Milwaukee	82	73	.529	7
St. Louis	81	74	.523	8

Scores

American League
Sunday's Scores
Minnesota 10, Detroit 4
Toronto 9, N.Y. Yankees 5
Boston 5, Cincinnati 4
Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 4
Chicago White Sox 8, Kansas City 1
Oakland 8, Texas 1
Cleveland 4, Seattle 2
L.A. Angels at Houston late

Today's Games
Kansas City (Junis 8-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 12-8), 12:05 p.m.
Toronto (Anderson 3-4) at Boston (Pomeranz 16-5), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 3-2) at Texas (Cashner 10-10), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Nolasco 8-14) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 4-7), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (Hernandez 5-5) at Oakland (Gossett 4-9), 9:05 p.m.

National League
Sunday's Scores
Boston 5, Cincinnati 4
Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Philadelphia 2, Atlanta 0
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 1
Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 0
Arizona 3, Miami 2
L.A. Dodgers 3, San Francisco 1
Colorado 8, San Diego 4

Today's Games
Atlanta (Fried 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (Montero [illegible]
Washington (Gee 2-5) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 12-10), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Sims 2-5) at N.Y. Mets (Logan 1-[illegible]), 7:10 p.m., 2nd game
Chicago Cubs (Lester 11-8) at Pittsburgh (Weaver 7-1), 7:15 p.m.
Miami (Despaigne 0-3) at Colorado (Chatwood 8-13), 7:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 7-8) at Arizona (Godley 8-8), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Wood 4-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Darvish 9-12), 9:10 p.m.

Texas boxes

ATHLETICS 8, RANGERS 1

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
DShields cf	4	0	0	0	Semien ss	4	1	1	0
J Hoover 2b	4	0	0	0	Pinder cf	3	0	0	0
W Chrisp lf	3	0	0	0	Lowrie 2b	4	1	1	1
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	K Davis 1b	4	1	1	1
Beltre dh	3	1	1	0	M Olson 1b	1	0	0	0
Mazara rf	4	1	1	1	Joyce ph	1	0	0	0
Gallo 1b	4	0	0	0	Healy dh	4	0	1	0
Rua pr-lf	0	0	0	0	Canha rf	4	0	0	0
Gomez cf	4	0	1	0	Phegley c	4	0	1	0
Guillo 3b	3	0	0	0	Smith ss	1	0	0	0
Choo dh	4	0	1	0	Lowe 2b	1	0	0	0
Mathis c	3	0	0	0	Totals	33	8	10	8
Totals	29	1	3	1					
Texas					000 000 100—1				
Oakland					000 052 01x—8				

E—Mazara (5). DP—Texas 1. Oakland 1. LOB—Texas 3. Oakland 6. 2B—M Chapman (1). Phegley (11). HR—Mazara (20, 4th inning). K—Davis (41).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Perez L (12-12)	4 2/3	7	4	4	2	3
Barnette	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Griffin	1	2	4	4	1	1
Oakland						
Cotton W 9-10	5	1	1	1	1	6
Casilla	2 2/3	2	0	0	2	3
Hendricks	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:45. A—16,601 (37,090).

LATE SATURDAY
ATHLETICS 1, RANGERS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Oakland	ab	r	h	bi
DShields lf	4	0	0	0	Semien ss	4	0	0	0
Mazara rf	4	0	0	0	Joyce rf	4	0	1	0
Andrus ss	4	0	0	0	Lowrie 2b	4	0	1	0
Beltre dh	4	0	0	0	K Davis 1b	4	1	1	1
Rua pr-dh	0	0	0	0	M Olson 1b	1	0	0	0
Gomez cf	4	0	1	0	Healy dh	3	0	0	0
Gallo 1b	3	0	0	0	M Chapman 3b	3	0	0	0
J Hoover 2b	3	0	0	0	Canha cf	3	0	1	0
Choo ph	1	0	0	0	Gattewhite c	3	0	0	0
Mathis c-3b	3	0	0	0					
Totals	30	0	4	0	Totals	29	1	5	1
Texas					000 000 000—0				
Oakland					010 000 00x—1				

DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Texas 5. Oakland 5. HR—K Davis (40).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Gonzalez L 8-12	6	4	1	1	3	5
Bush	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	1
Claudio	2/3	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
Alcantara W 1-1	5	2	0	0	1	5
Doll	2/3	0	0	0	0	2
Coulombe	1/3	1	0	0	0	0
Hatcher	1	1	0	0	0	0
Treinen S 14-19	1	0	0	0	0	2

T—2:38. A—38,034 (37,090).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
TWINS 10, TIGERS 4

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NFL ROUNDUP

JAGUARS 44
RAVENS 7

LONDON — The Jacksonville Jaguars are finally starting to feel at home at Wembley Stadium.

Marcedes Lewis caught three of Blake Bortles' four touchdown passes as the Jaguars routed the Baltimore Ravens 44-7 on Sunday in their fifth game in Britain's capital.

Allen Hurns and Leonard Fournette also scored touchdowns for the Jaguars (2-1), who have won each of their last three games played at the venue.

This one, by far, was the easiest. The Ravens (2-1) managed just 186 yards of total offense, including minus-1 yard in the first quarter. They managed 15 yards in the first half, and picked up only 12 first downs.

A 6-yard pass from Ryan Mallett, who entered in relief of Joe Flacco in the fourth quarter, to Benjamin Watson with 3:24 remaining prevented the shutout. It was their worst defeat since Nov. 9, 1997, when they lost 37-0 at Pittsburgh.

BILLS 26
BRONCOS 16

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Tyrod Taylor threw two touchdowns and the Bills intercepted Trevor Siemian twice in the final 19 minutes of Buffalo's 26-16 victory over the Denver Broncos on Sunday.

Taylor went 20 of 26 for 213 yards with a 2-yard touchdown to Andre Holmes and a 6-yarder to Charles Clay. Taylor got lucky on the touchdown pass to Holmes , as his pass deflected off the hands of Zay Jones just inside the goal line and bounced directly to Holmes in the back of the end zone.

The Bills (2-1) overcame their struggling running attack courtesy of Taylor's arm and a stout defense in a game LeSean McCoy was limited to 21 yards on 14 carries. Though he had seven catches for 48 yards, McCoy's latest poor outing came after he was limited to 9 yards rushing in a 9-3 loss at Carolina.

The Bills allowed just one touchdown, while Brandon McManus rounded out Denver's scoring with three field goals.

BEARS 23
STEELERS 17
OVERTIME

CHICAGO — Jordan Howard scored on a 19-yard run in overtime to lead the Chicago Bears to a 23-17 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday.

Howard's winning score came two plays after Tarik Cohen broke off what appeared to be an electric 73-yard touchdown run. He was ruled out at the Pittsburgh 37, but Howard took over from there and the Bears came away with a surprising victory.

Howard had 138 of Chicago's 220 yards rushing, making up for a lackluster performance by quarterback Mike Glennon.

The Steelers (2-1) stayed off the sideline for the national anthem in the wake of President Donald Trump's comments that players who kneel in protest should be fired, though left tackle Alejandro Villanueva — an Army veteran — stood near the tunnel with his hand over his heart.

FALCONS 30
LIONS 26

DETROIT — Matthew Stafford's pass to Golden Tate was ruled to be just short of the goal line in the final seconds, overturning the call on the field and allowing the Atlanta Falcons to hold on for a 30-26 win over the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

Stafford threw a slant to Tate and a video review determined he was down just inside the 1 with 8 seconds left. By rule, 10 seconds had to run off the clock, and that ended the game because the Lions didn't have any timeouts.

The defending NFC champion Falcons (3-0) overcame Matt Ryan's three interceptions and many other mistakes, including on Detroit's last drive.

Falcons cornerback Marcus Trufant was called for pass interference in the end zone on a third-and-10 from the Atlanta 19, giving the Lions a first down at the 1 with 19 seconds left. Trufant was flagged for holding on a second-and-30 from the Falcons 38 earlier in the drive, allowing Detroit to extend the drive.

Detroit (2-1) never led in the game, but failed to pull off another comeback in the fourth quarter.

COLTS 31
BROWNS 28

INDIANAPOLIS — Jacoby Brissett ran for two touchdowns, threw for another and the Colts defense held off Cleveland's late charge Sunday to preserve a 31-28 victory.

Brissett, acquired in a trade with New England earlier this month, looked much more comfortable in his second start, going 17 of 24 with 259 yards and running five times for 14 yards.

Indy (1-2) avoided its first 0-3 start in six years.

Cleveland (0-3) lost its 15th consecutive road game despite being favored for the first time since 2015 and a road favorite for the first time since 2012.

VIKINGS 34
BUCCANEERS 17

MINNEAPOLIS — Case Keenum gave Minnesota a brilliant performance in relief of Sam Bradford, passing for three touchdowns and a career-high 369 yards without a turnover to guide the Vikings to a 34-17 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday.

Stefon Diggs had 173 yards receiving and caught two of Keenum's throws for scores, one short and one long .

Dalvin Cook produced 169 total yards plus his first NFL touchdown , which capped a 75-yard drive by the Vikings (2-1) to start the game.

They never slowed down, building a 28-3 lead by early in the third quarter on their way to compiling 494 yards.

Trae Waynes and Harrison Smith each picked off Jameis Winston in the end zone , and Andrew Sendejo returned an interception 36 yards in the fourth quarter to set up one of two field goals by Kai Forbath.

JETS 20
DOLPHINS 6

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Josh McCown threw a 69-yard touchdown pass to Robby Anderson, Bilal Powell ran for a score, and the New York Jets' defense dominated Jay Cutler and the Miami Dolphins in a 20-6 victory on Sunday.

While a lot of the focus heading into the season was on whether the revamped Jets roster would be good enough to win any games, New York made Miami look like the team in the middle of a rebuild.

McCown finished 18 of 23 for 249 yards, Chandler Catanzaro kicked two field goals, and the Jets (1-2) forced Cutler and the Dolphins (1-1) into mistakes all game. The Jets also avoided their first 0-3 start since 2003.

New York just missed having its first shutout since blanking Cincinnati 37-0 on Jan. 13, 2010 — in the Jets' last game at the old Giants Stadium. Cutler threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to DeVante Parker on the final play. Cody Parkey missed the extra point, capping a miserable day for Miami in 88-degree heat at MetLife Stadium.

EAGLES 27
GIANTS 24

PHILADELPHIA — Jake Elliott kicked a 61-yard field goal as the clock expired to lift the Philadelphia Eagles to a 27-24 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday.

Eli Manning threw three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter, including a 77-yard score to Sterling Shepard, but Philadelphia (2-1) rallied twice.

Carson Wentz tossed a 19-yard pass to Alshon Jeffery to set up Elliott's kick. The rookie was a fifth-round pick by the Bengals and joined the Eagles after Caleb Sturgis was injured in Week 1. He was carried off the field by two teammates.

SAINTS 34
PANTHERS 13

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Drew Brees shredded the league's top-ranked defense, throwing for 220 yards and three touchdowns as the New Orleans Saints defeated the previously unbeaten Carolina Panthers 34-13 on Sunday.

Brees led six scoring drives and threw TD passes to Michael Thomas, Brandon Coleman and ex-Panthers wide receiver Ted Ginn Jr. as the Saints avoided an 0-3 start. Rookie Alvin Kamara put the game away with a 25-yard TD run with 4:42 left.

Carolina had only allowed six points in its previous two games.

The Saints' defense, which came in ranked 32nd in the league, intercepted Cam Newton three times and sacked him four times before he was replaced late in the fourth quarter. Many of Newton's throws were either too hard or high as the seventh-year quarterback continued to struggle with his rhythm following offseason shoulder surgery.

TITANS 33
SEAHAWKS 27

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Marcus Mariota threw for 225 yards and two touchdowns, and the Tennessee Titans scored 21 straight points in rallying to beat the Seattle Seahawks 33-27 Sunday.

Pro Bowl running back DeMarco Murray rushed for 115 yards, including a 75-yard TD run . Ryan Succop also kicked four field goals as Tennessee (2-1) scored at least 30 points for a second straight week.

The Seahawks (1-2) finally scored a bunch of touchdowns with Russell Wilson throwing for 373 yards and four TDs. His second TD, a 10-yarder to Chris Carson , put Seattle up 14-9 in the third quarter.

Then the Titans took control with Mariota answering with TDs on the next two drives for Tennessee.

CHIEFS 24
CHARGERS 10

CARSON, Calif. — Alex Smith threw two touchdown passes in the first 9 ½ minutes against what used to be his hometown team, Terrance Mitchell had two interceptions and rookie Kareem Hunt scored on a 69-yard run to seal the Kansas City Chiefs' 24-10 victory over the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday.

The Chiefs (3-0) beat the Chargers for the seventh straight time and have won 12 straight AFC West games. Los Angeles' Philip Rivers threw three interceptions and the Chargers fell to 0-3 in their first season playing in the 27,000-seat StubHub Center after moving from San Diego.

After a quick start, the Chiefs held on through a defensive struggle in the second half. They got two huge plays in the closing minutes: Justin Houston's sack of Rivers and then Hunt's sensational run when he cut back against the flow and raced 69 yards down the left sideline with 1:49 left. The rookie finished with 172 yards on 17 carries.

PACKERS 27
BENGALS 24
OVERTIME

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Mason Crosby kicked a 27-yard field goal with 6:26 left in overtime set up by Aaron Rodgers' 72-yard pass to Geronimo Allison, and the Green Bay Packers rallied to beat the Cincinnati Bengals 27-24 on Sunday.

Crosby's kick completed the Packers' comeback from a 21-7 halftime deficit.

On third-and-10 from his 21, Rodgers took advantage of yet another free play after defensive end Michael Johnson was whistled for offside. Officials let the play continue and the two-time NFL MVP found Allison on about a 40-yard pass before the receiver beat a couple defenders for more yards.

Crosby took care of the rest for the Packers (2-1).

The winless Bengals (0-3) won the toss in overtime but went three-and-out on their opening drive. It was so loud at Lambeau Field that they had to call timeout before their first overtime snap.

Rodgers thrived under the pressure.

He connected with Jordy Nelson for a 3-yard touchdown pass with 17 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 24. Cornerback Dre Kilpatrick narrowly missed batting away the bullet thrown by Rodgers into the front right corner of the end zone.

REDSKINS 27
RAIDERS 10

LANDOVER, Md. — Kirk Cousins threw for 365 yards and three touchdowns, Chris Thompson had 188 all-purpose yards and a score and the Washington Redskins sacked Derek Carr four times and held the Oakland Raiders to 128 yards in a dominating 27-10 victory on Sunday night.

Cousins was a spectacular 25 of 30, including TD passes to Thompson, Vernon Davis and a 52-yarder to Josh Doctson. Thompson had 150 yards receiving and 38 yards rushing, joining Jamaal Charles as the only running backs to put up 150 yards receiving against the Raiders (2-1) since they moved to Oakland in 1995.

Thompson was again a difference maker and has four of Washington's seven offensive touchdowns this season. The Redskins (2-1), who piled up 472 yards, improved to 4-6 in prime-time games under coach Jay Gruden and tied the Philadelphia Eagles for first place in the NFC East.

Under pressure all night, Carr was 19 of 31 for 118 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. Carr had thrown 112 consecutive passes before being picked off by Montae Nicholson on the second play of the game.

Oakland's rushing offense, which came in ranked fifth in the NFL, managed just 32 yards.

The Raiders went 0 of 11 on third down as part of their anemic offensive effort. Their 47 first-half yards were their fewest since Week 14 against Denver in 2015, according to ESPN Stats & Info.

Oakland's only touchdown, a 21-yard pass from Carr to Jared Cook, came after the Redskins' Jamison Crowder muffed the punt return and the Raiders recovered at the Washington 18. The Raiders had scoring drives of 18 and 8 yards.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	63	37
New England	1	1	0	.500	37	27
Miami	1	1	0	.500	23	37
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	52	72
South						
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	69	69
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	69	51
Indianapolis	2	1	0	.667	61	60
Houston	1	2	0	.333	53	74
North						
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	64	50
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	51	54
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	58	76
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	33	60
West						
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	93	37
Denver	2	1	0	.667	62	54
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	61	63
L.A. Chargers	0	3	0	.000	48	67

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	77	68
Washington	2	1	0	.667	71	60
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	38	45
N.Y. Giants	0	3	0	.000	37	70
South						
Atlanta	3	0	0	1.000	87	69
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	43	40
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	46	41
Tampa Bay	1	2	0	.333	73	78
North						
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	72	62
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	65	63
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	67	67
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	47	69
West						
L.A. Rams	2	1	0	.667	107	70
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	39	48
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	48	59
San Francisco	0	3	0	.000	51	76

Thursday's Game
L.A. Rams 41, San Francisco 39

Sunday's Scores
Jacksonville 44, Baltimore 7
New Orleans 34, Carolina 13
N.Y. Jets 20, Miami 6
Minnesota 34, Tampa Bay 17
Buffalo 26, Denver 16
Indianapolis 31, Cleveland 28
New England 36, Houston 33
Chicago 23, Pittsburgh 17, OT
Atlanta 30, Detroit 26
Philadelphia 27, N.Y. Giants 24
Tennessee 33, Seattle 27
Kansas City 24, L.A. Chargers 10
Green Bay 27, Cincinnati 24, OT
Washington 27, Oakland 10

Today's Game
Dallas at Arizona, 7:30 p.m.

NFL BOXES

JAGUARS 44, RAVENS 7

Baltimore	0	0	0	7—7
Jacksonville	10	13	14	7—44

First Quarter
Jac—FG Myers 23, 8:05.
Jac—Lewis 17 pass from Bortles (Myers kick), 3:32.
Second Quarter
Jac—FG Myers 45, 10:49.
Jac—Hurns 5 pass from Bortles (Myers kick), 4:55.
Jac—FG Myers 29, 38.
Third Quarter
Jac—Lewis 30 pass from Bortles (Myers kick), 9:42.
Jac—Lewis 4 pass from Bortles (Myers kick), 7:48.
Fourth Quarter
Jac—Fournette 3 run (Myers kick), 14:56.
Bal—Watson 6 pass from Mallett (Tucker kick), 3:24.

	Bal	Jac
First downs	12	24
Total Net Yards	186	410
Rushes-yards	25-134	35-186
Passing	52	244
Punt Returns	0-0	3-2
Kickoff Returns	0-0	1-12
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-20
Comp-Att-Int	14-27-2	20-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-13	0-0
Punts	7-44.4	3-50.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-88	9-70
Time of Possession	25:57	34:03

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Baltimore, Collins 9-82, West 6-26, Allen 8-15, Campanaro 1-7, Wallace 1-4, Jacksonville, Grant 6-75, Fournette 17-59, Bortles 3-18, Ivory 6-17, Henne 3-(minus 3).
PASSING—Baltimore, Flacco 8-18-2-28, Mallett 6-9-0-38. Jacksonville, Bortles 20-31-0-244.
Henne 0-2-0-0.
RECEIVING—Baltimore, Allen 5-13, Watson 3-12, Boyle 2-14, Maclin 1-8, Matthews 1-8, Wallace 1-6, Campanaro 1-3. Jacksonville, Lee 4-65, Lewis 4-62, Fournette 3-21, Hurns 3-20, Ivory 2-25, Grant 1-18, Cole 1-13, O'Shaughnessy 1-12, Bohanon 1-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BILLS 26, BRONCOS 16

Denver	3	10	3	0—16
Buffalo	0	13	7	6—26

First Quarter
Den—FG McManus 38, 49.
Second Quarter
Buf—Holmes 2 pass from T.Taylor (Hauschka kick), 11:41.
Den—Charles 12 run (McManus kick), 10:26.
Buf—FG Hauschka 49, 2:51.
Den—FG McManus 35, :42.
Buf—FG Hauschka 55, :01.
Third Quarter
Den—FG McManus 28, 7:47.
Buf—C.Clay 6 pass from T.Taylor (Hauschka kick), 6:20.
Fourth Quarter
Buf—FG Hauschka 53, 13:52.
Buf—FG Hauschka 27, 3:14.

	Den	Buf
First downs	21	16
Total Net Yards	398	272
Rushes-yards	23-111	33-75
Passing	255	197
Punt Returns	1-16	2-20
Kickoff Returns	3-81	2-41
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-15
Comp-Att-Int	24-40-2	20-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-4	4-16
Punts	3-41.7	5-45.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-79	8-69
Time of Possession	29:34	30:26

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Denver, Charles 9-56, C. Anderson 8-36, Siemian 3-12, McKenzie 1-4, Janovich 1-2, Henderson 1-1. Buffalo, Tolbert 11-41, McCoy 14-21, T.Taylor 8-13.
PASSING—Denver, Siemian 24-40-2-259. Buffalo, T.Taylor 20-26-0-213.
RECEIVING—Denver, Sanders 7-75, D.Thomas 6-98, Fowler 4-58, Green 3-18, C. Anderson 2-7, Derby 1-5, Charles 1-1. Buffalo, McCoy 7-48, C.Clay 6-39, Matthews 3-61, Holmes 2-6, O'Leary 1-31, K.Clay 1-28.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

BEARS 23, STEELERS 17 (OVERTIME)

Pittsburgh	0	7	7	3	0—17
Chicago	7	10	0	0	6—23

First Quarter
Chi—Howard 3 run (Barth kick), 9:09
Second Quarter
Pit—A.Brown 7 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 5:42.
Chi—Shaheen 2 pass from Glennon (Barth kick), :43.
Chi—FG Barth 24, :00.
Third Quarter
Pit—Bell 1 run (Boswell kick), 6:43.
Fourth Quarter
Pit—FG Boswell 32, 8:03.
Overtime
Chi—Howard 19 run, 8:27.

	Pit	Chi
First downs	19	18
Total Net Yards	282	304
Rushes-yards	17-70	36-220
Passing	212	84
Punt Returns	3-15	1-0
Kickoff Returns	1-24	3-69
Interceptions Ret	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-39-0	15-22-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-23	2-17
Punts	5-40.6	6-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	5-1
Penalties-Yards	6-40	10-73
Time of Possession	27:34	33:59

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Bell 15-61, Roethlisberger 1-8, Watson 1-3. Chicago, Howard 23-138, Cohen 12-78, Glennon 3-4.
PASSING—Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 22-39-0-235. Chicago, Glennon 15-22-1-101.
RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, A.Brown 10-113, Bell 6-37, Smith-Schuster 2-39, Bryant 2-30, James 2-19. Chicago, Howard 5-26, Cohen 4-24, Wilson 3-23, Miller 1-17, Thompson 1-9, Shaheen 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Chicago, Barth 47.

FALCONS 30, LIONS 26

Atlanta	7	13	3	7—30
Detroit	0	13	10	3—26

First Quarter
Atl—Sanu 4 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 8:17.
Second Quarter
Atl—FG Bryant 36, 12:51.
Det—FG Prater 55, 10:27.
Atl—Freeman 1 run (Bryant kick), 5:00.
Det—FG Prater 40, 1:50.
Det—Quin 37 interception return (Prater kick), 1:41.
Atl—FG Bryant 48, :31.
Third Quarter
Atl—FG Bryant 40, 11:37.
Det—Tate 11 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 4:51.
Det—FG Prater 35, 1:24.
Fourth Quarter
Atl—Gabriel 40 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 14:50.
Det—FG Prater 57, 11:48.

	Atl	Det
First downs	28	21
Total Net Yards	425	324
Rushes-yards	29-151	19-71
Passing	277	253
Punt Returns	2-38	1-10
Kickoff Returns	2-54	1-11
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	3-89
Comp-Att-Int	24-35-3	25-45-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-17	2-11
Punts	2-45.5	5-47.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-68	9-98
Time of Possession	32:35	27:25

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Atlanta, Freeman 21-106, T.Coleman 6-46, Ryan 1-(minus 1). Detroit, Abdullah 14-47, Stafford 2-18, Zenner 3-6.
PASSING—Atlanta, Ryan 24-35-3-294. Detroit, Stafford 25-45-0-264.
RECEIVING—Atlanta, J.Jones 7-91, Gabriel 5-79, Sanu 4-28, T.Coleman 3-43, Freeman 3-32, A.Roberts 1-12, Hooper 1-9. Detroit, Tate 7-58, Riddick 4-36, T.Jones 3-63, Abdullah 3-39, M.Jones 3-24, Golladay 2-25, Ebron 2-9, Fells 1-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

COLTS 31, BROWNS 28

Cleveland	0	14	0	14—28
Indianapolis	7	21	0	3—31

First Quarter
Ind—Brissett 5 run (Vinatieri kick), :24.
Second Quarter
Cle—Johnson 19 run (Gonzalez kick), 13:22.
Ind—Brissett 7 run (Vinatieri kick), 10:06.
Ind—Hilton 61 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 5:14.
Ind—Gore 4 run (Vinatieri kick), 2:41.
Cle—Njoku 1 pass from Kizer (Gonzalez kick), :27.
Fourth Quarter
Ind—FG Vinatieri 33, 10:18.
Cle—Britt 11 pass from Kizer (Gonzalez kick), 6:56.
Cle—Kizer 1 run (Gonzalez kick), 2:04.

	Cle	Ind
First downs	25	16
Total Net Yards	346	335
Rushes-yards	21-111	36-92
Passing	235	243
Punt Returns	1-0	3-16
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	3-40
Comp-Att-Int	22-47-3	17-24-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	3-16
Punts	7-49.6	7-45.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	10-113	11-99
Time of Possession	26:33	33:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Cleveland, Kizer 7-44, Crowell 12-44, Johnson 2-23. Indianapolis, Gore 25-57, Turbin 5-18, Brissett 5-14, Jones 1-3.
PASSING—Cleveland, Kizer 22-47-3-242. Indianapolis, Brissett 17-24-0-259.
RECEIVING—Cleveland, Johnson 6-81, Britt 3-54, DeValve 2-29, Njoku 2-12, Crowell 2-10, Higgins 2-10, Leslie 1-26, Louis 1-10, K.Williams 1-10, Teller 1-4, Zeitler 1-(minus 4). Indianapolis, Hilton 7-153, Moncrief 2-44, Doyle 2-18, Bray 1-22, Allen 1-9, B.Williams 1-7, Daniels 1-6, Turbin 1-2, Gore 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

VIKINGS 34, BUCCANEERS 17

Tampa Bay	3	0	14	0—17
Minnesota	7	14	10	3—34

First Quarter
Min—Cook 1 run (Forbath kick), 10:58.
TB—FG Folk 40, 6:18.
Second Quarter
Min—Wright 2 pass from Keenum (Forbath kick), 10:25.
Min—Diggs 17 pass from Keenum (Forbath kick), :47.
Third Quarter
Min—Diggs 59 pass from Keenum (Forbath kick), 12:25.
TB—Brate 15 pass from Winston (Folk kick), 8:47.
Min—FG Forbath 20, 2:24.
TB—Jackson 25 pass from Winston (Folk kick), :00.
Fourth Quarter
Min—FG Forbath 37, 8:40.

	TB	Min
First downs	20	25
Total Net Yards	342	494
Rushes-yards	9-26	37-125
Passing	316	369
Punt Returns	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns	3-79	1-20
Interceptions Ret	0-0	3-66
Comp-Att-Int	28-40-3	25-33-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	0-0
Punts	4-40.8	3-40.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-37	5-53
Time of Possession	22:14	37:46

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Rodgers 5-15, Winston 1-4, Sims 2-4, Ready 1-3. Minnesota, Cook 27-97, Keenum 6-18, Murray 2-5, McKinnon 2-5.
PASSING—Tampa Bay, Winston 28-40-3-328. Minnesota, Keenum 25-33-0-369.
RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, M.Evans 7-67, Humphries 6-68, Jackson 4-84, Brate 4-33, Godwin 3-44, Howard 1-12, Sims 1-9, Ready 1-6, Cross 1-5. Minnesota, Diggs 8-173, Thielen 5-98, Cook 5-72, Wright 2-9, McKinnon 2-(minus 1), Ham 1-12, Rudolph 1-4, Treadwell 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None

JETS 20, DOLPHINS 6

Miami	0	0	0	6—6
New York	0	10	10	0—20

Second Quarter
NYJ—FG Catanzaro 40, 7:17.
NYJ—Anderson 69 pass from McCown (Catanzaro kick), 1:42.
Third Quarter
NYJ—Powell 1 run (Catanzaro kick), 9:48.
NYJ—FG Catanzaro 22, 1:35.
Fourth Quarter
Mia—Parker 3 pass from Cutler (kick failed), :00.

	Mia	NYJ
First downs	16	16
Total Net Yards	225	336
Rushes-yards	15-30	34-103
Passing	195	233
Punt Returns	2-13	4-31
Kickoff Returns	1-15	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-13
Comp-Att-Int	26-45-2	16-23-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-25	2-16
Punts	7-47.6	5-48.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	8-51	10-94
Time of Possession	23:52	36:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Miami, Kajal 11-16, Cutler 1-9, D.Williams 2-5, Drake 1-0. New York, Powell 15-87, McGuire 7-34, Forte 9-25, McCown 4-7.
PASSING—Miami, Cutler 25-44-1-220, Haack 0-1-1-0. New York, McCown 16-23-0-249.
RECEIVING—Miami, Parker 5-76, Landry 6-48, Stills 4-51, J.Thomas 3-18, Kajal 2-8, Grant 1-12, D.Williams 1-6, Drake 1-2. New York, Kerley 5-42, Seferian-Jenkins 5-31, Anderson 3-95, Kearse 3-42, Stewart 1-24, L.Thomas 1-15.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New York, Catanzaro 45.

EAGLES 27, GIANTS 24

New York	0	0	0	24—24
Philadelphia	0	7	7	13—27

Second Quarter
Phi—Blount 1 run (Elliott kick), 9:29.
Third Quarter
Phi—Ertz 3 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 5:15.
Fourth Quarter
NYG—Beckham 10 pass from Manning (Rosas kick), 12:39.
NYG—Beckham 4 pass from Manning (Rosas kick), 10:53.
NYG—Shepard 77 pass from Manning (Rosas kick), 7:12.
Phi—Clement 15 run (Elliott kick), 5:40.
NYG—FG Rosas 41, 3:08.
Phi—FG Elliott 48, :51.
Phi—FG Elliott 61, :00.

	NYG	Phi
First downs	21	24
Total Net Yards	415	354
Rushes-yards	17-49	39-193
Passing	366	161
Punt Returns	1-0	1-9
Kickoff Returns	2-41	3-73
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-0
Comp-Att-Int	35-47-2	21-31-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-15
Punts	4-38.5	4-45.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	10-137	9-103
Time of Possession	22:28	37:32

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New York, Darkwa 7-22, Perkins 9-22, Vereen 1-5. Philadelphia, Smallwood 12-71, Blount 12-67, Clement 6-22, Wentz 6-22, Sproles 3-11.
PASSING—New York, Manning 35-47-2-366. Philadelphia, Wentz 21-31-0-176.
RECEIVING—New York, Beckham 9-79, Marshall 8-68, Shepard 7-133, Engram 5-45, Vereen 2-18, Perkins 2-8, Darkwa 1-11, Lewis 1-6. Philadelphia, Ertz 8-55, Jeffery 4-58, T.Smith 4-29, Agholor 2-20, Burton 2-7, Smallwood 1-9.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Philadelphia, Elliott 52.

SAINTS 34, PANTHERS 13

New Orleans	7	10	7	13—34
Carolina	3	3	7	0—13

First Quarter
Car—FG Gano 32, 6:19.
NO—Thomas 5 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), :22.
Second Quarter
Car—FG Gano 48, 10:46.
NO—B.Coleman 11 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 5:42.
NO—FG Lutz 33, :00.
Third Quarter
NO—Ginn 40 pass from Brees (Lutz kick), 11:09.
Car—Newton 3 run (Gano kick), 1:18.
Fourth Quarter
NO—FG Lutz 50, 11:57.
NO—Kamara 25 run (Lutz kick), 4:42.

	NO	Car
First downs	21	18
Total Net Yards	382	288
Rushes-yards	27-149	22-132
Passing	213	156
Punt Returns	1-12	2-12
Kickoff Returns	0-0	1-30
Interceptions Ret.	3-37	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-29-0	19-33-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-7	4-28
Punts	3-50.0	3-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	1-10	1-5
Time of Possession	31:09	28:48

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New Orleans, Ingram 14-56, Kamara 2-37, Peterson 9-33, Ginn 1-15, Lewis 1-8. Carolina, Stewart 12-57, Samuel 1-31, Newton 3-16, McCaffrey 4-18, Whitlatch 2-12.
PASSING—New Orleans, Brees 22-29-0-220. Carolina, Newton 17-28-3-167, Anderson 2-7-0-17.
RECEIVING—New Orleans, Thomas 7-67, Lewis 3-15, Kamara 3-5, Ginn 2-44, Ingram 2-30, Peterson 2-4, Fleener 1-21, B.Coleman 1-11, J.Hill 1-3. Carolina, McCaffrey 9-101, Funchess 4-58, Benjamin 2-8, Samuel 2-5, Dickson 1-8, Stewart 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New Orleans, Lutz 56.

TITANS 33, SEAHAWKS 27

Seattle	0	7	7	13—27
Tennessee	0	9	21	3—33

Second Quarter
Ten—FG Succop 24, 13:23.
Ten—FG Succop 37, 5:51.
Sea—Baldwin 4 pass from Wilson (Walsh kick), 1:15.
Ten—FG Succop 47, :00.
Third Quarter
Sea—Carson 10 pass from Wilson (Walsh kick), 10:09.
Ten—Matthews 55 pass from Mariota (Succop kick), 7:34.
Ten—J.Smith 24 pass from Mariota (Succop kick), 3:50.
Ten—Murray 75 run (Succop kick), 1:34.
Fourth Quarter
Sea—Willson 27 pass from Wilson (pass failed), 13:59.
Ten—FG Succop 35, 10:00.
Sea—Prichardson 8 pass from Wilson (Walsh kick), 1:50.

	Sea	Ten
First downs	24	21
Total Net Yards	433	420
Rushes-yards	22-69	35-195
Passing	364	225
Punt Returns	3-32	5-51
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-27
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	29-49-0	20-32-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	0-0
Punts	8-48.5	6-58.8
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	11-98	5-45
Time of Possession	27:19	32:41

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Seattle, Carson 11-34, Wilson 7-26, Prosise 4-9. Tennessee, Murray 14-115, Henry 13-54, Mariota 7-27, Taylor 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—Seattle, Wilson 29-49-0-373. Tennessee, Mariota 20-32-0-225.
RECEIVING—Seattle, Baldwin 10-105, Graham 7-72

Kyle Busch gets NASCAR playoff win in New Hampshire

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Kyle Busch saw little but billowing white smoke that engulfed the track and blinded enough drivers that it caused a tremendous wreck that sunk his toughest competition.

In his No. 18 Toyota, the driver nicknamed "Rowdy" knew there was only one way to handle the sudden pollution: Drive through it!

Busch slinked through the smoke clouds formed in the multi-car crash on the backstretch and dominated the rest of the way to win Sunday at New Hampshire Motorspeedway.

"That was pretty intense," Busch said. "That was some 'Days of Thunder' stuff over there. You couldn't see anything."

He held on and saw a victory lane celebration for the third time this season. Busch earned a berth in the second round of NASCAR's playoffs and took his customary bow on the track. He even stuck a bag of M&M's on the claws of Loudon the Lobster , the 18-pound crustacean given to the race winner.

Busch, who won from the pole, put together a complete effort once the wreck derailed race leader and fellow Toyota driver Martin Truex Jr. Truex, who won the playoff opener at Chicagoland, and Busch both earned automatic spots in the second round. Kyle Larson and Brad Keselowski advanced on points.

Truex led 112 laps until his run ended in the accident, though he rallied to finish fifth.

The playoff standings were shaken up in the wake of the massive multi-car wreck that sent playoff drivers Kurt Busch and Kevin Harvick to the garage. Harvick's car was hit by Austin Dillon on the last lap of the second stage. Harvick spun and smoke billowed over the track, leaving drivers almost blinded to the traffic ahead. Busch, Harvick's teammate at Stewart-Haas Racing, slammed into Harvick. Truex backed up to straighten himself out and instead suffered left-rear damage when he smacked another car.

Kurt Busch, the Daytona 500 champion, will likely have to win next week at Dover to advance to the second round.

"It's all-in. We'll go there with everything we've got like we have been," he said.

Harvick, the 2014 series champion, had accumulated enough playoff points that one DNF shouldn't cost him a spot in the top 12.

"I couldn't really tell where I was with all the smoke and everything that was happening, but just got hit from behind and spun out," Harvick said.

Playoff drivers filled the top five spots: Larson was second, followed by Matt Kenseth, Keselowski and Truex.

"We had damage and had to fight from the back of the pack the rest of the day," Truex said.

Kyle Busch, who had his shot at victory at Chicagoland end because of pit road miscues, survived the wreckage to lead 187 laps and showed that Joe Gibbs Racing will be a player in the postseason. He found the opening between the wall and Harvick and won his 41st Cup race.

Maybe next time, Busch will have a clear path to the checkered flag.

"That was a close call," Busch said. "The cloud of smoke was so large that you literally couldn't see anything."

National anthem

It appeared no drivers, crew or other team members participated in a protest during the national anthem. Several team owners and executives had said they wouldn't want anyone in their organizations to protest.

Richard Childress, who was Dale Earnhardt's longtime team owner, said of protesting, "It'll get you a ride on a Greyhound bus." Childress said he told his team that "anybody that works for me should respect the country we live in. So many people gave their lives for it. This is America."

Hall of Fame driver Richard Petty's sentiments took it a step further, saying: "Anybody that don't stand up for the anthem oughta be out of the country. Period. What got 'em where they're at? The United States."

When asked if a protester at Richard Petty Motorsports would be fired, he said, "You're right."

NASCAR Monster Energy Cup-ISM Connect 300 Results
Sunday
At New Hampshire Motor Speedway
Loudon, N.H.
Lap length: 1.058 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 300 laps, 58 points.
2. (2) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 300, 50.
3. (10) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 300, 48.
4. (13) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 300, 45.
5. (5) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 300, 47.
6. (8) Erik Jones, Toyota, 300, 43.
7. (16) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 300, 30.
8. (25) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 300, 29.
9. (4) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 300, 36.
10. (39) Joey Logano, Ford, 300, 27.
11. (14) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 300, 26.
12. (3) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 300, 30.
13. (18) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 300, 24.
14. (12) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 300, 30.
15. (24) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, 300, 22.
16. (11) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 300, 22.
17. (20) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 300, 20.
18. (27) Danica Patrick, Ford, 300, 19.
19. (17) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 300, 18.
20. (19) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 300, 17.
21. (22) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 299, 16.
22. (30) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 298, 15.
23. (31) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 298, 14.
24. (23) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 298, 13.
25. (28) Landon Cassill, Ford, 298, 12.
26. (29) Aric Almirola, Ford, 297, 11.
27. (33) Corey Lajoie, Toyota, 297, 10.
28. (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 297, 9.
29. (21) David Ragan, Ford, 296, 8.
30. (32) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 296, 7.
31. (26) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 295, 6.
32. (36) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 294, 0.
33. (34) Gray Gaulding, Chevrolet, 293, 4.
34. (15) Dale Earnhardt Jr, Chevrolet, 289, 3.
35. (9) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 289, 2.
36. (6) Kevin Harvick, Ford, accident, 148, 2.
37. (7) Kurt Busch, Ford, accident, 148, 1.
38. (37) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, accident, 143, 1.
39. (38) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, rear gear, 74, 1.

NASCAR XFinity,VisitMyrtleBeach.com 300 Results
By The Associated Press
Saturday
At Kentucky Speedway
Sparta, Ky.
Lap length: oval, 1.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (5) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 200.
2. (8) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 200.
3. (4) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 200.
4. (2) Ryan Preece, Toyota, 200.
5. (3) Cole Custer, Ford, 200.
6. (6) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, 200.
7. (7) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 200.
8. (10) Brian Scott, Chevrolet, 200.
9. (9) Matt Tifft, Toyota, 200.
10. (13) Ryan Reed, Ford, 199.
11. (11) Ben Kennedy, Chevrolet, 199.
12. (1) Kyle Benjamin, Toyota, 199.
13. (14) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, 199.
14. (16) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 199.
15. (19) Spencer Gallagher Jr., Chevrolet, 199.
16. (18) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 199.
17. (17) Blake Koch, Chevrolet, 198.
18. (12) William Byron, Chevrolet, 198.
19. (22) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 198.
20. (20) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 198.
21. (21) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 198.
22. (25) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 198.
23. (24) Dakoda Armstrong, Toyota, 198.
24. (27) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 198.
25. (26) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 196.
26. (32) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, 196.
27. (29) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 196.
28. (23) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 194.
29. (28) David Starr, Chevrolet, 194.
30. (34) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 193.
31. (15) Sam Hornish Jr., Ford, 191.
32. (35) Angela Ruch, Chevrolet, 190.
33. (31) Korbin Forrister, Chevrolet, 188.
34. (40) Mike Harmon, Dodge, Fuel Pump, 65.
35. (39) John Jackson, Chevrolet, Engine, 59.
36. (33) Timmy Hill, Dodge, Overheating, 55.
37. (38) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, Handling, 27.
38. (38) Dexter Bean, Chevrolet, Vibration, 27.
39. (37) Carl Long, Toyota, Engine, 24.
40. (30) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, Vibration, 16.

Dueling winners, an unsatisfying end to this year's golf season

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Xander Schauffele won the tournament. Justin Thomas won the $10 million.

There was plenty of drama but no satisfaction.

The PGA Tour must figure out a better way to end its season.

This was roughly akin to the New York Giants winning the Super Bowl in 2008, only to get to the locker room and watch the New England Patriots receive the Lombardi Trophy because they had the better season.

Schauffele played the role of the Giants on Sunday, rolling in a 3-footer for birdie at the final hole — the ball whirling all the way around the lip before dropping in — to complete his sudden, stunning rise with an improbable victory in the Tour Championship.

But the biggest prize at East Lake, the FedEx Cup and its hefty payout, went to the guy who finished second.

That's not to say Thomas wasn't a worthy recipient. The 24-year-old had a breakout season, winning five times including his first major title at the PGA Championship. He's the future of golf along with Jordan Spieth, Rory McIlroy, Jon Rahm and a handful of other 20-somethings.

But it felt downright anticlimactic to have two guys standing alongside the 18th green, divvying up the accolades and the prizes.

Thomas was actually a big miffed about how it all went down.

He wanted to win the tournament more than anything.

He finished one shot behind Schauffele.

"It feels very weird," Thomas conceded. "I'm sure people were kind of shocked at my reactions or my tone because I was — I mean, I wasn't mad — but my competitive nature, I mean, I was upset. I felt like I had a great chance to win this tournament, and I didn't."

To be fair, the Tour has always been faced with a staggering challenge when it comes to drawing more eyeballs to its season finale, to transform this tournament into one that even casual golf fans will be talking about for years to come.

The four major championships are bigger, and always will be.

So is the every-other-year Ryder Cup.

■ Commentary

Ditto for The Players Championship and perhaps the Memorial.

Moving the PGA Championship from August to May beginning in 2019 is a huge step in the right direction, as is reducing the FedEx Cup playoff from four events to three, all of which will allow the golf season to officially end on Labor Day weekend — right as the football season is kicking off.

That's not enough.

There's been talk of ending the Tour Championship on Saturday, leaving the final day for the top players to compete over 18 holes, maybe even 36, to determine who gets the $10 million prize. While that might be an improvement, it still seems more of a gimmick than a real solution.

Why not go all in?

The top 125 players from the regular season make the playoffs. Two playoff events reduce the field to 30 players for the Tour Championship, basically the same way it's done now. The finale is a winner-take-all for the FedEx Cup and the $10 million (or an even bigger prize, if you combine the money that is now divided between the tournament and the playoff).

It wouldn't necessarily be the fairest format, but most playoffs aren't fair.

Just ask the Patriots.

But everyone still talks about that Super Bowl they lost after a perfect regular season.

Schauffele would've gone down as one of the most unlikely champions in FedEx Cup history, a 23-year-old rookie who was simply worried about keeping his tour card before an amazing summer stamped him as another rising star. When that final tap did nearly a full revolution around the cup, it should've truly been a putt to remember.

Or maybe, with so much on the line, Schauffele wouldn't have been in that position in the first place. He wasn't really focused on winning the FedEx Cup, entering the Tour Championship with only a slight chance of capturing both titles since he was so low in the points.

It showed.

"There's so much hype about this trophy right here," Schauffele said, motioning toward the silver bowl that went to Thomas. "maybe that's what made me feel a little more at ease today."

Tour

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consistent. A lot of great weeks and great memories even — life-changing events that just ended with another life-changing thing for me. To just have my name on the trophy with the rest of those guys is pretty awesome."

Tour Championship Scores
Sunday
At East Lake Golf Club
Atlanta
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Paul Casey (440), $350,000 68-67-65-73—273
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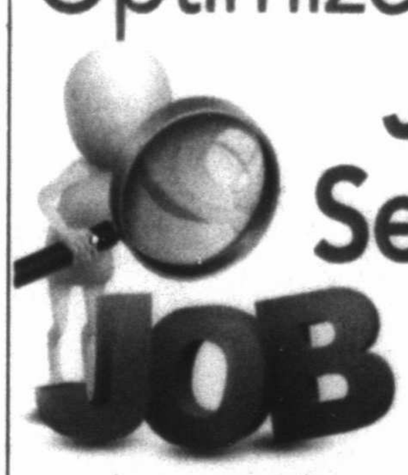

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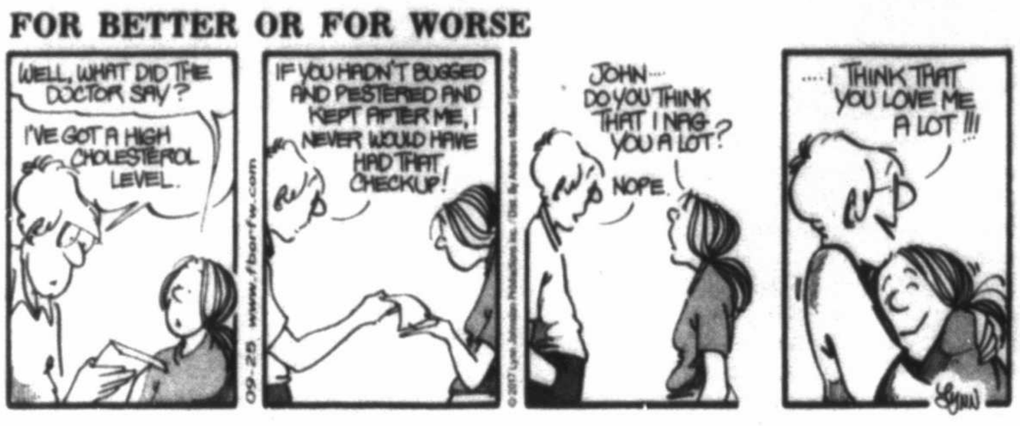

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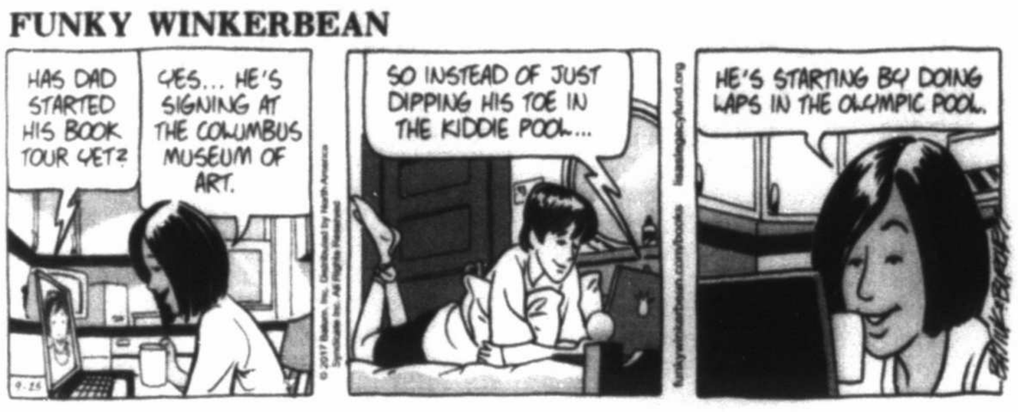

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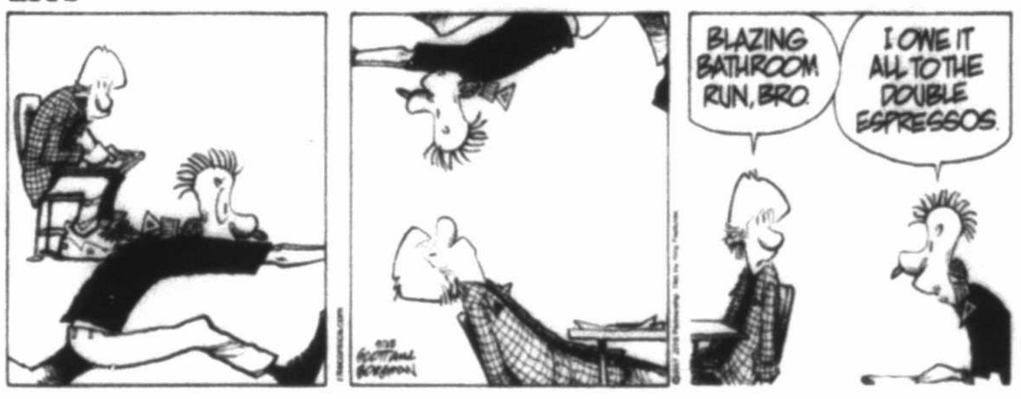

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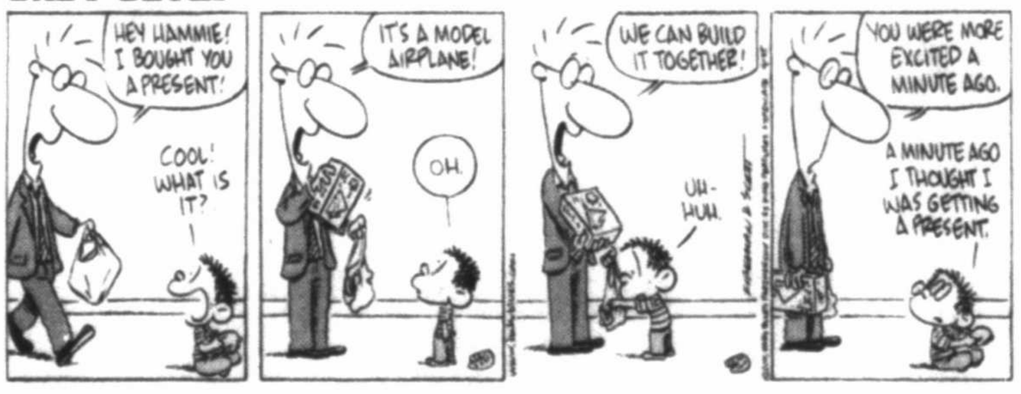

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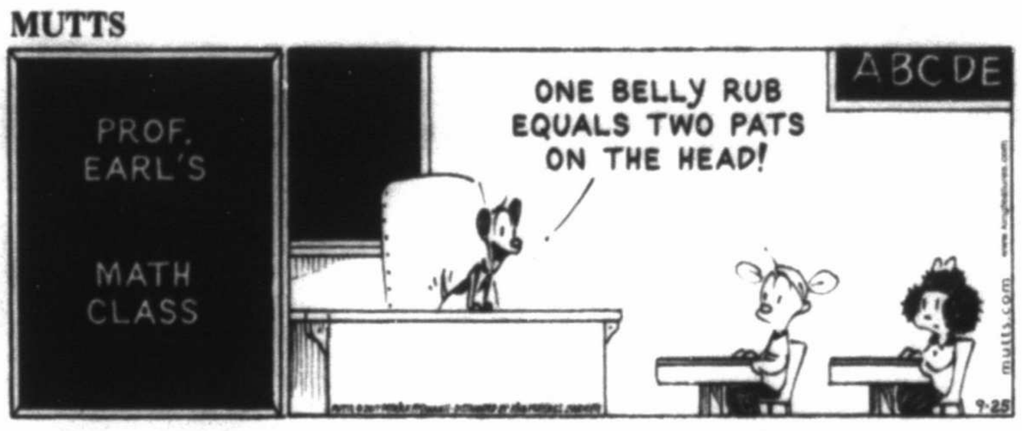

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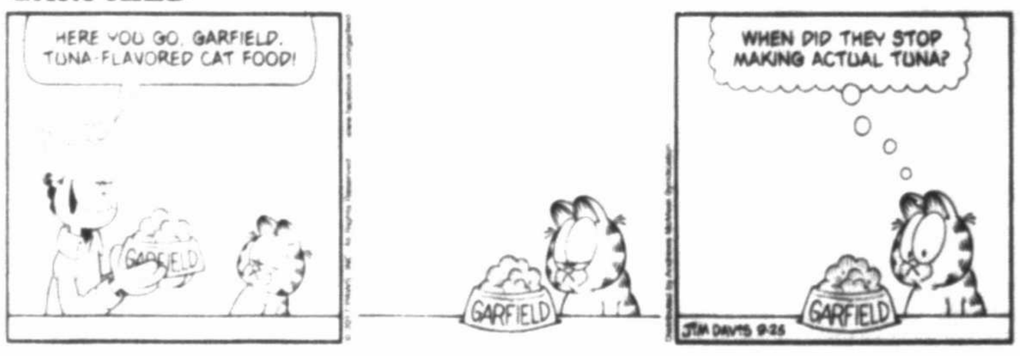

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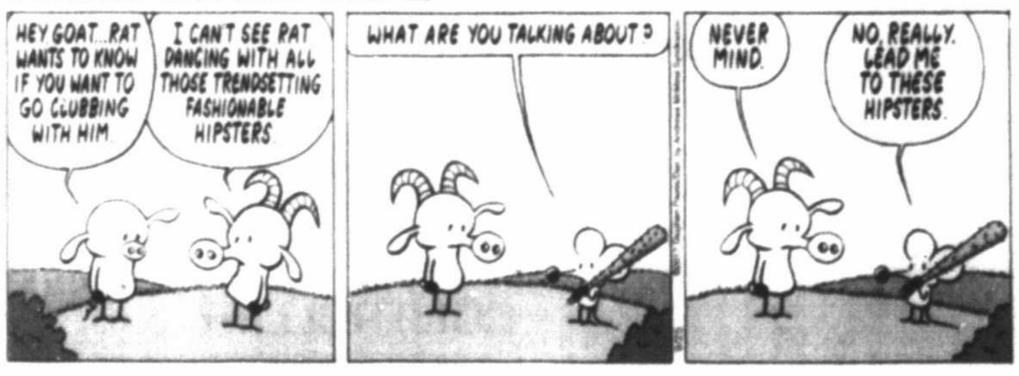

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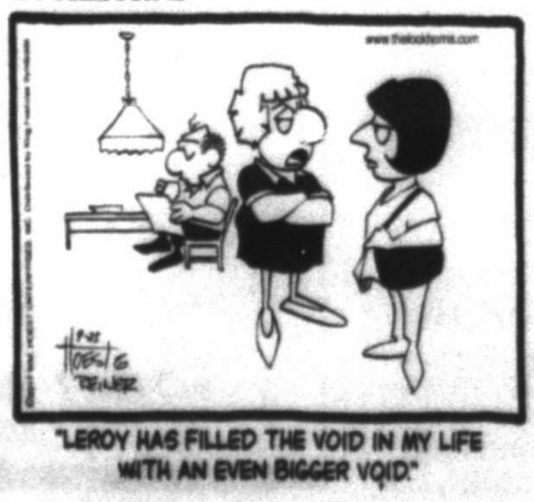

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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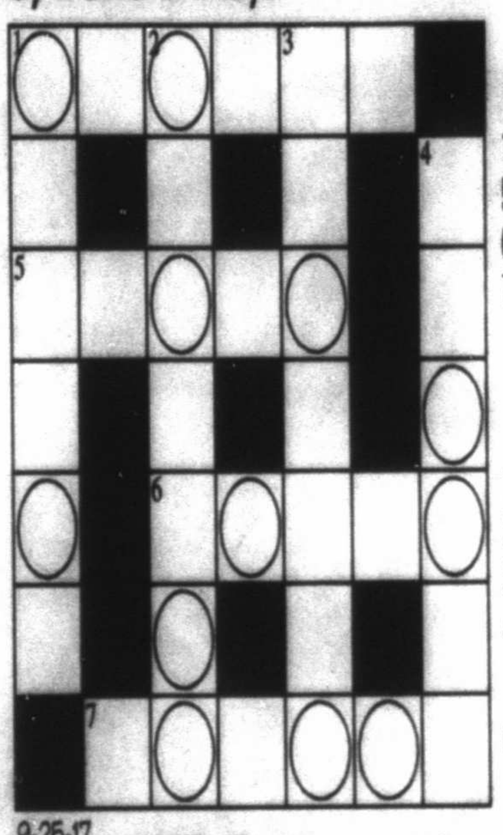

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Merry	VAJLOI
5. Wanderer	DANOM
6. Moon path	BROIT
7. ___ Sea	EGEANA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Scrapped	KDEJNU
2. Leave	SMAVOEO
3. Able to be heard	BAUIDEL
4. Small +	RNOPTO

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ACROSS

1 Party thrower
5 Seasoned rice dish
10 Practical joke
13 Classroom "I know this one!"
14 Sandwich chain known for artisan bread
15 "__ you kidding?"
16 "Is that your __?": "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" inquiry
18 Moral wrong
19 Blender brand with an -izer product suffix
20 Spam container
21 Board in a window shutter
22 Amazon : Alexa :: Apple : __
24 Malia Obama's sister
26 Canyon feedback
29 Surg. facilities
31 Touch of color
34 Request for eye contact
36 Utterly detest
37 Acct. earnings
38 Start of a formal letter
40 Shade tree
41 Time-tested
43 Library return spot
45 Nick of "A Walk in the Woods"
46 __-dried tomatoes
47 Bills in a tip jar
48 Remove sheets from, as a bed
51 Tiny time meas.
53 "See ya, Luigi"
55 Alumna bio word
57 Monopoly cards
60 Punch-in-the-gut reaction
61 Colorful burger topper
64 Broke a fast
65 Annual golf or tennis tournament
66 "Yay me!"
67 "Viva __ Vegas"
68 All wound up
69 Thick cut of meat

DOWN

1 Sports inst. in Cooperstown
2 Akron's state
3 Family boys
4 "Don't sweat it"
5 Omelet cooker
6 The "I" in MIT: Abbr.
7 Novelist C.S. __
8 Concert venue
9 In the distance
10 Quaint light during a power outage
11 Diva's solo
12 Courteous fellow
14 Repeated mindlessly
17 Flower wreath
21 Muslim denomination
23 "__ la Douce"
25 Bird on birth announcements
26 González in 2000 headlines
27 Second longest African river
28 Secure places for guests' valuables
30 Belgrade natives
32 Actress Sevigny
33 Weather numbers, briefly
35 Psychologist Alfred
36 Hostile place ... and where to find the circled animals in this puzzle
39 Salad go-with
42 "Beetle Bailey" dog
44 Museum guides
49 Unavailable at the moment
50 Evita's married name
52 Fair-hiring abbr.
53 Stuff for Frosty's eyes
54 Greek "I"
56 "Almost Christmas" actor Omar
58 Rotary phone part
59 Coke or ginger ale
61 __ up with: tolerate
62 Director Spike
63 Arrest

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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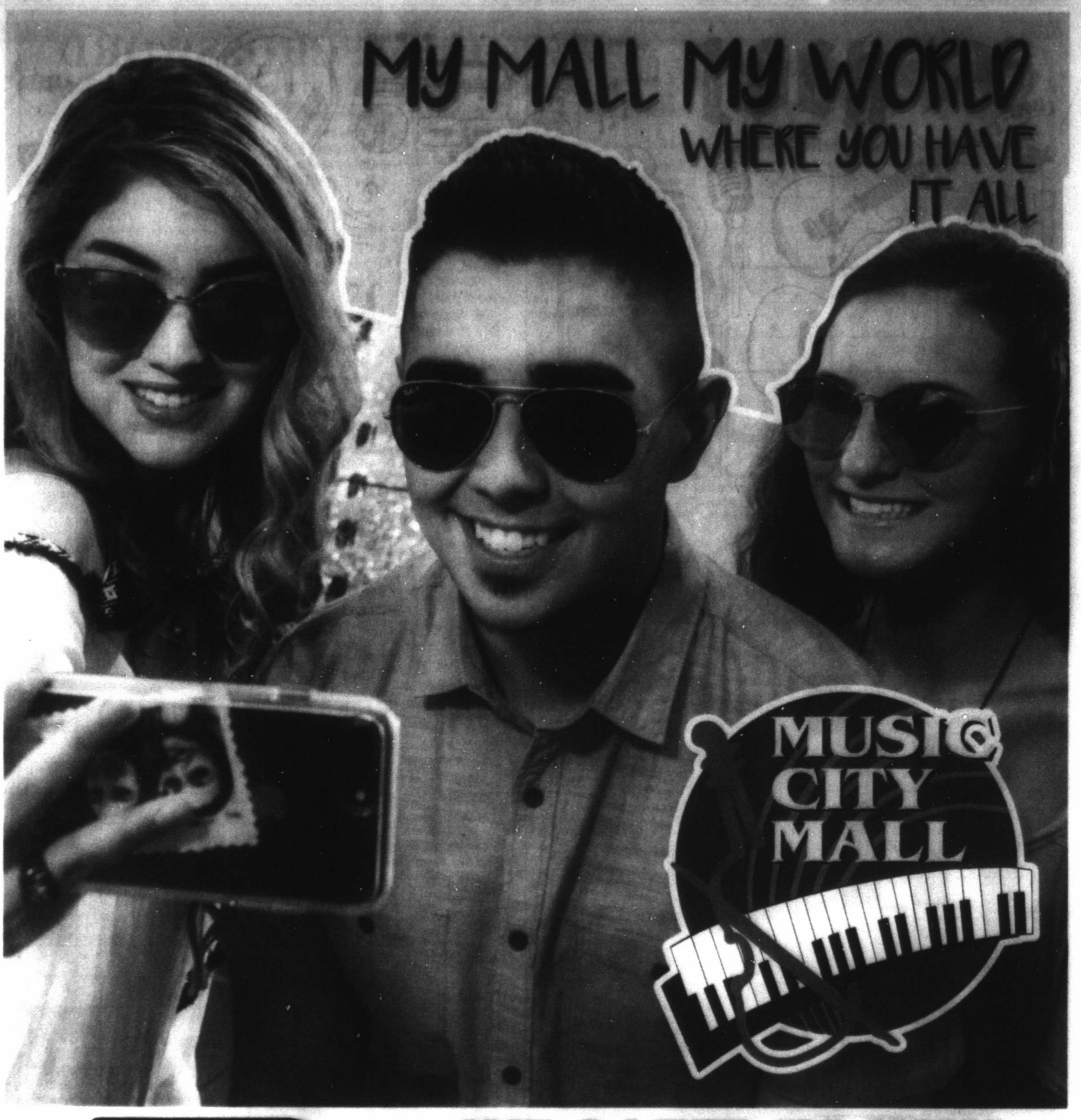

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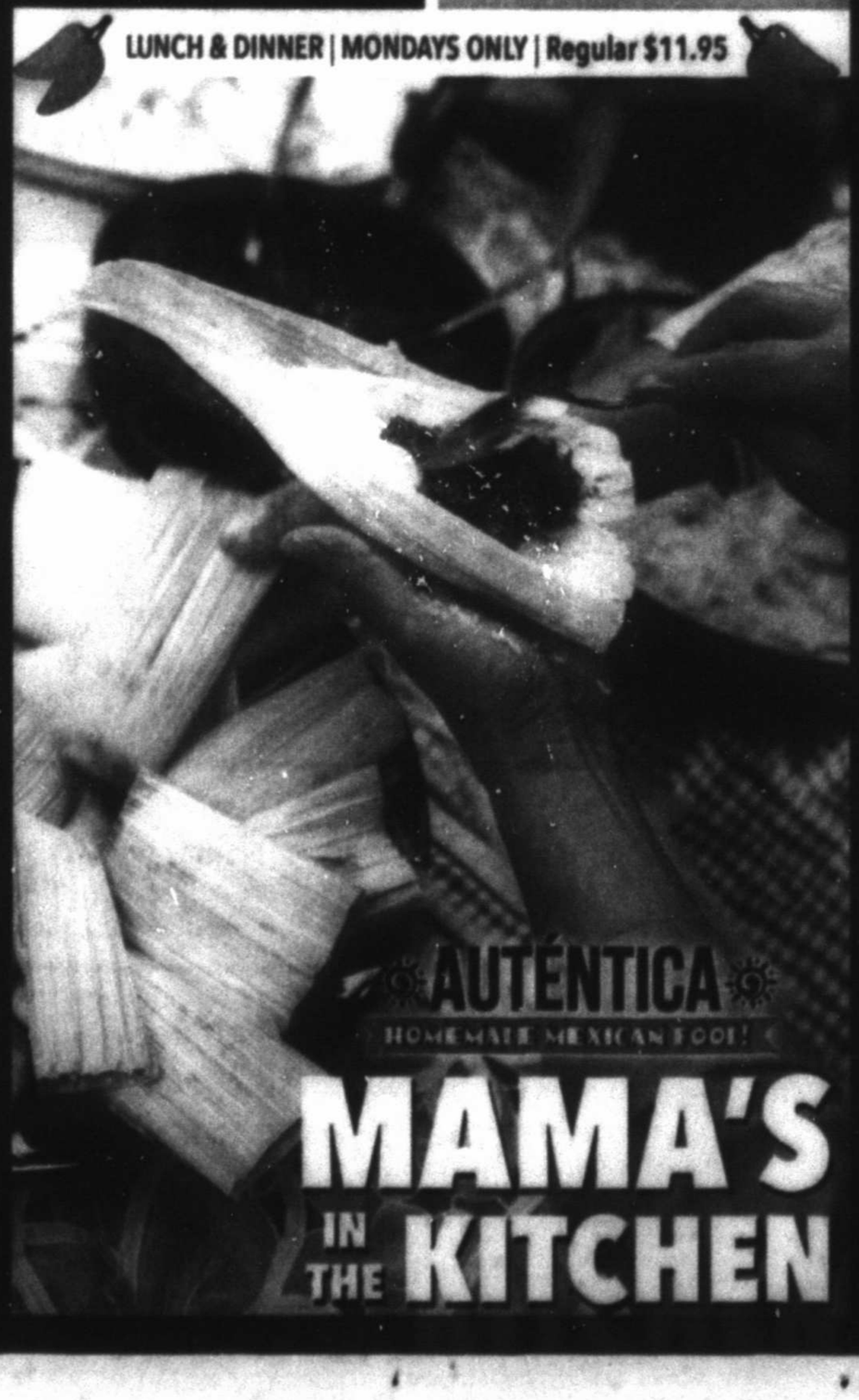

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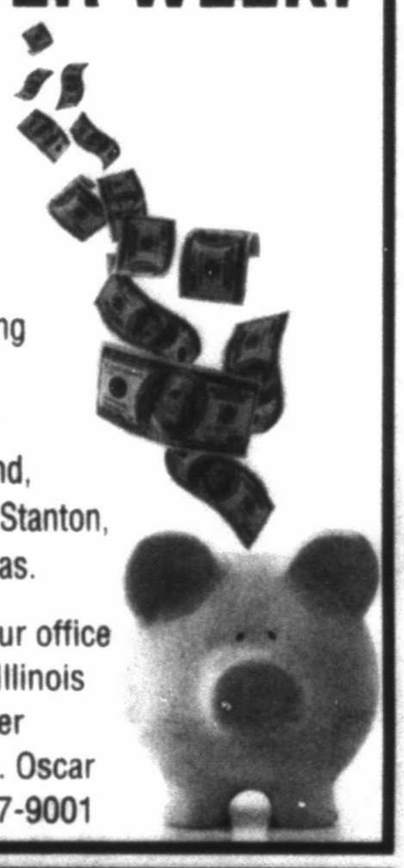

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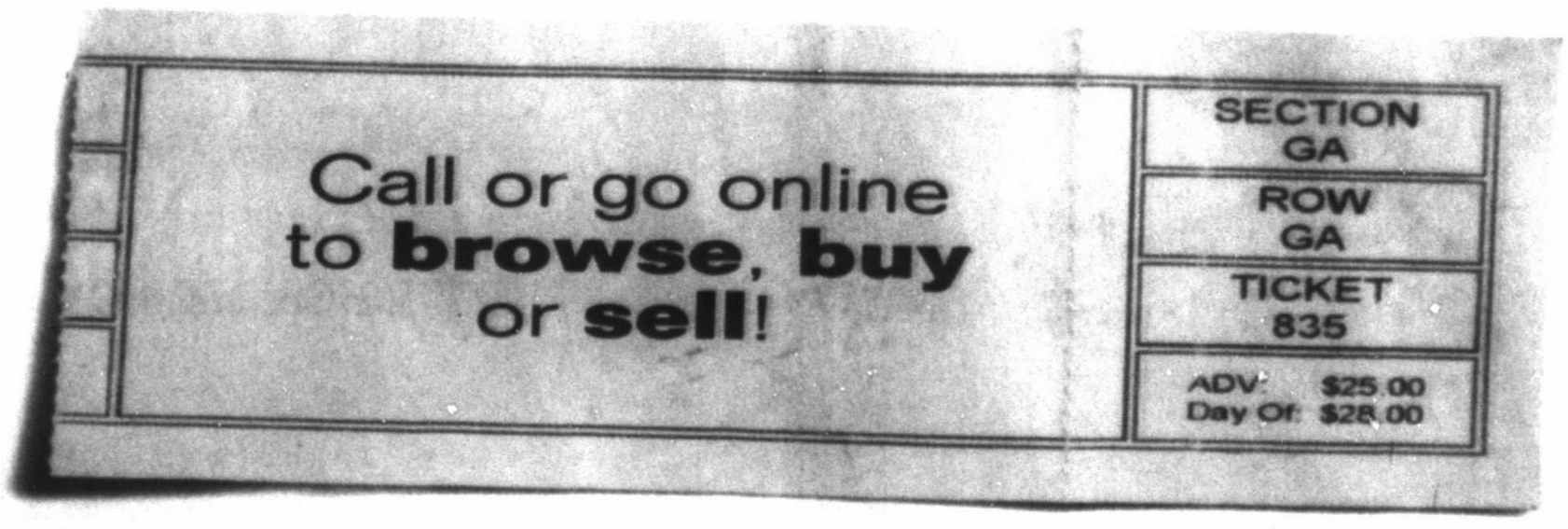

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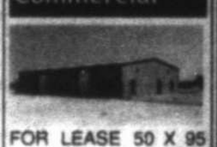

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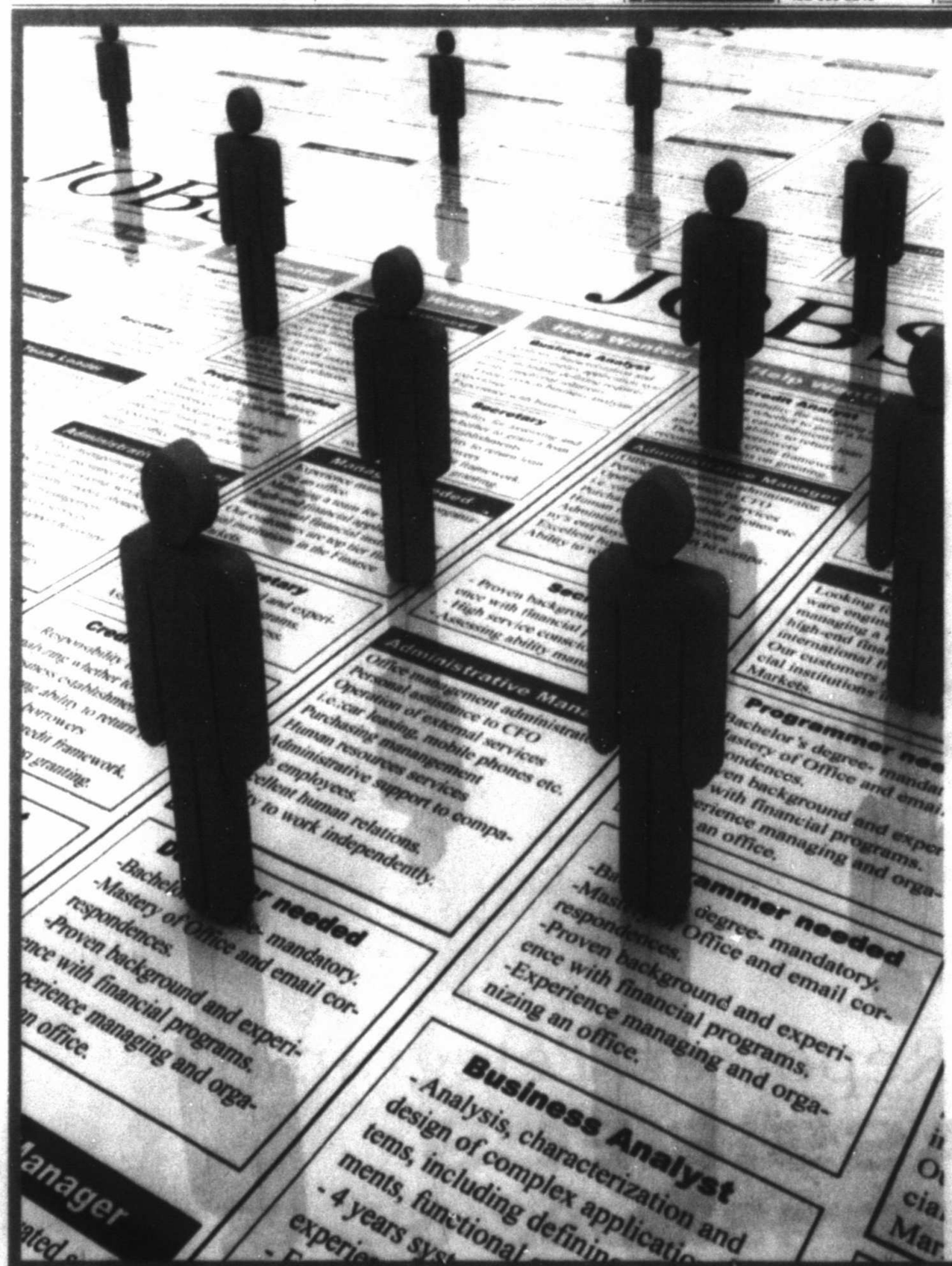

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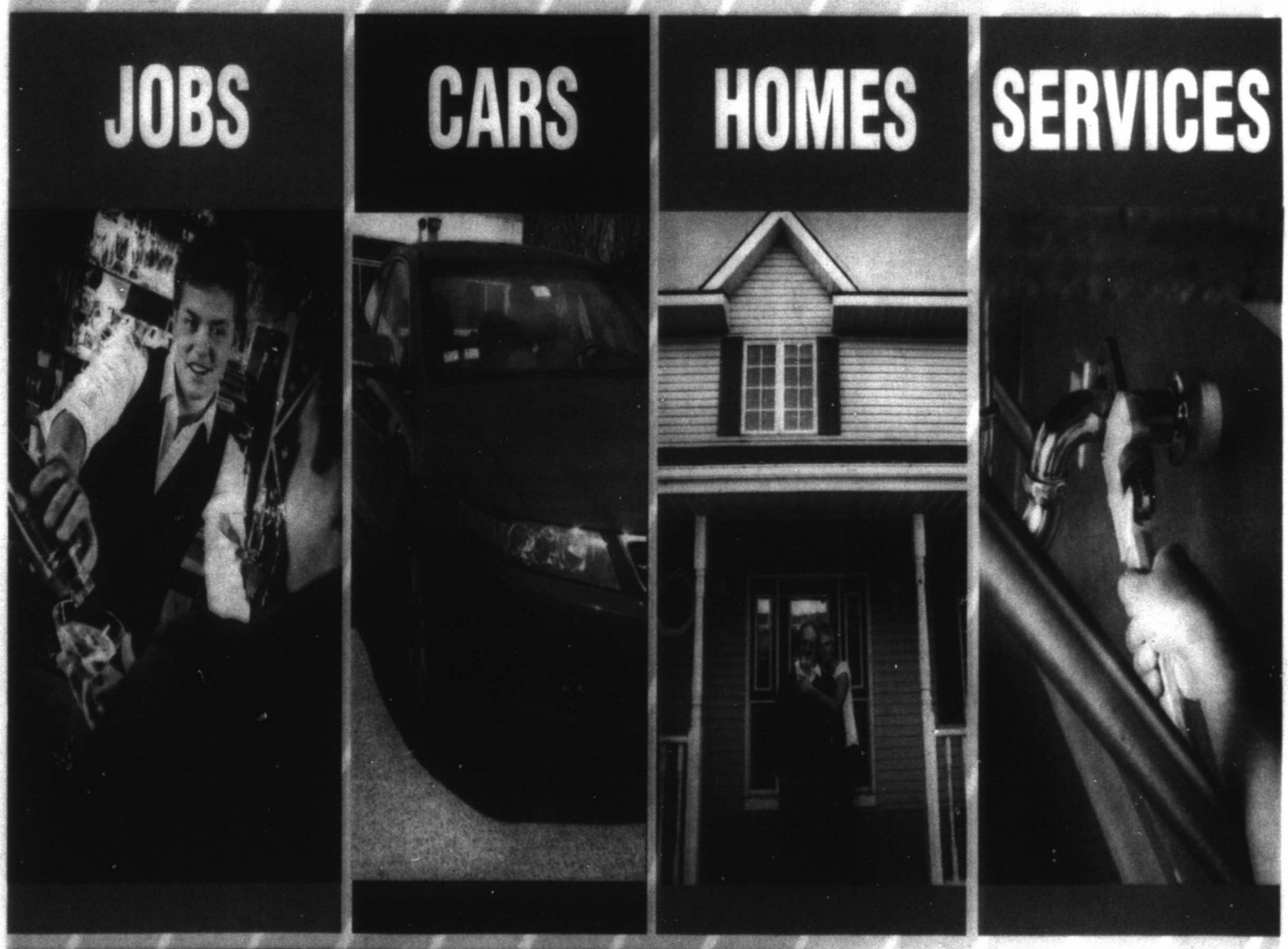

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