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TODAY IN SPORTS

Coahoma's Braden Pearson is the Area Player of the Week.

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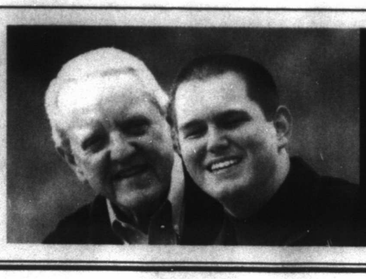

TODAY IN EDUCATION

27-year-old HK Derryberry and Jim Bradford will tell the story of their friendship during an appearance Wednesday at Midland Christian School.

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Oil prices are up, but surge might be short-term

By Carlo Piovano and David Koenig
Associated Press

Oil prices have jumped by about one-third since the summer on signs of stronger economic growth around the world and fear of instability in the Middle East.

So far, however, the run-up isn't setting off alarm bells. Prices remain far below their 2014 peaks. And U.S. producers are pumping at a record rate, leading some experts to bet that the higher prices won't last long.

More inside

OPEC believes worldwide demand for its oil could surge next year.

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At midday Monday, Brent crude, the benchmark international price, was down 27 cents to $63.25, while the standard for U.S. oil was up 10 cents to $56.84.

Those are sharp increases since mid-June — about 35 percent for U.S. crude, nearly 40 percent for Brent.

"That means slightly higher inflation, but we're not talking about unmanageable prices," said Diane Swonk, chief economist of DS Economics. "If it got back to $100 a barrel, then we would have a real problem."

Swonk said discretionary spending by consumers seems to be holding up despite the increase that has already shown up at the pump. In her mind and those of other economists, we are in better shape to manage higher energy prices for many reasons including a stronger economy and job growth.

Still, consumers will feel the effect, even if it's less dramatic than price spikes in 2008 and 2014. In the U.S., the average price for a gallon of regular gasoline has risen 30 cents since early July.

Moody's Analytics estimates that if the elevated oil prices last a year, they would cost U.S. consumers $30 billion and shave a couple tenths of a percentage point off the nation's economic output.

Chris Lafakis, an energy analyst at

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A GOLDEN HONOR

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Betty Dickerson talks with Anne Hyde Monday evening at the Exchange Club of Midland's Golden Deeds Award dinner at the Petroleum Club. Dickerson, executive director of the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, was recognized for her contributions to the community.

MISD trustees push waiver total over 100

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland ISD board voted Monday night to increase the number of class-size waivers to more than 100.

The board had previously voted to ask the Texas Education Agency for 96 waivers. MISD officials said Monday night that district officials had been able to lower than number to 70, but the number of new students and other factors forced the need for an additional 31.

Trustees gave the OK for the additional 31, in addition to the 70 currently in effect.

Last year, the district approved asking the TEA for 72 class-size exemption waivers, which was an increase of 31 compared to 2015-16 and four times the number of waivers submitted to the Texas Education Agency in 2014-15.

State law mandates a 22-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio in kindergarten through fourth grade.

Midland ISD officials didn't have at the meeting the list of schools impacted by the newest round of waivers. They said waivers could be used only on campuses that are not classified as "improvement required" (IR).

Superintendent Orlando Riddick told the board and others at the meeting that his goal is to get Midland ISD in compliance with the 22-to-1 standard. Trustees, however, said it was hard to avoid this scenario because of growth (the snapshot membership this year is 25,560 students compared to 24,692 last year), the difficulty in recruiting teachers to Midland and the district's financial situation (mainly the tens of millions of dollars sent to Austin because of the district's property-rich status).

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Laura Bush to speak at Junior League fundraiser

By Mary Dearen
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Former first lady Laura Bush, a former of the Junior League of Midland, is to be the guest speaker at a luncheon that is part of the organization's annual fundraiser, Shotguns & Stilettos.

The luncheon is 11:30 a.m. March 22 at Midland Country Club.

"Laura Bush was a natural choice for the 2018 Shotguns & Stiletto's luncheon speaker," said Anne Mims Reese, chairman of the event. "Mrs. Bush is a strong advocate for children's education, which coincides with the Junior League of Midland Inc.'s main focus area.

"Mrs. Bush served as a provisional member in the Junior League of Midland Inc., and our league cannot wait to welcome her back to her hometown," Reese said.

Bush was in Midland earlier this year to sign copies of her latest book, "Our Great Big Backyard," a children's book she co-authored with her daughter, Jenna Bush Hager.

Shotguns & Stilettos, being presented by Javaid and Vicky

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The big number
214 thousand people were victims of domestic violence in Texas in 2016. Page 2A

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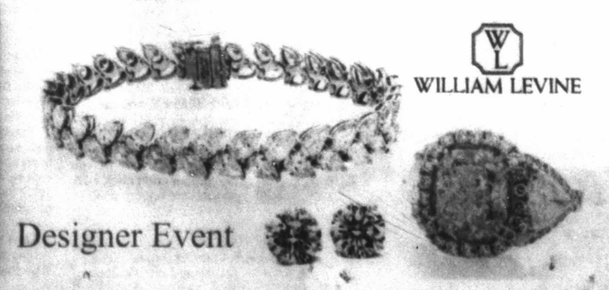

REGIONBRIEFS

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NEW MEXICO

Man facing 11th DWI — after released from jail

SANTA FE, N.M. — A New Mexico man is facing his 11th drunken-driving charge after police say he led them in a high-speed chase — 10 hours following his release from jail on another DWI conviction.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reports police say 43-year-old Henry Gonzales led officers on a chase that reached 75 mph on city streets in the early morning hours of Nov. 4. Police say officers had to use a stun gun during the arrest.

According to a criminal complaint, there was an open bottle of Crown Royal on the passenger seat of Gonzales' car.

Gonzales last was convicted of DWI for an incident in May 2016. In that case, records show, he also led city police on a high-speed chase.

NEW MEXICO

Dem congressional hopeful arrested for stalking

ALBUQUERQUE — A New Mexico man running for the state's southern congressional seat as a Democrat has been arrested for stalking.

KRQE-TV in Albuquerque reports that David Alcon (al-COHN') was arrested Friday at an Albuquerque apartment complex after authorities had been searching for him for nearly two weeks.

Santa Fe police issued a warrant for his arrest last month in connection with accusations that he sent graphic text messages to a woman he saw at a Halloween party.

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Anwar, is March 22-24. The event also includes a clay shoot and Buckshot Bash — dinner and dancing. The clay shoot is March 23 at Windwalker Farms; Buckshot Bash is 6 p.m. March 24 at the Petroleum Club.

All funds raised through the three-day event will benefit the Junior League's current programs, which support other local nonprofit organizations and Midland ISD, according to a press release. These programs are:

■ Face the Race

The goal of the after-school program at MISD's junior high schools is to increase 13- and 14-year old girls' self-esteem. It includes physical fitness training and courses on women's health.

■ IMPACT

In partnership with Communities in Schools, the program provides mentorship to Midland Freshman High School female students who are identified as "at-risk."

■ Reading Olympics

In partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Midland, this program helps children strengthen their reading and comprehension skills. Mentors read to the children weekly after school and provide them with a new book each week.

■ Suits with Skills

In partnership with Safe Place of the Permian Basin and Buckner Children and Family Services, this program is designed to help female survivors of domestic abuse become self-sufficient. After completing the program, the women are rewarded with a shopping trip to buy workplace-appropriate clothing.

■ Volunteers in Midland

This is a clearinghouse for curated member volunteer opportunities

Several sponsorship opportunities are available for Shotguns & Stilettos. For more information, visit the league's website, www.jlmidland.org or email jlmidlandshotgunsandstilettos@gmail.com.

MISD

From 1A

MISD WAIVERS

2017-18:	101
2016-17:	72
2015-16:	41
2014-15:	18

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT REMOVED FROM LOCAL POLICY

Also at Monday's meeting, the Midland ISD board approved a change to local policy that will eliminate corporal punishment.

The board, by unanimous vote, decided to prohibit the use of corporal punishment, which means that moving forward "students shall not be spanked, paddled, or subjected to other physical force as a means of discipline for violations of the Student Code of Conduct."

Midland ISD officials said Monday that corporal punishment wasn't being used much today and the change will not be significant. Leaders also said paddling was an outdated form of punishment and opened administrators to legal issues, especially if bruising on a child was deemed to be "excessive."

Previously, corporal punishment was not allowed if a "parent had submitted to the principal a signed statement for the current school year prohibiting the use of corporal punishment with his or her child."

Corporal punishment, according to previous local policy, was limited to spanking or paddling the student and was administered in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. The student shall be told the reason corporal punishment is being administered.

2. Corporal punishment shall be administered only by the principal or designee.

3. The instrument to be used in administering corporal punishment shall be approved by the principal.

4. Corporal punishment shall be administered in the presence of one other district professional employee and in a designated place out of view of other students.

JONES CHARITABLE TRUST MAKES HEFTY GIFT

Midland ISD has received a substantial gift from the J. Robert Jones Charitable Trust.

A presentation made at Monday's meeting showed that the trust has donated $895,000 to the Midland ISD Education Foundation for the benefit of Midland ISD students and teachers.

Trust officials said the trust was dissolved and liquidated in August, and that the last donation to the Education Foundation was $700,000. That amount was divided as follows: Shining Stars academic recognition, $400,000; teacher education and development, $200,000; and Lee High School Robotics, $100,000.

During the previous 10 years, Midland ISD Education Foundation had received $195,000.

"I believe these programs for MISD will benefit many people in our community," said the sole JCT trustee, Mary Ann Dzubinski. "Education was a very important criterion for my trust, and I am happy to give back to the school district that prepared my children to be successful in life."

More to come

Additional coverage from Monday's MISD board meeting, including the presentation of honor students, an update on the District of Innovation process and improvements made with bilingual education, is planned for a future edition.

Texas may swap US House seniority for staunch conservatism

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

Charles Dharapak/AP, File Photo

Rep. Sam Johnson speaks on Capitol Hill in 2013 in Washington. He is one of four veteran Republicans who are quitting Congress, meaning their state will be trading House seniority for newcomers who may be even more conservative.

AUSTIN — Four veteran Texas Republicans are quitting Congress, meaning the country's largest red state will be trading House seniority for newcomers who could prove even more conservative and willing to buck their party's leadership on Capitol Hill.

Sam Johnson, an 87-year-old Vietnam veteran and member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, announced in January he was retiring next year. Now, fellow Texans Jeb Hensarling, 60, who chairs the influential House Financial Services Committee; Lamar Smith, 69, who heads the House Science, Space and Technology Committee; and long-serving 69-year-old Ted Poe all aren't seeking re-election.

They join two Democratic House members from Texas, Beto O'Rourke of El Paso, who is giving up his seat to challenge Republican Sen. Ted Cruz; and Houston's Gene Green, who announced Monday he wouldn't seek re-election to a seat he first won in 1992.

The four Republicans hail from solidly GOP districts, so the party's 25-11 state congressional delegation advantage won't change without an upset. None was thought to be facing serious challengers in the state's March Republican primaries. Nor were their exits speeded by major policy or ideology clashes with the Trump administration — unlike some other members bowing out of Congress.

They could be replaced, though, by current and former Republicans from the Texas Legislature. In recent years state lawmakers have approved abortion restrictions tough enough to be largely struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court, America's strictest voter ID law and a "sanctuary cities" ban that calls for jailing sheriffs who don't enforce federal immigration policy. They also nearly passed a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people, despite a similar measure sparking political upheaval in North Carolina.

Moderate Republican Texas House Republican Speaker Joe Straus himself also isn't seeking re-election, which means the Legislature may move farther to the right in a way mirroring the congressional delegation's coming shift.

"The candidates likely to run and to win in this political environment are likely to be very conservative, to be more interested in fighting for specific policy items than looking to get seniority and go with the majority of the party or with the speaker," said Brendan Steinhauser, a former national conservative grass-roots organizer who later ran U.S. Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn's 2014 re-election campaign. "It will absolutely become a race to the right."

Both Hensarling and Smith were being term-limited out of their chairmanships but were well positioned to continue exerting veteran House influence had they stayed. Johnson's and Poe's long congressional tenure would have been an advantage. The Republicans favored to replace them won't have the same clout, but that could free them up to embrace coalitions like the House Freedom Caucus — hardline conservatives who have bucked the GOP majority on some issues.

"You bet we're going to see some conservatives up here," said Rep. Randy Weber, a former member of the Texas House who was elected to Congress in 2012 and is a Freedom Caucus member.

Weber said he was able to bring many of the same priorities from Austin to Washington.

"I'm very frank with the (Republican) leadership," he said. "I say, 'Look, I do want to be a team player. But, on the other hand, sometimes if there's a fumble and your team picks up the ball and runs the wrong direction you need to tackle your own team."

Johnson has represented the Dallas suburb of Plano in Congress since 1991. Set to succeed him is Van Taylor, a 45-year-old marine and Iraq War veteran who served in the Texas House before joining the state Senate in 2015. He's allied with Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a fiery former conservative radio host, "bathroom bill" champion and immigration hardliner who was Donald Trump's presidential campaign's Texas chairman.

Hensarling is an eight-term House veteran who battled attempts to more strictly regulate Wall Street and was close to House Speaker Paul Ryan. A contender for his East Texas seat is 41-year-old ex-state Rep. Ken Sheets, a former Marine who was elected with tea party-backing in 2010 but began inching away from hardline conservatism until he was ousted by a Democratic challenger last year.

Another possibility is former U.S. Rep. Allen West, who moved from Florida to Texas after leaving Congress and once called for then-President Barack Obama's impeachment. West has no Texas Legislature experience but remains a conservative darling.

Smith was first elected to Congress in 1986 and has urged Americans to get the "unvarnished truth" directly from Trump rather than the "liberal media." He's a climate change skeptic who has said that much of the science around it "appears to be based more on exaggerations." Poe has represented Humble, outside Houston, since 2005, quit the Freedom Caucus in March.

Everyone who might seek the Republican nomination for both seats isn't yet clear, but contenders to replace Smith include state Rep. Jason Isaac, who won his seat amid 2010's tea party wave and has supported scrapping daylight saving time in Texas.

Johnson's, Hensarling's and Poe's districts are more conservative — and thus likely less competitive — than Smith's, which includes north San Antonio and parts of Austin and Texas' Hill Country. Democrats running there include Joseph Kopser, an Army and Iraq War veteran and Harvard graduate who evoked Trump's former chief White House strategist, saying he expects the race's Republican nominee to embrace "the Steve Bannon wing of politics."

"With Lamar Smith out of the way, I think the options on the other side are going to go even harder to the extreme," Kopser said.

Texas sees increase in domestic violence reports

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Domestic violence cases have sharply increased in Texas in recent years.

Figures from the state Department of Public Safety show more than 214,000 wives, husbands, girlfriends and others were injured or died in 2016 at the hands of a family member. The statistics show that's an increase from about 193,000 in 2011.

In Houston, local police report they received more than 24,000 domestic violence cases in the first 10 months of this year. That's a 45 percent increase over a similar period in 2013, the Houston Chronicle reported.

"We continue to underestimate the reach and devastation of domestic violence," said Gloria Aguilera Terry, chief executive of the Texas Council on Family Violence.

The Houston Police Department operates a special victims division and has been posting special crimes officers at women's shelters across the city to help victims more easily report cases of domestic violence, said Capt. David Angelo, who oversees the division. Angelo said that domestic violence investigations are an "absolute priority."

"We recognize a husband who batters his wife may be a murderer tomorrow," he said.

The gunman in the recent church shooting in Sutherland Springs, Texas, had a history of domestic violence. Investigators found that Devin Patrick Kelley had been given a bad conduct discharge from the Air Force after pleading guilty to assaulting his first wife and stepson.

Victim advocates said the shooting is an example of how domestic violence often spill out into public spaces. More than half the country's mass shootings between 2009 and 2016, in which at least four people were killed with a gun, were related to domestic or family violence, according to a study by Everytown for Gun Safety, a nonprofit that focuses on firearm regulation.

"Up until now, the media would lose interest in a shooting once they found out it was a domestic violence incident and not a 'real' crime," said Amanda Johnson, with the Dallas chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. "Sutherland Springs is a game changer."

Another woman accuses George H.W. Bush of groping

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Another woman has stepped forward to accuse former President George H.W. Bush of inappropriately touching her.

Roslyn Corrigan told Time magazine that she was 16 when Bush grabbed her buttocks as she posed for a photo with him in 2003 at a gathering of CIA officers north of Houston. She attended the event with her mother and father, who was an intelligence analyst.

"My initial action was absolute horror. I was really, really confused," she told the magazine. "The first thing I did was look at my mom and, while he was still standing there, I didn't say anything. What does a teenager say to the ex-president of the United States? Like, 'Hey dude, you shouldn't have touched me like that?'"

A spokesman for the 41st president, Jim McGrath, said in a statement Monday that Bush regrets any offensive actions.

"George Bush simply does not have it in his heart to knowingly cause anyone distress, and he again apologizes to anyone he offended during a photo op," he said.

Time spoke with seven people who said they had been told by Corrigan about the encounter in the years afterward.

Corrigan is at least the fifth woman to say Bush groped her. Time reports that a sixth woman, a retired journalist in Pennsylvania, posted to Facebook last month that Bush touched her from behind during a 2004 photo opportunity.

The stories came to light after television actress Heather Lind said last month that Bush, now 93, touched her from behind and told a dirty joke while they were posing for a 2014 photo. McGrath at the time explained that Bush has been in a wheelchair for about five years "so his arm falls on the lower waist of people with whom he takes pictures." Bush, who served as president from 1989 to 1993, has vascular parkinsonism, a rare syndrome that mimics Parkinson's disease, and he uses a wheelchair for mobility.

"To try to put people at ease, the president routinely tells the same joke — and on occasion, he has patted women's rears in what he intended to be a good-natured manner," McGrath said.

Bush was standing alongside Corrigan for the photo taken in 2003. McGrath's statement Monday did not elaborate.

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Acronym
[ak-ruh-nim]
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1. a word formed from the initial letters or groups of letters of words in a set phrase or series of words and pronounced as a separate word.

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This date in Midland

In Nov. 14, 1967, arguments were made before the U.S. Supreme Court challenging the districting scheme for the Commissioners' Court of Midland County. The petitioner, Mayor Hank Avery, argued the disparity in population distribution among the four districts violated the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The case Avery vs. Midland County was decided on April 1, 1968.

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Courtesy of Sarah Green/Trinity School

Jo Weber, center, director of the tutoring department at Trinity School, has worked at Trinity for 50 years. She was honored Monday at a reception, and to commemorate this milestone, the school created the Preservation of All Saints Endowment Fund. Weber is seen with current students Brock McNeel, left, and Hudson McNeel. A feature on Weber will appear in a future edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

Things to do

■ Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m.-noon, Palette Club. 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.
■ Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m., and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland. 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.
■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.
■ Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for kids 2 to 6 and their caregivers. 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.
■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m., Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.
■ Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.
■ Karaoke and pool tournament at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Meetings

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

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

Correction

American Legion Post No. 19 Auxiliary hosted Holiday Marketplace. A caption that accompanied a photo in Monday's edition had the wrong organization.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 14, the 318th day of 2017. There are 47 days left in the year.

On this date:

In 1851, Herman Melville's novel "Moby-Dick, Or, The Whale" was published in the United States, almost a month after being released in Britain.

In 1969, Apollo 12 blasted off for the moon.

In 1970, a chartered Southern Airways DC-9 crashed while trying to land in West Virginia, killing all 75 people on board, including the Marshall University football team and its coaching staff.

In 1986, the Securities and Exchange Commission imposed a $100 million penalty on inside-trader Ivan F. Boesky and barred him from working again in the securities industry.

Today's birthdays: Britain's Prince Charles is 68. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is 63.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 8-7-9
Pick 3 day: 9-1-5
Pick 3 evening: 6-6-5
Pick 3 night: 0-2-9
Daily 4 morning: 0-3-4-0
Daily 4 day: 3-0-4-9
Daily 4 evening: 3-6-5-8
Daily 4 night: 9-6-6-6
Cash Five: 2-12-34-35-37
Triple Chance: 1-4-16-17-25-28-34-41-51-54

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All or Nothing morning: 3-4-5-6-8-11-12-13-20-21-22-24
All or Nothing day: 10-11-12-13-14-16-17-19-20-21-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-6-9-10-12-13-16-17-19-21-23
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Low 51
Normal high 68
Normal low 40

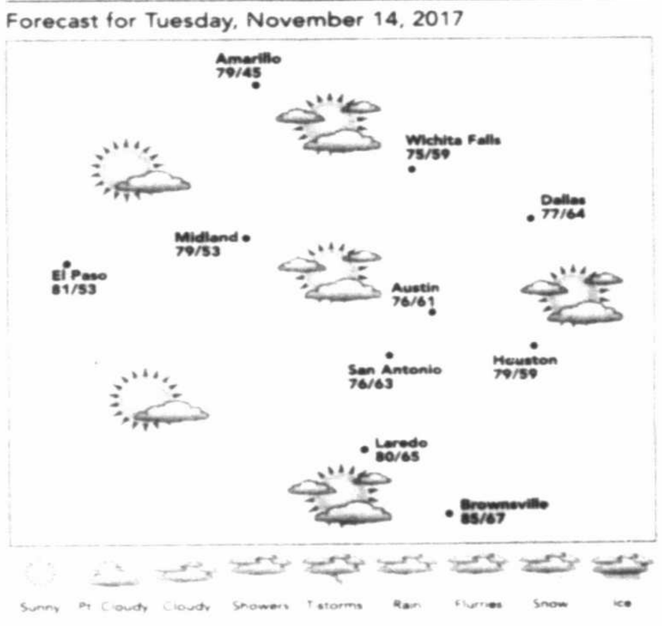
Nov. 13's records
Previous record high: 84, set in 1988 and equaled in 1989
Record low: 15, set in 1976

Precipitation
Sunday ..... 0.00 in.
Monday ..... Trace
Month total ..... 0.40 in.
Year total ..... 17.34 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 13.68 in.

Winds
Average speed: 8 mph
Highest gust speed: 14 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Tuesday, November 14, 2017



High: 80
Low: 55
Conditions: Patchy fog early and then mostly sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 7:17 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:49 p.m.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017:**

This year you seem a bit distant at times. You will want to spend some quiet time alone not only to relax, but also to reflect on various issues. If you are single, others act as if you are a magnet to which they are drawn. Fortunately, you will be able to discern who is appropriate for you to date. If you are attached, the two of you are tightly bonded, yet you both are guilty of causing an argument or two from time to time. Try to be more patient with each other. LIBRA often reminds you to be more peaceful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You have a lot on your mind that you want to discuss. Ideas are freely exchanged between you and others without any heavy judgment. Though you might become irritated by someone, you also can understand where he or she is coming from. **Tonight:** Let others make the choice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Although you might not agree with others, stop before saying anything, and try to see what you have in common. An exchange of ideas could give birth to a better concept or project. Resist getting into an argument; instead, figure out a compromise. **Tonight:** Relax if you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Great ideas surround you, but which one works best for you? Perhaps you will come up with an even better idea, given some time. You know when you are on solid ground. You could feel as if someone is pushing you. Proceed as you would like to. **Tonight:** Get into the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might not be ready to hear a strong opinion, especially when dealing with a personal issue. A close friend or family member remains capable of creating an uproar. Take this person seriously, as he or she likely has a legitimate issue. **Tonight:** The action surrounds your home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You don't need to make any grand efforts to be heard; others want to hear your thoughts and opinions. They also might want to discuss some important issues. Your words don't fall on deaf ears, in fact, you will be surprised by all the interest you get. **Tonight:** Hang out with a pal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Be aware of the financial implications of proceeding as you have been. Be sure that a risk won't put too much strain on you. Hold back any sarcasm. Just ride the wave, regardless of how uncomfortable you might feel. Remain sure of yourself. **Tonight:** Buy a treat on the way home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You remain upbeat, even when discussing a controversial issue. You might feel a considerable amount of discomfort from others. You have the energy to carry a project to the finish line. Be ready to express your thoughts. **Tonight:** Suddenly, you are the cat's meow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You generally feel upbeat on and around your birthday, but that might not be the case today. You could be tired from all the excitement. A discussion is important. You are likely to note some frustration rising within you. **Tonight:** Have a long-overdue talk with a friend soon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might be unusually busy, but you'll still want to discuss a personal issue with a friend. Let this person know that you want to keep this talk hush-hush. Emphasize streamlining your work. Pretend that you are an efficiency expert. **Tonight:** Meet up with a close loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ An associate or friend demonstrates his or her interest and caring attitude by being a good listener and asking insightful questions. Someone you know through work or a community commitment could be sitting on some anger. Be careful. **Tonight:** Could be late but interesting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You have the ability to understand what many people can't even grasp as a possibility. You have self-assuredness and logic working in your favor, and others follow your lead. Don't be surprised if you are challenged by someone who doesn't agree with you. **Tonight:** In the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You could be overly cautious about a financial matter involving someone else. You might have different perspectives about how to handle a problem. Look at the situation from above rather than from your viewpoint. **Tonight:** Discuss what is going on with a loved one.

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'Hannity' fans smash Keurig brewers over pulled ads

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Supporters of conservative host Sean Hannity's Fox News Channel show are responding to a decision by Keurig to stop advertising on the show by smashing Keurig coffee makers.

The company announced Saturday it had pulled advertising from "Hannity" after several Twitter users questioned the company's support for the host, citing Hannity's coverage of sexual misconduct allegations against Republican U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore of Alabama. Moore is accused of having sexual contact with a 14-year-old girl four decades ago when he was in his 30s.

It's unclear when Keurig stopped advertising on "Hannity." The Waterbury, Vermont, company didn't respond to a request for further comment Monday.

The move prompted several people to destroy Keurig products in protest and post videos to social media. Blogger Angelo John Gage promoted what he called the "Keurig Smash Challenge" while posting a video of himself taking a hammer to his brewer.

Another user posted a video of a Keurig brewer being tossed to the ground from the second story of a building. Hannity commented "love it" while retweeting one video of a man teeing off on a coffee maker with a golf club.

Liberal media watchdog group Media Matters for America has been putting public pressure on Hannity's advertisers for months. The group's president, Angelo Carusone, told The Associated Press it again called for companies to stop supporting Hannity's program after the Moore allegations came to light Thursday in a Washington Post story.

Carusone said that while he feels bad for Keurig, Hannity's encouragement of the protest against the company "demonstrates to other advertisers to run for the hills."

Phoebe Sheehan/Centre Daily Times via AP

District Attorney Stacy Parks Miller speaks during a new conference about new evidence in the investigation into the death of Beta Theta Pi fraternity pledge Tim Piazza, on Monday at the Centre County Courthouse Annex in Bellefonte, Pa. Newly recovered security camera footage from inside the Penn State fraternity house showed that Piazza had been given at least 18 drinks over less than 90 minutes, investigators said Monday.

Video recovered, 10 more charged in Penn State frat death

By Mark Scolforo
Associated Press

Newly recovered security camera footage from inside a Penn State fraternity house showed a pledge had been given at least 18 drinks in less than 90 minutes, investigators said Monday in announcing dozens of new charges related to the pledge's death.

Centre County District Attorney Stacy Parks Miller charged 10 new defendants, reinstated charges against two people whose cases had been dropped and added counts against five who had previously been charged for actions surrounding the Feb. 4 death of Beta Theta Pi pledge Tim Piazza. One fraternity member is accused of deleting the video as police were seeking the footage.

Twenty-six people now face charges in the case.

Piazza, a 19-year-old engineering student from Lebanon, New Jersey, suffered a fractured skull, shattered spleen and other injuries, likely during a series of falls inside the house. He was estimated to have had a blood-alcohol level several times the legal limit for adult drivers.

The house's security system captured many of the events the night Piazza was injured, footage that had already been played at a preliminary hearing for those charged previously. But until recently, that did not include the basement, where Piazza was found the next morning.

A court affidavit said one of the brothers, Braxton Becker, purposely deleted the basement footage two days after Piazza died but the FBI was able to recover it.

Becker's motive, wrote State College Police Detective David Scicchitano, was to conceal the worst of the drinking and hazing.

Detectives also found a text from Becker the day after the party, saying Piazza "was technically hazed into drinking that much." In another text, Becker used an expletive to say someone had argued against getting the pledges very drunk "but no one listened."

Becker, 21, of Niskayuna, New York, was charged with evidence tampering, obstruction and hindering a prosecution. His lawyer did not return a message seeking comment.

Parks Miller said in a written statement that the basement video "clearly depicts a continuation of the hazing activity previously captured upstairs," including giving pledges beer, wine and vodka.

"In fact, on video, Tim Piazza does not obtain his own alcohol at any point — rather, every drink consumed was provided to him by a fraternity brother," she said.

Piazza's father, Jim Piazza, said his family was making plans for the holidays without the son.

"Over the last several months we listened to defense arguments centered around victim blaming or how could the defendants have known they were putting someone seriously at risk since no one died before, as if they were entitled to one free death, or the catch all argument of, 'We don't know,'" he said.

He said "coercing someone" to drink as much as his son did "is egregiously reckless and, according to the police and the DA, is criminal."

In September, following an unusually long, hard-fought preliminary hearing, a judge dismissed the most serious charges against the fraternity members. Parks Miller, who's leaving office at the end of the year, then refiled many of the charges.

The most serious offenses include involuntary manslaughter and aggravated assault, while others are charged with hazing or alcohol violations.

Attorney Rocco Cipparone Jr., whose client Michael Bonatucci was accused of new counts of furnishing alcohol to minors and liquor code violations, said he hopes the next district attorney "will take a fresh look at the case and some of the charging decisions that have been made."

A lawyer for Joseph Ems, who had previously faced a reckless-endangerment charge that was dismissed by the district judge, said he plans to seek dismissal of the three fresh charges against his client: hazing, furnishing alcohol to a minor and an alcohol violation.

"Not every tragedy is a crime," said Ems' lawyer, Bill Brennan. "And as tragic as the loss of this young man is, Joey Ems never should have been charged with a crime."

Messages left for most other defendants or their lawyers were not immediately returned Monday.

The grand jury that investigated Piazza's death, video footage and preliminary hearing testimony painted a disturbing picture of his final night inside the fraternity house.

Pledges showed signs of intoxication, and Piazza had to be helped to a couch. Piazza subsequently stumbled toward the basement steps, then fell down them.

Over the rest of that evening, fraternity members were recorded pouring liquid on him, strapping a loaded backpack to him and taking other ineffective or counterproductive steps to deal with his condition.

The next morning, fraternity members located Piazza, unconscious, in the basement. They carried him back upstairs, but it was another 40 minutes before an ambulance was summoned.

OPEC sees surging demand for its crude in 2018

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

OPEC believes worldwide demand for its oil could surge next year.

In its monthly oil market report, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries pegged demand for its crude 400,000 barrels a day higher than this year, at 33.4 million barrels a day.

It also revised global oil demand growth in 2018 upward by 130,000 barrels a day, to 1.51 million barrels a day. That's still slightly lower than the group's estimate for this year, 1.53 million barrels a day.

Meanwhile, OPEC's secondary sources reported the group pumped less oil in October than the month before, lowering production by 150,900 barrels a day to 32.59 million barrels a day. Output fell the most in Iraq, Nigeria, Venezuela and Algeria.

OPEC said total commercial stockpiles of crude and refined products in developed nations fell by 83 million barrels in the first nine months of 2017, compared with an increase of 38 million barrels in the same time in 2016, "driven mainly by improving demand," OPEC said.

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Moody's, said airlines and delivery companies such as FedEx and UPS will see profits reduced partly because they can't raise prices quickly enough when fuel costs rise. Oil-producing countries and oil companies — including U.S. outfits such as Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Devon and Anadarko — are the obvious winners, he said. Third-quarter profit at Exxon and Chevron was about 50 percent higher than a year ago, thanks to higher prices.

Jet fuel, which is closely tied to the price of oil, accounts for about one-third of an airline's operating costs — rivaling labor as the biggest expense. Helane Becker, an analyst for Cowen and Co., said that with oil in the mid-$60s, she expects airlines to attempt to raise ticket prices.

If fuel prices continue to rise, Becker said, airlines will cut back on plans to increase flying next year. That could tighten the supply of airline seats, driving prices yet higher.

Andrew Kenningham, chief global economist at Capital Economics in London, said however that the impact of higher oil prices on companies and households will be limited because for the year as a whole, average oil prices are up only slightly over 2016.

"So far the price moves have not been huge, so the economic impact shouldn't be that large," Kenningham said. He called the increase in average prices for 2017 "trivial" compared with the collapse from around $115 to less than $30 a barrel that occurred between mid-2014 and early 2016.

Crude prices began rising this summer as positive signs rolled in for the world's biggest energy-hungry economies: the U.S., Europe and China. Prices were also influenced as expectations grew that OPEC would continue to limit production next year, and on rising tension between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil producer, is in the midst of an internal power struggle. Its ambitious crown prince, Mohammad bin Salman, has ordered the arrests of rivals, and some think he could take a tougher line against Iran, Saudi Arabia's rival for pre-eminence in the Middle East. That raises uncertainty about future oil supplies from the oil-rich region.

However, many market-watchers expect such Mideast tensions to boost oil prices only temporarily — unless a direct conflict breaks out between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Meanwhile, higher prices are encouraging U.S. companies to pump more. The U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that domestic production hit a record 9.62 million barrels of oil a day in the week that ended Nov. 3, bouncing back from less than 8.5 million barrels a day as recently as October 2016.

Oilfield-services company Baker Hughes reported Friday that the number of U.S. oil rigs showed the biggest one-week increase since June.

The drilling frenzy in the U.S. could frustrate OPEC's attempt to limit supplies and bolster prices.

Analysts at Germany's Commerzbank say drilling activity tends to rise about four months after a rise in oil prices. So, they concluded, "there is much to suggest that last week's rise in drilling activity marked the start of a trend."

"It is most likely that oil prices will drop back," Kenningham said. "Investors continue to anticipate that prices will drop."

Judge: Outsider will not oversee Puerto Rico power company

By Danica Coto
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Puerto Rico's government scored a big win in court Monday when a judge rejected the appointment of a former military officer to oversee the U.S. territory's troubled power company.

A federal control board overseeing Puerto Rico's finances had sought to appoint retired Air Force Col. Noel Zamot to supervise the reconstruction and operations of Puerto Rico's Electric Power Authority after Hurricane Maria caused an island-wide blackout Sept. 20. The utility has been plagued by accusations of mismanagement and is generating only 48 percent of its normal output nearly two months after the Category 4 storm.

U.S. District Judge Laura Taylor Swain said the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico cannot unilaterally seize control of the territory's government agencies.

The ruling was a significant win for the administration of Gov. Ricardo Rossello and others who have argued that no independent official should oversee a local government agency.

"Our position has been validated and it has been recognized that the administration and public management of Puerto Rico remains with the democratically elected government," Rossello said.

It was unclear if the board planned to appeal the ruling. Board spokesman Jose Luis Cedeno did not return a message for comment.

The ruling comes as Puerto Rico struggles to recover from Maria, with many people still without power after the storm battered the island with winds of up to 154 mph, causing the longest blackout in U.S history.

The Electric Power Authority is $9 billion in debt and continues to face scrutiny after signing a $300 million contract with Montana-based Whitefish Energy Holdings. The contract was canceled Oct. 29 at Rossello's request but is undergoing federal and local audits. Both Rossello and power company director Ricardo Ramos are scheduled to testify Tuesday at a hearing by the U.S. Senate's Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Economist Vicente Feliciano said Monday's decision could prompt the control board's members to lobby Congress to obtain more power over Puerto Rico's government as it seeks to restructure a portion of its $73 billion public debt load amid an 11-year recession.

"It is an important ruling," he said. "It certainly draws a more clear line in terms of powers and responsibilities of both the board and the Puerto Rican government."

Both sides have clashed in recent weeks as the board announced it would review local government contracts worth $10 million or more.

'Hamilton' creator to use London debut as climate fundraiser

Associated Press

LONDON — The creator of the hit musical "Hamilton" plans to use the show's international debut in London next month to raise money to combat climate change.

Writer, composer and actor Lin-Manuel Miranda and his wife, Vanessa Nadal, said Monday that donors to two environmental charities will be eligible to win the chance to accompany the couple to "Hamilton's" London premiere.

Miranda told the Associated Press they chose the Natural Resources Defense Council and Britain-based charity 10:10 as the fundraiser's beneficiaries because of their commitment to combatting climate change.

"With 'Hamilton's' first international production, we think it is appropriate to tackle an issue that affects the international community," Miranda said.

The decision to focus on climate change gives the production another chance to call out U.S. President Donald Trump and his administration. Trump has threatened to pull the United States out of the 2015 Paris climate accord to control global warming.

The New York cast of "Hamilton" had an early clash with the Trump team when actor Brandon Victor Dixon spoke directly to then-Vice President-elect Mike Pence during a curtain call when Pence attended the Broadway show a year ago.

"I thought what we said was very respectful," Miranda said. "What he said boiled down to, 'Please, represent all of us when you represent us.'"

Refurbishment work at the Victoria Palace Theatre has delayed the musical's debut in London. It now is set for early December.

Miranda said he was "frustrated" by the delays, but excited about the British cast assembled for the show.

She recognized her own photo, but can't account for 42 years

By Michael Hill
Associated Press

MONTICELLO, N.Y. — The 78-year-old woman's mind was clouded by dementia. But she recognized the brunette with a slight smile in the faded picture from the 1970s detectives showed her.

"Me," the woman uttered in a voice barely above a whisper.

The picture helped investigators visiting an assisted-living facility near Boston last month verify they had finally found Flora Stevens. She had been a $2.25-an-hour chambermaid at the grandest hotel in upstate New York's Catskills when she was dropped off at a hospital one summer night in 1975 and vanished.

The discovery of a woman missing for 42 years drew widespread attention and news coverage, accompanied by a police photo of the smiling woman in a wheelchair with a teddy bear in her lap and flanked by the beaming detectives.

But the elation was mixed with mystery. Where did she go and what did she do all those years? Was she running? From what? Investigators were able to put together some of the timeline, including stints at other care facilities. But with the woman's condition and the passage of time, many other details may never be known.

"To be honest, I don't think she ever really wanted to be found," said Festus Mbuva, a former worker at the Boston-area facility who helped care for her for a decade. "You can tell something happened in her past that she didn't want any part of."

Florence "Flora" Stevens was among the hundreds of hotel workers who once flooded into this lake-laden area north of New York City each summer. She worked for several summers at The Concord, a sprawling resort with more than 1,200 rooms that was considered a jewel of the Catskills' Borscht Belt.

A Concord job application from 1975, signed "Mrs. Flora Stevens" in neat cursive, says she went to high school less than two hours away in Yonkers.

The man she listed as her husband, Robert Stevens, worked there, too, though it's not clear what he did there. Police have not confirmed they were actually married. Her application includes no phone number or local address. She listed an address in Seattle.

On the evening of Sunday, Aug. 3, 1975, 36-year-old Flora Stevens was dropped off by Stevens at a small hospital a couple of miles from the hotel in Monticello, at the time a bustling tourist hub.

Two hours later, he came to pick her up. She was gone.

Authorities say they cannot divulge why she went to the hospital that evening because of privacy laws, and they don't know what she did once she was dropped off. But there was a bus station nearby, and she might have had some money that Sunday evening.

"She had just been paid, probably had a weekend full of tips in her pocket," said Sullivan County sheriff's Detective Rich Morgan.

Robert Stevens reported her missing soon after. Transient summer workers disappeared all the time, and this one didn't even merit a story in the local weekly. But Art Hawker, a young sheriff's detective in 1975, said he gave this case extra attention because with her last being seen by a companion, it raised "red flags."

The break did not come until September this year with the discovery of skeletal remains east of Monticello that matched Flora Stevens' general characteristics.

That turned out to be a false lead, but it led Morgan and Detective Sgt. Ed Clouse to cross-check more recently available databases that showed someone in Lowell, Massachusetts, had Flora Stevens' Social Security number and a similar name, Flora Harris.

Flora Harris had been at the CareOne facility in Lowell since 2001. She had a court-appointed guardian from New York state, which paid her bills. The record is spotty before then, though authorities said she had a previous guardian from about 1987 and spent time at least part of that time in care facilities in New York City and New Hampshire.

Mbuva, who left CareOne last December, said the woman rarely talked about her family other than to say she came from a bad marriage and her husband had been abusive. Police in New York would not comment on that claim.

Over the years, Mbuva gleaned a few other tidbits: Stevens had grown up in Yonkers, had been a hairstylist and went to the 1969 Woodstock concert, held down the road from The Concord.

But Mbuva noted she never gave up much about herself. "Her favorite phrase was 'none of your business.'"

Last month, detectives Morgan and Clouse headed to Lowell. They were not been able to find any living relatives. But they came armed with photos they hoped would trigger memories. This, apparently, was a good day. She recognized her own picture and that of Robert Stevens — she uttered the word "Robert." She also was shown a picture postcard of The Concord with a happy poolside couple in the foreground.

"She says, 'Wow!'" said Morgan. "She wouldn't let that photo go."

While police were able to close the missing-person case, the prospects of finding out more are unclear.

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Alabama's Moore is the swine of conservatism

■ Impulse to dismiss scandal tells our neighbors and children that religious convictions are secondary to partisanship

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New York Times News Service

Lately we have been given an extended education in the different varieties of liberal pigs. There's the industrial-scale predator who buys indulgences from Planned Parenthood. And the male feminist who respects women so very much — especially when they're too drunk to resist him. And the Great Man of Letters creeping on his co-workers. And the let-it-all-hang-out artist who thinks it can't be assault if the only person you're touching is yourself.

But this week our era of exposure has reminded us that cultural conservatism has its own distinctive swine.

So while we wait to see what becomes of Alabama Senate candidate and professional Christian Roy Moore, who is credibly alleged to have spent his 30s pursuing high school girls with the "I get older, they stay the same age" gusto of Matthew McConaughey's character in "Dazed and Confused," it's worth doing a quick typology of the predators that flourish among the godly and moralistic and traditional.

One type is what you might call the rotten patriarch. This is the man who depends on the trappings of spiritual or familial authority to exploit the young and weak, shame them into silence and preemptively discredit them.

The rotten patriarch might be anyone from a handsy pastor or a lecherous pillar of the community to the leader of a sect or religious order. And in the defenses of Moore from various Alabama Republicans you can see the way conservative impulses protect this kind of figure — both in the suggestion that a man of his religious reputation should be trusted over his accusers, and in the risible invocation of biblical examples to defend an older man's lust for a 14-year-old girl.

But there are other styles of predation that flourish within conservative communities. For instance, there is the burrower, the networker, the institutionalist — the predator who embeds himself within a hierarchical system that protects him because it wants to protect itself.

Many Catholic priest-abusers fit this pattern. Their clerical authority didn't always keep them from getting chased out of parishes. But they were networked with other predators who helped them skate through to the next assignment, and the larger ecclesiastical entity saw its own self-protection as more important than their punishment.

Then finally there is the serial repenter — the creep who relies on the promise of forgiveness to keep his place and his powers and his opportunities to prey again.

Here, too, biblical precedents are often invoked in the predator's defense. Didn't King David sleep around? Doesn't every saint have a past, every sinner a future? All good Christian wisdom — except that some sinners only want a future where they can return to the same old awful sins.

All these predatory categories overlap, of course, and they also overlap with the way predators operate in liberal circles. Harvey Weinstein ran Miramax the same way an abusive religious leader rules his cult. Bill Clinton was both a liberal pig backing feminist causes to buy immunity and a serial repenter in the style of his Baptist youth. A liberal academic eminence grooming disciples to be victims has a lot in common with a man of God who does the same.

But still there is enough that's unique about conservative styles of predation to draw some lessons for tradition-oriented cultures and communities.

One lesson is that any social order that vests particular forms of power in men needs to do more, not less, to hold the male of the species accountable.

Some cultural conservatives, in evangelical Christianity especially, combine a belief in male headship in churches and families with a "boys will be boys and girls shouldn't tempt them" attitude toward sex. It's a combination that's self-contradictory and deeply toxic, handing men not just power but a permission slip to abuse it — which, predictably, they do.

Another lesson is that the impulse to hide or dismiss scandal because it hurts the short-term cause, which is common to all institutions but particularly strong for conservative ones, is a path to self-destruction in the long run.

Again, the Catholic Church's sex abuse experience is a case study. And we may be watching something similar happen with evangelicals, who decided with Donald Trump and may decide with Roy Moore that in the war against secular liberalism, they simply can't afford to police the morals of their leaders.

It's a theory that makes sense if you think only of today's elections, but in the long term it's cultural suicide — because it tells your neighbors and your children that your religious convictions are always secondary to your partisanship.

"For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light." These words apply everywhere now, to Hollywood pagans and Alabama Christians alike.

But the Christians have particular reasons to meditate upon them — and to consider that they don't just apply to sexual predations, but to the worldly impulses that make otherwise decent people into defenders of the indefensible.

OUR VIEW

Anadarko's gift is great news to future park, philanthropy

Officials with Chris Davidson Opportunity Park on Monday announced a gift of more than $145,000 from Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

The gift will allow the campaign to earn $650,000 in challenge grants from three Midland foundations and brings the park that much closer to fruition, according to a press release.

We are looking forward to the new Chris Davidson Opportunity Park, which will be located on a 3.31-acre tract of land — donated by the Henry Foundation — adjacent to the Bush Tennis Center in northwest Midland. Just like the original park next to MARC on "A" Street south of Wadley Avenue, the 2.0 version will give children with disabilities the opportunity to play side by side with other children. It really be a one-of-a-kind park for Midland.

"We are overwhelmed and very grateful for this gift," said Steve Davidson, a former Midland resident and Chris Davidson's father. "It is an example of what can be done in a community that is immensely blessed by the presence of Anadarko, its employees and the oil and natural gas industry as a whole who through their support have contributed to the building of a stronger community."

Anadarko recently announced it was building a new regional headquarters in Midland for the hundreds of new employees it has brung, and will bring, to Midland.

As park officials said in the press release, it is "in true Midland spirit" that the community has "responded with a level of generosity that, even in the face of a significant downturn in the oil and natural gas industry, would astound and overwhelm.

"This commitment from Anadarko and its employees only serves to confirm the spirit of caring that is so evident in this community."

This generous piece of philanthropy is a wonderful example that Anadarko will fit in well with the other oil and gas companies — large and small — that give back so much to Midland.

"Midland families have benefited from The Chris Davidson Opportunity Park for nearly two generations," said Anadarko Vice President of Delaware Basin Development Chad McAllaster. "We are honored to aid in the development of the new park, helping to make play accessible for all and carrying on the memory of Chris Davidson."

The foundation of Hearst — the Reporter-Telegram's parent company — was so inspired by the park that two years ago it also donated $125,000 to the cause.

We look forward to Steve Davidson's announcement that the funds have been raised. Midland deserves a first-class park such as this to stand next to the Bush Tennis Center in a growing part of the city.

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Moore supporters attack the media

■ Distrust of the media is an excuse not to believe Roy Moore's accusers

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Washington Post

Some supporters of U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore have come right out and said they do not believe four women who claim the Alabama Republican pursued them when they were teenagers and he was in his 30s. But for Moore backers uncomfortable with the apparent insensitivity of directly challenging his accusers — one of whom says the candidate molested her when she was 14 — there is a more socially acceptable workaround: doubt the media, instead.

The strength of the women's allegations is in the thoroughness of the work of The Washington Post's Stephanie McCrummen, Beth Reinhard and Alice Crites, who based their report on interviews with more than 30 people. The woman who says she was molested at 14, Leigh Corfman, told her story to The Post consistently on six occasions before the newspaper put it in print.

Journalistic rigor is what tips the balance in what might otherwise be he-said-she-said situations.

"The Washington Post story strikes me as remarkably buttoned-down," conservative writer Jonah Goldberg of the National Review said on NPR Monday morning.

Yet if you claim to believe that The Post and other major news outlets make things up, then you don't have to concede the existence of support for the women's allegations. You can rationalize sticking with Moore as distrust of the media, rather than disbelief of women who say they were targeted by a serial predator who hunted girls half his age.

Infowars host Mike Cernovich embodied the logic last week when he tweeted that "if the 14 year old girl stuff about Roy Moore is true, zero of my people will have that" but said the "issue is WaPo has fabricated stories."

Two quick fact-checks before we move on:

The Post, while imperfect, does not fabricate stories.

Some Moore supporters, most notably Alabama State Auditor Jim Zeigler, have said they would stand by Moore even if he did everything he is accused of. So, the notion that "zero" of Cernovich's people would tolerate Moore's alleged behavior seems dubious, at best.

The goal of Moore's media boosters is to turn the allegations against him into a referendum on the credibility of the mainstream press — to give people with a conscience permission to vote for the former Alabama chief justice, anyway.

No one is working harder to accomplish this mission than Stephen K. Bannon and Breitbart News. In one article on Sunday, Breitbart reported that Corfman's mother "told Breitbart News that The Washington Post worked to convince her daughter to give an interview about the allegations against Moore" — as if that were inappropriate activity for a news outlet.

Convincing people who possess important information to speak publicly is one of the most basic responsibilities of journalists, but Breitbart framed it as "activist behavior."

In another article on Sunday, Breitbart claimed in a splashy, all-caps headline that it had uncovered "FALSE REPORTING IN WASHPOST BOMBSHELL" and that Corfman's mother "CONTRADICTS KEY DETAIL OF DAUGHTER'S SEXUAL MISCONDUCT STORY."

Breitbart's breathless revelation was that Corfman, according to her mother, did not have a telephone in her room at the time that Moore allegedly called to arrange a meeting. This is neither a key detail nor a contradiction. The Post reported that Corfman was in her bedroom when she spoke by phone with Moore, and Corfman's mother told Breitbart that "the phone in the house could get through to her easily."

These criticisms of The Post's reporting, even if valid, would not address, let alone undermine, the substance of the accusations against Moore. But for Moore supporters who would prefer to dismiss the allegations without explicitly saying so, media bashing provides convenient cover.

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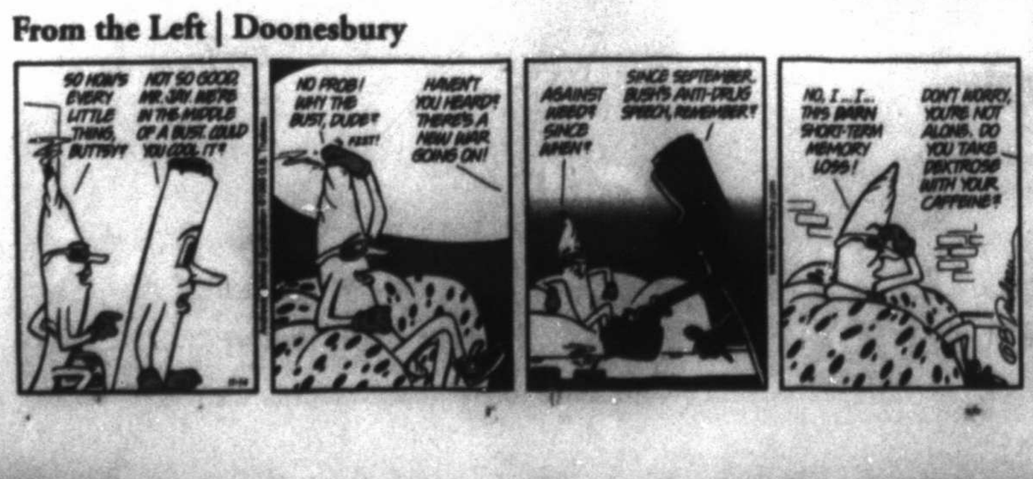

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

New sex assault allegation hits Moore; he calls it false

By Alan Fram and Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A second woman emerged Monday to accuse Roy Moore of sexually assaulting her as a teenager in the late 1970s, this time in a locked car, further roiling the Alabama Republican's candidacy for an open Senate seat. Moore strongly denied it, even as his own party's leaders intensified their efforts to push him out of the race.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell took a remarkably personal swipe at his party's candidate for a Senate seat the GOP cannot afford to lose. "I believe the women," he said, marking an intensified effort by leaders to ditch Moore before a Dec. 12 special election that has swung from an assured GOP victory to one that Democrats could conceivably swipe.

Moore abruptly called a news conference in Gallant, Alabama, after a tearful Beverly Young Nelson's detailed the new allegations to reporters in New York.

"I can tell you without hesitation this is absolutely false. I never did what she said I did. I don't even know the woman," Moore said.

He signaled he has no intention of ending his candidacy, calling the latest charges a "political maneuver" and launching a fundraising appeal to "God-fearing conservatives" to counter his abandonment by Washington Republicans.

In the latest day of jarring events, McConnell, R-Ky., and Moore essentially declared open war on each other. McConnell said the former judge should quit the race over a series of recent allegations of past improper relationships with teenage girls. No, said Moore, the Kentucky senator is the one who should get out.

Cory Gardner of Colorado, who heads the Senate GOP's campaign organization, said not only should Moore step aside but if he should win "the Senate should vote to expel him because he does not meet the ethical and moral requirements of the United States Senate."

Moore, an outspoken Christian conservative and former state Supreme Court judge, fired back at McConnell on Twitter.

"The person who should step aside is @SenateMajLdr Mitch McConnell. He has failed conservatives and must be replaced. #DrainTheSwamp," Moore wrote.

Nelson's news conference came after that exchange and injected a new, sensational accusation in the story.

She said Moore was a regular customer at the restaurant where she worked after school in Gadsden, Alabama.

One night when she was 16, Moore offered to drive her home, she said, but instead parked behind the restaurant and touched her breasts and locked the door to keep her inside. She said he squeezed her neck while trying to push her head toward his crotch and tried to pull her shirt off.

"I thought that he was going to rape me," she said.

Moore finally stopped and as she got out of the car, he warned that no one would believe her because he was a county prosecutor, Nelson said. She said her neck was "black and blue and purple" the next morning and she immediately quit her job.

Nelson said that shortly before that, days before Christmas, she'd brought her high school yearbook to the restaurant and Moore signed it. A copy of her statement distributed at the news conference included a picture of what she said was his signature and a message saying, "To a sweeter more beautiful girl I could not say, 'Merry Christmas.'"

Nelson said she told her younger sister about the incident two years later, told her mother four years ago and told her husband before they married. She said she and her husband supported Donald Trump for president.

Last Thursday, The Washington Post reported that in 1979 when he was 32, Moore had sexual contact with a 14-year-old girl and pursued romantic relationships with three other teenage girls around the same period. The women made their allegations on the record and the Post cited two dozen other sources.

Moore has called the allegations "completely false and misleading," but in an interview last week he did not unequivocally rule out dating teenage girls when he was in his early 30s. Asked by conservative radio host Sean Hannity if that would have been usual for him, Moore said, "It would have been out of my customary behavior."

McConnell, speaking Monday at an event in Louisville, Kentucky, said Moore "should step aside" and acknowledged that a write-in effort by another candidate was possible. He said, "We'll see," when asked if the Republican alternative could be Sen. Luther Strange, whom Moore ousted in a September party primary.

But Strange told reporters late Monday "a write-in candidacy is highly unlikely."

"I made my case during the election," Strange said. "So now, it's really going to be up to the people of our state to sort this out."

McConnell's comment pushed him further than he'd gone last Thursday, when he said Moore should exit the race if the allegations were true.

McConnell and Moore have had an openly antagonistic history. Moore was backed during his primary campaign by Steve Bannon, President Donald Trump's former chief White House adviser who is openly seeking GOP Senate challengers who will pledge to dump McConnell. A political action committee linked to McConnell spent heavily but unsuccessfully on Strange's behalf.

Trump, who is traveling in Asia, has told people he wanted to wait to get back to Washington until he weighed in, according to a White House official who would not be named discussing private conversations. Trump is slated to return late Tuesday.

Bannon did not respond to a question Monday night about whether he still supported Moore.

The tumult comes with Republicans holding a scant 52-48 Senate majority as the GOP rushes to push a massive tax cut through Congress by Christmas. Facing near-certain unanimous opposition by Democrats, Republicans can lose just two GOP senators, and a Democratic pickup in Alabama would narrow their margin of error to just one.

On the other hand, a Moore victory would open the party to relentless Democratic attacks in next year's midterm elections, when Republicans will be defending their House and Senate majorities.

No. 2 Senate GOP leader John Cornyn and his Texas Republican colleague, Sen. Ted Cruz, both withdrew their endorsements of Moore. Numerous others said he should exit the race.

"He should not be a United States senator, no matter what it takes," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. And Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., who's not seeking re-election after criticizing Trump, said he'd "vote for the Democrat" if he were an Alabaman and had to choose between Moore and Democrat Doug Jones.

By Monday afternoon, Moore was showing no signs of folding.

He assured supporters Sunday night at a Huntsville, Alabama, gym that the Post article was "fake news" and "a desperate attempt to stop my political campaign."

He said allegations that he was involved with a minor are "untrue" and the newspaper "will be sued." The former judge also questioned why such allegations would be leveled for the first time so close to the special election in spite of his decades in public life.

Democrats in Washington seemed content to keep their distance from their Jones.

"If they ask us for things, we're going to try to help them, but it's an Alabama race, and the Jones campaign is running it on its own," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York.

The Jones campaign released a statement Monday saying: "We applaud the courage of these women. Roy Moore will be held accountable by the people of Alabama for his actions."

Analysis says Senate bill would hike taxes for 13.8 million

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Promoted as needed relief for the middle class, the Senate Republican tax overhaul actually would increase taxes for some 13.8 million moderate-income American households, a nonpartisan analysis showed Monday.

The assessment by Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation emerged as the Senate's tax-writing committee began wading through the measure, working toward the first major revamp of the tax system in some 30 years.

Barging into the carefully calibrated work that House and Senate Republicans have done, President Donald Trump called for a steeper tax cut for wealthy Americans and pressed GOP leaders to add a contentious health care change to the already complex mix.

Trump's latest tweet injected a dose of uncertainty into the process as the Republicans try to deliver on his top legislative priority. He commended GOP leaders for getting the tax legislation closer to passage in recent weeks and then said, "Cut top rate to 35% w/all of the rest going to middle income cuts?"

That puts him at odds with the House legislation that leaves the top rate at 39.6 percent and the Senate bill as written, with the top rate at 38.5 percent.

Trump also said, "Now how about ending the unfair & highly unpopular individual mandate in (Obama) care and reducing taxes even further?"

Overall, the legislation would deeply cut corporate taxes, double the standard deduction used by most Americans, and limit or repeal completely the federal deduction for state and local property, income and sales taxes. It carries high political stakes for Trump and Republican leaders in Congress, who view passage of tax cuts as critical to the GOP preserving its majorities at the polls next year.

With few votes to spare, Republican leaders hope to finalize a tax overhaul by Christmas and send the legislation to Trump for his signature.

The key House leader on the effort, Rep. Kevin Brady, said he's "very confident" that Republicans "do and will have the votes to pass" the measure this week.

Brady, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said he doesn't expect major changes to the bill as it moves to a final vote in the House. Still, he said Trump's call for removing the requirement to have health insurance as part of the tax agreement "remains under consideration."

Trump and the Republicans have promoted the legislation as a boon to the middle class, bringing tax relief to people with moderate incomes and boosting the economy to create new jobs.

"This bill is not a massive tax cut for the wealthy. ... This is not a big giveaway to corporations," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, insisted as the panel had its first day of debate on the Senate measure.

Hatch also downplayed the analysis by congressional tax experts showing a tax increase for several million U.S. households under the Senate proposal. Hatch said "a relatively small minority of taxpayers could see a slight increase in their taxes."

The committee's senior Democrat, Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, said the legislation has become "a massive handout to multinational corporations and a bonanza for tax cheats and powerful political donors."

The analysis found that the Senate measure would actually increase taxes in 2019 for 13.8 million households earning less than $200,000 a year. That group, about 10 percent of all U.S. taxpayers, would face tax increases of $100 to $500 in 2019. There also would be increases greater than $500 for a number of taxpayers, especially those with incomes between $75,000 and $200,000. By 2025, 21.4 million households would have steeper tax bills.

The analysts previously found a similar magnitude of tax increases under the House bill.

Neither bill includes a repeal of the so-called individual mandate of Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act, the requirement that Americans get health insurance or face a penalty. Several top Republicans have warned that including the provision, as Trump wants, would draw opposition and make passage tougher.

A key moderate Republican in the Senate said it's too early to say whether including repeal of the insurance mandate would cost her vote on the tax bill. "I'm going to see what the Finance Committee winds up with and what we do on the (Senate) floor," said Sen. Susan Collins of Maine.

Collins did say she opposed Trump's idea of reducing the top tax rate for the wealthiest earners.

Among the biggest differences in the two bills that have emerged: the House bill allows homeowners to deduct up to $10,000 in property taxes while the Senate proposal unveiled by GOP leaders last week eliminates the entire deduction. Both versions would eliminate deductions for state and local income taxes and sales taxes.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., asked whether the Senate's proposed repeal of the property tax deduction could bring higher taxes for some middle-class Americans, acknowledged there would be some taxpayers who end up with higher tax bills.

"Any way you cut it, there is a possibility that some taxpayers would get a higher rate," McConnell told reporters after a forum in Louisville, Kentucky, with local business owners and employees. "You can't craft any tax bill that guarantees that every single taxpayer in America gets a tax break. What I'm telling you is the overall majority of taxpayers in every bracket would get relief."

New Russia probe details likely to dominate Sessions hearing

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Jeff Sessions returns to Capitol Hill this week amid growing evidence of contacts between Russians and associates of President Donald Trump, bracing for an onslaught of lawmaker questions about how much he knew of that outreach during last year's White House campaign.

The appearance before the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday follows a guilty plea from one Trump campaign aide who served on a foreign policy council that Sessions chaired, as well as statements from another adviser who said he'd advised the then-GOP Alabama senator about an upcoming trip to Russia.

Those details complicate Sessions' effort to downplay knowledge of the campaign's foreign contacts, and Democratic lawmakers who already contended the attorney general had not been forthcoming with them have signaled that questions about the new revelations are likely to dominate what could otherwise have been a routine oversight hearing.

"These facts appear to contradict your sworn testimony on several occasions," Democrats from the committee said in a letter to Sessions last week.

Republicans, for their part, are likely to press Sessions on their demands for investigations into the Clinton Foundation and an Obama-era purchase of American uranium mines by a Russian-backed company.

In a letter to the House Judiciary Committee, the Justice Department said Sessions had directed "senior federal prosecutors" to "evaluate certain issues" raised in letters sent by Republican lawmakers, and to determine whether investigations — or the possible appointment of a special counsel — were warranted.

Sessions, an early Trump backer who led a foreign policy advisory council during the campaign, has been shadowed for months by questions about his own communications with Russians and by contacts of others in the Trump orbit. That issue has been at the forefront of each of his congressional hearings even as Sessions has labored to promote the Justice Department's work and priorities, and Tuesday's appearance is unlikely to be an exception.

At his January confirmation hearing, Sessions told Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., that "I did not have communications" with the Russians during the campaign and said he was "unaware" of contacts between others in the campaign and Russia. Yet he recused himself in March from overseeing the Justice Department's investigation into potential coordination between the Trump campaign and the Kremlin after acknowledging two previously undisclosed encounters with Russian ambassador Sergey Kislyak.

He struck a similar note before the Senate Judiciary Committee last month, when he denied knowledge of communications between Russians and Trump campaign officials.

"I did not and I'm not aware of anyone else that did, and I don't believe it happened," Sessions said under questioning, again from Franken.

But that narrative has been challenged by a pair of recent events, most notably a guilty plea from George Papadopoulos, who last month admitted in court to lying to the FBI about his own foreign contacts. He was part of a foreign policy council that Sessions chaired, and the two are among the men in a March 2016 photograph that Trump posted on social media. Charging documents in that case indicate that Papadopoulos told the council "that he had connections that could help arrange a meeting between then-candidate Trump" and Russian President Vladimir Putin. One of the attendees at that meeting, J.D. Gordon, recalled that Sessions quickly "shut him down and said, 'We're not going to do that.'"

Gordon has also said that Papadopoulos went around him and Sessions and that they did not know he had continued to try to arrange such a meeting.

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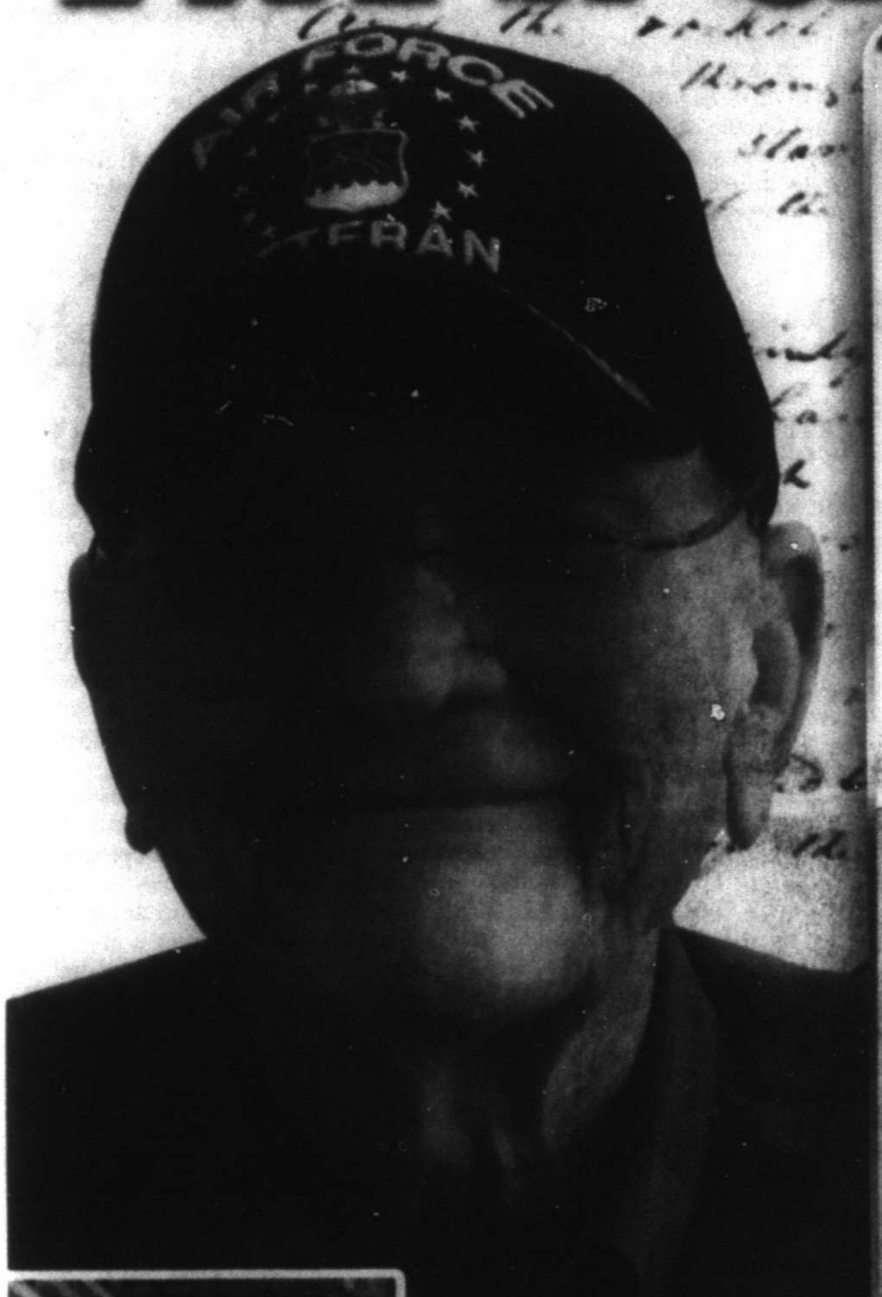

Frank "Shep" Shepard's life has taken him in a great many directions he never could have imagined as a young boy. He is an authentic Midlander, born and raised. He was born on September 21, 1930 to Chester Herold and Sue Bisiche (Baker) Shepard. His sister, Virginia Keegan and husband Leo, lived in Midland until their deaths. His sister, Sue Fowler and husband Merle (now deceased), lives in Chicago, Illinois.

Although the Shepard family lived in Midland most their lives, they moved away for a few years to follow work. Chester was a roofing salesman. They spent a year in Paris, Texas, a year in Fort Worth, Texas and 5 years in Abilene, Texas, which is where Shep started school. In 1936, they moved back to Midland and his father and a friend started their own roofing company, Branch & Shepard Roofing. Mr. Branch retired in 1938 and it became Shepard Roofing. It is still open today, operated by Shep's son, Robbie. His mother was a housewife until Chester passed away and she took a job at Dunlaps. She lived to be 102 years old and was still driving at 100.

After graduating from Midland High School in 1948, Shep attended Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas on a basketball scholarship. He was majoring in business and accounting. During his freshman year, he had three roommates. Their dorm man was "a kind of dramatic and sissified guy" and they decided to play a trick on him. His roommate, John, brought a huge bull snake from his family's ranch. He laid down on the floor naked with the snake on him and pretended to be dead. Shep ran downstairs and started hollering at the dorm man saying, "We've got a problem, a real tragedy up in the room!" The dorm man ran up to their room and started screaming when he saw John laying there and then ran to get help. While he was gone, they hid the snake in a box and were all sitting at their desks studying when the authorities arrived. Needless to say, they all got in a heap of trouble. The next day they were called in and put on probation. Shep said, "As we were leaving, one of college authorities leaned over and said, "That was a great trick!" After that, his mother thought his roommates were a bad influence on him and transferred him to McMurry University in Abilene, Texas.

During his junior year, the Korean War broke out. He got a call from the draft board in Midland, who told him if he was planning to enlist to do it quickly as they were about to mail his draft notice. He wanted to go in the US Navy, but when he went to see the recruiter, he found out it would be 6 months before he could go. So, he went to the US Air Force recruiter and left immediately. His mother was very upset, afraid he was going to get killed in the war. Shep said, "And of course, I told her I was gonna do all the killin'." He served from December 14, 1950-December 14, 1954. His rank upon discharge was Sergeant. He earned wings and several special merit awards for his flight time.

Shep was sent to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas for boot camp. He said, "Everybody should go to boot camp! I was a spoiled brat and in 2 nights I was changed! Completely changed!" He had a mean drill sergeant though. He was there during Christmas and they were told they were going to have a Christmas party. He laughed and said, "We got all excited! And it was buckets and brushes and we scrubbed the floors on Christmas." Another day, out of 1000's of recruits, he came face to face with a guy he knew from MHS. They couldn't believe it! They were so excited to see each other and gave each other a big hug, which earned them both KP (kitchen patrol). Shep laughed and said, "We got KP for hugging!" Shep's body clock, Shep was trained around a lot due to medical errors. He didn't have all his uniforms, his records were lost, etc. He spent some time at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas parking aircraft. He was finally sent to Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado for electronics training. He also attended B-29 gunnery school and flew 10 missions with an instructor. He became a Gunnery instructor and taught several classes. After a few months, he was promoted to Senior Gunnery Instructor and flew in a B-29 five days a week, 4-5 hours a day for 3 ½ years. He had many narrow escapes, but was never afraid. Several aircraft caught on fire and they made many emergency landings. He laughed and said, "When you're 21, you're not scared of nothing."

There were six active B-29's on base and the crew rotated among them. Shep said, "No one wanted 829! It was always having trouble. It would fly sideways in formation and was always vibrating. We'd go over and check and I'd say, "Oh gosh, I got 829, I'll probably die!" He never got to fly with his friend until the very last day. And wouldn't you know it, they were both assigned to 829! His friend told him, "Jesus Christ, we're gonna die today!" They were so happy when they landed safely. Years later, he made an exact model of 829, with a crooked engine and some propeller blades missing, and sent it to his friend as a joke. His friend still has it and they still laugh about the adventures they shared on 829.

When asked if he ever saw any action, Shep replies, "Yes, by my own crew!" On a training mission over the Great Salt Lake, they were firing live ammunition. The electronic stop point on one of their guns malfunctioned and they blew holes in the tail of their own aircraft. Shep said, "The plane started vibrating and the pilot was hollering. I got up in the turret and I can see the tail. There was 3-4 holes in it." Luckily, they made it safely back to their base without incident.

His hair-raising adventures didn't end there. He was good friends with one of the pilots, Captain Barrows. On a training mission to Mount Rushmore, Captain Barrows called him to the cockpit. The co-pilot was missing. He had gone to the back to drink coffee with the flight engineer. Captain Barrows told Shep, "You're going to fly us to Cheyenne, Wyoming!" He said, "WHAT?!" He was told to put on a headset and as long as it was beeping, they were on course and the pilot left. He came back at Cheyenne and turned the plane and told Shep he was doing a good job. Shep said, "It's just like driving a car." The Captain told him to keep flying on to Mount Rushmore and left again. Shep flew the plane until he saw Mount Rushmore coming up rather quickly and called the pilot back to the cockpit. Shep said, "Now, that's a thrill!" It is something he will never forget! He is proud to have had that experience and to have spent so many hours flying and still be alive today. After all, he survived 829!

Shep went to work at the family business in 1963. His Dad had a rough time and filed bankruptcy in 1960. Shep took over and turned it around. He landed a contract to roof some Piggly Wiggly stores in Wichita Falls, Pecos and Del Rio and roofed them with a 3-man crew. Not long after finishing, there was a huge hail storm in Del Rio and he was called back to repair the roof on the store there. While there, he met an adjuster, who introduced him to a lady that owned 28 rent houses, a bank and several other buildings there. She hired him to re-roof them all. All of a sudden, he had more work than he could do. He borrowed $10,000 to hire the additional workers and supplies needed to do the job. In the interim, there was a huge hail storm in Midland. It was just what he needed to get out of debt. Things continued to improve from then on.

Shep died in 2015. At 85 years old, his Robbie is now at the helm. Before going in the military, Shep dated a girl named Bobbie Ruth Cates a few years in high school. She wrote to him and even came to see him a couple of times. During her visits, their feelings for each other grew quickly. It was the beginning of a beautiful life together. They were married on June 23, 1951 and enjoyed 63 amazing years together before her death in May 2014. He said people ask him if he's going to remarry. He says, "No! I'm a one-woman man. We made a vow. If I died, she'd stay single. She died. I couldn't live with another one." They had five wonderful children together. Their son, Frank Shepard, Jr. lives in Midland. Their son, Robbie and wife Sylvia, live in Midland. Their daughter, Janet Sites and husband Ralph, live in Midland. Their son, Tommy and wife DeAnn, live in Conroe, Texas. Their daughter, Linda Duffee and husband Roger, live in Cedar Park, Texas. They have 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Shep's daughter, Linda, has loved cats her whole life. One day, he found a newspaper ad for baby cougars, leopards and jaguars for sale that she had taped to the phone. He pretended not to have seen it, but was intrigued by it. He and Bobbie decided to go to San Antonio and take a look. After seeing them, he knew he had to have one. They bought a baby cougar! When they got home, Shep told Linda, "Get on your bed and close your eyes. I've got a surprise for you." He said, "She had a fit when she saw it!" They named him Logan. They loved him so much that they ended up getting several other big cats. They had several litters of cougars and got two black leopards and a jaguar. They made pets out of all of them. They acted just like housecats. They used a litterbox, swam in the pool with them and even slept with them. They were all declawed and never hurt anyone. Most lived to be 15-22 years old. They bought 5 acres in Llano, Texas in 1980 and built a house. That is where they kept the cats. Shep laughed and said, "It was quite an experience! But the people in Llano thought we were weird! But we never had any burglars!"

Shep has always enjoyed sports. He played baseball and basketball, is a big San Antonio Spurs fan and likes to go fishing for trout, but football is his passion and Tech is his team. One of his friends asked him if he'd ever thought about officiating and told him that he taught at schools around the area and could use some help. Shep agreed to help him one day. He said, "I had no idea what I was doing!" Then, first thing he knew, he was going somewhere to officiate nearly every Friday night. He joined the local chapter of football officials and started working junior high games all over Texas. That was the start of a long career as a referee. He went on to referee for the Lone Star Conference. He was then accepted into the Southwest Conference and did that for 17 years. He has officiated a lot of Bowl games, including two national championship games, one in the Orange Bowl and the other in the Fiesta Bowl. He said, "What started out as "I don't know what I'm doing turned into....." Quite an impressive accomplishment for a "volunteer"!

Shep loved his time in the US Air Force. He said, "It was a great deal. I'd do it again!" Patriotism means a lot to him. He said, "As old as I am, I'd fight for this country in a minute! I ain't scared of nothing!" He has approached everything in his life with that same fearlessness. He challenged death every day in a B-29, tamed wild animals, raised five kids, and built a successful business that supported his family well. He is a hoot to talk to and has stories galore. I ran out of space in the paper long before he ran out of stories! He is a man of great integrity and loyalty. A good family man, a good friend, a good American. Thank you for your service, Shep!

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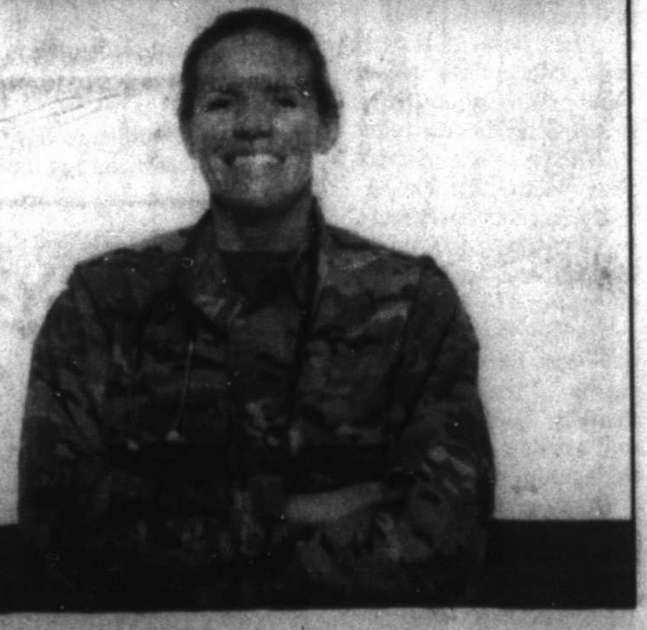

Future nurse, teacher discover their passions at MC

Editor's note: This is one in a series on Midland College students and alumni.

MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES
By Rebecca Bell

The following quote is attributed to Arnold Schwarzenegger: "Teachers and nurses get the best seats in heaven."

Brandee Brown and Hissel Sotelo are two Midland College students who are pursuing those heavenly career paths. The native Midlanders are Lee High School graduates — Brown, 20, graduated in 2015, and Sotelo, 19, graduated in 2016. They didn't know one another at Lee, and their experiences at MC are not at all alike. However, these experiences have led both young women to discover passions that they are now turning into careers.

In August 2015, Brown embarked on her pursuit of a college degree at West Texas A&M University.

"I have always known that I wanted to be a teacher ever since I taught Sunday school at my church," she said. "At West Texas A&M, my major was elementary education. However, I didn't adjust to college life well. I was lonely, and I missed my family. So, after just one semester, I transferred to Midland College."

Sotelo, on the other hand, enrolled at MC immediately after high school graduation. She, too, already had a career goal.

Brown

Sotelo

"I had taken a CNA (certified nurse aide) class at the Midland College ATC during my last semester in high school," she said. "After I went through the CNA program and passed my certification exam, I knew that I wanted a medical career."

For the past year, Sotelo has been taking prerequisite courses for MC's associate degree nursing program while working two part-time jobs: as a certified nurse aide at Terrace West Nursing Home and as a lab assistant for MC's Health Sciences Continuing Education department.

Brown also has two part-time jobs: as a customer service representative for Domino's Pizza and as a residence hall manager at MC's Craddick Hall.

Both women seem to be juggling school and jobs extremely well. Brown is in the honors program at MC, is vice president of scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, is president of Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society and is an MC Regent. Sotelo just passed the rigorous application process to be admitted into MC's associate degree nursing program and will begin classes in January. Upon graduating in December 2019, she will be able to

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ENDURING FRIENDSHIP

Life and friendship to be celebrated at MCS event

By Stewart Doreen
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A person unlike any other will visit Midland on Wednesday.

His name is HK Derryberry, and his appearance at Midland Christian School will be a celebration of life and friendship. His visit promises to be memorable for those who see this unique 27-year-old from Tennessee.

Derryberry was born 3 months premature. His mother was involved in an automobile wreck and was kept on life support until his grandmother said she would be able to care for the unborn child. Doctors then delivered the then 2-pound baby. Because of the wreck and premature birth, Derryberry was born blind and with cerebral palsy.

However, along with the disabilities, Derryberry also was born with highly superior autobiographical memory (HSAM), which enables him to remember everything that has happened to him since he was 3. Fewer than 100 people have been diagnosed with HSAM, according to promotional material

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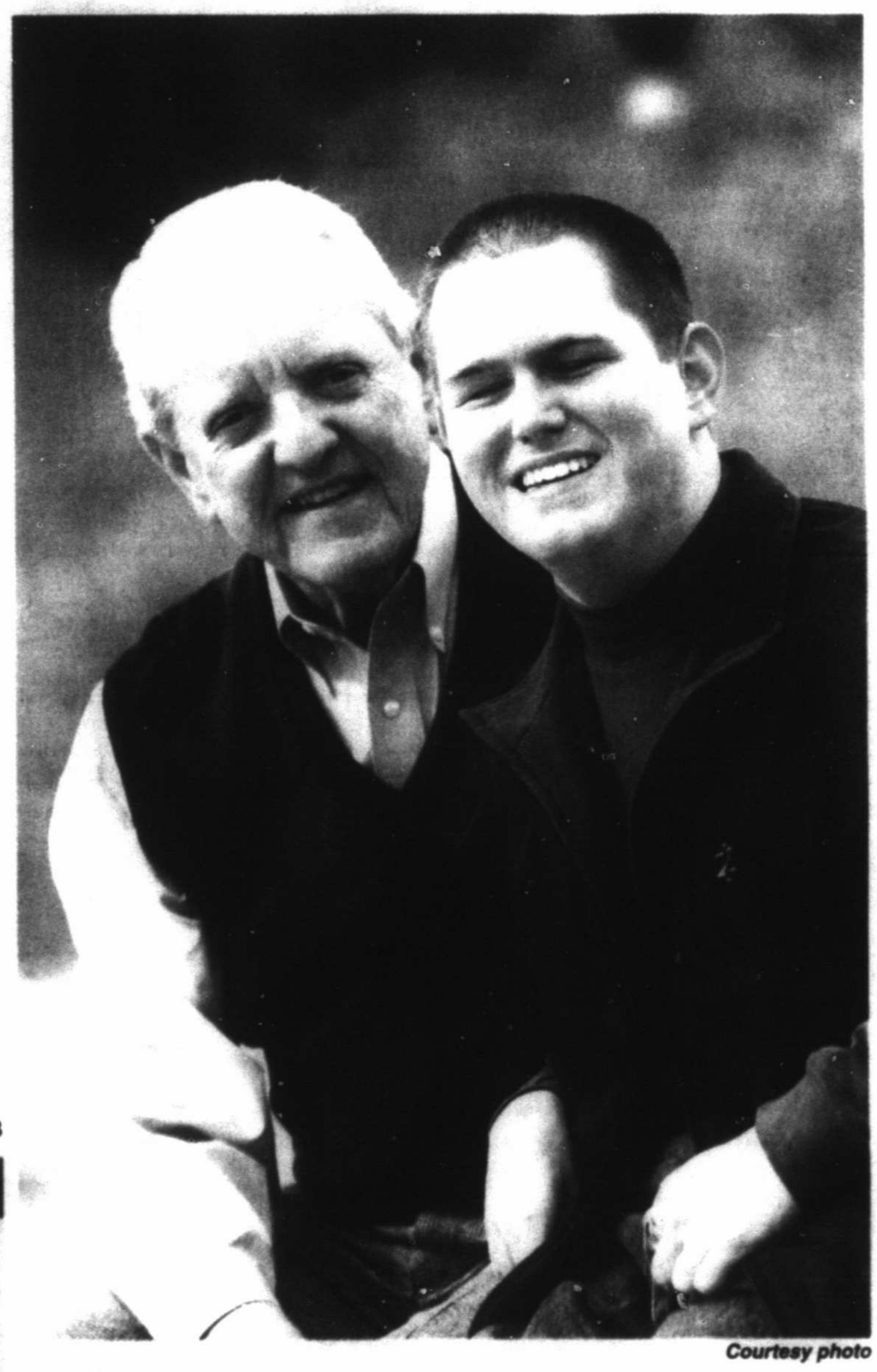
If you go

A conversation with HK Derryberry and Jim Bradford
When: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Midland Christian Student Life Center
Admission: Free
Notable: HK Derryberry is one of fewer than 100 people diagnosed with highly superior autobiographical memory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HK Derryberry, right, and Jim Bradford will tell the story of their friendship during an appearance Wednesday at Midland Christian School.

ESTHER J. CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Targeting teacher tax credit hurts students

■ K-12 educators could lose $250 deduction for out-of-pocket classroom expenses

Last week, I spent about $2 on a tube of ChapStick lip balm for one of my students who showed up to school with a mouth so dry and cracked that his bottom lip was bloody.

The week before that, I witnessed Halloween classroom celebrations at my elementary school — where 98 percent of students come from low-income homes — in which students ate cupcakes, candy (the good stuff, like Hershey's bars, Skittles and Twix) and got such favors as pencils and stickers. All of this was provided by teachers, out of their own paychecks.

For many of our students, this was their only Halloween activity, as some live in neighborhoods where gang activity made trick-or-treating an impossibility. So, yes, the teachers brought in their own party supplies.

This was in addition to the list of provisions that teachers — especially those who teach in poorly resourced, high-poverty districts — routinely bring in for their students so that kids don't miss out: books for classroom libraries, dry-erase markers for small-group work, bulletin board decorations, nameplates, crayons and colored pencils, snacks for the hungry, and,

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Education fulfills its goal with truth, goodness, beauty

BRANDON SHUMAN
Midland Classical Academy

The sands of time are non-refundable. However full our hourglass, none of us have grains to waste. Life is intended to be lived well — and every moment is precious.

It is no small thing then that we spend the better part of 13 years — that is one-sixth of the average American lifetime — in the pursuit of education. What is it all for? Is the education we receive or provide worth such a staggering investment? What are we giving our children in exchange for their childhood? As parents and educators, we should soberly tremble under the weight of such responsibility. We have an obligation to provide the very best education we can. We must strive to maximize every moment to discover and taste its full flavor. Anything less is unsatisfactory.

This means we must first understand what education is ultimately for and then how it can best fulfill its purpose. To misconstrue education is tragic loss.

It is tempting to believe that the purpose of education is primarily to qualify us for a job that in turn will provide money to enable us to buy the things we need or desire. Displayed upon the walls in more than one of my childhood classrooms was a poster capturing this sentiment. Displayed prominently in the foreground was a detached garage filled with exotic automobiles with an ocean cliff mansion behind it, while an exquisite California sun set behind the blue horizon. Beneath this breathtaking image was the phrase: "Justification for Higher Education."

As motivating as that perspective may be, it promotes a rather narrow and flat vision of education. It reduces the quality of one's life to material prosperity. Don't get me wrong. Material well-being has an important place in life. As physical creatures, we are dependent upon material things to sustain and protect us from hunger, sickness and destitution. Even modest material comforts can afford us enjoyment and leisure from our toils. But we must teach our children that material goods only have a place in life. They are not life itself. And we mustn't forget this.

Perhaps education for the sake of material wealth would be a sufficient

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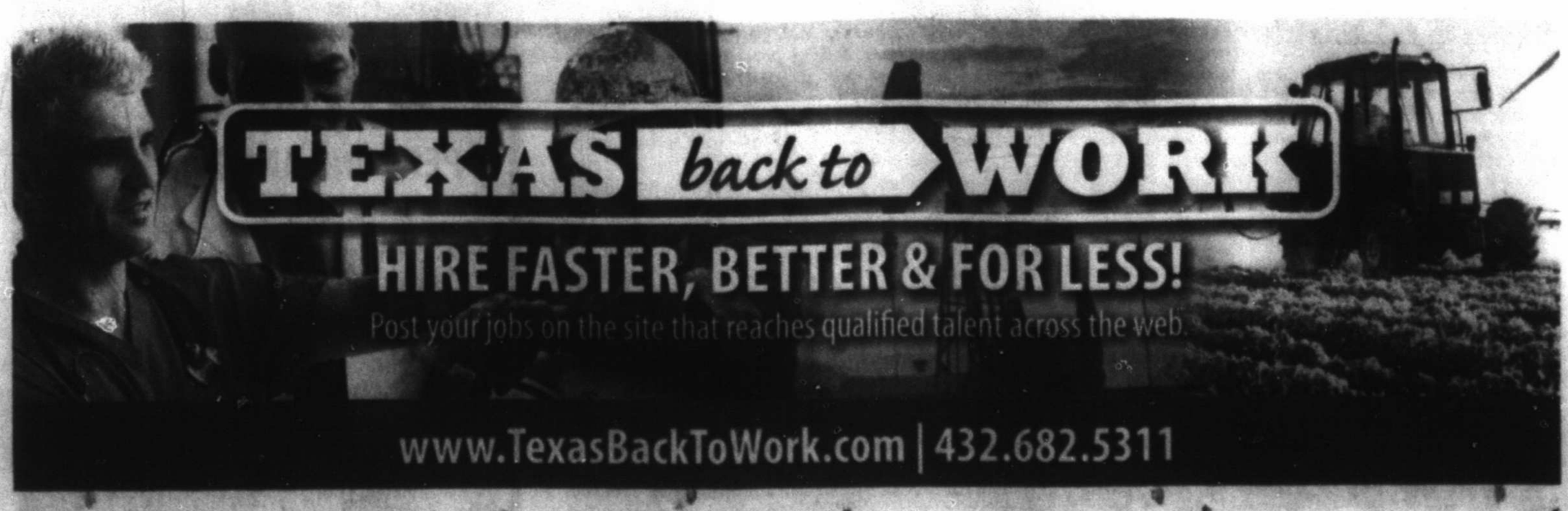

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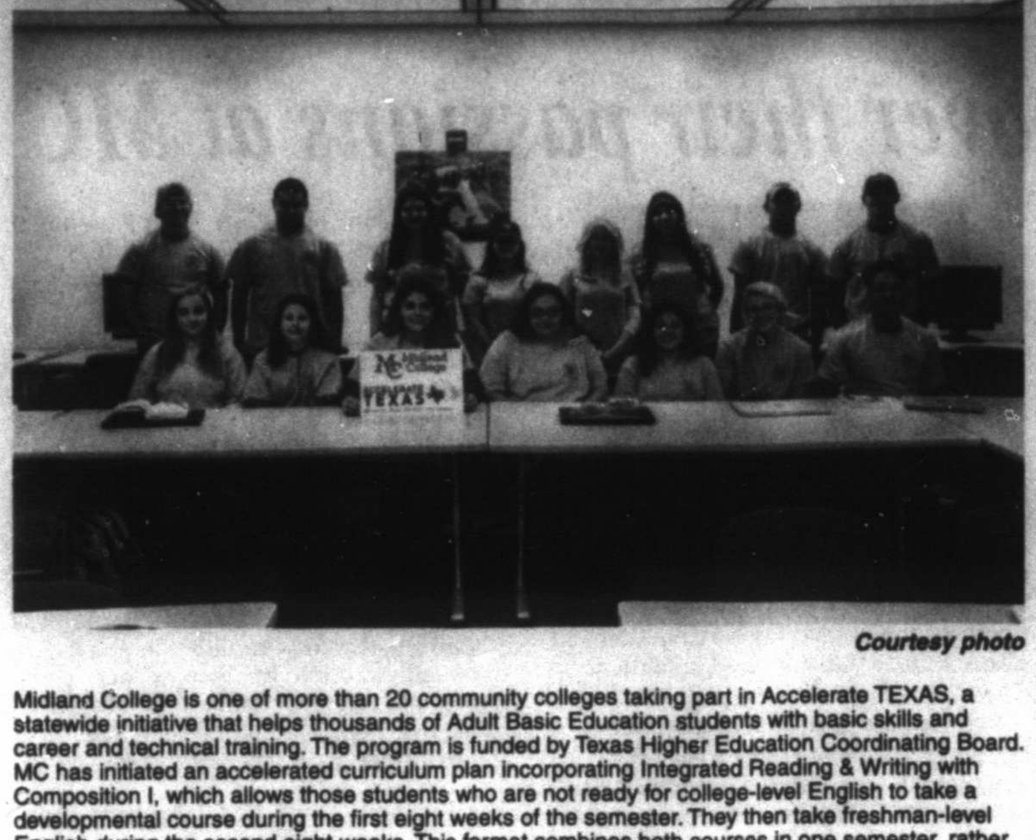

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Midland College is one of more than 20 community colleges taking part in Accelerate TEXAS, a statewide initiative that helps thousands of Adult Basic Education students with basic skills and career and technical training. The program is funded by Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. MC has initiated an accelerated curriculum plan incorporating Integrated Reading & Writing with Composition I, which allows those students who are not ready for college-level English to take a developmental course during the first eight weeks of the semester. They then take freshman-level English during the second eight weeks. This format combines both courses in one semester, rather than two semesters as has been the case in previous years, according to a press release from MC.

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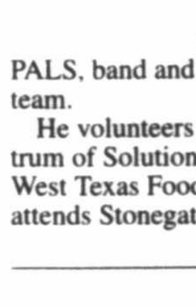

Kruse

Lee High School senior **Brandon Kruse** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. He is the son of Loren and Laura Kruse.

He is a member of PALS, band and the track team.

He volunteers at Spectrum of Solutions and West Texas Food Bank. He attends Stonegate Fellowship.

Kruse plans to attend Midland College and transfer to Texas Tech University and major in business.

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Perales

Lee High School senior **Savannah Perales** has been honored by the Midland Morning Lions Club. She is the daughter of Matt and Amanda Perales.

She is a member of the track team, National Honor Society and AVID. She was homecoming queen and is an academic letterman.

She volunteers with Keep Midland Beautiful.

Perales plans to attend Midland College and transfer to the University of Texas.

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Two Midlanders recently were inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

Trina Mora and **Daniela Rivera** were initiated at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

EDUVATIONBRIEFS

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MC students seek 'beautiful' photos

A group of Midland College students is studying perspective and the role that it plays in various cultures.

As part of this collaborative effort, the students are interested in what area residents consider to be beautiful or worthy of being photographed. The students are seeking photo submissions for this project — the more diverse and unique, the better, according to a press release from MC.

Photos may be submitted to projectbeautyis@gmail.com or share on Facebook or Twitter using the hashtag #projectbeautyis. Deadline to submit is Sunday. For more information, call Ryan Adams at 661-9880.

Camp Fire offering winter camp

Camp Fire West Texas is offering its annual winter camp Dec. 27-29 and Jan. 2-5 and Jan. 8 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Registration begins Dec. 4.

The camp is for kids 5-12. Hours are 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Fee is $75 each week. Kids would need to bring lunch; snacks will be provided.

For more information, call 570-4144.

250 preschoolers suspended or expelled every school day

Washington Post

On every school day in 2016, some 250 preschool children across the country were suspended or expelled for bad behavior, according to a new analysis of national data, and black children were more than twice as likely to be affected than other children.

In total, about 50,000 preschoolers — kids who are 3 and 4 years old — were suspended from both public and private preschools at least once in 2016, and an additional 17,000 are estimated to have been expelled, according to findings from the nonprofit Center for American Progress.

Black children were 2.2 times more likely to be suspended or expelled than other children, the analysis said, and boys were given 82 percent of the suspensions and expulsions, even though they represent 51 percent of the population of preschool children.

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with the weather changing, extra coats, scarves and mittens for recess and walking home.

No one requires teachers to provide for their students. We do it because we care about offering the best possible educational experience under tremendously difficult circumstances.

This is another way of saying that we don't do it for the tax break.

Even so, there are people in Washington who seem to feel that education is a worthy place to make cuts to shore up the country's bloated budget. According to preliminary reports about the proposed Republican tax bill, the $250 educator-expense deduction, which K-12 teachers can claim for out-of-pocket spending on anything from supplies to professional development courses and computer equipment and software, is on the chopping block.

In my two-teacher household, this represents $500 — but we've probably spent more than that already this school year on things such as filing systems for classrooms, packing tape, board erasers and assorted flashcards, tissues, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer, math board games, progress monitoring software and even a sewing machine to prepare for a clothing class.

According to a 2016 survey by Scholastic Corp., the education publishing and media company, K-12 public-school teachers spent an average of $530 of their own money in the previous year for classroom or student use. And teachers in high-poverty schools spent nearly 40 percent more than their peers elsewhere.

I asked Randi Weingarten, the president of the American Federation of Teachers, what she thought of the GOP's idea to end the educator-expense deduction. Her response was cutting: "Ripping away (this) tax credit ... in order to fund tax breaks for the rich and corporations is not just hurting the middle class, it is heartless and disrespectful to educators and children alike. ... The combination of eliminating this credit and the state and local tax deduction shows President Trump and the GOP's clear commitment to the rich and powerful at the expense of children, educators and families."

And hey, let's not forget that this is in addition to the late-summer plan floated by the Trump administration to end the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, which helps teachers who take on these super challenging public service assignments. The GOP has also considered a grab-bag of other cuts that help train teachers and keep class sizes small.

But the truth is that even if these tax cuts go through, the short-term fall out will be minimal.

Teachers will continue to go above and beyond to ensure that the students in their care are as well taken care of as possible during the school day.

In the long term, however, the antagonism the federal government seems to have toward its teaching corps will wear. Teachers close to retirement will flee, while bright-eyed, idealistic new teachers will enter crumbling schools, spend their own money to help their students, and devote 18-hour days to the daunting task only to quickly burn out and leave the profession.

There will be more impassioned speeches, op-ed columns and news stories about how difficult it is to staff the neediest schools with the most high-performing educators.

And in the end, there will continue to be millions of public school teachers still forking over their own hard-earned money to provide their students a small measure of comfort in the face of a federal government that doesn't value their efforts.

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reason for education if we were only material beings. Money may solve quite a few problems, but if it can solve all of our problems, then our problems are small. In any case, wealth without wisdom can compound and exacerbate many of the problems we have. Likewise, education for the sake of knowledge or skills alone is short-sighted and ultimately unfulfilling.

So what is education for?

Education is for life. In a previous article, I claimed that education's purpose is to empower students to discover and live "the good life." Any purpose that reduces education's aim to anything less — be it wealth, knowledge or even virtue — is flat and one-dimensional. To reduce or misdirect education is to inevitably reduce or misguide life. A quality education — an education for life — must consist of more than academic training alone. Good education trains students to meaningfully engage the world.

But herein lies the challenge. In order to fulfill its function, academic pursuits must go beyond academics. Education must somehow transcend itself — or rather it must transcend this tempting but reductionistic impulse. But how do we complete this elusive task? How can it break out of the classroom and into life? How can education fulfill its goal and open windows to "the good life?" What enables education to "transcend itself?"

Education transcends itself when it teaches toward, what is known in classical terms as, the three transcendentals: truth, goodness and beauty.

Stated abstractly, the transcendentals are the three universal qualities of ultimate reality. As such, they are absolute and unchanging. In a Christian context, as with Midland Classical Academy, the transcendentals of truth, goodness and beauty are characteristics of God — who himself is absolute reality and the great "I AM."

Regardless of our religious convictions, whenever we encounter truth, goodness or beauty, it has the powerful potential to awaken something within us. Truth, goodness and beauty connect us to reality. They heighten our awareness of and appreciation for who we are and the world we live in. Truth, goodness and beauty are what make the good life good. But what are they?

Truth is a thought, idea or statement that accurately corresponds to reality. Strictly speaking, truth is not reality itself. It is an abstraction and accurate representation of reality.

Goodness is the condition when something is fulfilling its intended purpose. Goodness assumes function, intent and design. It does not necessarily imply morality. We call something "good" when it is fulfilling the thing for which it was made or intended. When we say things like "That is a good tree," or a "good car," or a "good movie," we don't mean that the tree or car or movie was polite, kind and well-behaved. We mean that the tree has all the qualities a tree should have, or that the car performs its function as it ought, or that the movie had the right amount of humor, drama or excitement that movies are intended to evoke. Goodness only applies to morality in the realm of human interaction because man was created to be moral, and moreover, we expect people to be moral. This expectation is most clearly seen when we become angry, disappointed or offended when people misbehave.

Beauty is a striking or strong attraction toward a person, situation, object or idea. Beauty is a prerational force. It captures our imagination, awakens and stirs our souls and evokes a profound sense of wonder.

We have glimpsed what truth, goodness and beauty are, but how can they arouse our students beyond the mechanics of academics and toil of their labors? Moreover, how can they redeem both through enjoyment of the good life? I hope to cast this vision in future articles. In the meantime, live like it matters. There is not a moment to waste.

Brandon Shuman is the dean of arts and humanities at Midland Classical Academy and co-host of the weekly podcast "Good Knight Dad."

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provided to the Reporter-Telegram. But none of them have Derryberry's physical disabilities.

As remarkable as Derryberry is, so is the friendship he shares with Jim Bradford, who met Derryberry 18 years ago while searching for a cup of coffee.

Bradford told the Reporter-Telegram he first encountered Derryberry, then 9, on a cold October day in Tennessee. He said that until that day, when he saw a person with disabilities, it was his objective "not to get caught staring at them." But there was Derryberry, sitting in the restaurant where his grandmother worked, listening to his "boom box radio" that was held together by silver duct tape.

"I said, 'Hey, buddy, what is your name?'" Bradford said. "He said, 'I'm HK' ... All he could do was ask questions."

Bradford, now 74, said he couldn't get Derryberry out of his mind. He went back to the restaurant on following weekends, spending 30 minutes, then an hour.

"That is how the friendship started," Bradford said.

The friendship evolved to the point that Derryberry would spend weekends with Bradford's family. Bradford said there are things Derryberry can do — he can take his clothes off — and things he can't — he can't put on his clothes. He is mobile with assistance. But spending time with Derryberry has provided Bradford with "the most positive outlook on life."

Derryberry hasn't allowed his disabilities to stop him from obtaining a diploma. Having the use of just one arm hasn't prevented him from learning Braille. Bradford said Derryberry was the first at his school to learn Braille with one hand. He also snow skis, can drive a boat and is a Rotary Club member.

"One of HK's favorite slogans is that the only disability any of us have in life is a negative attitude," Bradford said.

Carol Lee, development director at Midland Christian, met Derryberry at a Christian educators' conference at Hardin University in Arkansas. She discovered that with his highly superior autobiographical memory, he can recall every minute of every day of his life. Also, if someone tells Derryberry their birth date, he can tell them what day of the week they were born and events that happened on that day. After that meeting in Arkansas, Lee contacted Bradford to set up his appearance at Midland Christian.

Bradford said this year he and Derryberry have made presentations at 50 events across the country. The duo's appearance fees go toward a trust fund set up for Derryberry.

Bradford said Derryberry has grown from not being able to communicate to being "a kid sitting in front of 2,000 to 3,000 people, having them laughing, crying and sitting on the edge of their seats.

"Our story is just moving people," Bradford said. "He has done so many things. We have a unique friendship. I was 56 when I met him. I was not looking to add another child to the family, but God works in mysterious ways."

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take the National Council Licensure Exam for registered nurses.

"My ultimate goal is to become an RN," said Sotelo. "I plan to stay in Midland and work in a hospital or clinic. My experience working at a nursing home has taught me to be thankful for our lives. When I see patients suffering, I want to comfort them and do what I can to meet their needs. It's good to know that I'm making a difference in others' lives."

Brown said her passion has always been to teach. After enrolling in education courses at MC and taking a history class from Professor David Hopkins, she discovered her calling is to teach history at the secondary and/or post-secondary level.

"I've always liked history, and my goal has always been to become a teacher and change students' lives," Brown said. "It wasn't until I took a class from Dr. Hopkins that I was inspired to pursue teaching history as a career."

Her honors project for the spring 2017 semester involved research on the history of the women's rights movement. She won honorable mention for her project and a $500 reward at the spring 2017 West Texas Symposium of History. She plans to do another project for the spring 2018 symposium that will incorporate history and government.

Brown will graduate from MC with an associate of arts degree in teaching. Like Sotelo, Brown wants to remain in Midland. After she graduates in May 2018, she will transfer to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin where she will work on double majors in education and history with a minor in kinesiology. She wants to teach and coach at a small school in the West Texas area and eventually get a master's degree and possibly even a doctoral degree so that she can teach at the college level.

Brown and Sotelo claim that they have found their life's passions at Midland College. Those passions are evolving into rewarding careers.

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

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KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Artful Dodger"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Gold Rush" (N)		The Mick (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
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KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	The Voice "The Playoffs, Night 2" (N)		This Is Us "Number One" (N)		Law & Order (N)		NewsWest 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Your Roots "Children of the Revolution" (N)		The Vietnam War "The (April 1969-May 1970)"	History of the World			Charlie Rose (N)		News (N)	Tavis Smiley
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KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	NCAA Football University of Texas, Permian Basin vs. Angelo State (L)						X-Files "Duane Barry"		X-Files "Ascension"	
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:15) ★★ Primeval		★★ Blue Crush			(:45) ★★ The Nanny Diaries ('07, Com)			★★★ The Boondock Saints			
HBO	300	550	14	14		BillMaher	News (N)	★★ Zoolander Ben Stiller.			Rolling Stone: Stories From the Edge			Rolling Stone			
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	(5:10) ★ The Conjurl...		War Dogs		LastWk	VicePri.	VicePri.	VicePri.	(:20) Boxing Daniel Jacobs vs. Luis Arias			
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(:20) ★ Sully ('16, Bio) Tom Hanks.				★★ The Accountant ('16, Cri) Ben Affleck.				(:15) ★★★ Leatherheads George Clooney.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:05) ★ Kill the Mes...		★★★ Fletch Chevy Chase.			(:40) ★★ Fletch Lives			TourBus	(:50) ★ The Postman Always R...		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:20) ★★★ Spider ('02, Dra) Ralph Fiennes.				★ Criminal ('16, Dra) Kevin Costner.				(:55) ★ Butch Cassidy & the Su...		Movie	
PLEX			96			(5:25) ★ A Good W...		★★ The Woman in Red			★★★ The Evening Star Jack Nicholson.			(:40) ★★ Music of the Heart			
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(4:00) ★ Gangs of ...		Shameless		Inside the NFL (N)		NavyFoot	NavyFoot	Inside the NFL		White	SMILF
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:05) The Who		★ Forsaken Kiefer Sutherland.			★★ Dead Heat			(:10) ★ Ferrier's Bounty			Movie
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Remini: Scientology "The Greatest Good"		Remini: Scientology "Lifetime of Healing"		Remini "Aftermath of the Aftermath" (N)		Remini: Scientology		(:05) Intervention "Kristie"		(:05) L. Remini "Lifetime of Healing"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) ★ Kill Bill: Vo...		★★★ Live Free or Die Hard ('07, Act) Justin Long, Bruce Willis.						★★ Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines			
BET	58	-		40		(5:25) ★ To Die Announced				Tales		To Be Announced				Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		61		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		Below Deck		Watch (N)	Below Deck		H.Wives
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Adventure "Ice" (N)		The Profit	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CN?) Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Andi M.	Underc.	Bizaard.	Raven's.	StuckMid.	Liv/Mad	Bizaard.	Raven's.	StuckMid.	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Basketball Champions Classic (L)				Playoff	NCAA Basketball Champions Classic (L)				SportsCenter (N)		
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NCAA Football (L)						SportsCenter (N)			Playoff	NFL Live	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped Junior		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	Movie	(:45) ★★★ Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix Daniel Radcliffe.							The 700 Club		★ Gnomeo & Juliet	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	HS Spotlight	Mavericks Insider	Mavs Pre (L)	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Dallas Mavericks Site: American Airlines Center -- Dallas, Texas (L)					Mavs Post (L)	Maveric-ks Insider	Stars Insider	Power of Sports
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ Jurassic World ('15, Adv) Chris Pratt.						Cult "Great Again" (N)		Cult "Great Again"	Cult	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(3:00) ★ 12 Gifts of...		★ A Wish for Christmas Paul Greene.					★ A December Bride Daniel Lissing.			★ Christmas in H...	
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	(5:00) Oak Island		Drilling Down (N)		Curse Oak Island (N)		(:05) Zodiac Killer (N)		(:05) Oak Island		(:05) Drilling Down	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confe...		★★★ Brown Sugar (2002, Romance) Sanaa Lathan, Mos Def, Taye Diggs.				★★★ The Perfect Holiday ('07, Comedy) Gabrielle Union, Faizon Love, Morris Chestnut.		The 11th Hour (N)		★★ Brown Sugar ('02, Rom) Taye Diggs.	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				NHL Live!		NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at Nashville Predators (L)						(:45) NHL Overtime (L)		Curling Night in America	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Paradise	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Ink Master: Angels		Ink Master (N)		Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:30) ★ G.I. Joe: Ret...		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Joker's Wild (N)	Drop the Mic	Conan		Joker's Wild	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Murder, My...		★★ He Ran All the Way			★★★★ Anthony Adverse ('36, Rom) Fredric March.					★★★ Scarface	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		El Cesar (N)		Sin senos (N)		Señora acero (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Si Hay Par	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Hodges "Ready or Not, Here Come the Quints!"		The Little Couple "I'm Not a Baby!" (N)		Little Couple "Dear Santa, I Love You" (N)		(:05) Half Dozen "Diapergeddon" (N)		(:05) Little C. "Dear Santa, I Love You"		(:05) Half Dozen "Diapergeddon"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "The Flaw in the Saw"		M.Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 2"		M.Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 3" (N)				M.Crimes "Sanctuary City: Part 3"		Law & Order "B*tch"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Teachers	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Disabled"		WWE Super Smackdown				Damnation "Which Side Are You On?" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Bedtime"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Spooked"	
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Discovery of pregnancy tests surprises live-in girlfriend

Dear Abby

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DEAR ABBY: I am a lesbian. My girlfriend and I have been dating for six months. We have an awesome relationship and are very happy and open with each other.

I know she has dated guys in the past — so have I — so I'm not worried about that nonsense at all. But I recently found something of hers that surprised me. It was a container of pregnancy tests, and one was missing with a Plan B pill alongside of it. I am not mad about it because I know stuff happens, but I would rather that it not happen in our apartment.

I'm tempted to bring it up, but I would honestly rather not discuss it at all. I just don't want anything happening in the apartment. Would it be weird if I just threw the stuff out without telling her, or should I say something?

What if she wants to keep it? I don't think that would be the case, but it would start a fight because, as a female couple, we obviously don't need a pregnancy test. I know I am overthinking this, and I could use some advice on how to handle this uncomfortable situation. — SURPRISED ABOUT IT

DEAR SURPRISED: I'm glad you asked. Do NOT "quietly" throw out those pregnancy tests or the medication. I don't know what kind of arrangement you have with your live-in girlfriend, but if fidelity was part of the agreement, you should absolutely talk with her about what you found. It does not have to degenerate into a fight, but it's important that you know why she feels the need to be in an intimate relationship, regardless of gender, with someone else.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a wonderful life and much to be thankful for, but we have no children and are usually alone on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Everyone makes such a fuss about sharing these holidays with loved ones, but I become depressed during this season.

I do volunteer work on these holidays, but still feel sad and like everyone else in the country is having a better time than I am. Any suggestions? — NOT SO JOLLY IN ARIZONA

DEAR NOT SO JOLLY: You must be a new reader of my column or you would know that every year around holiday time, I receive letters from people like you expressing that, rather than feeling joyful and elated, they feel depressed and deprived. Some of it may be the result of the incessant marketing of these holidays, which gives the impression that "everyone" is having a grand old time sipping cider, stuffing themselves with turkey and caroling under the windows of their neighbors.

An antidote for your holiday blues might be to do more than volunteer. Why don't you and your husband plan to do something special to treat yourselves, rather than stay home feeling like everyone else is enjoying themselves? Choose a different destination each year to visit and learn about.

Or invite some friends or acquaintances to join you at home. There's a saying that misery loves company, and in your case, company might be the solution to the problem.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Show up

Neither vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
♠ Q 10 6
♡ J 6 3
◊ K Q 10 9
♣ A 10 3

WEST
♠ 3
♡ Q 10 8 5 4 2
◊ 6 5 4 3
♣ 8 7

EAST
♠ K 8 4
♡ A 9
◊ A J
♣ K J 9 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A J 9 7 5 2
♡ K 7
◊ 8 7 2
♣ Q 5

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◊	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

Declarer rose with dummy's ace of clubs at trick one and led the queen of spades for a finesse. He continued with a spade to his jack and the ace of spades, drawing trumps. A diamond to dummy's king lost to East's ace. Had East cashed the king of clubs and continued with the jack of clubs, South would have ruffed and almost certainly led a diamond to dummy's 10. That would have been the percentage play in the diamond suit.

East, however, couldn't resist the urge to make a deceptive play and led the nine of hearts. This wasn't a hard play for declarer to get right. What good player would make a dangerous lead away from the queen of hearts with safe club plays available? South rose with his king of hearts, winning the trick, and led his remaining heart. West played low, after some thought, as did dummy, and East won with his ace. East cashed the king of clubs and continued with the jack, ruffed by South.

Declarer delayed his diamond play for a moment and cashed another trump, shedding the nine of diamonds from dummy as West also discarded a diamond. Declarer led his last trump and West had to shed another diamond to keep his queen of hearts. Dummy discarded the jack of hearts. South now led a diamond and West followed with a low diamond. West's last card was known to be the queen of hearts, so declarer rose with dummy's queen of diamonds, dropping the jack, and brought home his ambitious contract.

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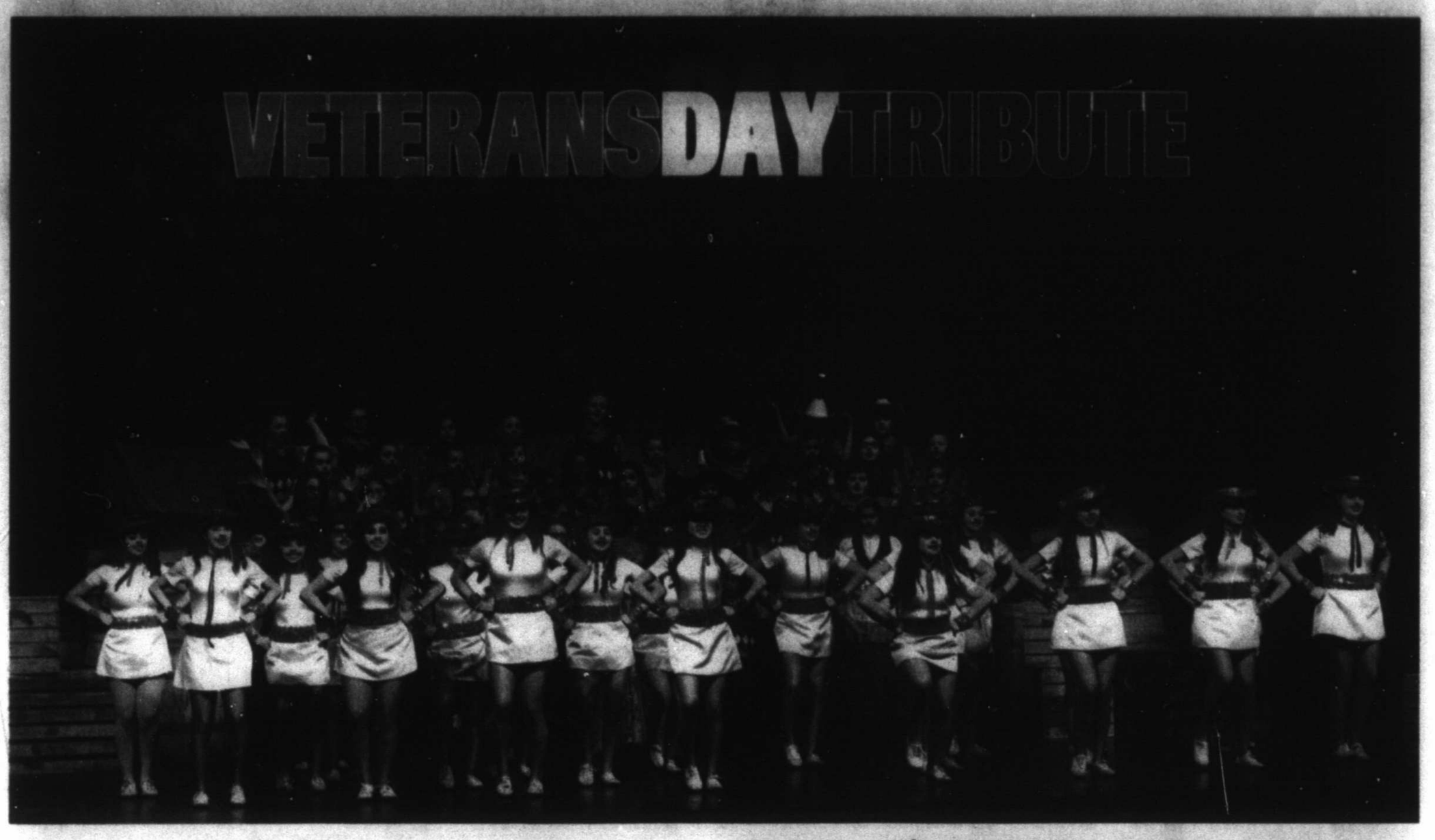

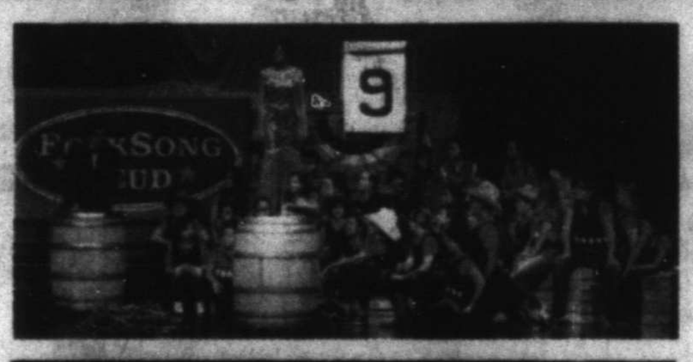

Bowie Fine Arts Academy students, Midland High students and Lee High students participate Friday in the MISD Veterans Day Show at Bowie Fine Arts Academy.

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AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Coahoma's Pearson back to form after injury

By Oscar LeRoy
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Braden Pearson never wants to let his team down.

So when the Coahoma senior suffered a high ankle sprain in the second week of the season, it was tough for Pearson to just sit and watch his Bulldog teammates from the sideline.

But Pearson is back on the field where he belongs, and it looks like he's starting to get back to his old self again. He rushed for 141 yards and three touchdowns on 11 carries in a 52-0 win over Lubbock Roosevelt in the District 2-3A Division II finale.

Because of his performance, Pearson is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

Pearson was part of a big rushing night for the Bulldogs as teammate Zack Schneider added 138 yards and three TDs on 10 carries to help Coahoma rush for 353 yards.

That performance should give the Bulldogs (7-3) an added boost when they play Spearman (5-5) in the bi-district round of the playoffs at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Plainview.

"It was really a good game for us," Pearson said. "It's going to give us confidence to play hard in our first playoff game. We just played fast and executed everything the right way."

It was certainly good for the Bulldogs to see Pearson on the field being back to running like he was before he got rolled on his right ankle while going out for a pass in a 46-26 loss at McCamey in Week 2.

Before the injury, he started at quarterback in a 24-19 win over Forsan in the season opener and rushed for 147 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries.

The injury cost him to miss two games, but once he returned, head coach Fred Dietz and his staff eased him back slowly in an effort to get him healthier for district play.

"It took him a really long time to get back to full strength, but now he has that explosiveness and burst back," Dietz said. "He took every snap in week one against Forsan at quarterback, but we've eased him back at running back. He's been a selfless teammate. He's also about doing whatever he can to help his team win. He played extremely well last week."

"It felt good to be back," Pearson said. "I felt like my line did a real good job and they were able to make some good holes for me to run through. (The acceleration and burst) is not completely there yet, but it's gotten a lot better.

"It was real tough sitting out. I felt like I was letting my team down. I tried to let them know I was sorry I couldn't be there and they could still do it without me. They still got out there and won some games."

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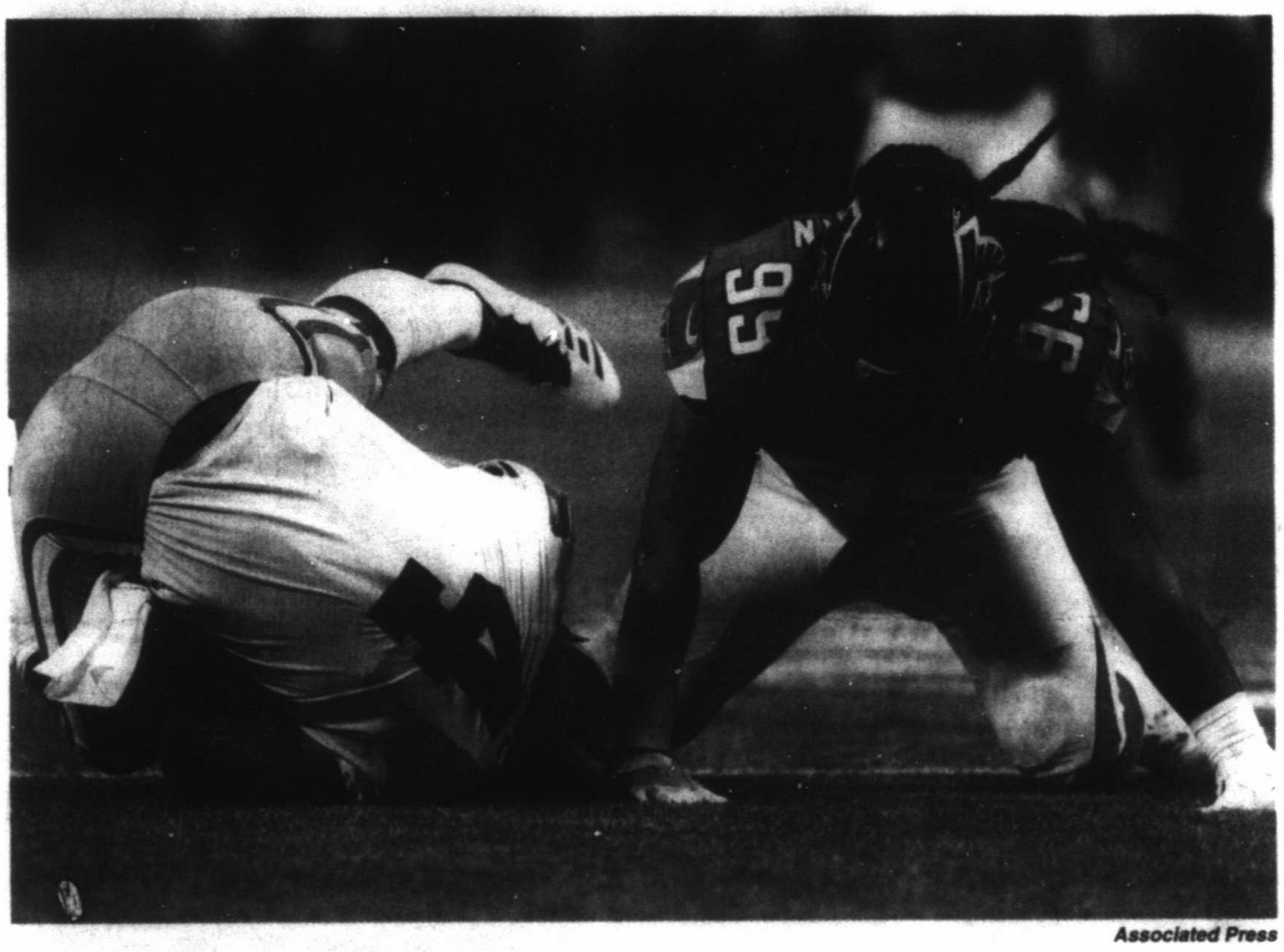
MRT file photo

Coahoma's Braden Pearson tries to get away from Forsan's Connor Clarkson on Sept. 1 at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring. Pearson was named this week's Reporter-Telegram Area Player of the Week.

DALLAS IN THE DOLDRUMS



Associated Press

Atlanta Falcons defensive end Adrian Clayborn (99) sacks Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) Sunday in Atlanta. Dallas is missing several key players, including Ezekiel Elliott, who is suspended.

Cowboys need fast fix with 4 stars missing

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Ezekiel Elliott will miss at least the next three games depending on the next legal round in the Dallas Cowboys running back's fight over his six-game suspension for alleged domestic violence.

It's likely the same for kicker Dan Bailey because of a groin injury, and it could be another game or two for Pro Bowl left tackle Tyron Smith (groin, back) and 2016 All-Pro linebacker Sean Lee after he tweaked a hamstring in the 27-7 loss at Atlanta on Sunday.

The absence of four of the most important Cowboys showed up in various ways against the Falcons and raises questions about the defending NFC East champions staying in contention with division-leading Philadelphia visiting Sunday night.

"When you have really good players, some of the best in the league and they're not out there, certainly that makes a difference," tight end Jason Witten said. "We believe in our system of football offensively and defensively. It's harder when your key players aren't out there."

The most glaring absence was Smith. Replacement Chaz Green gave up five of Adrian Clayborn's franchise-record six sacks for Atlanta. Green was benched for Byron Bell, who gave up the last one. The Cowboys, who allowed eight sacks of Dak Prescott, had never given up more than four to one player in a game.

Dallas (5-4) figures at least to have a competition between those two in practice this week before facing the Eagles (8-1), who can virtually wrap up the division title with a win.

"I'm not going to lose confidence in any of them from one game," Prescott said. "As I said, I'm not going to put everything on them. I'm going to look back at the film and see what we could've done better as a unit."

Clayborn and his fellow defensive linemen might have had more focus on Prescott because they didn't have to worry as much about the Dallas running game without Elliott. And besides that, Elliott is considered a strong pass-blocker.

Alfred Morris didn't show much beyond a 20-yard run, and Dallas' 1,000-yard rusher from 2015, Darren McFadden, didn't get a chance to show anything in the first game he was active this season. McFadden was dropped for a 2-yard loss on his only carry.

The Cowboys will have to think about whether to mix and match their approach in the backfield as well. Elliott has another court hearing Dec. 1, with a chance for a ruling before what is supposed to be the fifth game of his suspension Dec. 10 at the New York Giants.

"We didn't get it done today, and I feel like it's my fault," said Morris, who had 53 yards on 11 carries. "That's OK.

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Beltran retires at 40 after winning 1st World Series title

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — It took quite some time, but Carlos Beltran finally got there, winning a World Series title after 20 seasons in the majors.

Now he is leaving the Houston Astros and leaving baseball, retiring after a career in which he was a nine-time All-Star and was Rookie of the Year. The 40-year-old designated hitter and outfielder made the announcement Monday, 12 days after the Astros beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 7 of the World Series.

Beltran

He announced his retirement in an essay written for The Players' Tribune website. His story touched on what finally winning a championship meant to him.

"I realized early on that my purpose in this game was to share knowledge with younger players and to give back to the game of baseball," he wrote. "I always wanted to do that — that, and be the best teammate I could possibly be. Over 20 years, I feel like I accomplished that.

"So whether we won or lost Game 7, I would have still been happy with my career. But it still feels nice to have a ring," he continued.

Besides being named an All-Star nine times, most recently in 2016, and the 1999 AL Rookie of the Year, he won three Gold Glove and two Silver Slugger awards.

His production dropped dramatically this year. He hit .295 with 29 homers and 93 RBIs for the New York Yankees and Texas in 2016. He then batted .231 with 14 homers and 51 RBIs for Houston. Despite that, Beltran's veteran presence and his work with Houston's younger players including Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa and Marwin Gonzalez proved invaluable for the Astros.

"He was worth every penny for us ... he helped us win in a lot of ways, even though his numbers were not what they were last year, he contributed in a lot of way that were not really seen by our

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Judge, Bellinger unanimous picks as Rookies of the Year

By Noah Trister
Associated Press

The only major question was whether it would be unanimous — and it was.

Aaron Judge and Cody Bellinger are baseball's Rookies of the Year, after their record-setting home run binges left no need for any dissenting opinions. Judge led the American League with 52 homers, the most ever by a rookie. Bellinger hit 39 and had to settle for the National League's rookie record.

Judge and Bellinger received every first-place vote available from the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Judge became the first New York Yankees player to receive this award since Derek Jeter in 1996. Bellinger gave the Dodgers a record 18th Rookie of the Year winner.

"Watching him from the West Coast, what he did on the East Coast, was awesome," Bellinger said. "I was a big fan of his, and met him during the All-Star game, and he's a humble dude. I think we're both reflecting, now that the season's over, on the kind of seasons that we've had."

This was the first time both Rookie of the Year awards were unanimous since 1997, when Nomar Garciaparra of Boston and Scott Rolen of Philadelphia won.

This season's votes were announced Monday night. Boston outfielder Andrew Benintendi finished second in the AL, followed by Baltimore slugger Trey Mancini. St. Louis infielder Paul DeJong was the NL runner-up, with Pittsburgh first baseman Josh Bell finishing third.

Judge is also an MVP finalist.

"Obviously it was an amazing, remarkable year that no one would have predicted," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "When you drop 52 — I think he really should have had 53, one that instant replay didn't protect. ... It should be a higher number. It was just an incredible year."

Ichiro Suzuki in 2001 and Fred Lynn in 1975 are the only players to win the AL MVP and Rookie of the Year awards in the same year.

The Yankees entered this season with marginal expectations by their standards, but the prodigious power of Judge and catcher Gary Sanchez transformed them almost overnight into an exciting young team with tremendous potential. They made the postseason as a wild card.

"It's exciting times right now to be wearing pinstripes," Judge said. "To come up through the minor leagues with a lot of these guys, watch them develop, and now to see what they're doing at the major league level is really impressive."

Judge's 495-foot shot on June 11 was the longest home run in the major

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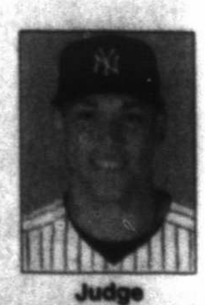

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

College Football
Ohio at Akron, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Central Michigan at Kent State, 6 p.m., ESPNU
Men's College Basketball
Nicholls at Villanova, 6:30 p.m., FS1
Central Connecticut State at St. John's, 5:30 p.m., FS2
Duke vs. Michigan State, 6 p.m., ESPN
Lipscomb at Alabama, 7 p.m., SEC
Maine at Texas Tech, 7 p.m., FSSW+, FCSA
Purdue at Marquette, 7:30 p.m., FS1
Kansas vs. Kentucky, 8:30 p.m., ESPN
National Basketball Association
Toronto at Houston, 7 p.m., NBAtv
San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
National Hockey League
Dallas at Florida, 6:30 p.m., FSSWSA
Washington at Nashville, 7 p.m., NBCSN
Women's College Basketball
Central Arkansas at Baylor, 7 p.m., FCSC
Notre Dame at Western Kentucky, 7 p.m, FCSP

RADIO
National Basketball Association
San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM, KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
Midland Christian vs. Presidio, 6:30 p.m., Alpine
Lee at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.
Greenwood at Snyder, 7:30 p.m.
MCA at Trinity, 8 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Midland Christian vs. Presidio, 5 p.m., Alpine
Midland High at Abilene High, 6 p.m.
Wall at Lee, 6 p.m.
MCA at Trinity, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Lubbock Estacado, 6:30 p.m.
Big Spring at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Coahoma at Post, 6:30 p.m.
Slaton at Grady, 6:30 p.m.
Seminole at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.
Big Spring at San Angelo Lake View, 7:30 p.m.
JUNIOR COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL
Midland College at Ranger College, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE SIGNINGS

MC'S SALAZAR, AYERS SIGN WITH FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMS

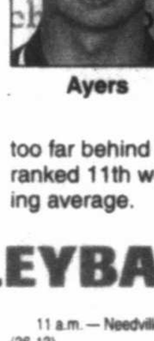
Midland College golf coach Walt Williams announced that golfer Michael Salazar and Chris Ayers signed letters-of-intent on Monday to attend four-year universities beginning in the fall of 2018.

Salazar, a sophomore from El Paso, signed with Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, while Ayers, a redshirt freshman from Wethersfield, Connecticut, signed with Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

"I couldn't be happier for, or more proud of Michael and Chris. Both have been and will continue to be great players and great representatives of Midland College while here, and in all their future endeavors," said Williams in a statement.

Salazar and Ayers helped the Chaparrals win three tournaments this fall to go with a second place finish and a third place finish.

Salazar


Ayers

Salazar is one of the top junior college golfers in the nation, averaging a score of 70.99 per round to rank eighth in the NJCAA. Ayers is not too far behind Salazar as he is ranked 11th with a 73.14 scoring average.

HS VOLLEYBALL

UIL Volleyball State Tournament Pairings
At Curtis Culwell Center, Garland
Wednesday
Class 1A Semifinals
1 p.m. —Trinidad (26-10) vs. Blum (32-15)
3 p.m. —Bronte (28-12) vs. O'Harris (28-13)
Class 2A Semifinals
5 p.m. — Crawford (44-7) vs. Archer City (27-13)
7 p.m. — Iola (38-2) vs. Burton (31-11)
Thursday
Class 3A Semifinals
11 a.m. — Boyd (38-7) vs. Goliad (33-9)
1 p.m. — Callisburg (41-3) vs. East Bernard (26-14)
Class 1A Final
3 p.m. — Trinidad-Blum winner vs. Bronte-O'Harris winner
Class 2A Final
5:30 p.m. — Crawford-Archer City winner vs. Iola-Burton winner
Class 4A Semifinal
7:30 p.m. — Glen Rose (48-1) vs. Argyle (26-18)
Friday
Class 4A Semifinal
11 a.m. — Needville (39-6) vs. Liberty Hill (36-13)
Class 5A Semifinals
1 p.m. — Leander Rouse (49-3) vs. Aledo (37-13)
3 p.m. — Corpus Christi Tulosa-Midway (43-4) vs. Prosper (44-6)
Class 6A Semifinals
5 p.m. — Conroe The Woodlands (38-2) vs. Lewisville Hebron (39-7)
7 p.m. — San Antonio O'Connor (45-4) vs. Katy Seven Lakes (26-7)
Saturday
Class 3A Final
11 a.m. — Boyd-Goliad winner vs. Callisburg-East Bernard winner
Class 4A Final
1:30 p.m. — Glen Rose-Argyle winner vs. Needville-Liberty Hill winner
Class 5A Final
4 p.m. — Leander Rouse-Aledo winner vs. Corpus Christi Tulosa-Midway-Prosper winner
Class 6A Final
6:30 p.m. — Conroe The Woodlands-Lewisville Hebron winner vs. San Antonio O'Connor-Katy Seven Lakes winner

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Named Craig Bjornson bullpen coach.
HOUSTON ASTROS — OF-DH Carlos Beltran announced his retirement. Named Jeff Albert second hitting coach. Alex Cintron first base coach and Doug White bullpen coach.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Named Alex Anthopoulos executive vice president and general manager. Announced president of baseball operations John Hart will relinquish his active involvement in baseball operations and will move into the role of senior advisor.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Promoted Amy Brooks to president, team marketing & business operations and chief innovation officer.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Fined Cincinnati LB Vontaze Burfict $42,541, for making contact with an official during a Nov. 12 game at Tennessee.
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed QB Matt Barkley. Signed S Harlan Miller from the practice squad. Placed S Tyvon Branch, OT D.J. Humphries and TE Ifeanyi Momu... on injured reserve.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed OL Travis Averill and WR Tanner Gentry to the practice squad. Released WR Darreus Rogers from the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed LB Derrick Mathews to the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed WR Dres Anderson to the practice squad. Released WR Ke'Vonn Mabon from the practice squad.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Waived DT Roy Miller.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Activated DT Darius Latham. Placed CB Gareon Conley on injured reserve.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released DL Tony McDaniel. Placed OL JP Flynn on the practice squad injured reserve list.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Waived WR Freddie Martino. Activated WR Mike Evans from a one-game suspension.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed LB Otha Peters to the practice squad.
COLLEGE
ARKANSAS — Suspended freshman QB Cole Kelley indefinitely following his weekend arrest on suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

NHL GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	18	14	2	2	30	71	46
Toronto	19	12	7	0	24	72	63
Ottawa	16	8	3	5	21	59	53
Detroit	18	8	8	2	18	49	51
Montreal	18	8	9	1	17	46	61
Boston	16	6	6	4	16	44	51
Buffalo	17	5	9	3	13	40	60
Florida	16	5	9	2	12	53	62
Metropolitan Division							
New Jersey	17	11	4	2	24	61	54
Washington	18	10	7	1	21	53	53
Columbus	18	10	7	1	21	55	50
Pittsburgh	19	9	7	3	21	50	66
N.Y. Islanders	17	9	6	2	20	60	55
N.Y. Rangers	18	9	7	2	20	60	59
Carolina	16	7	5	4	18	46	44
Philadelphia	17	8	7	2	18	50	45

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	19	13	5	1	27	62	51
Winnipeg	16	9	4	3	21	52	46
Nashville	19	9	5	2	20	45	46
Dallas	17	9	8	0	18	48	48
Chicago	18	8	8	2	18	53	49
Colorado	16	8	7	1	17	54	55
Minnesota	16	7	7	2	16	46	44
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	17	11	4	2	24	55	41
Vegas	18	10	5	1	21	57	46
San Jose	16	10	6	0	20	44	38
Calgary	17	10	7	0	20	51	50
Vancouver	17	8	7	2	18	43	46
Anaheim	17	7	7	3	17	48	50
Edmonton	17	6	9	2	14	38	52
Arizona	19	2	14	3	7	45	75

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

Scores & Schedule

Monday's Games
Carolina 5, Dallas 1
Calgary 7, St. Louis 4
Today's games
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Washington at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

AFCA D-2 POLL

Through Nov. 12

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Minnesota St. (22)	11-0	834	1
2. Shepherd (7)	10-0	800	2
3. Indiana (Pa.) (2)	11-0	776	3
4. Fort Hays St. (3)	11-0	730	5
5. Midwestern St.	9-0	720	4
6. Indianapolis	11-0	672	6
7. Central Washington	11-0	661	7
8. Texas A&M-Commerce	9-1	602	16
9. Ashland	10-1	584	10
10. Ferris St.	9-1	542	11
11. Virginia St.	10-0	514	15
12. Winona St.	10-1	471	17
13. Northwest Missouri St.	9-2	359	18
14. Bowie St.	9-1	353	19
15. Assumption	9-1	333	8
16. Wingate	9-1	285	12
17. West Alabama	9-2	272	22
18. Sioux Falls	9-2	268	13
19. Shippensburg	10-1	261	25
20. Colorado St.-Pueblo	9-2	223	23
21. Humboldt St.	9-2	174	16
22. Colorado Mesa	9-2	147	14
23. Minnesota-Duluth	9-2	108	NR
24. Eastern New Mexico	8-2	90	20
25. Ouachita Baptist	9-2	72	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Findlay 49, California (Pa.) 40, Catawba 35, Grand Valley St. 18, Delta St., 12; West Georgia, 10; Azusa Pacific, 9; Harding, 8; Slippery Rock, 4; West Florida, 4; Central Missouri, 3; Kutztown, 1; LIU-Post, 1; Ohio Dominican, 1; Tuskegee, 1.

Teravainen, Hurricanes beat Stars

By Mike Potter
Associated Press

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Stars	1

RALEIGH, N.C. — Sebastian Aho made an early splash Monday night before fellow Finn Teuvo Teravainen stole the show.

Teravainen had a natural hat trick in the third period, his first three-goal game in the NHL, to lead the Carolina Hurricanes to a 5-1 victory over the Dallas Stars.

Aho added his first goal of the season and two assists, and Jordan Staal's career-best four assists gave him 201 with the Hurricanes. Jeff Skinner scored the other Carolina goal in the closing seconds.

Scott Darling stopped 25 shots for the victory.

"I liked the fact we scored on the power play," Carolina coach Bill Peters said. "That gave us momentum. It gave us life. It was good for (Aho) to get one. The guys were happy for him. I don't know who was happier for him, collectively the team on the bench or himself."

Alexander Radulov scored for Dallas, which won the previous meeting at home 4-3 on Oct. 20. The Stars came out on top in their previous three trips to Raleigh.

"It's disappointing," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We had the game right there and we cracked. We were in a great position on the road, exactly where we wanted to be, and we were the ones who made the mistakes."

Aho's first goal came in his 14th game of the season, two earlier than last season when he finished with 24 goals.

Carolina took the lead on a rush at 8:07 of the first period as Aho beat Ben Bishop through the legs after Staal's pinpoint centering pass from the left wing.

Radulov tied it by working hard in the slot on a power play at 8:44 of the second.

But the Hurricanes went ahead again on a power play at 2:39 of the third, with Teravainen scoring on a rocket from the left point. Staal and Aho had assists on Carolina's first power-play goal this month.

"My goal came on a great play by Teuvo," Aho said. "Then Jordan made a great (centering) pass and I finally got my first one. That felt pretty good. Teuvo was on fire and it was fun to play with him today. Jordan was good. It was a lot of fun playing with both those guys today."

Teravainen made it 3-1 at 6:51 from the high slot, getting the puck past Bishop with Aho providing a screen.

"It's been a struggle with the power play lately and I haven't been scoring that many goals," said Teravainen, who has six on the season. "I just go out and play and try to do my thing, and sometimes the puck goes in. It was exciting when (Aho) finally scored a goal, and I felt good for him. I guess his luck is going to turn around."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL GLANCE

Men

HOW THE TOP 25 FARED
Monday
1. Duke (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Michigan State, today.
2. Michigan State (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Duke, today.
3. Arizona (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. CSU Bakersfield, Thursday.
4. Kansas (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Kentucky, today.
5. Villanova (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Nicholls, today.
6. Wichita State (2-0) beat College of Charleston 81-63. Next: vs. California, Monday.
7. Kentucky (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Kansas, today.
8. Florida (1-0) beat Gardner-Webb 116-74. Next: vs. North Florida, Thursday.
9. North Carolina (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bucknell, Wednesday.
10. Southern Cal (1-0) vs. North Dakota State. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.
11. Miami (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Florida A&M, Thursday.
12. Cincinnati (2-0) beat Western Carolina 102-51. Next: vs. Coppin State, Thursday.
13. Notre Dame (2-0) beat Mount St. Mary's 88-62. Next: vs. Chicago State, Thursday.
14. Minnesota (2-0) beat Providence 86-74. Next: vs. Niagara, Wednesday.
15. Xavier (2-0) beat Rider 101-75. Next: at Wisconsin, Thursday.
16. Texas A&M (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. UC Santa Barbara, Friday.
17. Gonzaga (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Howard, today.
18. Louisville (0-0) did not play. Next: vs. Omaha, Friday.
19. Purdue (1-0) did not play. Next: at Marquette, today.
20. Northwestern (2-0) beat St. Peter's 75-66. Next: vs. Creighton, Wednesday.
21. Saint Mary's (2-0) beat New Mexico State 92-74. Next: vs. Cal State Fullerton, Wednesday.
22. Seton Hall (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Wednesday.
23. UCLA (1-0) did not play. Next: vs. Central Arkansas, Wednesday.
24. West Virginia (0-1) did not play. Next: vs. American, Wednesday.
25. Baylor (2-0) beat Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 75-48. Next: vs. Alcorn State, Friday.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 97, Schreiner 48
Lamar 93, Louisiana College 62
Texas-Arlington 70, Oral Roberts 46
SOUTH
Alabama 65, Utah 60
Alabama St. 81, Savannah St. 61
Bethune-Cookman 77, FIU 59
Chowan 74, Lenoir-Rhyne 68
Clemson 56, SC State 48
Elon 90, NC AandT 59
Gardner-Webb 68, Morehead St. 60
Georgia Southern 68, Coastal Georgia 63
Grambling St. 61, Louisiana-Monroe 52
Jacksonville 71, Iona 62
LSU-Shreveport 86, Jackson St. 85
Mississippi 82, Kennesaw St. 63
Morgan St. 123, Cheyney 53
Newberry 78, Lees-McRae 62
South Carolina 92, Maryland 86
UAB 76, S. Illinois 69
UCF 58, Chattanooga 57
UT Martin 104, Ala.-Huntsville 73
Virginia Tech 72, Auburn 63
MIDWEST
Augustana (SD) 72, Truman St. 57
Ball St. 70, Missouri St. 58
Cincinnati 85, Slippery Rock 52
DePaul 111, Oklahoma 108
E. Michigan 62, Rochester (Mich.)29
IUPUI 85, Georgetown (Ky) 52
Kansas St. 81, Omaha 60
Loyola Marymount 62, Saint Louis 60
Michigan St. 95, Oakland 63
Missouri Baptist 74, Evangel 60
Northern St. (SD) 94, Texas A&M International 53
FAR WEST
Colorado St. 65, Gonzaga 49
New Mexico 72, Marquette 67
Pacific 81, Cal St.-Fullerton 65
Southern Cal 64, UC Riverside 46
Wyoming 67, Montana 62
EAST
American U. 66, La Salle 48
Binghamton 90, Cortland St. 36
Buffalo 76, Md.-Eastern Shore 41
Delaware 72, Hartford 63
Fairleigh Dickinson 58, Army 56
Minnesota 82, Rhode Island 60
Rutgers 84, Temple 67
Yale 82, Colgate 56

AP COLLEGE BASKETBALL TOP 25

Men

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Duke (34)	2-0	1577	1
2. Michigan State (13)	1-0	1539	2
3. Arizona (16)	2-0	1511	3
4. Kansas (2)	1-0	1446	4
5. Villanova	1-0	1307	6
6. Wichita State	1-0	1277	7
7. Kentucky	2-0	1219	5
8. Florida	0-0	1125	8
9. North Carolina	1-0	1079	9
10. Southern Cal	1-0	1023	10
11. Miami	2-0	911	13
12. Cincinnati	1-0	890	12
13. Notre Dame	1-0	880	14
14. Minnesota	1-0	675	15
15. Xavier	1-0	605	17
16. Texas A&M	1-0	577	25
17. Gonzaga	1-0	525	18
18. Louisville	1-0	518	16
19. Purdue	2-0	426	20
20. Northwestern	1-0	374	19
21. Saint Mary's (Cal)	1-0	315	22
22. Seton Hall	2-0	283	23
23. UCLA	1-0	266	21
24. West Virginia	0-1	211	11
25. Baylor	1-0	205	24

Others receiving votes: Alabama 98, Rhode Island 55, Virginia 45, TCU 43, Providence 36, Missouri 32, Virginia Tech 17, Wisconsin 6, Michigan 7, Texas 7, Butler 6, Texas Tech 6, Oklahoma 5, Arkansas 4, Mount St. Mary's 4, SMU 4, Middle Tennessee 3, Dayton 2, Maryland 2, Nevada 2, Oakland 2, Harvard 1, Oregon 1, South Carolina 1.

Women

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	1-0	800	1
2. Texas	1-0	729	2
3. Baylor	2-0	719	3
4. South Carolina	1-0	685	4
5. Louisville	2-0	638	9
6. Notre Dame	1-0	637	6
7. Mississippi St.	1-0	617	7
8. UCLA	2-0	608	8
9. Ohio St.	1-1	583	5
10. Oregon	2-0	500	11
11. Duke	1-0	454	12
12. West Virginia	1-0	405	13
13. Tennessee	1-0	373	14
14. Stanford	0-2	357	10
15. Maryland	1-0	353	15
16. Marquette	0-0	309	17
17. Florida St.	2-0	272	18
18. Oregon St.	1-0	213	19
19. Texas A&M	2-0	198	20
20. California	1-0	179	20
21. Oklahoma	1-0	165	22
22. South Florida	2-0	157	23
23. Missouri	1-1	139	16
24. Michigan	2-0	121	24
25. Kentucky	2-0	56	NR

Others receiving votes: Arizona St. 41, Western Kentucky 24, Miami 17, Florida 9, Michigan St. 8, Drake 5, DePaul 4, Virginia 4, Iowa 4, Gonzaga 4, Alabama 4, Kansas St 3, Indiana 2, Georgia Tech 2, Oklahoma St. 2, Syracuse 1, Purdue 1.

NBAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WIZARDS 110
KINGS 92

WASHINGTON — John Wall had 21 points and nine assists, Marcin Gortat scored 18 and the Washington Wizards beat the Sacramento Kings 110-92 on Monday night for their third straight win.

Otto Porter Jr. and reserve Mike Scott chipped in 15 points apiece as six Wizards scored in double figures.

After losing to the Mavericks 113-99 in the opener of a four-game homestand, the Wizards outscored the Lakers, Hawks and Kings by an average of 111-94.

CAVALIERS 104
KNICKS 101

NEW YORK — LeBron James had 23 points and 12 assists, Kyle Korver scored 19 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter to spark a huge comeback, and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the New York Knicks 104-101 on Monday night.

James also had a technical foul after a first-quarter altercation with Frank Ntilikina and Enes Kanter, which seemed to charge up the Knicks as they built what became a 23-point lead late in the third quarter.

But the Cavaliers made nine 3-pointers in the fourth after hitting just seven through three quarters, charging back for their eighth straight victory at Madison Square Garden.

Tim Hardaway Jr. had 28 points and 10 rebounds, and Kanter added 20 points and 16 boards.

BUCKS 110
GRIZZLIES 103

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo had 27 points and nine rebounds to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 110-103 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Monday night.

Khris Middleton and John Henson had 17 points apiece as Milwaukee won its third straight.

Tyreke Evans scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter for Memphis, and Dillon Brooks added 19 points.

PELICANS 106
HAWKS 105

NEW ORLEANS — Darius Miller hit four three pointers in the fourth quarter, when he scored 14 of his 21 points, and the New Orleans Pelicans survived a sloppy performance to beat struggling Atlanta 106-105 on Monday night.

DeMarcus Cousins had 22 points and 16 rebounds, and Anthony Davis added 13 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots for the Pelicans, who've won five of six. E'Twaun Moore tied a career high with 24 points for New Orleans.

LAKERS 100
SUNS 93

PHOENIX — Jordan Clarkson scored a season-high 25 points and the Los Angeles Lakers pulled away late to beat the Phoenix Suns 100-93 on Monday night.

Devin Booker had 36 points, his second consecutive game of at least 35, for the Suns.

Brook Lopez and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 15 apiece for the Lakers, who snapped a three-game losing streak and won in Phoenix for the second time this season.

TIMBERWOLVES 109
JAZZ 98

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl-Anthony Towns had 24 points and 13 rebounds, and Jimmy Butler added 21 points and 10 assists to help the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Utah Jazz 109-98 on Monday night.

Jeff Teague scored 22 points for the Timberwolves, and Taj Gibson had 15 points and 10 rebounds. Minnesota (8-5) snapped a two-game skid after shooting 52.1 percent (37 of 71) from the field.

Donovan Mitchell scored 24 points and Rodney Hood added 16 to lead the Jazz (6-8), who lost for the fourth time in their last five home games.

Utah fell behind 33-14 heading into the second quarter after struggling to get stops in the paint or get on track offensively. Towns slammed down a pair of dunks to help Minnesota take its first double-digit lead at 13-3. His teammates took turns slashing to the rim for layups to keep the foot firmly planted on the gas pedal.

NBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	12	2	.857	—
Toronto	7	5	.583	4
New York	7	6	.538	4½
Philadelphia	6	6	.500	5
Brooklyn	5	8	.385	6½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	8	5	.615	—
Orlando	8	5	.615	—
Miami	6	7	.462	2
Charlotte	5	7	.417	2½
Atlanta	2	12	.143	6½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	10	3	.769	—
Milwaukee	7	6	.538	3
Cleveland	7	7	.500	3½
Indiana	6	8	.429	4½
Chicago	2	9	.182	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	11	3	.786	—
San Antonio	8	5	.615	2½
New Orleans	8	6	.571	3
Memphis	7	6	.538	3½
Dallas	2	12	.143	9
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	8	5	.615	—
Denver	8	5	.615	—
Portland	6	6	.500	1½
Oklahoma City	6	7	.462	2
Utah	6	8	.429	2½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	10	3	.769	—
L.A. Lakers	6	8	.429	4½
L.A. Clippers	5	7	.417	4½
Phoenix	5	10	.333	6
Sacramento	3	10	.231	7

Scores & Schedule

Monday's Scores
Washington 110, Sacramento 92
Cleveland 104, New York 101
Milwaukee 110, Memphis 103
New Orleans 106, Atlanta 105
L.A. Lakers 100, Phoenix 93
Minnesota 109, Utah 98
Denver at Portland, late
Orlando at Golden State, late
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, late
Today's Games
Boston at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Houston, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS
11/18 9-12 Shot & Microchip Clinic location TBD
12/7 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
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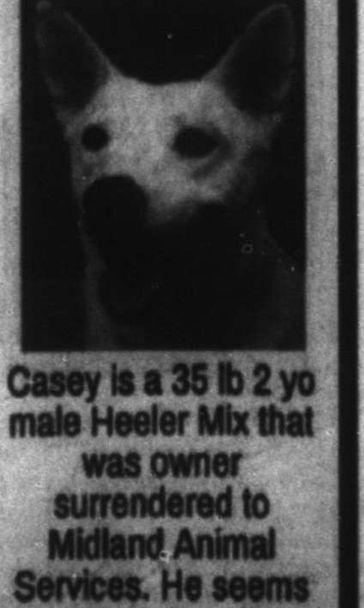
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COWBOYS

From 1C

We will get back to the drawing board and learn from this game. Next week we will come out swinging a little sooner."

Lee left with his injury late in the first quarter, and the Cowboys gave up touchdowns on three straight drives not counting a brief Atlanta possession that ended at halftime. The Falcons faced just four third downs on those drives, converting all of them. The Cowboys had similar problems when Lee missed two games with a hamstring injury earlier in the season, losing both at home despite scoring at least 30 points each time.

"Sean is our guy, our captain," defensive end Tyrone Crawford said. "It's definitely noticeable when he is not out there, and hopefully he can get right and be with us shortly."

Mike Nugent, Bailey's replacement, missed a 38-yarder that would have pulled the Cowboys within 17-10 in the third quarter. The Falcons essentially put away the game on the next drive.

Bailey, who hasn't missed from inside 40 yards since 2014, is three weeks into what executive vice president of personnel Stephen Jones has described as an eight-week recovery from a right groin injury. In other words, it's probably another month for the Cowboys without their best runner and one of the most accurate kickers in NFL history.

Associated Press

On Thursday, Dallas Cowboys star Ezekiel Elliott walks out of federal court in New York. Elliott's half-season run from his six-game suspension ended when a federal appeals court refused to let him play while it considers his appeal.

PEARSON

From 1C

Pearson added that he was nervous at first running on that ankle, but he's wearing a special brace, and that's helping him in practice and in games.

Now all Pearson and the Bulldogs want to do is win that first playoff game.

He said lifting a golden ball is something his team set out to do since last year's loss in the first round of the playoffs.

"I feel pretty confident in our team," Pearson said. "We've been wanting this real bad and I feel we can do it."

Other notable performances from last week:

■ Greenwood sophomore WR **Brody Ray** had six catches for 130 yards and two touchdowns in a 48-23 loss to Sweetwater.

■ Lamesa out-lasted Pecos, 54-49, as QB **Jackson Napper** had 317 yards passing and seven TDs, while WR **Jordan Derington** had 11 catches for 131 yards and five TDs.

■ Forsan QB **Bryce Hergert** had 197 yards passing, 36 yards rushing and accounted for two TDs in a 38-27 loss to Stamford.

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AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

DISTRICT 2-6A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
San Angelo Central	10	0	413	208	1.000
Odessa Permian	8	1	356	142	.888
Lee	**8**	**2**	**439**	**192**	**.800**
Amarillo Tascosa	6	4	394	278	.600
Midland High	**3**	**7**	**253**	**353**	**.300**
Odessa High	3	7	212	272	.300
Wolfforth Frenship	0	10	151	466	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-San Ang. Central	6	0	226	122	1.000
x-Odessa Permian	5	1	247	77	.833
x-Lee	**4**	**2**	**242**	**206**	**.666**
X-Midland High	**3**	**3**	**138**	**162**	**.500**
Amarillo Tascosa	2	4	205	255	.333
Odessa High	1	5	115	175	.166
Wolfforth Frenship	0	6	77	238	.000

x—clinched playoff spot
y—clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

Odessa Permian 42, Lee 7; Midland High 31, Odessa High 28; San Angelo Central 35, Amarillo Tascosa 26; Wolfforth Frenship was open

End of regular season

DISTRICT 2-4A DIVISION I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	**8**	**2**	**527**	**242**	**.800**
Clint	8	2	357	199	.800
Febens	5	5	253	203	.550
Mountain View	4	6	247	274	.400
San Elizario	0	10	66	446	.000

District standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Andrews	**4**	**0**	**233**	**65**	**1.000**
x-Febens	2	2	130	128	.500
x-Clint	2	2	135	115	.500
x-Mountain View	2	2	121	115	.500
San Elizario	0	4	19	215	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

Clint 49, San Elizario 12; Clint Mountain View 30, Febens 29; Andrews was open

End of regular season

DISTRICT 3-4A DIVISION I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stephenville	8	2	381	185	.800
Ab. Wylie	6	3	301	194	.667
Brownwood	6	4	389	295	.600
Snyder	2	8	186	321	.200
Big Spring	**0**	**10**	**101**	**492**	**.000**

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Stephenville	4	0	181	61	1.000
x-Ab. Wylie	3	1	134	84	.750
x-Brownwood	2	2	182	100	.500
x-Snyder	1	3	92	136	.250
Big Spring	**0**	**4**	**21**	**209**	**.000**

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

Brownwood 47, Snyder 25; Stephenville 33, Abilene Wylie 20; Big Spring was open

End of regular season

District 2-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Seminole	9	1	378	121	.900
Monahans	8	2	333	260	.800
Sweetwater	8	2	463	195	.800
Greenwood	6	4	363	274	.600
Pecos	5	5	304	341	.500
Lamesa	4	6	261	374	.400
Fort Stockton	3	7	149	311	.300

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Seminole	6	0	229	91	1.000
xMonahans	5	1	211	132	.750
x-Sweetwater	4	2	275	140	.667
x-Greenwood	**3**	**3**	**213**	**172**	**.500**
Fort Stockton	1	5	59	210	.167
Lamesa	1	5	107	274	.167
Pecos	1	5	189	264	.167

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

Sweetwater 48, Greenwood 23; Lamesa 54, Pecos 49; Monahans 49, Fort Stockton 13; Seminole was open

End of regular season

DISTRICT 2-3A DIVISION II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Colorado City	9	1	286	56	.900
Coahoma	**7**	**3**	**307**	**223**	**.700**
Idalou	4	6	194	249	.400
Stanton	**2**	**8**	**165**	**249**	**.200**
Lub. Roosevelt	0	10	53	490	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Colorado City	4	0	142	02	1.000
x-Coahoma	**3**	**1**	**107**	**64**	**.750**
x-Idalou	2	2	101	66	.500
x-Stanton	**1**	**3**	**64**	**122**	**.250**
Lub. Roosevelt	0	4	23	181	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

COlorado City 21, Stanton 0; Coahoma 52, Lubbock Roosevelt 0; Idalou was open

End of regular season

District 4-2A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stamford	8	2	387	237	.800
Hawley	7	3	288	188	.700
Post	7	3	384	174	.700
Anson	5	5	305	386	.500
Forsan	**3**	**7**	**300**	**345**	**.300**

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Stamford	4	0	157	121	1.000
x-Hawley	3	1	151	70	.750
x-Post	2	2	155	104	.500
x-Anson	1	3	110	190	.250
Forsan	**0**	**4**	**110**	**198**	**.000**

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

Stamford 38, Forsan 27; Post 63, Anson 6; Hawley was open

End of regular season

District 6-1A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	**8**	**2**	**579**	**239**	**.800**
Sterling City	6	4	506	434	.600
Westbrook	6	4	436	336	.600
Robert Lee	4	6	403	542	.400

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Garden City	**3**	**0**	**186**	**36**	**1.000**
x-Sterling City	2	1	162	116	.667
Westbrook	1	2	98	137	.500
Robert Lee	0	3	68	225	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

Garden City 73, Robert Lee 14; Sterling City 64, Westbrook 22

End of regular season

DISTRICT 7-1A DIVISION I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Buena Vista	8	1	531	212	.889
Rankin	**7**	**3**	**524**	**313**	**.700**
Marfa	6	3	409	332	.600
Fort Davis	4	6	314	412	.400

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Buena Vista	4	0	225	123	1.000
x-Rankin	**2**	**1**	**185**	**125**	**.667**
Marfa	1	2	154	193	.333
Fort Davis	0	3	64	187	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

Buena Vista 70, Rankin 55; Marfa 63, Fort Davis 32

End of regular season

DISTRICT 6-1A DIVISION II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sands	8	2	476	265	.800
Wellman-Union	6	4	432	295	.600
Dawson	2	7	227	503	.222
Loop	2	7	166	455	.222
Grady	**2**	**8**	**253**	**512**	**.200**

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Sands	4	0	228	49	1.000
x-Wellman-Union	3	1	238	98	.750
Grady	**2**	**2**	**160**	**147**	**.500**
Loop	1	3	88	235	.250
Dawson	0	4	68	253	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

Wellman-Union 65, Grady 30; Sands 52 Dawson 6; Loop was open

End of regular season

TAPPS DIVISION II, DISTRICT 1
Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Christian	9	1	486	104	900
Midland Christian	**7**	**3**	**319**	**241**	**.700**
Grapevine Faith	6	4	367	269	600
FWSW Christian	6	4	339	254	600
Frisco Legacy	3	7	259	309	300

District standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-FW Christian	4	0	190	37	1.000
x-Midland Christian	**3**	**1**	**120**	**88**	**.750**
x-Grapevine Faith	2	2	141	133	500
x-FWSW Christian	1	3	110	181	.250
Frisco Legacy	0	4	79	192	.000

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

Fort Worth Christian 42, MCS 7; Grapevine Faith 56, Fort Worth Southwest Christian 48 Frisco Legacy Christian 35, Carrollton Prince of Peace 19

End of regular season

TAPPS Division III, District 1
Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Lubbock Chr	9	1	353	136	900
Lubbock Trinity	7	3	275	161	700
WP Trinity	7	3	308	96	700
FW Calvary	6	4	245	176	600
Sacred Heart	3	7	317	168	700
Lake Country	4	6	239	275	400
Trinity	**0**	**8**	**50**	**280**	**.000**

District standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
xy-Lubbock Chr	6	0	212	93	1.000
x-Sacred Heart	4	1	156	72	800
x-Lubbock Trinity	3	3	146	114	500
x-WP Trinity	3	3	140	86	500
FW Calvary	2	4	91	139	333
Lake Country	2	4	121	177	333
Trinity	**0**	**6**	**12**	**197**	**.000**

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched outright district title

Last week's scores

Lubbock Christian 59, Trinity 0; Fort Worth Lake Country 20, Lubbock Trinity 10; Muenster Sacred Heart 39, Fort Worth Calvary Christian 12; Willow Park Trinity was open

End of regular season

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 6A DIVISION I
Bi-district
Region I

EP El Dorado (7-3) vs. Lee (9-2), 5:30 p.m. Friday, El Paso's Socorro ISD Center

Haltom (8-4) vs. Arlington Lamar (5-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Grand Prairie's Gopher-Warrior Bowl

Eules Trinity (8-2) vs. Plano (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field

Duncanville (10-0) vs. Kitchen Ellison (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Duncanville

Odessa Permian (9-1) vs. EP Coronado (5-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium

Arlington Martin (9-1) vs. Keller (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Arlington's Maverick Stadium

Allen (10-0) vs. Hebron (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Allen's Eagle Stadium

Belton (8-4) vs. South Grand Prairie (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Belton's Tiger Stadium

CLASS 6A DIVISION II
Region I

EP Bonnwood (9-1) vs. Midland High (3-7), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, El Paso's Socorro ISD Center

Keller Fossil Ridge (10-0) vs. Arlington (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Keller ISD Stadium

Southlake Carroll (7-3) vs. McKinney (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Southlake's Dragon Stadium

DeSoto (9-1) vs. Copperas Cove (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, DeSoto

San Angelo Central (10-0) vs. EP Pebble Hills (8-2), 7 p.m. Friday, San Angelo Stadium

Mansfield (9-1) vs. Keller Central (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mansfield's Newsom Stadium

Denton Guyer (7-3) vs. Northwest Nelson (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denton's Collins Complex

Waco Midway (10-0) vs. Grand Prairie (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Midway HS

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
Region I

EP Andress (8-2) vs. EP Bel Air (5-5), 8 p.m. Thursday, Andress

Amarillo (9-4) vs. Lubbock Monterey (5-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium

Denton Ryan (10-0) vs. FW Brewer (6-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Denton's Collins Complex

FW South Hills (10-0) vs. Birdville (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fort Worth's Rangers Stadium

EP Del Valle (9-1) vs. EP Chapin (8-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Del Valle

Lubbock Coronado (10-0) vs. Canyon Randall (6-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium

Northwest Eaton (5-5) vs. Sherman (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Flower Mound's Wilson Stadium

Colleyville Heritage (9-1) vs. FW Arlington Heights (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, NRH's Birdville Fine Arts Center

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
Region I

EP Burges (7-3) vs. EP Parkland (8-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Parkland

Dumas (9-1) vs. Lubbock Cooper (6-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Pirate Stadium

Denison (8-2) vs. FW Boswell (9-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Denton's Apogee Stadium

FW Southwest (7-3) vs. FW Richland Hills (8-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Fort Worth's Rangers Stadium

EP Eastlake (7-3) vs. EP Jefferson (3-7), 8:30 p.m. Friday, El Paso's Socorro ISD Center

Abilene Cooper (7-3) vs. Plainview (4-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth

Aledo (10-0) vs. WF Rider (5-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Saginaw's Rough Rider Stadium

Grapevine (8-2) vs. FW YMLA (4-6), 7 p.m. Thursday, Bedford's Pennington Field

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
Region I

Lubbock Estacado (9-1) vs. Clint Mountain View (4-6), 7 p.m. Thursday, Pecos

WF Hirschi (8-2) vs. Brownwood (9-4), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Wildcat Stadium (ACU)

Andrews (8-2) vs. Borger (3-7), 7 p.m. Thursday, Wolfforth

Abilene Wylie (6-3) vs. Decatur (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Graham

Stephenville (8-2) vs. Sanger (4-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Saginaw's Roughrider Stadium

Febens (5-5) vs. Pampa (5-4), 8 p.m. Friday, Midland's Grande Stadium

Argyle (10-0) vs. Snyder (2-8), 7 p.m. Friday, Snyder

Levelland (5-4) vs. Clint (8-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Pecos

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
Region I

Bushland (9-2) vs. Greenwood (8-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Godley (9-2) vs. Bridgeport (3-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aledo

Seminole (9-1) vs. Dalhart (6-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Portales, N.M.

Iowa Park (9-4) vs. Waxahachie Life (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gainesville

Graham (10-0) vs. Hillsboro (3-7), 7 p.m. Friday, Springtown

Monahans (8-2) vs. Denver City (6-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Monahans

Glen Rose (9-1) vs. Vernon (4-6), 7 p.m. Thursday, Springtown

Perryton (4-6) vs. Sweetwater (8-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Childress

CLASS 3A DIVISION I
Region I

Shallowater (9-1) vs. San Angelo Grape Creek (1-9), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Snyder

Brock, (8-2) vs. Clyde (6-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

Wall (10-0) vs. Friona (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater

Tascosa Jim Ned (8-2) vs. Bowie (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Clyde

Comanche (9-1) vs. Boyd (3-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Granbury

Kermit (6-4) vs. Slaton (5-5), 7 p.m. Saturday, Big Spring

Breckenridge (5-5) vs. Merkel (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood

Muleshoe (4-6) vs. Crane (4-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Denver City

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
Region I

Canadian (10-0) vs. Stanton (2-8), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Plainview

Eastland (7-3) vs. Reagan County (5-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Colorado City

Colorado City (9-1) vs. Tulia (2-8), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Lubbock's Pirate Stadium

Alpine (7-3) vs. Tolar (6-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Big Spring

Sonora (10-0) vs. Coleman (3-7), 7 p.m. Thursday, San Angelo Stadium

Coahoma (7-3) vs. Spearman (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview

Cisco (8-2) vs. Ballinger (3-7), 7 p.m. Thursday, Brownwood

Childress (9-1) vs. Idalou (4-6), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
Region II

Seymour (9-1) vs. Collinsville (6-4), 7 p.m. Thursday, Petrolia

Bremond (5-5) vs. Hico (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gatesville

Valley View (9-1) vs. Chico (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Krum

Crawford (8-2) vs. Riesel (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bremond

De Leon (10-0) vs. Italy (5-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Granbury

Celeste (9-1) vs. Alvord (2-8), 7:30 p.m. Friday, McKinney

Mart (9-1) vs. Goldthwaite (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Whitney

Windthorst (5-5) vs. Bells (6-2), 7 p.m. Thursday, Bowie

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
Region II

Menard (8-2) vs. Miles (2-8), 7 p.m. Friday, Ballinger

Lindsay (8-2) vs. Haskell (3-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Iowa Park

Albany (10-0) vs. Iriion County (4-6), 7 p.m. Thursday, Sweetwater

Electra (5-5) vs. Santo (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jacksboro

Munday (7-3) vs. Era (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, WF City View

Winters (5-5) vs. Wink (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Big Spring

Muenster (10-0) vs. Petrolia (5-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Henrietta

Iraan (6-4) vs. Cross Plains (6-4), 1 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo Stadium

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION I
Region II

Borden County (10-0) vs. Sterling City (6-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Roscoe

Imperial Buena Vista (8-1) vs. Veribest (6-4), 7 p.m. Friday, Lenorah

Water Valley (3-6) vs. Rankin (7-3), 8 p.m. Friday, Robert Lee

Garden City (8-2) vs. Klondike (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Blackwell

CLASS 1A SIX-MAN DIVISION II
Region II

Balmorhea (9-0) vs. Wellman-Union (6-4), 7 30 p.m. Thursday, Rankin

Blackwell vs. Guthrie, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Hermleigh

Jayton (7-3) vs. Highland (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hermleigh

Ackerly Sands (8-2) vs. Grandfalls-Royalty (7-3), 6 p.m. Friday, Robert Lee

AP TOP 10 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

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

Class 6A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Allen (20)	(10-0)	258	1
2. Katy (2)	(9-0)	213	2
3. Austin Westlake	(10-0)	180	3
4. Garland Sachse	(10-0)	141	4
5. Waco Midway	(10-0)	128	5
6. Duncanville	(10-0)	120	6
7. The Woodlands	(7-1)	81	7
8. Klein Collins	(9-0)	77	8
9. Converse Judson	(9-1)	52	9
10. DeSoto	(9-1)	28	10

Others receiving votes: Springdale Har Jr. Mansfield 9, San Angelo Central 7, Lake Travis 6, Humble Atascocita 4, San Benito 4, Smithson Valley 3, 5A Northside O'Connor 1, Keller Fossil Ridge 1.

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (14)	(10-0)	229	1
2. Manvel (9)	(9-0)	221	2
3. Denton Ryan (1)	(10-0)	169	3
4. CC Calallen	(10-0)	160	4
5. Angleton	(9-0)	122	5
6. Cedar Park	(9-1)	107	6
7. Dallas Highland Park	(9-1)	102	7
8. Dripping Springs	(10-0)	66	8
9. Frisco Lone Star	(9-1)	59	9
10. Colleyville Heritage	(9-1)	34	10

Others receiving votes: Mansfield Lisle Ridge 14, Lubbock Coronado 10, College Station 4, Hutto 2, Austin McCallum 1, Port Neches-Groves 1.

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Carthage (20)	(10-0)	235	1
2. West Orange-Stark (3)	(8-0)	202	2
3. Argyle (1)	(10-0)	193	3
4. Waco La Vega	(10-0)	172	4
5. Cuero	(9-0)	143	5
6. Midlothian Heritage	(10-0)	115	6
7. Kennedale	(9-1)	103	7
8. Texark. Pleas. Grove	(10-0)	79	8
9. Graham	(10-0)	51	9
10. Lubbock Estacado	(9-1)	16	10

Others receiving votes: Van 2, Gilmer 2, Seminole 2, Rio Hondo 1, Houston North Forest 1, Melissa 1, Kaufman 1, Fischer Canyon Lake 1.

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Gunter (13)	(10-0)	225	1
2. Wall (4)	(10-0)	204	2
3. Lexington (3)	(10-0)	182	3
4. Newton (4)	(9-0)	160	4
5. Canadian	(10-0)	148	5
6. Nixon	(9-1)	100	7
7. Hallettsville	(8-1)	83	8
8. Sonora	(10-0)	74	9
9. Big Sandy Harmony	(10-0)	50	10
10. New London W. Rusk	(8-1)	20	NR

Others receiving votes: Mount Vernon 13, Brock 10, Malakoff 9, Woodville 5, Goliad 5, Grandview 1, Franklin 1.

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Tenaha (16)	(10-0)	221	1
2. Mason (4)	(10-0)	210	2
3. Muenster	(10-0)	180	3
4. Albany	(10-0)	151	4
5. Mart (2)	(9-1)	138	5
(tie) Refugio (2)	(9-1)	138	6
7. De Leon	(10-0)	109	7
8. Bremond	(9-1)	74	9
9. San Augustine	(10-0)	58	9
10. Wellington	(9-1)	33	10

Others receiving votes: Big Sandy 3, Burton 2, Joaquin 1, Abernathy 1, 13, Thrall 1, Valley View 1, Stratford 1.

Newton, Panthers hammer Dolphins for 3rd straight win

By Steve Reed
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Cam Newton took it as a challenge when the Carolina Panthers defense vaulted to the league's No. 1 ranking.

He said it was time for the offense to match that mark.

Newton did his part on Monday night, throwing for 254 yards and four touchdowns and running for 95 more as the Panthers piled up a franchise-record 548 yards in a 45-21 rout of the Miami Dolphins.

"It's nice to see them have this type of breakout game," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said.

Newton improved to 5-1 on Monday night games during his career.

"There is something about this stage with him," Rivera said. "He played a tremendous game."

Rookie Christian McCaffrey scored touchdowns rushing and receiving, and Devin Funchess caught five passes for 92 yards and two touchdowns as the Panthers (7-3) remained a half-game behind the NFC South-leading Saints heading into their bye week.

Jonathan Stewart ran for a season-high 110 yards, and Newton had a 69-yard jaunt on a read option as the Panthers racked up 294 yards on the ground.

Jay Cutler had 213 yards passing with two touchdowns and one interception for the Dolphins (4-5), who have lost three straight.

The game turned with 41 seconds left in the first half, when Luke Kuechly intercepted Jay Cutler with Carolina leading 10-7.

Four plays later, Newton connected with Ed Dickson on a 7-yard touchdown pass. That opened the floodgates as the Panthers scored touchdowns on five straight drives.

Texans pondering what's next after 3rd straight loss

By Kristie Rieken
Associated ress

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans were left searching for answers about how to turn things around after their third straight loss.

One thing they won't do is switch quarterbacks, with coach Bill O'Brien saying Monday that Tom Savage will start on Sunday against the Arizona Cardinals.

Savage threw for 221 yards and a touchdown on Sunday in his second start since rookie Deshaun Watson sustained a season-ending knee injury in practice. But he was also intercepted twice and lost two fumbles in a 33-7 loss to the Los Angeles Rams, raising questions whether the Texans should replace him with T.J. Yates this week.

O'Brien brushed off that possibility, insisting the problems on offense aren't all Savage's fault.

"It starts with coaching," O'Brien said. "We've all got to coach better, starting with me, but it's never about one guy; it's never been about one guy. Football's about 11 guys trying to do the right thing on every play."

While O'Brien shifted the blame off of Savage, the quarterback disagreed with his coach.

"To be honest with you, it's on the quarterback when (we) put up seven points," he said. "It's on me."

Sunday was Savage's third start this season. He started the opener before being benched at halftime for Watson after losing two fumbles. He's performed much the same in the last two weeks, with the offense managing one touchdown each in losses to the Colts and Rams. It's a stark change from when Watson was running the unit and the Texans set a franchise record by scoring more than 30 points in five straight games.

O'Brien isn't concerned about Savage's confidence and scoffed at the notion that he needs to encourage him this week.

"I'm not going to come in to the quarterback room with two pom-poms and do handstands and try to pump him up and say: 'You're the best, you can do it,' like the little engine that could," O'Brien said. "That's not what I do. I just try to coach him, try to get him to play better."

To do that O'Brien said Savage needs to work on ball security and reads, and the rest of the players on offense must do more to help him.

The Texans got a big game from DeAndre Hopkins on Sunday: seven receptions for 111 yards. But Savage had trouble connecting with Houston's other receivers and none of the rest of them finished with more than 40 yards receiving.

His job could be tougher this week with Will Fuller's status in question after the receiver injured his ribs against the Rams.

"He's slightly built, so I don't know," O'Brien said of the 6-foot, 185-pound Fuller. "We'll have to see how that goes during the week."

NFL GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	2	0	.778	257	195
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	184	196
Miami	4	5	0	.444	137	224
N.Y.Jets	4	6	0	.400	201	222
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	205	213
Jacksonville	6	3	0	.667	226	134
Houston	3	6	0	.333	236	241
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300	179	280
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Pittsburgh	7	2	0	.778	187	148
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	190	171
Cincinnati	3	6	0	.333	149	182
Cleveland	0	9	0	.000	143	240
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	6	3	0	.667	253	208
Oakland	4	5	0	.444	196	214
Denver	3	6	0	.333	166	239
L.A. Chargers	3	6	0	.333	167	172

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

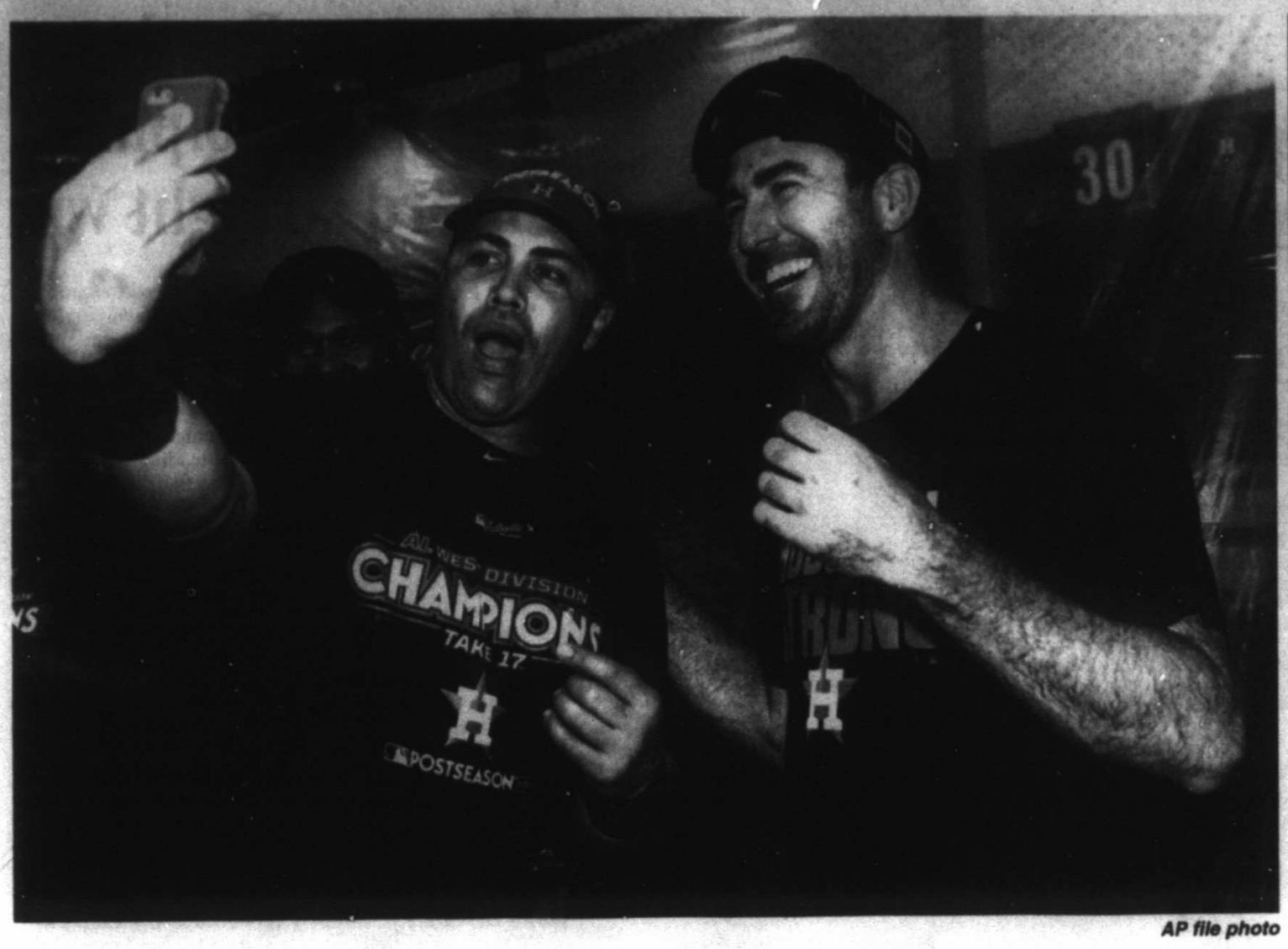
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	1	0	.889	283	179
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	233	205
Washington	4	5	0	.444	207	232
N.Y.Giants	1	8	0	.111	150	238
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	268	165
Carolina	7	3	0	.700	213	180
Atlanta	4	4	0	.556	197	179
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	173	208
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	7	2	0	.778	217	165
Detroit	5	4	0	.556	244	210
Green Bay	5	4	0	.556	204	207
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	150	194
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
L.A. Rams	7	2	0	.778	299	160
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	211	165
Arizona	4	5	0	.444	155	223
San Francisco	1	8	0	.100	174	260

Scores & Schedule

Monday's Score
Carolina 45, Miami 21

Thursday's Game
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Baltimore at Green Bay, noon
Arizona at Houston, noon
Tampa Bay at Miami, noon
Washington at New Orleans, noon
Jacksonville at Cleveland, noon
Detroit at Chicago, noon
L.A. Rams at Minnesota, noon
Kansas City at N.Y. Giants, noon
Buffalo at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
New England vs Oakland at Mexico City, MX, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at Denver



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On Sept. 17, Houston Astros' Justin Verlander, right, and Carlos Beltran celebrate the team's win over the Seattle Mariners to clinch the AL West crown iin Houston. Beltran is retiring after winning his first World Series title in his 20th major league season. The 40-year-old made the announcement Monday, 12 days after the Houston Astros beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 7 of the World Series.

Truex goes into championship race as favorite to win title

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Kevin Harvick wasted zero time in leveling the first volley in NASCAR's championship race.

In Harvick's opinion, he's playing with house money when he races Martin Truex Jr., Kyle Busch and Brad Keselowski next Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway for the title. It's Truex, Harvick believes, who faces all the pressure.

Truex

"Martin has won a lot of races this year," Harvick said. "Those guys have dominated the year, and I feel like if they don't win at this point, they would probably feel like they've had a letdown.

"It's a lot of fun coming from behind and playing catch up and kind of playing that underdog role is much easier than being expected to go down there and win. We expect to win."

When told that Harvick has picked Truex as the favorite, Truex cut off the question before waiting to hear what Harvick even said.

"That sounds like Harvick," joked Truex.

But Truex won't be rattled. He's won seven races this year, been the most dominant driver all season and has three wins in these playoffs. So if Harvick is trying to lean on Truex, he's got the wrong guy.

"It doesn't work on me," Truex said. "If I'm the favorite, perfect, I like that. I think it's a better position to be in. I was the underdog before and I finished fourth, so yeah, bring it on."

The field was finalized Sunday when Keselowski earned the final spot in the championship on points. He finished 16th at Phoenix Raceway and had to sweat it out because he was never in contention for the victory. Had one of four other drivers won the race, Keselowski would have been out.

And, had Chase Elliott and Denny Hamlin not been feuding, Hamlin might have claimed the final spot over Keselowski on points.

"Just feel glad to make it through, you know, and have a shot next week," Keselowski said. "You never know how these things are going to play out. Certainly would be a stretch by any means by how we ran today to say we're the favorite, but we are glad to be there, and you never know how those races are going to shake out."

Matt Kenseth passed Elliott with 10 laps remaining to win Phoenix and deny Elliott the final berth in next week's championship race. Had Elliott hung on for the win, he would have qualified for the championship finale.

Elliott finished second for the seventh time in his career.

The Kenseth win salvaged the day for Gibbs, which had a chance to get Hamlin into the championship.

Hamlin and Elliott were racing for position and Elliott gave Hamlin several taps as he tried to get past him for position, and when he finally was able to pull alongside Hamlin, the two cars made contact. Hamlin grazed the wall and immediately began losing positions on the track.

Just a few laps later, his tire blew, Hamlin hit the wall and his race was over. Elliott admitted he raced Hamlin aggressively, same as Hamlin did when he wrecked Elliott from the lead at Martinsville.

"A wise man once told me that he'll race guys how they race him with a smile on his face, so that's what I did today," Elliott said. "I raced him how he raced me, and that's the way I saw it. That's about all I have to say."

Hamlin was racing to win, but could have beaten Keselowski into the finale on points had he not wrecked. He has maintained that he didn't mean to wreck Elliott at Martinsville, and the payback Sunday was redemption.

"It just proves to the people who thought I was a bad guy that he would do the exact same thing under the same circumstances," Hamlin said. "I got into him and he chose to retaliate."

Jimmie Johnson also wrecked early in the race , ending his bid to make the championship. The elimination of the seven-time champion means NASCAR will not have a repeat winner.

Now, three former series champions and Truex, who has raced for the title in this format before, will compete for the title. The field is made up of two Toyota drivers and two Ford drivers, as Chevrolet was knocked out of title contention when Elliott and Larson failed to advance.

BELTRAN

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fans," Houston general manager Jeff Luhnow said. "They were talked about a lot by our players. Also I think people know what I'm talking about. He really was a player-coach for us this year and he contributed in ways that lead me to believe there's no way we win the championship without him this year."

He finishes with a .279 average, 435 homers, 1,587 RBIs and 312 stolen bases. He also has played for Kansas City, the New York Mets, San Francisco and St. Louis.

This season was Beltran's second stint with the Astros, after he was traded to Houston in June 2004. His work that postseason remains one of the best playoff performances in history. He hit .455 with four homers and nine RBIs in an NLDS win over Atlanta, then batted .417 with four more homers and five RBIs before Houston was eliminated by the Cardinals in the NLCS.

Beltran appeared in 10 games this postseason, including three in the World Series. He finished with three hits, including two doubles, and an RBI in helping the Astros to their first title.

Many of his current and former teammates expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Beltran on social media after his announcement on Monday. Correa posted a picture of the two of them on Instagram with a caption that read in part: "I will always look up to you brother! Thanks for making me a better player and a better person! I'm going to miss you so much!"

Houston right-hander Justin Verlander tweeted about Beltran's retirement, writing: "We only played together for a short time but what a ride we had! I learned a lot about what being a veteran means and the impact we can have. You're an amazing teammate and leader. What a way to bow out ... a World Champion!"

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman wouldn't say whether Beltran was a candidate to replace Joe Girardi as his team's manager. But he did rave about his career and the respect he has for him.

"He had leadership qualities, no question about that," Cashman said. "He was someone that people gravitated to in the clubhouse. I think managers or coaches could rely, or front offices could rely on (him), kind of directing things in a positive way or keeping the ship steered in the right direction."

After what Luhnow saw from Beltran in Houston this season, he could envision him becoming a manager one day.

"Certainly. He's one of the brightest minds I've come across in the game," he said. "Now whether or not, I haven't (spoken) to him about what is intentions are after this, but I think he certainly would be a tremendous asset to any organization in whatever capacity he chooses to contribute."

ROOKIES

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leagues this season, according to Statcast . Although he struck out 208 times in the regular season and 27 more in the postseason, the 25-year-old outfielder is one of a handful of reasons why the Yankees suddenly seem to have one of the brightest futures of any team in baseball.

New York came within a victory of the World Series this year, losing to Houston in Game 7 of the AL Championship Series. Bellinger's team made it to that final step, but Los Angeles fell to the Astros in a seven-game World Series.

Bellinger is the second straight Dodgers player to win Rookie of the Year. Shortstop Corey Seager did it last year.

"The future is bright in L.A.," Bellinger said. "I know that I'm excited, as well as the other teammates. Obviously, we didn't have the end goal this year. but we're going to try and take it to the next level next year."

Bellinger made his big league debut in late April. By the time he turned 22 on July 13, he had 25 home runs. The 6-foot-4 first baseman is an appropriate counterpart to the powerful Judge. They even hit from opposite sides of the plate: Judge is a righty and Bellinger swings left-handed.

"He's not just a guy that went up there and hit home runs," Judge said. "He was a guy that played high-caliber first base for them. He could go out there and roam center field, left field, right field, wherever they needed him. To have that type of versatility and produce the numbers he did is something that you don't find too often."

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

ATLANTA

Braves hire former Dodgers, Blue Jays exec Anthopoulos as GM

The remake of the Atlanta Braves' management was completed Monday when Alex Anthopoulos was named general manager and John Hart was removed as team president.

Anthopoulos, a former Dodgers and Blue Jays executive, will have autonomy of baseball operations, giving him more power than any Braves general manager since John Schuerholz served from 1990 to 2007. Anthopoulos also was given the title of executive vice president, while Hart will assume a senior adviser role, team chairman Terry McGuirk announced at a news conference that Hart did not attend.

Anthopoulos

Anthopoulos to fly to Orlando on Monday night to represent the Braves at baseball's general managers' meetings.

He spent the last two seasons as the Dodgers' vice president of baseball operations after six years as Toronto's general manager.

Anthopoulos succeeds John Coppolella, who was forced to resign as general manager on Oct. 2 after an investigation by Major League Baseball disclosed rule violations committed by the Braves in the international player market.

"Alex is a man of integrity and he will operate in a way that will make all of our Braves fans proud," McGuirk said.

McGuirk apologized to fans "on behalf of the entire Braves family" for the scandal.

"The past few months have been the toughest in the storied history of the Atlanta Braves franchise," he said. "Frankly, the Atlanta Braves have not lived up to our standard that the fans expect of us and that we expect of ourselves."

MISSOURI

Royals' Yost: 'Glad to be alive' after injury on farm

KANSAS CITY — Ned Yost spent Monday afternoon in a lounge chair at his farm just outside Atlanta, the pain from a shattered pelvis so unbearable that the only movement the Royals manager could make was to reposition.

He was happy for the pain, though. It reminded him he was alive.

Yost

Just over a week ago, Yost was working in a hunting stand on his property when he reached to attach a safety line. The stand somehow collapsed and Yost fell about 20 feet to the ground, and the landing was so hard that he sustained a "massive fracture" to his pelvis and four broken ribs.

He also lost so much blood that surgeons later told him he nearly died.

"I didn't understand the gravity of the situation until I was through it," said the 62-year-old Yost, an avid outdoorsman. "I'm just glad I had my phone, I'll tell you that."

Yost said he can't put weight on either leg for at least two months, which means he's confined to his lounge chair or a wheelchair. There are two rods, some plates and screws holding his pelvis together, and a good number of staples that are helping to keep the incision closed.

But he vowed that by spring training, "I should be pretty much full-go."

Anybody who knows Yost wouldn't think otherwise.

The curmudgeonly manager prides himself on his toughness, a trait he's instilled in the Royals over the years.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through Nov. 6

All-around

1. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $214,131
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $180,467
3. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $151,990
4. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $140,876
5. Junio. Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil $136,430
6. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $128,764
7. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $112,795
8. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $105,470
9. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $104,200
10. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $97,022
11. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas $89,284
12. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. $89,029
13. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $78,241
14. Trell Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $75,671
15. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $74,931
16. Seth Hall, Albuquerque, N.M. $58,000
17. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $56,733
18. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $56,048
19. Josh Frost, Randlett, Utah $55,618
20. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $54,641

Bareback Riding

1. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $201,916
2. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $136,657
3. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. $128,153
4. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $113,312
5. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev. $109,353
6. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $106,877
7. Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas $103,212
8. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $102,181
9. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas $101,197
10. Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manitoba $99,240
11. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, Texas $96,039
12. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $93,652
13. R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif. $89,261
14. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. $89,106
15. Mason Clements, Santaquin, Utah $86,114
16. Justin Miller, Billings, Mont. $83,495
17. Evan Jayne, Marsellle, France $80,762
18. Jesse Davis, Power, Mont. $66,029
19. Shane O'Connell, Rapid City, S.D. $64,757
20. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $62,612

Steer Wrestling

1. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $163,152
2. Olin Hannum, Malad, Idaho $110,951
3. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $109,919
4. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $103,944
5. Scott Guenthner, Provost, Alberta $99,501
6. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah $99,340
7. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $93,463
8. Tanner Milan, Cochrane, Alberta $84,073
9. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $82,998
10. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $80,981
11. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $79,684
12. Jon Ragatz, Beetown, Wis. $77,340
13. J.D. Struxness, Appleton, Minn. $76,442
14. Rowdy Parrott, Mamou, La. $73,558
15. Chason Floyd, Buffalo, S.D. $71,192
16. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $71,105
17. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $70,545
18. Jacob Talley, Keatchie, La. $66,915
19. Jason Thomas, Benton, Ark. $67,294
20. Will Lummus, West Point, Miss. $66,520

Team Roping (header)

1. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $135,977
2. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $133,633
3. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. $113,094
4. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas $111,551
5. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $98,033
6. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $96,587
7. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $85,448
8. Tom Richards, Humboldt, Ariz. $81,415
9. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $81,356
10. Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif. $79,236
11. Jr. Dees, Aurora, S.D. $78,964
12. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $78,288
13. Dustin Egusquiza, Marana, Ariz. $77,437
14. Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore. $75,614
15. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $74,146
16. Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta $68,008
17. Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz. $61,983
18. Hayes Smith, Central Point, Ore. $61,949
19. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. $59,915
20. Lane Ivy, Adrian, Texas $57,576

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil $134,707
2. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $133,633
3. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $117,212
4. Billie Jack Saebens, Nowata, Okla. $110,930
5. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. $103,022
6. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $99,774
7. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $96,587
8. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $92,358
9. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $81,356
10. Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, Texas $81,050
11. Tyler McKnight, Wells, Texas $79,374
12. Joseph Harrison, Overbrook, Okla. $78,367
13. Jake Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $75,614
14. Rory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas $74,652
15. Jeremy Buhler, Arrowwood, Alberta $68,006
16. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $65,196
17. Kyle Lockett, Visalia, Calif. $61,745
18. John Robertson, Polson, Mont. $52,228
19. Clint Summers, Lake City, Fla. $51,647
20. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $49,706

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas $183,927
2. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $170,456
3. CoBurn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah $124,115
4. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $119,657
5. Layton Green, Meeting Creek, Alberta $110,613
6. Brody Cress, Hillsdale, Wyo. $105,789
7. Hardy Braden, Welch, Okla. $102,774
8. Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah $99,361
9. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas $92,992
10. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $91,745
11. Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta $89,332
12. Heflin DeMoss, Heflin, La. $88,613
13. Tess Muncy, Corona, N.M. $86,402
14. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $76,630
15. Audy Reed, Spearman, Texas $75,849
16. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $71,822
17. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $69,693
18. Allen Bocre, Axtell, Utah $66,259
19. Isaac Diaz, Deadmona, Texas $61,398
20. Bradley Harter, Lordsburg, La. $54,401

Tie-down Roping

1. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $190,445
2. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $142,194
3. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $124,498
4. Marcos Costa, Childress, Texas $121,902
5. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, Texas $107,423
6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $101,433
7. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas $97,173
8. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $96,056
9. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $93,393
10. J.C. Malone, Palm City, Utah $86,299
11. Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas $85,962
12. Randall Carlisle, Athens, La. $85,556
13. Cade Swor, Winnie, Texas $85,480
14. Cooper Martin, Alma, Kan. $85,438
15. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas $85,210
16. Blake Cox, Cameron, Texas $78,317
17. Cody Quarley, Chaney Kan. $77,288
18. Ace Slone, Cuero, Texas $76,888
19. Cimarron Boardman, Stephenville, Texas $73,367
20. Westyn Hughes, Caldwell, Texas $70,016

Steer Roping

1. Jason Evans, Glen Rose, Texas $84,156
2. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $78,934
3. Chad Hamer, Pawhuska, Okla. $72,976
4. Scott Brodecor, Fredericksburg, Texas $69,064
5. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $64,269
6. J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, Texas $56,868
7. Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas $50,109
8. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $49,347
9. JoJo LaRiondi, Andrews, Texas $49,309
10. John Bland, Turkey, Texas $46,184
11. Shay Good, Midland, Texas $47,881
12. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas $45,082
13. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $44,217
14. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $42,848
15. Bryce Davis, Ovalo, Texas $41,913
16. Chris Glover, Keenesburg, Colo. $40,615
17. J.P Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $39,780
18. Garrett Hale, Snyder, Texas $36,595
19. Brian Gerr, Belle Fourche, S.D. $32,545
20. Roger Branch, Walston, Okla. $31,183

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $237,152
2. Garrett Smith, Rexburg, Idaho $204,239
3. Ty Wallace, Cottage, Colo. $157,077
4. Jordan Spieres, Redding, Calif. $131,423
5. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $120,863
6. Troy Benton III, Rock Island, Texas $110,421
7. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $106,188
8. Cole Melancon, Liberty, Texas $103,619
9. Roscoe Jarboe, New Plymouth, Idaho $102,855
10. Trevor Reiste, Linden, Iowa $97,121
11. Dustin Bowen, Waller, Texas $94,668
12. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $92,991
13. Jordan Hansen, Okotoks, Alberta $92,660
14. Boudreaux Campbell, Crockett, Texas $88,083
15. Guthrie Murray, Miami, Okla. $87,288
16. Brady Portenier, Caldwell, Idaho $87,014
17. Tristan Mize, Bryan, Texas $85,957
18. Tyler Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $80,183
19. Chase Dougherty, Canby, Ore. $72,754
20. Elliot Jacoby, Fredericksburg, Texas $70,593

Barrel Racing

1. Tiany Schuster, Krum, Texas $250,379
2. Stevi Hillman, Weatherford, Texas $85,952
3. Nellie Miller, Cottonwood, Calif. $130,537
4. Amberleigh Moore, Salem, Ore. $120,806
5. Kassie Mowry, Dublin, Texas $115,163
6. Kathy Grimes, Medical Lake, Wash. $111,758
7. Hailey Kinsel, Cotulla, Texas $98,707
8. Taci Bates, Round Top, Texas $97,023
9. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $96,454
10. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, Victoria, Texas $92,903
11. Sydni Blanchard, Albuquerque, N.M. $91,362
12. Tilar Murray, Fort Worth, Texas $86,020
13. Kelle Cotter, Hereford, Texas $83,339
14. Ivy Conrado, Hudson, Colo. $78,181
15. Kimmie Watt, Roosevelt, Texas $76,294
16. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $74,363
17. Emily Miller, Weatherford, Texas $72,878
18. Jana Bean, Ft. Hancock, Texas $72,592
19. Jackie Ganter, Abilene, Texas $68,759
20. Ari-Anna Flynn, Charleston, Ark. $64,894

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

4	1	2	3	5	8	6	7	9
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LIMENG

CAZDIO

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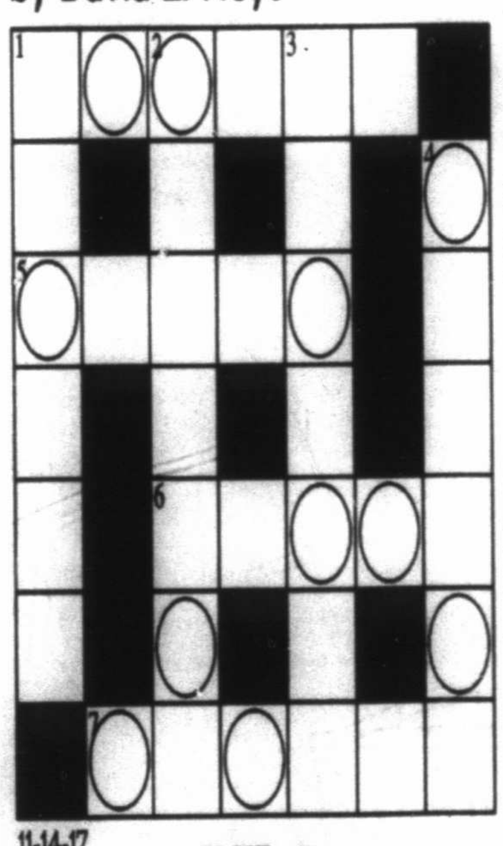

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Camera stand	PDROTI
5. Get up	RESAI
6. Mad	TERIA
7. Customer	NCLTEI

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Drawer, copier	CRARET
2. Introductory	AINLITI
3. Run	RTPOEEA
4. Dump, unload	VSTDEI

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CLUE: The ___ ___ contains more than 1,300 islands.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Tripod 5A-Arise 6A-Irate 7A-Clone 1D-Tracer 2D-Initial 3D-Operate 4D-Dinner B-Atlantic Sea

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Fancy pillowcase
5 Not as expensive
9 Stats for sluggers
13 Lotto variant
14 Actress Davis played by Susan Sarandon in TV's "Feud"
15 "Alice's Restaurant" singer Guthrie
16 *2010 Grammy winner for Best Metal Performance
18 Opinion sampling
19 2,000 pounds
20 French possessive
21 __-Ball: midway game
22 Discreetly, in slang
26 Nag, nag, nag
28 Black-eyed __
29 Electrified particle
31 Without an escort
32 Bygone Honda sports car
33 Impassive type
35 Dry-sounding deodorant brand
38 ICU drips
39 *TV cooking competition hosted by Padma Lakshmi
41 Sch. in Columbus
42 Tiny laugh
44 Bundle of papers
45 Put into service
46 Airline to Tel Aviv
48 Flub it
49 Letter-shaped hardware item
50 Sinuous ski race
52 Gets in the way of
54 H.S. exams
55 Dripping
57 SEAL's org.
58 Tech news site
59 Paint choice ... and what the first word of the answers to starred clues can literally be
64 Longfellow's "The Bell of __"
65 Standoffish
66 Just sitting around
67 Pear variety
68 Mix, as a salad
69 What Simon does

DOWN

1 Word before burn or bunny
2 "Tell __ About It": Billy Joel hit
3 "That's __-brainer!"
4 Wall calendar pages
5 Welcoming prop on "Hawaii Five-O"
6 Scheduled takeoff hrs.
7 Opposite of cheap
8 Taste and touch, e.g.
9 Nas or Nelly
10 *Started a construction project
11 More green around the gills
12 Shoe bottom
14 Old Western villain
17 "The Simpsons" bartender
22 Footnote ref.
23 __-racking: very stressful
24 "Money-saving investment accounts
25 Belt holders
27 Chief of __: Army leader
30 Wall recess
33 Make off with
34 Sorbonne sweetie
36 Point to debate
37 Collaborative 1993 Sinatra album
40 Half a winter warmer
43 Stretchy
47 Like 1% milk
49 Wimbledon sport
50 __ Domingo: Dominican capital
51 __ Yello: soft drink
53 23rd Greek letter
54 Picket line crosser
56 New Mexico town known for its art scene
60 Lean-__: shacks
61 Wash. neighbor
62 Tricky
63 Guys

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

J	O	B		A	B	E	E			N	E	P	A	L
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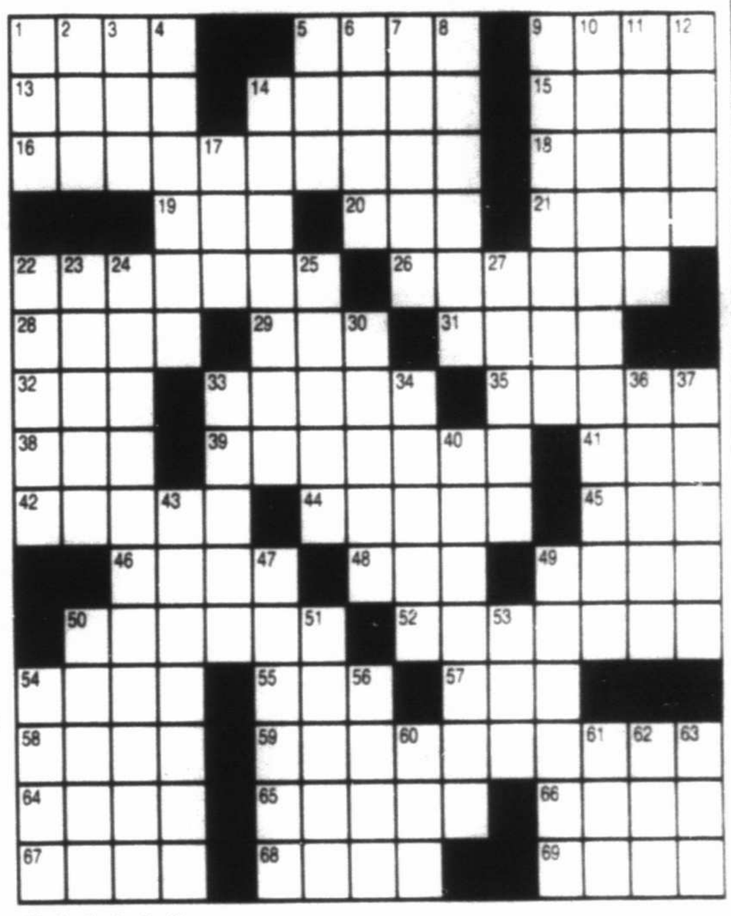

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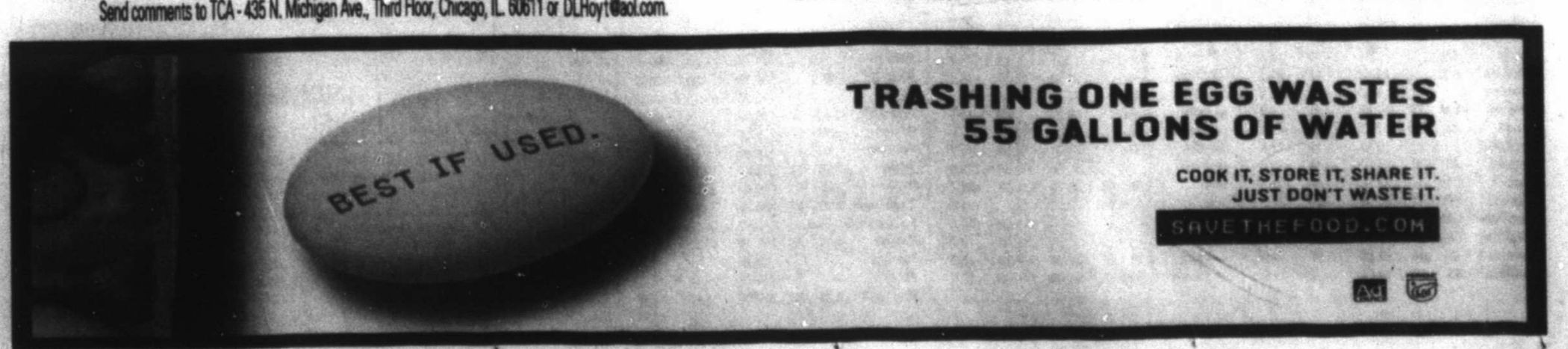

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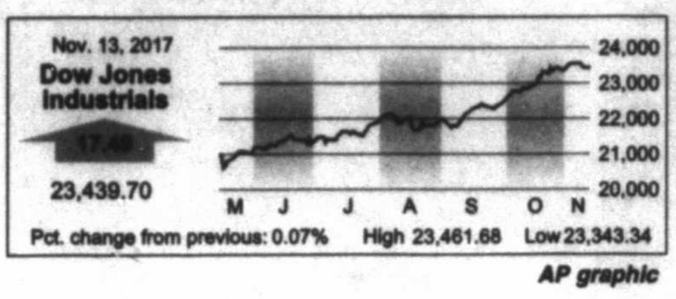

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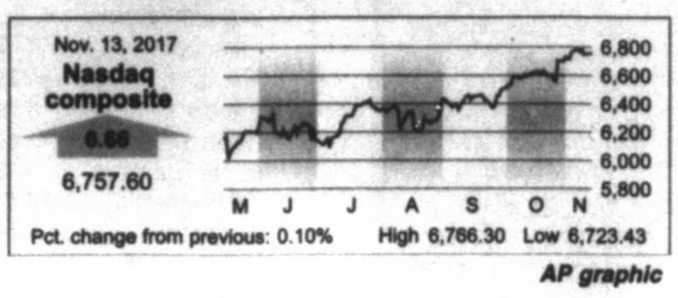

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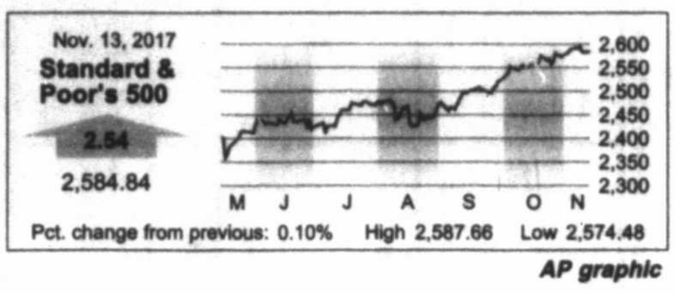

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $56.76
Previous: $56.74

POSTED

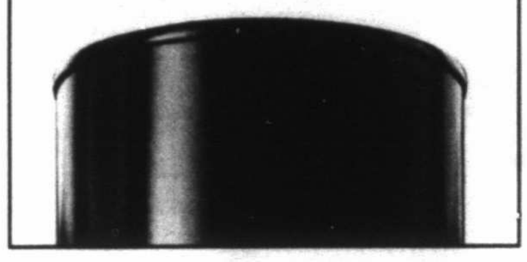
Monday: $53.25
Previous: $53.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $49.90
Previous: $49.90

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.167
Previous: $3.213



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GenElec	2492461	19.02	-1.48
BkofAm	543938	26.40	-.11
SPDR Fncl	500351	26.12	+.04
iShEMkts	493315	46.19	-.10
S&P500ETF	405748	258.33	+.24

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChinZenix	2.12	+.88	+71.1
Zymeworks n	8.57	+1.70	+24.7
VitaminSh	3.80	+.30	+8.6
ReneSola rs	3.12	+.24	+8.3
GGP Inc	24.05	+1.84	+8.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ML CDN46	19.31	-3.62	-15.8
OntrnDSS rs	4.28	-.72	-14.4
KeyEngy	9.16	-1.08	-10.5
Acushnet n	17.47	-1.75	-9.1
Pretium g	10.43	-.97	-8.5

Diary

Advanced	1,306
Declined	1,606
Unchanged	113
Total issues	3,025
New Highs	101
New Lows	107
Volume	3,216,815,268

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TransEnix	124692	3.19	+.31
NDynMn g	66903	2.29	+.16
SRC Eng	63092	8.56	-.04
KlondexM g	34655	2.29	-.21
NwGold g	31502	3.27	-.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BirksGrp	2.69	+.43	+19.0
TransEnix	3.19	+.31	+10.8
RegHlt pfA	8.30	+.80	+10.7
VolitionRX	3.72	+.35	+10.4
McClatch rs	9.46	+.66	+7.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VolitionSci	3.61	-.45	-11.0
Pieraz	2.86	-.30	-9.5
RadiantLog	4.61	-.48	-9.4
KlondexM g	2.29	-.21	-8.4
Allo Gld rs	3.30	-.25	-7.0

Diary

Advanced	132
Declined	198
Unchanged	28
Total issues	358
New Highs	5
New Lows	10
Volume	111,533,659

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Roku n	5221181	42.71	+9.46
Mattel	462616	17.84	+3.02
JD.com	362947	41.34	+1.39
MicronT	284431	45.60	+.82
SiriusXM	245746	5.50	+.16

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cherokee h	2.90	+1.00	+52.6
BiondVx wt	2.50	+.63	+33.5
EksoBio n	2.02	+.49	+32.0
Roku n	42.71	+9.46	+28.5
NovaListyl	2.15	+.38	+21.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Calithera	11.73	-4.73	-28.7
DianaCnt rs	7.79	-3.09	-28.4
TDH Hld n	15.89	-4.30	-21.3
Imunmd	10.00	-2.40	-19.4
KBS Fash rs	4.96	-1.19	-19.3

Diary

Advanced	1,446
Declined	1,476
Unchanged	193
Total issues	3,115
New Highs	75
New Lows	86
Volume	1,860,501,702

Tax overhaul may be boon to M&A despite House, Senate conflicts

Bloomberg

As House and Senate Republicans race to bridge differences in sweeping tax-overhaul bills, experts say the plans could be a boon to mergers and acquisitions, while their impact on leveraged buyouts wouldn't be as painful as private equity investors feared. Yet the latest drafts of the bills differ in key ways.

"There could be a major spike in deal making" if either of the bills took effect, said Andrew Kreisberg, a partner at White & Case specializing in domestic and international tax law.

That's because two provisions in the bills may set the stage for a wave of acquisitions, he and others said. First, they would slash the levy that companies pay on repatriated foreign earnings. The current tax on income brought home — 35 percent — has encouraged U.S. companies to stash an estimated $2.6 trillion abroad. The House bill would set a one-time 14 percent tax on cash assets, designed to halt the practice and bring much of the money back to the U.S. The House previously had proposed 12 percent.

The Senate plan, released Thursday, would impose a one-time 10 percent charge on returned cash.

The repatriated mother lode could trigger a buying spree by U.S. companies. And not just domestically. Because the bills additionally would eliminate tax on U.S. companies' future foreign earnings not held abroad, they could spur cross-border M&A by making it easier to repatriate cash.

"Making it simpler to bring cash back could encourage investments outside the U.S." Kreisberg said.

For leveraged buyouts, there's good and bad news. Private equity sponsors caught a break on interest deductions, a pivotal matter. Buyout firms currently can saddle companies they buy with debt and then deduct 100 percent of the interest cost from the companies' taxed earnings. The deduction is crucial to the returns that sponsors reap.

House Speaker Paul Ryan had pressed to abolish corporate interest deductions — a move that would make buyouts unworkable. House tax writers settled on a less severe rollback that would cap the deduction at 30 percent of a company's earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or Ebitda.

The cap in the Senate bill is stingier: Just 30 percent of a company's earnings before interest and taxes. That's a big difference, since depreciation and amortization are major components of Ebitda.

In addition, resolving another disparity in the plans will have an impact. While both bills would cut the federal corporate tax rate to 20 percent from 35 percent, the Senate bill delays the reduction taking effect by one year.

Healthy companies with high Ebitda-to-interest would come out ahead in the House bill. In 2016, National Vision Holdings Inc., controlled by buyout firm KKR & Co., would have paid about 35 percent less in federal tax under the House bill, according to an analysis by Bloomberg.

Under the Senate plan, the company would have paid about 13 percent more in year one. In year two, assuming a 20 percent rate, its 2016 federal tax would have been nearly unchanged.

National Vision is unusual, since most private equity-backed businesses have lower Ebitda-to-interest ratios. Under the House bill, a typical privately owned company, according to a Nov. 9 Morgan Stanley report, would see its effective after-tax cost of debt rise modestly, by less than half a percentage point.

Ailing, debt-laden companies that currently pay no federal tax may owe money they can ill afford.

The House plan would allow companies that can't use the full interest deduction permitted in a given year the ability to carry forward the unused amount for five years. The Senate's has no time limit for roll forwards.

"Even though your interest deduction is limited, you can carry it forward," Ernst & Young tax principal Gerald Whelan said. "If you use your cash flow to pay down debt, maybe your rate won't be 20, but it won't be that far off. You can still do better than with the current 35 percent rate."

Perhaps the biggest difference in the bills related to M&A is this: The House's bill would give buyers a massive gift by letting them immediately deduct the entire value of the tangible assets — equipment, buildings, land, inventory — of businesses they acquire. Now such deductions must be spaced out over five or more years.

There's a catch. Buyers must structure the deal as a purchase of a target's assets and not of its stock, as with many current buyouts and acquisitions. While stock purchases often are easier to structure, asset purchases are a way to maximize a deal's cost basis and boost deductions.

If a buyer later sells the business and reinvests the proceeds in another acquisition within a year — also structured as an asset purchase — it could then use the upfront deduction from the second acquisition to offset capital-gains taxes incurred in the sale.

Peter Furci, co-chair of Debevoise & Plimpton's global tax practice, compared the proposed break to the "like-kind" tax deferrals that home buyers are allowed.

"This certainly could spur M&A activity because people will want to buy to take advantage of it," he said. "It would incentivize people to accelerate purchases."

While the Senate bill includes a provision to speed such deductions, its scope is far narrower than the House's, applying only to assets recently put into service.

Under both bills, the swifter deductions would end after 2022.

Consumer goods firms lead US stocks slightly higher

The major U.S. stock indexes capped a day of mostly subdued trading with slight gains Monday.

Consumer and household goods companies led the market higher, offsetting losses by industrial and energy stocks.

A batch of corporate deal news also helped put investors in a buying mood. Mattel soared nearly 21 percent on a report that Hasbro offered to buy the rival toymaker.

General Electric slumped about 7 percent after cutting its dividend and releasing a weak forecast for 2018.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 2.54 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,584.84. The Dow Jones industrial average gained 17.49 points, or 0.1 percent, to 23,439.70. The Nasdaq composite added 6.66 points, or 0.1 percent, to 6,757.60.

The gains in consumer stocks and utilities, which also rose, suggest that investors were looking for yield, said Lindsey Bell, investment strategist at CFRA Research.

"They're maybe showing a little bit of skepticism in the bull market that's more than eight years old," she said. "Maybe they're feeling a little bit squeamish after last week."

Gold price rises

Gold rose $4.70 to $1,278.90 an ounce. Silver added 18 cents to $16.05 an ounce. Copper gained 4 cents to $3.12 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $142.41 Down 0.80

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.40 Up 0.02

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $110.97 Down 0.89

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.65 Down 0.06

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.22 Down 0.13

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $27.55 Down 0.70

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $17.18 Up 0.18

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $37.14 Down 0.83

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.24 Down 0.43

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.82 Down 0.13

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.96	13	34.17	-.05	-19.7
Abraxas	...	53	2.12	+.04	-17.5
AdaDvrsEq	.92e	...	15.76	+.03	+24.0
AMD	...	...	11.09	-.17	-2.2
Alibaba	...	52	184.54	-1.87	+110.2
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e		10.33	-.23	-18.0
Ambev	.06e	6	6.12		+24.6
Amgen	**4.60**	**16**	**171.50**	**-.85**	**+17.3**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**50.23**	**-.88**	**-28.0**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**43.49**	**-.54**	**-31.5**
Apple Inc	2.52	20	173.97	-.70	+50.2
ApldMatl	**.40**	**20**	**57.03**	**+.67**	**+76.7**
Archrock	.48	...	10.05	-.45	-23.9
ArgosThr h	...	...	.22	+.04	-95.6
ATMOS	**1.80**	**25**	**89.54**	**+.38**	**+20.8**
AutoData	2.52f	30	111.53	+.44	+8.5
BP PLC	**2.36**	**28**	**39.86**	**-.42**	**+6.7**
BkofAm	.48	15	26.40	-.11	+19.5
B PVxST rs	...	...	34.90	+.10	...
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.99	+.26	+2.9
BasicEnS			.45		
BerkHa A	**...**	**222763**	**47.00**	**+687.01**	**+13.2**
BlkHillsCp	**1.78**	**17**	**58.33**	**+.74**	**-4.9**
BrklySq	**1.56**	**21**	**60.99**	**+.13**	**+4.4**
BrownFA s	**...**	**35**	**58.78**	**+1.09**	**+27.1**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**58.18**	**+.90**	**+29.5**
CBS B	.72	13	55.95	-2.67	-12.1
CVS Health	2.00	13	71.48	+.49	-9.4
CallonPet	**...**	**35**	**11.16**	**-.56**	**-27.4**
Caterpillar	3.12	36	136.53	+.05	+47.2
Celestic g	...	8	10.65	+.09	-10.1
Cemex	.29t	...	7.91	-.19	+2.4
CntryLink	2.16	7	15.33	-.15	-35.5
CheshEng	...	7	4.15	+.01	-40.9
Chevron	**4.32**	**77**	**117.23**	**+.05**	**-.4**
Chicos	.33	10	7.47	-.55	-48.1
ChinZenix	...	...	2.12	+.88	+76.8
Cimarex	.32	32	121.87	-3.18	-10.3
Cisco	1.16	18	33.95	-.04	+12.3
Citigroup	1.28	14	71.99	-.26	+21.1
CocaCola	**1.48**	**29**	**46.72**	**+.18**	**+12.7**
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**26**	**73.70**	**+.49**	**+12.6**
Comcast s	.63	18	37.25	+.40	+7.9
ConAgra	**.85**	**19**	**34.84**	**+.04**	**-11.9**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**142.41**	**-.80**	**+7.4**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**42**	**52.57**	**-.42**	**+4.8**
CrackerB	4.80	24	155.74	-1.10	-6.7
CSVxSn rs	...	...	8.84	+.07	-90.7
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	10.68	-.70	-76.9
CrosTim	**.93e**	**15**	**15.15**	**+.07**	**-15.7**
DCP Mid	3.12	47	33.55	-.78	-12.6
DTE	3.30	22	114.24	+1.79	+16.0
DenburyR	...	...	1.88	+.10	-48.9
DevonE	**.24**	**57**	**39.65**	**-.76**	**-13.2**
Disney	**1.56**	**18**	**104.74**	**-.04**	**+.5**
EOG Resco	**.67**	**...**	**104.46**	**-.12**	**+3.3**
EksoBio n	...	...	2.02	+.49	-49.2
Endo Intl	...	...	6.69	-.24	-59.4
Energen	.06	...	56.12	-.70	-2.7
EgyTrEq s	1.18f	20	16.72	-.75	-13.4
EngyTrPt	2.26f	22	16.80	+.26	-30.1
EnPro	**.88**	**46**	**81.84**	**-.65**	**+21.5**
ENSCO	.04	...	5.90	-.35	-39.3
EntProdPt	1.69f	19	24.36	-.64	-9.9
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.01	...	+3.1
ExxonMbl	**3.06**	**32**	**82.89**	**-.05**	**-8.2**
FordM	.60a	11	12.16	+.15	+.2
GATX	**1.68**	**12**	**58.49**	**-.43**	**-5.0**
GGP Inc	.88	14	24.05	+1.84	-3.7
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**8.70**	**-.07**	**+20.2**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**33.17**	**+.09**	**+6.4**
GenElec	**.48m**	**16**	**19.02**	**-1.48**	**-39.8**
GenMotors	1.52	7	43.57	+.91	+25.1
GlPlainEn	**1.10**	**19**	**33.65**	**+.49**	**+23.0**
Halliblrtn	.72	...	44.21	-.37	-18.3
HP Ent n	.30f	19	13.48	-.22	+.2
iShBrazil	.67e	...	38.95	+.12	+16.8
iShEMkts	.59e	...	46.19	-.10	+31.9
iS Eafe	**1.66e**	**...**	**68.99**	**-.29**	**+19.5**
iShBxHYB	**5.09**	**...**	**87.05**	**-.06**	**+.6**
iShR2K	**1.77e**	**...**	**146.61**	**+.04**	**+8.7**
Imunmd	...	...	10.00	-2.40	+172.5
Intel	**1.00**	**20**	**46.75**	**+.17**	**+26.1**
InterDig	1.40f	10	72.10	...	-21.1
JD.com	...	...	41.34	+1.38	+62.5
JaguarHlth	...	...	.21	+.04	-70.3
JohnJn	**3.96**	**20**	**139.76**	**+.39**	**+21.3**
JohnContl n	1.00e	24	36.00	-.93	-12.6

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KBR Inc	.32	...	19.39	-1.47	+16.2
KimbClk	**3.88**	**19**	**115.41**	**+1.27**	**+1.1**
KindMorg	.50	32	17.46	-.21	-15.7
LegacyRes	...	...	1.65	-.08	-22.4
LendingCb	...	...	4.25	-.05	-19.0
Lulys	**...**	**...**	**2.54**	**-.08**	**-40.7**
Macys	1.51	7	19.33	-.65	-46.0
Mattel	.60	...	17.64	+3.02	-36.0
McDnlds	4.04f	29	167.37	+1.78	+37.5
Merck	1.88	14	55.10	-.38	-6.4
MeritMed	**...**	**44**	**37.70**	**+.90**	**+42.3**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.22	-.13	-15.6
MicronT	...	10	45.60	+.82	+108.0
Microsoft	1.68f	29	83.93	+.06	+35.1
Nabors	.24	...	6.12	-.28	-62.7
NOlfVarco	.20	...	33.06	-.46	-11.7
NektarTh	...	...	37.10	+4.60	+202.4
NY CmtyB	.68	15	12.78	+.66	-19.7
NY REIT	.46	...	7.05	+.12	-30.3
NewellRub	.92f	11	28.47	-.83	-36.2
NokiaCp	.17e	...	4.86	-.05	+1.0
NovaLstyl	...	...	2.15	+.38	+11.4
Novavax	...	...	1.22	+.10	-3.2
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**14.89**	**-.04**	**+5.1**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**14.74**	**+.06**	**+7.4**
Nvidia	.60f	59	212.63	-3.51	+99.2
OcciPet	**3.08**	**...**	**67.93**	**-.34**	**-4.6**
OncoSec rs	...	...	2.35	+.09	+91.1
PDC Engy	**...**	**...**	**48.21**	**-1.79**	**-33.6**
Pandora	...	...	4.67	+.10	-64.2
PerTech	**...**	**22**	**8.90**	**+.24**	**+61.1**
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PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**20.55**	**-.26**	**-23.6**
Penney	...	15	2.95	-.22	-64.5
PennaRE	**.84**	**12**	**10.80**	**-.34**	**-43.0**
Prmian	.63e	27	9.55	-.04	+23.9
Petrobras	...	...	10.82	-.09	+5.0
Pfizer	**1.28**	**14**	**35.30**	**+.12**	**+8.7**
PioNtrl	.08	...	156.92	-2.01	-12.9
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**24**	**20.36**	**-.73**	**-36.9**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	153.87	+.19	+29.9
Prasair	**3.15**	**26**	**148.15**	**-.13**	**+26.4**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**59.35**	**...**	**-6.8**
PUVixST rs	...	...	16.22	+.16	...
ProctGam	**2.76f**	**23**	**89.00**	**+.84**	**+5.9**

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Qualcom	2.28	26	66.49	+1.92	+2.0
RangeRs	.08	20	18.58	-.65	-45.9
RegalEnt	.88a	17	15.67	+.56	-23.9
RegionsFn	.36	16	15.44	+.27	+7.5
RiteAid	...	80	1.59	+.02	-80.7
Roku n	...	...	42.71	+9.46	+61.7
Rowan	.40	9	14.69	-.56	-22.2
RoyDShllA	3.76	97	63.90	...	+17.5
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	234.66	+.23	+18.8
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	258.33	+.24	+15.6
SpdrLehHY	2.30	...	36.64	-.04	+.5
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	35.88	-.61	-13.4
SabnR	2.31e	20	42.60	-.05	+21.2
SanderFm	**1.28f**	**14**	**160.70**	**+2.19**	**+70.5**
Schlmbrg	2.00	50	65.04	-.70	-22.5
SiriusXM	.04f	31	5.50	+.16	+23.6
Smucker	3.12f	14	106.49	+2.37	-16.8
SnapInc A n	...	...	12.40	-.36	-49.3
SwshnEngy	...	46	6.50	-.17	-39.9
Sprint	...	...	6.03	-.16	-28.4
Square n	...	...	39.98	+.77	+193.3
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	26.12	+.04	+12.3
SP Util	1.55e	...	56.17	+.66	+15.6
SyngyPh	...	...	2.44	-.28	-59.9
TOP Shi rs	...	...	.71	-.01	-100.0
TeleflEsp	**1.20e**	**...**	**9.90**	**-.13**	**+7.6**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TevaPhrm	.73e	4	11.74	-.04	-67.6
3M Co	4.70	26	228.22	+.73	+27.8
TimeWarn	1.61	15	86.49	-2.11	-8.3
Torchmark	**.80**	**18**	**84.69**	**+.43**	**+14.8**
TransEntx	...	...	3.19	+.31	+145.4
TriContl	**1.00e**	**...**	**25.92**	**-.14**	**+17.6**
Twitter	...	...	20.17	-.15	+23.7
TylerTech	**...**	**54**	**170.89**	**+.22**	**+19.7**
UBSI	**1.36f**	**18**	**34.75**	**+.60**	**-24.9**
US OilFd	...	...	11.38	-.04	-2.9
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.10	+.03	+32.5
ValeantPh	...	4	14.60	-.78	+.6
ValeroE	2.80	21	80.67	-.70	+18.1
VanEGold	.06e	...	22.56	+.04	+7.8
VangEmg	1.10e	...	44.50	-.09	+24.4
VerizonCm	2.36f	9	44.75	-.13	-16.2
VulcanM	**1.00**	**39**	**123.99**	**-.10**	**-.9**
WEC Engy	2.08	23	68.35	+.95	+16.5
WalgBoots	1.60	14	70.37	-.62	-15.0
WealthFrnt	...	...	3.92	-.15	-21.4
WellsFargo	1.56f	13	53.72	-.09	-2.5
WmsCos	1.20	49	28.23	-.39	-9.3
XcelEngy	**1.44**	**22**	**50.79**	**+.59**	**+24.8**
Xerox rs	1.00	10	28.17	-1.00	+22.5
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10,080.51	8,116.68	Dow Jones Transportation	9,518.84	+17.48	+.18	+5.25	+8.59
781.54	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	765.39	+8.44	+1.12	+16.04	+22.38
12,443.80	10,416.34	NYSE Composite	12,316.83	-5.78	-.05	+11.40	+15.33
6,795.52	5,122.77	Nasdaq Composite	6,757.60	+6.66	+.10	+25.63	+29.50
2,597.02	2,100.59	S&P 500	2,584.84	+2.54	+.10	+15.45	+19.44
1,845.20	1,496.03	S&P Midcap	1,826.93	+3.18	+.17	+10.14	+15.16
26,951.57	21,894.59	Wilshire 5000	26,789.88	+15.52	+.06	+14.36	+18.56
1,514.94	1,164.57	Russell 2000	1,475.07	-.20	-.01	+8.69	+13.59

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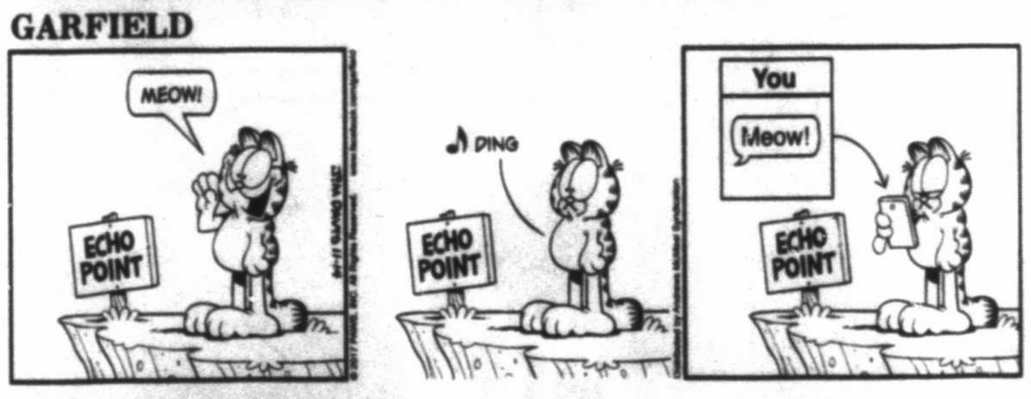

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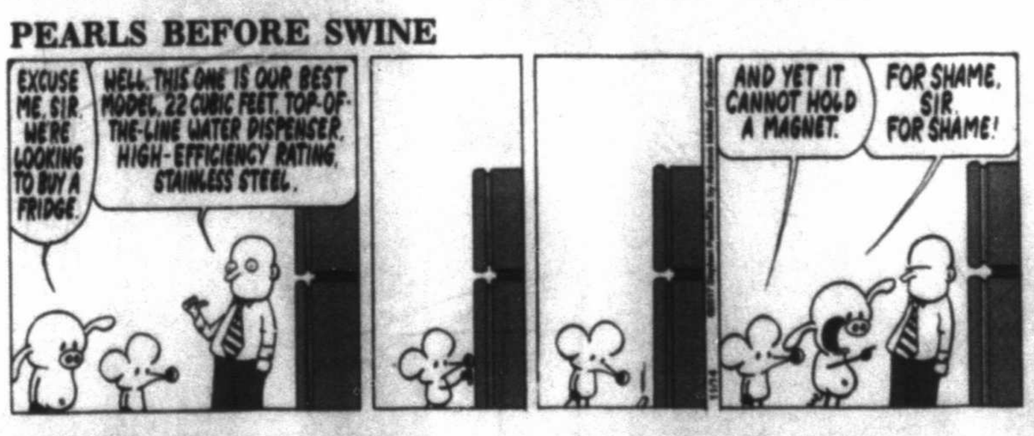

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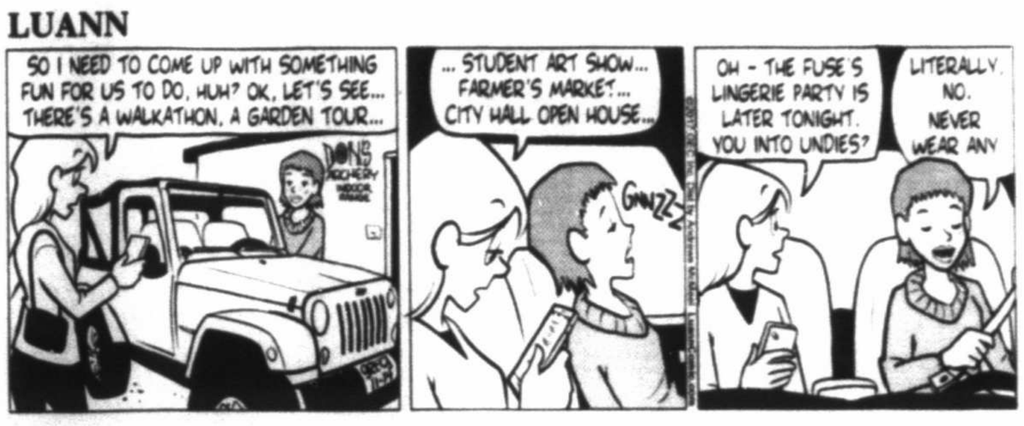

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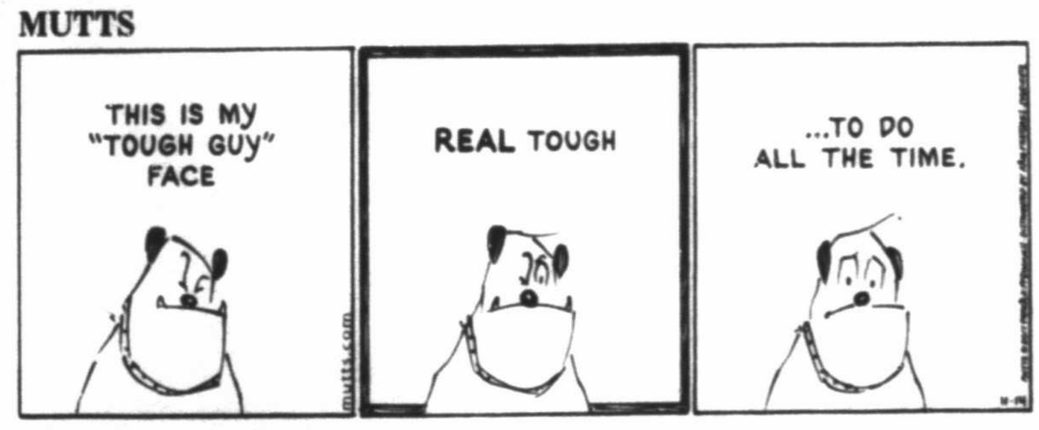

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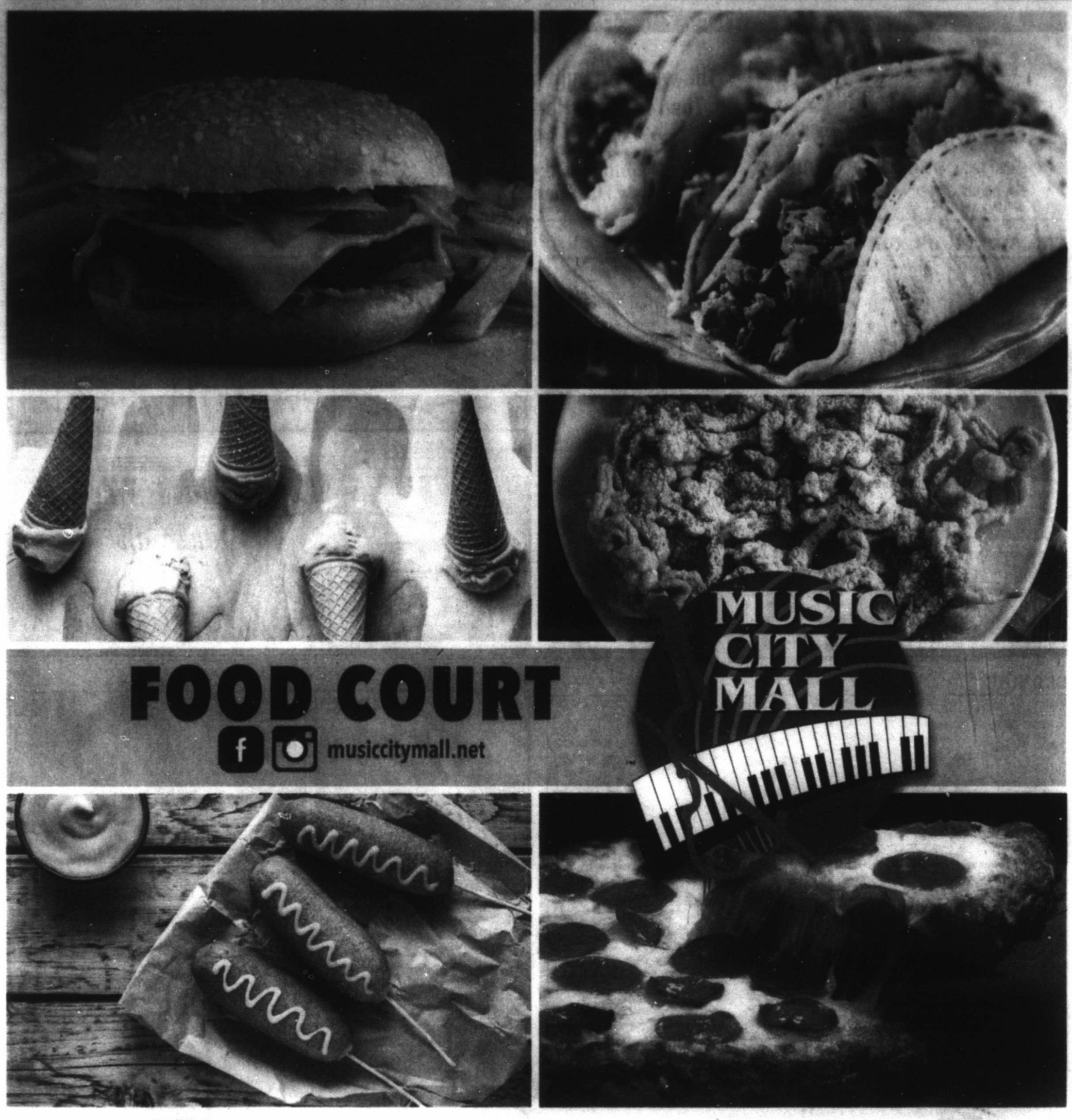

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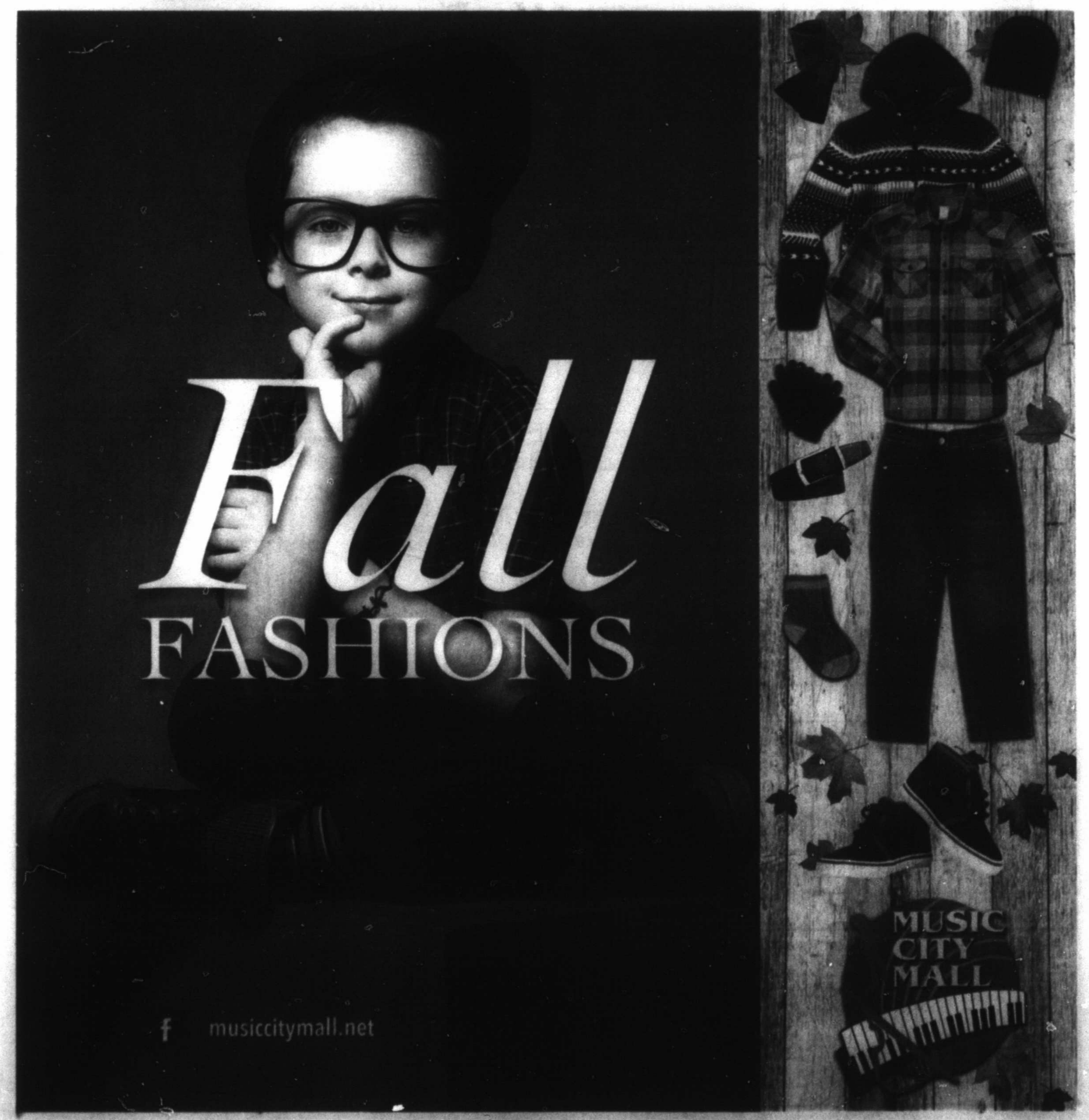

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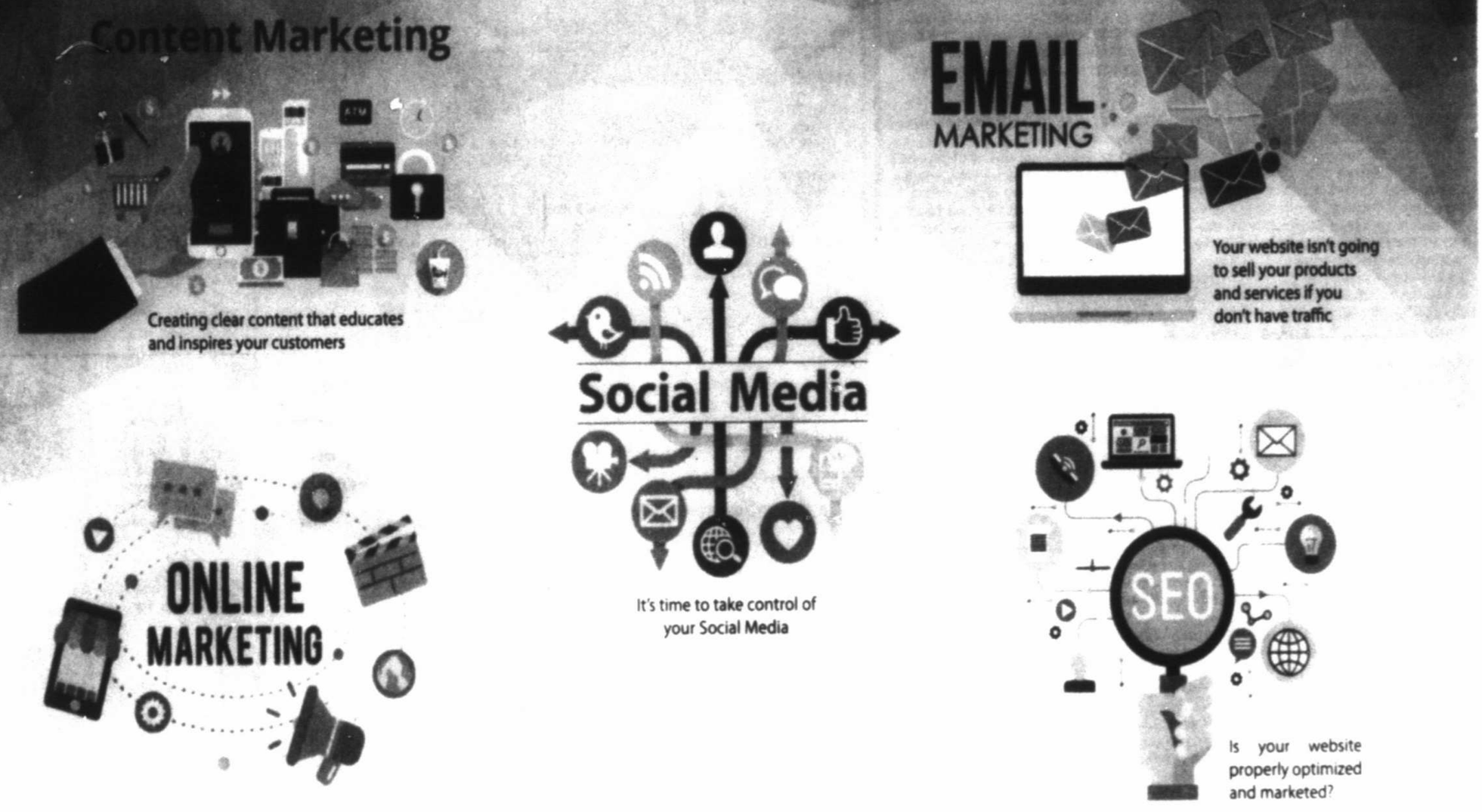

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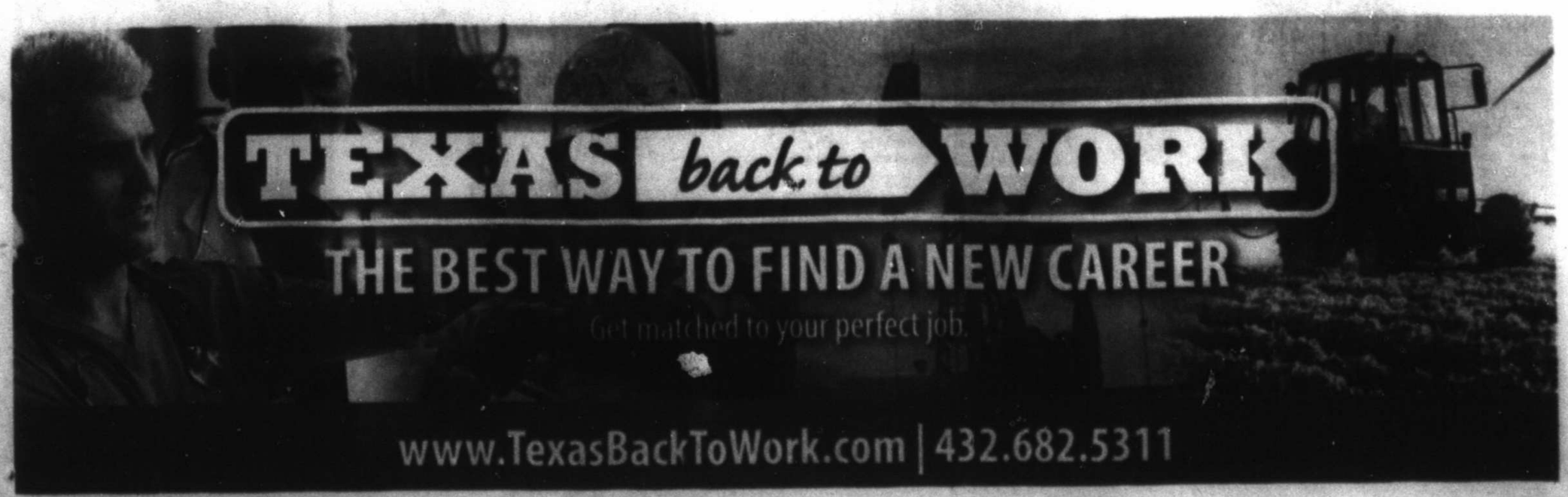

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General Announcement

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 36078

APPLICATION Latham Pool Products, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 36078, which would authorize continued operation of a Swimming Pool and Spa Manufacturing Facility located at 10600 West Interstate Highway 20 East, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79711. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.91028&lng=-102.2211&zoom=13&type=r. The existing facility and/or related facilities are authorized to emit the following air contaminants: hazardous air pollutants, organic compounds and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on October 18, 2017. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Midland regional office, and the Midland County Downtown Public Library, 301 West Missouri Ave, Midland, Midland County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Midland regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of the following authorizations or changes to authorized facilities related to this permit: permits by rule and changes in emission factors. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1 800 687 4040. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15 day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues submitted during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1 800 687 4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Latham Pool Products, Inc., 787 Watervliet Shaker Road, Latham, New York 12110-2211 or by calling Mr. Christopher Blume, RPS, at (312) 541-4200, Extension 271.

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

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Lease/Unit Acres	650.03	
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Lease Lines	1678.0 F E (offlease) L, 777.0 F S (offlease) L	
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Wellbore Profile(s)	Horizontal	
Lateral: TH1		
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Terminus Location		
BH County: MIDLAND		
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"Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy landlord's lien. Per Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, contents of unit(s): Unit #49 - Toliver J. Thomas, at Greenwood Self Storage, located at 2118 SCR 1083, Midland, TX 79706 on November 28th at 9:00 a.m. by silent auction."

Personals

LOOKING for anyone who worked at the Tube-Kote Plant in Midland, TX in 1968. Please call David Humen at 214-357-6244

Recreation Vehicles

2007 SILVERBACK BY CEDARCREEK 32 FT SLIDEOUT ,FIBERGLASS SELF CONTAINED FIBERGLASS, LOADED MUST SELL $10,500 432-413-0394

2015 WINDJAMMER travel trailer by Forest River, 3025W, loaded, 2 AC's, diamond package, all fiberglass. 432-678-8085

BEARD 1970 travel trailer, 31', outside rough due to weather, inside nice & clean. $3,000. 432-488-9796

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Residential Rentals

Condo Thome Rent Unfurn

3 & 4 bedroom homes for rent. We accept HUD. For more information call us at 432-570-8555

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5104 A. RAINBOW. Cute 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 garage duplex. Some appliances. $1900 monthly. 432-620-9222.

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Miscellaneous 4-Sale

Classified Ads - For Sale
Auction #2018-001

An online auction of Midland College surplus property will be held by Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. The auction will begin on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 and close on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. Items will be available for viewing and bidding on the auctioneer's website: http://www.renebates.com. The College will be auctioning a concrete grinder/polisher, Gooseneck trailer, tire changer, car lift, head re-surfacer, Avaya phone system, folding tables, desks, chairs, etc. For additional information, contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all auction bids. For a complete list of instructions, or to participate in the online auction go to http://www.renebates.com.

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Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

LINCOLN 2009 Towncar, Signature Limited LTD, 74K miles, excellent condition. See at 4304 Lanhan Street. Call 575-937-4242

ORIGINAL PRICE $69,900, now priced $8,995! 1999 Lexus LX470 SUV, black, garage kept, regularly serviced. Call after 5pm 432-682-6139

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CHEVROLET 2005 Silverado, 4 dr, good condition, 120k miles, $8,000. 432-689-0409 dr 432-230-2100

Pickup Trucks

FORD 2006 F250, 5.4 Triton Crewcab, 8' bed, new Michelins, 2 work boxes. $8,750. Call Between 7am-3pm Mon.-Fri. 432-230-1859

Vans and Mini Vans

DODGE CARAVAN Specialty Van with handicap ramp. $5,500, runs great. 432-263-4548 or 432-816-0422

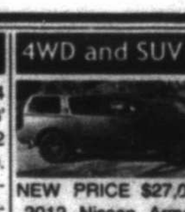
4WD and SUV

JEEP 2001 Grand Cherokee, white, engine replaced, must see. AC & heater works. Asking $5,000. 432-349-0041

4WD and SUV

JEEP WRANGLER 2008, 4 dr, 4 wd. great condition. $15,500. Must see! 432-254-4828

4WD and SUV



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WANTED CLEAN FILL DIRT. CALL 432-661-1180

FOR SALE

Real Estate Rental-Sale

Residential Rentals

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1 BDRM DUPLEX FOR LEASE. Call 432-967-7077

VERY AFFORDABLE RENT: 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms, call 432-687-4514

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Svcs-Professionals

Cleaning Services

Home Cleaning

2 MOM'S & A BUCKET. Let us handle the mop while you get out & shop. Free estimates. One Time, Permanent. Have references. 432-889-2873 432-258-4711

Cleaning Specialist. Excellent references. Get ready for the holidays! 432-661-8622

HOUSE CLEANING relocated from Wyoming. Left 25 years business of wonderful clients. Searching for new wonderful clients in Midland. Call or text 307-350-5827.

Computer Services

Repair-Replacement

A+ COMPUTER Tutor! Overcome Your Fear of Computers or other electronic devices! ✓Your PLACE at Your PACE. ★Call Karen 432-553-2468 (leave msg).

Hauling

CLEARAWAY FOR all your REMOVAL needs and light construction, trash, & tree limbs, residential & commercial clean-out. Tired of higher prices? Give us a call for affordable prices. 432-235-9999

Home Services to Home Improvement

Brick-Block-Stone

ADVANCED BRICK DOCTOR, brick & mortar repair, All types of new construction specializing in block and brick fence. Steve Rickey. 432-853-2859.

Chimney Clean-Repair

CHIMNEY CLEANING from top to bottom! Our work is guaranteed. 832-654-5797

Concrete

ALPHA MASONRY and Concrete work. Free Estimates. Small Jobs Welcome 432-813-8552.

FOR ALL your concrete needs, driveways, sidewalks, new slabs house or garage additions. Call Danny @ 432-894-0702

JS Concrete

Slabs, curbs, driveways, patios, Stamp concrete. Free Estimates. Bonded & Insured. Juan Sanchez, owner. 432-413-0924

Home Services to Home Improvement

Electrical

ALL YOUR electrical needs met. Call G&S Electric. 32 Years experience. 432-685-0859. Tec# 22541

LAING ELECTRIC. 432-413-5860 licensed and insured. TECL 18544. Always appreciated!

Fences

ABC CONSTRUCTION Wood, chain link, block, gates & repairs are my specialty. Native Midlander building since 1979. Call Lonnie 432-528-5262

ALPHA WELDING Carports, iron works & fencing. Small jobs welcome. Call 432-813-8552.

AMH FENCING A rating on Angie's List. Residential fence, builder and repair. Reliable, professional, and quick response. Local for 12 years. 432-254-9207

STABILITY FENCING & WELDING. Repair or rebuild. Any size job big or small. Wood, sheet metal, block, brick & iron. Call 432-978-9990

Fireplaces-Firewood

ERIC'S FIREWOOD, 1/4 cord $100, 1/2 cord $200, full cord $400, stacked & delivered. Thank you. 432-934-6198.

Home Services to Home Improvement

Fireplaces-Firewood

FIREWOOD BY Midland Fireman. Oak, Pinon, Mesquite firewood. Full, half and quarter cords. Free delivery. Also, Tree Trimming services and firewood racks for sale. Call 432-557-2897, 209-1131.

Heat-Air Condition

ELLIS & Sons Plumbing & Air Conditioning Sales & Service. Service all brands. 683-2679. TALCB005482.

Painting-Wallpaper

24 HR Handyman. For any type of job, big or small. Repair or rebuild. 432-978-9990.

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NO LIMIT PAINTING any type of job big or small. Interior/Exterior. Texture, sheetrock. 432-978-9990

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PAINTING, SHEET rock, repairs, fans, electrical, plumbing, tile-floor & bath. Perman Maintenance 432-697-5417

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Roofing

J&J ROOFING All Types of Roofing & Repairs. Fence Repairs, Metal roofs. 25 years experience. Free Estimates Call Juan, 432-631-6861

Landscape and Tree Maintenance

Lawn and Garden

A & D LAWN SERVICES Think ahead to next year & start preparing your yard for spring. Fall/winter is a good time to get your trees/shrubbery pruned and trimmed for good health and shape. If you need guidance, it's free. Call 432-853-8897 for tips on your yard or estimate.

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AFFORDABLE TREE shrub pruning, removal, sprinkler repairs. Licensed & Insured. Call Williams Tree Lawn Sprinkler 561-8802, 638-6163.

Arbor Max Solutions Professional Landscape & TreeCare. Schedule your fall feeding starting in Sept. **Taylor Maxwell Degreed Horticulturist Certified Arborist** TX3606A 432-528-1737

GENERAL YARD Fall clean-up, mulching, tree & shrub trimming/pruning, planting, winter prepping & many more services. 432-853-8897

RETIRED MIDLAND fireman. Trim trees, hedges, clean flower beds, clean up & mowing. Call 697-2030.

MURPHY'S LAWN CARE Mowing, edging, trimming, Hedge/ shrub trimming, clean-ups. Bill or Maryann. (432)687-2131

RAUL'S LAWN Services. Lawn mowing, edging, shrub trimming. Free estimates. Reasonable. Call Raul @ 432-254-6384.

Personal Services

♥ MASSAGE & BODYWORK BY HENRY ♥ 2401 N. DIXIE IN ODERSA - 4500 W. ILLINOIS IN MIDLAND By Appointment only. 432-349-7811 www.sportsmassageodessa.com

Lawn and Garden

CLIFF'S TREE SERVICE 22 years experience. Midland/Odessa and surrounding areas. Trim, cut, prune & grind stumps. 432-248-9121

Miscellaneous Services

The Antiques Barn Estate Sales Services is now accepting estates sales & moving sales. 432-254-1026

Painting-Wallpaper

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STRACENER IRRIGATION Sprinkler Systems Repairs & Installations License #4933 Call (432) 561-9525

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VILLA'S YARD Service Free Est., Reasonable Rates. Mowing, flower beds, tree trimming & removal. Christmas decor. 432-349-3893 Lord Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want. Psalm 23:1

Miscellaneous Services

BLUE'S SPRINKLER System. Installs and repairs. Backflow assembly tester. Lic 8285. 432-689-8963, 432-704-2647.

Personal Services

IRMA'S UPHOLSTERY & DRAPERY. 20 yrs exp. 432-352-4633.

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Miscellaneous Services

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Remodeling-Repair

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL REMODELING. Call Gene 432-661-2556

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MARQUEZ HOME REPAIR. Tile, Paint, Drywall, etc. Ask for Adam 432-413-9761

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL SURFACE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITY PERMIT

On August 23, 2017, Buchanan Oilfield Services LLC, PO Box 10460, Midland, Texas 79702 filed an application with the Railroad Commission of Texas to Operate a Commercial Oil and Gas Disposal Facility to Treat, Reclaim and Dispose of Non-hazardous Oil and Gas Wastes at the Midland Oilfield Waste Disposal Facility in multiple disposal pits. The proposed disposal site is located on real property owned by Buchs Dough, LLC in Midland County. The site is located 11.5 miles southeast of Midland, Texas in the L.A. Webb Survey 21, Abstract No. 1101, Midland County.

Wastes may include water-based drilling fluid and cuttings, oil-based drilling fluid and cuttings contaminated soils, produced formation sand, wastes from produced water collecting pits, tank bottoms from gas plants, crude oil reclamation plants and/or crude oil production/separation facilities, and inert waste as defined by Statewide Rule 8.

Affected persons may protest this application. Protests must be in writing and must be received by the 15th day after the last date of publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be November 21, 2017 which means protest should be received by December 6, 2017.

Protests must be sent to: Technical Permitting Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-3640).

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Water from Addicks Reservoir flows into neighborhoods Aug. 29 as floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey rise in Houston. The chances of a hurricane drenching Texas, like Harvey did, have soared six fold in just a quarter century with global warming and will likely triple once again before the end of the century, says a new study published Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Harvey's 'biblical' rainfall is getting more likely

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chances of a hurricane flooding parts of Texas, like Harvey did, have soared sixfold in just 25 years because of global warming and will likely triple once again before the end of the century, a new study says.

Study author Kerry Emanuel, a meteorology professor and hurricane expert at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, found that what was once an extremely rare event — 20 inches of rain over a large area of Texas — could soon be almost common.

From 1981 to 2000, the probability of 20 inches of rain happening somewhere over a large chunk of Texas was 1 in 100 or even less, Emanuel said. Now it's 6 in 100 and by 2081, those odds will be 18 in 100, he said.

"The changes in probabilities are because of global warming," Emanuel said.

The study was released Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Emanuel said he hurried the study to help Houston officials think about what conditions they should consider when they rebuild.

Texas state climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon said he was struck by the potential for much higher rainfall that Emanuel's simulations predict for the future and how important it is for the design of critical structures like dams and nuclear facilities.

"If the worst-case precipitation scenario is getting worse, as Kerry's study and other evidence implies, that safety margin is shrinking," Nielsen-Gammon said in an email, highlighting Emanuel's results that also show the worst-case storms becoming wetter and more common.

Gabriel Vecchi, a climate scientist at Princeton who wasn't part of the study, said the study confirms what scientists have already thought: "that the most extreme rainfall events will become more likely as the planet warms."

"These results highlight the importance of finding ways to incorporate our understanding of climate change in long-term urban planning, storm water management and in flood mapping," Vecchi said in an email.

To do the study Emanuel had to use some innovative modeling techniques. Global climate models used for future warming studies aren't detailed enough to simulate hurricanes. Hurricane models don't say anything about the larger climate. So Emanuel combined the models and then created thousands and thousands of fictional storm "seedlings" to see what would happen.

Emanuel's calculations used the 20-inch (half a meter) rainfall total because that was the initial figure discussed as the storm was dying down.

Later measurements showed that Harvey's rain was far heavier — and far rarer — than initially reported. After Emanuel had started his work, records showed Harvey's Houston-wide rainfall ended up closer to 33 inches (84 centimeters). And in individual areas pit peaked at 60 inches (1.5 meters).

Emanuel called those numbers "biblical."

"By the standards of the average climate during 1981-2000, Harvey's rainfall in Houston was 'biblical' in the sense that it likely occurred around once since the Old Testament was written," Emanuel's study said.

While several scientists praised the study's technique. Christopher Landsea, science operations chief at the National Hurricane Center, had some reservations. He said Emanuel's results don't fit with other climate change model projections which do show higher rainfall totals but also show a decrease in the number of storms.

Scientists discover prehistoric shark

By Cleve R. Wootson Jr.
Washington Post

Maybe it's time we homo sapiens re-evaluated our relationship with the oceans of the world.

It has been a good few millennia, sure, but our love affair may have been a little rushed. After all, what do we really know about the ocean? Roughly 95 percent of it remains unexplored, and it seems as if every other day we're finding out something new and unsettling.

Old emotions can die hard. So for the unconvinced holdouts, here's a little push, via Twitter:

"Prehistoric, Dinosaur-Era Shark With Insane Teeth Found Swimming Off Coast of Portugal"

That sea-dwelling, serpentine conglomeration of nightmare fuel is the frilled shark, one of the oldest — and in the running for the creepiest — living species on the planet.

Its prehistoric contemporaries, like Tyrannosaurus rex and triceratops, died out long ago, but the frilled shark is still swimming around deep below the surface of the world's oceans, scientists say.

They know that because of an accident that sounds vaguely like the plot of a straight-to-video horror movie. A group of European Union scientists were trawling the depths of the Atlantic Ocean this month, trying to figure out a way to "minimize unwanted catches in commercial fishing," according to the BBC.

Instead, they ended up capturing one of the rarest and most ancient creatures on the planet, one that may have inspired 19th-century tales of "sea serpents."

What those sailors didn't know was that the frilled shark has looked pretty much the same since the breakup of Pangea. Mainly, that look is horrifying.

The largest can grow 6 feet long. The shark is named after its gills, which have frilly, fluffy edges, but the cuddly factor ends abruptly there.

Inside its short-snouted head are 300 more reasons to never go farther than the beach: hundreds of needle-sharp teeth, neatly lined in 25 rows.

It uses quick lunges to sink those teeth into other sharks, fish, octopuses and squid.

Humans know very little about the frilled shark because it lives deep in the ocean, off the coasts of Japan, New Zealand and Australia.

In its 80 million years on the planet, it has rarely come into contact with humans or been seen or filmed in its natural habitat. Clearly freaked-out 19th-century sailors were the first to write about it.

The frilled fish has a remarkably simple anatomy, probably because of a lack of nutrients in its aquatic environment. But there's no definitive answer about why it outlived its Cretaceous Period contemporaries.

So for now, it remains one of those increasingly frequent reminders that some of the creepiest beings in existence are floating beneath what appears to be a serene ocean surface.

Only get Chrome downloads from the official extentions store

Dear PropellerHeads, My son keeps telling me I need to extend my Google browser. What's that about?

A: Might be time to brush up on your tech vernacular, too, old timer. I'm pretty sure what you're referring to are extensions for Google's internet browser, Chrome (google.com/chrome). There are a lot of browsers out there, and we've covered most of them in our battle of the browsers article before. While there's disagreement about which browser is best, this particular PropellerHead prefers Chrome. It's quick, updates constantly, and has a bunch of great add-ons you can get for free. Those add-ons are the extensions.

First, we recommend only installing extensions you find at the official Chrome Extension Store (bit.ly/1bHfcbG). Downloading and installing extensions from another source could lead to viruses and loss of sensitive information on your computer. Now that the warning is out of the way, let's look at the extensions you should consider installing.

One of my favorites is kind of boring,

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but very necessary. Have you ever noticed that some websites you go to have 'https' instead of 'http'? That extra 's' stands for secure, and means that traffic to and from your browser and Internet-land is encrypted. That means that even if someone can intercept your information, they will have trouble making any sense of it. Why aren't all sites like that? Well, if you use the extension HTTPS Everywhere (bit.ly/1NZSKO0), they will be!

Another favorite of mine is about getting rid of the clutter — name, unwanted advertisements and pop-up windows. Installing AdBlock (bit.ly/1hFMQkV) puts an end to virtually all of those, making browsing a much better experience.

Productivity at work is a concern, so there are a bunch of extensions that will help you stay focused during the daily grind. Do you have a coworkers and friends constantly sending you links for really interesting articles (and by that, I mean videos of kittens and puppies playing)? If so, use Pocket (bit.ly/1NZTHpo) to save all of those kitteh videos, er, important political happenings … for later in one place. Check them out after work during your real downtime.

For those that have trouble not "multitasking" online while on the clock, consider Strict Workflow (bit.ly/1oo4Qjd). It blocks you from surfing the web for 25 minutes, and then gives you a 5 minute break to check out what's happening on Facebook (here's a hint: not much in the last 25 minutes). It's ideal for those that get distracted by shiny objects.

If you're the fashionable type, check out all the "skins" you can get for your Chrome browser. A skin is basically the equivalent of your desktop background, but for your browser. It can add a sense of personalization that the original doesn't possess. Rather than me telling you which one to choose, just check out the entire selection at bit.ly/1MYn1Or.

Lastly, if it's Friday and you've filed all of your TPS reports for the week and deserve a little fun, Chrome has an entire library of free games you can play through your browser as well (bit.ly/1MYnSP4) for your enjoyment. Just remember, if the boss comes walking in, you can always hit the Panic Button (bit.ly/1KQ7CtX) and no one's the wise

Hopefully, this gives you a good starting place to explore the different types of extensions for Chrome and see how they can enhance your online browsing experience. Speaking of which, I think mine's due for a Hello Kitty make-over. Don't judge me.

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