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Two crucial goal line stands by the Dallas defense kept the Cowboys in the game but a 49-yard catch and run by DeAndre Hopkins in overtime helped lead Houston to victory.

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China slams brakes on US crude oil imports

By Sheela Tobben
Bloomberg

Even though Beijing hasn't sanctioned American oil imports yet, Chinese buyers aren't taking any chances.

The world's second largest economy halted purchases of U.S. crude in August for the first time since September 2016, according to U.S. Census Bureau data released Friday. In July, Chinese buyers received nearly 12 million barrels of crude from the U.S.

Beijing, once an enthusiastic buyer of U.S. crude after Washington lifted its restrictions on exports in December 2015, has even jockeyed with Canada for the position of top importer at times. Yet, China's interest in American oil has diminished amid the escalating trade spat between the two nations.

In June, Beijing threatened to slap a 25 percent tariff on crude imports in response to U.S. President Donald Trump's $50 billion levy on Chinese imports. China's largest refiner Sinopec then suspended its incoming shipments of U.S. crude, yet eventually resumed some purchases after crude was removed from that list.

The future of American crude shipments into China remains uncertain and there is still no guarantee that threats of a U.S. crude tariff won't resurface as the trade conflict persists. American oil producers, particularly those who operate in the key Permian Basin of West Texas and New Mexico, risk feeling the pain from the ongoing tensions as they increasingly look to foreign shores to market their supplies, as local demand becomes saturated.

IT'S PUMPKIN PICKIN' TIME

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Two-year-old Gunnar pulls a wagon through the pumpkin patch at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Saturday. St. Luke's Pumpkin Patch, 3100 W. Louisiana Ave., began operating Friday. Hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. The patch will be open until Oct. 31 – or until organizers run out of pumpkins, according to St. Luke's United Methodist Church's website. Admission is free. Pumpkins are priced by size and begin at $1. Payment is by cash only. Activities include story time, coloring sheets, picture opportunities.

County to address Horseshoe projects

From staff reports

Midland County commissioners are set to discuss and take action today on projects for the Horseshoe facility, according to a meeting agenda. The county has budgeted $5.7 million in capital spending for the complex this fiscal year.

The county previously spent $45.5 million in Horseshoe capital projects, according to numbers provided to the Reporter-Telegram. That total includes spending for the amphitheater and pavilion as well as construction at the arena, barn and education building.

Commissioners in August unanimously approved additional capital projects as presented for RV parking, arena seating and an event preparation crew house. Other projects — a VIP building and a concession stand — received one opposing vote. Vandergriff Group Architects in its estimate presented a total of nearly $4.9 million for the five projects.

County Judge Mike Bradford told the Reporter-Telegram he would be able to explain the Horseshoe-related costs in more detail today.

Capital projects at the Horseshoe

Construction (arena, barn, education building): $12.8 million
Pavilion: $30.6 million
Amphitheater: $2.0 million
Budgeted spending for next fiscal year: $5.7 million
Total: $51.1 million

Meeting today

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

Trucking company sees impact of wear, tear on area roads

By Mella McEwen
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Permian Basin roads were already supporting tons of trucks ferrying even more tons of oilfield equipment, supplies and personnel. Add in more tankers carrying crude oil and water as operators struggle to cope with pipeline bottlenecks and the result is wear and tear on West Texas infrastructure that is rapidly becoming an economic concern.

"There's been such a huge increase in activity with the interest in the shales and more demand for oilfield services," Ronnie Witherspoon, president and chief executive officer of Aveda Transportation, said in a phone interview.

"Today's infrastructure is not conducive to that activity," he said. "There are millions and millions of pounds of oil, water, sand and iron, everything under the sun."

The stress on the region's roads has companies such as Aveda, which is primarily a rig transport company, scrambling to adapt.

Tom Halliday, Aveda's vice president, operations for the U.S., said the company seeks to schedule the times their loads are moved to less-congested periods. He also said that with trucks increasingly hauling bigger, heavier equipment, those loads are routed around congested areas.

"It costs us time. Scheduling off-peak hours challenges us," Halliday said.

And some of the new routes are gravel roads, he said.

"What should be a short 20- or 30-mile move is now a 120-mile move," Witherspoon said. "That costs time and is more expensive."

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Photo courtesy Aveda

An Aveda Transportation truck is shown in this undated photo. The trucking company is looking to re-route and schedule off-peak driving times so its trucks aren't part of the congestion and pipeline bottlenecks on area roads.

Weather worries

In just the past few months, Midland has not only reached but surpassed its annual rainfall expectations. Check out the totals and find out how much more rainfall we can expect today on Page 4A.

The big number

Comic-book movie "Venom" earned

$80 million

at the box office over the weekend despite tepid reviews. Page 4A

Word of the Day: cursory

Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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20 dead in crash of limo headed to a birthday celebration

By Michael Hill and Bob Salsberg
Associated Press

SCHOHARIE, N.Y. — A limousine carrying four sisters, other relatives and friends to a birthday celebration blew through a stop sign and slammed into a parked SUV outside a store in upstate New York, killing all 18 people in the limo and two pedestrians, officials and victims' relatives said Sunday.

The weekend crash was characterized by authorities as the deadliest U.S. transportation accident in nearly a decade. The crash turned a relaxed Saturday afternoon to horror at a rural spot popular with tourists viewing the region's fall foliage. Relatives said the limousine was carrying the sisters and their friends to a 30th birthday celebration for the youngest.

"They were wonderful girls," said their aunt, Barbara Douglas, speaking with reporters Sunday. "They'd do anything for you and they were very close to each other and they loved their family."

Douglas said three of the sisters were with their husbands and she identified them as Amy and Axel Steenburg, Abigail and Adam Jackson, Mary and Rob Dyson and Allison King.

"They did the responsible thing getting a limo so they wouldn't have to drive anywhere," she said, adding the couples had several children between them who they left at home.

The 2001 Ford Excursion limousine was traveling southwest on Route 30 in Schoharie, about 170 miles (270 kilometers) north of New York City, when it failed to stop at 2 p.m. Saturday at a T-junction with state Route 30A, State Police First Deputy Superintendent Christopher Fiore said at a news conference in Latham, New York.

It went across the road and hit an unoccupied SUV parked at the Apple Barrel Country Store, killing the limousine driver, the 17 passengers, and two people outside the vehicle.

The crash "sounded like an explosion," said Linda Riley, of nearby Schenectady, who was on a shopping trip with her sisters. She had been in another car parked at the store, saw a body on the ground and heard people start screaming.

The store manager, Jessica Kirby, told The New York Times the limo was coming down a hill at "probably over 60 mph." In an email to The Associated Press, she complained that the junction where the crashed occurred is accident-prone.

"We have had 3 tractor trailer type trucks run through the stop through our driveway and into a field behind the business," Kirby wrote. "All of these occurred during business hours and could've killed someone then."

She added that the state Department of Transportation has banned heavy trucks from the intersection but there are constant smaller crashes. "More accidents than I can count."

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating.

"This is one of the biggest losses of life that we've seen in a long, long time," NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt said.

It's the deadliest transportation accident since February 2009, when Colgan Air Flight 3407 crashed in Buffalo, New York, killing 50 people, Sumwalt said.

And it appears to be the deadliest land-vehicle accident since a bus ferrying nursing home patients away from Hurricane Rita caught fire in Texas 2005, killing 23.

At the news conference, Fiore didn't comment on the limo's speed, or whether the limo occupants were wearing seat belts. Authorities didn't release the names of the victims or speculate on what caused the limo to run the stop sign. Autopsies were being conducted.

Speaking through tears on the telephone, Valerie Abeling said her 34-year-old niece Erin Vertucci was among the victims, along with Vertucci's newlywed husband, 30-year-old Shane McGowan.

"She was a beautiful, sweet soul; he was too," Abeling said.

The couple was married in June at a "beautiful wedding" in upstate New York, Abeling said. "They had everything going for them."

Vertucci, who grew up in Amsterdam, New York, was an administrative assistant at St. Mary's Healthcare in Amsterdam, Abeling said.

The vehicle was an aftermarket stretch limousine, according to an official briefed on the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity. The official was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation publicly and thus declined further identification.

Safety issues on such vehicles have arisen before, most notably after a wreck on Long Island in July 2015 in which four women on a winery tour were killed. They were in a Lincoln Town Car that had been cut apart and rebuilt in a stretch configuration to accommodate more passengers. The limousine was trying to make a U-turn and was struck by a pickup.

A grand jury found that vehicles converted into stretch limousines often don't have safety measures including side-impact air bags, reinforced rollover protection bars and accessible emergency exits. That grand jury called on New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo to assemble a task force on limousine safety.

Limousines built in factories are already required to meet stringent safety regulations, but when cars are converted into limos, safety features are sometimes removed, leading to gaps in safety protocols, the grand jury wrote.

On Sunday, New York's senior U.S. Sen., Chuck Schumer, noted he asked NTSB to toughen standards after the 2015 crash. "I commend the NTSB's immediate aid on scene and am very hopeful that we will have concrete answers soon," Schumer said.

Limousine accidents remain rare, according to NTSB data. They accounted for only one death crash out of 34,439 fatal accidents in 2016, the last year for which data is available.

Ana Ramirez/Austin American-Statesman via AP

Mark Walls looks at a cluster of pecans Sept. 26. Walls owns 38 Pecans, which buys pecans from his familiy's orchard and markets them. The orchard has 38 varieties of pecans that are grown on 300 acres in Seguin.

Texas pecan growers monitor tariffs, markets during harvest

By Bob Sechler
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Texas pecan growers are about to find out what the front line of an international trade war is like.

The Austin American-Statesman reports the 2018 harvest is gearing up amid widespread anxiety over the price of the official Texas state nut. China — the top buyer of U.S. pecans — slapped a 47 percent tariff on them this summer as part of its broad effort to fight back against what it views as the Trump administration's hardball "America First" trade policies.

Federal assistance available for pecan growers and other farmers hurt by China's various retaliatory tariffs, despite being limited, could mitigate the blow, as could an unrelated two-year-old effort by the U.S. pecan industry to better market the nut's health attributes and to increase pecan consumption overall.

But with demand from the industry's top buyer likely reduced because of the Chinese tariffs, pecan prices are poised to fall nonetheless as growers start bringing in what's widely expected to be a big harvest in 2018.

The price earned by growers for a pound of cultivated U.S. pecans sold in the shell has fluctuated over the years but averaged $2.40 in 2017, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That compares to $1.23 a pound a decade earlier, when China was beginning to purchase large quantities of the crop. Texas growers harvested $85 million worth of pecans in 2017, making it the No. 3 state for pecan production behind only Georgia and New Mexico.

"I support (President Trump), but it's tough we're taking such a big hit" in the form of the retaliatory tariffs, said Mark Walls, who owns 38 Pecans in Austin, a wholesaler and retailer of pecans harvested from his family's orchards near Seguin. "There's nothing (the industry) can do about it. Quickly find new buyers? That's not going to happen — and it's going to be years until we realize what the benefit (of the trade war) is going to be."

China's appetite for U.S. pecans has soared because the nuts — served roasted in the shell and often flavored — have become popular across the country as a delicacy during festivities surrounding Chinese New Year. Nearly 30 percent of the U.S. pecan crop was exported to China last year, compared to about 1 percent in 2005, according to Daniel Zedan, an industry expert and an executive at Navarro Pecan Co. in Corsicana and Nature's Finest Foods in Illinois.

The likelihood now is that Chinese buyers will shift purchases to the U.S. industry's main international competitors — Mexico and South Africa, both of which have been ratcheting up harvests in recent years — because of the steep increase in China's U.S. import tariff. Last fall, China had a 10 percent import tariff on U.S. pecans, but it lowered the figure to 7 percent at the beginning of 2018 before cranking it up over the summer as part of its retaliatory arsenal.

"Unless the tariff changes, I don't see how a Chinese buyer could source from the U.S.," said Drew Haas, director of international business at San Saba Pecan. "It seems like a nonviable option from a price standpoint."

The demand from China has predominantly been for whole pecans, so prices for this year's U.S. crop aren't expected to become clear for a few weeks as the harvest progresses.

But Haas noted that the price of pecan "kernels" — meaning halves and pieces from previous crops, which are popular in the U.S. as snacks and recipe ingredients — already has dipped by about 12 percent since earlier in the year, a trend he attributed partly to concerns about the downward pull of the Chinese tariffs and the potential for a pecan glut overall.

"It's in anticipation of there being a lower price for the new crop, and also just (lower) demand and a lot of product," said Haas, whose company shells and processes pecans for a variety of wholesale and retail purposes and also sells some in the shell.

In an indication of the degree to which the issue has rattled Texas growers, pecans briefly became a topic during the initial U.S. Senate debate on Sept. 21 between Republican incumbent Ted Cruz and Democratic challenger Beto O'Rourke.

O'Rourke — who is from El Paso, one of the state's top pecan-growing regions — cited the increase in China's pecan tariffs while criticizing the Trump administration's trade policies. He said he'd been speaking to a West Texas pecan grower who told him "no one is buying his pecans around the world right now," and that he fears international buyers "will find other countries from whom to buy (and) his farm will no longer be sustainable anymore."

Cruz, in his response, didn't mention China's measures to retaliate against the Trump administration's trade policies, but he said he supports free trade overall and noted that he has worked to try to lower a longstanding, 36 percent import tariff that India has on U.S. pecans.

Many U.S. growers may view such political wrangling as cold comfort as they begin their 2018 harvests while facing a probable drop in what has been voracious demand from China.

But Zedan, of Navarro Pecan, is taking a long-range view of the issue, saying he considers it an opportunity for the industry to seek out new markets. Navarro is a pecan sheller, meaning it buys whole nuts from growers and processes them, mostly to sell as food ingredients.

"Is there going to be hurt this year (for growers)? There is no doubt," Zedan said. But "all the tariffs did was focus our industry on how we do business — too much of our (industry) was focused on one customer."

Even before the retaliatory tariffs, he said, Mexico and South Africa were capturing increasing shares of the Chinese market. The American Pecan Council — a cooperative effort among growers and shellers created in 2016 to establish a unified marketing message — can play a key role in developing new demand for U.S. pecans, both domestically and internationally, he said.

"U.S. growers will have to re-strategize how they market crops, and we'll all have to take a closer look at where to expand consumption, even here in the U.S.," Zedan said.

Dan Berdoll, a pecan grower near Bastrop, agreed that the pecan council's effort eventually will be good for the industry, but said he expects it to be several years before it gains traction and moves the needle on sales significantly.

For the time being, he's bracing for a possible financial hit from China's retaliatory tariffs. But he said Trump is doing what needs to be done to defend U.S. economic interests, so he isn't complaining.

"Even if it is costing me money now," Berdoll said, "in the long run I support it."

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AUSTIN

Appeals court puts execution on hold

Texas' highest criminal appeals court has put on hold an execution that was scheduled for this week.

Juan Segundo was set to be executed Wednesday for the rape and slaying of 11-year-old Vanessa Villa. He was arrested nearly 19 years after the 1986 crime when a DNA match tied him to the cold case slaying in Fort Worth.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Friday ordered that his execution be put on hold in light of a 2017 U.S. Supreme Court decision that invalidated the state's method of discerning intellectual disability. Attorneys for Segundo have argued that he's intellectually disabled and therefore ineligible for execution.

Segundo's attorneys also say the trial judge incorrectly allowed evidence on other offenses.

Ten inmates have been put to death in Texas so far this year.

TRUCKS

From 1A

Halliday said those expenses often have to be passed onto the customer. He said the company gets some pushback over the increased expenses, but many customers are understanding of the challenges Aveda faces.

"As a company, we've brought in additional crew vans to minimize the number of trucks on the road. We bus employees and we've centralized them in two camps, in Midland and in Pecos," Witherspoon said.

Aveda has also increased the number of owner-operator truck drivers it uses in order to reduce its dependence on third-party drivers, he said. That will help establish what he described as a homogenous set of standards. Aveda also has an extensive training program that all drivers attend.

The company was just acquired by Daseke Inc., North America's largest flatbed, specialized transportation and logistics solutions company.

Witherspoon said that has allowed Aveda to significantly increase its benefits, which he expects will positively impact the company's retention and recruitment efforts as well as employee safety.

The situation has become so dire some roads have become known as "death highway." Witherspoon said that designation currently goes to Highway 285 between Pecos and Carlsbad, New Mexico. A few years ago, said Halliday, that designation could have been given to Highway 302 between Midland and Mentone, which "was as bad if not worse."

The good news is that there are "much-needed plans in place to address the challenges," even though the construction period will temporarily cause more delays, Witherspoon said.

"As a company, we're pleased to see the issue being taken seriously. As the Department of Transportation explains its plans for the future, that's encouraging. But it seems a long way away. It can't get here soon enough," said Witherspoon.

Obituaries

Death Notices

Thelma Louise Traweek

Thelma Louise Traweek 88, of Midland, Texas passed away October 3rd, 2018. A privet burial will be held for the family. Flower offerings can be sent to Ellis Funeral Home. Services entrusted to Ellis Funeral Home.

NM Indian center offers empty lot for tiny homes for homeless

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — An Albuquerque nonprofit that serves Native Americans offered an empty lot on its property for Bernalillo County to build its planned village of "tiny homes" for the homeless.

Officials have struggled to find a location for the project until hearing from the Albuquerque Indian Center, the Albuquerque Journal reported. District 1 County Commissioner Debbie O'Malley confirmed last week that the center has reached out to offer the vacant lot behind its building for the village of up to 30 tiny homes.

"We went to go see it and talked with them and thought this would be a very good fit," O'Malley said. "It's a weeded lot and idle space, so it's not being used to its full potential. This would be a vast improvement for the area."

The county received $2 million for the project from a voter-approved general obligation bond, but building at the Albuquerque Indian Center can save money, O'Malley said.

Instead of having to buy land, the Albuquerque Indian Center will offer a long-term lease and be contracted to provide management and operations services. The project could save on infrastructure because the property already has water, sewer and other utilities.

The Albuquerque Indian Center has bathrooms and a commercial kitchen that serves breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday to about 200 people. It also offers mail collection for clients, employment assistance, and behavioral health, DWI and substance abuse counseling, center executive director Mary Garcia said.

The center also owns a small building across the street from its main site that could be used to help teach skills and provide a revenue stream for the village, Garcia said.

The majority of the center's clients are Native American, but not exclusively.

Homeless adults selected to get a tiny home "have to be in some kind of program" and heading toward self-sufficiency to qualify for the temporary housing, Garcia said.

The center's property is zoned for high-density residential usage, such as apartment buildings. Because the design of the tiny homes has them constructed on a chassis with wheels, the property will have to be rezoned for setting up recreational vehicles, O'Malley said.

City Councilman Pat Davis, who represents the area where the center is located, has submitted paperwork for that zoning change, Garcia said. The city has to sign off on zoning changes, while the county has to approve the lease and a contract with the center for management and operations, O'Malley said.

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WORD OF THE DAY
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cursory
[kur-suh-ree]
adjective
1. going rapidly over something, without noticing details; hasty, superficial.

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Things to do

■ STEAM Sprouts is a six-weeks hands-on, interactive program for children 4 and 5, 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 West. $80 members, $100 non-members. Pbpetro.org.

■ Cyber Insecurity: Help Keep Your Organization Safe with John Ansbach, vice president of engagement management at Stroz Friedberg's. Hosted by the Nonprofit Management Center, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., ATMOS Energy Community Room, 2304 Loop 40. $35-$45. nmc-pb.org.

■ All Day Skate, noon-5 p.m., KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 Andrews Highway. $6 admission, $1-$5 for rentals. kcsnuttyroller.com.

■ BYOB: Bring Your Own Baby Book Club, 4 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. tinyurl.com/mcplbyob.

■ Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation will show how volunteers can work with animals and the staff of Midland Humane Coalition. Must be 18 or older, 6-9 p.m., MHC, 4206 W. Loop 250 N (inside PetSmart). midlandhumane.org.

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

■ Open Shop Nights are hosted by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society and open to the public, 6:30-9 p.m., 602 S. Main St. midlandgemandmineral.org.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ The Malpass Brothers, 7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35. liveonstage-pb.com.

■ Annual Beer Dinner, 7-10 p.m., Garlic Press, 2200 W. Wadley Ave. $90. thegarlicpress.net.

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

Coming Tuesday

■ Emmylou Harris, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free. midland.edu.

■ Bob Dylan and His Band, 8 p.m., #Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $57-$127. wagnernoel.com.

Meetings today

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

Greenwood ISD
7:30 p.m. Distance Learning Center, Greenwood High School
2700 Farm-to-Market Road 1379

Blessing the beasts

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The Rev. Nancy Springer pets a dog during a blessing of the animals service Saturday at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters has a candidate forum planned for Oct. 15 for people running for Midland ISD and Midland City Council positions.

The forum is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Carrasco Room at Midland College.

Also, Tuesday is the last day to register in order to be eligible to vote in the Nov. 6 election. The League of Women Voters will be at the Elections Office from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. that day to register voters.

Happy Columbus Day

Columbus Day, which is on the second Monday of October, remembers Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Today in history

Today is Monday, Oct. 8, the 281st day of 2018. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Oct. 8, 1998, the House triggered an open-ended impeachment inquiry against President Bill Clinton in a momentous 258-176 vote; 31 Democrats joined majority Republicans in opening the way for nationally televised impeachment hearings.

On this date:

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5, 2-0.

In 1981, President Reagan greeted former Presidents Carter, Ford and Nixon, who were preparing to travel to Egypt for the funeral of Anwar Sadat.

In 2005, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake flattened villages on the Pakistan-India border, killing an estimated 86,000 people.

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Weather

Sunday's temperatures
High 80
Low 67
Normal high 81
Low 55

Oct. 7 records
High: 99 in 1979
Low: 38 in 1976 and 2000

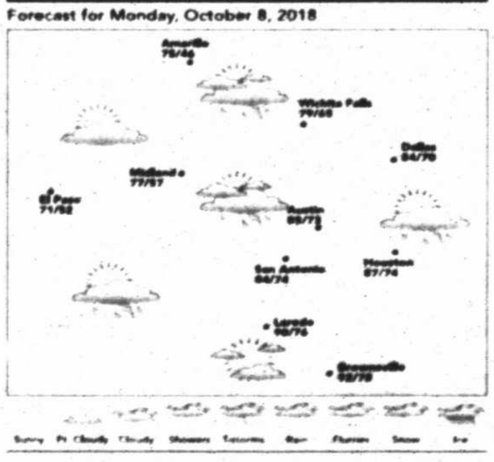
Precipitation
Saturday ..... 0.89 inch
Sunday ..... 0.01 inch
Month ..... 1.58 inches
This year ..... 12.77 inches
Normal ..... 12.04 inches

Winds
Average speed ..... 18.0 mph
Highest sustained ..... 30 mph
Highest gust ..... 38 mph

Today's forecast
High: 78
Low: 56
Conditions: Mostly cloudy during the day and night. Winds 15-20 mph (gusts up to 25 mph) during the day/10-15 mph at night.
Rain: 60 percent during the day/80 percent at night
Sunrise: 7:47 a.m.
Sunset: 7:25 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, October 8, 2018



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 and Moon in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Oct. 8, 2018: This year, you don't hesitate to use your charm, charisma and intelligence to achieve your goals. It might be important to know your long-term objectives. If you are single, meeting desirable potential partners will not be an issue, but sorting through them could be. You know what you want, so try to choose someone who also has desires similar to yours. If you are attached, your sweetie will feel very close to you. Plan a much-desired trip for the two of you. A fellow LIBRA knows how to bring out your saucier side.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could feel as if someone is ruining on your parade. This person might be more vital to your well-being than you realize. Mobilize your energy behind a key objective. Share your thoughts with others, and you will like the response you receive. **Tonight:** Time for teamwork.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Pace yourself, and honor your energy levels. News from a distance might be slow to come in or might not be to your liking. Understand what your expectations are, and ask yourself if they are reasonable. Make decisions accordingly. **Tonight:** If you're tired, make it an early bedtime.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be unusually creative and dynamic. Even so, you might feel limited by an associate or partner. You will do your best to attempt to bypass this person. Reach out to someone at a distance who can shed light on your situation. **Tonight:** So what if it is Monday?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ You could feel frustrated by a key person in your life. Like it or not, this person often blocks you. Be more direct in how you deal with this person. You do need to accept the status quo. Make it OK to branch out and be spontaneous. Opt for adventure. **Tonight:** Be amenable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Lengthy chats, laughter and a general enjoyment of each other are trademarks of your interactions. Make an effort to get together more often. You might be surprised by the response you get. **Tonight:** Clear up a problem before heading out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Think about the costs of proceeding as you have been. You would be wise to step on the brakes and rein in your spending. Speak with someone you trust, as he or she could share some important insights. Do not automatically negate what you hear. **Tonight:** As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You are extra charming right now. People come toward you because they like your perspective and energy. Know that nearly anything you say will be accepted at the present moment. You need to deal with someone who does a lot of nayswying. **Tonight:** Out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Know when to keep information to yourself, even if it's just for the time being. You might not have all of the facts, or perhaps mulling over what you've heard reveals new insights. You need to process what you are hearing. Try to avoid negative people. **Tonight:** Fun and games.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You can have what you want, but know that achieving this goal could be a struggle. Trust a group of supporters, and let them play devil's advocate. You will gain through this process. An associate seeks you out; don't think you can avoid him or her. **Tonight:** Hang out with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Your take-charge attitude might not be to your liking at the moment, yet it could be needed. Others count on your leadership. If you can charm them into thinking like you do, all the better. A new beginning becomes possible. **Tonight:** You're a force to be dealt with, wherever you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take the high road, and know that others will appreciate your attitude. Ultimately, you will feel more comfortable that way. You can make a difference where it counts. Your nonjudgmental perspective will get through to others. **Tonight:** Relax by watching a favorite TV series.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will feel much better than you have in quite a while. Loosen up and enjoy yourself. Don't let someone else interfere in a situation. No one can represent your interests better than you can, especially with a close associate. Trust yourself. **Tonight:** Chat over dinner for two.

BORN TODAY
Actor Matt Damon (1970), singer/songwriter Bruno Mars (1985).

Weather worries

From drought to drenched

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

A car ended up in Scharbauer Draw on Saturday morning following an accident late Friday or early Saturday morning near the intersection of Scharbauer and D Street. Yellow caution tape on the wipers indicates the vehicle has been checked by police and rescuers.

A once dry Midland is now saturated.

The National Weather Service reports that during the first five months of the year, only 0.84 of an inch of precipitation fell at Midland International. Oh, how that changed.

From June 1 through Sunday afternoon, 11.92 inches of rain has fallen at Midland International. That is more than 4 inches above normal. In fact, so much rain has fallen that the 12.76 inches for the entire year is more than the average through Oct. 7 (12.04 inches). Considering the start of the year was one of the driest in the city's history, that speaks volumes to the change in weather over the last five months.

Today, the NWS is calling for more storms. There is a 60-80 percent chance of rain today and tonight. New rainfall amounts up to a half-inch are possible.

Rainfall since June 1

June	2.56 inches
July	1.86 inches
August	3.24 inches
September	2.69 inches
October	1.57 inches (through 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 7)
Total	11.92 inches
Normal	7.81 inches

'Venom' sets October record with $80M; 'Star Is Born' soars

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a weekend of perfect counterprogramming for Hollywood, the comic-book movie "Venom" shrugged off bad reviews to shatter the October box-office record with an $80 million debut, while Bradley Cooper's "A Star Is Born" soared to $41.3 million.

With $174.5 million in tickets sold at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore, it was easily the best October weekend ever thanks to two very different films that both outperformed expectations.

"Venom" came in a critically panned, much-doubted foray by Sony Pictures to kick-start a Marvel expansion away from "Spider-Man." Warner Bros.' "A Star Is Born" remake rode a wave of hype, Oscar buzz and acclaim for Cooper's directorial debut and Lady Gaga's first leading performance.

One was a very iffy proposition, the other a sure thing. Both worked big time.

"We knew we had a hit," said Warner Bros. distribution chief Jeffrey Goldstein of "A Star Is Born." "We also knew that every time people saw the movie, they felt it, they cried, they loved it. People just like the movie."

That was more in question for director Ruben Fleischer's "Venom," starring Tom Hardy as the antihero who first appeared in 2007's "Spider-Man 3." The film earned a dismal 32 percent "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes. In "Venom," many expected another studio misfire with "cinematic universe" ambitions.

Yet audiences flocked to "Venom" in record numbers, giving it a B-plus CinemaScore. The previous best October opening was 2013's "Gravity" with $55.7 million (not adjusted for inflation). Adrian Smith, president of domestic distribution for Sony, said that even though the studio was confident, "I did not see $80 million coming."

The most telling number that explained the film's success, Smith said, was the 89 percent "fresh" audience score on Rotten Tomatoes. "Venom," which cost about $100 million to make (relatively modest for a superhero film), grossed a total of $205.2 million globally.

Steven O'Dell, Sony's president of international distribution, said the studio wanted to carve out a new approach for the comic-book adaptation with the PG-13-rated "Venom."

"This is not a Marvel style; it's not DC," O'Dell said. "Tonally, it's its own unique direction."

Kavanaugh fight raises stakes for midterms

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

■ Analysis

WASHINGTON — The bitter battle over Brett Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court has exacerbated the nation's political divide and left many Americans emotionally raw. It's also given new definition to the high stakes of November's election.

Until now, the fight for control of Congress has largely been viewed as a referendum on President Donald Trump's first two years in office. But the turmoil surrounding Kavanaugh has transformed the midterms into something bigger than Trump, with implications that could endure long after his presidency.

The election is suddenly layered with charged cultural questions about the scarcity of women in political power, the handling of sexual assault allegations, and shifting power dynamics that have left some white men uneasy about their place in American life.

Both parties contend the new contours of the race will energize their supporters in the election's final stretch. Both may be right.

Republicans, however, may benefit most in the short term. Until now, party leaders, Trump included, have struggled to rev up GOP voters, even with a strong economy to campaign on. The president's middling job approval rating and independent voters' disdain for his constant personal attacks have been a drag on GOP candidates, particularly in the more moderate suburban districts that will determine control of the House.

But Republican operatives say internal polling now shows Kavanaugh's acrimonious confirmation has given the party a much-needed boost, with GOP voters viewing Democrats as overzealous partisans following the public testimony by Kavanaugh and Christine Blasey Ford, who accused the judge of trying to rape her while they were both in high school. Ford said she was "100 percent" certain that Kavanaugh was her attacker; Kavanaugh steadfastly denied her allegations.

The Democrats' "strategy to capitalize on the 'Me Too' movement for the political purposes backfired on them," Republican strategist Alice Stewart said. "The fact that they were willing to use Dr. Ford's story that was uncorroborated to launch character assassinations on Judge Kavanaugh did not sit well with voters. A lot of people looked at this as a bridge too far."

The surge in GOP enthusiasm could recalibrate a political landscape that was tilting toward Democrats throughout the summer. Though Democrats still maintain an advantage in competitive House races, the past two weeks appear to have shifted momentum in the fight for the Senate majority back to the GOP.

In North Dakota, Republican Rep. Kevin Cramer has pulled comfortably ahead of Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, who voted "no" on Kavanaugh. GOP operatives say they're also seeing renewed Republican interest in states such as Wisconsin, where Democratic candidates for both Senate and governor have been polling strong.

"It's turned our base on fire," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Saturday, moments after the Senate confirmed Kavanaugh.

To be sure, some tightening in the race was likely inevitable this fall. Wavering voters often move back toward their party's candidates as Election Day nears, and most of the competitive Senate races are in states that voted for Trump by a significant margin.

With just over four weeks until Election Day, there is still time for the dynamics to shift again. And the political headwinds from the Kavanaugh confirmation are unlikely to blow in just one direction.

To Democrats, Kavanaugh's ascent to the Supreme Court in spite of decades-old sexual misconduct allegations will only deepen the party's pull with female voters, including independents and moderates who may have previously voted for Republicans. Democrats point to the flood of women who have spoken out about their own assaults following Ford's testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Party operatives also believe the optics of the all-male GOP panel that presided over the hearing struck a chord with female voters.

"Kavanaugh's confirmation will leave a lot of outraged and energized women in its wake," said Geoff Garin, a Democratic pollster.

Democrats argue that some of the same tactics that have helped energize Republican voters also motivate their base, particularly Trump's attacks on Ford. During a campaign rally in Mississippi, the president mocked Ford for not remembering key details of the alleged attack, including the date and location of the party she says she and Kavanaugh attended 36 years ago.

"You've seen some shifts, but I still think that we're in a strong place," said New Mexico Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, who heads the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. "I still think that it gives us a lot of enthusiasm on our side because there are a lot of people out there that are really upset, not just with the testimony that came from Judge Kavanaugh but the way the president was even mocking (Ford) days ago."

Trump remains the fall campaign's biggest wild card. White House advisers and Republican senators are encouraging him to keep Kavanaugh in the spotlight in the campaign's final weeks. But they're well aware that the president often struggles to stay on message and can quickly overshadow his political victories with new controversies.

Given that, Stewart said Republicans can't assume that this burst of momentum will sustain itself through Election Day.

"The question is whether this is the October surprise or the calm before the storm," Stewart said.

Supreme Court moves right, but how far, how fast?

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The moment conservatives have dreamed about for decades has arrived with Brett Kavanaugh joining the Supreme Court. But with it comes the shadow of a bitter confirmation fight that is likely to hang over the court as it takes on divisive issues, especially those dealing with politics and women's rights.

With Kavanaugh taking the place of the more moderate Anthony Kennedy, conservatives should have a working majority of five justices to restrict abortion rights, limit the use of race in college admissions and rein in federal regulators.

The newly constituted court also might broaden gun rights, further relax campaign finance laws and halt the expansion of the rights of LGBT people, who three years ago won the right to marry nationwide with Kennedy in the majority.

Yet Kavanaugh may have a hard time putting behind him the tumultuous confirmation process, which ended with the Senate voting 50-48 to confirm him Saturday, the narrowest margin of victory for a Supreme Court nominee in 137 years.

"In the public mind, there will always be this dark cloud hanging over the court, even if Kavanaugh is eventually embraced by all his colleagues on the court," said Elizabeth Wydra, president of the liberal Constitutional Accountability Center.

That cloud stems from allegations of sexual assault and other inappropriate behavior by Kavanaugh while he was in high school and college, along with his politically charged testimony that labeled the look into his past a political hit job by Democrats.

Kavanaugh has forcefully denied any inappropriate behavior with women. He also acknowledged in a Wall Street Journal column that some of his testimony went too far, but did not apologize for anything he said.

The bitter partisan fight over the confirmation could continue in another form if Democrats take control of the House after the November elections. Key House Democrats have said they would investigate Kavanaugh.

In the meantime, the focus will be on the court's new majority's willingness to take on controversial issues.

A potential early test is two cases involving state efforts to strip public money from Planned Parenthood. The justices are considering appeals from Kansas and Louisiana. Lower courts have blocked the states from going forward. The court could announce Tuesday that it has rejected the appeals, if the justices voted that way in their private conference Friday. But they also could defer action to allow Kavanaugh to weigh in.

It is far from certain that the court will move precipitously on this or any high-profile issue. "It's not going to be lost on anyone on the court that everybody is going to be watching the new court to see which issues they engage in," said Paul Clement, solicitor general under President George W. Bush.

The justices could look for cases that are more likely to produce consensus, including those about privacy protections in the digital age, Clement said.

Some contentious issues, though, will be harder to avoid because federal law compels the court's involvement. In coming months, the issue of drawing political districts for partisan advantage will return to the court in a case from North Carolina.

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Strong aftershock rattles Haiti day after deadly quake

Associated Press

PORT-DE-PAIX, Haiti — Survivors sifting through the rubble of their earthquake-toppled cinderblock homes in Haiti on Sunday were rattled by a magnitude 5.2 aftershock that caused panic and threatened to raise the death toll even further from 12.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the epicenter of the aftershock was located 9.8 miles north-northwest of Port-de-Paix, the city hard hit by Saturday night's 5.9 magnitude earthquake. Sunday's aftershock had a depth of 10 kilometers.

"It was an aftershock. It was at the same location," said Paul Caruso, a geophysicist with the USGS. "This is the first significant aftershock."

The tremors caused panic on streets where emergency teams were providing relief to victims of Saturday's quake, which toppled cinderblock homes and rickety buildings in several cities.

Haiti's civil protection agency said at least seven people died in the coastal city of Port-de-Paix and three people died in the nearby community of Gros-Morne in Artibonite province. Among the dead from Saturday night's quake were a 5-year-old boy crushed by his collapsing house and a man killed in a falling auditorium.

A total of at least 12 people were killed in the quake, Interior Minister Fednel Monchery told radio station MAGK9. Authorities said 188 people were injured.

"I feel like my life is not safe here," said nun Maryse Alsaint, director of the San Gabriel National School in Gros-Morne, where several classrooms were severely damaged.

She said that about 500 students would not be able to return to school today.

The prison and police station in Port-de-Paix were damaged, leading some inmates to try to escape. Police were using tear gas to contain prisoners inside the lockup. There was no word if any inmates had escaped.

The USGS said Saturday's quake was centered 12 miles (19 kilometers) northwest of Port-de-Paix, which is about 136 miles (219 kilometers) from the capital of Port-au-Prince.

It was felt lightly in the capital, as well as in the neighboring Dominican Republic and in eastern Cuba, where no damage was reported.

In Haiti, officials have struggled to shore up buildings despite the two major fault lines along Hispaniola, which is the island shared with the Dominican Republic. Deep poverty and government instability have also rendered weaker homes and structures particularly vulnerable in earthquakes.

Rescue workers in Haiti said they were not looking for any more victims.

Indonesian officials fear 5,000 missing

Associated Press

PALU, Indonesia — Christians dressed in their tidiest clothes flocked to Sunday sermons in the earthquake and tsunami damaged Indonesian city of Palu, seeking answers as the death toll from the twin disasters breached 1,700 and officials said they feared more than 5,000 others could be missing.

Indonesia's disaster agency said the number of dead had climbed to 1,763, mostly in Palu. Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said many more people could be buried, especially in the Palu neighborhoods of Petobo and Balaroa, where more than 3,000 homes were damaged or sucked into deep mud when the Sept. 28 quake caused loose soil to liquefy.

"Based on reports from village chiefs in Balaroa and Petobo, some 5,000 people have not been found. Our workers on the ground are trying to confirm this," he said at a news briefing in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital.

Nugroho said that efforts to retrieve decomposed bodies in deep, soft mud were getting tougher and that some people may have fled or been rescued and evacuated. More than 8,000 either injured or vulnerable residents have been flown or shipped out of Palu, while others could have left by land, he said.

Officially, Nugroho said only 265 people are confirmed missing and 152 others still buried under mud and rubble, nine days after the magnitude 7.5 earthquake and powerful tsunami hit Palu and surrounding areas.

The government targets to end search operations by Thursday, nearly two weeks after the disaster, at which time those unaccounted for will be declared missing and considered dead, Nugroho said.

In Palu on Sunday, at least 200 people, including soldiers, filled the gray pews of the Protestant Manunggal church for a service.

They sang as a young girl in a black and white dress with a red bow danced in the aisle, prayed and listened to a 30-minute sermon from the pastor, Lucky Malonda. A woman in the front pew wept.

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OPINION

Is a housecleaning at the Vatican necessary?

■ Can Francis change the church while stonewalling on sex abuse?

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New York Times News Service

Let me ask you to do the impossible, tear your mind away from the Kavanaugh affair for a moment, and cast your eyes from the new Rome to the old one — from the American Empire's judicial wars to the similar mix of scandal, polarization, and intrigue in the Roman Catholic Church.

The pontificate of Francis and the presidency of Donald Trump have been odd mirrors of one another for a while — populist leaders, institutional crises, norm violations, #metoo scandals, leaks and whistle-blowers and cries of "fake news" and more. And as the Trump era has moved toward its Kavanaugh crescendo, the Catholic drama has also escalated, with the church's doctrinal conflict and its sex abuse scandal converging in a single destabilizing crisis.

This month the crux of the drama is the Synod on Young People, a meeting of bishops in Rome that like prior synods in the Francis era is a chance for the pope to prod some alteration of church teaching on sexuality through a process stage-managed to give the appearance of consensus.

No such consensus was evident in the prior two synods, in which the contested issue was divorce and remarriage, but the pope forged ahead with an ambiguous revision of church teaching, currently half-digested around the Catholic world. This time, thanks to his appointments there are fewer bishops in opposition, and the synod's endgame is probably some ambiguously- liberalizing statement on homosexuality, contraception or both.

The promise of such change would normally guarantee the pontiff a wave of favorable media coverage. But glowing profiles of Francis are no longer easy to write, because the pope is now besieged by sexual scandal and his initial response was in a style familiar from Trump-era American politics — a mix of stonewalling, scapegoating and literal demonization.

The most notable of his accusers, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, charged the pope and many prominent cardinals with having knowledge of the crimes of Cardinal Theodore McCarrick and allowing him to maintain honor and influence nonetheless. Viganò's allegations were flavored with conservative theological grievances, but their broad outline has held up under scrutiny, and the Vatican has finally been forced to promise, as of this weekend, a "thorough study of the entire documentation present in the Archives of the Dicasteries and Offices of the Holy See regarding the former Cardinal McCarrick." Whether this is a real investigation or a P.R. move remains to be seen, but it's a welcome change from the initial response, which consisted of sermons from Francis in which the pope likened himself to a silent, blameless Christ and claimed that the Great Accuser, the Devil, was at work in allegations against bishops.

If so, Lucifer seems to have a lot to work with, including a newfound scrutiny of the pope's tenure in Argentina, where victims are accusing him of chilly indifference to clerical sex abuse. The story is getting particular attention in Germany, home of many of Francis' allies in the hierarchy; the newsmagazine Der Spiegel has a cover package that casts a cold eye on the pope, with harsh quotes from Argentines suggesting that "he protected for years rapists and abusers."

To Francis's allies much of the scandal is dismissed as a plot by his enemies, an attempted coup by frustrated conservatives.

But if so it's the most ineffectual coup imaginable, with no actual plan for changing the direction of his pontificate. Michael Brendan Dougherty of National Review likened Viganò's bombshell to the failed putsch by Turkish officers against Recep Tayyip Erdogan, which led nowhere because none of the higher-ups could execute a plan. So it is among the church's conservative cardinals: To talk with anti-Francis churchmen is to encounter not Machiavellian plots but despair and bafflement and impotence.

Which the pope senses, seemingly, because his response to the scandals has been to refuse obvious adaptations — there have been no further resignations in his corruption-tainted inner circle, no Roman investigation of the American church despite the specific request for one from the American bishops — while plunging ahead boldly on other fronts. So far the current sex abuse agony has been punctuated by a papal revision of church teaching on the death penalty and a dramatic, high-risk deal with the Communist government in Beijing; this month's synod may provide further doctrinal punctuation. No scandal is big enough, apparently, to derail the pope's ambitions to leave the church permanently changed.

But this approach guarantees that the scandals will keep coming. As the bishops met in Rome, there was a story stateside about a group of American donors funding investigations into sexual and financial improprieties among the College of Cardinals, trying to expose the other red-hatted McCarricks before the next papal conclave rolls around.

This effort was quickly attacked as a right-wing witch-hunt, animated by an un-Catholic sense of the church as a contested political space. Which is a fair critique — except that the pope himself is the one driving the church to that point, by treating traditional piety as a roadblock to his efforts, by demonizing whistle-blowers in an age of awful scandal, and behaving less like a pastor than an ideologue in white.

The truth is that Francis can pre-empt the right-wing partisans with a Roman housecleaning, an American investigation, an accounting for both his own record and his predecessors' failures. Perhaps all this will happen. The alternative, silence and stonewalling, promises a church permanently in flames.

GUEST VIEW

President's tariffs undercut his progress on trade

In a perfect world, President Donald Trump would be busy running a victory lap on trade while his staff quietly took down a few of his tariffs. After all, some of those tariffs were supposedly put in place to pressure Mexico and Canada to the bargaining table and then into granting concessions.

But then, we live in a fallen world where prices go up at a time when political decisions could help drive them down. In this case, we are particularly bothered by the tariffs the president is leaving in place on Canada.

Now, we aren't all that interested in the Canadian economy (other than the ability to enjoy maple syrup and some other sweet items from up north), except for one tiny little thing that is probably so obscure, the president has understandably missed it. And that is this: When Canadian products that Americans want to buy are arbitrarily jacked up in price, we are all made all the worse off.

In this case, it's Texas (and residents of the lesser states) that are made worse off. By some estimates, (the National Association of Home Builders) the cost of a new home is approximately $9,000 more today than it would be if we dropped our silly tariffs on Canadian lumber. Given that the feds (a.k.a. the Census Bureau) put the average cost of a home at $320,000, Americans are essentially paying a 3 percent tax on their homes to serve the president's tariff agenda.

The higher prices actually show up in a bunch of things ranging from flooring to countertops to shingles because of a variety of tariffs. The pain is expected to worsen with costs increasing for sinks, light fixtures, appliances and toilets as the various trade spats metastasize. Trump's newly imposed tariffs on China, for example, amount to what the builders association says is a $2.5 billion tax on residential construction.

We could also run through a dissertation on steel tariffs here, but we have sympathy for our dear readers (who can't possibly want to read a dissertation on steel tariffs on purpose). The point is we don't fully understand why the president doesn't take yes for an answer.

Canada has now joined his new trade agreement with Mexico, allowing Trump to cement a new trade deal with new terms with both of our neighbors on the North American continent. Pulling back tariffs levied against Canada actually enhances that victory and lines the pockets of regular old American homebuyers (that's a good thing) with a few thousand bucks. By the way, that's actually more than most of those stimulus checks the feds handed out in years past.

So how about it, Mr. President? Why not drop the tariffs on our North American friends?

By The Numbers

■ $2.5 billion: The cost that the newly imposed tariffs on China will add to residential construction, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

■ $9,000: The cost increase for construction of a new home because of Canadian lumber tariffs, according to NAHB.

■ $320,000: The median cost of new-home construction in August, according to the Census Bureau.

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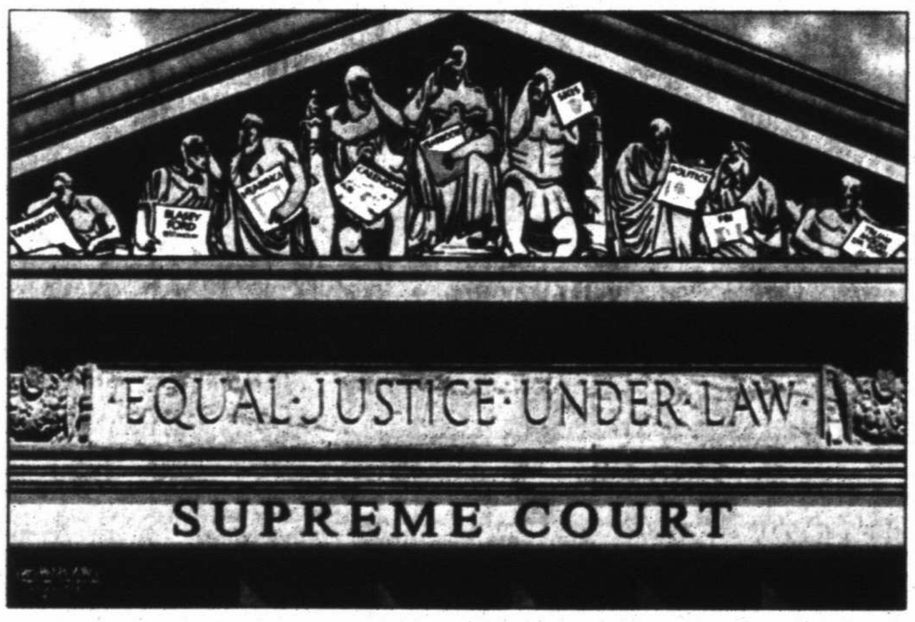

The new Supreme Court justice didn't lie

RICH LOWRY
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Brett Kavanaugh gave high-profile testimony that very few people seem to have paid attention to in any detail.

The media is now engaged in a full-court press to establish that Kavanaugh drank to excess — when he admitted in his testimony that he drank to excess.

In his opening statement in the Senate hearing, Kavanaugh said, "Sometimes, I had too many beers." This is obviously an acknowledgment of excessive drinking. He further allowed of himself and his friends, in a statement that covers a lot of misbehavior: "We sometimes did goofy or stupid things. I doubt we are alone in looking back in high school and cringing at some things."

In the Martha MacCallum interview on Fox News the week before the hearing, he said much the same thing: "And yes, there were parties. And the drinking age was 18, and yes, the seniors were legal and had beer there. And yes, people might have had too many beers on occasion."

Kavanaugh never denied going to keg parties, or — to cite the recent reporting — enthusiastically planning his high school friends' excursion for beach week, or getting in a barroom scuffle at Yale. If Kavanaugh had been asked about any of these specifically and denied them, his critics would have a case for dishonesty that simply doesn't exist.

They object that Kavanaugh put too much emphasis on the "choir boy" parts of his record, but what obligation was he under to talk about, say, the Ralph Club over and above his academic and athletic record, when he was being fiercely pressed by opponents determined to assassinate his character?

His critics took great umbrage that he told MacCallum that "the vast majority of the time I spent in high school was studying or focused on sports and being a good friend to the boys and girls that I was friends with." This is almost certainly true, though. If he was at school for roughly a seven-hour day, five days a week, and had football and basketball practice too, and had to spend some time studying and six to eight hours a night sleeping, that doesn't leave the "vast majority" of his time for anything else.

He wasn't a dropout or an alcoholic. He, by his own recollection, was at or near the top of his class during high school. None of that means that he didn't drink to excess, but — again — he never said otherwise.

His specific denial is that he never blacked out. So far, in all the people who knew him who have emerged to say he slurred his words or stumbled when he'd been drinking, no one has credibly alleged that Kavanaugh told them after a bout of drinking that he had no idea where he was or what he did the night before.

The other charges of lying are picayune. A cluster concerns his high school yearbook and his allegedly dishonest explanation of the slang terms "boof" and "Devil's Triangle." His critics say those terms refer to sex acts, whereas Kavanaugh says they refer to flatulence and a drinking game, respectively.

The evidence suggests that he's right. A history of farting — yes, there is such a thing — notes that "boof" was one slang word for flatulence, and former classmates of Kavanaugh's wrote a letter saying that they played Devil's Triangle, and explained how it was done.

Another yearbook phrase is "Renate Alumnius," a reference to a female friend of Kavanaugh and his buddies. Kavanaugh's critics believe that it is sexual innuendo. Kavanaugh said the "reference was clumsily intended to show affection," and expressed regret over it and specifically apologized to the woman. How you regard this answer will depend on how much weight you put on the word "clumsily," but it's hardly the stuff of a perjury charge.

The emphasis this week of Kavanaugh's opponents on his drinking isn't a sign of strength, but of desperation and weakness. On lying under oath, they've got nothing.

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From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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(Answers tomorrow)

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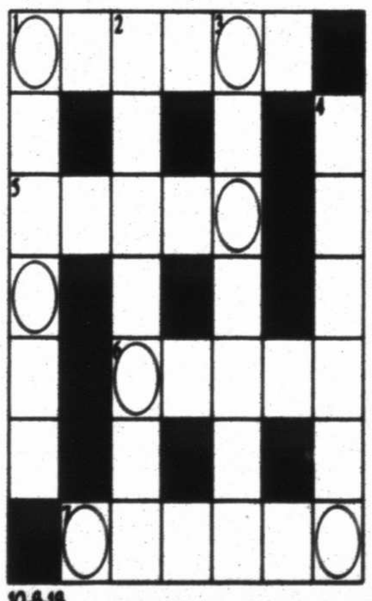

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Reddish brown	UAUNBR
5. Russian river	GOVAL
6. ___ box	OCVEI
7. Type of word	RADEBV

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Offer information	SEIDAV
2. Cherished	EOLBEDV
3. Comprehend	ZARELEI
4. Fantastic	UPBRSE

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CLUE: This German state is home to about 13 million people.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Stand watch for, say
5 Oompah instrument
9 Think-on-your-feet tests
14 Greiner of "Shark Tank"
15 Sister of Osiris
16 Fabled wish granter
17 Time-consuming
18 With "of" and 71-Across, Steinbeck classic
19 Swim cap material
20 Soon
23 Hulu service
24 __ about: roughly
25 Eyelid bump
29 Onetime Leno announcer Hall
31 Prefix with mount or charge
33 Head-butting beast
34 Scoop in a cone
39 Katmandu native
41 Soon
43 Make an error
44 Pedals on antique sewing machines
45 Right-angled piece
46 Gp. with Vikings
48 Bearded beast
49 Fraction of a min.
51 Hindu princess
53 Andean pack animal
58 Soon
61 Pentagon, for one
64 Med. readouts
65 Molecule part
66 Usual bus. address for sending in payments
67 Cheer (for)
68 Vaccine fluids
69 Hollywood go-between
70 Actress Gunn of "Breaking Bad"
71 See 18-Across

DOWN

1 Dead tired
2 Trailblazer Daniel
3 Surrealist Max
4 Tied snugly
5 Wedding cake layer
6 Gannett's flagship newspaper
7 Badlands bovine
8 Texas team that won the 2017 World Series
9 Look like a wolf?
10 Brings up, as kids
11 Industrious insect
12 Tell it like it isn't
13 "__ sells": ad biz mantra
21 Exceed, as a budget
22 Like an intoxicated spree
26 Fish with a net
27 New Haven Ivy Leaguer
28 Radiates
30 Cook, as onion rings
32 Le Car maker
34 "Peer Gynt" playwright
35 Honeycomb units
36 Paperless tax return option
37 "Blue Bloods" extra
38 Bon __: witticism
40 Pea container
42 Encouraging
47 Picture taker
50 Roasting bird
52 47-Down brand
54 Tenant's contract
55 Tossed in a chip
56 Bond portrayer Roger
57 "Seriously, bro!"
59 "I'm __!": "My turn!"
60 Davis Cup org.
61 Place for a mud bath
62 Biker's wheels
63 Springfield presidential library nickname

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

P	L	O	P		C	O	R	E	D		L	I	M	B
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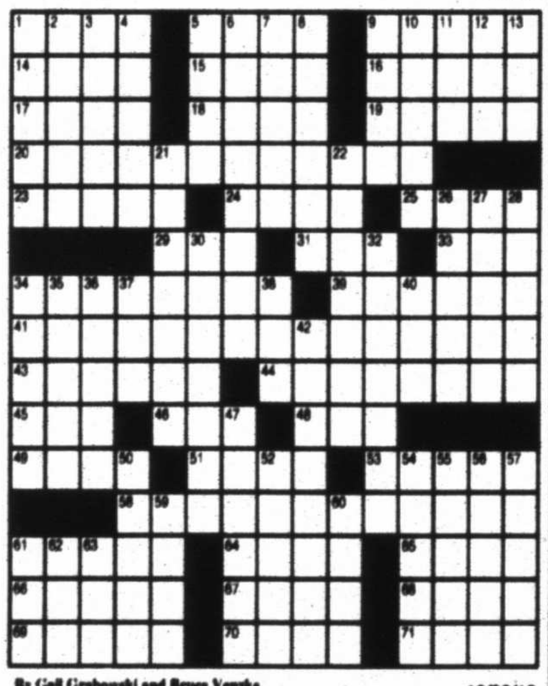

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Are Longhorns back after big win over OU?

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — There was a long pause by coach Tom Herman while considering the obvious questions after Texas extended its winning streak to five games with an impressive victory over three-time defending Big 12 champion Oklahoma in the Red River rivalry.

Are the Longhorns, now a top-10 team again, really back?

Ready to be a Big 12 powerhouse again?

A playoff contender?

"'It's irrelevant to us,' I think is probably the best way to put it. We're not so concerned about where people think Texas is," Herman finally said in the wake of the postgame celebration. "The people in that locker room, the coaches and players, are the people whose opinions matter the most to us. ... Those are the people that we have to answer to on a daily basis."

These Longhorns (5-1, 3-0 Big 12) have won three games over Top 25 teams since a season-opening loss at Maryland.

They mostly bullied their way past Oklahoma except for a Kyler Murray-led rally in the fourth quarter that necessitated Texas true freshman Cameron Dicker's 40-yard field goal with nine seconds left to win 48-45.

Texas moved up 10 spots to No. 9 in the new AP Top 25 poll on Sunday, the first time the Horns have been a top 10 team after September since 2009 — when they won their last Big 12 title and were the national runner-up.

"It would be foolish for me to not understand the big picture," said Herman, who later recoiled a bit at even the mention of the College Football Playoff.

"We've taken some really big steps here the last few weeks. I'm not going to deny that. I'm not going to downplay that for these players," he said. "They have some taken very important steps in this program's development and its progress."

Oklahoma (5-1, 2-1), a playoff team two of the last three seasons, slipped four spots to 11th in the AP

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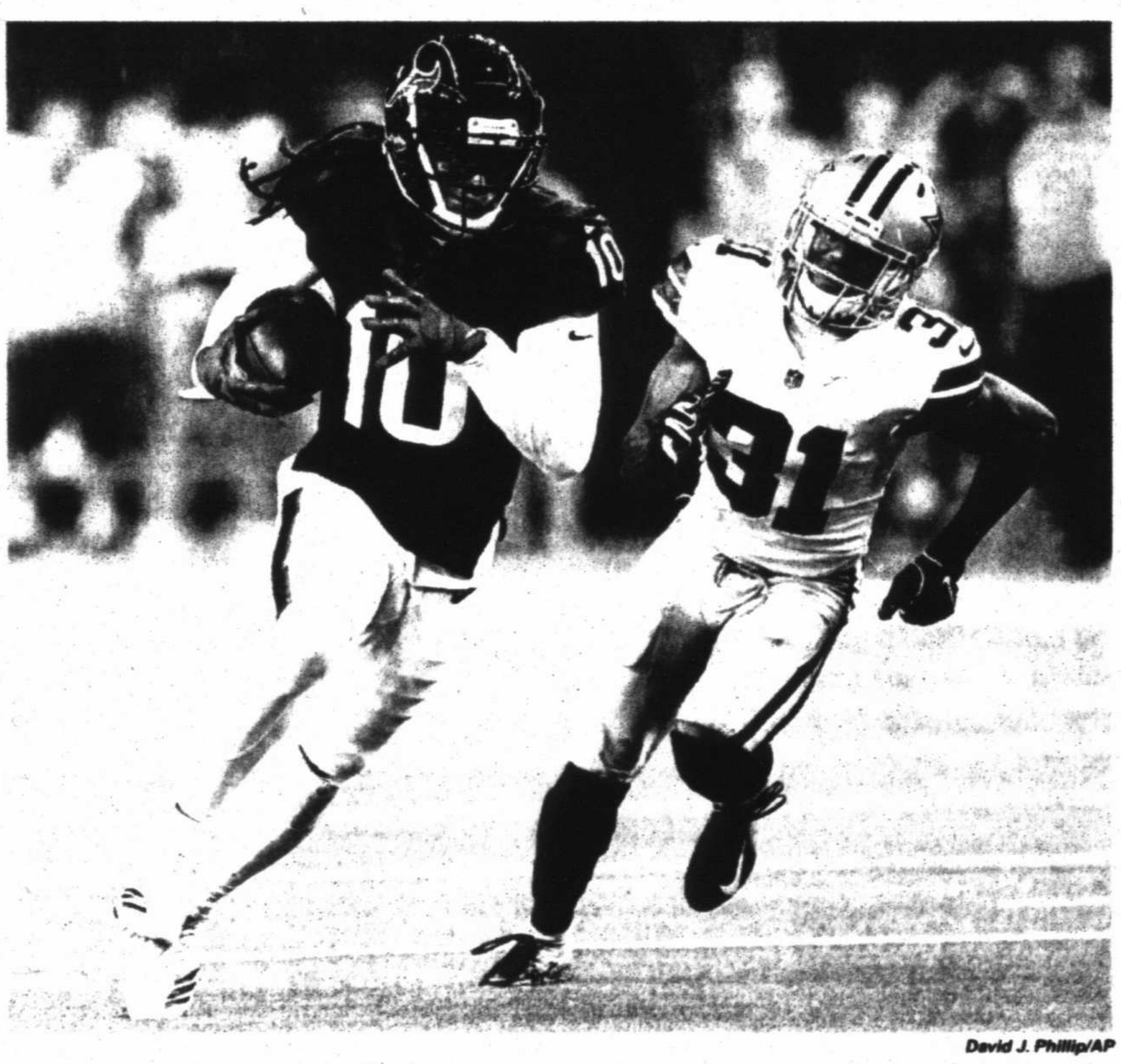
Nick Wagner/Austin American-Statesman via AP

Texas defensive back Josh Thompson (29) celebrates with fans while wearing the Golden Hat on Saturday following Texas' 48-45 win over Oklahoma at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

RACING AGAINST TIME



David J. Phillip/AP

Houston Texans wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins (10) is pursued by Dallas Cowboys cornerback Byron Jones (31) after a catch during the first half Sunday in Houston.

Fairbairn's FG in OT lifts Texans over Cowboys

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — DeAndre Hopkins had 151 yards receiving, including a key reception in overtime, and Ka'imi Fairbairn's 36-yard field goal lifted the Houston Texans to a 19-16 win over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday night.

The Cowboys got the ball first in OT but had to punt when Zach Cunningham stopped Ezekiel Elliott for no gain on third-and-1.

A 49-yard catch and run by Hopkins got the Texans in scoring range in overtime. He grabbed a short pass from Watson and twice spun away from would-be tacklers to stretch the play.

Houston was just 1 of 5 in the red zone on Sunday with Fairbairn making four field goals to help the Texans to the victory.

It is Houston's first win over the Cowboys (2-3) since the team's first game on Sept. 8, 2002, ending a three-game losing streak to Dallas. The Texans (2-3) did it in front of a franchise-record crowd of 72,008, which was peppered with plenty of Cowboys fans.

Deshaun Watson threw for 375 yards with a touchdown and an interception for the Texans , who won in overtime for the second straight week.

Dak Prescott had 208 yards passing and a touchdown but threw two interceptions for the Cowboys. Elliott, who entered the game as the NFL's leading rusher, was limited to 54 yards rushing.

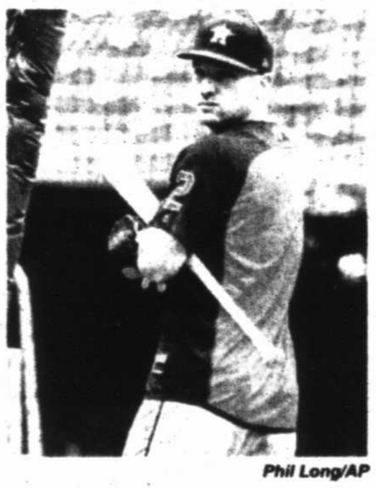
The Texans were driving late in the fourth quarter when Xavier Woods intercepted Watson, who threw under heavy pressure, with 10 seconds left and returned it 15 yards to give Dallas the ball at its 47. Kareem Jackson nearly intercepted Prescott on the next play before his Hail Mary on the last play of regulation was knocked down in the end zone by receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who came in to play defense.

A 27-yard pass interference call by Byron Jones on a ball intended for Hopkins got Houston to the 1-yard line in the third quarter. But two failed running plays followed by an incomplete pass forced another field goal which gave

Please see TEXANS/3B

NFL SCOREBOARD WEEK 5

Texans	19
Cowboys	16, OT
Bills	13
Titans	12
Bengals	27
Dolphins	17
Steelers	41
Falcons	17
Jets	34
Broncos	16
Panthers	33
Giants	31
Lions	31
Packers	23
Chiefs	30
Jaguars	14
Browns	12
Ravens	9, OT
Chargers	26
Raiders	10
Vikings	23
Eagles	21
Rams	33
Seahawks	31
Cardinals	28
49ers	18



Phil Long/AP

Houston Astros' Alex Bregman walks to the batting cage Sunday during a workout in Cleveland.

The bigger the stage, the brighter Bregman shines

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ask any Houston Astro and they'll say the same thing: Alex Bregman was made for these moments.

The young third baseman was great for the defending champions all season and now that the calendar has flipped to October he's taken his play to another level, slugging two home runs to help Houston to a 2-0 lead in the AL Division Series against the Cleveland Indians.

"He loves the bright lights," praised George Springer, MVP of the World Series last year. "He loves the big stage ... he believes he should get a hit every time or make the big play or score the big run. That's just who he is and when you have a guy like that it makes you want to do the same thing."

Game 3 is Monday in Cleveland.

The 24-year-old Bregman had the best year of his career this season, leading the AL with a career-high 51 doubles, and setting career marks by hitting .286 with 31 homers and 103 RBIs. His breakout season helped carry the offense in a year where last year's MVP Jose Altuve and star shortstop Carlos Correa struggled with injuries.

"He brings joy to the team," Altuve said. "He shows up here and lets everybody know he's ready to play and ... you see how he plays and you're like: 'OK. I want to join him, and I want to play at the same level he's playing.'"

Bregman gave Houston its first run of the playoffs this season when he hit a solo homer off Corey Kluber in the fourth inning of Game 1 on Friday. It was the first of four homers hit by the Astros in a 7-2 win. The Astros were up by 1 in Game 2 on Saturday when Bregman connected off Trevor Bauer with two outs and none on in the seventh to add some insurance in the 3-1 victory.

"This is what it's all about," Bregman said. "This type of baseball is a blast. Everybody in that clubhouse is living and dying on every pitch. It's fun to play these types of games."

Bregman, the second overall pick in the 2015 draft, hit four homers and drove in 10 runs in his postseason debut last season to help the Astros to their first World Series title. He homered twice against the Dodgers in the World Series, and his two-out single in the 10th ended Houston's thrilling 13-12 win in Game 5.

Selected as an All-Star for the first time, he hit a tiebreaking home run in the 10th inning at Nationals Park in July that sent the AL to victory.

Bregman never seems daunted by

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ON THE AIR

TV

Major League Baseball

ALDS Game 3: Houston at Cleveland, 12:30 p.m., TBS

NLDS Game 4: LA Dodgers at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

ALDS Game 3: Boston at NY Yankees, 6:30 p.m., TBS

NLDS Game 4: Milwaukee at Colorado, 8:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

National Basketball Association

Dallas vs. Philadelphia, 7 a.m., NBAtv

Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m., NBAtv

Phoenix at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

National Football League

Washington at New Orleans, 7:15 p.m., ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNDEP

National Hockey League

Vegas at Buffalo, 2 p.m., NHL

Tennis

ATP: Shanghai, 12 a.m., TENNIS

Women's Soccer

CONCACAF Women's Championship: Jamaica vs. Costa Rica, 5 p.m., FS2

CONCACAF Women's Championship: Cuba vs. Canada, 7:30 p.m., FS2

RADIO

Major League Baseball

ALDS Game 3: Houston at Cleveland, 12:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

TRANSACTIONS

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Assigned D Chris Butler to San Antonio (AHL).

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Placed F Joe Thornton on injured reserve. Recalled C Dylan Gambrell from San Jose (AHL).

AP TOP 25 COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 6, 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 (59)	6-0	1522	1
2. Georgia	6-0	1426	2
3. Ohio St (1)	6-0	1420	3
4. Clemson (1)	6-0	1331	4
5. Notre Dame	6-0	1315	6
6. West Virginia	5-0	1174	9
7. Washington	5-1	1098	10
8. Penn St	4-1	1097	11
9. Texas	5-1	956	19
10. UCF	5-0	917	12
11. Oklahoma	5-1	879	7
12. Michigan	5-1	875	15
13. LSU	5-1	794	5
14. Florida	5-1	719	22
15. Wisconsin	4-1	710	16
16. Miami	5-1	591	17
17. Oregon	4-1	505	18
18. Kentucky	5-1	485	13
19. Colorado	5-0	419	21
20. NC State	5-0	342	23
21. Auburn	4-2	335	8
22. Texas A&M	4-2	257	NR
23. South Florida	5-0	144	NR
24. Mississippi St	4-2	136	NR
25. Cincinnati	6-0	114	NR

Others receiving votes: Iowa 87, Stanford 59, Washington St 46, San Diego St 24, TCU 20, Appalachian St 11, Utah St 9, Utah 5, South Carolina 2, Hawaii 1.

F1 JAPANESE GRAND PRIX RESULTS

F1 Japanese Grand Prix Results
Sunday
At Suzuka International Racing Course
Suzuka, Japan
Lap length: 3.8 miles

1. Lewis Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes, 53 laps, 1:27:17.062, 25.
2. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 53 laps, +12.919 seconds behind, 18.
3. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 53 laps, +14.295, 15.
4. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 53 laps, +19.495, 12.
5. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 53 laps, +50.998, 10.
6. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 53 laps, +1:09.873, 8.
7. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India Mercedes, 53 laps, +1:19.379, 6.
8. Romain Grosjean, France, Haas Ferrari, 53 laps, +1:27.198, 4.
9. Esteban Ocon, France, Force India Mercedes, 53 laps, +1:28.055, 2.
10. Carlos Sainz, Spain, Renault, 52 laps, +1 lap, 1.
11. Pierre Gasly, France, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 52 laps, +1 lap.
12. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber Ferrari, 52 laps, +1 lap.
13. Brendon Hartley, New Zealand, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 52 laps, +1 lap.
14. Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren Renault, 52 laps, +1 lap.
15. Stoffel Vandoorne, Belgium, McLaren Renault, 52 laps, +1 lap.
16. Sergey Sirotkin, Russia, Williams Mercedes, 52 laps, +1 lap.
17. Lance Stroll, Canada, Williams Mercedes, 52 laps, +1 lap.

NR. Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Sauber Ferrari, 38 laps, DNF.

NR. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 37 laps, DNF.

NR. Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas Ferrari, 8 laps, DNF.

Driver Standings

1. Lewis Hamilton, 331
2. Sebastian Vettel, 264
3. Valtteri Bottas, 207
4. Kimi Raikkonen, 196
5. Max Verstappen, 173
6. Daniel Ricciardo, 146
7. Sergio Perez, 53
8. Kevin Magnussen, 53
9. Nico Hulkenberg, 53
10. Fernando Alonso, 50
11. Esteban Ocon, 49
12. Carlos Sainz, 39
13. Romain Grosjean, 31
14. Pierre Gasly, 28
15. Charles Leclerc, 21
16. Stoffel Vandoorne, 8
17. Lance Stroll, 6
18. Marcus Ericsson, 6
19. Brendon Hartley, 2
20. Sergey Sirotkin, 1

Manufacturers Standings

1. Mercedes GP 538
2. Ferrari, 460
3. Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 319
4. Renault, 92
5. Haas Ferrari, 84
6. McLaren Renault, 58
7. Force India Mercedes, 43
8. Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 30
9. Sauber Ferrari, 27
10. Williams Mercedes, 7

NHL GLANCE

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Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	3	2	1	0	4	13	13
Montreal	2	1	0	1	3	7	4
Ottawa	2	1	0	1	3	8	7
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	0	2	2	1
Boston	2	1	1	0	2	4	7
Buffalo	2	1	1	0	2	3	5
Detroit	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
Florida	1	0	0	1	1	1	2

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	3	2	0	1	5	12	8
Washington	2	1	0	1	3	13	7
New Jersey	1	1	0	0	2	5	2
Philadelphia	2	1	1	0	2	7	7
Columbus	2	1	1	0	2	4	5
Pittsburgh	2	1	1	0	2	8	11
N.Y. Islanders	2	1	1	0	2	5	5
N.Y. Rangers	3	0	3	0	0	8	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	3	2	0	1	5	15	14
Dallas	2	2	0	0	4	8	1
Nashville	2	2	0	0	4	7	5
Colorado	2	2	0	0	4	9	3
Winnipeg	2	1	1	0	2	6	6
St. Louis	2	0	1	1	1	5	10
Minnesota	2	0	1	1	1	2	6

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	2	2	0	0	4	6	2
Vegas	2	1	1	0	2	4	6
Calgary	2	1	1	0	2	9	9
San Jose	2	1	1	0	2	5	7
Vancouver	2	1	1	0	2	9	9
Los Angeles	1	0	0	1	1	2	3
Edmonton	1	0	1	0	0	2	5
Arizona	2	0	2	0	0	0	4

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

Carolina 8, N.Y. Rangers 5
Toronto 7, Chicago 6, OT
Detroit at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

San Jose at N.Y. Islanders, noon
Ottawa at Boston, noon
Vegas at Buffalo, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

NBA PRESEASON GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	3	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	3	0	1.000	—
Toronto	2	1	.667	1
Brooklyn	0	1	.000	2
Boston	1	3	.250	2½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	2	1	.667	—
Washington	1	1	.500	½
Orlando	1	1	.500	½
Atlanta	1	2	.333	1
Miami	0	3	.000	2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	—
Cleveland	2	0	1.000	—
Indiana	1	1	.500	1
Detroit	1	1	.500	1
Chicago	1	1	.500	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	2	1	.667	—
San Antonio	2	1	.667	—
Memphis	2	1	.667	—
Dallas	1	1	.500	½
New Orleans	0	3	.000	2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	3	0	1.000	—
Utah	3	0	1.000	—
Oklahoma City	2	1	.667	1
Portland	1	1	.500	1½
Minnesota	1	3	.250	2½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	3	0	1.000	—
Golden State	1	1	.500	1½
Sacramento	1	2	.333	2
Phoenix	1	2	.333	2
L.A. Lakers	1	3	.250	2½

Sunday's Scores

Oklahoma City 113, Atlanta 94
Houston 108, San Antonio 93
Milwaukee 125, Minnesota 107
Utah at Portland, late

Today's Games

Dallas vs. Philadelphia at Shenzen, 7 a.m.
Brooklyn at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Maccabi Haifa at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	20	6	6	66	67	39
New York	20	7	5	65	60	33
New York City FC	15	9	8	53	55	41
Philadelphia	15	12	5	50	49	41
Columbus	13	10	9	48	39	41
Montreal	13	15	4	43	45	52
D.C. United	11	11	8	41	35	49
New England	8	12	11	35	45	51
Toronto FC	9	15	6	33	55	60
Chicago	8	17	7	31	47	59
Orlando City	7	19	4	25	40	68

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	16	6	9	57	51	38
Sporting Kansas City	15	8	8	53	55	38
Los Angeles FC	15	8	8	53	61	46
Portland	14	9	9	51	59	46
Seattle	14	11	5	47	41	32
Real Salt Lake	13	12	7	46	51	54
LA Galaxy	12	11	8	45	61	60
Vancouver	12	12	7	43	49	55
Minnesota United	11	17	3	36	45	53
Houston	9	13	8	35	39	45
Colorado	6	19	6	24	32	62
San Jose	4	20	6	20	45	69

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

Sunday's Score

D.C. United 2, Chicago 1

Today's Game

Houston at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

John Leyba/AP

Milwaukee Brewers relief pitcher Jeremy Jeffress is doused by teammates as they celebrate in the clubhouse Sunday after Game 3 of the National League Division Series against the Colorado Rockies in Denver.

MLB ROUNDUP

Associated Press

American League

BRAVES 6
DODGERS 5

ATLANTA — Reliever Arodys Vizcaino escaped his own jam in a nervy ninth inning and the Atlanta Braves held off the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-5 Sunday night, cutting their deficit in the NL Division Series to 2-1.

Rookie Ronald Acuna Jr. hit a grand slam that helped the Braves build an early 5-0 lead. Atlanta blew that advantage, but Freddie Freeman hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth.

Then in the ninth, the Dodgers got runners on first and second with no outs. Vizcaino came back from a 3-0 count to strike out slugger Max Muncy, then fanned Manny Machado on a wild pitch that moved the runners to second and third.

With the entire crowd at SunTrust Park standing, chanting and chopping, Vizcaino fanned a swinging Brian Dozier to end it.

Game 4 is Monday afternoon at Atlanta.

National League

BREWERS 6
ROCKIES 0

DENVER — Wade Miley pitched masterfully into the fifth inning before turning it over to a lights-out Milwaukee bullpen. Kratz kept up his torrid hitting and the Brewers beat the Colorado Rockies 6-0 in Game 3 on a cool, misty Sunday to sweep their NL Division Series.

With manager Craig Counsell making all the right moves, Milwaukee's pitching staff held Nolan Arenado, Trevor Story and the bruising Rockies to a combined two runs and 14 hits in the series. Of the 28 innings in the matchup, Colorado scored in only one of them.

Orlando Arcia and Keon Broxton hit back-to-back homers in the ninth off Wade Davis to make it 6-0 and end any sort of drama. Jesus Aguilar had a solo shot in the fourth off German Marquez that Counsell sort of predicted.

Granted, it wasn't with men on base. But it was still big and gave the Brewers a 2-0 lead.

That was more than enough against a Colorado offense that was shut out twice in the series and hit .146 against Milwaukee's stingy pitching. Colorado's three All-Stars — Story, Arenado and Charlie Blackmon — finished the series with a combined five hits.

This is how well it went for the Brewers on the drizzly day: They scored twice in the sixth without a hit — one on a balk and another on a wild pitch, with Kratz lumbering home for the second run.

MLB POSTSEASON GLANCE

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WILD CARD
Tuesday, Oct. 2
Colorado 2, Chicago 1, 13 innings
Wednesday, Oct. 3
New York 7, Oakland 2
DIVISION SERIES
(Best-of-5, x-if necessary)
American League
All Games on TBS
Boston 1, New York 1
Friday, Oct. 5
Boston 5, New York 4
Saturday, Oct. 6
New York 6, Boston 2
Monday, Oct. 8
Boston (Eovaldi 6-7) at New York (Severino 19-8), 6:40 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 9
Boston (Porcello 17-7) at New York (Sabathia 9-7), 7:07 p.m.
x-Thursday, Oct. 11
New York at Boston, 6:40 p.m.
Houston 2, Cleveland 0
Friday, Oct. 5
Houston 7, Cleveland 2
Saturday, Oct. 6
Houston 3, Cleveland 1
Monday, Oct. 8
Houston (Keuchel 12-11) at Cleveland (Clevinger 13-8), 12:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Oct. 9
Houston at Cleveland, 3:35 p.m.
x-Thursday, Oct. 11
Cleveland at Houston, 3:07 p.m.
National League
Milwaukee 2, Colorado 0
Thursday, Oct. 4
Milwaukee 3, Colorado 2, 10 innings
Friday, Oct. 5
Milwaukee 4, Colorado 0
Sunday, Oct. 7
Milwaukee 6, at Colorado 0
Los Angeles 2, Atlanta 1
Thursday, Oct. 4
Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 0
Friday, Oct. 5
Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 0
Sunday, Oct. 7
Atlanta 6, Los Angeles 5
Monday, Oct. 8
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m. (FS1)
x-Wednesday, Oct. 10
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 7:07 p.m. (FS1)
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7, x-if necessary)
American League
All Games on TBS
Saturday, Oct. 13
Cleveland-Houston winner at Boston or New York at Cleveland-Houston winner
Sunday, Oct. 14
Cleveland-Houston winner at Boston or New York at Cleveland-Houston winner
Tuesday, Oct. 16
Boston at Cleveland-Houston winner or Cleveland-Houston winner at New York
Wednesday, Oct. 17
Boston at Cleveland-Houston winner or Cleveland-Houston winner at New York
x-Thursday, Oct. 18
Boston at Cleveland-Houston winner or Cleveland-Houston winner at New York
x-Saturday, Oct. 20
Cleveland-Houston winner at Boston or New York at Cleveland-Houston winner
x-Sunday, Oct. 21
Cleveland-Houston winner at Boston or New York at Cleveland-Houston winner
National League
Fox and FS1
Friday, Oct. 12
Atlanta-Los Angeles winner at Milwaukee
Saturday, Oct. 13
Atlanta-Los Angeles winner at Milwaukee
Monday, Oct. 15
Milwaukee at Atlanta-Los Angeles winner
Tuesday, Oct. 16
Milwaukee at Atlanta-Los Angeles winner
x-Wednesday, Oct. 17
Milwaukee at Atlanta-Los Angeles winner
x-Friday, Oct. 19
Atlanta-Los Angeles winner at Milwaukee
x-Saturday, Oct. 20
Atlanta-Los Angeles winner at Milwaukee

BREGMAN

From 1B

important moments despite having played just two full seasons in the majors.

Manager AJ Hinch said Bregman has a "calm heartbeat" and he knows the Astros can always count on him when they need a big play whether it be on offense or defense.

"I love how he describes pressure. He describes pressure as a privilege," Hinch said. "That, to me, shows someone that gets it, someone that is going to be able to handle the moment."

Though Hinch and the Astros have come to expect this level of play from the former LSU standout, the manager sometimes takes a step back simply to appreciate his greatness.

"It's amazing to watch him do it time after time after time," Hinch said. "We're getting spoiled. Guys aren't supposed to do it at this level at that rate he's been doing."

Altuve, who became the first Astro to win MVP since Jeff Bagwell collected the National League award in 1994, has been wowed by Bregman's development this season. In a stacked MVP race led by Boston's Mookie Betts and J.D. Martinez and Angels star Mike Trout, Altuve believes that his teammate's season was the most impressive.

"Bregman does something big for us every single game," Altuve said. "He's the kind of player that you really want to have on your team. He had an MVP season. He's my MVP."

Bregman isn't interested in discussing individual awards and accolades and says his only focus is helping the Astros repeat as champions. And as much as he's done so far, he's constantly working to do more and get better.

"This was definitely, definitely something I envisioned doing, (but) I think there's so much room to improve on both sides of the ball, and I look forward to working on it," he said.

Judge blares 'New York, New York,' as Red Sox head to Bronx

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge walked past Boston's Fenway Park clubhouse early Sunday morning, Frank Sinatra's rendition of "New York, New York" blaring from a boom box atop the wheelie bag he was pulling with his left hand.

"It's a good song. And Aaron, he's one of our resident deejays, so he's got a pretty extensive playlist," New York manager Aaron Boone said later in the day at Yankee Stadium, a smirk filling his face. "We like to hear that song sometimes when we win a big game."

New York and Boston split at Fenway Park and are tied 1-1 in the best-of-five AL Division Series going into Game 3 on Monday night. Luis Severino, coming off four scoreless innings in the wild-card game against Oakland, starts for New York and former Yankees pitcher Nathan Eovaldi pitches for the Red Sox.

Severino was 10-2 with a 2.74 ERA and .217 opponents' batting average at home, just 9-6 with a 3.99 ERA and .257 opponents' batting average on the road.

"Maybe my wife cooks better food here," he said.

New York is 19-9 in the postseason at new Yankee Stadium, where boisterous Bronx crowds try to intimidate. The Yankees' were 53-28 there during the regular season, the second-best home record behind Boston's 57-24. The win over Oakland in last week's wild-card game improved New York to 7-0 at home in the postseason since the start of the 2017 playoffs.

"The fans, they're out there on the field with you," Judge said. "Every single pitch they're locked in. It's electric."

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NFL ROUNDUP

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Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Chris Moore (10) plays against the Cleveland Browns defensive back E.J. Gaines (28) and Damarious Randall (23) Sunday during overtime in Cleveland.

PANTHERS 33
GIANTS 31

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Graham Gano connected on a career-long 63-yard field goal with 1 second remaining to lift the Carolina Panthers to a wild 33-31 victory over the New York Giants on Sunday.

Gano's winning kick, tied for second longest in league history, came after the Giants erased a 14-point deficit. Eli Manning hooked up with Saquon Barkley on a 15-yard touchdown pass down the right sideline — the rookie made a long dive into the end zone — to put the Giants in front 31-30 with 1:08 remaining.

Gano's previous career long was 59 yards. He was 4 for 4 on field goal attempts and has made 35 in a row at home dating back to 2016.

BROWNS 12
RAVENS 9
OT

CLEVELAND — Rookie Greg Joseph's 37-yard field goal — a knuckleball that barely cleared the crossbar — with 2 seconds left in overtime.

After rookie quarterback Baker Mayfield drove the Browns (2-2-1) into position, Joseph, signed after Week 2 following Zane Gonzalez's release, lined his kick through the uprights to give Cleveland its first AFC North win in 19 tries.

As Browns fans celebrated just the team's second win in two seasons, Joseph was mobbed by his teammates following Cleveland's third OT game in five weeks.

VIKINGS 23
EAGLES 21

PHILADELPHIA — Kirk Cousins threw for 301 yards and one touchdown, Linval Joseph returned a fumble 64 yards for a score and the Vikings won a rematch of last season's NFC championship game.

Carson Wentz and the rest of Philadelphia's offense again struggled as the defending Super Bowl champions fell to 2-3.

Nick Foles led the Eagles to a 38-7 rout over Case Keenum and Minnesota's top-ranked defense in the title game on his way to earning MVP honors against New England.

RAMS 33
SEAHAWKS 31

SEATTLE — Todd Gurley rushed for three touchdowns, Jared Goff passed for 321 yards and a score and the Rams remained unbeaten.

Playing without their top two receivers due to concussions suffered late in the first half, the Rams leaned heavily on Goff, Gurley and wide receiver Robert Woods to escape Seattle and improve to 5-0.

CHARGERS 26
RAIDERS 10

CARSON, Calif. — Philip Rivers threw for 339 yards and two touchdowns, the 59th 300-yard passing game of Rivers' 15-year career and his eighth against the Raiders. He completed 22 of 27 passes and had a passer rating of 143.4.

Melvin Gordon had 120 yards from scrimmage (58 rushing, 62 receiving). His 1-yard run during the second quarter gave Los Angeles (3-2) a 17-3 lead at halftime.

CARDINALS 28
49ERS 18

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Josh Rosen threw a 75-yard touchdown pass to fellow rookie Christian Kirk on Arizona's first play from scrimmage and the Cardinals used five takeaways to get their first win.

The Cardinals (1-4) were unable to do much more on offense the rest of the way, with their only other scores coming on Josh Bynes' fumble return for a TD and David Johnson TD runs on two short drives after turnovers by the 49ers (1-4).

CHIEFS 30
JAGUARS 14

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Chiefs' beleaguered defense forced Jacksonville quarterback Blake Bortles into five turnovers, including a pick-6 by defensive tackle Chris Jones, and Kansas City merely had to supplement with the NFL's highest-scoring offense.

Patrick Mahomes threw for 313 yards and ran for a touchdown, though he also threw his first two picks of the season. Kareem Hunt added 87 yards and a touchdown on the ground as the Chiefs (5-0) marched all over the league's top-ranked defense at soggy Arrowhead Stadium.

LIONS 31
PACKERS 23

DETROIT — Matthew Stafford threw two touchdown passes and LeGarrette Blount ran for two scores. Detroit (2-3) earned a win it desperately needed under first-year coach Matt Patricia, going into its bye week.

Green Bay (2-2-1) could not overcome uncharacteristic mistakes by veteran kicker Mason Crosby and two-time NFL MVP Aaron Rodgers, who lost two fumbles for just the third time in his 14-year career.

Crosby missed a career-high four field goals in one game and botched an extra point to boot.

JETS 34
BRONCOS 16

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Isaiah Crowell ran for a franchise-record 219 yards, including a 77-yard touchdown, and Sam Darnold threw two TD passes to Robby Anderson, including a 76-yarder.

Darnold also had a TD toss to Terrelle Pryor that sealed the game late in the fourth quarter for the Jets (2-3). The rookie quarterback finished 10 of 22 for 198 yards and the three scores with an interception to help New York to its first win since the season opener.

BENGALS 27
DOLPHINS 17

CINCINNATI — Michael Johnson returned an interception for the tying score, and Sam Hubbard went 19 yards with a fumble for the clinching touchdown, rallying the Bengals from a 17-point deficit.

With Joe Mixon back from knee surgery, the defense making more game-turning plays in the fourth quarter, Cincinnati (4-1) pulled off its biggest comeback of the season and extended its best start since its 2015 playoff season.

STEELERS 41
FALCONS 17

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger and Antonio Brown connected on two second-half touchdowns and the Steelers pulled away from the Falcons.

Roethlisberger finished 19 of 29 for 250 yards and three scores, including a 9-yard strike to Brown in the third quarter and a 47-yard dart to the All-Pro wide receiver early in the fourth as Pittsburgh (2-2-1) put together its most complete performance of the season.

BILLS 13
TITANS 12

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Stephen Hauschka hit a 46-yard field goal as time expired. Buffalo's defense forced three turnovers, and LeSean McCoy broke from a September slump with a season-best 85 yards rushing. McCoy sparked the decisive drive with a 13-yard catch on third-and-3. And backup running back Chris Ivory had a 9-yard run in getting the Bills across midfield.

Rookie quarterback Josh Allen scored on a 14-yard touchdown run but was held in check as a passer. He finished 10 of 19 for 82 yards and an interception.

NFL BOXES

Associated Press

BILLS 13, TITANS 12

Tennessee	3	3	0	6	—12
Buffalo	7	0	3	3	—13

First Quarter
Buf—Allen 14 run (Hauschka kick), 9:03.
Ten—FG Succop 25, 1:35.
Second Quarter
Ten—FG Succop 54, :00.
Third Quarter
Buf—FG Hauschka 40, 1:59.
Fourth Quarter
Ten—FG Succop 39, 10:30.
Ten—FG Succop 50, 4:43.
Buf—FG Hauschka 46, :00.
A—68,202.

	Ten	Buf
First downs	15	18
Total Net Yards	221	223
Rushes-yards	25-100	43-144
Passing	121	79
Punt Returns	2-39	1-8
Kickoff Returns	1-33	1-27
Interceptions Ret.	1-7	1-(minu
Comp-Att-Int	14-26-1	10-20-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-8	1-3
Punts	2-53.0	4-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	4-30
Time of Possession	26:11	33:49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Tennessee, Henry 11-56, D.Lewis 12-34, Mariota 2-10. Buffalo, McCoy 24-85, Ivory 14-43, Allen 4-19, McCloud 1-(minus 3).
PASSING—Tennessee, Mariota 14-26-1-129. Buffalo, Allen 10-19-1-82, Bojorquez 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING—Tennessee, C.Davis 4-49, Taylor 3-30, Sharpe 3-30, D.Lewis 3-14, Jennings 1-6. Buffalo, Z.Jones 3-20, McCoy 2-23, Croom 2-9, Clay 1-12, Benjamin 1-11, McCloud 1-7.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BENGALS 27
DOLPHINS 17

Miami	0	14	3	0	—17
Cincinnati	0	0	3	24	—27

Second Quarter
Mia—Drake 22 pass from Tannehill (Sanders kick), 7:22.
Mia—Grant 71 punt return (Sanders kick), :23.
Third Quarter
Mia—FG Sanders 42, 9:25.
Cin—FG Bullock 51, 5:07.
Fourth Quarter
Cin—Mixon 18 pass from Dalton (Bullock kick), 14:54.
Cin—M.Johnson 22 interception return (Bullock kick), 11:43.
Cin—FG Bullock 20, 3:30.
Cin—Hubbard 19 fumble return (Bullock kick), 2:37.
A—52,708.

	Mia	Cin
First downs	17	17
Total Net Yards	297	332
Rushes-yards	22-128	26-103
Passing	169	229
Punt Returns	3-85	2-19
Kickoff Returns	3-89	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-15	2-22
Comp-Att-Int	20-35-2	20-30-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-16	2-19
Punts	5-41.8	4-43.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-85	6-47
Time of Possession	29:25	30:35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Miami, Gore 12-63, Drake 6-46, Tannehill 3-17, Ballage 1-2. Cincinnati, Mixon 22-93, Dalton 4-10.
PASSING—Miami, Tannehill 20-35-2-185. Cincinnati, Dalton 20-30-1-248.
RECEIVING—Miami, Drake 7-69, A.Wilson 5-43, Amendola 3-30, Gesicki 3-26, Stills 2-17. Cincinnati, Green 6-112, Boyd 4-44, Erickson 3-24, Mixon 3-22, Uzomah 2-43, Walton 2-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Falcons-Steelers Stats

Atlanta	0	10	0	7	—17
Pittsburgh	13	0	14	14	—41

First Quarter
Pit—Conner 1 run (kick failed), 10:44.
Pit—Smith-Schuster 18 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), :37.
Second Quarter
Atl—Sanu 43 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 11:21.
Atl—FG Bryant 47, 4:23.
Third Quarter
Pit—Brown 9 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 3:42.
Pit—Conner 2 run (Boswell kick), 1:39.
Fourth Quarter
Atl—Smith 2 run (Bryant kick), 12:28.
Pit—Brown 47 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 9:41.
Pit—Fort 0 fumble return (Boswell kick), 3:35.
A—64,781.

	Atl	Pit
First downs	22	22
Total Net Yards	324	381
Rushes-yards	19-62	29-131
Passing	262	250
Punt Returns	2-3	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-44	1-23
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	31-45-0	19-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-43	0-0
Punts	4-29.3	3-47.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-75	7-58
Time of Possession	30:52	29:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Atlanta, Freeman 8-32, Coleman 7-15, Ryan 1-10, Smith 3-5. Pittsburgh, Conner 21-110, Roethlisberger 2-16, S.Ridley 5-8, Dobbs 1-(minus 3).
PASSING—Atlanta, Ryan 26-38-0-285, Schaub 5-7-0-20. Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 19-29-1-250.
RECEIVING—Atlanta, Hooper 9-77, Jones 5-62, Sanu 4-73, C.Ridley 4-38, Hall 2-25, Coleman 2-15, Freeman 2-8, Saubert 1-8, Smith 1-5, Schaub 1-(minus 7). Pittsburgh, Brown 6-101, Conner 4-75, Smith-Schuster 4-34, James 2-20, Grimble 1-9, McDonald 1-6, Switzer 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

JETS 34
BRONCOS 16

Denver	7	3	0	6	—16
New York	0	21	3	10	—34

First Quarter
Den—Sutton 8 pass from Keenum (McManus kick), 9:19.
Second Quarter
NYJ—Crowell 77 run (Myers kick), 13:47.
NYJ—R.Anderson 76 pass from Darnold (Myers kick), 10:46.
Den—FG McManus 30, 3:58.
NYJ—R.Anderson 35 pass from Darnold (Myers kick), 1:13.
Third Quarter
NYJ—FG Myers 49, 4:52.
Fourth Quarter
NYJ—FG Myers 30, 12:59.
NYJ—Pryor 20 pass from Darnold (Myers kick), 5:10.
Den—De.Thomas 42 pass from Keenum (pass failed), 3:18.
A—77,982.

	Den	NYJ
First downs	26	18
Total Net Yards	436	512
Rushes-yards	17-92	38-323
Passing	344	189
Punt Returns	1-1	4-71
Kickoff Returns	1-27	2-30
Interceptions Ret.	1-2	1-104
Comp-Att-Int	35-51-1	10-22-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-33	1-9
Punts	8-41.1	3-44.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	6-65	4-33
Time of Possession	31:06	28:54

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Denver, Lindsay 12-61, Freeman 5-31. New York, Crowell 15-219, Powell 20-99, Darnold 3-5.
PASSING—Denver, Keenum 35-51-1-377. New York, Darnold 10-22-1-198.
RECEIVING—Denver, Sanders 9-72, De.Thomas 5-105, Booker 5-59, Hamilton 3-44, Lindsay 3-20, Freeman 3-16, LaCosse 2-19, Sutton 2-18, Heuerman 2-18, Patrick 1-6. New York, R.Anderson 3-123, Tomlinson 2-15, Pryor 1-20, Kearse 1-14, Crowell 1-12, Leggett 1-10, A.Roberts 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New York, Myers 30.

PANTHERS 33
GIANTS 31

New York	3	10	3	15	—31
Carolina	7	13	0	13	—33

First Quarter
NYG—FG Rosas 42, 7:24.
Car—Samuel 25 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 4:38.
Second Quarter
Car—Jones 0 fumble return (Gano kick), 14:06.
Car—FG Gano 47, 8:44.
NYG—Barkley 57 pass from Beckham (Rosas kick), 6:37.
Car—FG Gano 47, 2:36.
NYG—FG Rosas 53, :20.
Third Quarter
NYG—FG Rosas 36, 7:34.
Fourth Quarter
Car—McCaffrey 18 pass from Newton (Gano kick), 11:21.
NYG—Beckham 33 pass from Manning (Ellison pass from Manning), 8:08.
Car—FG Gano 39, 2:16.
NYG—Barkley 15 pass from Manning (Rosas kick), 1:08.
Car—FG Gano 63, :01.
A—74,221.

	NYG	Car
First downs	18	21
Total Net Yards	432	350
Rushes-yards	16-50	31-118
Passing	382	232
Punt Returns	3-15	1-(minu
Kickoff Returns	3-103	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	2-41	2-18
Comp-Att-Int	23-37-2	21-35-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-1	1-5
Punts	2-49.5	3-51.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-62	4-22
Time of Possession	24:33	35:27

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New York, Barkley 15-48, Manning 1-2. Carolina, McCaffrey 17-58, Newton 8-29, D.Moore 1-18, Anderson 4-9, Armah 1-4.
PASSING—New York, Manning 22-36-2-326, Beckham 1-1-0-57. Carolina, Newton 21-35-2-237.
RECEIVING—New York, Beckham 8-131, Barkley 4-81, S.Shepard 4-75, R.Shepard 3-52, J.Davis 2-27, Ellison 2-17. Carolina, McCaffrey 5-35, Funchess 4-53, D.Moore 4-49, I.Thomas 3-38, Wright 3-25, Samuel 2-37.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

LIONS 31
PACKERS 23

Green Bay	0	0	14	9	—23
Detroit	14	10	0	7	—31

First Quarter
Det—Blount 1 run (Prater kick), 10:30.
Det—Blount 1 run (Prater kick), 1:06.
Second Quarter
Det—FG Prater 39, 14:46.
Det—M.Jones 8 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), :15.
Third Quarter
GB—Valdes-Scantling 3 pass from Rodgers (J.Williams pass from Rodgers), 9:40.
GB—Kendricks 1 pass from Rodgers (pass failed), 1:14.
Fourth Quarter
Det—Golladay 5 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 12:55.
GB—D.Adams 12 pass from Rodgers (kick failed), 9:01.
GB—FG M.Crosby 41, :02.
A—63,405.

	GB	Det
First downs	30	18
Total Net Yards	521	264
Rushes-yards	20-98	28-94
Passing	423	170
Punt Returns	2-2	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-29	1-30
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	32-52-0	14-26-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-19	3-13
Punts	0-0.0	5-45.6
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	0-0
Penalties-Yards	12-112	8-71
Time of Possession	33:20	26:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Green Bay, A.Jones 7-40, J.Williams 6-33, Montgomery 4-15, Rodgers 3-10. Detroit, Johnson 12-70, Blount 12-22, Riddick 3-3, Stafford 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—Green Bay, Rodgers 32-52-0-442. Detroit, Stafford 14-26-0-183.
RECEIVING—Green Bay, D.Adams 9-140, Valdes-Scantling 7-68, Graham 6-76, St. Brown 3-89, A.Jones 2-19, J.Williams 2-19, Kendricks 2-8, Montgomery 1-23. Detroit, Tate 5-42, Golladay 4-98, Riddick 2-20, Johnson 2-15, M.Jones 1-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Green Bay, M.Crosby 41, M.Crosby 42, M.Crosby 38, M.Crosby 56. Detroit, Prater 55.

CHIEFS 30
JAGUARS 14

Jacksonville	0	0	7	7	—14
Kansas City	7	13	3	7	—30

First Quarter
KC—Mahomes 4 run (Butker kick), 6:39.
Second Quarter
KC—FG Butker 22, 13:30.
KC—FG Butker 42, 1:56.
KC—C.Jones 20 interception return (Butker kick), 1:49.
Third Quarter
KC—FG Butker 38, 5:27.
Jac—Yeldon 14 pass from Bortles (Lambo kick), 3:10.
Fourth Quarter
KC—Hunt 4 run (Butker kick), 14:57.
Jac—Bortles 21 run (Lambo kick), 5:46.
A—75,289.

	Jac	KC
First downs	29	26
Total Net Yards	502	424
Rushes-yards	17-101	30-126
Passing	401	298
Punt Returns	1-6	1-2
Kickoff Returns	2-30	1-11
Interceptions Ret.	2-17	4-69
Comp-Att-Int	33-61-4	22-38-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-29	1-15
Punts	3-36.0	2-58.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-45	11-105
Time of Possession	27:17	32:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Jacksonville, Yeldon 10-53, Bortles 4-34, Grant 1-8, Wilds 2-6. Kansas City, Hunt 22-87, Hill 2-26, Mahomes 4-13, Dam. Williams 1-0, Ware 1-0.
PASSING—Jacksonville, Bortles 33-61-4-430. Kansas City, Mahomes 22-38-2-313.
RECEIVING—Jacksonville, Yeldon 8-69, Paul 7-65, Moncrief 6-76, Cole 4-70, Westbrook 3-55, O'Shaughnessy 3-27, Chark 2-68. Kansas City, Watkins 6-78, Kelce 5-100, Hill 4-61, Conley 2-21, Sherman 1-15, Ware 1-13, Thomas 1-13, Hunt 1-7, Harris 1-6.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BROWNS 12
RAVENS 9

Baltimore	3	0	3	3	0	—9
Cleveland	0	6	3	0	3	—12

First Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 44, 8:37.
Second Quarter
Cle—Higgins 19 pass from Mayfield (kick failed), :40.
Third Quarter
Cle—FG Joseph 35, 7:29.
Bal—FG Tucker 25, :53.
Fourth Quarter
Bal—FG Tucker 32, :52.
Overtime
Cle—FG Joseph 37, :02.
A—67,431.

	Bal	Cle
First downs	25	20
Total Net Yards	410	416
Rushes-yards	25-116	28-112
Passing	294	304
Punt Returns	5-59	3-23
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	1-6	1-6
Comp-Att-Int	29-57-1	25-43-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-4	5-39
Punts	8-45.8	9-50.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-41	10-86
Time of Possession	33:42	36:16

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Baltimore, A.Collins 12-59, Allen 8-34, Flacco 2-13, Jackson 3-10. Cleveland, Hyde 17-83, Johnson 5-05, Mayfield 2-23, Chubb 3-2, Streater 1-(minus 11).
PASSING—Baltimore, Flacco 29-56-1-298, Jackson 0-1-0-0. Cleveland, Mayfield 25-43-1-342.
RECEIVING—Baltimore, Crabtree 6-66, Allen 6-44, Snead 5-55, J.Brown 4-58, M.Williams 2-8, Moore 1-20, Andrews 1-16, Boyle 1-10, H.Hurst 1-7, Turner 1-7, A.Collins 1-7. Cleveland, Njoku 6-69, Landry 5-69, Higgins 3-66, Willies 3-61, Callaway 3-22, Hyde 2-14, Dukes 1-25, Fells 1-8, Johnson 1-7.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Cleveland, Joseph 55.

CHARGERS 26
RAIDERS 10

Oakland	0	3	0	7	—10
L.A. Chargers	3	14	3	6	—26

First Quarter
LAC—FG Sturgis 49, 11:08.
Second Quarter
Oak—FG McCrane 24, 13:23.
LAC—Ekeler 44 pass from Rivers (Sturgis kick), 4:04.
LAC—Gordon 1 run (Sturgis kick), 1:39.
Third Quarter
LAC—FG Sturgis 30, 8:05.
Fourth Quarter
LAC—Green 13 pass from Rivers (kick failed), 9:42.
Oak—J.Nelson 1 pass from Carr (McCrane kick), 5:11.
A—25,362.

	Oak	LAC
First downs	14	19
Total Net Yards	289	412
Rushes-yards	13-41	31-79
Passing	248	333
Punt Returns	1-2	4-35
Kickoff Returns	2-44	2-51
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-8
Comp-Att-Int	24-33-1	22-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-20	1-6
Punts	4-49.3	3-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-55	9-82
Time of Possession	25:20	34:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Oakland, Lynch 9-31, Carr 1-5, Richard 1-4, Martin 2-1. Los Angeles, Gordon 19-58, Ekeler 6-15, Allen 1-5, M.Williams 1-3, Ingram 1-0, Rivers 3-(minus 2).
PASSING—Oakland, Carr 24-33-1-268. Los Angeles, Rivers 22-27-0-339.
RECEIVING—Oakland, Richard 6-53, J.Nelson 4-43, Roberts 4-41, Cook 4-20, Bryant 3-91, Lynch 2-10, Cooper 1-10. Los Angeles, Allen 6-90, Gordon 4-62, Ty.Williams 3-66, M.Williams 3-45, Gates 2-19, Ekeler 1-44, Green 1-13.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Oakland, McCrane 57. Los Angeles, Sturgis 48.

VIKINGS 23
EAGLES 21

Minnesota	3	14	3	3	—23
Philadelphia	0	3	3	15	—21

First Quarter
Min—FG Bailey 37, 5:02.
Second Quarter
Phi—FG Elliott 30, 12:24.
Min—Joseph 64 fumble return (Bailey kick), 4:12.
Min—Thielen 3 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), :21.
Third Quarter
Min—FG Bailey 22, 7:32.
Phi—FG Elliott 28, 2:57.
Fourth Quarter
Phi—Smallwood 12 pass from Wentz (Smallwood run), 12:05.
Min—FG Bailey 52, 2:47.
Phi—Ertz 7 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 1:09.
A—69,696.

	Min	Phi
First downs	19	21
Total Net Yards	375	384
Rushes-yards	23-77	17-81
Passing	298	283
Punt Returns	2-22	0-0
Kickoff Returns	0-0	4-86
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	30-37-0	24-35-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-3	3-28
Punts	2-39.0	4-46.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-23	8-52
Time of Possession	32:47	27:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Minnesota, Murray 11-42, Diggs 2-25, Thomas 4-6, Boone 1-1, Cousins 5-1. Philadelphia, Ajayi 8-29, Smallwood 3-27, Wentz 5-26, Adams 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—Minnesota, Cousins 30-37-0-301. Philadelphia, Wentz 24-35-0-311.
RECEIVING—Minnesota, Diggs 10-91, Thielen 7-116, Rudolph 5-41, Treadwell 3-21, Murray 2-14, Ham 1-7, Thomas 1-6, Morgan 1-5. Philadelphia, Ertz 10-110, Agholor 4-45, Smallwood 3-44, Jeffery 2-39, Goedert 2-16, Gibson 1-48, Ajayi 1-5, Matthews 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Minnesota, Bailey 28, Bailey 45.

RAMS 33
SEAHAWKS 31

L.A. Rams	7	10	7	9	—33
Seattle	7	10	14	0	—31

First Quarter
Sea—M.Davis 6 run (Janikowski kick), 4:30.
La—Gurley 2 run (Santos kick), 2:00.
Second Quarter
La—FG Santos 19, 11:13.
Sea—Lockett 39 pass from Ru.Wilson (Janikowski kick), 9:11.
La—Kupp 6 pass from Goff (Santos kick), 6:02.
Sea—FG Janikowski 52, 1:55.
Third Quarter
Sea—Moore 3 pass from Ru.Wilson (Janikowski kick), 10:34.
La—Gurley 2 run (Santos kick), 5:04.
Sea—Moore 30 pass from Ru.Wilson (Janikowski kick), 1:35.
Fourth Quarter
La—Gurley 5 run (kick failed), 14:54.
La—FG Santos 39, 6:05.
A—68,893.

	La	Sea
First downs	30	20
Total Net Yards	468	373
Rushes-yards	30-155	32-190
Passing	313	183
Punt Returns	1-11	1-(minu
Kickoff Returns	6-128	4-95
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-26
Comp-Att-Int	23-32-2	13-21-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	2-15
Punts	1-38.0	4-34.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-45	7-50
Time of Possession	29:30	30:30

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Los Angeles, Gurley 22-77, Woods 2-53, Goff 5-15, J.Reynolds 1-10. Seattle, Carson 19-116, M.Davis 12-68, Lockett 1-6.
PASSING—Los Angeles, Goff 23-32-2-321. Seattle, Ru.Wilson 13-21-0-198.
RECEIVING—Los Angeles, Kupp 6-90, Woods 5-92, Gurley 4-36, Everett 3-24, J.Reynolds 2-39, Higbee 2-26, Hodge 1-14. Seattle, Lockett 3-98, Vannett 3-43, Moore 3-38, M.Davis 2-7, Carson 1-11, Baldwin 1-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

CARDINALS 28
49ERS 18

Arizona	7	7	0	14	—28
San Francisco	6	0	0	12	—18

First Quarter
SF—Breida 5 pass from Beathard (run failed), 9:49.
Ari—Kirk 75 pass from Rosen (Dawson kick), 9:39.
Second Quarter
Ari—Johnson 2 run (Dawson kick), 11:00.
Fourth Quarter
SF—T.Taylor 1 pass from Beathard (pass failed), 6:51.
Ari—Bynes 23 fumble return (Dawson kick), 4:33.
Ari—Johnson 6 run (Dawson kick), 3:21.
SF—Beathard 1 run (pass failed), 1:29.
A—69,337.

	Ari	SF
First downs	10	35
Total Net Yards	220	447
Rushes-yards	23-56	34-147
Passing	164	300
Punt Returns	1-0	3-3
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-61
Interceptions Ret.	2-30	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	10-25-0	34-54-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	4-49
Punts	8-39.6	4-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	4-3
Penalties-Yards	5-46	9-85
Time of Possession	19:48	40:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Arizona, Johnson 18-55, Kirk 1-5, Edmonds 1-(minus 1), Rosen 3-(minus 3). San Francisco, Morris 18-61, Breida 8-56, Juszczyk 1-12, Mostert 5-11, Beathard 2-7.
PASSING—Arizona, Rosen 10-25-0-170. San Francisco, Beathard 34-54-2-349.
RECEIVING—Arizona, Kirk 3-85, Fitzgerald 2-35, C.Williams 2-23, Johnson 2-16, Gresham 1-11. San Francisco, T.Taylor 7-61, Juszczyk 6-75, Kittle 5-83, Garcon 5-47, Bourne 4-33, Morris 3-30, Breida 1-10, James 1-7, Breida 1-5, Mostert 1-(minus 2).
MISSED FIELD GOALS—San Francisco, Gould 45.

TEXANS

From 1B

the Texans a 16-13 lead with about 8 1/2 minutes remaining.

The Cowboys tied it up on a 48-yard field goal with less than six minutes left. That drive was highlighted by a 44-yard pass by Prescott to Tavon Austin that he made after escaping sacks by J.J. Watt, Brandon Dunn and Zach Cunningham.

Prescott's second interception came when Johnathan Joseph broke up a pass and rookie Justin Reid caught it just before it hit the turf in the third quarter. The Texans drove to the 3-yard line on the ensuing possession before the drive stalled and Fairbairn kicked a 21-yard field goal to tie it at 13-13.

Hopkins fumbled after a catch early in the third quarter and it was recovered by Jourdan Lewis and returned to the Houston 16. The Cowboys regained the lead when Prescott found Allen Hurns in the back of the end zone on a 3-yard touchdown pass that made it 13-10.

The Texans drove to the 2-yard line later in the second but Watson's pass on third down fell incomplete and they settled for a 20-yard field goal to push the lead to 10-6.

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	3	2	0	.600	133	108
Miami	3	2	0	.600	99	117
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	63	116
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0	.400	123	105
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	87	88
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	102	88
Houston	2	3	0	.400	115	124
Indianapolis	1	4	0	.200	119	139
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Cincinnati	4	1	0	.800	153	130
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	132	77
Cleveland	2	2	1	.500	114	113
Pittsburgh	2	2	1	.500	143	133
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	5	0	0	1.000	175	129
L.A. Chargers	3	2	0	.600	137	130
Denver	2	3	0	.400	100	131
Oakland	1	4	0	.200	107	149

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	2	1	0	.667	64	44
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	83	86
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	103	104
N.Y. Giants	1	4	0	.200	104	129
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	137	121
Carolina	3	1	0	.750	104	91
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500	112	139
Atlanta	1	4	0	.200	133	163
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Chicago	3	1	0	.750	111	65
Minnesota	2	2	1	.500	113	131
Green Bay	2	2	1	.500	115	114
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	125	137
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
L.A. Rams	5	0	0	1.000	173	98
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	116	114
Arizona	1	4	0	.200	65	112
San Francisco	1	4	0	.200	118	146

Thursday's Scores
New England 38, Indianapolis 24

Sunday's Scores
Buffalo 13, Tennessee 12
Cincinnati 27, Miami 17
Pittsburgh 41, Atlanta 17
N.Y. Jets 34, Denver 16
Carolina 33, N.Y. Giants 31
Detroit 31, Green Bay 23
Kansas City 30, Jacksonville 14
Cleveland 12, Baltimore 9, OT
L.A. Chargers 26, Oakland 10
Minnesota 23, Philadelphia 21
L.A. Rams 33, Seattle 31
Arizona 28, San Francisco 18
Houston 19, Dallas 16
Open: Tampa Bay, Chicago

Monday's Game
Washington at New Orleans, 7:15 p.m.

Elliott wins Dover, earns berth in playoff round

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Chase Elliott pulled away to win in overtime Sunday at Dover International Speedway for an automatic berth into the next round of the NASCAR Cup playoffs.

Elliott was the surprise winner in a race that had been dominated by Stewart-Haas Racing drivers until a pair of wrecks over the final laps jumbled the field and set the stage for Elliott. He kept his No. 9 Chevrolet off pit road — and drove into victory lane.

Elliott raced to his first career Cup win this season at Watkins Glen and earned a bit of redemption Sunday from a tough finish in last fall's Dover race. Elliott was passed by winner Kyle Busch with two laps left in the race and fell to 0 for 70 in his career.

Elliott rubbed his head and leaned against his car, crestfallen as he replayed the final laps in his mind. Jimmie Johnson walked over to offer some encouragement and let Elliott vent.

It was one big celebration on Sunday.

"It definitely makes it sweeter, for sure," Elliott said. "You don't appreciate it in those moments."

Elliott was greeted in victory lane with a hug from team owner Rick Hendrick and retired star Jeff Gordon also was there to congratulate the winning driver. Elliott's father, Hall of Fame driver Bill Elliott, was not at the race.

Nick Wass/AP

Chase Elliott, front left, poses with the trophy in Victory Lane on Sunday after he won at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Del.

"He's been so close here," Hendrick said. "It's really good to see him get this win and move on. He's like his dad. He really knows when to race. I'm really fortunate to have him in our camp."

The top eight drivers after the next two races move on to the next round and Aric Almirola, Clint Bowyer, Kyle Larson and Alex Bowman are the bottom four after the first playoff race in the round of 12.

SHR was in control with Kevin Harvick early and Almirola late. Harvick led 286 laps and was on pace to sweep the Dover races until tire issues derailed his run and he finished sixth. Almirola, who led 64 laps late and had his second career Cup win in sight, was running sixth off a restart when he got loose and connected with Brad Keselowski. That triggered a multi-car wreck that collected championship contenders and brought out the red flag to force overtime.

Denny Hamlin was second, followed by playoff driver Joey Logano. NASCAR playoff drivers took 10 of the top 15 spots.

Here are other items of note from Dover.

Jimmie's ride

Johnson might have had better luck using one of the kids' bikes he bought as a gag gift for his ride at Dover.

Johnson, who holds the Dover record with 11 wins, was an early hit when he dropped off 12 bikes at Martin Truex Jr's hauler as an apology of sorts for triggering a wreck last week at Charlotte that denied both drivers a shot at a win.

Truex's team gave away the bikes to kids who stopped by in the garage.

Johnson gave away the race before it really started. His No. 48 Chevrolet was forced to the garage during the pace laps because of mechanical woes and he finished 36th.

Johnson's bid for a record eighth NASCAR Cup title ended last week when he was eliminated from the playoffs.

Big bet

NASCAR President Steve Phelps said the series is set to implement guidelines in the rulebook on sports betting in 2019.

Dover International Speedway opened its on-site betting kiosk this weekend and became the only track that allowed sports gambling on its property. NASCAR does not prohibit its drivers or team members from betting on the race.

"I think for '19, we'll have some rules that we'll put in place," Phelps said Sunday at Dover. "For right now, there'll be betting here. They have a kiosk here, you can bet inside."

NASCAR Monster Energy Gander Outdoors

400 Results
By The Associated Press
Sunday
At Dover International Speedway
Dover, Del.
Lap length: 1 mile
Starting position in parenthses

1. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 404
2. (15) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 404
3. (8) Joey Logano, Ford, 404
4. (16) Erik Jones, Toyota, 404
5. (7) Kurt Busch, Ford, 404
6. (2) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 404
7. (14) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 404
8. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 404
9. (21) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 404
10. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 404
11. (6) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 404
12. (10) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 404
13. (11) Aric Almirola, Ford, 404
14. (4) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 404
15. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 404
16. (18) Paul Menard, Ford, 403
17. (17) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 403
18. (20) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 402
19. (22) William Byron, Chevrolet, 402
20. (28) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 402
21. (25) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 401
22. (24) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 400
23. (29) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 399
24. (26) David Ragan, Ford, 399
25. (23) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 399
26. (27) Michael McDowell, Ford, 399
27. (31) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 397
28. (12) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, Accident, 396
29. (30) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 396
30. (33) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 394
31. (37) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Toyota, 394
32. (35) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 392
33. (34) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 390
34. (36) BJ McLeod, Ford, 389
35. (5) Clint Bowyer, Ford, Accident, 388
36. (13) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 387
37. (32) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, Rear Gear, 314
38. (39) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, Brakes, 308
39. (38) Timmy Hill, Toyota, Transmission, 35

RACE STATISTICS
Average Speed of Race Winner: 122.404 mph
Time of Race: 3 hours, 18 minutes, 2 seconds
Margin of Victory: 0.265 seconds
Caution Flags: 5 for 31 laps
Lead Changes: 15 among 8 drivers
Lap Leaders: K. Busch 1-15; K. Harvick 16-74; R. Stenhouse Jr. 75-81; K. Harvick 82-126; J. Logano 127-128; K. Harvick 129-189; B. Keselowski 190; K. Busch 191-194; K. Harvick 195-242; C. Bowyer 243; K. Harvick 244-320; K. Busch 321-322; A. Almirola 323-341; B. Keselowski 342-348; A. Almirola 349-393; C. Elliott 394-404

Leaders' Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Kevin Harvick 5 times for 290 laps; Aric Almirola 2 times for 64 laps; Kyle Busch 3 times for 21 laps; Chase Elliott 1 time for 11 laps; Brad Keselowski 2 times for 8 laps; Ricky Stenhouse Jr. 1 time for 7 laps; Joey Logano 1 time for 2 laps; Clint Bowyer 1 time for 1 lap

LONGHORNS

From 1B

poll. The Sooners have won 27 of their last 30 regular-season Big 12 games — two of those losses are to Texas.

"We have been as good as anybody in the country the last three years of responding to the very few losses we've had," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "We've got a track record right there that you could put up against team in the country, and that's absolutely what we expect to do again."

The Sooners have a week off before they return to the Dallas-Fort Worth area to play TCU on Oct. 20.

The highest-ranked Big 12 team, and the league's only remaining undefeated, is No. 6 West Virginia (5-0, 3-0).

The Mountaineers go to Texas on Nov. 3, and host the Sooners the day after Thanksgiving, and a week before the Big 12 championship game.

Texas and Oklahoma both had more than 500 total yards Saturday and combined for the most points in their 113-game series that dates back to 1900, and has been part of the State Fair of Texas since 1929.

Both dual-threat quarterbacks — steady Texas sophomore Sam Ehlinger and Sooners highlight-maker Murray — accounted for five touchdowns while throwing for more than 300 yards.

UFC champ could face fine, suspension

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Khabib Nurmagomedov was the calm, glowering foil to Conor McGregor's antics for six months while the loquacious Irishman built a frenzy of hype around their UFC lightweight title fight.

When Nurmagomedov forced the biggest star in mixed martial arts to tap out Saturday night to end what's likely to be the most lucrative show in UFC history, he had fashioned the perfect response to McGregor's verbal insults and physical attacks.

But when Nurmagomedov promptly hurdled over the cage and fought with McGregor's taunting cornermen while his own teammates ambushed McGregor in the octagon, the Russian champion and his friends might have seriously damaged careers that were just about to take off.

"These guys are in big trouble," UFC President Dana White said. "It is going to be ugly."

Executive director Bob Bennett said the Nevada Athletic Commission intends to file a complaint following its investigation into the actions of Nurmagomedov and his team for setting off a post-fight melee at UFC 229 immediately after McGregor submitted to Nurmagomedov's choke in the fourth round. Nurmagomedov's $2 million purse has been withheld, and he could face a hefty fine along with a lengthy suspension.

White said three members of Nurmagomedov's team were detained by police, but released after McGregor refused to press charges. White acknowledged Nurmagomedov's lightweight title could be stripped if his actions result in a significant suspension.

"There's going to be fines," White said. "There's going to be God knows what. Can these guys get visas to get back in the country? We'll see how this plays out, but I've been doing this for 18 years, and this is the biggest night ever, and I couldn't be more disappointed."

McGregor's $3 million purse was not withheld after commission officials examined video footage and determined his side had done nothing wrong in the melee. While Nurmagomedov brawled with McGregor teammate Dillon Danis outside the cage, a few men from Nurmagomedov's camp — at least two of whom appeared to be UFC fighters, although the promotion and the commission haven't formally identified them — climbed into the cage and confronted McGregor, who defended himself while getting sucker-punched from behind.

McGregor's first public response to the drama came on Twitter early Sunday morning: "Good knock. Looking forward to the rematch."

By following his masterful victory with a reckless response to McGregor's lengthy campaign of verbal and physical aggression, Nurmagomedov showcased the best and worst sides of mixed martial arts in a 30-second span. The Dagestan native who trains in San Jose, California, also overshadowed his years of steady progress to become one of MMA's top pound-for-pound fighters.

But Nurmagomedov said he had been brought to a boil by McGregor's behavior since April, when McGregor infamously attacked a bus carrying Nurmagomedov and several other UFC fighters. McGregor was incensed after Nurmagomedov confronted a member of his team in New York earlier in that week, which ended with Nurmagomedov winning the UFC 155-pound belt.

"I don't understand how people can talk about I jump on the cage, you know?" Nurmagomedov said after apologizing to the Nevada commission during a brief post-fight statement to reporters, his title belt displayed on the dais before him.

"What about he talked about my religion, he talk about my country, he talk about my father? He come to Brooklyn and he broke bus. He almost killed a couple of people. What about this? I don't understand. I'm respectful. My father teaches me, 'Hey, you have to be always respectful.'"

After McGregor agreed this summer to return from a 23-month UFC absence for this highly lucrative bout, Nurmagomedov absorbed the Irish superstar's gleeful taunts related to his family, friends and Muslim faith during their fight promotion.

McGregor crowed when Abdulmanap Nurmagomedov, the champion's beloved father and a longtime wrestling coach, couldn't attend UFC 229 because he couldn't secure a U.S. visa in time. McGregor called Nurmagomedov's father a "quivering coward" during a boisterous news conference.

On Thursday, McGregor referred to Nurmagomedov's manager, Ali Abdelaziz, as a "snitch terrorist rat." McGregor appeared to be referring to a book written several years ago which claimed that Abdelaziz once worked as an informant for the NYPD and FBI among U.S. Muslims in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

McGregor's barbs were pointed, as usual for a fighter who built his massive fortune both with heavy fists and cutting words. White knew that Nurmagomedov and his teammates took it all very personally, but he was shocked by their response.

"This isn't the last time guys are going to say mean things to each other," White said. "This is the fight business. That's how it works. People have been saying mean things to each other for 18 years here in the UFC. Nothing like this has ever happened."

South Korea wins International Crown

By John Duerden
Associated Press

INCHEON, South Korea — South Korea held off challenges from the United States and England to win the eight-nation International Crown for the first time in front of a delighted home crowd at Jack Nicklaus Golf Club on Sunday.

The top-seeded host team started the final round two points clear of the chasing pack and won two of the four singles matchups to finish with 15 points, four ahead of the defending champion United States and England.

Thailand finished fourth, and Sweden fifth. Australia, Taiwan, and Japan were all eliminated at the end of the third round.

In contrast to the wet conditions that cost the tournament an entire day's play on Saturday after Typhoon Kong-rey hit the Korean peninsula, bright sunshine helped produce a big and passionate crowd that cheered the home team on to victory.

"We never really feel nervous before majors but we have been nervous for a couple of months before this," So Yeon Ryu said. "Turns out that because this was home field, we felt comfortable with all the fans that came out to support us, and we had a lot of benefits. The support was incredible."

Ryu fought back from two down to halve with Lexi Thompson of the United States.

Only world No. 1 Sung Hyun Park lost of the South Korean quartet, 2 and 1 against Ariya Jutanugarn of Thailand.

"Not only myself but all my teammates felt a lot of pressure coming into this tournament," Park said. "I am really happy we overcame that stress."

I.K. Kim defeated Brooke Law of England 2 up, and In Gee Chun overcame Anna Nordqvist of Sweden 1 up.

PRO GOLF SCORES

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Safeway Open Scores
Sunday
At Silverado Resort & Spa (North)
Napa, Calif.
Purse: $5.6 million
Yardage: 7,105; Par 72
Final
(x-won on third playoff hole)

x-Kevin Tway (500), $1,152,000 66-67-69-71—274
Ryan Moore (240), $663,200 67-67-73-67—274
Harold Varner III (240), $663,200 66-65-69-74—274
Aaron Baddeley (104), $241,200 70-67-69-69—275
Sungjae Im (104), $241,200 66-69-69-71—275
Luke List (104), $241,200 70-69-69-67—275
Troy Merritt (104), $241,200 67-70-70-68—275
Sam Ryder (104), $241,200 69-70-67-69—275
J.B. Holmes (60), $165,600 70-70-69-68—277
Bill Haas (60), $165,600 70-69-67-73—279
Jim Knous (60), $165,600 73-67-69-69—279
Danny Lee (60), $165,600 69-69-72-69—279
Chase Wright (60), $165,600 64-72-70-73—279
Justin Thomas (50), $115,200 69-69-72-70—280
Adam Schenk (50), $115,200 67-69-70-73—279
Harold Varner III (50), $115,200 70-69-68-72—279
Patrick Cantlay (44), $90,000 69-69-73-70—281
Cameron Davis (44), $90,000 70-70-72-69—281
Lucas Glover (44), $90,000 69-70-69-73—281
Tom Hoge (44), $90,000 71-70-69-70—281
Nate Lashley (44), $90,000 69-69-70-73—281
Hunter Mahan (44), $90,000 70-69-70-72—281
Phil Mickelson (44), $90,000 65-69-74-73—281
Matt Kuchar (44), $90,000 69-65-75-71—281
Cameron Champ (30), $49,600 70-71-72-68—281
Brett Drewitt, $49,600 70-71-69-71—281
Dylan Frittelli (30), $49,600 67-71-71-72—281
Peter Malnati (30), $49,600 69-69-71-74—281
Tyler McCumber, $49,600 70-69-70-71—281
Patrick Rodgers (30), $49,600 71-69-71-70—281
Kevin Stadler (30), $49,600 69-69-72-71—281
Johnson Wagner (30), $49,600 70-67-72-72—281
Ryan Blaum (20), $32,400 71-70-70-71—282
Jason Bohn (20), $32,400 70-69-71-72—282
Wyndham Clark (20), $32,400 68-70-72-72—282
Madison Hughes (20), $32,400 69-71-70-71—282
Shane Kim (20), $32,400 72-69-69-72—282
Alex Prugh (20), $32,400 69-70-71-72—282
Chris Stroud (20), $32,400 69-69-71-73—282
Rocky Waterman (20), $32,400 67-70-71-74—282
Fred Couples (12), $23,600 70-69-70-73—282
Emiliano Grillo (12), $23,600 72-69-70-71—282
Gregory Havret (12), $23,600 71-69-70-72—282
J.J. Spaun (12), $23,600 72-69-70-71—282
Adam Svensson (12), $23,600 69-69-70-74—282
Bud Cauley (8), $17,115 70-69-69-75—283
Ben Crane (8), $17,115 71-69-70-73—283
Joel Dahmen (8), $17,115 71-69-69-74—283
Martin Laird (8), $17,115 67-70-71-75—283
J.T. Poston (8), $17,115 69-70-70-74—283
Cameron Tringale (8), $17,115 71-70-71-70—283
Bryce Molder (8), $17,115 69-70-69-75—283
Bronson Burgoon (6), $14,610 69-72-69-75—285
Carlos Ortiz (6), $14,610 71-68-70-76—285
Brandon Stone (6), $14,610 67-71-72-75—285
Jonathan Vegas (6), $14,610 69-72-70-74—285
Roberto Castro (6), $14,610 69-72-70-74—285
Brian Stuard (6), $14,610 70-70-73-72—285
Nick Taylor (6), $14,610 71-67-74-73—285
Max Homa (5), $13,652 72-69-73-73—286
Roger Sloan (5), $13,652 67-72-72-75—286
Martin Trainer (5), $13,652 75-68-71-72—286
Fabián Gómez (4), $13,000 70-69-73-75—287
Adam Long (4), $13,000 68-72-74-73—287
Maverick McNealy, $13,000 69-72-69-77—287
Hunter English (4), $12,184 75-68-73-70—288
Andrew Landry (4), $12,184 69-71-72-76—288
Ignacio Un Aango (4), $12,184 69-69-75-75—288
Ricky Barnes (3), $12,738 75-68-70-77—289
Tyler Duncan (3), $12,738 69-70-73-77—289
Seth Reeves (3), $12,738 72-69-71-77—289
Hudson Swafford (3), $12,738 69-71-74-75—289
Michael Kim (3), $12,416 72-69-73-77—290
Brandon Harkins (3), $12,288 69-71-71-69—280

Allied Dunbar Links Championship Leading Scores
Sunday
At St. Andrews Scotland
Purse: $5 million
o-Carnoustie: 7,345 yards, par-72
s-Kingsbarns: 7,227 yards, par-72
o-St. Andrews (Old Course): 7,297 yards, par-72
Final Round

Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark 72s-68s-71o-67o—278
Scott Hutton, England 70s-68s-68o-72o—278
Tommy Fleetwood, England 71s-67s-67o-68o—274
Tapio Pulkkanen, Finland 70s-67s-66o-69o—272
Andrea Pavan, Italy 72s-68s-71o-70o—281
Li Haotong, China 72s-68s-68o-68o—276
Padraig Harrington, Ireland 68s-72s-68o-68o—276
Lucas Herbert, Australia 70s-70s-68o-70o—278
Chris Kirk, United States 70s-72s-68o-72o—282
Stephen Gallacher, Scotland 71s-68s-68o-70o—277
Rafael Cabrera Bello, Spain 72s-67s-68o-68o—275
Peter Hanson, Sweden 70s-71s-70o-69o—280
George Coetzee, South Africa 71s-71s-68o-70o—280
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium 72s-70s-69o-71o—282
Tony Finau, United States 72s-68s-71o-70o—281
Matthias Schwab, Austria 68s-69s-71o-70o—278
Tom Lewis, England 71s-71s-67o-71o—280
Andy Sullivan, England 72s-71s-67o-70o—280
Marcus Fraser, Australia 68s-68s-69o-71o—276

Others

Matt Kuchar, United States 72s-68s-68o-70o—278
Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa 70s-68s-70o-71o—279
Eddie Pepperell, England 72s-71s-67o-72o—282
Erik Van Rooyen, South Africa 72s-71s-68o-70o—281
George Coetzee, South Africa 72s-70s-68o-70o—280

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Dancing With the Stars "Most Memorable Night" (N)				The Good Doctor "36 Hours" (N)		Big 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	Neighborhood (N)	H.Together (N)	Magnum P.I. (N)		Bull "Excessive Force" (N)		News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	MASH "Aid Station"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Fiery Fingers"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Resident "Three Words" (N)		9-1-1 "Awful People" (N)		Fox 24 News at 9 (N)		TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	FunnyAsk
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Faith for Families	Hope Today	Update News	Being Your Best	Light of the Southwest		Light of the Southwest		Update News	American Heritage	Housecall	Restore Zion
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now (N)	The Voice "The Blind Auditions, Part 5" (N)				Manifest "Turbulence" (N)		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Rd. "New York City (Hour Three)"		American Experience "The Circus" 1/2 cont'd Oct.9 (N)				Amanpour & Company (N)		News (N)	On Story
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		El Rico y Lazaro		Mi Marido Tiene Más Familia		La piloto		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Law & Order: C.I.		Law & Order: C.I.		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Mother	Game	News	Jokers
FLIX	340	575		105		(5:05) Urban Legend		★★★ Alive ('93, Dra) Ethan Hawke.				(:15) ★★★★ Children of Men				(:05) Amistad	
HBO	300	590	14	14		(5:25) Pitch Perfe...		BX Early	(:40) The Deuce		1stLook	★★★ War for the Planet of the Apes Andy Serkis.					Movie
HBO2	302	591	15	101	23	(5:45) Class Divide		Ballers	Animals.	VICE	Last Wk	The Deuce (N)		Fight	Queen of the World		Movie
HBOS	304	592	16	102		(5:35) ★★ Public Enemies James Russo.				Kingsman: The Golden Circle Taron Egerton.					(:25) The Mountain Betwee...		
MAX	380	597	17	120	24	(5:15) Hide & Seek		Geostorm Gerard Butler.			(:50) ★★ Splice ('09, Hor) Adrien Brody.				(:35) Die Hard II: Die Harder		
MAX2	382	598	18	122		(5:40) ★★★★ Invictus Morgan Freeman.				★★ Green Zone ('10, Act) Yigal Naor.				(:55) ★★ The Great Wall			Movie
PLEX			96			(5:05) ★★★ Crash		★★★ Talk to Me ('07, Dra) Don Cheadle.				Save Me	(:50) ★★ Eastern Promises Naomi Watts.				Movie
SHOW	320	585	19	140	25	Movie	TheCircus	Shameless		Kidding	America?	Shameless		Kidding	SMILF	TheCircus	Movie
TMC	330	579	22	195	26	(:15) ★★★ Whale Rider				★★★ School Ties Brendan Fraser.				★★★★ A River Runs Through It			
A&E	27	58	20	35	47	(5:00) The Tragic Side of Comedy		Biography "John Belushi: Funny You Should Ask" John Belushi, comic genius.				Jeff Dunham: Birth of a Dummy An in-depth look at ventriloquist Jeff Dunham.				(:05) Biography	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★★ Shooter Mark Wahlberg.				Better Call Saul "Winner"			(:25) Lodge 49		(:40) Better Call Saul "Winner"		
BET	58	-		40		(5:00) To Be Announced				To Be Announced						Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	78		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		The Real Housewives (N)			Play	Watch (N)	Play	Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed (N)		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	80	31	24	42	Gears "Rally Time"		Gears "Cage Match"		Shifting Gears (N)		Vegas Rat Rods (N)		Brake	Brake	Gears "Cage Match"	
DISNEY	58	64	36	25	36	Raven's.	Raven's.	Andi M.	Raven's.	StuckMid.	StuckMid.	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Andi M.	Raven's.	Jessie	Jessie
ESPN	32	35	40	31	30	(5:00) Countdown (L)		Kickoff (6:15) NFL Football Washington vs New Orleans (L)						(:15) SportsCenter (N)			NFLPrime
ESPN2	34	38	49	32	31	SportsCenter (N)		NFL noche (6:15) NFL Fútbol Americano Washington vs New Orleans (L)						(:15) Footb. Final (N)		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Halloween Baking		Halloween Baking		Halloween Ba (N)		Halloween Cake (N)		HauntGingerbread		Halloween Baking	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:30) ★★ Dark Shadows Johnny Depp.				★★★ The Addams Family				The 700 Club		★★★ Clue	
FSSW	37	38	90	45	29	OU Sooner Football With Lincoln Riley		NCAA Football Texas vs. Oklahoma Site: Cotton Bowl – Dallas, Texas						Power of Sports	Cowboys/Conf. (N)	UFC Main Event "Johnson vs. Elliott"	
FX	31	58	59	64	69	(4:30) ★★★ Spy		The Boss ('16, Com) Melissa McCarthy.				The Boss ('16, Com) Melissa McCarthy.				★★★ Spy	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) All of My ...		Falling for Vermont (2017, Drama)				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Love It or List It		Love It or List It		Love It or List It (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Love It or List It	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:03) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	40	The First 48 "Last Wish"		Live PD: Women	Live PD: Women	PDWomen (N)	PDWomen (N)	(:05) 24 to Life (N)		(:05) 24 to Life "Desperate Measures"		Live PD: Women	Live PD: Women
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Super High Roller		Super High Roller		Super High Roller (N)		Super High Roller (N)		Super High Roller		Super High Roller	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Loud H.	Loud H.	Dare	Dare	To Be Announced				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★ The Haunting in Connecticut				The Vatican Tapes Olivia Dudley.				Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	(4:00) MLB Baseball American League Division Series (L)			MLB Baseball American League Division Series (L)							Inside MLB	TheGuest "Twinsies"
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) One Foot I...		★★★★ The Front Page Adolphe Menjou.				★★★★ His Girl Friday Cary Grant.				Strangers on a T...	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Exatlón: Estados Unidos (N)				Falsa Identidad (N)		El Recluso (N)		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Falsa identidad	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	(5:00) Long Island Medium		Long Island Medium (N)		Lost Family "A Baby in a Shoe Box" (N)		To Be Announced		L.I. Medium "Knock, Knock, It's Theresa!"		Long Island Medium	
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DEAR ABBY: My best friend of 40 years and her boyfriend live several states away from my husband and me. Every winter, she and her friend expect to come to our home for a week. We simply can no longer do this.

Her friend is a nice guy, but after a few days, we can hardly stand it. He talks constantly and knows everything about everything. How can I politely tell my friend that we can't accommodate them anymore without hurting her feelings and maybe ending our friendship? — WEARY OUT WEST

DEAR WEARY: Try this. When your old friend mentions coming to visit, tell her you aren't up to having houseguests. If she asks why, and she probably will, say you're not as young as you used to be — it's true. Neither am I. Tell her you can accommodate them for a weekend. If that doesn't work, say your husband isn't up for company. (Also true.) However, if neither excuse suffices, you may have to choose between telling your friend the truth and fibbing by saying you plan to be out of town.

DEAR ABBY: For mothers out there who wonder why their "wonderful" grown daughters don't have boyfriends, maybe it is because they are too dependent on you. No guy wants to be involved with a woman who calls or texts her mom multiple times a day (unless she is ill). No guy wants a girl who can't make a decision without consulting Mom, and he certainly doesn't want the intimate details of his relationship to be shared with you.

Men want confident women, not girls still tied to their mother's apron strings. If you want your daughter to find a man, stay out of her love life and teach her to make her own decisions! — HATES MEDDLING MOTHERS

DEAR HATES: I have long advised young women how important it is to gain independence before becoming romantically involved with anyone. I agree that women who can stand on their own two feet are more appealing than those who are still dependent upon their parents. Your letter verifies the truth of what I have been saying.

DEAR ABBY: I recently received an invitation to a dear friend's grandson's 5th birthday party. In lieu of gifts, donations were requested to a choice of politically affiliated "charitable" organizations. I cannot, in good conscience, support any of them.

What's the appropriate course of action here? Must I give the child a gift anyway, or just stay away from the party? I really don't want to get into any political discussions with either the parents or the grandparents, and I think there would be hurt feelings if I don't show up. — IN A BIND

DEAR IN A BIND: What a shame that a child's party was used as an excuse for a political fundraiser. I can't imagine any 5-year-old being "thrilled" to receive a political donation as a birthday gift.

However, because the child is the grandson of a "dear" friend, I do think a gift is in order. Make it something a 5-year-old will enjoy, have it delivered, and find an excuse not to attend if you feel it will devolve into something you prefer to avoid. Hurt feelings or not, you are not obligated to go to the party.

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Bidding Quiz

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

♠2 ♡J75 ♢AK93 ♣109763

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♢	1♡	2♢	2♡
Pass	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — Bid 3C, showing a maximum and your long side suit. Partner will know what to do should they compete further.

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

♠Q1054 ♡Q1076 ♢KQ2 ♣A82

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♢	Pass

What call would you make?

A — Old timers will bid 1S, bidding "up the line." Modern players, whose partner will often bypass a longer diamond suit over 1C to show a major, will bid 1NT. Neither is wrong.

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

♠A5 ♡K9 ♢KQ86 ♣KQ832

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — This hand is good enough to reverse, but reverse auctions should be avoided if there is a reasonable alternative. This hand is worth 18 points, so open 1C, planning to rebid 2NT.

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

♠93 ♡AJ98 ♢AJ2 ♣A873

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♢	1♠	Dbl*	Pass
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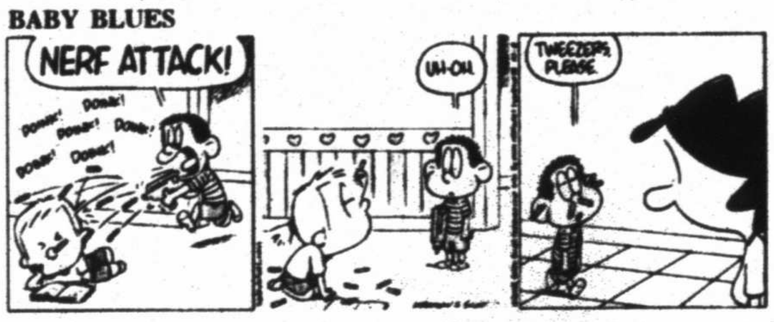

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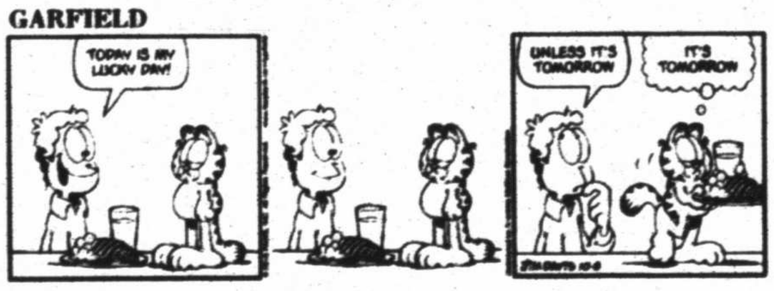

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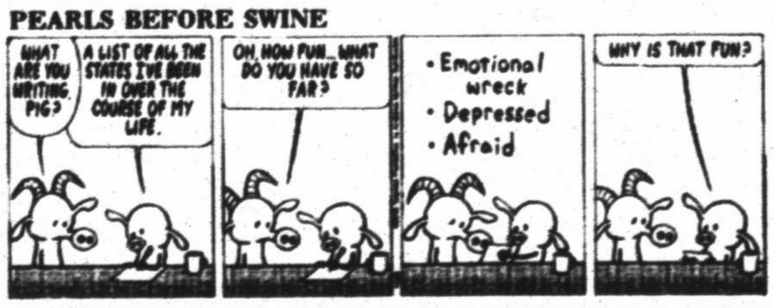

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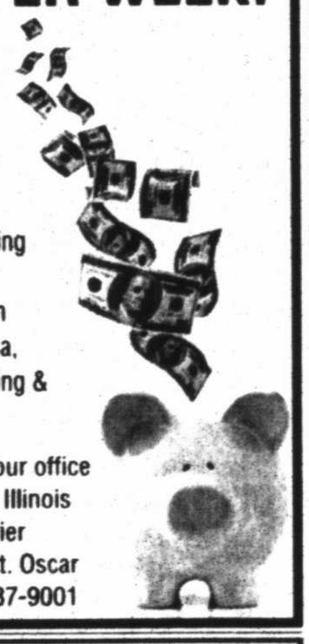

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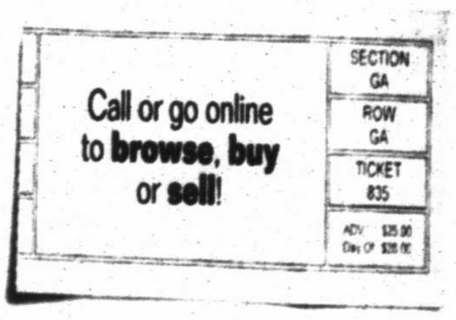

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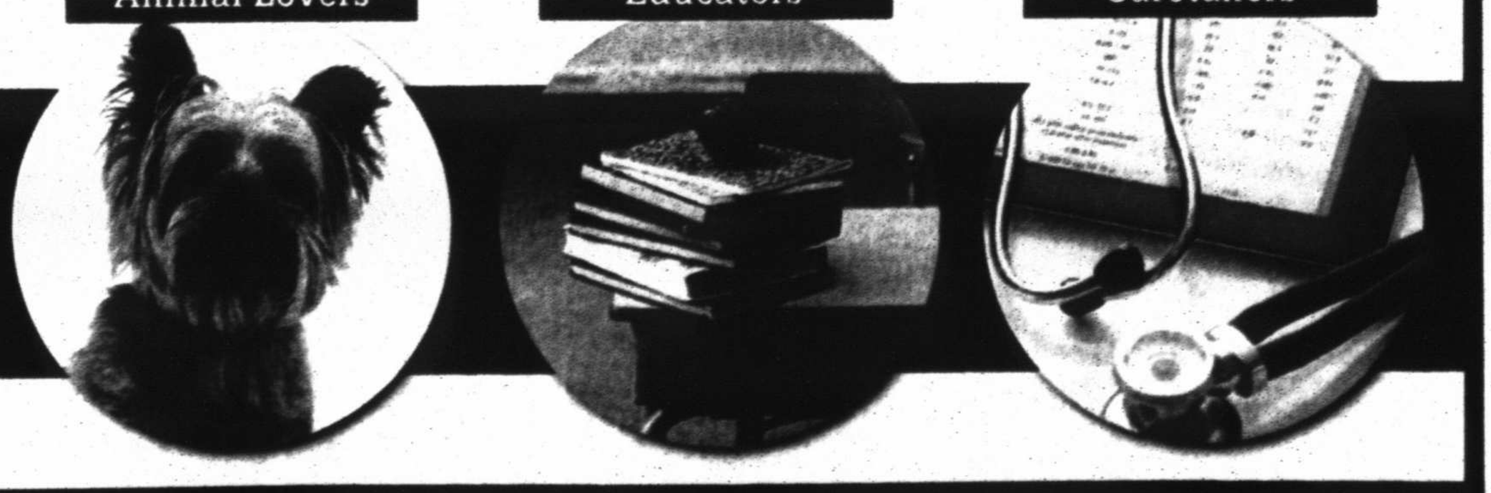

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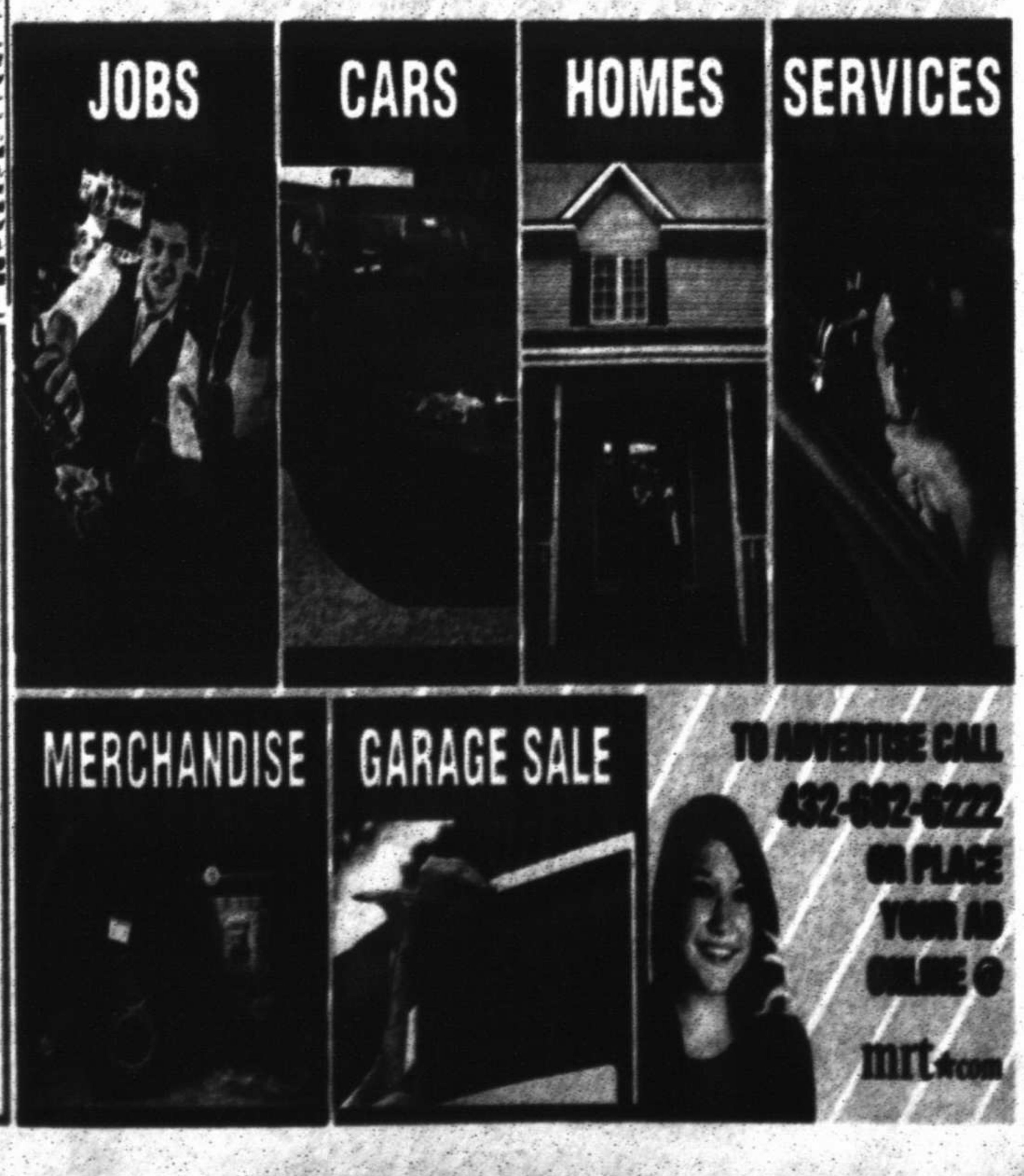
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