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CYCLIST KILLED

A California motorcyclist was killed near Midland.

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WHAT TO WATCH FOR

After a week off to recharge the batteries, District 2-6A begins this week, and the race could be a good one as Lee, Odessa Permian and Odessa High have looked good early on.

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Odessan indicted in connection with death of cyclist

From staff reports

An Odessa man was arrested indicted last month on a state jail felony charge of criminal negligent homicide after he allegedly caused the death of a cyclist, according to court documents.



Sam

Joshua Stephen Sam, 31, was arrested Friday and released the same day on a \$50,000 bond. The indictment has a filing date of Sept. 12.

Sam was driving on the north service

road of State Highway 191 on June 7 when his vehicle struck the rear of Dr. Brandey Ackerman's bicycle, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

The grand jury indictment states that Sam caused the Midland pediatrician's death while operating a vehicle "at an excessive rate of speed, and by failing to keep a proper lookout, and by a combination thereof."

Previous charges as a result of the wreck were for failure to control speed and expired vehicle registration, according to the report.

If convicted of the state jail felony charge, Sam could face up to two years imprisonment.

Sam was arrested the day after another driver pleaded guilty in the deaths of two other cyclists. A third cyclist was injured in the incident that occurred April 25 on State Highway 191.

Ricardo Madera of Eagle Pass pleaded guilty as part of a plea agreement, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story.

The charges against Madera are two counts of intoxicated manslaughter, one count of intoxication assault and two counts of leaving the scene of an accident. He agreed to sentences of 18 years in prison for each intoxication manslaughter charge with findings of a deadly weapon, along with sentences

of 10 years for each hit-and-run charge. Those will run concurrently. The charges carried a maximum sentence of 20 years prison for each manslaughter count, with the possibility of sentences being stacked by a judge had he proceeded to trial, according to the Midland County District Attorney's Office.

Michael Mestas, 47, and Camron Stotts, 42, died after being struck by Madera. Jason Haislip, the third bicyclist, continues his physical recovery, according to the previous article.

Lab tests revealed a Madera had 0.126 blood alcohol level, more than 1.5 times the legal limit, according to previous articles.

Event to continue mental health dialogue

From staff reports

An event today aims to facilitate community discussion surrounding mental health. The public is invited to hear from a mental health advocate and learn about a local resource.

The programming comes after the recent launch of the Okay to Say campaign. The effort from the Midland Behavioral Health Initiative intends to educate people about mental illnesses and reduce the stigma that is sometimes associated with them.

"So many people are dealing with these issues in silence, and now they have a place to go," said Elaine Bedell, executive director of the Midland Behavioral Health Leadership Team.

Headlining the 6 p.m. event is Kevin Hines, a speaker, author and filmmaker. Bedell thinks his message will show people with mental health illness that they're not alone.

The free event will also feature a video booth, where people can describe personal stories related to mental health.

Other plans include sharing information about the expansion of 68-NURSE. Community members can use that call line to communicate with medical professionals, who are now trained to help callers with mental health concerns.

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Mike Huckabee, former Arkansas governor and presidential candidate, speaks Monday at the Global Impact 2:2 driver hosted by 21 Wilberforce, a human rights organization dedicated to expanding religious freedom around the world, according to its website. The nonprofit's president and founder is Randal Everett, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Midland. James Denton, also a former pastor at FBC, is a senior fellow with the Virginia-based nonprofit. For more information, visit 21wilberforce.org.

Spending at Horseshoe will exceed \$50M after court's vote

By Stewart Doreen

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Midland County Commissioners' Court officially put capital spending at the Horseshoe complex above \$50 million Monday with the approval of extras at the multi-purpose complex in south Midland.

Commissioners approved the following:

- \$856,725 for bleacher seating at Horseshoe Arena;
- \$670,326 for RV parking;
- \$389,349 for a "crew room," where performers can get dressed or prepare for their events;
- \$1,437 million for a new concession building; and
- \$1,858 million for a new hospital building.

Only Commissioner Luis Sanchez voted against the final three items, during a series of votes. Randy Prude, Robin Donnelly and Scott Ramsey voted in the affirmative for the \$5.2 million in new capital spending. County Judge Mike Bradford previously stated the need for the projects that will push capital spending beyond the \$50 million mark and could give the Scharbauer Sports Complex a run for costliest entertainment facility in the city.

Vandergriff Group Architects previously presented those projects to commissioners for a total of nearly \$4.9 million. The spending approved Monday was for \$5.212 million. Commissioners previously approved budgeted capital spending for the Horseshoe in the amount of \$5.7 million.

The Reporter-Telegram previously reported total costs for capital projects — should spending hit that budgeted amount — will eclipse \$51 million.

Joe Kelly, owner of the Dooley Management Co. that operates the Horseshoe, told commissioners the facility is back to being "super busy."

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The big number

The thousands that crashed and killed 28 people has failed inspection and its driver was not properly licensed. Page 4A

Word of the Day:

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

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Wednesday, October 10th

Obituaries



Mark Edward Woodward

Mark Edward Woodward, 57, of Miami, passed away October 7, 2018 at his home in Miami. He was 47 years old at the time of his death. He had a good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

Private services will be held at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Tampa.

Mark was born January 13, 1961 in Fort Worth. He was reared in Borger where he attended Borger schools. While in high school, Mark was a four-year member of FFA, participated in the rodeo for two years, played baseball for a year, ran track for two years, was on the football team for four years, and graduated from Borger High School in 1979. Mark was very active in high school; he played baseball, ran track, and played football and received the honor of being in the "Who's Who" in Texas Football. In addition to sports he participated in FFA and Rodeo. He married Shenette Storts on July 6, 2001 in New

Mexico. Mark started working construction with Phillips during his high school summers, and then entered into the Oil & Gas industry, working as a pipeliner for 40 years, which spanned many states from Texas to Alaska.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Borger. He had been a resident of Miami since 2007. He had a list of charities that he supported, including St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Salvation Army, Faith Missions, Orphan's Promise and Hand of Hope all of which were important to him. Mark will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, friend and he will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors include his wife, Shenette Woodward of the home; a daughter, Chelsea Marie Woodward of Roswell, New Mexico; grandson, Alec Aranda of Roswell, New Mexico; two stepsons, Robert Wagner and family of Mustang, Oklahoma, and Zachary Davis and family of Norman, Oklahoma; a stepdaughter, Taylor Woodward Cochrane and family of Roswell, New Mexico; a sister, Lee Ann Woodward Porter of Midland; a nephew, Colbey Porter of Midland; sister-in-law, Sherita Leary and husband Jerry and family in Yukon, Oklahoma; the Woodward and Sirman cousins in Oklahoma and Texas; and his hunting and fishing buddies and friends, Jeff Smith of Borger, Tracy Mitchell of Fritch, Alan Hicky of Ponca City, Oklahoma and Craig Harris of Midland. Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Gene and Harriett Woodward, and his grandparents, Edward and Mabel Lehrling.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38106, or Hand of Hope - Joyce Meyer Ministries, PO Box 655, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whitley.com



Sylvia Ochoa Lopez

Sylvia Ochoa Lopez, 60, of Midland, Texas, passed away on October 5, 2018.

Sylvia was born in Midland, Texas to Ramon and Maria Elena Ochoa on May 31, 1958. She attended and graduated from Lee Senior High School. She wed Martin R. Lopez on February 9, 1980. She worked for Our Lady of Guadalupe Church; from the religious store to being secretary of the office for over 20 years. She was very involved in church activities and belonged to many church associations including the Altar Society, Crucifixion, the Hospitality Committee and many others.

Sylvia is survived by her husband Martin Lopez Jr, her children Melissa (Adrian) Maldonado and Catalina Lopez, her brothers: Ramon

Ochoa, his children, Frank (Becky) their children, and Roy Ochoa and her granddaughter: Mikaela and Natalie Maldonado.

Her viewing will be held at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home 2508 N. Big Spring St. Midland, Texas on Monday October 8, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The funeral will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on Tuesday October 9, 2018, followed by the burial at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Pall bearers will be Ramon Ochoa, Frank Ochoa, Roy Ochoa, Arturo Navarrete, Jerry Navarrete, Edward Guarjardo, Reuben Ochoa, and Carlos Gonzales.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers please make donations to the Hospitality Committee to help the needy, as that is what Sylvia would have wanted.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapiipkinfh.com.

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2508 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX 79701-4708

Death Notices

Austin James Neuman

Austin James Neuman, age 26, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Thursday, October 4, 2018 in Odessa. A Memorial Service will be at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, October 13,

2018 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Don Norris officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

Betty Ann Long

Betty Ann Long, 65, of Odessa, Texas passed away October 5, 2018. She was born March 5, 1953 in Sledge, MS. She is survived by her children, Jeff and Thomas Martin, Debbie Sue Answorth, and Sherry Ann Pruitt; two siblings, eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home.

Dominga Del Carmen Galindo

Dominga Del Carmen Galindo passed away Friday, October 5, 2018 at her residence.

There was a Rosary Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 6:00 pm at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral Services will be Monday, October 8, 2018 at 10:00 am at St. Stephens Catholic Church.

Cremation will follow the services.

Dr. Richard G. Kohnpauer

Visitation 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. First Baptist Midland Wednesday October 10th. Service 11:00 a.m. First Baptist Midland Wednesday October 10th. Burial to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

John David Self

John David Self, 36 of Midland, Texas passed away Thursday, October 4, 2018. Visitation will be Wednesday, October 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a receiving of friends from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home.

A funeral service is set for Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. also at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. He is survived by his wife, Petra Self; three sons, John Self, Jaxton Self and Gunner Self; three daughters, Adriana Self, Victoria Self and Lexi Self; his parents, Mary Montgomery Self and John and Cindy Self; five brothers and two sisters.

Richard A. Ellison

Richard A. Ellison, 43 of Midland, Texas passed away Saturday, October 6, 2018.

Family will be receiving friends Thursday, October 11, from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. A funeral service is set for Friday, October 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Burial will follow at Resthaven North.

He is survived by his wife, Lori Beth Ellison; Two sons, Scott Rockhill and Dylan Rockhill; six daughters, Sydney Grace Ellison, Tanner Mozell Ellison, Trinity Jean Ellison, Makayla Ann Rockhill, Zaylee Beth Ellison and Nermah Grace Cantil; his parents, Mary Sue Johnson and Fredrick Wayne Johnson and one brother.

Annual Project Literacy kicks off today with stagecoach ride to Yarbrough

From staff reports

Wells Fargo, the Midland Reporter-Telegram and Midland County Public Library have teamed for Project Literacy 2018.

The event kicks off this morning when Caldecott Honor award-winning author Mac Barnett rides the Wells Fargo stagecoach to Yarbrough Elementary, where he will talk to students about his career. Throughout this week, about 3,000 Midland County first-graders will receive a copy of Barnett's book "Extra Yarn."

Barnett will sign books at the MCPL Centennial branch beginning 4:30 p.m. today. The library will be "yarn bombed" with knitted sweaters covering the trees inside the library and demonstrations and displays from local knitting and crochet clubs. A "knit-in" will round out the day's activities.

Other children's authors participating in Project Literacy 2018 are Nathan Hale and Katherine Applegate.

Hale, a Bluebonnet Award winner and author of "Hazardous Tales: Alamo All-Stars," will be speaking at Bowie Elementary School on Wednesday and will sign books at Centennial beginning at 4:30 p.m. that day. Applegate, author of 2013 Newberry Medal winner "The One and Only Ivan," will be signing books at Centennial at 4:30 p.m. Thursday and will be speaking to students at Bowie on Friday.

Also as part of this year's Project Literacy, Midland ISD second-graders will attend assemblies designed to reinforce the importance of writing, literacy, and the idea that every student has a story worth telling, according to a press release from the county library.

The reading initiative began nine years ago as a community partnership between Wells Fargo and the Reporter-Telegram, and today it is supported by the Midland County Public Library Foundation, and Friends of Libraries and Literacy.

City: New airport parking nears design phase

By Stewart Doreen

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Nearly 900 parking spaces are in the works at Midland International Airport. The Midland City Council at its first October meeting will decide on amending an agreement with Parkhill Smith & Cooper that would call for \$634,625 for the design/bidding phase that ultimately would result in a pair of lots that would add 885 parking spaces on 7.4 acres.

The first lot will be west of the main uncovered lot adjacent to the terminal. The location is south of the newest parking lot west of the terminal. "New Lot 1" will be the site of approximately 615 parking spaces and encompass 5.3 acres.

The second lot will be directly south of the larger, uncovered lot and across

Sloan Field Boulevard. "New Lot 2" will encompass approximately 2.1 acres and be the site of 270 parking spaces, according to the city.

The current fiscal impact will cover costs including "preliminary" and "final" design phase fees (a combined cost of nearly \$293,000), "design phase subsurface utility exploration" (cost of \$150,000), and design phase "geotechnical testing" and surveying (combined cost \$145,000), according to the city.

Funds will be appropriated from the airport operating fund. Airports Director Justine Ruff recently told the Reporter-Telegram that there was \$17 million in the Airport Operations Fund.

Both lots, according to the city, will be constructed of a bituminous surface course and be uncovered.

Former first daughter Barbara Bush marries

Associated Press

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine — Former first daughter Barbara Bush has gotten married.

Her father, former President George W. Bush, escorted his daughter down the aisle while her grandfather, former President George H.W. Bush, watched the ceremony at the family's Walker Point compound in Kennebunkport, Maine, on Sunday.

The 36-year-old married 37-year-old screenwriter Craig Coyne.



Her twin sister, Jenna Bush Hager, told NBC's "Today" show on Monday Barbara wore something borrowed — a bracelet her grandfather had given to his wife on their 70th wedding anniversary. Her namesake and grandmother, former first lady Barbara Bush, died at age 92 in April.

The bride is the co-founder of public health nonprofit Global Health Corps. The couple will live in New York.

SPENDING

From 1A

He spoke of the events in August such as the Midland County Fair, Centers "An Evening with..." event and Ultimate Calf Roping. He said the county fair drew a record 22,000 people (the previous record was 16,000 last year). Kelly said parking issues at the fair will be handled better next year.

Kelly also said there was a "snafu" at the Pavilion during the recent Eagle ink tattoo and barber shop convention because storms caused loss of power for several hours, which resulted in no lights and problems with the air

conditioning system. He and County Judge Mike Bradford said county officials were at the Pavilion on Monday morning to make sure everything was working for a Monday night event.

Nearly \$8 million in road improvements

Also Monday, county leaders approved \$7.92 million in improvements to three roads.

The county awarded three requests for proposals (RFPs) to Jones Bros. for improvements to County Road 1160, County Road 1120 and County Road 1210. Total cost of all three

are \$7,928,969.

The most expensive project is the improvement to CR 1160 from County Road 1213 to CR 190. Officials blamed oil-field traffic for the deterioration of the road. Total cost of that project is \$4,775 million.

Commissioners approved \$633,000 for the widening of CR 1120 between the service road of Interstate 20 and Farm-to-Market Road 307. Traffic heading into pipe yards degraded the road, officials said.

The County Road 1210 project will improve the extension of Midkiff Road into the county (to CR 140), according to officials.

DPS: Motorcyclist dies after hitting rear of pickup

From staff reports

A 35-year-old Bakersfield, California, motorcyclist died Thursday in a two-vehicle wreck one-half mile south of Midland, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Michael K. Snyder was riding a Yamaha motorcycle northbound on County Road 1232 behind a Dodge Ram driven by a 55-year-old Midland man. The pickup driver slowed down to turn into a private driveway, and Snyder hit the back of the vehicle, according to the release that was received on Monday.

Snyder, who wasn't wearing a helmet, died at the scene, according to the release. The pickup driver was not injured. The wreck occurred about 5:15 p.m. Thursday.

Snyder is 35th person to die in wrecks on roads in Midland County this year and the second this month, according to Reporter-Telegram records. He also is the fourth motorcyclist to have been killed in local wrecks. The previous wrecks occurred March 25 on West County Road 100, July 14 on Front Street and Aug. 10 on State Highway 191, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

CRIMEBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man charged with invasive recording

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after allegedly taking dozens of photos of females while they were in a bathroom, according to court documents.



Daniel Dewayne Hare, 34, was released Saturday on \$10,000 bonds for two state jail felony charges of

invasive visual recording.

Midland police were dispatched to a residence at about 10 p.m. Thursday in reference to checking a person.

In the course of two weeks, Hare took 94 photos of two females while they were in a bathroom, according to his arrest affidavit. He went to a skylight above a shower and took the photos without the females' consent or knowledge, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of a state jail felony charge, Hare could face up to two years imprisonment.

US Marshals: Patient dies after shooting at MCH

From staff reports

ODESSA — A federal prisoner in custody of the U.S. Marshals Service died Monday night after a shooting at Medical Center Hospital, according to press releases from the hospital and the marshals.

"The name of the prisoner will not be released until next of kin have been notified," the marshals said in a statement. "Texas Rangers will investigate the incident." The marshals will make no further statement while the shooting is being investigated, according to the release.

Law enforcement personnel were not injured in the incident, according to the marshals' release.

The shooting, which involved a patient in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service, occurred at about 4:13 p.m., according to the MCH release. No hospital employees were involved or harmed during the shooting, according to the hospital. The patient died at about 6 p.m. Monday.

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Want to go?

Order to See Hare 8 to 8 p.m. today Midland Community Theatre Featuring Hare Hare

the things they're going through.

Tickets are limited for the event, which is being held the same week as World Mental Health Day. For more information or to register, visit midlandmhd.org or eventbrite.com.

"It is 24 hours a day as a call service, and it's free..." said Veronica Overton, clinical manager for 68-NURSE.

"They can always call and talk through some of

WORD OF THE DAY

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schadenfreude

[shahd-n-froi-duh]

noun

1. satisfaction or pleasure felt

at someone else's misfortune.



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LWV to register voters

Today 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. today to register voters.

Conway plans town hall

U.S. Rep. Mike Conway will hold a town hall meeting from 5-6 p.m. Wednesday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Butternut Lane.

Things to do

■ Tales and Trails: Gourds, program for preschool children, 10-11 a.m., Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. \$2.

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

■ Project Literacy: Mac Barnett author appearance, 4:30-6 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 Loop 250 N.

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

■ West Texas Legends in Line dancing classes for all levels, 7 p.m., Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. meelup.com/crossinghighlinewesttexas.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.

■ Herman Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m., Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St. \$6. For more information, call 432-638-3707.

■ 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

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

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

Meeting today

City Council

Party at the patch



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Families visit the pumpkin patch at St. Luke's United Methodist Church on Saturday.

10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall 300 N. Lomax Ave.

When it's open

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

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

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

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week. Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Odd-numbered addresses may water

outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays. Any violation may result in a fine up to \$500. The ban on washing outdoor surfaces is still in effect.

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 9, the 282nd day of 2018. There are 83 days left in the year.

On this date: In 1888, the public was first admitted to the Washington Monument. In 1936, the first generator at Boulder (later Hoover) Dam began

transmitting electricity to Los Angeles.

In 1967, Marxist revolutionary guerrilla leader Che Guevara, 39, was summarily executed by the Bolivian army a day after his capture.

Ten years ago, Calm gave way to fear in financial markets, turning a relatively steady day into a rout that pushed the Dow Jones industrials below 9,000 — to 8,579.19 — for the first time in five years. Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio of France won the Nobel Prize in literature.

Lottery

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All or Nothing day: 2-4-5-7-9-10-11-14-16-20-22-24

All or Nothing evening: 6-9-10-13-14-15-17-20-21-22-23-24

All or Nothing night: 3-4-6-7-8-11-12-17-18-19-22-24

Cash Five: 8-12-15-18-32

Daily 4 morning: 7-8-0-8
Daily 4 day: 3-1-4-0
Daily 4 evening: 1-1-3-9
Daily 4 night: 1-3-0-7

Pick 3 morning: 2-6-6
Pick 3 day: 2-2-7
Pick 3 evening: 1-1-5
Pick 3 night: 2-9-3

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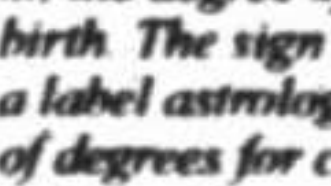
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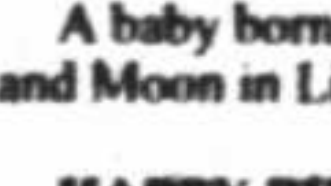
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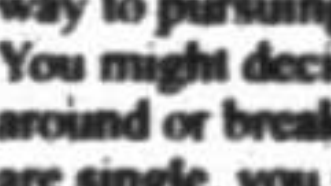
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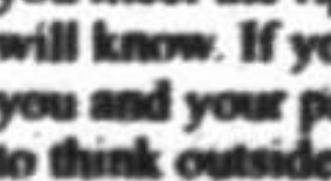
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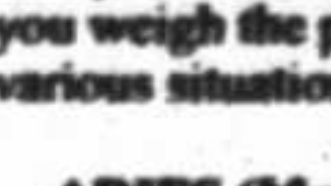
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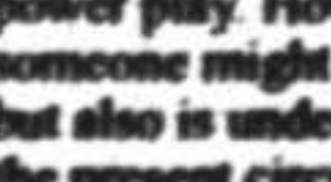
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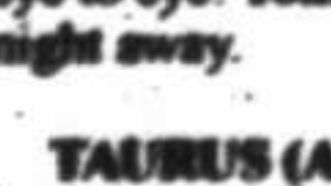
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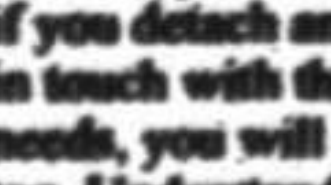
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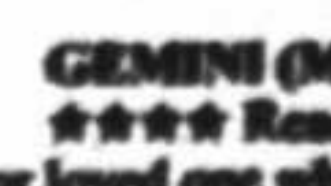
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Weather

Monday's temperatures
High: 77
Low: 65
Normal high: 80
Normal low: 55

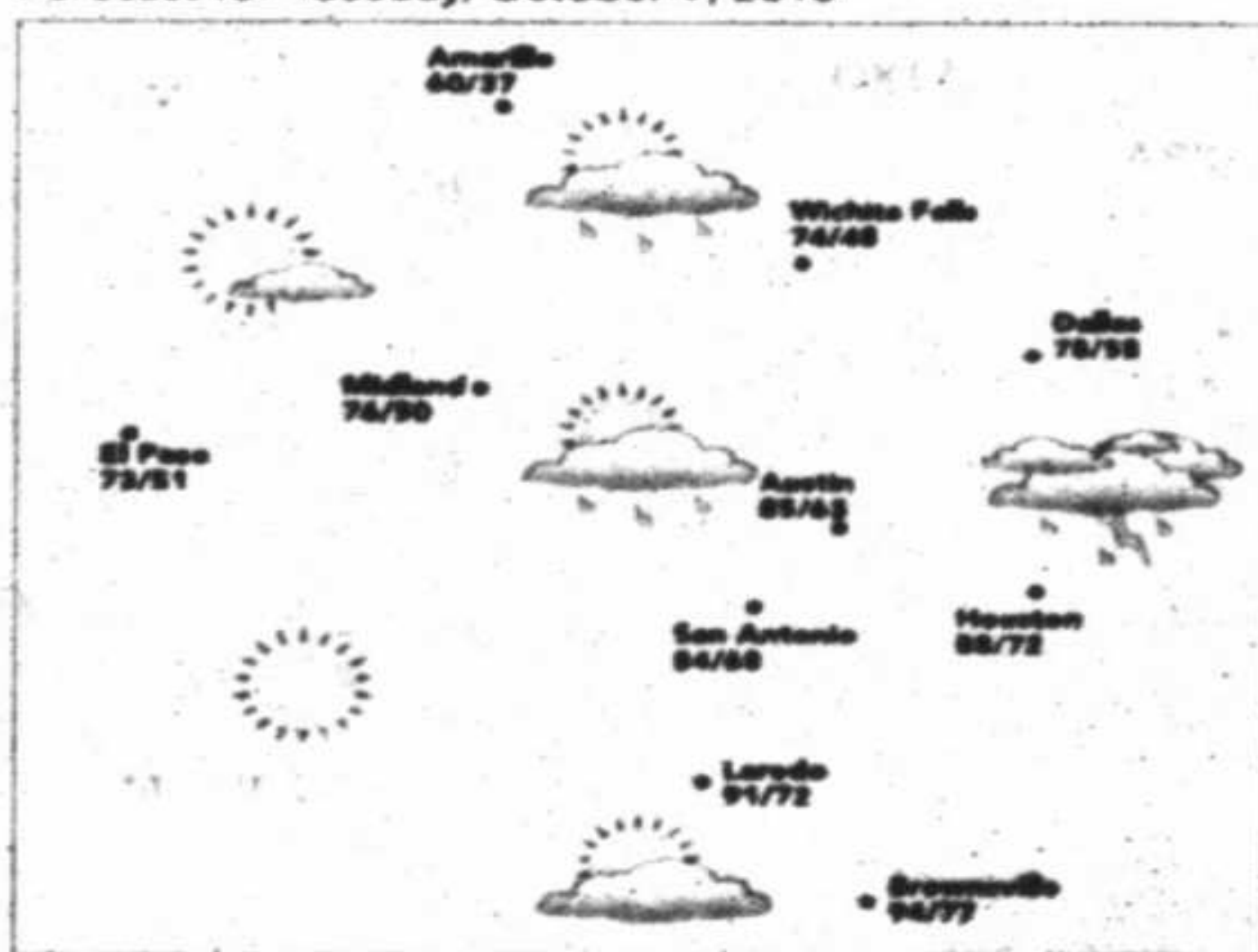
Oct. 8 records
High: 100, set in 1979
Low: 33, set in 1976

Precipitation
Sunday: 0.01 inch
Monday: 0.35 inch
Month total: 1.93 inches
Year total: 13.12 inches
Normal total (year to date): 12.11 inches

Winds
Average speed: 19.4 mph
Highest sustained: 30 mph
Highest gust: 44 mph

Today's forecast
Sunny. High: 77. Low: 65. Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day; mostly clear at night. Winds: 5-10 mph during

Forecast for Tuesday, October 9, 2018



Sunny. High: 77. Low: 65. Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day; mostly clear at night. Winds: 5-10 mph during

the day and night. Chance of rain: 40 percent during the day. Sunrise: 7:23 a.m. Sunset: 7:48 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience.

Governor: Limo that crashed shouldn't have been on the road

By Michael Hill and Sabrina Caserta
Associated Press

SCHOHARIE, N.Y. — The supersized limousine that crashed and killed 20 people outside a country store failed a safety inspection last month and shouldn't have been on the road, and the driver wasn't properly licensed, New York's governor said Monday.

The state moved to shut down the owner, Prestige Limousine, as state and federal authorities investigated the cause of Saturday's wreck in Schoharie. The company said it was taking its cars off the road while conducting its own probe into the crash.

The crash about 170 miles north of New York City came three years after another deadly stretch-limo wreck in New York state spurred calls for Gov. Andrew Cuomo to examine such vehicles' safety. There is no evidence the state took any steps to do so.

As victims' relatives tried to come to grips with the tragedy that happened as a group of friends and family were on their way to a 30th birthday party, authorities had yet to say how fast the limo was going or determine what caused it to run a stop sign.

The 19-seater vehicle had at least some seat belts, but it was unclear whether anyone was wearing them, National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Robert Sumwalt said.

Investigators plan to examine the mangled limo's data recorders and mechanical systems, as well as the road, which has a history as a danger spot. They are also looking into the driver's record and qualifications and conducting an autopsy to see if drugs or alcohol were factors.

But officials already saw some red flags, Cuomo said. The driver didn't have the necessary commercial license, and the vehicle failed a state inspection that examined such things as the chassis, suspension and brakes.

"In my opinion, the owner of this company had no business putting a failed vehicle on the road," the governor said while attending a Columbus Day Parade in New York City. "Prestige has a lot of questions to answer."

He also said the limo — built by cutting apart a heavy-duty SUV and lengthening it — had been created without federal certification, though NTSB officials said they hadn't yet determined whether the vehicle met federal standards.

Prestige Limousine issued a statement Monday expressing condolences to victims' families and saying it was conducting "a detailed internal investigation," while also meeting with state and federal authorities, according to The New York Times.

The Gansevoort, New York-based company said it pulled its cars from the road voluntarily. But state police say they seized four Prestige cars, including the one that crashed.

Federal records show the company has undergone five inspections in the past two years and had four vehicles pulled from service.

Federal transportation records show Prestige is owned by Shahed Hussain, who worked as an informant for the FBI after the Sept. 11 attacks, infiltrating Muslim groups by posing as a terrorist sympathizer in at least three investigations. In one case, he helped convict men accused of plotting to bomb New York synagogues.

His role at the FBI was assailed by civil liberties groups, who accused him of helping the FBI entrap

people.

Asked Monday about Hussain, the FBI said it would not confirm or deny who is or is not an informant.

The limousine, built from a 2001 Ford Excursion, ran a stop sign at a T-shaped intersection at the bottom of a hill and slammed into an unoccupied SUV.

Investigators have yet to determine whether the driver, whose name has not been released, tried to brake. The crash left no visible skid marks, but that might be due to misty weather or anti-lock brakes, Sumwalt said.

The wreck killed two pedestrians and all 18 people in the limousine, including four sisters who were headed with friends and relatives to a brewery for a party for one of the sisters.

The four sisters' aunt, Barbara Douglas, said they had felt "they did the responsible thing getting a limo so they wouldn't have to drive anywhere."

"My heart is broken. It's in a place where I've never felt this type of pain before," said Karina Halse, who lost her 26-year-old sister Amanda.

The crash appeared to be the deadliest land-vehicle accident in the U.S. since a bus full of Texas nursing home patients fleeing 2005's Hurricane Rita caught fire, killing 23. Saturday's wreck was the nation's deadliest transportation accident of any kind since a 2009 plane crash near Buffalo, New York, killed 50 people.

Factory-built limousines must meet stringent safety regulations. But luxury cars converted to limos, like the one in Saturday's crash, often lack such safety components as side-impact air bags, reinforced rollover protection bars and accessible emergency exits.

Few federal regulations govern limos modified after leaving the factory. Regulations often vary by state and even local governments.

"It certainly is the Wild West out there when it comes to limousines and stretch vehicles," said National Safety Council CEO Deborah A.P. Hersman, who would like to see uniform state limousine regulations across the nation.

Ford said it has never made its own stretch version of the Excursion. The company did certify outside companies to modify them to Ford specifications for up to 14 seats during the 2001 model year, but it wasn't clear who modified the SUV that crashed Saturday.

"At this time, Ford does not have any information about the vehicle involved in this accident, but we are ready to cooperate with agencies who are investigating," the company said in a statement.

Ford qualified certain limo-builders to build a stretch version of Ford Excursion with seating for up to 12-14 people maximum. At this time, Ford does not have any information about the vehicle involved in this accident, but we are ready to cooperate with agencies who are investigating.

Large-limo wrecks are relatively few: 12 nationwide between 2012 and 2016, compared with over 157,000 crashes involving all types of vehicles during that period, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. But some big-limo wrecks caught the public's attention and prompted pleas for more oversight.

Five women out for a bachelorette party were killed in 2013 when their stretch limo caught fire in Northern California because of friction between the drive shaft and the

rear floorboard.

After Comedian Tracy Morgan was seriously injured in a truck-limo van crash in New Jersey in 2014, the NTSB recommended the limousine industry encourage seat belt use in stretch limos, among other suggestions.

After a stretch limousine was T-boned and nearly torn in half on New York's Long Island in 2015 — killing four women on a winery tour — a special grand jury implored Cuomo to examine the safety of such vehicles.

It appears the task force was never formed, and nearly three years after the grand jury's recommendation, it was unclear what, if anything, Cuomo's administration did in response.

"I don't know if there was a task force set up," the governor said Monday, while suggesting that Saturday's crash didn't necessarily point to a need for more regulation.

"Sometimes, people just don't follow the law that already exists, he said. "And that may very well be what happened here."

The New York grand jury report recommended state lawmakers require stretch limousines that seat nine or more passengers to meet the stricter inspection regulations that apply to buses.

Lawmakers, including Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer of New York, asked federal officials several years ago to raise safety standards for stretch limos modified after manufacture.

Texas Supreme Court asked to hear sex offender law challenge

Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court has been asked to consider a challenge to the state's retroactive sex offender laws that some say unfairly stack new punishments on those convicted in plea deals.

More than 2,800 sex offenders remain on the Texas registry despite being no longer required to register under terms of their probation, according to an Austin-American Statesman analysis of the list.

Every qualifying sex offender was ordered onto the registry in 2005 after Texas expanded its sex offense laws. But that included some defendants who were promised in deals with prosecutors that they wouldn't have to be on the list after a certain amount of time.

Donnie Miller struck a deal with Travis County prosecutors after he was charged with sexual assault against a woman outside an Austin gentleman's club in 1993. A jury couldn't agree on a verdict at his trial, forcing Miller to face a second trial and more than \$20,000 in legal fees.

He made a deal with prosecutors to plead guilty and, in exchange, his record would be cleaned if he stayed out of trouble for 10 years. But Miller received a call a year after successfully completing his probation telling him that Texas had changed the rules and that he'd be on the sex offender registry for life, contrary to the terms of his plea deal.

"If I'd known, why would I have taken a plea deal?" said Miller, 48. "I would have borrowed the money for the retrial."

In a lawsuit before the Texas Supreme Court regarding another similar case, San Antonio attorney Angela Moore argues that undoing plea bargains makes the agreements worthless. About 94 percent of criminal convictions are disposed of with pleas, she said.

Texas Department of Public Safety attorneys warn that the lawsuit could relieve many "other sex offenders of their duty to register."

Texas was among several states to expand state law to include offenders from old cases. The U.S. Supreme Court had ruled in 2003 that Alaska's law retroactively requiring old sex offenders with completed sentences to register was legal because the registry wasn't intended to be punitive.

But recent studies show that public lists can have severe consequences, such as public shaming and limiting job opportunities. Since the Alaska decision, new research has emerged that disproves what policymakers previously thought to be true about sex offenders and the effectiveness of such laws.

The updated findings are appearing in court cases across the country. Rulings in Maryland, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Alaska eliminated their retroactive sex offender clauses.

Netflix to bring new production hub to NM

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Netflix has chosen New Mexico as the site of a new U.S. production hub and is in final negotiations to buy an existing multimillion-dollar studio complex on the edge of the state's largest city, government and corporate leaders announced Monday.

It's the company's first purchase of such a property, and upcoming production work in Albuquerque and at other spots around New Mexico is forecast to result in \$1 billion in

spending over the next decade.

More than \$14 million in state and local economic development funding is being tapped to bring Netflix to New Mexico. Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller, a Democrat, touted the investment and said lengthy efforts to put New Mexico on the movie-making map are paying off.

"This is awesome," the governor told dozens of people gathered inside a cavernous sound stage at ABQ Studios. "This massive investment will have a huge impact of course on New Mexico and continue

our efforts to grow and diversify the economy."

Martinez acknowledged the state's reliance on federal funding and oil and gas development, saying more needs to be done to encourage diverse ventures such as Netflix as the private sector is the backbone of the American economy.

Keller said the city has laid the groundwork to make sure the film industry is part of its economic development plan. He called landing Netflix a "transformative victory" for the city. Netflix projects produced in New Mexico include the Emmy Award-winning limited series "Godless" and "Longmire."

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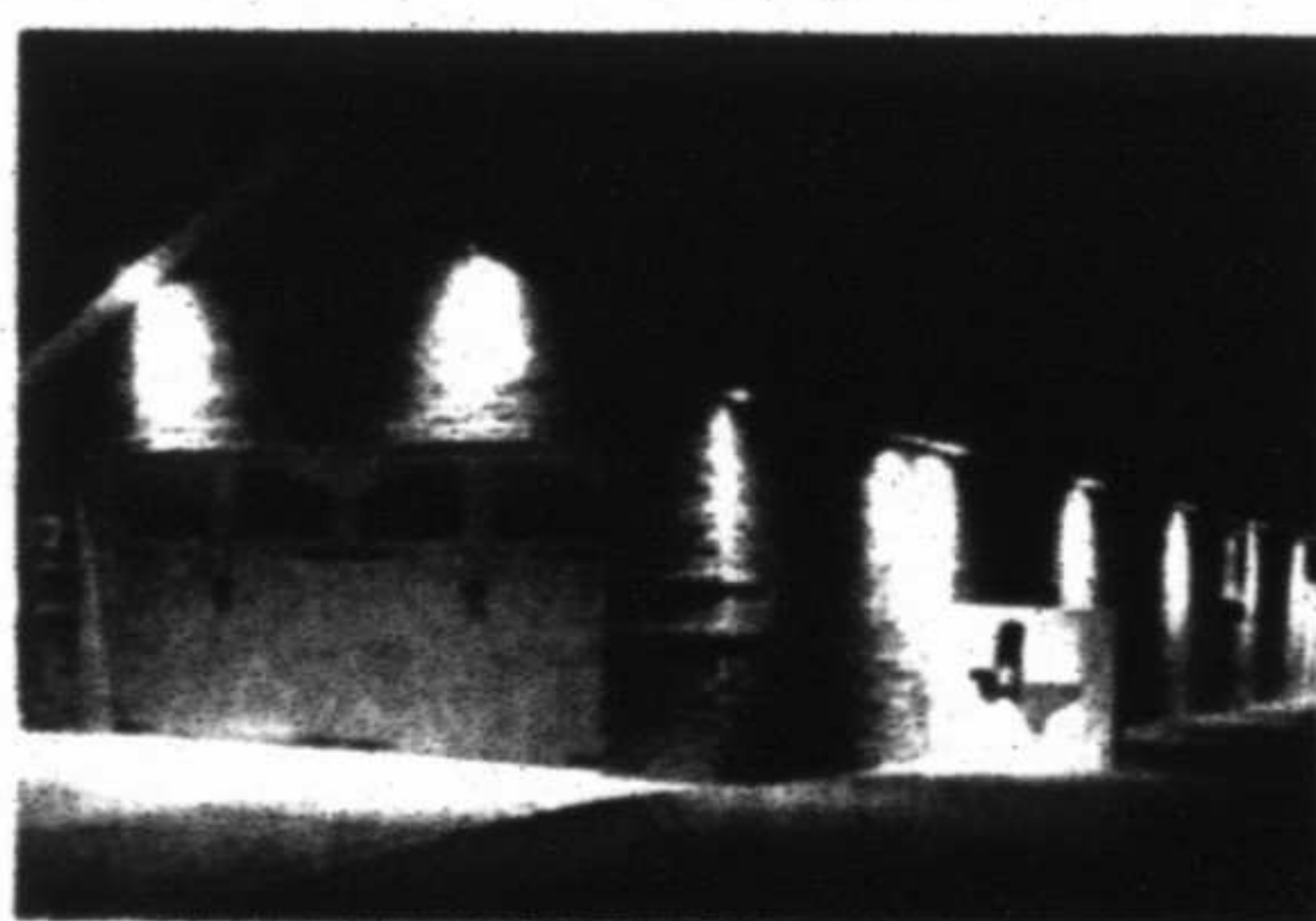
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Gulf Coast braces for 'monstrous hurricane'

By Jennifer Kay
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MIAMI — Residents of Florida's Panhandle frantically filled sandbags, boarded up homes and secured boats Monday as they anxiously awaited Hurricane Michael, which forecasters warned could smash into the state's Gulf Coast as a dangerous major hurricane within days.

Fueled by warm tropical waters, Michael gained new strength by nightfall and could reach major hurricane status with winds topping 111 mph before its anticipated landfall Wednesday on the Panhandle or Big Bend area of Florida, forecasters warn.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott called Michael a "monstrous hurricane" with a devastating potential from high winds, storm surge and heavy rains.

Scott declared a state of emergency for 35 Florida counties from the Panhandle to Tampa Bay, activated hundreds of Florida National Guard members and waived tolls to encourage those near the coast to evacuate inland. Scott also said Monday afternoon that state health officials are reaching out to hospitals and nursing homes to be prepared. Following Hurricane Irma last year, 14 people died when a South Florida nursing home lost power and air conditioning.

Of the elderly and infirm patients, Scott had a blunt message for their caregivers: "If you're responsible for a patient, you're responsible for the patient. Take care of them."

In the small Panhandle city of Apalachicola, Mayor Van Johnson Sr. said the 2,300 residents are frantically preparing for a major hurricane strike that could be unlike any there in decades.

"We're looking at a significant storm with significant impact, possibly greater than I've seen in my 59 years of life," Johnson said of the city, straddling the shore of Apalachicola Bay, a Gulf of Mexico inlet that reaps about 90 percent of Florida's oysters.

By Monday evening, lines had formed at gas stations and grocery stores as people sought emergency supplies even as evacuations were expected to intensify in coming hours. Mandatory evacuation orders were issued for residents of barrier islands, mobile homes and low-lying coastal areas in Gulf, Wakulla and Bay counties.

In a Facebook post Monday, the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office said no shelters would be open because Wakulla County shelters were rated safe only for hurricanes with top sus-

Floods sweep away West Texas RV park, 4 men missing

DALLAS (AP) — Emergency crews were searching for four men Monday whose recreational vehicle was swept away from an RV park by floodwaters in a small West Texas city, prompting dramatic rescues by helicopters and boats.

Heavy rains started falling Sunday night, causing the South Llano River to rise in Junction, about 140 miles west of Austin. Kimble County Sheriff Hilario Cantu said no fatalities have been confirmed but that "all the RVs, everything, got swept away."

Texas Game Warden Rachel Kellner said the four missing men worked together and were swept away before daybreak by the South Llano River. The city is located near where North Llano River and South Llano River converge to form the Llano River.

Authorities said 19 people were rescued — 15 by boat and four by helicopter. Kellner said

two of the people rescued by air were in a tree with a family dog.

Kellner said all those rescued have been checked out by medical emergency personnel, but it's unclear if any required hospitalization.

Authorities said 40 people had been evacuated from the South Llano RV Park.

Cantu said state and local agencies were helping with the rescues. Authorities said the city of about 2,500 people had been without electricity earlier, but it's been restored.

National Weather Service meteorologist Aaron Woodward said radar estimates show that up to 12 inches of rain has fallen in the area since Sunday evening.

"The bulk of the heavy rain fell over a several-hour period and it just lined up perfectly that all that fell into that river canyon and it built up and pushed a giant wall downstream," Woodward said. "That's what caused

the extreme flash flooding. When you get that quick of a wall to rush down and you get that rapid of a rise in river depths, flash flooding is imminent."

The river has gone down, but it is expected to rise again later. More rain is expected in the area late Monday night and into the overnight hours.

Cantu said that while they know the four are missing from the RV park, there's a possibility that other campers they don't know about are missing. Cantu said the RV park is adjacent to a city park where people can stay overnight but it's not regulated so he doesn't know how many people might have been there.

"The problem with the RV park, as far as getting accounting of people and getting information, the main office was also swept away," he said. "So whatever records they had there are not accessible."

tained winds below 111 mph. With Michael's winds projected to be even stronger than that, Wakulla County residents were urged to evacuate inland.

"This storm has the potential to be a historic storm, please take heed," the sheriff's office said in the post.

High winds weren't the only danger. Parts of Florida's curvy Big Bend could see up to 12 feet of storm surge, while Michael also could dump up to a foot of rain over some Panhandle communities as it moves inland, forecasters said.

Even neighbors in Alabama were bracing. Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey signed an emergency declaration for her entire state, expecting widespread power outages and other problems from Michael.

By 8 p.m. Monday, Michael's top sustained winds had risen some to 85 mph as it headed north at 12 mph. The storm was centered about 60 miles off the western tip of Cuba, and about 485 miles south of Apalachicola. Hurricane-force winds extended outward up to 35 miles from the core and tropical-storm-force winds out 175 miles.

Michael was lashing western Cuba on Monday with heavy rains and strong winds. Forecasters warned that

the storm could produce up to a foot of rain in western Cuba, potentially triggering flash floods and mudslides in mountainous areas.

Since the storm will spend two to three days over the Gulf of Mexico, which has warm water and favorable atmospheric conditions, "there is a real possibility that Michael will strengthen to a major hurricane before landfall," Robbie Berg, a hurricane specialist at the Miami-based storm forecasting hub, wrote in an advisory.

A large mound of sand in Tallahassee was whittled down to a small pile within hours Monday as residents filled sandbags against potential flooding. A couple of breweries in the city offered free filtered water to anyone bringing in jugs or other containers.

Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, Florida's Democratic nominee for governor, had planned to campaign in South Florida on Monday and today, but instead threw himself into helping his city's residents fill sandbags and make other preparations.

"Today it is about life and safety," Gillum said. "There's nothing between us and this storm but warm water and I think that's what terrifies us about the potential impacts."

Carbon tax gets renewed attention but still faces resistance

By David Koenig
Associated Press

Advocates of taxing fossil fuels believe their position is stronger now because of an alarming new report on climate change and a Nobel Prize awarded to by two American economists, but neither development is likely to break down political resistance to a carbon tax.

Previous alarms about global warming met with resistance from Congress and the White House. President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the Paris agreement on climate change last year.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a panel of scientists brought together by the United Nations, warned in a report Monday that droughts, wildfires, coral reef destruction and other climate and environmental disasters could grow worse as soon as 2040, even with a smaller increase in temperatures than used to set the Paris targets.

A few hours later, the Nobel Prize in economics went to two Americans, including William Nordhaus of Yale University, who argues that carbon taxes would be the best way to address problems created by greenhouse-gas emissions.

A carbon tax is a charge imposed on the burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas, which produce carbon dioxide. The tax is designed to make users of those fuels pay for the environmental damage they cause. The ultimate goal of some tax backers is to price fossil fuels out of the market and replace them with sources of energy that produce little or no heat-trapping emissions.

Coal and oil and gas companies could pass the tax cost along to consumers, which would presumably give a price advantage to energy that is not taxed. That, advocates say, would help renewables such as solar and wind grow more quickly from their current single-digit share of the U.S. electricity market.

There is, of course, stark disagreement over the economic effect of a carbon tax.

Researchers at Columbia University estimate that a tax of \$50 per ton of carbon dioxide emissions would increase average U.S. consumer electricity bills 22 percent by 2030, with amounts varying by region. A Tufts University authority estimates that it would add 45 cents a gallon to the price of gasoline. Both think the impact can be mitigated by distributing the money raised through taxes to households, and that many low- and medium-income families would come out ahead.

Opponents argue that a carbon tax would kill manufacturing jobs and hurt family income.

A 2014 report by the Heritage Foundation said that a tax of \$37 a ton would cut economic output more than \$2.5 trillion, or \$21,000 per family, by 2030. This year, two dozen conservative groups endorsed an estimate that a carbon tax would cost more than 500,000 manufacturing jobs by 2030.

Noah Kaufman, an energy-policy researcher at Columbia and a proponent of carbon taxes, said the terrifying prognosis in Monday's report should highlight the central role of a carbon tax in addressing climate change. But, he acknowledged, such warnings are not new, and political opposition to a tax remains strong.

"There are really high political barriers that continue to stand in our way," he said. "By far the biggest obstacle in the United States right now is the leadership of the Republican party, which is dead-set against any strong climate-change policy."

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OPINION

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Coverage of Kavanaugh weakens journalism

In the recent Supreme Court nomination showdown, American institutions underwent a stress test. And we saw the political equivalent of the collapse of Lehman Bros.

The Senate Judiciary Committee — which must work properly for the legal system to work properly — quickly became a writhing heap of serpentine partisanship. The Supreme Court — whose judgments are imposed only through the deference of other institutions — was dragged into the realm of low politics. And the media — the essential lens through which we view all else — was too often perceived as a participant in the drama.

Consider two recent stories in The New York Times. The first was a 13,000-word dissection of Donald Trump's financial history that revealed long-standing habits of deception and corruption. It was newspaper journalism at its best — a serious investment of talent and resources to expand the sum of public knowledge.

Compare this with the Times' expose on a bar fight 33 years ago in which Brett Kavanaugh allegedly threw ice at another patron. Apparently there was no editor willing to say, "What you have turned up is trivial. Try harder." And there was no editor who was sufficiently bothered that

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one name on the byline, Emily Bazelon, was a partisan who had argued on Twitter that Kavanaugh would "harm the democratic process & prevent a more equal society."

Let me state this as clearly as I can. It is Donald Trump's fondest goal to make his supporters conflate the first sort of story with the second sort of story. And he hopes this for a specific reason: to discredit special counsel Robert Mueller's report when it is eventually covered in the media. Trump does not only want to argue for his version of the truth; he wants to undermine alternative sources of truth. And this requires him to maintain that the press is "the enemy of the people."

Trump's claim of a partisan press was strengthened when The New Yorker published an accusation of first-degree penis exposure that no one else cited in the article could directly confirm. The

New York Times, to its credit, had initially held off on publishing this unsupported allegation. Meanwhile, The New Yorker's Ronan Farrow concluded of the accuser, "This is not the behavior of someone who is fabricating something." This judgment substituted for journalistic principles such as the need for multiple sources and corroborating evidence.

The reputation of journalism was weakened when news outlets covered a hostile tweet disputing the details of Kavanaugh's lost virginity as though it contributed to some broader case. The reputation of journalism was weakened when MSNBC interviewed one woman about her unsupported claims of routine gang rapes in high school attended by Kavanaugh, only to have the accuser walk back many of her accusations.

Speaking of the Kavanaugh nomination, Brian Stelter of CNN observed, "Some individual journalists were, and there were many, many commentators that were lining up against him. And I think the weight of that commentary made it seem like there was a big chunk of the media out to get him, out to take down his nomination. I don't think editors and bosses in newsrooms were trying to tank his nomination, but I do think there were a lot of individual journalists who were really disturbed by

the allegations."

I was disturbed by the allegations and said so as a commentator. But I think some editors and bosses in newsrooms did not do enough to prevent the lowering of journalistic standards in service to what many journalists clearly regarded as a good cause. And I don't think that even commentators should be exempt from standards of basic fairness and civility. It was offensive for CNN political contributor Joan Walsh to tweet of Kavanaugh that "he is a pig and he has to go," just as it was offensive for Fox News contributor Kevin Jackson to call Kavanaugh's accusers "lying skanks." Opinion journalism is not a license for calumny.

It is easy to say that Twitter is poison (which it can be). But the deeper problem lies in the answer to a deeper question: Is journalism a profession that serves the public by maintaining high standards, or is it a social construct that should be redesigned to directly serve certain social goods? Some argue that all journalism involves bias, either hidden or revealed. But it is one thing to say that objectivity and fairness are ultimately unreachable. It is another to cease grasping for them. That would be a world of purely private truths, in which the boldest liars and demagogues would thrive.

GUEST VIEW

Facebook employees sound off against Kavanaugh's friend

After the brutal confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh, maybe now we can start to consider some of its more ridiculous tentacles. We're thinking specifically of the mind-boggling corporate crisis ignited when Joel Kaplan, Facebook's vice president for global public policy, sat quietly two rows behind Kavanaugh. The men have been friends for two decades, and Kaplan was doing what friends do, showing support.

Hundreds of Facebook employees sounded off about Kaplan in response. One poster on the company's internal message board described what Kaplan did as "a protest against our culture and a slap in the face to his fellow employees." Another wrote, "I might feel uncomfortable sharing the workplace with this person now." Kaplan's appearance, another poster implied, was a tacit dismissal of sexual assault allegations brought by women.

"Protest against our culture?" "Feel uncomfortable?" Really? The day when a person can't show up to support a friend is the day that common sense has gone off the rails.

Put aside the controversy surrounding the nomination and confirmation. Kaplan didn't break any company rules. He sat in support of someone he cares about. Their children played together. They worked together in the Bush administration.

And Kaplan, whose Facebook job is to counter perception among some conservatives that the social media giant harbors a liberal bias, is a pretty anonymous face outside the world of the tech and government elite. Kaplan didn't jeer or cheer during the proceedings. He sat quietly and respectfully.

For those who prefer perpetual political outrage to simple human decency, this was another opportunity to draw someone into the pit of tribalism. Facebook employees have the right to question the direction of their organization. That, like Kaplan's behavior, is an exercise of basic freedom. But words like "protest against our culture" and the idea that Kaplan is too tainted to work with are insidious suggestions that being Kavanaugh's friend should make a person a pariah.

At a companywide town hall Friday, Kaplan acknowledged he should have consulted his bosses beforehand. Facebook chief executive Mark Zuckerberg, in a weak bow to political correctness, told employees that they should embrace diverse views, but that he personally was frustrated by Kaplan's attendance.

This is a swamp of hypocrisy. Keep in mind that Kaplan is employed, at least in part, because of the relationships he has developed. Would Zuckerberg have denied Kaplan the right to be with a friend during a time of stress? Is support of a friend and his family at a Senate confirmation hearing now a corporate sin? Remedial lessons in embracing political diversity and humanity may be in order.

Facebook has a huge credibility gap inside and outside the company on freedom of speech and association issues that go well beyond this incident. Facebook has talked the talk but stumbled badly to walk it.

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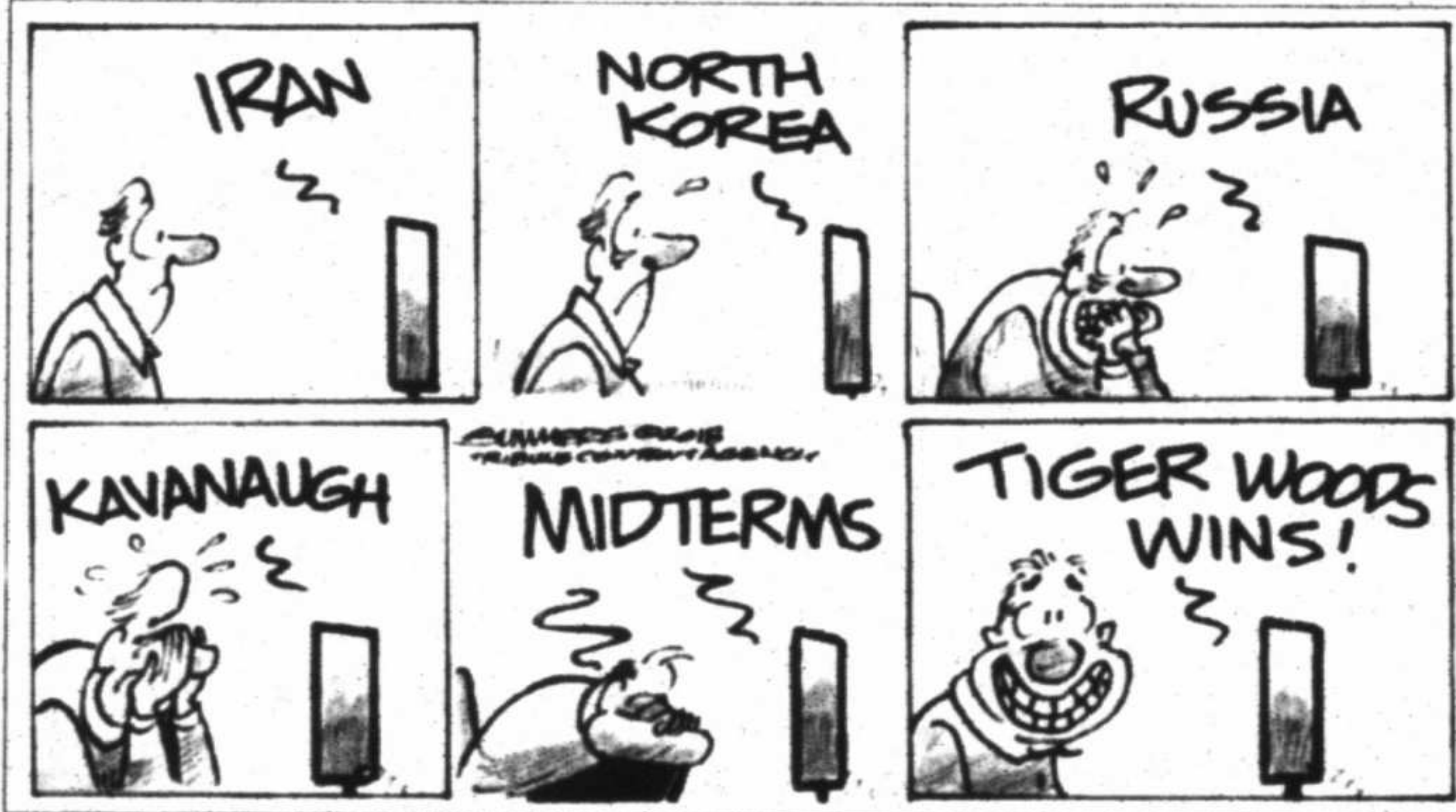
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Collins delivers declaration of cowardice

After Sen. Susan Collins announced on the Senate floor Friday that she would cast her deciding vote to confirm Brett M. Kavanaugh, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., rose to liken her to another Republican from Maine, Margaret Chase Smith, "the first member of the United States Senate to take on Joseph McCarthy... this demagogue and the tactics that he employed."

If the Republican leader was too subtle, Sen. Lindsey O. Graham, R-S.C., speaking next, left no doubt: "This is as close to McCarthyism as I hope we get in my lifetime." Graham said of the Democrats, whom he accused of "mob rule."

It was an insult to the memory of Margaret Chase Smith, whose heroic and patriotic 1950 speech, a "Declaration of Conscience," was a lonely denunciation of the demagogue who dominated her Republican Party. Collins' speech, ignoring the new demagoguery that has overtaken her party while criticizing the other side, was the very opposite. Hers was a Declaration of Convenience, a Declaration of Capitulation.

"We are Republicans. But we are Americans first," Smith said 68 years ago. "I don't want to see the Republican Party ride to political victory on the Four Horsemen of Calumny — Fear, Ignorance, Bigotry and Smeat."

Collins offered a nuanced defense of Kavanaugh on the sexual assault allegations. She could not conclude that Christine Blasey Ford's allegations were false, but she didn't see enough evidence to block Kavanaugh. Fine. Reasonable people can disagree. But she entirely blamed Democrats and liberal interest groups, offering not a peep about the vile disparagement of accusers offered by President Trump (which Collins previously criticized) and her Republican colleagues who are now horsemen of calumny.

Many of the words Smith uttered long ago apply now to the current administration. "Those of us who shout the loudest about Americanism in making character assassinations are all too frequently those who... ignore some of the basic principles of Americanism," she said, including the right to criticize and to protest. Though lamenting the "ineffective Democratic administration" of Harry S. Truman, she said replacing it with a dishonest Republican one "might be a fleeting victory for the Republican Party, (but) it would be a more lasting defeat for the American people."

Now we have a president who denounces protesters and critics as unpatriotic, who calls a free press the "enemy of the American people," who routinely assaults the truth and the rule of law.

"How stunningly similar," writes journalist Marvin Kalb (at 88, an eyewitness to the McCarthy era) in his new book "Enemy of the People."

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"Spineless Republicans cowering before McCarthy in the early 1950s and today's senior Republican leadership turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to Donald Trump's unsubstantiated accusations."

Collins, in her Smith moment, criticized only the other party, liberal groups and an unnamed senator — apparently Bob Casey, D-Pa. — who opposed Kavanaugh before he was named.

She offered wishful thoughts that "centrist" Kavanaugh won't outlaw abortion, won't champion executive power and "will work to lessen the divisions in the Supreme Court." Unlikely. Kavanaugh campaigned for confirmation via right-wing outlets: a Fox News interview and a Wall Street Journal op-ed. He testified about Democrats' "smeas" and "political hit" seeking "revenge on behalf of the Clintons." He threatened that "what goes around comes around."

Collins offered no complaint about that, nor about Trump's mockery of Ford at a political rally, nor Trump's tweet saying the assault couldn't have been "as bad as she says" because she didn't call the police, nor his belittling Al Franken for resigning under misconduct allegations "like a wet rag." (Collins called for Democrat Franken to resign without an investigation.)

Collins made no mention of McConnell ignoring the Merrick Garland nomination for nearly a year, deploying the "nuclear option" to deny minority influence over Supreme Court confirmations and saying he would "plow right through" despite the Ford allegations, which he called "a good smear" with a "complete lack of evidence."

She properly lamented the "great disunity," "extreme ill will" and loss of "common values." Certainly, there is much to regret about the confirmation process, and the late emergence of assault allegations (although Democrats' reluctance to introduce an anonymous allegation and their insistence on an investigation was the opposite of McCarthyism). But how can Collins talk about "ill will" while ignoring its primary author?

To be worthy of Margaret Chase Smith, Collins would have to take a personal risk and use her pulpit and her vote to denounce the misogynist who leads her party and her colleagues who enable him. Without that, her message is a Declaration of Cowardice.

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After Kavanaugh confirmation, Pence looks to rally Texas GOP for Ted Cruz

Vice President Mike Pence visited Dallas on Monday to spur Republican support. He cast the midterm elections as a "choice between a party that's committed to moving our nation forward and a party that's committed to the politics of destruction."

By Patrick Svitek
Texas Tribune

DALLAS — Two days after the U.S. Senate voted to put Brett Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court, Vice President Mike Pence came here looking to energize Texas Republicans around the hard-fought confirmation — and to get them to turn out in particular for two lawmakers locked in competitive races.

With under a month until Election Day, Pence headlined fundraisers Monday in Dallas for local U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, who are fighting for reelection against Democrats Colin Allred and El Paso U.S. Rep. Bejo O'Rourke, respectively. The races are among the most closely watched in the state — and country — and Pence's trip made him the biggest GOP name yet to visit Texas for them during the final stretch.

"The other side is absolutely determined to win back the majority, and the road, they know, to their majority comes right through Pete's district," Pence told Sessions supporters inside a hotel ballroom. "And so while they talk about a blue wave, let's make sure the red wave starts here."

Pence scored some of the biggest applause as he took a victory lap on Kavanaugh, whom the Senate narrowly confirmed Saturday after a brutal fight centering on sexual assault allegations from the justice's high school days. The confirmation battle, Pence argued, showed the midterm elections present a "choice between a party that's committed to moving our nation forward and a party that's committed to the politics of destruction, winning at any costs, that the Senate ... rejected this past weekend."

In brief remarks before Pence, Sessions appeared to speak of the Kavanaugh fight as well, telling supporters "this is a cultural war that we're engaged in, and we watched it over the last few weeks loud and straightforward at your TV in Dallas, Texas, and across the country." Borrowing President Donald Trump's campaign slogan, Sessions added, "We need to stand for making America great again."

Allred seized on Sessions' comments in responding to the vice presidential visit, saying in a statement: "North Texans are tired of dysfunctional, divisive politics without any vision for the future. That Pete Sessions believes we are in a 'culture war' is further proof of how out of touch he has become with North Texas and how in lockstep he is with the Trump Administration."

Trump has endorsed Sessions for reelection, though in his campaign, the congressman has appeared more eager to embrace Pence, a former House colleague. At the fundraiser, the two exchanged warm words about how Sessions, who was served in the House since 1997, took Pence under his wing when Pence arrived there four years later. Pence said lightheartedly that he admired Sessions so much that he would visit Texas to campaign for him even "if he was uncontested." Sessions had no Democratic opponent two years ago, but he drew Allred after Hillary Clinton nar-

rowly won the traditionally Republican district and now finds himself in perhaps the political fight of his life.

Pence took direct aim at Allred, a civil rights attorney who previously worked in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and played in the NFL.

"The choice wouldn't be more clear in this election: Pete's opponent, Colin Allred, is almost the polar opposite of Congressman Pete Sessions in every way," Pence said, knocking Allred for having worked in the Obama administration, opposing the GOP tax overhaul that passed last year and supporting the health care system known as Medicare for All.

Pence also warned that a Democratic takeover of the House would likely restore to power Nancy Pelosi, the House minority leader who held the gavel from 2007 to 2011. Conjuring the specter of a Speaker Pelosi, Pence reminded the audience he and Sessions "were both there the last time that happened — and you don't want that to happen."

Democrats were just fine with Pence's trip to the state, happy to tie the incumbents to an administration whose brand they believe is particularly toxic in places like Sessions' 32nd District, which Trump narrowly lost in 2016. The Texas Democratic Party called Pence's visit a "rescue mission" for Cruz and Sessions.

"This comes as no surprise," the party's executive director, Crystal Perkins, said in a statement. "Vice President Pence is rewarding Ted Cruz and Pete Sessions for being loyal rubber stamps for President Trump's dangerous agenda."

The Sessions fundraiser was open to reporters, while the Cruz one was not. Pence nonetheless mentioned Cruz more than once at the Sessions event, thanking Cruz — and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn — for their roles in the Kavanaugh confirmation and emphasizing the need to re-elect Cruz in November.

For both Cruz and Sessions, Pence was just the latest high-profile Republican to touch down in Texas to assist their re-election campaigns. Donald Trump Jr., the president's son, spent a day in Texas last week stumping with Cruz, and the president himself has said he will hold a rally for Cruz later this month in the state. Sessions' surrogates in recent weeks have included House Speaker Paul Ryan and former President George W. Bush, who lives in Dallas.

The competitive contests for Senate and Sessions' 32nd District are relatively new territory for Texas Republicans — and Pence's trip provided at least one reminder of the shifting terrain. As he was winding down his speech, Pence mistakenly referred to the 32nd District as the 23rd District, which ironically was Texas' only truly competitive district up until this cycle. The audience was quick to correct him.

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Anger over Kavanaugh fuels both sides in the final sprint to Nov. 6

By Laurie Kellman
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WASHINGTON — Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court fired the starting pistol for the final sprint to Election Day in the United States, with control of the House and Senate at stake.

The nation's reckoning with power and who to believe about sexual misconduct has generated a new anger factor among the electorate and made the Nov. 6 balloting a referendum on more than President Donald Trump.

A look at what to watch over the final four weeks:

Kavanaugh, to the court

Trump swore in Kavanaugh on Saturday as the nation's 114th member of the Supreme Court after a savage battle that splintered the Senate and riveted the country. Kavanaugh took his oath of office to his lifetime seat just hours after the climactic 50-48 roll call. It was the narrowest Senate vote to confirm a justice since 1881.

It was a fitting result for a 100-member chamber that represents a nation deeply split over an array of issues, from health care to who should be considered an American. A yawning divide has opened in the last year over whether allegations of sexual misconduct should be enough to topple accused men from the pinnacle of their professions.

Enter Kavanaugh, the appellate court judge accused by Christine Blasey Ford in emotional sworn testimony of sexually assaulting her in the 1980s, while the two were in high school. Accusations from other women followed, none corroborated. Kavanaugh denies that he ever sexually assaulted anyone. In a frequently-shouted sworn statement of his own, he decied the Senate for putting his nomination in jeopardy.

Trump is holding a ceremonial swearing-in for Kavanaugh Monday evening in the White House East Room.

The Kavanaugh effect

The Kavanaugh confirmation has blown open the midterm elections from being a national referendum on Trump's stewardship to a raw emotional discussion over the lack of women in power and how to handle sexual misconduct allegations.

With Kavanaugh's ascension to the high court, Republicans, long dispirited by Trump's string of scandals and the prospect of losing their congressional majorities, are whooping it up.

"It's turned our base on fire," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said. He added Monday that the fight over Kavanaugh, particularly that his nomination was stymied by unproven allegations, injected the GOP with an "adrenaline

shot that we had not been able to figure out how to achieve in any other way."

What's unclear is whether GOP unity is enough to preserve the GOP power in Congress.

The same question faces the #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct after the White House successfully argued that the Kavanaugh allegations should not be conflated with the rest of the movement.

Even before the confirmation, Kavanaugh's opponents had a comeback line, printed on the back of jackets they wore to the Capitol: "November is coming."

North Dakota

Almost immediately after the Senate vote, Democrats felt the chill from faraway North Dakota. That's the state Trump won by 36 percentage points against Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016. And even before the Kavanaugh controversy, the Senate race there was among a handful of close contests that could decide whether Republicans keep control of the Senate, where they have a 51-49 majority.

Then on Saturday, Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp defied her state's support for Trump and voted against Kavanaugh's confirmation. Heitkamp said she was concerned about Kavanaugh's temperament after his emotional performance before the Senate Judiciary Committee. "Without hesitation," Heitkamp told reporters, she believed Ford.

Polls have put her Republican opponent, Rep. Kevin Cramer, comfortably ahead. He told The New York Times that #MeToo was a "movement toward victimization" that had caused a backlash. "The world got to see close up how ugly it can be when you go too far," he's quoted as saying.

Framing the story

Now it's a four-week race to tell the story.

Trump has a busy campaign schedule to spread the word that the allegations against Kavanaugh were a "hoax that was set up by the Democrats" at what he's called a dangerous time for men who can be falsely accused. "I think you're going to see a lot of things happen on Nov. 6 that would not have happened before," Trump said Monday as he departed for an event in Florida.

This week alone, he's expected to hold rallies in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky.

McConnell has cast Kavanaugh's opponents, many of whom protested in the halls of the Senate and yelled at lawmakers, as "the mob."

Democrats are pointing to the Republicans' handling of the Kavanaugh confirmation as one more reason to oppose the president who nominated him and mocked Ford. "Folks who feel very

strongly one way or the other about the issues in front of us should get out and vote," said Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Governors

Look for Kavanaugh's confirmation to remain a major issue, even though governors don't have a direct say in the matter. Republican candidates in heavily Democratic states previously called for further investigation of sexual assault claims against Kavanaugh and their Democratic opponents said that wasn't enough.

Democrats are expected to take over some of the governors' offices now held by the GOP, which controls a near-record 33 offices.

Thirty-six states are electing governors this year, with competitive races in states where the Republican incumbents are stepping aside as they hit term limits, including in the swing states of Florida, Nevada and Ohio.

The Democratic candidates in Florida, Georgia and Maryland are seeking to be the first black governors there.

Republicans, meanwhile, are pushing to pick up seats in increasingly Democratic Colorado and Oregon while keeping them in most of New England as well as the South and much of the West.

2020 candidates

Yep, they're already running — especially two members of the Senate Judiciary Committee who had visible roles during the Kavanaugh hearings.

Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., made a beeline from the Senate confirmation vote on Saturday for Iowa and the Democrats' big fall fundraiser there.

"We're not defined by a president who mocks a hero, Dr. (Christine) Blasey Ford. We're not defined by a president who doesn't believe women," Booker told about 1,000 activists.

The next day, Sen. Kamala Harris turned up in politically important Ohio, where she reminded more than 1,000 of the party faithful at the Ohio Democratic Party's fall fundraising dinner that she walked out of the Kavanaugh proceedings at one point because they had become "a sham and a disgrace."

She said she doesn't believe the Kavanaugh story is over.

"Truth is like the sun: It always comes up in the morning," she said. "And on these issues that were presented during those hearings, I believe the truth will eventually reveal itself."



AP file photo

Taylor Swift performs June 22 at Wembley Stadium in London. Swift posted on Instagram Sunday that she's voting for Tennessee's Democratic Senate candidate Phil Bredesen, breaking her long-standing refusal to discuss anything political.

Trump says he likes Swift's music less

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump says he likes superstar Taylor Swift's music "about 25 percent less now" that she's endorsed two Democratic candidates in Tennessee.

Trump was asked about Swift's decision to wade into politics as he returned to Washington after a trip to Florida.

Swift announced Sunday she's voting for Democrat Phil Bredesen for Senate, breaking her long-standing refusal to discuss anything political.

Trump says GOP Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn, Bredesen's rival, is "doing a very good job" and is a "tremendous woman."

And he says that Swift "doesn't know anything about her," adding: "I like Taylor's music about 25 percent less now, OK?"

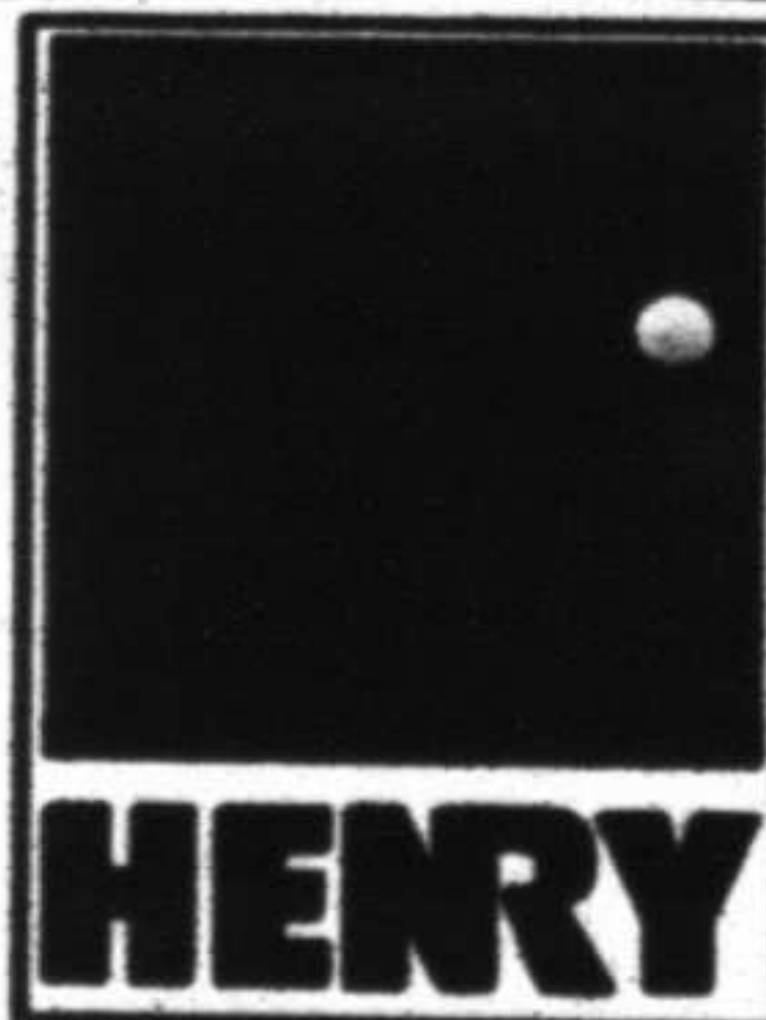
Swift has faced criticism for not speaking about political issues despite having a global platform. Yet in 2017, she appeared on the cover of Time magazine as one of the "silence breakers" for her counterpoint against a radio DJ who was fired after allegedly groping her before a concert. Swift won the lawsuit in a verdict that awarded her \$1, which according to the suit served as "an example to other women who may resist publicly reliving similar outrageous and humiliating acts."

She also said she'd vote for Democrat Jim Cooper for the House.

"In the past I've been reluctant to publicly voice my political opinions, but due to several events in my life and in the world in the past two years, I feel very differently about that now," Swift wrote in an Instagram post.

The pop star — who spent later years growing up in Tennessee — also slammed Republican candidate and U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn in her lengthy post on Sunday, citing Blackburn's opposition to certain LGBTQ rights and voting against the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2013.

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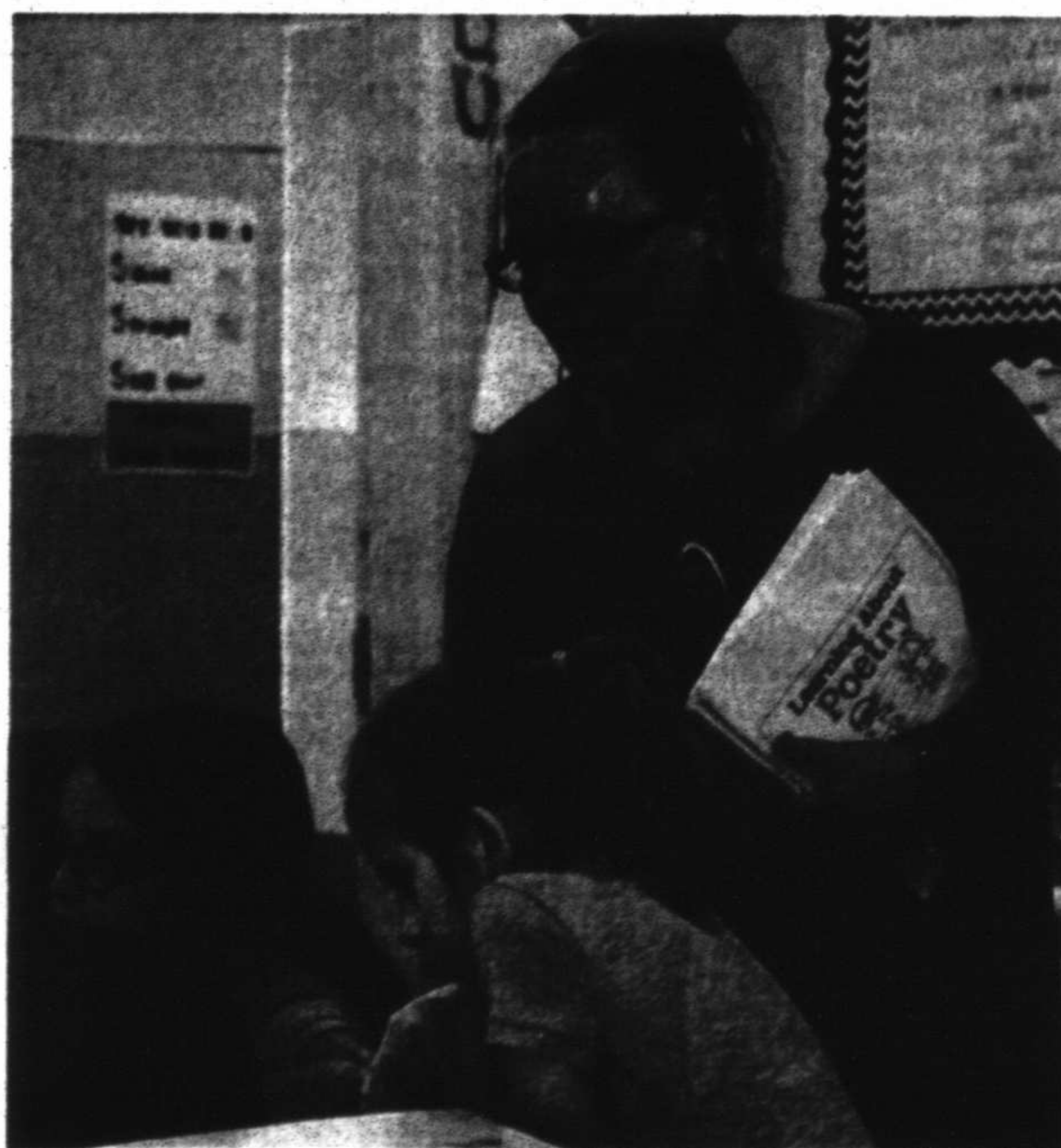
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CAROLYN ALLISON PEASE COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

Subject: Third grade

Number of years with Midland ISD: 14

What is your favorite moment in the classroom? Several years ago, I had some third-graders who were recent immigrants. One day, a sweet, young boy came to me and asked if I would read to him from his book. I agreed, but not without mentioning that he should have picked a "just right book." He replied, "Oh, I can read it, Mrs. Allison. I just like reading with your voice." Of course, I read his book to him.

Why did you choose a career in education? My whole life, I knew I would be a teacher. I never really considered anything else. My grandmother was an early childhood educator, my mother was a math teacher at Carver High School before I was born, and my dear, sweet aunt taught for many years in Odessa.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students? I try to make learning authentic in my classroom. There is a time and a place for textbooks and worksheets, but I like to find well-written literature for my young readers and writers. The students get excited about looking at the craft of other authors and then trying to imitate that structure on their own.

What is the one lesson you want to impart to every student who enters your classroom? Be kind! Send ripples of kindness everywhere you go.

How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD? I hope that my willingness to try new things inspires others to embrace change and be excited about the many opportunities available for our students.

What are your professional goals for the future? I want to continue to grow, improve and add value to the children who cross my path.

What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today? Money! The cost of living in relation to teacher salaries, as well as the tight budget can be a challenge for the district.

What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators? Share your talents. Volunteer your time to mentor students. Check the Donor's Choose website and support local teachers' needs.

About Carolyn Allison

Ms. Allison is a wonderful teacher. She cares about all of her students. Constantly, she goes above and beyond the call of duty to prepare for her classes. She researches about instructional strategies or different ways to teach her subjects to students. She gives all she has and then some more when it comes to time and money. She is a natural leader at school and in her team.

Gabriel Salgado, Pease Academy principal

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Tracy Gomez, Carver Center
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TO THE READER

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EDUCATION

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Pre-K pays off: better STAAR scores for Dallas ISD

By Eva-Marie Ayala
The Dallas Morning News

The Dallas school district's investment in early childhood education is paying off with test gains that outpace many others in the state.

But school officials say the work is far from done.

STAAR results from last year's third-graders are better than in previous years, with students who attended DISD prekindergarten classes far outperforming peers.

In 2013, DISD began revamping its early childhood education, improving quality through amped up training, in-

structional coaches, realigned curriculum and a push to enroll more children.

Of those who enrolled in DISD's pre-K at that time, 43 percent scored at "meets grade level" or better on STAAR compared to 35 percent of other Dallas third-graders.

Among all children, including those who didn't take pre-K classes, 38 percent of Dallas third-graders scored at that STAAR level, indicating they're on track to do well in the next grade.

That overall score is a 10-point gain from where the district was in 2012, before the pre-K push began. That improvement outpaces increases in most other

urban districts, including Fort Worth, Houston, El Paso and San Antonio schools.

District administrators told school trustees at Thursday's board meeting that last year's third-graders received only the early stages of DISD's rollout on early childhood education, and this year's class will have benefited from the full effect.

Ivonne Durant, the district's chief academic officer, said that other area districts still outperform DISD.

But Dallas is improving while other nearby districts and larger charter school groups are losing ground, she said.

"We also see that we are standing head

and shoulders above everyone else in terms of the growth that we've made," she said.

Research routinely shows that high-quality early childhood education can do more to help students get on track for success than any intervention later in life.

Durant said that how students perform on third-grade tests — the first grade in which the STAAR test is taken — is indicative of how well they'll do moving forward.

"If the students get it right in third grade, the rest of their education goes a

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GOALS FOR GRADUATION



Courtesy photos

Midland ISD's Career and Technical Education department took 300 Midland High and Lee High students to the Permian Basin Workforce Coalition's College 2 Career Youth Expo on Sept. 12. Several colleges and businesses were on-site to speak with students about opportunities after graduation. Additional photos may be seen at mrt.com.

MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

MC student begins yoga business

Entrepreneurship is in Chloe Newton's blood. She is the daughter of two small business owners. Her mother, who is a South African immigrant, operated an Italian ice shop, and her father is the owner of a maintenance and repair company, where Newton started working when she was 13. Since that time, Newton, who is now 26, has worked continuously at either full- or part-time jobs.

"My parents taught me the value of a strong work ethic," said Newton. "They also taught me the importance of education."



Newton

Newton will graduate from Midland College in December with an associate degree in business. Even though it has taken her seven years to complete her degree, she has persisted.

"I'm too close to graduation to stop now," Newton said.

She graduated from Midland High School in 2011 and then started taking classes at Midland College while working as a patient care assistant in the emergency department at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Four years ago, she married Tim Newton and became stepmother to his three children: two boys and a girl with special needs.

Newton, who no longer works at the hospital, is a part-time teacher of 2- and 3-year-olds at First Presbyterian Church Child Development Center. She also teaches various forms of yoga — from special-needs yoga at Mission Center Adult Day Service to yoga for athletes at Fit Family Fitness.

"I love yoga," she said. "I have Midland College to thank for my yoga passion. My first yoga class was at Midland College as part of a PE credit. Ever since then, I've been hooked."

Holding true to her entrepreneurial nature, she teaches private yoga lessons through her own company, Yoga with Chloe. Her plans include expanding this business when she graduates from Midland College.

She said her husband, who owns and operates Newton's Custom Blades, a knife shop specializing in knives for culinary and other technical purposes, also has been bitten by the entrepreneurial bug.

"Tim is 14 years older than I am," she said. "He plans to retire from his full-time job working for the city of Midland in a couple of years, and then we will both be able to concentrate on our small businesses."

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Great schools don't let students take steps backward

I was training a room full of school administrators in Houston a few months ago when I completely lost the room and had to end the training early.

Things were going swimmingly when a ripple of noise went through the room. Soon, there was an entire spectrum of emotions on display.

At some tables, people were doing silent fist pumps, high fives and sporting huge smiles.

At other tables I saw devastated looks, furrowed brows and even tears. Soon, these superintendents began leaving the room one by one to place calls to their school leaders. The training was effectively over.

What would cause such an unusual response from a group of professionals? STAAR scores had just been released and populated into district data systems all across the state.

BRAD GIBSON
Educational Consultant



I was witnessing people's very human reactions to scores that would determine whether all of the work and effort they had put in over the entire year would be considered a success or a failure.

That determination would come courtesy of the state's accountability system for public schools.

The high-stakes testing regimen for Texas schools was revised again last year and a special emphasis was placed on making the system both fairer as well as

easier for the public to understand.

The Legislature introduced a new A-F grading system, which boils down the performance of a school into a final letter grade at the conclusion of the year.

From the very beginning, Texas's method for grading schools has done a very effective job of highlighting the differences between schools with middle-class and affluent students and those with poorer students.

To a shocking degree of accuracy, if you can tell me the median income of the families in a school zone, I can tell you the school's performance.

With very few exceptions, schools with middle-class and affluent students outpace their less well-off peers.

The current A-F system continues that legacy, and with a great deal of accuracy, hands out grades that match affluence.

The reasons that poor students struggle

to achieve are multiple. Many poor students arrive at school with thousands fewer words in their vocabulary. Nutrition is often an issue.

They come from an environment where there is one age-appropriate book for every 300 kids in the neighborhood.

The student from a middle-class family averages about 14 age-appropriate books per child.

High mobility and parents who cannot help with homework also contribute to struggles.

Additionally, many kids experience a phenomena called the "summer gap." More affluent students are encouraged to read during the summer.

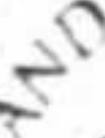
They go to museums and they travel. There are opportunities for academic and cultural enrichment.

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With Bob Jones

Good timing

Best King of

South called the ace of spades and led the queen of spades to dummy's king. Dummy's last diamond was led, which East ruffed with the jack of hearts. South discarded a club on this trick and couldn't be prevented from scoring both his ace and nine of hearts no matter how the defense continued. Well played!

You might think that North could have tried three no-trump instead of three hearts with his completely balanced hand. Note that nine tricks in no-trump are impossible for North-South on a diamond lead. 10 tricks in hearts came home, with careful play and good timing, despite the 5-0 split in trumps.

PRIDE, POMP, AND PAGEANTRY



Photos by Jacy Lewis/Reporter-Telegram



CLOCKWISE: Abby Brown, Midland Christian School 2017 homecoming queen, crowns this year's queen, Kaitlyn Grigsby, on Friday night; Grigsby, second from left, poses with her dad, Brent Grigsby; Brown, left, and homecoming king, Micah Strahan, on Friday night during halftime of the Mustangs' game against San Antonio Cornerstone; Grigsby, third from right, sits with members of the court.

MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lee High School senior **Miles Baker** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Misty Baker and David Baker.

He is president of the choir, vice president of Youth and Government and member of National Honor Society and the District of Innovation Council.

He is a member of the Boy Scouts and volunteers at his church.

He is a recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award and Gen. Tommy Franks Leadership Academy Scholarship.



Baker

Baker plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in mechanical engineering.

Lee High School senior **Johnny Thang** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Hnang Har.

He is a member of the soccer team and All District soccer team.

He moved to the United States from Myanmar. He attends Midland Chin Baptist Church.

Thang plans to attend Western Texas College.



Thang

Greenwood High School senior **Jaylene Valenzuela** has been honored by Rotary Club of Midland. She is the daughter of Dale and Jenny Brock.

She is a member of the softball team, National Honor Society, Students in Philanthropy and Interact. She received the Superintendent's Award and President's Award and was named to the All District Academic team.

She volunteers at Rays of Hope Grief Centre, Keep Midland Beautiful, High Sky Children's Ranch and hospice. Valenzuela plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in veterinary



Valenzuela

medicine and minor in marine biology.

Greenwood High School senior **Alana Blake** has been honored by Rotary Club of Midland. She is the daughter of Brandy Ledbetter and Michael Blake.

She is a member of PALs and tennis team and is a captain of the color guard. She is a Texas Music Scholar and received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence.

She is involved in the leadership group at Kellview Heights Baptist Church.

Baker plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in kinesiology.



Blake

PRE-K

From 2B

lot smoother," she told the board.

Trustees were interested to know why Dallas outpaced San Antonio ISD, which had 26 percent of its third-graders hitting the "meets grade level" mark on STAAR.

In 2012, voters there approved spending one-eighth of a cent from the city's sales tax on pre-K education, one of the most significant investments in early childhood education nationwide.

San Antonio's city-funded program — known as Pre-K 4 SA — serves about 2,000 children annually who then go on to enroll in one of eight area school districts.

San Antonio ISD, for example, had 51 students who attended pre-K in that program who took the STAAR test last school year.

Derek Little, DISD assistant superintendent

of early learning, said he recently met with Pre-K 4 SA representatives recently who pointed toward continued growth in closing gaps for kindergarten readiness.

But the challenge is that the various school districts aren't as aligned in early childhood education programs as Dallas is.

"It's all been focused on pre-K and not having a strong pipeline across the board," Little said.

Pre-K 4 SA now offers grant money to districts and public charter schools to help them pay for enhancements to instruction and the alignment of standards in classes up to third grade.

DISD Superintendent Michael Hinojosa recently was honored by Early Matters Dallas — a coalition of business and civic leaders — for the district's focus on pre-K.

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GIBSON

From 2B

The poor student's summer is often largely unsupervised and filled with digital forms of entertainment.

Kids who leave for summer break at exactly the same level of achievement often come back with widely different retention levels of what was learned the previous year.

The good news is that the effects of poverty on student achievement can be mitigated.

The bad news is that it requires an entire community's level of commitment that often doesn't exist.

Bob Barr's book "The Kids Left Behind" details proactive steps that work for kids in poverty.

He advocates for extending the day, the term and even the school year to combat the summer gap.

A focus on ensuring that every student can read and then ensuring they read

often with age-appropriate books is critical.

Summer and weekend nutrition programs to combat hunger, as well as enrichment efforts through museums, libraries and churches can make a huge difference.

So how should a parent or stakeholder evaluate the letter grades given to their local schools?

I would advocate they take the scores with a very large grain of salt.

There is one area of the new system that provides a glimmer of hope.

One component of the grading system tracks whether each student makes progress year-over-year in reading and mathematics.

Great schools that I visit have a large majority of their students making at least one year's worth of progress — regardless of whether they "pass" the STAAR test.

Those schools live by the mantra that "No child

goes backward." Judging schools by this measure levels the playing field.

There are many schools in affluent neighborhoods where their kids "pass" the test, but don't make one year's progress.

On the flip side, there are many schools in economically low areas where many of their kids "fail" the test but make a year or more of progress.

When I want to know what kind of job a school is doing, I always check for student progress.

Great schools don't let their students go backward regardless of the letter grade assigned by the state.

Brad Gibson is a consultant for lead4ward, which provides professional development and consulting services for educators. He formerly was a director at Education Service Center Region 18.

PROFILE

From 2B

The couple are strong advocates of family time. "Family" not only includes the three children, but also three cats and three German shepherds, one of which is a therapy dog.

"Amya, the therapy dog, is great with my stepdaughter, Sarina, who has spinal scoliosis," said Newton.

Newton has managed to finance her education through MC scholarships — the Uptown Midland Business & Professional Women's Scholarship and the Marion and Jan Jones Scholarship.

"Sometimes people are amazed that I have time to be a wife and stepmother to three children, work various part-time jobs and take college courses," said Newton. "Family comes first, but staying busy is just a part of who I am."

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AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Grady's Rodriguez carries big load, has huge night

By Oscar LeRoy
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Prior to the season, Grady's Jordan Rodriguez asked his team in an all-players' meeting what they wanted to accomplish. They told him that they wanted to make the playoffs.

He told the Wildcats what they needed to do and how hard they would have to work to accomplish that goal.

This season, Rodriguez has been trying his best to lead his team to its goals with the way he's been running the football, one year after sitting out because of a devastating knee injury.

In Friday's 62-52 wild, non-district victory over Robert Lee, Rodriguez enjoyed

his best game since his return — when he rushed for 318 yards and seven touchdowns on 29 carries. He also added four tackles from his strongside linebacker position on defense.

Thanks to that huge performance, Rodriguez is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Football Player of the Week.

Rodriguez didn't even play the full game as he had to leave in the fourth quarter with a tweaked hamstring, according to Grady coach Brent Lucas.

Rodriguez said he's just sore and should be all right for next week's District 6-1A

Division opener against O'Donnell.

He also credited his teammates for helping have a big night.

"I just praise my blockers; they're the reason I get all the yards," Rodriguez said. "Without them, I know I wouldn't be where I am right now."

Lucas said the team had to lean on Rodriguez a little more Friday when fellow runningback Caden Hayes suffered an ankle injury. Lucas said Rodriguez and Hayes do a good job of complementing each other in the backfield and keeping opposing defense off balance.

"When Caden went out in the first series, we put it all on Jordan's back," Lucas said. "He went crazy on (Robert Lee)."

"Everything that we do on offense, he has a big part in it. If he's not running the



Rodriguez

ball, he's blocking. When the Hayes kid is running, he's the one blocking for him. And he has to play on defense as well."

Rodriguez downplayed having to take on a bigger load in the game.

"I just had to step up and be a bigger impact in the running game," said Rodriguez, who now has 1,185 yards rushing and 26 total touchdowns this season. "I just try to do everything I can to be successful in everything we do."

Rodriguez said while sitting out last year was tough, he said he's become a better player and leader because of it.

"Going through my rehab has really helped me to be patient and has helped me get everybody involved on the field and

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District play begins



Midland High's Suddin Sapien takes the snap on a play against Harlingen Sept. 29, 2018, at Grande Communications Stadium.

Here's what to watch for in Week 7

By Oscar LeRoy
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After a week off to recharge the batteries, District 2-6A begins this week, and the race could be a good one as Lee, Odessa Permian and Odessa High have looked good early on.

While it was quiet among the bigger schools, the smaller schools took center stage last week, and the two Midland County teams in action got big wins.

Midland Christian stayed unbeaten at 6-0 with a 28-24 win over independent private school and talented San Antonio Cornerstone. In Lamesa, the Rangers erased a 14-7 early deficit by scoring 49 unanswered points in a dominating 56-14 victory.

But the biggest win of the week may have belonged to Class 1A Division I Garden City, which defeated the No. 1-ranked team in Division II and defending state champion Strawn with a 34-23 victory as the defense once again came up big.

What can be expected for Week 7 of the high school football season? Here is what to watch for, regardless of classification or location.

Here are the top five games this week:

Amarillo Tascosa (3-2) at Midland High (2-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grande Communications Stadium: The Bulldogs used a win at Tascosa last year to get jump-started and make the playoffs. This is a key game for both teams as they begin District 2-6A play.

Lee (4-1) at Wolfforth Frenship (3-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Peoples Bank Stadium, Wolfforth: The Rebels have been playing really well and will look to keep that momentum going into district play.

Odessa Permian (3-2) vs. Odessa High (4-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium: There's always a lot of hype surrounding this game, but this year, it could very well live up to it as both teams look to get 2-6A play started on the right note.

Andrews (5-1) at Canyon (6-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kimbrough Memorial Stadium: This could very well turn into a track meet as both teams can light up the scoreboard.

Coahoma (2-3) at Idalou (4-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Reddell Field, Idalou: The Bulldogs will look to end a three-game slide as they begin District 2-3A Division II play. Idalou has been one of the better Class 3A teams in the region over the past several years and will look to defend its home field.

Here are MRT's Top 6 Teams going into Week 7:

1. **Lee (4-1)** — The Rebels had a week to rest up and get ready for what could be an entertaining District 2-6A schedule.

2. **Odessa Permian (3-2)** — The Panthers crushed their opponents just prior to the off week, and now, the focus turns to winning in what could be a very competitive District 2-6A.

3. **Midland Christian (6-0)** — The

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Oklahoma fires defensive coordinator Mike Stoops

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

Oklahoma fired defensive coordinator Mike Stoops on Monday after the Sooners struggled to stop Texas during their first loss of the season.

Ruffin McNeill, the assistant head coach and defensive tackles coach, will be the defensive coordinator for the rest of the season.

The No. 11 Sooners (5-1) lost 48-45 on Saturday, allowing 501 yards to the Longhorns in Dallas.

"More of a gut feeling that this was the appropriate response right now, that we, more than anything, needed a different voice in that room," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said during a conference call.

McNeill was defensive coordinator at UNLV from 1997 to 1998, and at Fresno State in 1999. He later served in that same role with Texas Tech from 2008 to 2009 before taking over as head coach at East Carolina from 2010 to 2015.

Riley brought McNeill to Oklahoma as assistant head coach before the 2017 season. Riley's confidence in McNeill played a role in the decision to fire Stoops.

"I felt like that we had people in that room that could bring a spark to us, and Ruffin's certainly a big part of that," Riley said.

Riley was McNeill's offensive coordinator at East Carolina.

"I have a ton of confidence in Ruffin," Riley said. "There's not really anything in this game that he hasn't done. He's one of those guys that, when something like this comes up, he doesn't have to sit back and figure out how he's going to handle it. He knows how he's going to handle it the second the situation's presented."

Oklahoma players reacted to the news on Twitter.

"All I can say is thank you @OU. Coach Mike you gave me a shot when nobody else would and for that I am forever grateful no matter what people say they never know you for the great person you really are and



Stoops

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October orbit: Astros advance with 11-3 win, sweep Indians

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As his teammates sprayed each other with champagne and beer in Houston's buzzing clubhouse, ace Justin Verlander stayed clear of the fray and foam while enjoying a cigar.

This wasn't the time to get soaked. Big-party parties lie ahead.

The Astros are back in an October orbit.

The defending World Series champions advanced to the AL Championship Series for the second straight year — with surprising ease — by completing a division-round sweep of Cleveland on Monday with an 11-3 lashing in Game 3 helped by two key throwing errors from Indians reliever Trevor Bauer.

"No one takes anything for granted here," Verlander said. "That's the DNA of the guys in this clubhouse. This team has a propensity to do big things in big spots. This is an atmosphere that breeds winning."

"We have the most complete team in

baseball."

Marwin Gonzalez hit a two-run double off Bauer in a three-run seventh inning, and the Astros scored 10 runs in their final three at-bats to turn a series that was supposed to be competitive into a complete rout.

"We're the reigning world champs, and we really have a good ability to show up for the day," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "So proud of our guys, the work they put into the winter. It was a short winter for us. As you can see, our guys are pretty hungry to advance."

The Astros moved to the ALCS on-deck circle, where they await the Boston-New York winner for a shot to play for another championship.

George Springer homered twice, Carlos Correa hit three-run homer for his first hit of the postseason and Houston's bullpen combined for four scoreless innings, including six straight outs by winner Collin McHugh, as the AL West champions served notice that a second Series title is



David Derman/Associated Press

Houston Astros' George Springer (4) and teammates celebrate after defeating the Cleveland Indians in Game 3 of the American League Division Series on Monday in Cleveland.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Football
Appalachian State at Arkansas State, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Major League Baseball
ALDS Game 4: NY Yankees at Boston, 7 p.m., TBS
Men's Soccer
NCAA: Old Dominion vs. North Carolina, 6:30 p.m., beIN
Copa MX: Monterrey vs. Queretaro FC, 8:30 p.m., FOXDEP
NCAA: Marshall vs. Purdue Fort Wayne, 8:30 p.m., beIN
National Basketball Association
Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., NBA TV
Denver at LA Clippers, 9:30 p.m., NBA TV
National Hockey League
San Jose at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., NBCSN

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Volleyball

Odesa Permian at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Lee at Amarillo Tascosa, 6 p.m.
Lubbock Titans at MCA, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National League
MIAMI MARLINs — Fired pitching coach Juan Nieves. First base coach Perry Hill assistant hitting coach Frank Menchero and strength and conditioning coach Ty Hill.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fired Boston G Marcus Smart \$25,000 and Cleveland G J.R. Smith \$15,000 an on-court altercation during Saturday's game.
ATLANTA HAWKS — Signed F.C. Isaac Humphries.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Waived G Joel Berry II and Jeffrey Carroll.
PHOENIX SUNS — Fired general manager Ryan McDonough. Named vice president of basketball operations James Jones and assistant general manager Trevor Bublister interim general managers.
FOOTBALL
National Football League

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE													Chicago	
ATLANTIC DIVISION													Minnesota	
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Boston	5	5	0	1	11	21	4	5	1	4	0	2	14	18
Detroit	5	5	0	1	10	22	11							
Montreal	5	4	1	0	8	18	11							
Philadelphia	5	4	1	0	8	17	12							
Florida	5	3	2	0	6	15	17							
Buffalo	5	2	3	0	4	14	15							
Tampa Bay	5	2	3	0	4	14	16							
Ottawa	5	0	4	0	0	6	16							
METROPOLITAN DIVISION													Pacific Division	
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Columbus	4	4	0	0	8	19	4	5	5	0	0	10	27	14
N.Y. Islanders	4	4	0	0	8	15	12	5	5	0	1	8	27	14
Philadelphia	6	3	2	1	7	19	18	5	5	0	1	8	27	14
N.Y. Rangers	4	2	2	0	4	14	17	5	2	2	1	5	24	28
Capitals	6	2	4	0	4	13	22	5	4	0	1	8	27	14
Pittsburgh	4	1	2	1	3	13	12	5	3	2	0	6	18	17
Washington	5	1	3	1	3	10	17	5	3	2	0	6	15	19
New Jersey	4	0	2	2	2	7	13	5	1	3	1	3	14	20
WESTERN CONFERENCE													NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Two three-pointers in each division and one wild card per conference advance to playoffs.	
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Winnipeg	5	4	1	0	8	19	18	Tied for 1st place						
Dallas	4	3	0	1	7	18	11	Tied for 2nd place						
St. Louis	5	3	2	0	6	14	12	Tied for 3rd place						
Nashville	5	3	2	0	6	14	17	Tied for 4th place						
Colorado	3	1	2	0	2	6	15	Tied for 5th place						
CENTRAL DIVISION													Today's Games	
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Winnipeg	5	4	1	0	8	19	18	Philadelphia at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.						
Dallas	4	3	0	1	7	18	11	Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7:30 a.m.						
St. Louis	5	3	2	0	6	14	12	Angeles at Anaheim, 9 p.m.						
Nashville	5	3	2	0	6	14	17							
Colorado	3	1	2	0	2	6	15							

NBA PRESEASON GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	3	0	1.000	—	Charlotte	2	1	.667	—
Philadelphia	3	1	.750	1	Washington	1	1	.500	1
Toronto	2	1	.667	2	Orlando	1	1	.500	1
Boston	2	1	.667	2	Atlanta	1	2	.333	1
Brooklyn	1	3	.250	2 1/2	Miami	0	3	.000	2
Southeast Division									
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	2	1	.667	—	Cleveland	2	1	.667	—
Washington	1	1	.500	1	Indiana	2	1	.667	—
Orlando	1	1	.500	1	Chicago	1	1	.500	1
Atlanta	1	2	.333	1	San Antonio	2	1	.667	—
Miami	0	3	.000	2	Phoenix	2	1	.667	—
Central Division									
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	2	0	1.000	—	San Antonio	2	1	.667	—
Cleveland	2	1	.667	—	Phoenix	2	1	.667	—
Indiana	2	1	.667	—	San Antonio	2	1	.667	—
Chicago	1	1	.500	1	Phoenix	2	1	.667	—
Western Conference									
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	2	1	.667	—	San Antonio	2	1	.667	—
Dallas	2	1	.667	—	Phoenix	2	1	.667	—
San Antonio	2	1	.667	—	Phoenix	2	1	.667	—
Memphis	2	1	.667	—	Phoenix	2	1	.667	—
New Orleans	0	3	.000	2	Phoenix	2	1	.667	—

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE							WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	20	8	4	68	67	39	Portland	14	11	5	47	41	32
New York	20	7	5	65	60	33	Seattle	14	11	5	47	41	32
New York City FC	15	9	8	53	55	41	Real Salt Lake	12	12	7	40	41	34
Philadelphia	15	12	11	50	48	45	LA Galaxy	12	11	9	40	41	34
Columbus	13	10	9	49	49	41	Manassas	12	12	7	40	41	34
Montreal	13	15	4	43	45	52	Minnesota United	11	17	3	36	48	63
D.C. United	11	11	8	41	45	49	Houston	10	13	9	39	45	45
New England	8	12	11	35	45	51	Colorado	6	19	6	24	32	60
Chicago	9	16	6	39	55	60	San Jose	4	20	8	20	40	69
San Jose	7	17	7	35	47	59	San Jose	4	20	8	20	40	69
Oakland	7	19	4	25	40	68							
							NOTE: Three points for winning, one for tie.						
WESTERN CONFERENCE							Friday's Game						
Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	18	8	9	67	51	38	Houston at Los Angeles FC	9 p.m.					

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Oct. 19
At Ensenada, Mexico, Zion Tate vs. Michael Pagan, 12, for the WBO welterweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinals).
At Las Vegas, Nevada, Mike Alvarado vs. Terence Crawford vs. Jose Benavidez, 12, for the WBO welterweight title.
Oct. 20
At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN2), Jason Cushey vs. Freddy Hernandez, 12, for the WBO welterweight title.
Oct. 20
At Madison, Australia, Felix Alvarado vs. Henry Parke, 12, for the vacant IBF junior flyweight title.
At TD Garden, Boston, Billy Joe Saunders vs. Devon Alexander, 12, for the WBO welterweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinals).
At Madison Square Garden, New York, Mike Alvarado vs. Terence Crawford vs. Jose Benavidez, 12, for the WBO welterweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinals).
At Park Theater, Las Vegas, Mike Alvarado vs. Terence Crawford vs. Jose Benavidez, 12, for the WBO welterweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinals).
Oct. 21
At Madison, Australia, Felix Alvarado vs. Henry Parke, 12, for the vacant IBF junior flyweight title.
Oct. 27
At Madison Square Garden, New York (ESPN2), Mike Alvarado vs. Terence Crawford vs. Jose Benavidez, 12, for the WBO welterweight title (World Boxing Super Series quarterfinals).

Texans beat Cowboys 19-16 in OT

By Jordan Godwin
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Facing a big decision in overtime on Sunday night, Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett put his trust in the defense.

On fourth-and-1 on the Houston Texans' 42-yard line with less than six minutes remaining in overtime, Garrett chose to punt.

"We just felt like at that point in the game, the way our defense was playing, the idea was to pin them down there," Garrett said.

"Chris (Jones) did a great job with the punt, they got the ball on the 10-yard line. Hopefully, you make the stop and win the game, but it went the other way and they got the game-winning field goal."

Four plays later, Houston receiver DeAndre Hopkins used multiple spin moves for a 49-yard catch-and-run that set up a 36-yard field goal from Ka'imi Fairbairn, giving Houston a 19-16 win.

Both Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott and running back Ezekiel Elliott said they were hoping for a chance to extend the drive.

"I would, but you don't question the coach's decision," Prescott said.

"The defense had been playing good all night, and they kept us in the game all night long. Coach made the decision to go with the defense."

On the previous play, Elliott was stuffed up the middle for no gain on third-and-1.

"I really don't remember the field position we were in, but obviously, you would like a chance to go for it on fourth-and-1, but I don't know if that was the best decision right there," Elliott said.

Elliott was asked if he had the confidence in the offense's ability to convert a play in that situation.

"For sure, but with the way our defense was playing today, coach Garrett wanted to give them the chance to make a stop and get the ball back," Elliott said.

Even Texans defensive end J.J. Watt commiserated with Garrett regarding the tough decision, recalling the heat Colts coach Frank Reich took for going for it in a similar situation in an overtime loss to Houston last week.

"If you look at last week, he goes for it on fourth down and gets

crushed," Watt said. "Now, this week, they punted on fourth down, and I'm sure people are going to ask why he did that. If it works, it's great, and if it doesn't, it sucks. I'm glad I'm not taking those types of decisions."

Prescott finished the game 18 of 29 for 208 yards, with one touchdown and two interceptions. Elliott had a season-low 54 rushing yards on 20 carries, his third-lowest game total of his career.

Garrett credited Houston's defense for Elliott's lower-than-usual output. He entered Week 5 leading the league with 426 rushing yards in four games.

"They loaded it up in there and did a good job loading up the front," Garrett said. "We weren't consistent running the football inside, really throughout the game. I thought our guys battled, they fought, Zeke ran hard, a couple of times, he almost came out of there, but it was not as consistent as we'd like it to be."

Dallas also struggled with third-down conversions, where they went 4-for-14, and dropped passes, one of which led to an interception.

"We just haven't gotten it going on offense," Prescott said. "I don't know if there's one thing you can pinpoint, but we've got to figure it out. We're five games into the season, we've got a lot of ball left and a lot of time to do it, but it's got to happen fast, and we've got to get better."

SUNDAY'S LATE BOX			
TEXANS 19, COWBOYS 16			
Dallas	0	0	7 30-16
Houston	0	0	10 3
First Quarter			
Dal FG Maher 27, 10:03			
Dal FG Maher 43, 3:10			
Second Quarter			
Hou Coulee 1 pass from Watson (Farther) 13, 4:00			
Hou FG Farther 20, 8:00			
Third Quarter			
Dal Hays 3 pass from Prescott (Maher) 11, 5:52			
Hou FG Farther 21, 5:02			
Fourth Quarter			
Hou FG Farther 19, 8:31			
Dal FG Maher 48, 5:38			
Overtime			
Hou FG Farther 36, 1:50			
A 72, 0:08			
	Dal	Hou	
First downs	14	25	
Total yards	292	482	
Run plays	25	31	
Comp-Att	27-41	37-54	
Comp-Int	18-29	33-44	
Scoring plays	2	1	1
Penalties	7-44	3-53	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1	
Perf. Yds	1-72	5-25	
Time of Possession	31:32	36:38	
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			
RUSHING: Dallas, Elliott 20-34, Prescott 6-34, R. Smith 3-10, Houston, Blue 20-46, Watson 10-40, Coulee 1-2			
PASSING: Dallas 19-29-208, Houston 23-44-137			
RECEIVING: Dallas 7-30, Stuart 3-65, Thompson 2-19, Austin 1-44, Gathers 1-32, Jones 1-11, Beasley 1-8, Gallup 1-4, Hays 1-3, Houston, Hays 9-151, Blue 5-73, Griffith 6-65, Coulee 5-51, Fair 2-15, Jon Thomas 1-11, Aune 1-9			
40 MISSED FIELD GOALS: Houston, Farther			

Midland Christian defeats All Saints in four sets

From staff reports

Midland Christian defeated Fort Worth All Saints in four sets, 16-25, 25-17, 26-24, 25-23, in a TAPPS District 1-6A volleyball match at the McGraw Event Center on Monday.

Andie Sheppard led the Lady Mustangs (22-8, 3-1) with 13 kills, 17 assists and three blocks. Sydney Wilson had 21 digs, and Skylar Espinosa added 18 digs and four aces.

Holt 1st with postseason cycle, Red Sox rout Yankees 16-1

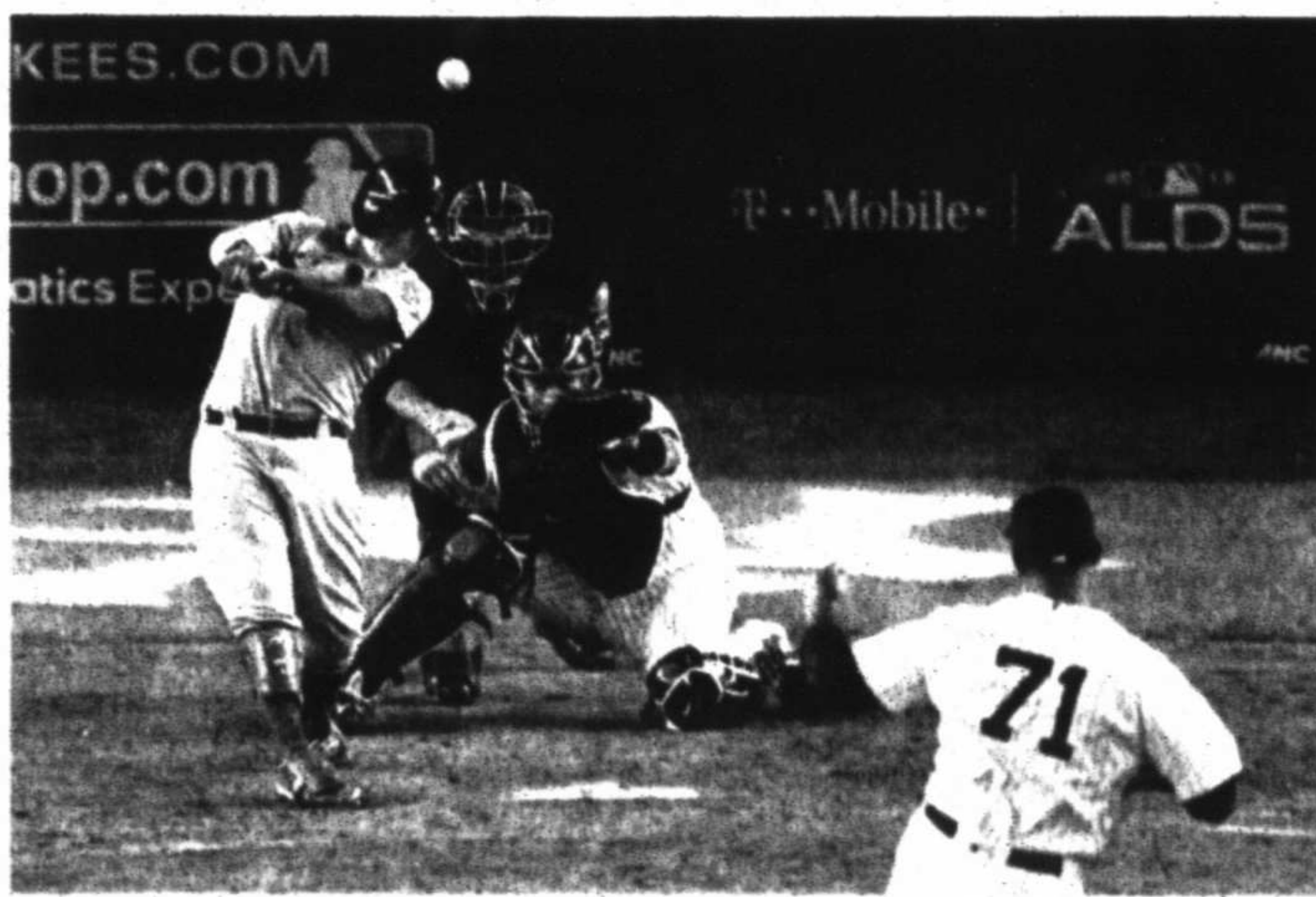
By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brock Holt became the first player to hit for the cycle in a postseason game and the Boston Red Sox routed the New York Yankees 16-1 on Monday night to grab a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five AL Division Series.

Andrew Benintendi lined a three-run double and Holt tripled home two more in a seven-run fourth inning that quickly turned the latest playoff matchup between these longtime rivals into a laugher. Handed a big early lead, Nathan Eovaldi shut down his former team during New York's most lopsided defeat in 396 postseason games.

Boston battered an ineffective Luis Severino and silenced a charged-up Yankee Stadium crowd that emptied out fast on a night when Red Sox rookie manager Alex Cora made all the right moves. By the ninth, backup catcher Austin Romine was on the mound for New York — he gave up a two-run homer to Holt that completed his cycle.

Game 4 is Tuesday night in the Bronx, where the 108-win Red Sox can put away the wild-card Yankees for good and advance to the AL Championship Series



Boston Red Sox's Brock Holt connects for a ground-rule double against the New York Yankees during the eighth inning of Game 3 of baseball's American League Division Series on Monday in New York.

against Houston. Rick Porcello is scheduled to pitch for Boston against CC Sabathia.

Boosted by noisy fans in their homer-friendly ballpark, the

Yankees entered 7-0 at home the past two postseasons against out-of-division opponents. But the Red Sox, frequent visitors of course, were hardly intimidated.

Holt, making his first playoff start this year, opened the fourth with a single off Severino and capped the outburst with a triple to right field. Holt also doubled

home a run in the eighth — he finished with five RBIs and four of Boston's 18 hits.

Eovaldi pitched for the Yankees from 2015-16 before injuring his elbow, which required a second Tommy John surgery. Boston acquired him from Tampa Bay in July and the hard-throwing righty compiled a 1.93 ERA in four starts against New York this season — three with the Red Sox.

Bumped up a day in front of Porcello, he delivered a gem in his first postseason appearance. Eovaldi allowed one run and five hits in seven innings, throwing 72 of 97 pitches for strikes.

Going with Eovaldi was only one of several choices that paid off for Cora.

Looking to play left-handed hitters against Severino, the first-year skipper inserted Holt at second base and Rafael Devers at third. Christian Vazquez started at catcher over Sandy Leon.

Devers singled twice, stole a base, scored two runs and knocked in another. Vazquez's infield single off Severino's glove in the second drove in the first run.

Benintendi, who hit .351 with eight doubles and 12 RBIs in 19 games against the Yankees this year, was on base four times and scored twice.

Dodgers finish off Braves in NLDS with 6-2 win

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Los Angeles Dodgers went through all the expected motions after winning a playoff series.

They broke out T-shirts and caps. They posed for pictures in the middle of SunTrust Park. They doused each other with beer in the clubhouse.

Then, just like that, their focus turned to bigger goals ahead.

For a power-packed team that hasn't won a World Series since 1988, nothing less will do.

"We all know that there's a lot more work to be done," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said after his team finished off the Atlanta Braves with a 6-2 victory Monday in the NL Division Series. "We have eight more wins to go."

Manny Machado hit a three-run homer and David Freese came through again in the postseason to lead the Dodgers into the NL Championship Series for the third year in a row. Los Angeles moved on to face the Brewers after taking out the Baby Braves 3-1 in the best-of-five series.

Game 1 is Friday night in Milwaukee, the Dodgers' fourth championship

series in six seasons.

"We prepared ourselves to get here," Machado said, "and we're not going to stop till we get what we want."

Of course, this is just what the Dodgers had in mind when they bolstered their already power-packed lineup by acquiring the slugging shortstop and free agent-to-be — from lowly Baltimore back in July.

Machado had only three hits in the series, but two of them were homers to go along with six RBIs. He got the Dodgers going in Game 4 with a run-scoring double in the first, and effectively wrapped up the series with his seventh-inning shot off rookie Chad Sobotka that cleared the Dodgers' bullpen in left.

"There are so many expectations put on him," Roberts said. "We have a lot of good players, but I can't say enough about his focus and preparedness."

Coming off a tense victory in Game 3, the Baby Braves grabbed the lead on pinch-hitter Kurt Suzuki's two-run single in the fourth.

But Freese, the 2011 World Series MVP with St. Louis, countered with a pinch-hit single of his own in the sixth off Brad Brach, driving home Cody

Bellinger and Yasiel Puig for a 3-2 lead.

"You just gotta be ready," Freese said. "Whether you're in high school, college, whatever, just be ready. You don't have to be the best player in the world, you don't have to make the most money, but you're going to have a shot to do something cool. I learned that early in my career. I just try and stick with it."

Ryan Madson earned the win by getting the final two outs in the fifth to escape a bases-loaded jam. The Braves' final gasp came in the eighth, when Lucas Duda's drive into the second deck in right drifted foul with two on against Kenta Maeda. Duda fled out to end the inning, and Atlanta went down quietly in the ninth.

The Braves' return to the postseason for the first time since 2013 yielded a familiar result.

Atlanta has lost nine straight playoff appearances, their last victory coming 17 long years ago against a team that is no longer in the National League. Since a sweep of Houston Astros in the 2001 NL Division Series, October has been a month of misery for the Braves.

Getting back to the playoffs ahead of schedule

after a massive rebuild, Atlanta simply didn't have the experience, depth or power to stick with the power-packed Dodgers. Los Angeles had a franchise-record 235 homers during the regular season and eight more against the Braves, accounting for 14 of its 20 runs.

Tinseltown has become Boomtown.

"They're a very powerful team," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "It's what they've done all year is hit home runs. We're not built like that yet."

Los Angeles also benefited from some shaky Atlanta defense during its go-ahead inning. Puig kept the sixth going with a popup down the line off loser Jonny Venters that fell between second baseman Ozzie Albies and right fielder Nick Markakis.

Puig stole second without drawing a throw and came home when backup shortstop Charlie Culberson failed to knock down Freese's sharp grounder up the middle. A super sub during the regular season, Culberson had to start in the playoffs because of an injury to regular Dansby Swanson.

"They played better baseball than we did," Culberson said.

MLB PLAYOFF GLANCE

Associated Press

WILD CARD		
Tuesday, Oct. 2: Colorado 2, Chicago 1, 13		
Wednesday, Oct. 3: New York 7, Oakland 2		
DIVISION SERIES		
(Best-of-5, 5-4 necessary)		
American League		
All Games on TBS		
Monday, Oct. 8: Boston 5, New York 4		
Tuesday, Oct. 9: Boston 5, New York 4		
Wednesday, Oct. 10: Boston 5, New York 4		
Thursday, Oct. 11: New York at Boston		
Friday, Oct. 12: Boston at New York		
National League		
All Games on ESPN		
Monday, Oct. 8: Houston 7, Cleveland 2		
Tuesday, Oct. 9: Houston 3, Cleveland 1		
Wednesday, Oct. 10: Houston 11, Cleveland 3		
Thursday, Oct. 11: Houston at Cleveland		
Friday, Oct. 12: Cleveland at Houston		
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES		
(Best-of-7, 4-3 necessary)		
American League		
All Games on TBS		
Saturday, Oct. 13: Houston at Boston or New York at Houston		
Sunday, Oct. 14: Houston at Boston or New York at Houston		
Tuesday, Oct. 16: Boston at Houston or		
Houston at New York		
Wednesday, Oct. 17: Boston at Houston or Houston at New York		
Thursday, Oct. 18: Boston at Houston or Houston at New York		
Friday, Oct. 20: Houston at Boston or New York at Houston		
Saturday, Oct. 21: Houston at Boston or New York at Houston		
National League		
All Games on ESPN		
Friday, Oct. 12: Atlanta-Los Angeles winner at Milwaukee		
Saturday, Oct. 13: Atlanta-Los Angeles winner at Milwaukee		
Sunday, Oct. 14: Milwaukee at Atlanta-Los Angeles winner		
Monday, Oct. 15: Milwaukee at Atlanta-Los Angeles winner		
Tuesday, Oct. 16: Milwaukee at Atlanta-Los Angeles winner		
Wednesday, Oct. 17: Milwaukee at Atlanta-Los Angeles winner		
Thursday, Oct. 18: Atlanta-Los Angeles winner at Milwaukee		
Friday, Oct. 19: Atlanta-Los Angeles winner at Milwaukee		
Saturday, Oct. 20: Atlanta-Los Angeles winner at Milwaukee		
WORLD SERIES		
(Best-of-7, 4-3 necessary)		
All Games on FOX		
Sunday, Oct. 21: National League at American League		
Monday, Oct. 22: National League at American League		
Tuesday, Oct. 23: American League at National League		
Wednesday, Oct. 24: American League at National League		
Thursday, Oct. 25: American League at National League		
Friday, Oct. 26: American League at National League		
Saturday, Oct. 27: American League at National League		
Sunday, Oct. 28: American League at National League		
Monday, Oct. 29: National League at American League		
Tuesday, Oct. 30: National League at American League		
Wednesday, Oct. 31: National League at American League		

ASTROS

From 1C

on their itinerary.

After the Astros finished this demolition of the Indians, they briefly celebrated on the infield at Progressive Field before donning ski goggles in their clubhouse.

For the Indians, another postseason ended earlier than planned. Cleveland was beaten in the first round for the second year in a row. New York came back from a 2-0 deficit in 2017 — and baseball's longest World Series championship drought will reach a 71st anniversary.

The Indians hit just .144 in the series, were outscored 21-6 and have lost six straight playoff games. They were swept for the first time since the 1954 World Series.

"We got to go home now, before we're ready to," manager Terry Francona said. "That hurts. It always stings. I just told the guys, we've got a number of guys that are free agents. You know there's going to be some turnover, and it's a real special group to all of us."

"So that's a hard one, when you're saying goodbye before you're ready to."

Reliever Andrew Miller, one of several potential free agents, couldn't allow himself to think about the future while saying goodbye to teammates.

"There's probably a million things you could point to why we didn't win three games," said Miller, who was on the disabled list three times this year. "This isn't the way we want it to end."

Francisco Lindor homered off a circular digital clock in the fifth off Dallas Kauchuk to give Cleveland a 2-1 lead that vanished in the seventh.

With a major assist, actually two of them by Bauer, the Astros rallied off Bauer. The starter-turned-postseason reliever, who took the loss, stooped behind the mound and dropped his head after his two errant throws.

Tony Kemp singled and was awarded second when Bauer's pickoff throw hopped into the photographer's pit. Springer reached on a dribbler that catcher Yan Gomes couldn't make a

play on as Kemp took third. Jose Altuve grounded into a forceout, with Kemp scoring to tie it 2-2.

Bauer got the dangerous Alex Bregman to hit a comebacker. But the right-hander's throw to second was off line, pulling Lindor off the bag and both runners were safe — a mistake that surely will haunt the enigmatic pitcher all winter.

"I caught the ball. I turned around to throw it," Bauer said. "I saw Frankie going to my right and the umpire crossing over and going to my left. I was in the middle of throwing. I kind of flinched. I made a bad throw. There's no way around it. That should have been the end of the inning."

"It was a 2-2 game and we're in the seventh and had a chance. I didn't execute."

As he walked to the dugout, Bauer, who did not commit an error in 28 appearances this season, received a polite ovation from Cleveland fans. They appreciated that the Indians had to ride him in October because of all the other problems in the team's bullpen.

Mike Clevinger gave Francona a terrific outing five strong innings before Bauer entered.

Springer, who struck out on three pitches in his first two at-bats against Clevinger, got him the third time and drove the first pitch into the left-field bleachers to tie it 1-1.

It was Springer's franchise-record ninth homer in the postseason — he hit No. 10 in the eighth — and gave the Astros a homer in 12 straight playoff games, matching the AL record set by Baltimore (1983, 1997).

After hitting just three home runs in the final 1½ months of the regular season, Springer went deep three times against Cleveland.

Unlike the Indians, who counted to a third straight title, Houston got pushed.

But once the Oakland Athletics applied pressure, the Astros took off and went 29-10 after Aug. 18.

Odd path to playoffs: Kratz, Voit, Brasier take longer road

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

Of course Erik Kratz kept hoping for a moment like this. That's why he stuck around, through a dozen big league organizations, a couple of cruel demotions in the minors, a bunch of near-misses in the World Series.

And the time he accidentally shot himself in the hand with a nail gun.

"I really feel like I've played my last game for the last 12 years because the game doesn't owe anybody anything," the Milwaukee catcher said. "When you understand that, you appreciate these times more than anything else."

Luke Voit certainly never expected to hear crowds at Yankee Stadium chanting his name in October, especially when he was stuck at Triple-A for St. Louis in late July. Yet there he was, batting third as New York hosted Boston on Monday night.

Ryan Brasier's path to these playoffs was unusual, too. The Red Sox reliever is a rookie — even though he made his major league debut in 2013.

This postseason is full of stars, including Christian Yelich, Jose Altuve and Mookie Betts. Ronald Acuna Jr., Miguel Andujar and Walker Buehler are among the many talented newcomers.

To see them here, now, that's probably not a huge surprise.

But Kratz? Starring on

this stage?

Still scrapping at 38, he's a 211 career hitter in the bigs, the very definition of a veteran backup catcher. He's been in the system of all four AL teams that reached the Division Series this year, plus the Brewers.

Kratz was with Kansas City in the 2014 World Series, but never got off the bench. He came close in Game 7, lined up to enter if All-Star catcher Salvador Perez had been pulled for a pinch-runner.

The next year, he went 0 for 4 in the regular season for the Royals and was nowhere near the playoff roster. Even so, they rewarded him with a championship ring.

In 2016, Kratz batted .069 in 14 games for Houston.

"I love Kratz," Astros manager AJ Hinch said Monday. "I've texted back and forth with him like I do a lot of our players or ex-players. I still remember him running out for intros and falling down to win a bet. I'll always remember that, and got to get the video of that."

"I remember Erik Kratz, when I told him he was off our team, he was a proud Astro, so I'm happy when guys succeed when they go elsewhere," he said.

Kratz was in the minors this June when the Yankees traded him to Milwaukee for a player to be named. He impressed the Brewers with his work regimen and knowledge, and produced enough to earn a spot in the

playoffs.

Against Colorado last week, he became the oldest position player to start in his postseason debut since Lave Cross for the Philadelphia Athletics in the 1905 World Series.

"Lave Cross from Milwaukee, yeah, he was a really good third baseman. We played together in rookie ball," Kratz kidded.

"It's something that is part of history, so maybe in 113 years, some dude is going to be like, Erik Kratz — is it Kratz? What is that?" he said.

No joke: Kratz went 5 for 8 in the NL Division Series sweep of the Rockies, and his Milwaukee teammates started chanting "MVP! MVP!" at him in the bubbly-soaked clubhouse.

"It's gone from an unsung season to kind of a front-and-center role right now," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said.

During the series, Kratz reflected on his future in baseball. He realizes time is running out.

"I haven't had a good enough career to retire. I'm just going to quit. I'll just be out. That's what's going to happen," he said.

Brasier's trip to this postseason also took several turns. He seemed to be off to a good start as rookie with the Angels in 2013, putting together a 2.00 ERA in seven relief appearances.

That was before Tommy John surgery, more time in the minors and a detour to Japan. He signed with the

Red Sox in spring training, returned to the majors shortly before the All-Star break and kept a spot in the Boston bullpen.

He's already made his presence known.

In Game 2 of the ALDS, the 31-year-old Brasier got into a verbal spat with Gary Sanchez, annoyed that the Yankees slugger kept stepping out of the batter's box. That came as he struck out Andrew McCutchen, Giancarlo Stanton and Sanchez in the same inning.

At 27, Voit's trek wasn't so winding. Rather, he was backed up in the minors for St. Louis behind star first baseman Matt Carpenter. The beefy Voit didn't exactly fit the physical profile of the athletic-minded Cardinals, either.

Dealt to the Yankees shortly before the July 31 trade deadline for Giovanni Gallegos and Chasen Shreve, Voit got off to a slow start and seemed to be a backup for Greg Bird, at best.

But then, his huge swing started clicking. He connected for 14 home runs down the stretch, hit a two-run triple in the AL wild-card win over Oakland and has two hits and two RBIs in two playoff games against Boston.

In a city known for fashion, Voit also has made his own style statement. He prefers to keep the top button on his jersey unfastened, with no T-shirt underneath.

"Let the chest hair hang, baby," he said.



Nick Wagner/Austin American-Statesman via AP/Associated Press

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

At 5-1, No. 9 Texas going all in on Tom Herman

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

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AUSTIN — Game by game, win by win, Texas is going all in on Tom Herman.

Just check his phone. In the 24 hours after his Longhorns beat Oklahoma 48-45 to rise to No. 9 in the Top 25 rankings, his phone lit up with nearly 200 text messages of congratulations.

Herman remembers how many he got after a season-opening loss to Maryland.

"Nine," Herman said Monday. "I got nine."

Everyone loves a winner and Herman has the Longhorns winning at a rate most think they should. And now, a decade removed from its last Big 12 crown

and the last time it played for a national championship, Texas (5-1, 3-0) is back on top of the league standings and cast as a favorite to get to the conference championship game.

Do that and there could be national playoff talk in the future. Herman sought to tap the brakes on that Monday. A five-game win streak earns back respect at a program in need of some, but that's about it at this point.

"There is no midseason conference championship trophy," Her-

man said. "There is a lot of season left. A lot."

It starts this week against rapidly improving Baylor (4-2, 2-1). Then comes a week off and a road trip to Oklahoma State before Texas hosts No. 6 West Virginia, the only undefeated team in the Big 12.

Herman surveyed his locker room when the team returned Sunday after the big win over Oklahoma. He came away confident the Longhorns are ready to put that game behind them. His players are hungry for wins. Most of his team slogged through a pair of five-win seasons before Herman arrived in 2017. And last year was a 7-6 struggle.

This group won't get arrogant and assume they'll win just by showing up to play, Herman said.

"Have you seen the last four years?" Herman said.

Texas fans certainly remember. They remember big wins over Oklahoma in 2015 and Notre Dame in 2016 when then-coach Charlie Strong crowd surfed in postgame celebrations. They also remember seasons that soon collapsed.

Texas has already equaled the wins of Strong's last two seasons. Herman got a Gatorade bath from his players after beating Oklahoma but kept his feet on the ground.

"I said to them when we lost the opener, this game will not define us. How we respond to it will," Herman said. "I told them that about this Oklahoma game. That game will not define us. How we respond to it will."

HS FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 2-6A

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa High	4	1	0	80
Lido	4	1	0	78
Frenship	3	2	1	60
Permian	3	2	1	57
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

Friday's games
Amarillo: Amarillo at Midland High, 7 p.m.
Midland: Midland at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

District 2-6A Division I

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

Friday's games
Amarillo: Amarillo at Midland High, 7 p.m.
Midland: Midland at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

District 2-6A Division II

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division III

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division IV

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division V

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division VI

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division VII

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division VIII

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division IX

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division X

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division XI

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division I

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

Friday's games
Amarillo: Amarillo at Midland High, 7 p.m.
Midland: Midland at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

District 2-6A Division II

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

Friday's games
Amarillo: Amarillo at Midland High, 7 p.m.
Midland: Midland at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

District 2-6A Division III

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division IV

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division V

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division VI

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division VII

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division VIII

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division IX

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division X

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division XI

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division XII

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division I

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

Friday's games
Amarillo: Amarillo at Midland High, 7 p.m.
Midland: Midland at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

District 2-6A Division II

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

Friday's games
Amarillo: Amarillo at Midland High, 7 p.m.
Midland: Midland at Odessa Permian, 7 p.m.

District 2-6A Division III

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division IV

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division V

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division VI

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division VII

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division VIII

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division IX

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division X

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division XI

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division XII

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

District 2-6A Division I

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Odessa	4	1	0	80
Permian	3	2	1	60
Odessa Permian	3	2	1	50
Midland High	2	3	0	40

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Futures

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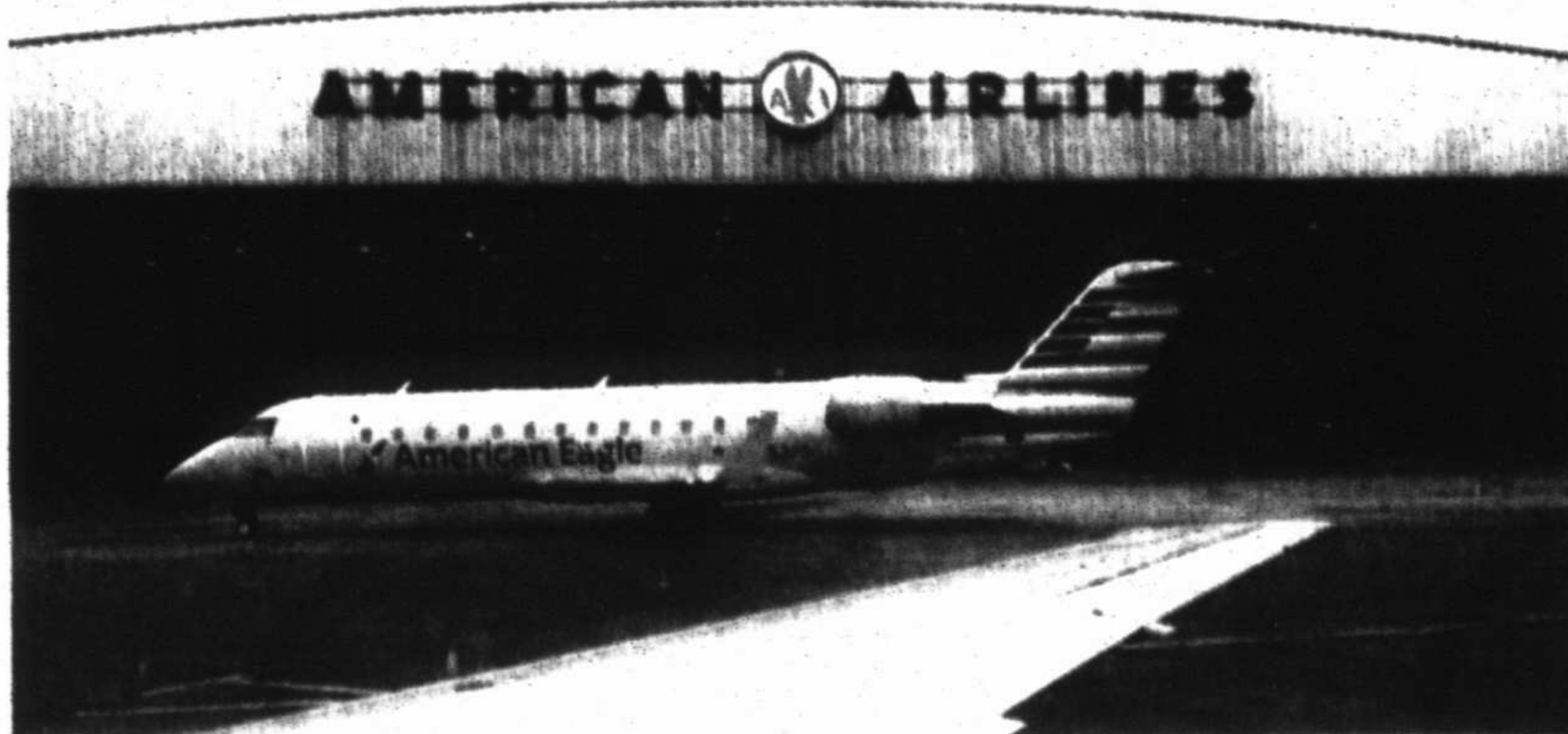
Monday: \$71.00
Previous: \$70.75

West Texas Sour

Monday: \$55.35
Previous: \$55.10

Natural Gas

Monday: \$3.267
Previous: \$3.143



AP file photo

Operations proceed outside the American Airlines facility at LaGuardia Airport on March 12 in New York. A new policy at American Airlines could leave more coach passengers stranded after delays or canceled flights. The airline is telling agents to avoid rebooking economy customers on other airlines, with a few exceptions like people flying to a wedding.

AA aims to keep delayed travelers

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — American Airlines is telling employees to think twice before rebooking stranded customers on rival airlines, and regular economy-class passengers are the most likely to suffer when there are long delays or canceled flights.

A new policy at American directs airport agents not to rebook economy passengers on competing airlines with no stated limit on how long they must wait for a seat on another American flight. A manager can make exceptions in a few cases, such as people flying to a wedding or funeral and those who would be stranded overnight with no hotel room.

Agents can still put economy passengers on American's international partner airlines, but that won't help customers flying within the U.S.

By contrast, American told agents in late September to help the airline's best customers get to their destinations quickly, even if it means putting them on Delta or United.

Elite-level members of American's frequent-flyer program and people who bought a first-class or business-class ticket can be booked on another airline if they face a delay of at least five hours — and even sooner for the highest level of elite customers.

The policy highlights the growing divide between airlines' best customers and everyone else. It also shows how, for many travelers, flying on the biggest airlines is becoming more like taking a discount airline, with cramped planes, fewer perks and more extra fees.

Many of the largest and oldest airlines have agreements to put passengers on one another's flights when there are long delays or cancellations. American, Delta Air Lines and United Airlines all have alliances with other global carriers and so-called interline agreements with each other. Airlines pay for such transfers, but at discounted fares.

Often, however, low-cost competitors including Southwest, JetBlue, Spirit and Frontier lack those deals. Their passengers are at greater risk of being stranded for a long time if the airline encounters a mechanical breakdown, a computer outage or bad weather.

Even though few travelers know about airline alliances and even fewer have heard of interline agreements, those rebooking options can make the big airlines much better than their smaller brethren when things go wrong.

Airlines have been putting displaced customers on other carriers for decades, but American, the world's biggest airline, never had a written policy.

Some of American's key

airports including Dallas-Fort Worth and Chicago O'Hare see frequent long delays and cancellations because of storms. In July, American and regional affiliate American Eagle canceled 5,422 flights, according to the most recent government figures. That was the second highest rate in the industry behind Frontier Airlines, and compared with 2,394 cancellations at United and United Express and 1,154 at Delta and Delta Connection. The lopsided numbers suggest that American could be spending more than Delta and United to accommodate stranded passengers.

American Airlines spokesman Ross Feinstein said managers will have authority to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis. He said Delta and United have similar rules.

American made its instructions to agents available to The Associated Press. Delta made a portion of its guidelines available, and they do not appear biased against transferring economy passengers to another carrier. Delta spokesman Morgan Durrant said agents are told to try to rebook customers on partner airlines, but they can send anyone, including economy passengers, to American or United.

United Airlines declined to provide its guidelines to the AP, but spokeswoman Maddie King described restrictions that were updated

last year and seem similar to American's. She said economy customers can be placed on a non-partner airline like American or Delta if they would otherwise be stranded overnight and the delay was United's fault. She said if the passenger is going to a big event like a wedding, "our employees are always empowered to make the right decision for our customers."

The new American policy was first reported by Gary Leff on his blog, View from the Wing. In an interview, he said the ability to be transferred to another airline has always been one of the big advantages of traveling on those large carriers instead of a budget airline. This will narrow that gap, he said.

"We are going to have to wait and see what it looks like in practice. It comes down to how individual employees take this new policy," Leff said. As for customers who need help getting to their destination on time, "You've got to convince someone to do it for you," he said.

None of the three leading U.S. airlines would say how often they pay to put a passenger on another carrier's flight, so it is unclear how many people will be affected.

"It may be the kind of thing that customers don't notice until they need it," Leff said.

How Midland-headquartered publicly traded companies fared

Concho Resources (CXO)

Closing Price: \$70.39 (down 1.0%)

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)

Closing Price: \$16.36 (up 0.1%)

Diamondback Energy (FANG)

Closing Price: \$13.00 (down 0.1%)

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)

Closing Price: \$5.30 (up 0.2%)

Mexco Energy (MEXE)

Closing Price: \$1.10 (up 0.1%)

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)

Closing Price: \$1.00 (up 0.1%)

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)

Closing Price: \$1.00 (up 0.1%)

Ring Energy (REI)

Closing Price: \$1.00 (up 0.1%)

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)

Closing Price: \$1.00 (up 0.1%)

Financial roundup

Stock indexes and mixed, but tech companies slide further

NEW YORK — U.S. stock indexes found their footing after a sharp early loss Monday and finished mixed. Technology companies sank for the third day in a row.

Stocks slumped in morning trading following big declines late last week. Some of the largest losses went to technology companies, including payment and credit card companies. Indexes in Europe also dropped as Italy vowed to ramp up spending that will increase its deficit.

A sharp increase in bond yields last week had startled investors and prompted them to shift money out of stocks. Bond markets in the U.S. were closed for the Columbus Day holiday and stock trading was relatively light.

Banks, which often rise along with interest rates, continued their advance. High-dividend companies, which tend to fall when yields go up, recovered some of their losses from last week.

Kristina Hooper, chief global market strategist for Invesco, said technology companies have dropped because investors are concerned that they are vulnerable as the Trump administration wraps up trade negotiations with Mexico, Canada and Korea and zeroes in on China.

"The U.S. has made very significant concessions (to those countries), and I expect them to do that with Japan as well," she said. "The ultimate goal is to bring China to its knees."

The S&P 500 index dipped 1.14 points to 2,894.43. The Dow Jones Industrial Average reversed an early loss of 223 points and rose 39.73 points, or 0.2 percent, to 26,486.78.

The Nasdaq composite sank 52.80 points, or 0.7 percent, to 7,735.95. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks slipped 2.80 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,829.51. The Nasdaq and Russell are each coming off their worst week since late March.

Among payment technology companies, PayPal slid 3.2 percent to \$80.55 and Mastercard fell 2.3 percent to \$208.26. Elsewhere, Microsoft lost 1.1 percent to \$110.85.

Alphabet, Google's parent company, fell 1 percent to \$1,155.92 after it said a flaw in its Google Plus social network may have exposed personal information of as many as 500,000 people. It will end Google Plus for consumers next year.

Google found the problem in March, and the Wall Street Journal reported that the company didn't disclose it at the time, partly to avoid scrutiny from regulators and damage to its reputation. The company didn't comment on that report.

Hooper, of Invesco, said technology companies have been returning big profits this year, so investors have been slow to recognize the harm that could come from the trade spat.

"There's the potential for China to place an embargo on rare earth metals, which would be very disruptive to some parts of the tech industry," she said. "Tech is not going to be unscathed in a trade war."

Overseas, Italy's deputy premier vowed to press ahead with a plan to increase spending and the country's deficit even after the European Commission expressed "serious concern" about the notion.

Despite rising oil, airlines reintroduce long-haul flights

By Angus Whitley,
Kyunghee Park
Bloomberg

Long-haul flights halfway across the globe are making a comeback even with oil prices close to their highest in four years.

About six months after Qantas Airways started a direct service from Perth, Australia, to London, Singapore Airlines is bringing back its 10,400-mile jump to New York on Oct. 11. That will take the title of the world's longest commercial flight from Qatar Airways' route from Doha, United Arab Emirates to Auckland, New Zealand.

Advances in technology and the advent of aircraft that guzzle less and carry more fuel are helping make the Singapore route viable again, five years after \$100-a-barrel oil contributed to the demise of the flight, which will take as long as 18 hours and 45 minutes.

Last month, Singapore Airlines took delivery of the first of seven A350-900 Ultra Long Range aircraft that it will use on the route as well as for non-stop services to Los Angeles starting in November. Qantas has asked Boeing and Airbus to design planes that can fly even farther, from Sydney, Australia, to London or New York.

For those wincing at the idea of being cooped up for almost 19 hours in a 220-foot tube at 35,000 feet, here's what to expect on the flight from Changi Airport to Newark Liberty International.

Forget cattle class. The Airbus jet that will ply the route carries a maximum of 161 passengers, compared with 253 on the airline's existing A350-900s. That means more space, with 67 flat-bed seats in a 1-2-1 configuration for business class and 94 premium economy places in a mostly 2-4-2 arrangement at the rear.

While the premium-economy seats offer an eight-inch recline, the pitch — the distance between yours and the

one in front — is a standard 38 inches, 4 inches less than on some of Japan Airlines' long-haul flights.

Singapore Airlines says it will serve dishes that try to offset the effect of being stuck in a seat for a day.

The airline's Wellness Set Menu offers prawn ceviche, organic chicken and zucchini pappardelle. A tie-up with Canyon Ranch offers "science-based recommendations and strategies for improved sleep, balanced meal choices and exercises that promote circulation." Try the braised pork with citrus or the seared chicken and wide zucchini ribbons for dishes with less salt and sugar and more turmeric and fennel that Canyon says promote hydration and nutrition.

As with other Singapore Air long-haul routes, you can eat local favorites such as chicken rice and beef hoon fun, or "Book the Cook," a service that allows you to order dishes like lobster thermidor or rib-eye steak up to 24 hours before the flight.

And if the airline's International Culinary Panel of celebrity chefs can't tempt you, you can always pre-order a burger.

For the Internet-addicted traveler worried about being incommunicado for almost a whole day, the flight offers Wi-Fi, for a price. A business-class ticket gets 30 megabytes of data for free. An additional 20MB, just enough for an hour on Facebook, costs \$6, with bigger packages offering up to 200MB for \$28. Singapore Air says data speed could be 4-6 Mbps, depending on active users, satellite coverage and weather conditions.

For film-lovers that shouldn't be a problem. The airline has added 200 hours of movies and television shows to the 1,000 already available, with everything from new releases like "Ocean's 8" to art-house and international movies.

The four Singapore Airlines pilots (two captains and two first officers) on

each ultralong-range A350-900 aren't allowed to fly to New York unless they haven't flown for 48 hours prior to take-off. They get extra down time on board, with at least eight hours of rest, compared with 5 1/2 hours on a typical long-haul service, according to Singapore Air. When they land in New York, pilots have three nights off before flying back to Singapore.

The 13 cabin crew will get at least four hours rest during the flight and two days to enjoy New York before the return leg.

When Singapore Airlines scrapped the previous Singapore-New York flight in 2013, oil was trading around \$100 a barrel. With crude prices above \$80 again, the carrier is relying more on technology to mitigate the fuel bill.

That means keeping the plane as light as possible.

Lightweight composites including carbon fiber make up the bulk of the A350-900ULR, while new wing tips help reduce drag, Airbus says. The revamped model consumes 25 percent less fuel than aircraft of a similar size and performance, according to Maria Luisa Lucas Ugena, Airbus's head of A350 product marketing.

The plane has a higher ceiling, bigger windows and a wider body, with less noise in the cabin and LED lighting that is designed to reduce jet lag. Composite-based planes can also tolerate higher cabin pressure, which means more oxygen and moisture in the air, making for a more comfortable flight.

Weight savings alone won't get the plane to Newark in one hop. Airbus rejiggered the fuel system on a standard A350-900 and pumped 17 percent more jet kerosene into the tanks in the wings. The plane can now hold about 43,590 gallons of fuel, or more than 270 gallons per passenger on a full flight. The A340-500s that plied the route until 2013 had 56,870 gallons for only 100 customers.

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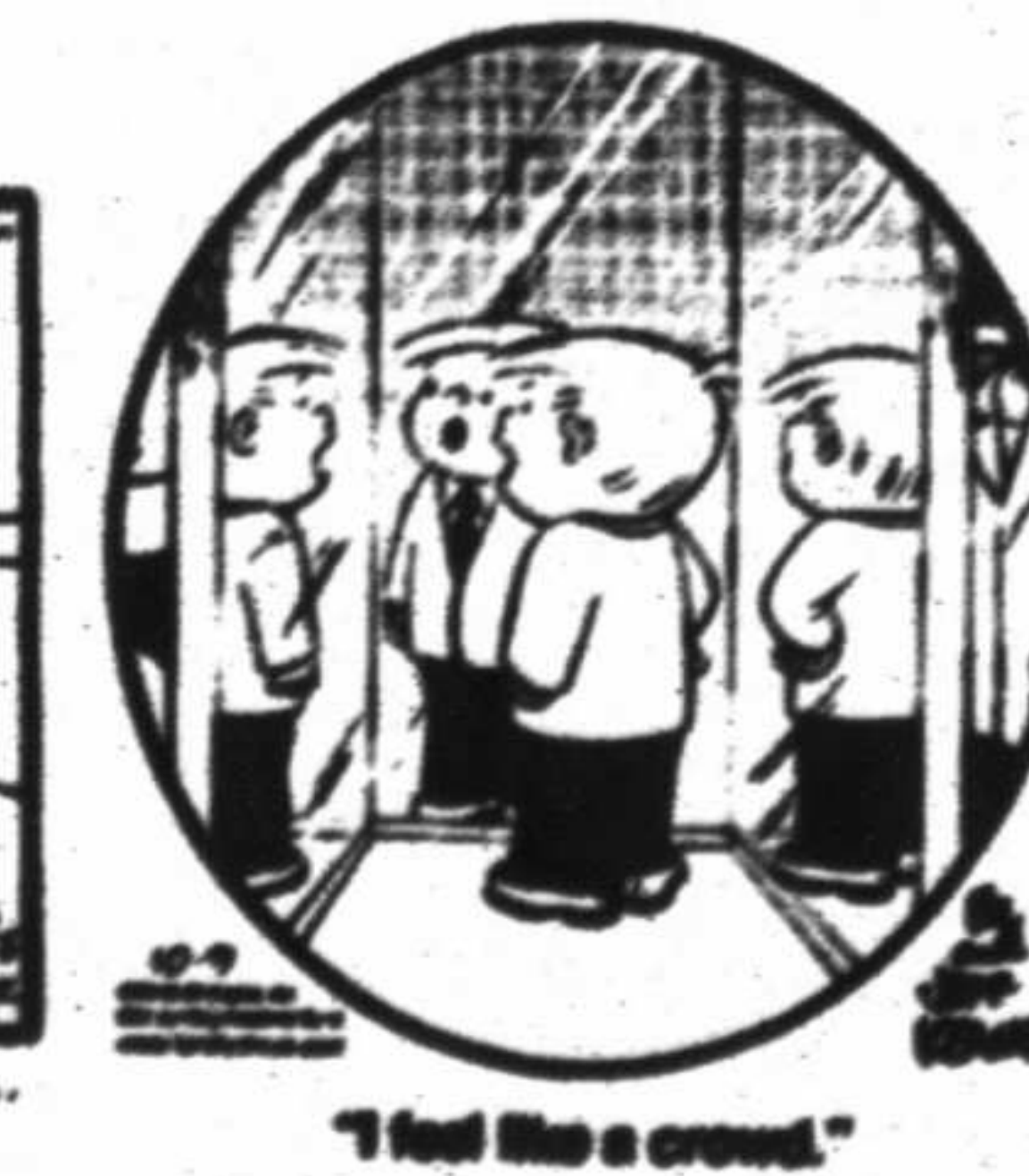
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Through Oct. 7		All-around	
1	Ted Cooper, Decatur, Texas \$216,127	19	Jonathan Torres, Ocala, Fla. \$57,107
2	Travis Braxton, Decatur, Texas \$188,678	20	Reagan Ward, Edmond, Okla. \$57,090
Bottle Broom			
1	Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas \$198,101	11	Colburn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah \$89,325
2	Isaac Diaz, Dallas, Texas \$124,740	12	Jake Wright, Midland, Utah \$81,903
3	Russ Wright, Midland, Utah \$123,807	13	Josey Spence, New Iberia, La. \$79,114
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5	Steven Dier, Midland, Texas \$109,056	15	Chase Brookes, Deer Lodge, Mont. \$76,141
6	Curtis Cassidy, Donalson, Okla. \$93,237	16	J.J. Edwards, Haskell, S.D. \$75,774
7	Paul David Tarnay, Oklahoma City, Okla. \$91,301	17	Spencer Wright, Midland, Utah \$73,767
8	Jordan Ketcher, Square Valley, Calif. \$71,659	18	Allen Boone, Annel, Utah \$73,573
Saddle Broom			
1	Clay Elliott, Houston, Texas \$104,170	11	Colburn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah \$89,325
2	Wade Sunder, Boerne, Texas \$103,309	12	Jake Wright, Midland, Utah \$81,903
3	Cort Schaefer, Elmore, Neb. \$101,843	13	Josey Spence, New Iberia, La. \$79,114
4	Sterling Casales, Stephenville, Texas \$99,539	14	Tami Murry, Corona, N.M. \$78,790
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10	Caleb Smith, Beaver, Texas \$89,971	20	Wyatt Calver, Parker, Texas \$52,912
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Dejounte Murray lost to torn ACL

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Dejounte Murray was driving past James Harden and on his way to the basket, showing one of the skills that made the San Antonio Spurs convinced he's the right point guard for their team.

And then Murray's knee gave out.

In an instant, the entire trajectory of the Spurs' season might have changed.

Murray's season is almost certainly over, after the Spurs learned Monday that their starting point guard has a torn ACL in his right knee. The team hasn't revealed when Murray will have surgery, nor has it determined a timetable for his return, but ACL reconstruction and rehabilitation is a process that typically takes around a full year.

"You just carry on," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said, standing in a corner of the team's practice facility in San Antonio shortly after the Murray diagnosis was released. "He's going to be out. Devastating injury for him, for the team. But life goes on. Everybody will pick up and do the best job we can to carry forward without him."

Murray, who turned 22 last month, averaged 8.1 points, 5.7 rebounds and 2.9 assists last season.

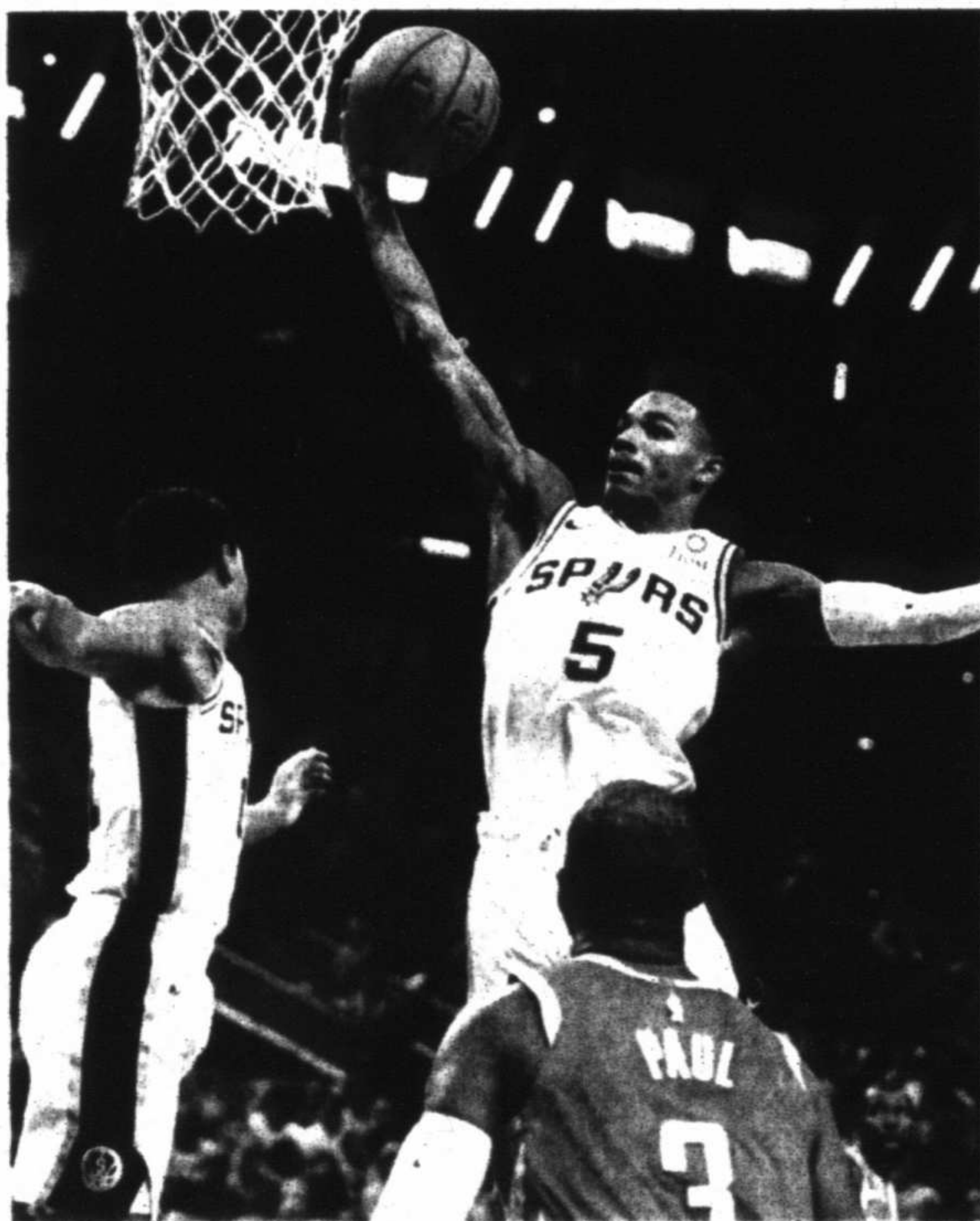
"I assume he misses the season," Popovich said.

In a tweet, Murray thanked people for support and said he's "been beating the odds and handling adversity" throughout his life.

Murray was a second-team member of the NBA's All-Defensive Team last season, the youngest player to ever earn such a distinction. He was also going to be the starter for a team that is chasing a 22nd consecutive postseason appearance, which would tie the NBA's record.

Instead, the Spurs are likely going to have to choose between letting Derrick White take the starting gig or finding help elsewhere.

"We were already confident in Derrick," Popovich



Darren Abate/Associated Press

San Antonio Spurs' Dejounte Murray (5) grabs a rebound next to teammate Bryn Forbes, left, and Houston Rockets' Chris Paul (3) during the second half of a preseason game, Sunday in San Antonio.

said. "He's done a good job for us and he was improving quickly, just like Dejounte had. Whether Dejounte was healthy or not, Derrick was going to play."

Murray became the Spurs' starter last season, inheriting the role that Tony Parker held for the better part of two decades. Parker left the Spurs in the offseason, signing a two-year deal with the Charlotte Hornets — which means that the only person who started any games at the point last season and remains on the San Antonio roster is Patty Mills.

"It's on us as leaders now, and me, to make sure we get everybody that's going to fill into

Dejounte's shoes ready," Mills said. "We're going to need them."

It has been an absolutely brutal preseason for the Spurs, who were entering a transition year anyway now that the Big Three era is officially over and Kawhi Leonard was traded to Toronto. Tim Duncan retired two years ago, Parker left for Charlotte and Manu Ginobili decided over the summer to retire. And now on top of that, not only is Murray hurt but rookie guard Lonnie Walker IV will miss several weeks while recovering from a torn meniscus.

Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said if a coach can figure out how to handle all this, it's Popovich.

"If you have to be in one of those situations, you want to have a Hall of Fame mind like that to be able to figure something out," Spoelstra said. "Leaguewide, I think everybody, staff and players, you cringe when you hear news like that. Very unfortunate."

Popovich joked Monday that LaMarcus Aldridge will start, as will DeMar DeRozan, the All-Star guard acquired in the Leonard trade.

Many other things, a week away from the regular season, are now unclear.

"We'll figure out how we want to move forward, in a sense that nothing's in stone," Popovich said.

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October 29	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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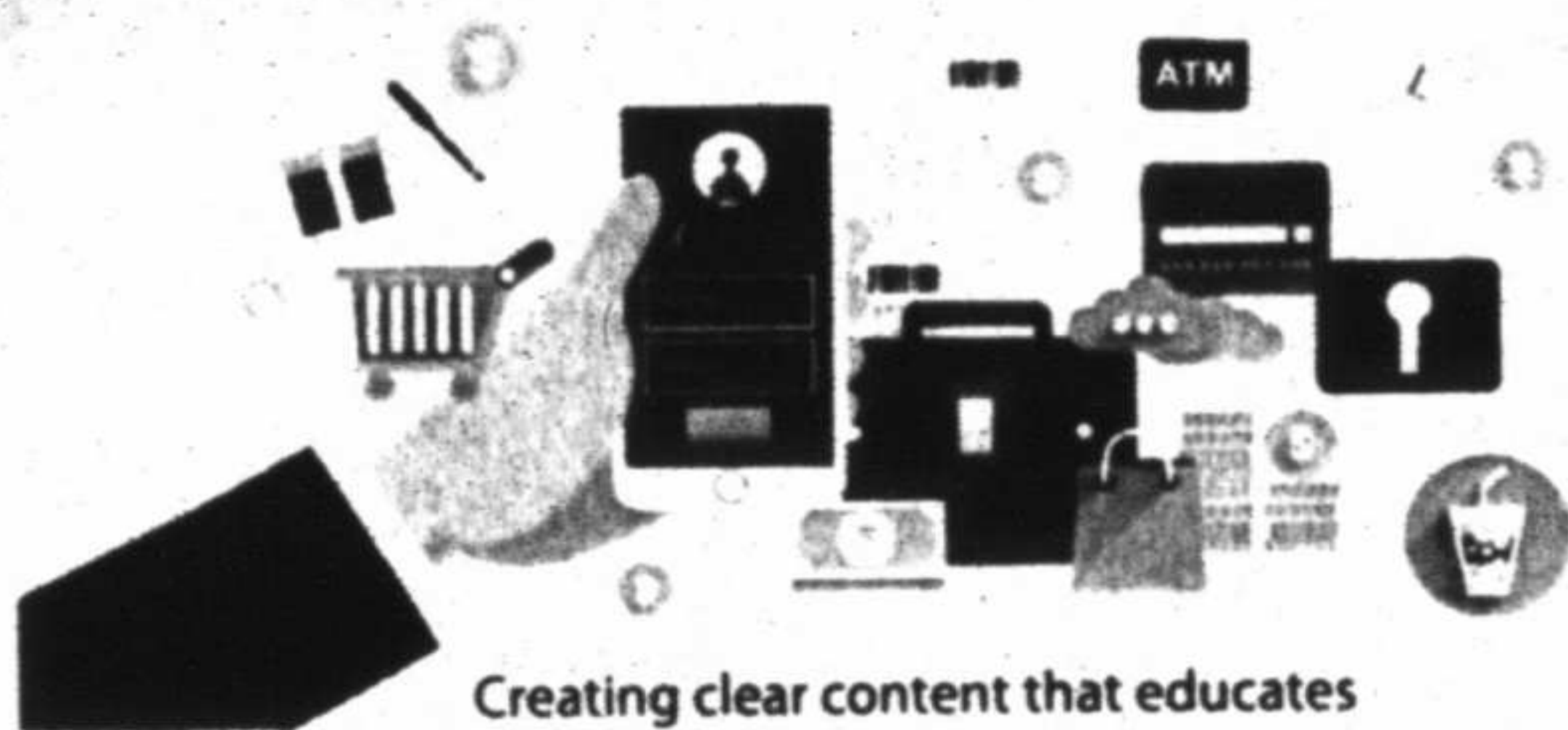
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