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CARE ABROAD

Midlander Presley Miller spent three weeks in Thailand caring for wildlife.

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BELLA'S BIG DAY

A fundraiser for terminally ill 10-year-old Isabella Gamboa was Monday. Gamboa was recently sent well wishes by country singer George Strait.

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Conaway, business community discuss tax reform

■ Congressman leads roundtable discussion that focused on impact of lower taxes

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Members of the Midland business community had the opportunity on Monday to discuss impacts of tax reform with U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway. The lawmaker said he will take messages from the roundtable discussion to Washington.

"Small businesses have a different perspective on the world," Conaway said. "They've got limited resources [with] which to react to new regulatory schemes or whatever is going on. So these are the hands-on folks that are going to have to live with whatever we do."

The congressman spoke for about one hour with representatives from local businesses as well as the Midland Chamber of Commerce, Midland Development Corp. and the Small Business Development Center at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The roundtable discussion, which was closed to the media, occurred after the group toured Susie's South Forty Confections.

Enrique Romero is regional director of the SBDC, which offers assistance to people wanting to start or expand small businesses. He said small businesses form the backbone of the economy and that simplifying the tax system can allow owners to focus on their ventures.

"It will allow us to let small businesses know that there's help from the federal government — that there's assistance out there," said Romero, who participated in the roundtable discussion. "The government's trying to do something to help small business owners and not make their life a lot more difficult."

Conaway said before the meeting that he hoped to answer questions and hear thoughts about the impact lower taxes would have on local businesses.

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Concho's Leach in center of action at A&M

■ University regent talks higher education with Aggie Moms

By Stewart Doreen
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If someone went to Monday's meeting of the Midland A&M Moms expecting to hear Regent Tim Leach talk about the A&M football coaching situation, they were going to be disappointed.

Leach explained to the group that micro-managing the football coach's situation is not what regents should be worrying about -- not when there are billion-dollar building programs and capital campaigns to execute and not when the core mission of the land-grant school is "to give Texans a low-cost, high-quality education and give the students tools to put their life in a different trajectory than what it was on before."

Those former students in attendance who didn't know Leach, a member of the A&M class of 1982, probably learned quickly that education is a priority for him in College Station, just like it is in Midland, where his attention is in helping Midland ISD rise to the top quarter of all school districts in the state.

"I'm about to turn 58 years old," said the Concho CEO and board chairman after the meeting. "At this phase in my life and my career, I wanted to be in the center of the action. Being in the oil business, Midland, Texas, is the center of the action, and being in the education business, Texas A&M is the center of the action. I'm really happy with what I am seeing and what I am doing."

Leach made history earlier this year when Gov. Greg Abbott made him the first Midlander to serve on the A&M system's board of regents. A&M has been a big part of Leach's life. He met his wife, Amy, A&M class of 1984, in College Station. His current chief operations officer at Concho, Joe Wright, was his college roommate in Aggieland. He also could relate to what many current A&M students are going through. He ate his meals at Sbisa Dining Hall, had trouble finding a parking spot on campus, had issues with teacher's assistants (TAs) and questioned why he had to learn stuff he knew he wouldn't use.

However, his time after graduation has been different than most former students. He and Amy donated $10 million to help construct the university's Engineering Education Complex. Just months into his first term as regent, he is chair of the building and finance committee, which is overseeing $3 billion in projects, and he and Amy are co-chairs of a $4 billion capital campaign – the largest ever for a public university.

Leach said $2.8 billion is already raised.

"A&M sells itself," he told the group.

A&M is one of the top research universities in the world, he said. It is more than 60,000-students strong (around double the student population when Leach attended). One of the programs he

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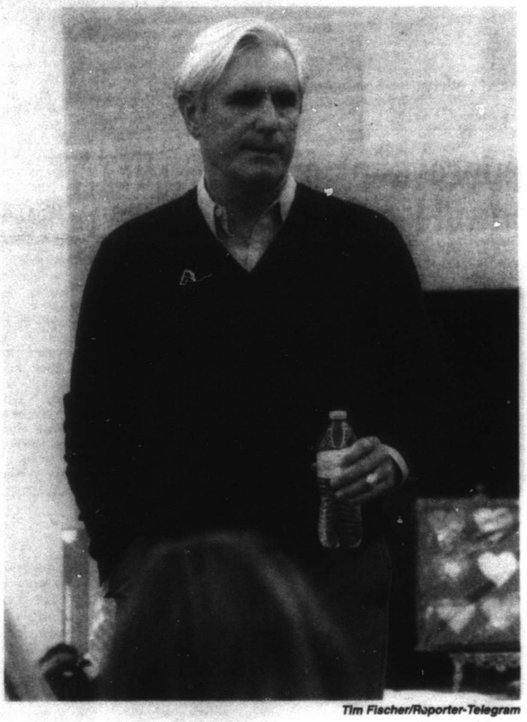

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Concho CEO Tim Leach, member of Texas A&M Board of Regents, speaks Monday to area Aggie Moms, and dads, during a meeting in Midland.

Road bond campaign raises more than $61,000 in first period

■ Hilliard: 'We have set up a chance for Midland to regain control of its future'

By Stewart Doreen
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Political contributions through late September for the Midland Road Bond campaign topped $61,000, according to a campaign finance report.

The report shows donations of $61,587 through Sept. 28 and about $40,000 still in the bank, heading into last weeks of the campaign.

The two-week early-voting period for the $100 million road bond begins Monday. Early voting will be at the Midland County Annex. Election Day is Nov. 7, when there will be 12 locations for voting.

"We have amped up the campaign," said Brent Hilliard with the Midland Road Bond organization. "It is a much closer race than anticipated but one that we will win."

The campaign's first report shows Pioneer Natural Resources leading the way with a $25,000 contribution. William B. Kent added a $5,000 contribution, as did Paula and Jim Henry. Hilliard Office Solutions reported an in-kind donation of $24,987.50.

"We have set up a chance for Midland to regain control of its future by giving its residents an opportunity to vote in favor of the road bond and the infrastructure bond," Hilliard said.

The plan would impact 26 different road projects across the city. The breakdown of costs are: roads, 60 percent; water and sewer, 24.4 percent; engineering, 5.2 percent and ADA compliance, 10.4 percent.

The ballot will have two propositions. The first — proposition A — will read: "The issuance of $74,090,000 general obligation bonds for street improvements,

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Price of oil
$51.87 ▲ $0.42
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The big number
4 thousand dollars; what the White House claims the average family will get in tax cuts. Page 6A

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

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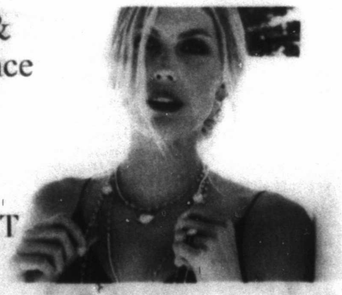

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Susie Hitchcock-Hall, owner and president of Susie's South Forty Confections, gives a tour to U.S. Rep Mike Conaway and other area business leaders Monday before a roundtable discussion with area business leaders.

CONAWAY

From 1A

The congressman previously addressed the topic at recent town hall meetings in Midland and Odessa. He said tax reform is an issue that permeates the economy.

"Every person in America has some impact from the tax code, whether business or individually," Conaway said.

"My personal background [is as] a CPA; I have a keen interest in that, as well."

The Midland Republican said the current tax code is a burden on the economy and that changes will help it to grow at a faster pace.

Conaway said lawmakers have discussed tax reform as well as how it will look.

He said more conversations could happen after the Senate completes its budget and that questions remain about specifics related to topics such as tax brackets and deductions.

"Those granular details, getting to know those, (are) just at the front of everybody's mind at this point," he said.

Conaway stopped at the candy factory before going to UTPB, where he presented to the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute Public Papers of the Presidents, which were donated by the Library of Congress.

Man charged with indecency

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Friday after he allegedly touched a child inappropriately, according to court documents.

Curtis Essie Morrow, 35, was being held Monday on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

Morrow

A Midland police detective responded to the Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center on Friday in reference to a report of sexual abuse.

Morrow touched a child inappropriately, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Morrow could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Planning & Zoning approves plan for fence at new Goodwill location

By Mella McEwen
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Goodwill Industries West Texas took another step in its quest to open a second store in the former Chelsea Rae's location at Loop 250 and Crestfield.

The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on a request by Goodwill for a zone change from Amended Planned District for a Shopping Center go an Amended Planned District for a Shopping Center in order to approve a site plan for an 8-foot brick-and-wood fence. The fence was designed to act as a partition between the store and the neighborhood as requested by the City Council in September.

"We agreed together to take the guidance and recommendation of the City Council," Jim Tredennick, vice president, operations at Goodwill Industries told the commissioners.

He said his organization "has made significant investment in Midland, in this property, for the long haul. We have no intention of letting it degrade."

A resident from the neighborhood appeared at the public hearing to request that the proposed fence be extended west to the Havertys property line. With that amendment in place, the five commissioners present voted unanimously to approve the request.

"The brick-and-wood combination fence, I believe is sufficient," said commission member Reggie Lawrence.

Commissioner Dianne Williams said the vote was "a good deal. I appreciate both sides being here. That way they can talk and answer each other's questions."

Commissioners also unanimously approved a request by Cody James Cooper for a specific use permit for an accessory building to be used as living quarters at his property east of Roadrunner Trails and south of Briarwood Avenue. The 1,300-foot building will sit on Cooper's two-acre property.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ODESSA

Police arrest man in aggravated sexual assault

Odessa police called to investigate a suspicious person at a north Odessa apartment complex found a 28-year-old man wanted in connection with an aggravated sexual assault last month.

Police reported arresting Arturo Jose Hipolito Jr. at about 5:55 p.m. Wednesday at La Promesa Del Norte, 4590 N. Texas Ave.

Police say the warrant for his arrest stemmed from a Sept. 7 report made by a 30-year-old woman who told police he assaulted her at a night club, leaving her with a swollen lip and black eye. Then, she reported, he drove her to an alley and raped her.

Hipolito was still listed Monday as being held at the Ector County Detention Center on a $100,000 bond.

HOUSTON

4-year-old girl among 2 killed in attack

Authorities say a man opened fire outside of a Houston apartment complex, killing a man and a 4-year-old girl and wounding the girl's mother and another man. Police say the gunman got away after the Sunday night shooting. They haven't disclosed a possible motive for the attack.

Investigators say the four were in a breezeway at the complex when the attacker opened fire. The girl, Ashley Perdomo, was pronounced dead at a hospital and 31-year-old Miguel Marquez was dead at the scene.

Authorities say the child's mother, 35-year-old Carol Perdomo, is in good condition. The other shooting victim, 30-year-old Zibullah Sahok, is listed in critical condition.

AUSTIN

Judge: Gov. Abbott's removal of exhibit was improper

A federal judge has determined that Gov. Greg Abbott engaged in improper censorship when he ordered a mock Nativity scene be removed from the Capitol in 2015.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks ruled late Friday that Abbott violated the First Amendment's free-speech guarantee.

The Austin American-Statesman reports that Sparks also said the Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation can seek to depose Abbott about his motives for removing the exhibit.

The foundation sued Abbott last year over the removal of the display, which showed Benjamin Franklin, the Statue of Liberty, Thomas Jefferson and George Washington peering down at the Bill of Rights in a manger. Abbott called it a spiteful message of "tasteless sarcasm."

The State Preservation Board had approved the display, which was set up in the Capitol's basement rotunda a week before Christmas.

SAN ANTONIO

1 of 3 charged in child abuse case enters plea

One of three people accused of injuring children at a San Antonio house has pleaded guilty.

Porucha Phillips agreed to a 50-year prison sentence in return for her guilty pleas to charges of injury to a child and serious bodily injury to a child.

Obituaries

Danny Lynn "Whiteman" White

Please join our family in prayer as we say good bye to our loved one, Danny Lynn White, who passed away Sunday at his home with loved ones, who with loving hearts, helped him carry his cross to the foot of our Lord.

To most Danny was known as a friend, coworker, someone you could count on, someone to be respected, some one that braved the flames of the oil rig to get it shut in, or a friend that rode next to you as his eagle screamed down the road. The "Whiteman".

Danny is preceded in death by his parents Charles and Sally White, son Archie Shane White and grandson Lonnie White Jr.

Danny is survived by his wife Christy White of Midland, Texas, sons Larry White and wife Heather of Midland, Texas, Lonnie White and wife Susan of Midland, Texas and Dereck White of Midland, Texas, brothers Charles D. White and wife Virginia of Midland, Texas, and David Randel White and wife Lynette of Vandalia, Illinois, sister Lela Ann Hunt and husband Donald of Midland, Texas, step children Chelsey Morrow of Midland, Texas, Bailey Lawrence of Midland, Texas, and Brandi Stone of Midland, Texas, Twelve grandchildren and numerous uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Danny was well known throughout the Permian Basin oilfield for his work ethics, oilfield knowledge, and work place "childish" antics, in which many stories like "fangless doghouse rattlesnakes under the bench" and of the sort he evolved.

Danny was inducted in the oilfield at a very early age, I dare to say before he was a man.

To us he was a father, a brother, an uncle, a nephew, a husband, a grandfather taking his "Turtle" out for ice cream, and truly loved beyond measures. To us he was a towering rock that the waves crash against as God's mighty sea eroded the shore away around him. A man beyond measures in strength. Yet, at the same time, he was a man that had many flaws. A man that struggled with relationships with wives, family, jobs, and God, only to name a few. A true resemblance of our own lives. It has been a great joy for us to witness Danny received his new beginning with Christ with the love and kindness only gifted by God. As we reflect on Danny's life we are encouraged to press forward with the example of great strength and courage he has set again shown us all.

Danny we love you. Rest forever more in the glory of our father in his loving peace. Pallbearers will be Charles Hunt, Randy Hunt, Tanner Hunt, Jeremy White, Julian White, Jimmy Wiggins, Larry Hendrix and Steve Cooper.

Family will be receiving friends Tuesday, October 17, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Philippians 4:6-7 " My eager expectation and hope is that I shall not be put to shame in any way, but that with all boldness, now as always, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain."

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
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Death Notices

Bessie Mae Barnett

Bessie Mae Barnett, 86, passed from this life on Oct. 14, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas.

Visitation will be held 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19 at Ellis Funeral Home. The graveside service will be Friday, Oct. 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church with Reverend Cheryl Homsher officiating.

Billy Hugh Shew

Billy Hugh Shew, formerly of Midland/Odessa, passed away in Fort Worth, Texas on October 11, 2017 at the age of 90.

Services for Mr. Shew will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18th at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel at 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79701. Visitation will begin at 9:45 a.m. prior to the service for family and friends. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Josiah King Hinojosa

Funeral services for Josiah King Hinojosa will be Tuesday October 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the St Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

He was born and passed away October 14, 2017 in Big Spring, Texas.

Survivors include his parents Joseph Christopher Hinojosa and Rebecca Modesta Estrada of Big Spring. Two sisters Aria Hinojosa and Nevaeh Flores of Big Spring. One brother Xavier Flores of Big Spring. Maternal grandmother Terri Estrada of Stanton. Paternal Grandparents Sandy and Epifanio Hinojosa of Big Spring. Maternal Great-Grandmother Mary Estrada of Stanton. Paternal Great-Grandmother Josefina Ramirez of Stanton.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home.

Saul Valenzuela

Saul Valenzuela, 29, of Midland, Texas passed away on October 15, 2017. Viewing will be Tuesday, October 17, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Rosary will take place at 7:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Park.

Saul is survived by his wife, Bertha Valenzuela; daughter, Mariana Valenzuela; son, Saul Valenzuela; father, Obdulio Valenzuela; mother, Petra Valenzuela; grandmother, Maria del Refugio; two sisters, Carina and Vanessa Valenzuela.

Arrangements are under the direction of Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

Stacy Stuart Stribling

Stacy Stuart Stribling, 40, of Midland, passed away Sunday, October 15, 2017. Visitation will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, Thursday, October 19, 2017 at First Baptist Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery. All floral arrangements should be delivered to Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton on Wednesday, October 18.

Survivors include mother, Patricia High; son, Noble Stribling; and daughters, Dusti Dunham and Alyssa Starr.

BOND

From 1A

and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

The second — proposition B — will read: "The issuance of $25,910,000 general obligation bonds for waterworks and sewer system improvements, and the levying of a tax in payment thereof."

Both propositions have to pass for the road rebuilding to take place, according to campaign officials.

The owner of a property valued at $250,000 will see a $100-a-year increase in his or her city tax bill when all debt is issued. City leaders would use a 25-year-note to pay for the project.

Finance Director Pam Simecka said the interest on the $100 million, assuming a 4.5 percent interest rate, would be $67.4 million.

Web: www.midlandroadbond.com,

Information from the campaign finance report that covers the period through Sept. 28.

By the numbers

Total political contributions:	$61,587.50
Total political expenditures:	$21,643
Jim Alsup	$500
Taylor Mayne	$100

Contributions

Pioneer Natural Services	$25,000
Hilliard Office Solutions	$24,987.50
William B. Kent, Paula and Jim Henry	$5,000
Jack B. Wilkinson	$1,000

Expenditures

Hilliard Office Solutions (advertising)	$9,323.33
Lamar Advertising (advertising)	$8,705
Mike Stevens of Lubbock (polling)	$3,500

LEACH

From 1A

was asked about Monday night is an aggressive campaign to grow its engineering school from 11,000 students a of couple years ago to 25,000 students by 2025.

He also feels an obligation to do this while keeping education as reasonable as possible, which he said is a challenge. The Legislature funds 15 percent of operations at A&M (that amount was closer to 50 percent when he was at school), he said. He told those in attendance that growing up outside Houston it didn't occur to him that college was going to be expensive and he never considered taking on debt. That is why he seemed just as proud of A&M's record as being "one of the best schools in the state in what is delivered and what it costs" as any other distinction he mentioned.

Leach said the student population is 25 percent Hispanic, and 25 percent of students are first-time college students. He also said A&M is meeting the Legislature's demand that students graduate quicker. The average student at A&M graduates from A&M in 4.2 years, he said

"We have a chance to change the culture and society for the better," Leach said.

Leach also plugged improving education in Midland. He said the community had let "high school education slide for a long time. We have to change that. We are not doing justice for kids who are growing up here."

He welcomed efforts to bring more STEM education to the district, bring more "innovation" to the classroom and embrace different strategies, including charter schools, if necessary.

"It is important that the whole community gets engaged and get the whole community involved," Leach said.

TODAYINMIDLAND

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, e-mail 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 ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

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

■ Indie Lens Pop-Up: "Chasing Trane: The John Coltrane Documentary," 6:30 p.m., Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Road, Odessa. Basin PBS will screen a preview of the documentary about the jazz saxophonist and feature a panel of local musicians to talk about their creative processes and influences. Free. basinpbs.org.

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

■ Kris Kristofferson, 8 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. $35-$65. wagnernoel.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.

■ 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.

Meeting

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson Board Room

Listen and Learn events

Midland ISD is hosting "Listen and Learn" events that will provide an opportunity for members of the community to provide feedback about what the district should be doing. This week's meeting is at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at True-Lite Fellowship, 3001 N. "A" St.

Flu Vaccination Now Available

The City of Midland Health & Senior Services is offering flu vaccinations this month.

Vaccinations can be obtained on a walk-in basis from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m.-noon Friday at 3303 West Illinois Ave. Suite 22.

Children as young as 6 months may receive a vaccination, and high-dose vaccination is available for people age 65 and up. Fees vary by age: $25 for ages 6 months-2 years, $30 for ages 3 years through 64 years, and $60 for ages 65 and up. Discounted rates are also available for those that qualify.

The clinic accepts out-of-pocket payment, private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare.

For more information, please call 681-7613.

Holiday at Fiddlesticks Farms

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Students in the Midland YMCA afterschool took a trip to Fiddlesticks Farms Oct. 9, which was a school holiday. The facility offers farm-related outdoor activities.

Today in History

Today's highlight:
On Oct. 17, 1931, mobster Al Capone was convicted in Chicago of income tax evasion. (Sentenced to 11 years in prison, Capone was released in 1939.)

On this date:
In **1919,** Radio Corp. of America was chartered.
In **1933,** Albert Einstein arrived in the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany.
In **1979,** Mother Teresa of India was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Source: The Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-1-2
Pick 3 day: 4-5-9
Pick 3 evening: 2-6-9
Pick 3 night: 9-7-3
Daily 4 morning: 3-4-2-2
Daily 4 day: 3-2-8-4
Daily 4 evening: 6-6-7-7
Daily 4 night: 3-3-7-7
Cash Five: 5-14-22-25-32
Triple Chance: 1-10-13-14-18-25-26-31-35-37

Texas Two Step: 10-22-24-35 BB: 32
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-5-8-11-13-16-17-18-19-22-24
All or Nothing day: 1-3-5-10-11-12-13-14-18-21-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-6-7-11-13-14-17-18-21-22
All or Nothing night: 2-4-5-9-10-13-14-15-17-21-22-23

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Weather

Monday's temperatures
High.....72
Low.....39
Normal high.....78
Normal low.....52

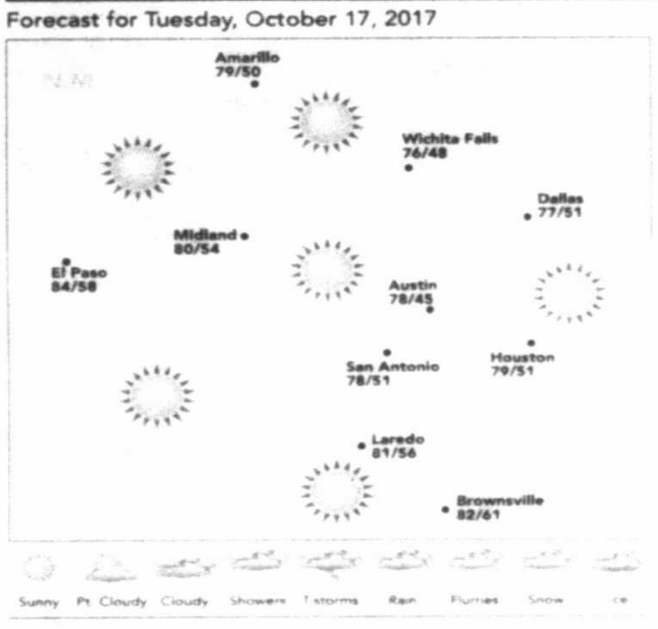
October 16's records
Record high: 95 set in 2016
Record low: 34 set in 2001

Precipitation
Sunday.....0.09 in.
Monday.....0.00 in.
Month total.....0.09 in.
Year total.....16.90 in.
Normal total (year to date).....12.63 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 9 mph
Gust speed: 13 mph

Today's forecast
High: 79
Low: 53

Today's weather — AccuWeather.com
Forecast for Tuesday, October 17, 2017



Conditions: Sunny today/mostly clear tonight
Winds: South 5-10 mph
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....7:54 a.m.
Sunset.....7:14 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Libra and a Moon in Virgo until 6:35 p.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017:**
This year you draw others' opinions, which are sometimes unwanted. Consider listening more carefully to what people say. You could become aware that someone you have thought of as a friend might no longer be. Work on being more realistic. Others find you to be unusually magnetic and full of charisma.

If you are single, in order to keep this status you will have to be determined. You will not suffer any lack of desirable suitors. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy being very close, wanting nothing more than to be left alone together. You feel cared about as you rarely have before. A fellow LIBRA understands how much you value this bond.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A matter involving a child or creative project could drag you down in the morning. Know that you have the wherewithal and strength to get past a problem. Once you regain your sense of humor, all will flow. Clearly a dear friend or loved one cares far more than you realize. **Tonight:** Play it by ear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A partner or associate might feel somewhat down and express those feelings. Listen to this discussion, which reveals even more trepidations this person has. Your caring and interest point to a new path. You are not hung up on the same restrictions. **Tonight:** Know when to stop and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You gain through being a good listener. However, what you are hearing doesn't sit right with you. You don't even agree with the suppositions on which many of the other party's thoughts are based on. A gentle approach will go a lot further. **Tonight:** Greet someone's lightness with gratefulness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind, yet use sensitivity to make some of your points easier to hear. A problem could begin out of nowhere if you aren't careful. Why let a hassle ruin your day? A family member lets you know how much he or she loves you. **Tonight:** Relax and enjoy being by yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Hold on to your wallet, or it might walk off! You still might experience a wobble in your checkbook, perhaps even provoked by you! Detach and try to understand what is going on. You have the power to change your patterns. **Tonight:** Out and about meeting up with a dear friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You keep hitting a certain roadblock. This time, try another approach, and you'll discover how easily you can hop right over this issue. Your energy can now be focused and untethered. You might even amaze yourself with what you accomplish. **Tonight:** Time to let go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Much might be going on behind the scenes. You have stayed mum for a while, but this behavior might have left you feeling irrelevant, which might not be true. Don't be surprised that suddenly you cannot contain yourself any longer. **Tonight:** Indulge yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use care around finances. You express some unusual yet excellent ideas. You have a strong sense of direction, knowing who to network with or call. Be spontaneous, yet use care with an angry or overly assertive person. You could experience a backfire. **Tonight:** Get some extra R and R.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pressure builds; however, your judgments about what you need to do are the source of this tension. Revisit these judgments with the aid of a helpful friend who views life differently from you. Your mental outlook could change if you are open. **Tonight:** Meet up with a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ In some context you could be working against yourself. No matter what you try to do, you cannot convince a friend or group of the rightness of a plan. You might opt to head down that path without the support you want. **Tonight:** Take responsibility for plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Bend some toward a friend or loved one, especially if this person has strong feelings about a joint emotional or financial situation. You could find that what was meant as a simple statement or a difference of opinion could turn into an argument. **Tonight:** Wherever there is great music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you down a new path. However, first check in with several different people you respect to get their feedback. What you are hearing could be helpful in making a solid decision. A partner becomes angry out of the blue. **Tonight:** Enjoy the company of a dear friend.

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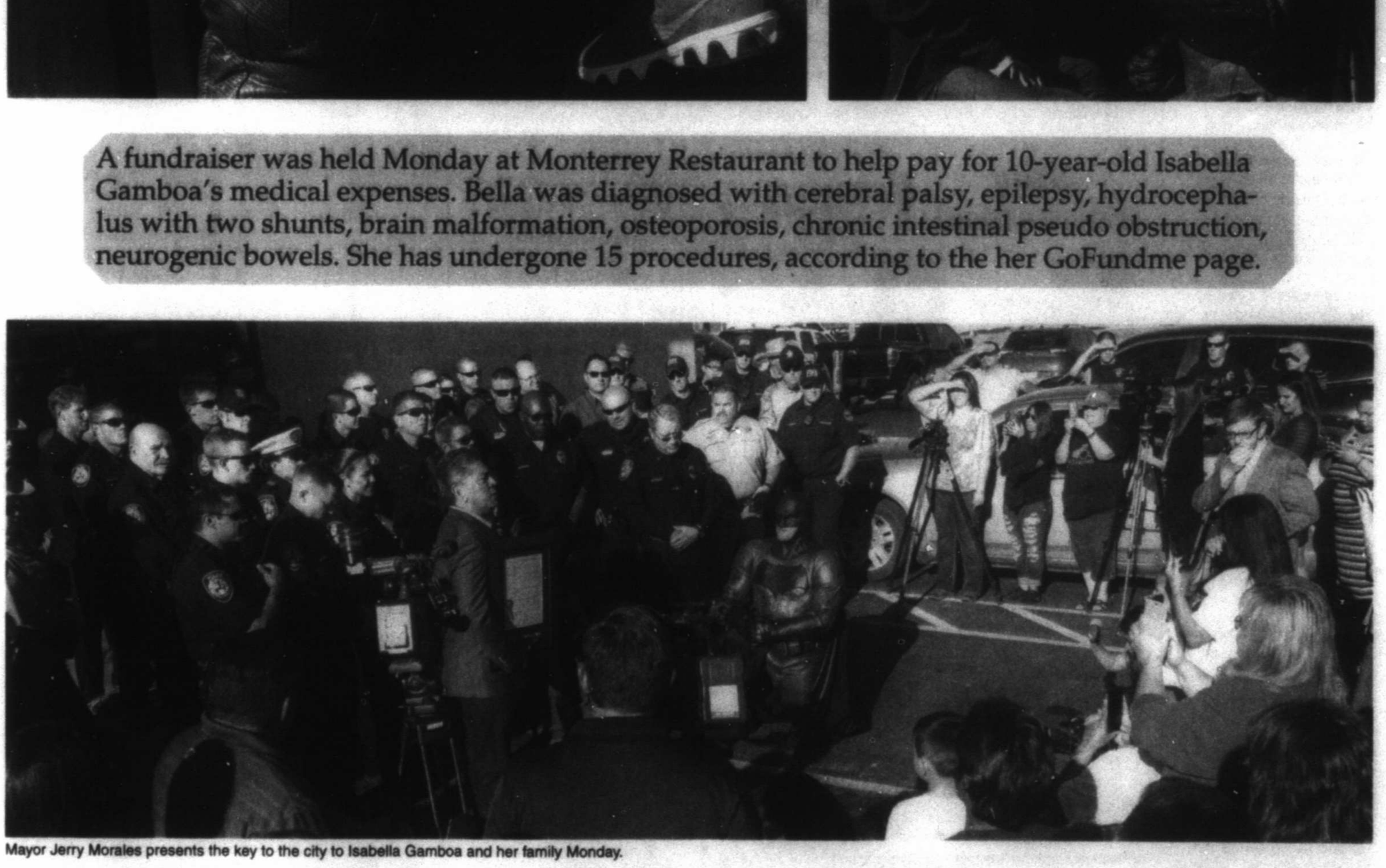
Bella's benefit

ABOVE: Midland Police Deputy Chief Jeff Darr places badges on the uniform shirts of Isabella Gamboa and her brother, Josiah,as they are sworn in as honorary officers Monday. **BELOW:** Isabella Gamboa,sitting with her mother, Crystal Gamboa, talk with Batman, Fort Worth Officer Damon Cole, as they pose for pictures with their new "brothers in blue."

A fundraiser was held Monday at Monterrey Restaurant to help pay for 10-year-old Isabella Gamboa's medical expenses. Bella was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, epilepsy, hydrocephalus with two shunts, brain malformation, osteoporosis, chronic intestinal pseudo obstruction, neurogenic bowels. She has undergone 15 procedures, according to the her GoFundme page.



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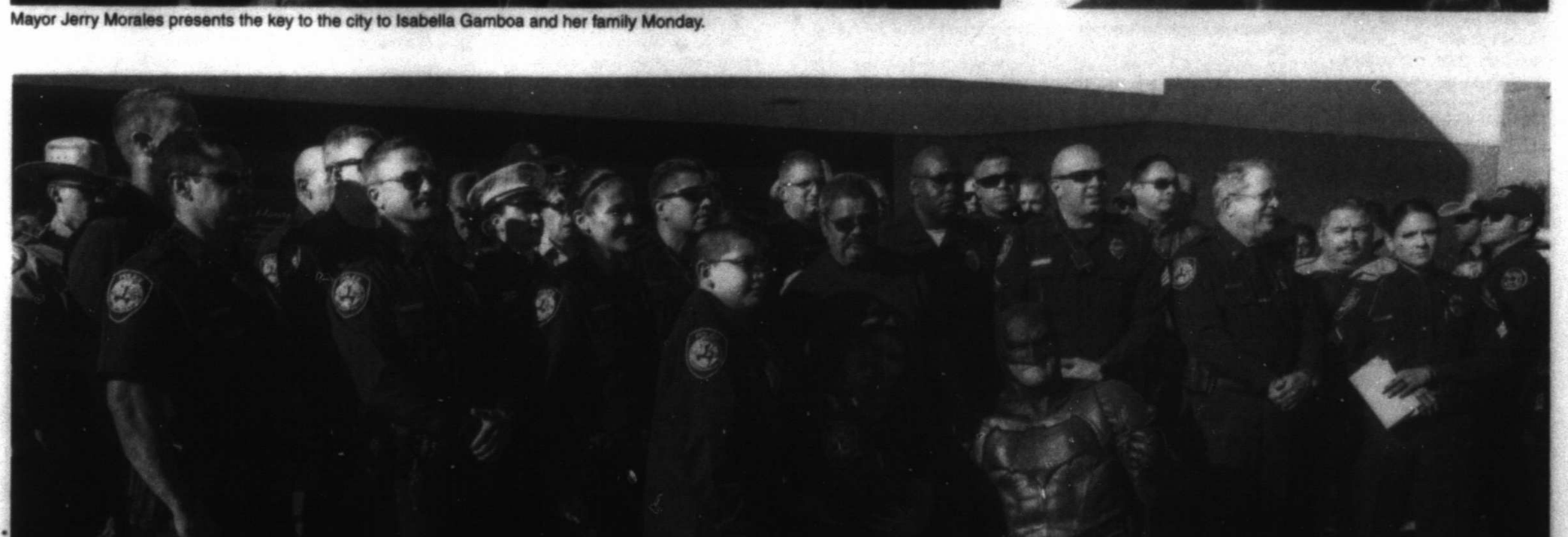

Isabella Gamboa, her brother Josiah and Batman, Fort Worth Officer Damon Cole, pose with their new "brothers in blue" after Midland Police Deputy Chief Jeff Darr swore them in as honorary officers Monday.

In Weinstein's wake, is Hollywood truly capable of change?

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "That's how it works," actress and director Sarah Polley recalls Harvey Weinstein saying to her years ago in his office. If she agreed to a "very close relationship" with him, she could go on to be a star and win awards, he said.

He told her that a famous actress had once sat in her seat and that her success was because of their "close relationship," she wrote in an essay for The New York Times on Saturday. Polley was 19 at the time and wasn't particularly interested in being a star or continuing to act.

"I was purely lucky that I didn't care," she wrote.

"That's how it works" has been Hollywood's dirty little open secret for its entire history, where men in power have been able to prey on the dreams of stardom of many young women. The quid pro quo sexual harassment even got a cutesy name: The casting couch.

And yet, Weinstein's downfall after a surge of accusations of sexual harassment and assault from women over the past three decades, suddenly calls for "change" are a common refrain from the industry's most well-known names.

But is meaningful change even possible in a business that relishes in its own mythology of ambition, ego, art and money that has allowed and enabled systematic sexual harassment for so long? Weinstein was a man whose aggression and anger was turned into legend, whose bullying was canonized, whose devil-may-care attitude attracted the edgiest directors and whose companies put out cinematic classics that big studios wouldn't dare touch. Outside of public accusations, does the power structure in Hollywood even want to disrupt the way things work?

"Leadership has to come from the top in stopping harassment," said Chai Feldblum, the commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Sexual harassment is a widespread issue across the country and in many industries, but the entertainment sector presents a uniquely difficult environment for reporting instances when those who work there are essentially independent contractors and freelancers. Oftentimes the harassment is coming from the top — a director, a producer, a CEO who is often considered more worthwhile to protect than the accuser. And even when accusations reach the level of a lawsuit, they have a tendency to disappear under settlements and non-disclosure agreements.

Condemnation for Weinstein's alleged conduct has been nearly universal and the fallout dramatic — he was fired from his company, stripped of his Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences membership, and his Producers Guild status is up for debate Monday. But statements pledging meaningful change and or introspection from the institutions that run the business — from the studios to the talent agencies and guilds have been few.

The labor union SAG-AFTRA, which represents some 160,000 actors and media professionals was among the first to state that it would do more to ensure the safety of women in the industry and reminded of its Safety Hotline, where members can report safety violations including harassment and inappropriate or aggressive behavior.

Jeremy Zimmer, the CEO of UTA, one of the top agencies in Hollywood, wrote in a memo to employees that "UTA will never be silent or complicit" and added that anyone who feels uncomfortable, threatened or exposed, whether client or employee, is safe to come forward.

"Our behaviors must model the highest ethics and standards," Zimmer wrote.

The Writers Guild of America East also promised full support to members who report harassment and assault and said that it is reviewing its procedures and taking suggestions from members on how the union can address the issue.

And Warner Bros. — the only major studio to respond to inquiries from The Associated Press — issued a statement saying that it is, "committed to ensuring that our workplace is free from unlawful harassment and retaliation, including sexual harassment." The studio said that it requires management level executives to participate in regular trainings and encourages employees to report concerns.

"We are constantly reviewing our policies to make changes and improvements as needed," the statement said.

The majority of major studios, agencies, management companies and publicity firms have been quiet, though. Ronan Farrow's article in The New Yorker described a "culture of complicity" regarding Weinstein's behavior at The Weinstein Co. and his former company, Miramax. Many have called it an open secret that implicates every corner of the industry.

Some say a positive step could be to diversify boards and leadership positions. Cathy Schulman, a veteran producer and president of the advocacy group Women in Film believes the culture that enabled the systematic sexual harassment by Weinstein is the same that systematically excludes women and people of color from positions of power both in front of and behind the camera.

Schulman is also looking for the studios and talent agencies to speak up.

"It's those people who make decisions about which content to finance," Schulman said. "Are they going to make a change because of all this?"

Already, Amazon Studios suspended one of its top executives, Roy Price, after producer Isa Hackett alleged sexual harassment in The Hollywood Reporter. It is reevaluating projects in the works with The Weinstein Co.'s television arm. But, as with Weinstein, action only came after sexual harassment was alleged in the press.

Cynthia Shaprio, an employee advocate and author of the book "Corporate Confidential," thinks one step would be instituting a separate, independent agency that would be a safe space for complaints in the entertainment industry, like the EEOC or the labor board.

"If they get 10 complaints on one person, they investigate," Shapiro said. She also thinks it should be illegal for anything pertaining to unwanted sexual advances or quid pro quo to be part of non-disclosure or arbitration agreements — something that has prevented many cases of sexual harassment and assault from coming to light.

"That would be a great loophole to close," she said.

David Poland, a veteran entertainment industry reporter who writes for Movie City News, speculated that some compromise solution will be reached.

"What business always wants is calm. So someone will come up with a standard that will be real, but seen as not severe enough by victims and victims groups, and that will become the standard for the industry moving forward," Poland said. "And hopefully, there will be a real impact on the next generation of sick men."

Some are more optimistic that this is an actual tipping point, like SAG-AFTRA president Gabrielle Carteris.

"The hardest thing about change is that it's not immediate," said Carteris. "This has been going on for decades but what is it now that is making this of public interest? It's that people are saying 'no more.'"

Carlson says nation shifting on harassment issue

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Between the continued fallout from the Harvey Weinstein sexual harassment case and the mushrooming "me too" social media campaign, Gretchen Carlson's book on fighting back against abusive behavior couldn't be timed any better.

Out Tuesday, the one-time Fox News Channel personality's book "Be Fierce" compiles many harassment stories she's collected since her lawsuit last year that led to the ouster of former Fox News CEO Roger Ailes. Now the Weinstein story has struck a chord, and Carlson said she's proud that she may have contributed to women being more willing to tell their stories.

Carlson said that the nation may be in the midst of a profound cultural shift on the issue.

"What was so important about the Weinstein story is that women finally put their names and faces to the issue," she told The Associated Press. "It wasn't just anonymous women. It really brought the story to life quickly. If I had anything to do with that, then all the hard work I've been doing over the last 15 months on this issue has been so worth it."

Actress Alyssa Milano urged women over the weekend to announce "me too" on social media if they'd been abused and thousands responded, many telling their stories.

"While it's horrific how many women have stories, it's a cathartic moment in time," Carlson said on Monday.

For years women have been discouraged from telling of abuse, fearing they'd lose their jobs or be labeled troublemakers, she said. Even when they pursue cases, they often must choose between an arbitration process that is kept confidential or accepting a settlement that compels them to keep quiet about their abuse. She said that often leaves them defenseless, such as when fired Fox News personality Bill O'Reilly made television appearances where he declared his innocence of the harassment charges that led to his firing and said he should have gone after his critics harder. Carlson, whose book tour does not include a stop at Fox News, called O'Reilly's appearance on his old network "horrifying."

Carlson signed a settlement with Fox that limits what she can say about the company, but she had already outlined her accusations against Ailes in legal papers. Ailes, before he died earlier this year, consistently denied wrongdoing.

The number of people who wrote to her to tell their own stories compelled her to write "Be Fierce." Several women told of careers being permanently derailed when they fought back against abuse. Carlson contacted many of them and did her own reporting, and also tells of other non-Fox abusive incidents that affected her personally.

"From waitresses to accountants to lawyers to bankers to teachers to journalists, it's everywhere," she said. "That's why I believe the Weinstein story is so important, because this is not just about Hollywood or journalism. This is about every business and every profession."

Carlson's book delivers pep talks to women afraid to rock the boat, as well as specific legal strategies. Bullying and non-sexual forms of intimidation are also addressed and there's a chapter for men who stand up for women in their lives and workplace.

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After Ailes, Weinstein the panty party is over

■ We have seen a dearth of virtue and the death of hypocrisy

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

Hypocrisy, one of the most damnable sins, has been rendered obsolete. When everybody's a skunk, nobody smells the stench. Or, more to the point, when everyone's slurping from the same trough, who's a pig?

Today, hypocrisy is the smirk on Harvey Weinstein's face as he pursues therapy and asks forgiveness for his sexual transgressions. Well, I suppose one could say, at least he's not a hypocrite! Indeed, he isn't. Weinstein openly admits to bad behavior toward women, though he denies ever having had nonconsensual sex. I needn't bore you with the banality of his alleged gross exhibitionism and other impositions.

Weinstein, whose whiskered jowls and corpulent corpus are perfectly cast for the villainous character he plays in life, is but the latest in a lineup of high-profile (alleged) predators, including Bill Cosby, Roger Ailes, Bill O'Reilly and, long before, Bill Clinton. It bears mentioning that most of these men have never been formally charged or tried for sexual crimes in a court of law but recently been convicted in a trial by Twitter where the presumption of guilt overrides any considerations of due process. This isn't to defend any of them, but shouldn't we save a little of our outrage for these truncated expressions of "justice"?

Exceptions to the extra-legal rule are Clinton, who was impeached by the House of Representatives (and acquitted in the Senate) for perjury and obstruction of justice related to lying about sex with an intern; and Cosby, who had his day in court on a sexual assault charge that resulted in a deadlocked jury. The 80-year-old comedian faces a new trial next April.

Ailes, of course, left the company he created two weeks after former Fox News anchor Gretchen Carlson sued him for sexual harassment. They reached a settlement amount of $20 million, and he died soon thereafter. Justice doesn't get any plainer than that. O'Reilly left the same company after revelations that he had settled with five women who accused him of sexual harassment, though the dethroned king of cable news has said the claims had no merit. Even so, one needn't strain to recognize hypocrisy lurking in the corridors of the network that promoted family values while its boss and its highest earner were (allegedly) demanding sexual favors on the side. Settlements don't necessarily confirm guilt, but numbers of women and dollars might.

Both Hollywood and the broadcast world are especially tough on women. Fox's blend of sex(y) and news should have been scandalous (and was to many serious journalists), but Ailes knew his audience of mostly white, middle-aged men and sold them what they apparently wanted — ample leg and hint of bosom topped off with bee-stung lips and baby-doll eyes. No matter how many advanced degrees the Fox women have, Ailes set the stage for female objectification and created a prime-time bonanza that relied upon implicit and complicit exploitation. As long as everyone was living large, nobody complained.

Moreover, "everyone" sorta knew about these men, at least by reputation and rumor. Not everyone, obviously. Greta Van Susteren, who left Fox soon after Ailes, told me again last Thursday that she never had any idea what was going on. But many did, apparently, and they looked away, including some of the alleged victims, who kept silent for fear of retribution or, perhaps, because they were ultimately willing to suffer humiliation in exchange for advancement. This seems an obvious, if painful, truth.

If you want to move up, as Weinstein allegedly put it to his targets, "this is the way it works." If women didn't want to play nasty with the boss, who could conjure dreams or nightmares with a phone call, they were finished.

To say that these women, some barely in their 20s at the time, should have just-said-no and walked out is to misunderstand the power dynamic between a young, inexperienced woman and a powerful, physically imposing boss. It is also to wish for a different world, which, as it turns out, is coming right along. The alleged predators in each of these cases belong to a fading generation and the James Bondian, '60s free-love, Playboy era. Soon enough, they, too, will be joining Hugh Hefner and Ailes.

And the future's power brokers will be at least equally women, who, in the aftermath of these buffoonish bullies, won't hesitate to speak up and speak out, setting an example for others not yet so brave. The panty party is over.

Now, about Twitter and the future of justice.

GUEST VIEW

Amazon should be a wake-up call about a city's deficiencies

San Antonio Express-News

San Antonio has decided not to throw its hat into the Amazon ring — a point that has understandably disappointed some in the community.

The prospect of being home to Amazon's second headquarters and all those six-figure tech jobs is tantalizing.

Cities have been falling over themselves to stand out — but we're standing out for sitting out.

That's really not such a big deal. If San Antonio had gone forward with a bid, we would have been supportive but also realistic.

San Antonio has much to offer, but our chances were slim to none. We lack the workforce, transportation and higher education opportunities that Amazon or any other tech behemoth would deem essential.

But we didn't bid, so now what?

This moment should be treated as a wake-up call.

Forget about the merits of bidding on Amazon or not. That's a distraction. And stop this constant hand-wringing about San Antonio International Airport, which is a convenient scapegoat.

Yes, our airport could be improved. Yes, we want more direct flights, too. But the airport is not the source of our economic development problems. It's a reflection of our challenges: namely an uneducated workforce, a lack of transportation options and a local flagship university that is not graduating nearly enough students.

Address those issues — and the airport will follow.

Let's remember what Amazon wanted.

It wanted access to rail. We have no rail. We don't even have a credible, near-term plan for rail. And we know we need one.

As a community, we are overly reliant on vehicles and roads. City and county leaders repeatedly say we can't just build more roads to ease congestion — and yet we are still waiting for that rhetoric to morph into action.

We have to do more to get people efficiently moving in this town. It's a pressing issue with our expected growth.

Amazon wanted "excellent institutions of higher education."

We love the Roadrunners and are very impressed with UTSA's new president, T. Taylor Eighmy. But we have to be frank here. University of Texas at San Antonio, our largest university, is atrocious at graduating students. Just 18 percent of its students graduate in four years, and just 36 percent graduate in six years. This is not remotely acceptable.

Yes, Trinity University is a jewel of a private school. And University of Incarnate Word and Our Lady of the Lake University serve our community well in many ways. But they likely don't fit Amazon's bill. Along with UTSA, none is a Tier One research university.

Not surprisingly, we lack an educated workforce. Just a quarter of San Antonio's population, age 25 and older, has a college degree.

UTSA aspires to be that local Tier One university, and we support that effort. But like rail, it's always in the distant, vague future. University officials have also acknowledged Tier One is a significant reach.

An Amazon headquarters would have come with significant community challenges. The addition of 50,000 more workers would have crowded roads, intensified gentrification and reordered the city in ways that are hard to fully grasp.

As the saying goes, everything that glitters isn't always gold.

But if this community wants to be a destination for outside talent and a place that grows its own native talent, then we must be honest. To compete, we must excel. And for too long, we have not excelled on these core issues and have lagged on important indicators.

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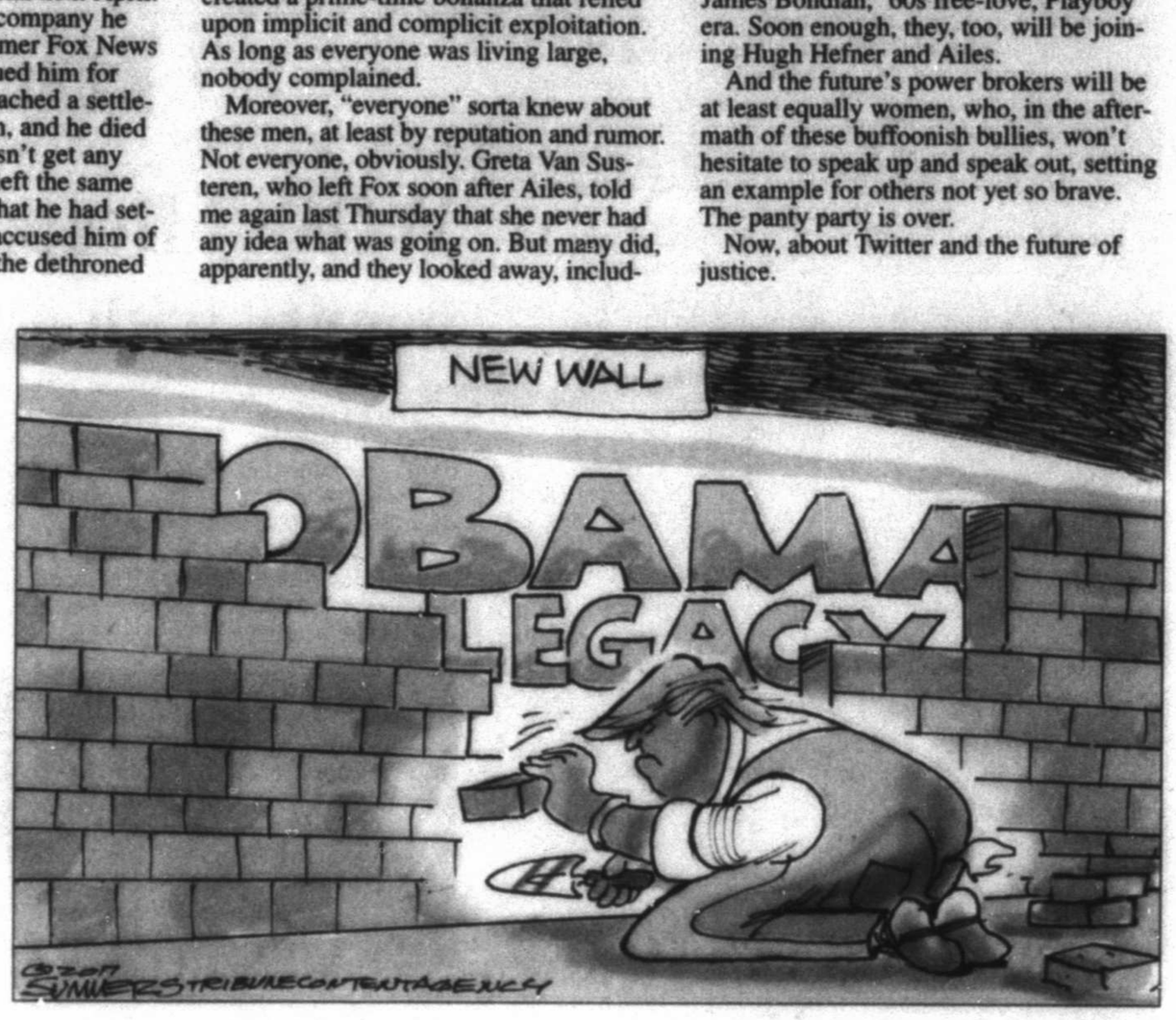

Trump wants shot at Obama's title

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
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On his Oval Office report card, Barack Obama earned a massive fail on the immigration issue.

He broke his campaign promise to reform our immigration system, deported about 3 million people, dragged his feet for three years before giving executive relief to young undocumented immigrants through Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), shipped out thousands of Central American women and children refugees without hearing their asylum claims and lied about what he had done by shifting blame to Republicans.

All this cold-heartedness helped make Obama the most anti-immigrant president in modern U.S. history.

But now, in light of his over-the-top and ignorance-fueled demands to Congress in exchange for supporting legal status but not citizenship for Dreamers, it's clear that President Trump wants a shot at the title.

Trump claimed in a statement that each item on his restrictionist wish list will "ensure prosperity, opportunity, and safety for every member of our national family."

Trump tried to accomplish all that by pitching his policy goals as a remedy to what boneheaded Republicans glibly describe as Obama's "illegal executive amnesty" for undocumented young people brought here as children.

For those of you interested in a little thing called truth, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is not "illegal" since the executive branch sets deportation policy and not "amnesty" because it is conditional with strings attached.

Right-wingers confuse feeling strongly about immigration with actually knowing something about it.

Trump made the same mistake when he said that the Obama administration granted in 2012 the "same benefits" that Congress had considered and rejected when comprehensive immigration reform went off the rails several years earlier.

Wrong. DACA is temporary relief that lasts two years and requires recipients to turn themselves in to Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the "deferred action" is deportation. Congress was debating permanent legal status for undocumented immigrants who would not have had to turn themselves in.

About 690,000 young people are enrolled in DACA, and the total number of Dreamers in the United States is about 1.5 million.

Trump also claims that Obama's olive branch to Dreamers resulted in a surge of illegal immigration.

Wrong again. Even before Trump took office, illegal immigration into the United States from Mexico and the rest of Latin America was on the decline because it was easier to find work south of the border. And when a surge does happen, the only thing that causes it are jobs offered by U.S. employers.

Do I have to explain all this to a businessman who owns hotels and resorts that he has admitted to staffing with illegal immigrants because he can't find Americans to do those jobs?

Trump's demands to Congress are a combination of the impractical, the inhumane and the imaginary. They include: funding for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border that could cost $25 billion, a continuation of the Obama administration's crackdown on women and children refugees from Central America and an end to law enforcement grants to fabled "sanctuary cities" that conservatives insist really do exist even as federal immigration agents are — in states like California — cutting through "sanctuary" like a hot knife through butter.

And while members of his party continue to insist that illegal immigration is unfair to those who "play by the rules," Trump also wants a 50 percent cut in legal immigration to punish those who play by the rules. In addition, he wants new immigrants to be "high-skilled" and may yet suggest that — like Secretary of State Rex Tillerson — they take an IQ test.

Bringing in more high-skilled immigrants should be loads of fun for those American workers who can't even compete with low-skilled immigrants.

And what about those pathetic American workers who love to attack immigrants for doing hard and dirty jobs that they won't go within a mile of, no matter how much they get paid to do them?

Trump says he's doing all this for them, and that "immigration reform must create more jobs, higher wages and greater security for Americans — now and for future generations."

Still wrong. It's not the duty of our immigration policy to do those things. All it is supposed to do is secure our borders, encourage legal immigration and stop illegal immigration. It is not a jobs program for people who don't want to work anyway.

For crying out loud, look at all the "Help Wanted" signs sprouting up in your town. America is still the land of opportunity. It's not immigrants' fault that so many Americans want everything handed to them and expect the government to be their nanny.

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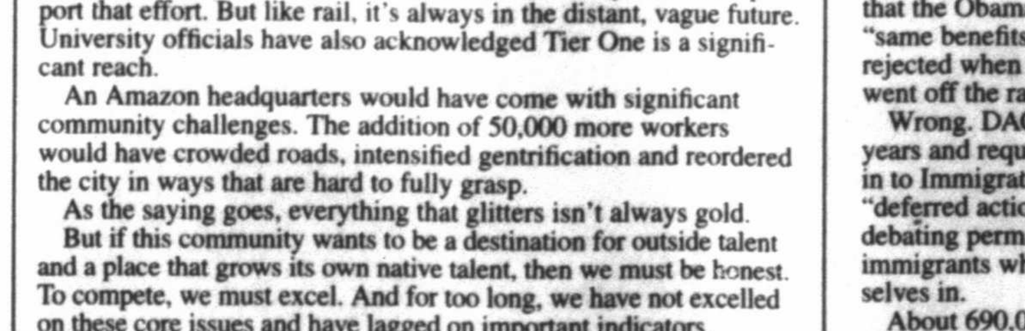

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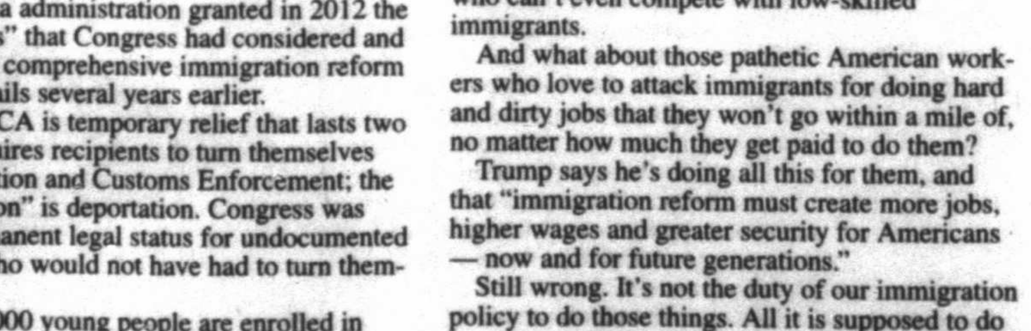
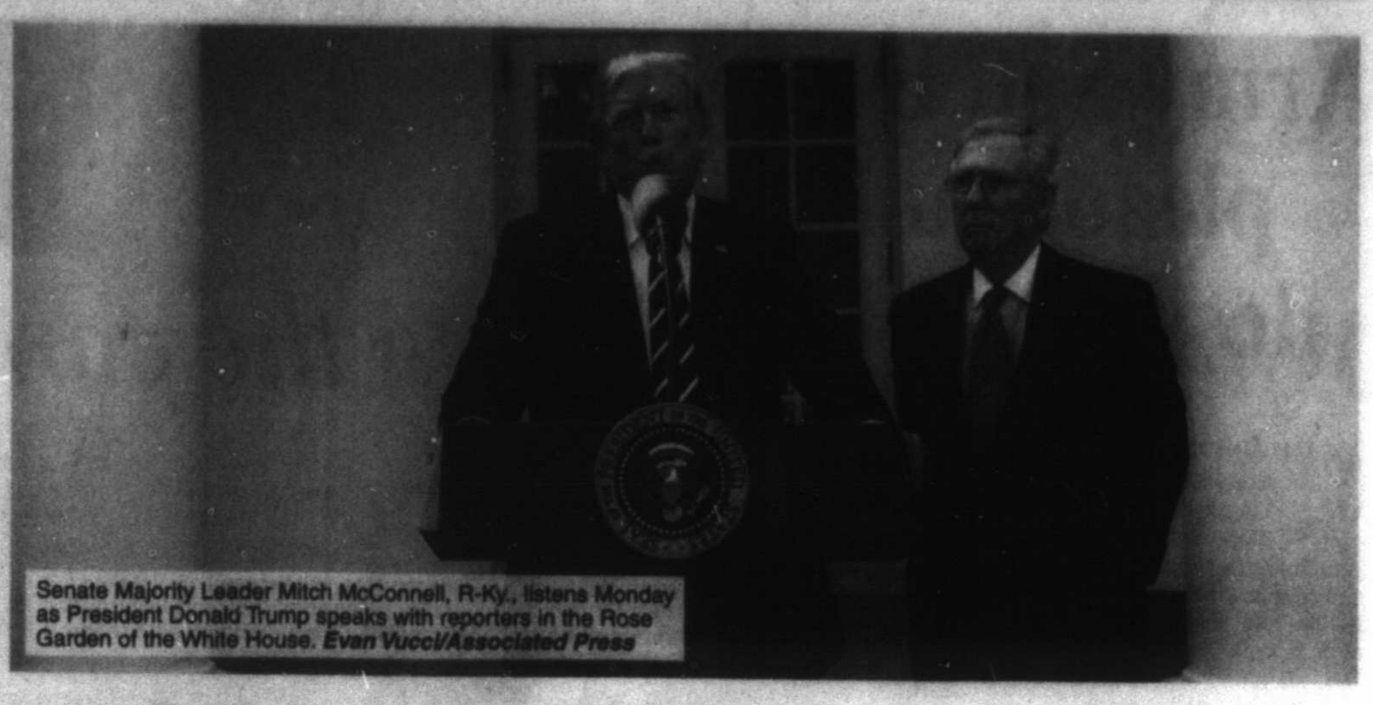


Trump, McConnell: No matter what people say, we're friends



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., listens Monday as President Donald Trump speaks with reporters in the Rose Garden of the White House. *Evan Vucci/Associated Press*

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump and Mitch McConnell reaffirmed their alliance of necessity Monday in a raucous Rose Garden news conference that also underscored their sharp differences. The garrulous president claimed they were longtime friends now closer than ever; the reserved Senate Republican leader allowed that they share goals and speak often.

It was a spectacle that mesmerized Washington, as Trump and McConnell appeared side by side for more than a half-hour, the president tossing off answers — sometimes mini-speeches — on all topics while McConnell, disciplined as always, delivered brief, scholarly explanations about the legislative process and the risks to their party of nominating candidates who can't win.

At various points, the president denounced the Russia-Trump campaign investigation, lauded himself for his record on judicial nominations, argued wrongly that "it took years for the Reagan administration to get taxes done," and claimed that past presidents hadn't necessarily contacted bereaved family members to mourn lost service members — before backtracking on that assertion when pressed. He also noted, as he often does, that he won the presidential election last fall, and he implored Hillary Clinton to run again.

In front of a hastily assembled White House press corps, jostling each other on the lawn because there wasn't time to bring out chairs, Trump began his remarks by saluting McConnell and, as he described it, their longstanding friendship.

"We're probably now closer than ever before," the president proclaimed as McConnell grinned stiffly at his side. "My relationship with this gentleman is outstanding."

Trump's former chief strategist, Steve Bannon, over the weekend declared all-out political war on the GOP establishment, including McConnell and incumbent Republican senators Bannon has deemed unsupportive of the president's agenda. Trump said earlier Monday during a cabinet meeting that he "can understand fully how Steve Bannon feels" and even that some in the party "should be ashamed of themselves." But he later suggested he might try to talk Bannon out of challenging some Senate Republicans whom McConnell has pledged to defend.

"Some of the people that he may be looking at, I'm going to see if we talk him out of that, because frankly, they're great people," Trump said.

Trump's change in tone suggested that McConnell, whose allies regularly do battle with Bannon, might have talked Trump into intervening during their lunch together.

"Just so you understand, the Republican Party is very, very unified," Trump insisted.

McConnell took the opportunity to lay out, for the public and for the audience of one standing beside him, why he and GOP allies work to protect Senate incumbents. He argued that some conservative Republicans nominated in the 2010 and 2012 cycles didn't win because they weren't able to "appeal to a broader electorate in the general election."

"You have to nominate people who can actually win, because winners make policy and losers go home," McConnell said.

Trump briefly pursed his lips as McConnell made those remarks, then took a question on another topic.

Bannon, meanwhile, seemed in no mood to back down. "Senator McConnell and the GOP Establishment have 'sown the wind — now they reap the whirlwind,'" he said.

Bannon's Brietbart News site also reveled in the attention. "Bitter Mitch! Triggered by Bannon," one of its Monday headlines read.

Trump spent August assailing McConnell for his inability to pass legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act, calling the failure "a disgrace" and ordering McConnell over Twitter to "get back to work." For his part, McConnell has complained that Trump had "excessive expectations" for how quickly Congress could act.

Nevertheless the Kentucky senator seconded the president's latest views.

"Contrary to what some of you may have reported, we are together, totally, on this agenda to move America forward," McConnell said.

It was not clear what led to Monday's sudden question-and-answer session, which followed lunch between McConnell and Trump at the White House. Their meeting came at a critical time, with the Senate poised to vote this week on a budget that would set the stage for tax legislation that many Republicans view as make-or-break following the failure on health care. Both McConnell and Trump recommitted themselves to the goal of passing a tax bill by the end of this year.

The last time McConnell was at the White House was early last month. On that occasion, Trump bypassed him and Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan to cut a deal with the Senate's Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi on debt and spending.

That kicked off a brief period when bipartisanship was in the air in Washington, and it seemed possible that Trump would make common cause with Democrats at the expense of Republicans on other issues, too. But the suggestion of a deal on immigration appears to have fallen apart. Questioned Monday about Schumer and Pelosi, Trump replied: "Well, I hope to have a relationship. If we don't, we don't."

However, he claimed that his recent action to shut off certain payments to insurers under the Affordable Care Act, denounced by Democrats as sabotage, was forcing bipartisan talks. Indeed there may be a renewed focus on Senate bipartisan negotiations aimed at addressing the payments, which go to subsidize costs for low-income people.

"Because of that, people are talking now, Democrats are talking to the Republicans," Trump said, contending that a short-term fix would be followed next year by ultimate success in repealing "Obamacare," and asserting with no evidence, as he's done in the past, that the votes are there now to repeal the law.

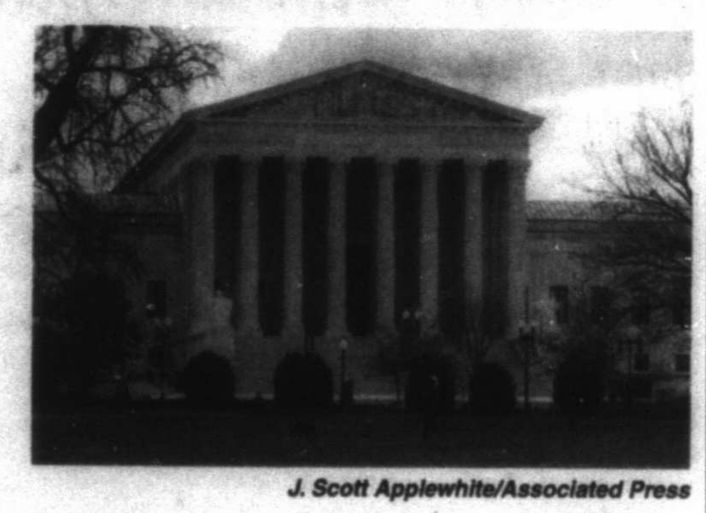
Trump also denounced the investigation into his campaign's involvement with Russia, being conducted by a special counsel and GOP-led congressional committees.

"The whole Russia thing was an excuse for the Democrats losing the election," he said.

"There has been absolutely no collusion. It's been stated that they have no collusion. They ought to get to the end of it, because I think the American public is sick of it."

Court agrees to take on US, Microsoft dispute over emails

By Mark Sherman
Associated Press



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The Supreme Court on April 7 in Washington. The Supreme Court is intervening in a digital-age privacy dispute between the Trump administration and Microsoft over emails stored abroad. The justices said Monday they will hear the administration's appeal of a lower court ruling in favor of Microsoft. The court held the emails sought in a drug trafficking investigation were beyond the reach of a search warrant because they were kept on a Microsoft server in Ireland.

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to take on a major dispute over the government's authority to force American technology companies to hand over emails and other digital information sought in criminal probes but stored outside the U.S.

The justices intervened in a case of a federal drug trafficking investigation that sought emails that Microsoft keeps on a server in Ireland. The federal appeals court in New York said that the emails are beyond the reach of a search warrant issued by an American judge.

The Trump administration and 33 states told the court that the decision is impeding investigations into terrorism, drug trafficking, fraud and child pornography because other courts are relying on the ruling in preventing U.S. and state authorities from obtaining information kept abroad.

The case is among several legal clashes that Redmond, Washington-based Microsoft and other technology companies have had with the government over questions of digital privacy and authorities' need for information to combat crime and extremism.

Privacy law experts say the companies have been more willing to push back against the government since the leak of classified information detailing America's surveillance programs.

The case also highlights the difficulty that judges face in trying to square decades-old laws with new technological developments. In urging the high court to stay out of the case, Microsoft said Congress needs to bring the law into the age of cloud computing.

In 2013, federal investigators obtained a warrant under a 1986 law for emails from an account they believe was being used in illegal drug transactions as well as identifying information about the user of the email account.

Microsoft turned over the information, but went to court to defend its decision not to hand over the emails from Ireland.

The federal appeals court in New York agreed with the company. The administration in its Supreme Court appeal said the decision is damaging "hundreds if not thousands of investigations of crimes — ranging from terrorism, to child pornography, to fraud."

Vermont, representing the states at the high court, said Google and Yahoo are among other email providers that "are relying on the decision to resist warrants."

Wherever the emails reside, Microsoft can retrieve them "domestically with the click of a computer mouse," Justice Department lawyer Jeffrey Wall told the court.

But Microsoft said the appeals court was correct to limit the use of a warrant for information held abroad. The company said the better course is for Congress to make needed changes to bring the 1986 Stored Communications Act up to date. Bipartisan bills have been introduced in both the Senate and House of Representatives. Microsoft said the high court's intervention would "short-circuit" the congressional effort.

"The current laws were written for the era of the floppy disk, not the world of the cloud. We believe that rather than arguing over an old law in court, it is time for Congress to act by passing new legislation," Microsoft president and chief legal officer Brad Smith wrote on the company's blog after the court acted.

Privacy scholars also have worried that the court may have trouble resolving difficult issues in a nuanced way.

Data companies have built servers around the world to keep up with customers' demands for speed and access. Among the issues the court may confront is whether the same rules apply to the emails of an American citizen and a foreigner. Another is whether it matters where the person is living.

Firm behind Trump-Russia dossier balks at House subpoena

By Eric Tucker and Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

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House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., walks July 28 on Capitol Hill in Washington. A political research firm behind a dossier of allegations about President Donald Trump's connections to Russia is balking at subpoenas from the House intelligence committee, with a lawyer for the firm questioning the legitimacy of the panel's probe into Russian meddling. Joshua Levy, a lawyer for Fusion GPS, said in a letter to the panel on Oct. 16 that Nunes is acting "in bad faith."

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Joshua Levy, a lawyer for Fusion GPS, said in a letter to the panel Monday that House Intelligence Chairman Devin Nunes is acting "in bad faith." Nunes stepped back from the Russia investigation after criticism he was too close to the White House, but is still chairman of the panel and signs its subpoenas.

Levy signaled that the company won't cooperate with the panel. He said in the letter that if any of the employees subpoenaed — Fusion GPS co-founder Glenn Simpson and two others with the firm — are compelled to appear before the committee, they will exercise their Fifth Amendment rights and refuse to testify. He also portrayed the subpoena as an attack on their free speech rights.

In a statement, Levy said Nunes "would rather use his office to learn about who funded opposition research on Donald Trump than whether the Russian government interfered with our election. Americans of all political stripes should find his actions chilling."

The dossier contends that the Russian government had amassed compromising information about Trump and had been engaged in a years-long effort to support and assist him. The document circulated among Washington journalists last year and was provided to the FBI. Special counsel Robert Mueller's investigators — who are probing whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to sway the election — have spoken with the former British spy who helped compile it, The Associated Press has reported. At a White House news conference on Monday, Trump said that though he would like for the Russia investigation to come to an end, he had no plans to fire Mueller.

Last summer, Simpson spoke privately for about 10 hours to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Levy, the firm's attorney, said the firm is also cooperating on a voluntary basis with the Senate intelligence committee. Both panels also are investigating Russian meddling in the election.

Last week, a person familiar with the House subpoenas said they were originally requested by Texas Rep. Mike Conaway, the Republican who has led the Russia probe since Nunes stepped aside in April. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak publically about private committee negotiations.

As chairman, Nunes still retains the power to subpoena and thus signs off on all subpoenas that are issued from the committee.

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Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Army Sgt. Bergdahl pleads guilty to deserting his post

By Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who was captured and held by the Taliban for five years after walking away from his post in Afghanistan, pleaded guilty Monday to desertion and endangering his comrades — charges that could put him behind bars for the rest of his life.

"I understand that leaving was against the law," said Bergdahl, who admitted guilt without striking a deal with prosecutors, meaning his punishment will be up to a military judge when he is sentenced later this month.

The guilty plea brings the highly politicized saga closer to an end eight years after Bergdahl vanished.

President Barack Obama brought him home in 2014 in a swap for five Taliban prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, saying the U.S. does not leave its service members on the battlefield. Republicans roundly criticized Obama, and Donald Trump went further while campaigning for president, repeatedly calling Bergdahl a "dirty, rotten traitor" who deserved to be executed by firing squad or thrown out of a plane without a parachute.

Bergdahl, 31, has said he walked away from his remote post in 2009 with the intention of reaching other commanders and drawing attention to what he saw as problems with his unit.

He told the judge, Col. Jeffrey R. Nance, that he now understands that his actions prompted an intensive search during which some of his comrades were seriously wounded.

"At the time, I had no intention of causing search-and-recovery operations," he said in court. "I believed they would notice me missing, but I didn't believe they would have reason to search for one private."

Bergdahl, who received a promotion due all missing-in-action soldiers while he was in captivity, pleaded guilty to desertion and misbehavior before the enemy, a relatively rare charge brought against him for endangering comrades sent to find him.

The misbehavior charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, the desertion charge up to five years.

Bergdahl's answers to the judge's questions represented some of his most extensive public comments yet.

He told the judge he tried to escape from his captors 12 to 15 times with varying degrees of success. Once, he was on his own for about a week — hoping U.S. drones would spot him — before he was recaptured. He said he also tried to escape on his first day in captivity.

"As I started running there came shouts, and I was tackled by people. That didn't go so well," said Bergdahl, who spoke in even tones and wore a blue dress uniform.

He also reflected on what he thought were questionable tactics by U.S. soldiers and their Afghan allies in guarding a remote crossroads that could be bypassed by the Taliban on other routes. He said the setup "seemed to be a bit of a joke." Pressed by the judge about his actions, Bergdahl acknowledged endangering his fellow service members.

"I left my platoon in a battlefield ... a situation that could easily turn into a life-or-death situation," he said.

At his sentencing, set to begin Oct. 23, his years in captivity could be factored in, but the hearing is also likely to feature damning testimony from fellow service members.

A Navy SEAL who suffered a career-ending leg wound and an Army National Guard sergeant whose head wound put him in a wheelchair would not have been hurt in firefights had they not been searching for Bergdahl, the judge has ruled.

Earlier this year, the defense was rebuffed in an effort to prove Trump had unfairly swayed the case.

The judge ruled in February that the new president's comments were "disturbing and disappointing" but did not constitute unlawful influence by the soon-to-be commander in chief.

Bergdahl, who is from Hailey, Idaho, has been assigned to desk duty at a Texas Army base in the meantime.

Andrew Craft/The Fayetteville Observer via AP

Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl returns to the Fort Bragg courthouse after a lunch break on Monday at Fort Bragg, N.C. Bergdahl, who walked off his base in Afghanistan in 2009 and was held by the Taliban for five years, is charged with desertion and misbehavior before the enemy.

AP file photo

President Barack Obama, right, salutes Oct. 29, 2009 as an Army carry team carries the transfer case containing the remains of Sgt. Dale R. Griffin of Terre Haute, Ind., during a casualty return at Dover Air Force Base, Del. President Donald Trump is claiming his predecessors did not sufficiently honor the nation's fallen. His accusation that most presidents did not call families of military personnel is provoking a heated response. Obama, for one, visited the air base that often receives the remains of the dead. He wrote letters to military families, too. Obama's office says Trump is "unequivocally wrong."

Trump says predecessors didn't honor fallen; response heated

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For U.S. presidents, meeting the families of military personnel killed in war is about as wrenching as the presidency gets. President Donald Trump's suggestion Monday that his predecessors fell short in that duty brought a visceral reaction from those who witnessed those grieving encounters.

"He's a deranged animal," Alyssa Mastromonaco, a former deputy chief of staff to President Barack Obama, tweeted about Trump. With an expletive, she called Trump's statement in the Rose Garden a lie.

Trump said in a news conference he had written letters to the families of four soldiers killed in an Oct. 4 ambush in Niger and planned to call them, crediting himself with taking extra steps in honoring the dead properly. "Most of them didn't make calls," he said of his predecessors. He said it's possible that Obama "did sometimes" but "other presidents did not call."

The record is plain that presidents reached out to families of the dead and to the wounded, often with their presence as well as by letter and phone. The path to Walter Reed and other military hospitals, as well as to the Dover, Delaware, Air Force Base where the remains of fallen soldiers are often brought, is a familiar one to Obama, George W. Bush and others.

Bush, even at the height of two wars, "wrote all the families of the fallen," said Freddy Ford, spokesman for the ex-president. Ford said Bush also called or met "hundreds, if not thousands" of family members of the war dead.

Obama's official photographer, Pete Souza, tweeted that he photographed Obama "meeting with hundreds of wounded soldiers, and family members of those killed in action." Others recalled his frequent visits with Gold Star families, and travels to Walter Reed, Dover and other venues with families of the dead and with the wounded. Trump addressed the matter when asked why he had not spoken about the four soldiers killed in Niger. They died when militants thought to be affiliated with the Islamic State group ambushed them while they were patrolling in unarmored trucks with Nigerien troops.

"I actually wrote letters individually to the soldiers we're talking about, and they're going to be going out either today or tomorrow," he said, meaning he wrote to the families of the fallen soldiers. He did not explain why letters had not been sent yet, more than a week after the attack.

"If you look at President Obama and other presidents, most of them didn't make calls," Trump said.

Pressed on that statement later, he said of Obama: "I was told that he didn't often, and a lot of presidents don't. They write letters." He went on: "President Obama, I think, probably did sometimes, and maybe sometimes he didn't. I don't know. That's what I was told. ... Some presidents didn't do anything."

Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said later that Trump "wasn't criticizing predecessors, but stating a fact." She argued that presidents didn't always call families of those killed in battle: "Sometimes they call, sometimes they send a letter, other times they have the opportunity to meet family members in person."

White House: Average family will get $4,000 from tax cuts

By Heather Long
Washington Post

The White House is making a promise: The average American family would get a $4,000 raise under President Donald Trump's tax plan.

Critics have slammed the plan as a giveaway to the wealthy, but the White House fought back Monday, releasing a white paper from Trump's Council of Economic Advisers that argues that reducing the top corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent would boost middle-class incomes substantially.

"I would expect to see an immediate jump in wage growth," said Kevin Hassett, head of the council.

The average household brought home $83,143 in income last year. Hassett predicts that would increase by $4,000 to $9,000 a year from reducing business tax rates alone (families that earn less will see a smaller increase). Trump also wants to slash personal income tax rates, but Hassett says there aren't enough details yet to forecast those benefits.

Trump has seized on the $4,000 figure as proof that his plan would help the middle class. He talked it up in a speech to truckers last week in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a key swing state in the election.

Wage growth has been disappointing since the Great Recession, rising about 2 percent a year, which is well below the nation's historic average of 3.5 percent to 4 percent a year. Hassett estimates that wage growth will skyrocket to more than 5 percent a year after the tax plan is enacted, although it may take a few years to fully kick in. He said the nation's competitors with lower tax rates experience faster wage growth.

The Republican tax bill faces a critical hurdle this month: The Senate must pass the 2018 budget. Congress can't advance a tax plan until the budget passes both legislative chambers. The only other option is to get a bipartisan tax bill passed, but Democrats don't appear eager to sign onto it.

The president is trying to rally GOP votes by stressing how the middle class will gain from tax cuts. He golfed Sunday with Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., a likely swing vote on the budget and tax bills.

Critics say the White House is exaggerating how much working people will benefit. After President Ronald Reagan's 1986 tax reform, weekly wages for rank-and-file workers declined. More recently, companies have earned large profits, yet they have barely increased worker wages at all.

"It's irresponsible to overhype the claims," said Len Burman, co-founder of the Tax Policy Center, a think tank, and a Treasury official under President Bill Clinton. "There's just not any evidence that there's a huge effect on wages or economic growth" if you cut business taxes.

Burman's research has found that the vast majority of the benefits of a corporate tax cut will go to the wealthy. But many right-leaning scholars, including Hassett, say it will be a boon to the middle class.

Hassett, who earned his PhD in economics from the University of Pennsylvania, is one of the biggest champions of the view that tax cuts spur growth and higher wages. It's a concept known as "supply-side economics," which many Republicans have embraced, including Reagan.

According to Hassett, companies save more money when their tax bills go down and some of that money is likely to go into the hands of workers. Hassett says companies usually end up taking some of their tax savings and investing it in better machines and technology. That makes workers more productive and more valuable to companies, so business pay them more.

"I would expect capital spending to really take off if the tax bill passes," Hassett said. He also forecasts more manufacturing jobs in the United States as companies build more factories here.

Trump's tax plan also requires companies to bring back more than $2 trillion in cash held in overseas accounts. Hassett argues once that money returns to the United States, it will cause even more investment and wage growth.

Although right-leaning economists tend to agree with the White House, there are many skeptics. Goldman Sachs also did a recent review of economic studies on this issue. Unlike the White House, Goldman Sachs found only "modest" effects on wages and growth, if that, from the tax plan.

Alan Auerbach, a professor of economics and law at the University of California at Berkeley, taught Hassett in graduate school and is cited in the White House's white paper. Auerbach says business tax cuts can increase wages "under some circumstances." But he does not think that simply cutting the rates from 35 percent to 20 percent is enough.

Trump and Congress have to get the tax recipe right if they really want to have a good chance at boosting middle-class wages. Auerbach says there are two things lawmakers should do. First, they need to ensure the tax bill doesn't add to the nation's $20 trillion debt. Second, they need to give businesses incentives to spend money on better machines and equipment.

What we know of Trump's tax plan is that it checks the box for investment incentives. It has provisions such as allowing companies to deduct the cost of building a new factory right away and mandating that they bring back money held overseas to the United States.

But the plan also probably would add $1.5 trillion to the debt. That's harmful on a lot of levels, economists say. It would encourage investment money to go to finance the government debt instead of private companies, and it means the United States probably would have to raise taxes down the road.

State association honors MISD administrators

From staff reports

Two Midland ISD campus administrators received Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association's honors at the Region 18 Education Service Center's Conference Center in Midland last week.

Bunche Elementary Principal Sha Burdsal Hartzer was recognized as Region 18 TEPSAN of the Year, and Travis Elementary Assistant Principal Linda Silvas was honored as Region 18 Assistant Principal of the Year.

Burdsal Hartzer

Silvas

Burdsal Hartzer began teaching in 1990 at Lubbock Cooper ISD as a special education teacher. She transferred to Ector County ISD in 1992, and during the next 11 years, she taught special education, fourth and sixth grades. She became the assistant principal at Cameron Dual Language Magnet School in 2003 and was named principal the following year.

Burdsal Hartzer came to Midland ISD as principal of Houston Elementary in 2007. Before being named principal at Bunche Elementary, she also was principal at Travis Elementary.

Silvas began her educational career with Ozona ISD as a reading interventionist and junior high math teacher and then transferred to Van Horn ISD where she taught kindergarten and second grade. Silvas spent 23 years teaching at Midland ISD — ESL at Lamar Elementary and bilingual third grade at Crockett Elementary. Before becoming assistant principal at Travis, she served as assistant principal at South, Crockett, Santa Rita and Lamar elementaries.

"Education is an incredible gift that can change the world one precious mind at a time," said Superintendent Orlando Riddick said in a press release from the district. "We are exceptionally proud of Principal Burdsal and Assistant Principal Silvas who work tirelessly each and every day to provide the gift of education to our students. Their compassion and dedication to nurturing and enhancing the classroom experience is unwavering, and we are sincerely thankful for both of these remarkable educators."

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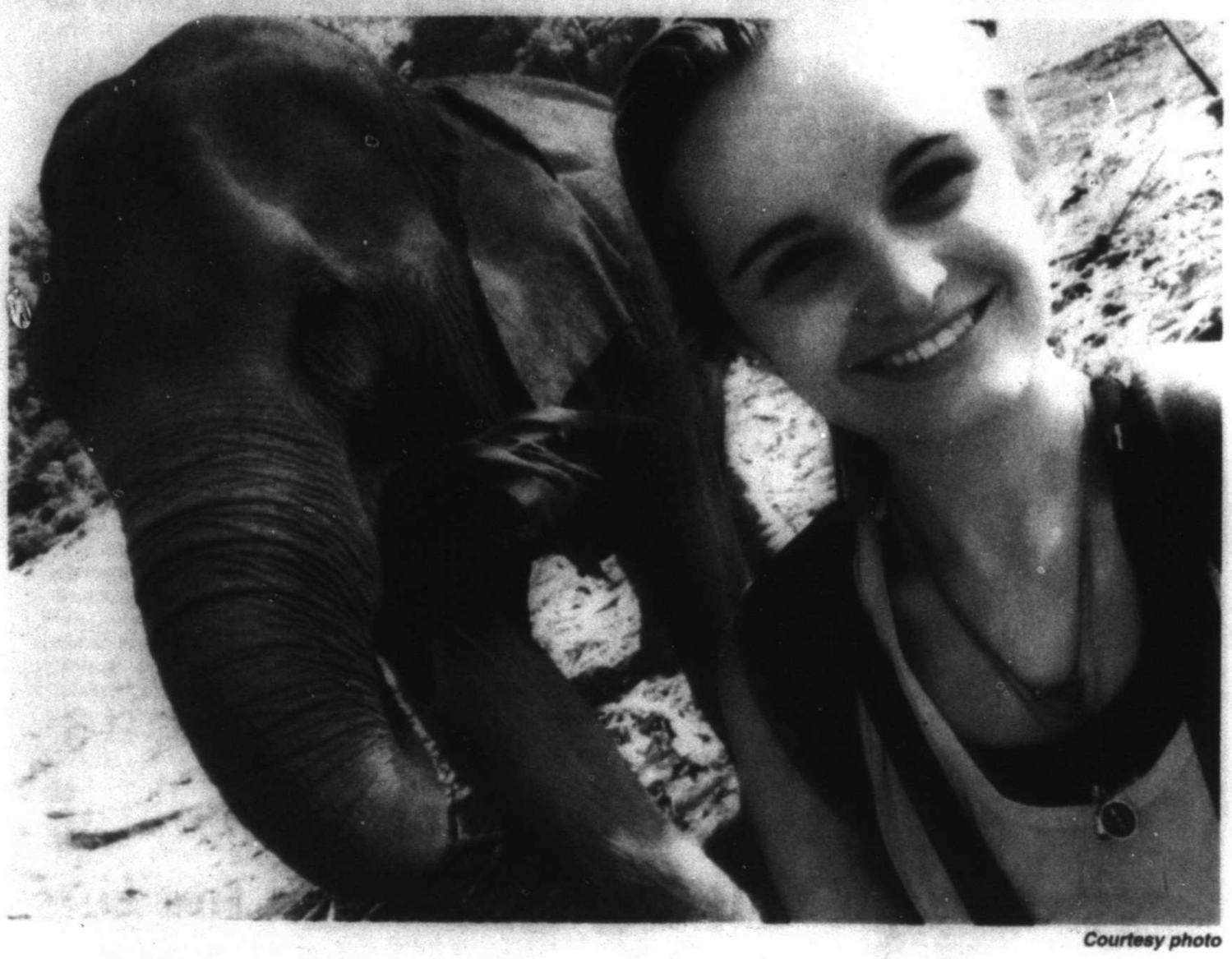

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Midlander Presley Miller spent three weeks in Thailand working with animals for the Loop Abroad program.

Midlander cares for animals in Thailand

■ MC graduate spends three weeks working with veterinarians in Loop Abroad program

By Karis Johnson
Midland Reporter-Telegram

While scrolling through Facebook, Texas State University junior Presley Miller saw photos of students working with elephants in Thailand and knew that she wanted to spend her summer working with animals and conservation efforts.

"I kept seeing pictures of elephants, and I just thought that was amazing that these students were able to work with elephants and veterinarians," said Miller, 21.

The pre-veterinary medicine student spent three weeks in June with the Loop Abroad student veterinarian program working to support local animal and nature conservation efforts in Thailand.

Miller said one of her professors at Texas State encourages students to get out and study things differently, which helped served as inspiration for her decision to apply to Loop Abroad.

"I thought, 'Thailand stands out.' So, I applied to the program and got accepted and talked my parents into letting me go," said the Midland Christian School graduate.

The founders of Loop Abroad, Jane and Addam Stine, designed the program as a hands-on learning experience for students and a chance to support local developmental projects and organizations that are a part of the communities where they work.

"What's really unique about Loop Abroad is that students get a hands-on course taught by a vet whose job is to teach our students," Jane Stine said. "They end up providing support to organizations that are on the ground year round so that real improvements in animal welfare can happen."

While this hands-on learning experience is a focus of Loop Abroad, Stine said that one of the biggest advantages to studying with the program is the support system the students receive.

"There are a large number of abroad programs for students who want to work with animals, but very few are targeted to pre-vet students and led by a veterinarian," Stine said. "I think our students are a huge asset to one another because most of them are going through the long, challenging process of working to become veterinarians, so it's great that they can support one another.

"We attract an amazing caliber of students who are kind and motivated," Stine said. "We have seen students meet on our programs and go on to travel more together, help one another find internships, work together, support one another in the vet school application process, and even go to vet school together."

Miller and the other students spent their time in Thailand working with three animal and nature conservation projects: the Chang Mai Elephant Nature Park, the Animal Rescue Kingdom and the New Heaven Marine Conservation project. The students spent a week with each organization.

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MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

MC provides IT professional with necessary skills for career

As a child growing up in the blue-collar, industrial town of Lynn, Massachusetts, Andry Diaz and his friends rummaged through dumpsters looking for old computer parts.

Diaz

"As early as 10 years old, I was building computers out of parts we found in the trash," said Diaz. "Pretty soon, everyone in the neighborhood had a computer built from our 'finds.'"

Today, Diaz, 30, is a technical lead for West Texas IT Consulting and manages a team composed of two technicians and himself. The team manages IT services, maintains business systems, troubleshoots networks and provides IT consulting services for about 50 business and individuals.

One would think that the road from a childhood hobby of building computers to managing IT networks would be a given; however, after high school graduation, Diaz took a detour on his career path.

"After I finished high school, I studied culinary arts at Le Cordon Bleu College in Cambridge, Massachusetts," he said. "I always loved cooking and creating things, so culinary arts seemed like a good fit. Even now that my career has taken a complete turn into a technical field, I still enjoy cooking. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Breaking bread with family and friends gives me pleasure."

After completing Le Cordon Bleu, Diaz worked as a chef in an upscale Italian restaurant on Boston's famed North End. It was during this time in 2005, that he met his wife, Nichole, a Midland native, who was employed with a travel nursing company and working in Salem, Massachusetts. Nichole convinced him to leave New England and relocate to her hometown.

"The restaurant business in Midland is a little different from the Boston area, so I decided to return to my roots of computers and technology," Diaz said. "A friend of mine who worked at Best Buy told me about a job opportunity to work with Google and demonstrate to retail employees how to use Google products, such as Chromebooks, so that they could, in turn, show customers how to use them. I did that for two years and then obtained a job with Samsung selling and training customers on their products."

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Technology can enhance learning in all subject areas

D.J. RAMBO
Pease CTE

Remember the time in school when you had to do your classwork on an iPad? Well, neither do I. Most of us reading this did not have technology like this while we were in school. I remember taking my first computer class in 11th grade at Lee High School back in 2002. The computers at the time were the 386s — in other words, the bulky white monitors and towers that weighed enough to break a bone if you accidentally dropped one on you.

This was the first time I was truly exposed to computers and what these technology devices could accomplish. Students are now using mobile tablets that have more than 1,000 times the processing and ability of these old computers, can access high-speed internet at 1 gigabit per second or more and even implement 3D printing technology to make objects they created on 3D software. Technology is changing so rapidly that it is hard for even technology educators like myself to stay current on the trends.

Technology has been an important focus in education the past few years. But there are people — including some educators — who have asked me: "What's wrong with pencil and paper in the classroom?" My response is simple: individual learning of students.

I have worked at Midland ISD for 14 years, either teaching technology or working as a computer technician, and I am still amazed at how technology is being used to reach students' individual needs. I have seen

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Designer Show
Wednesday & Thursday
October 18th & 19th
10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Greenwood High School senior **Mason Elkins** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. He is the son of Mark and Kim Elkins.

Elkins

He is a member of the tennis team, National Honor Society and Students in Philanthropy.

He is a member of St. Ann's Boy Scout Troop 84 and is an Eagle Scout. He is involved with First Methodist Church youth program.

Elkins plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in computer engineering.

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Greenwood High School senior **Cassi Mebane** has been honored by the Midland Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Amber and Cody Mebane.

Mebane

She is a member of the basketball team, National Honor Society and Interact Club and was named to first team All District.

She volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and Safe Place of the Permian Basin.

Mebane plans to attend the University of Texas.

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Lee High School senior **Mackenzi Abbott** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. She is the daughter of Marc and Kristi Abbott.

Abbott

She is president of the choir, member of Origin and National Honor Society and is founding member of the Fashion Club. She is a Commended National Merit Scholar, an AP Scholar and a member of All Region Choir.

She is a member of Kelview Baptist Church youth group and youth leadership.

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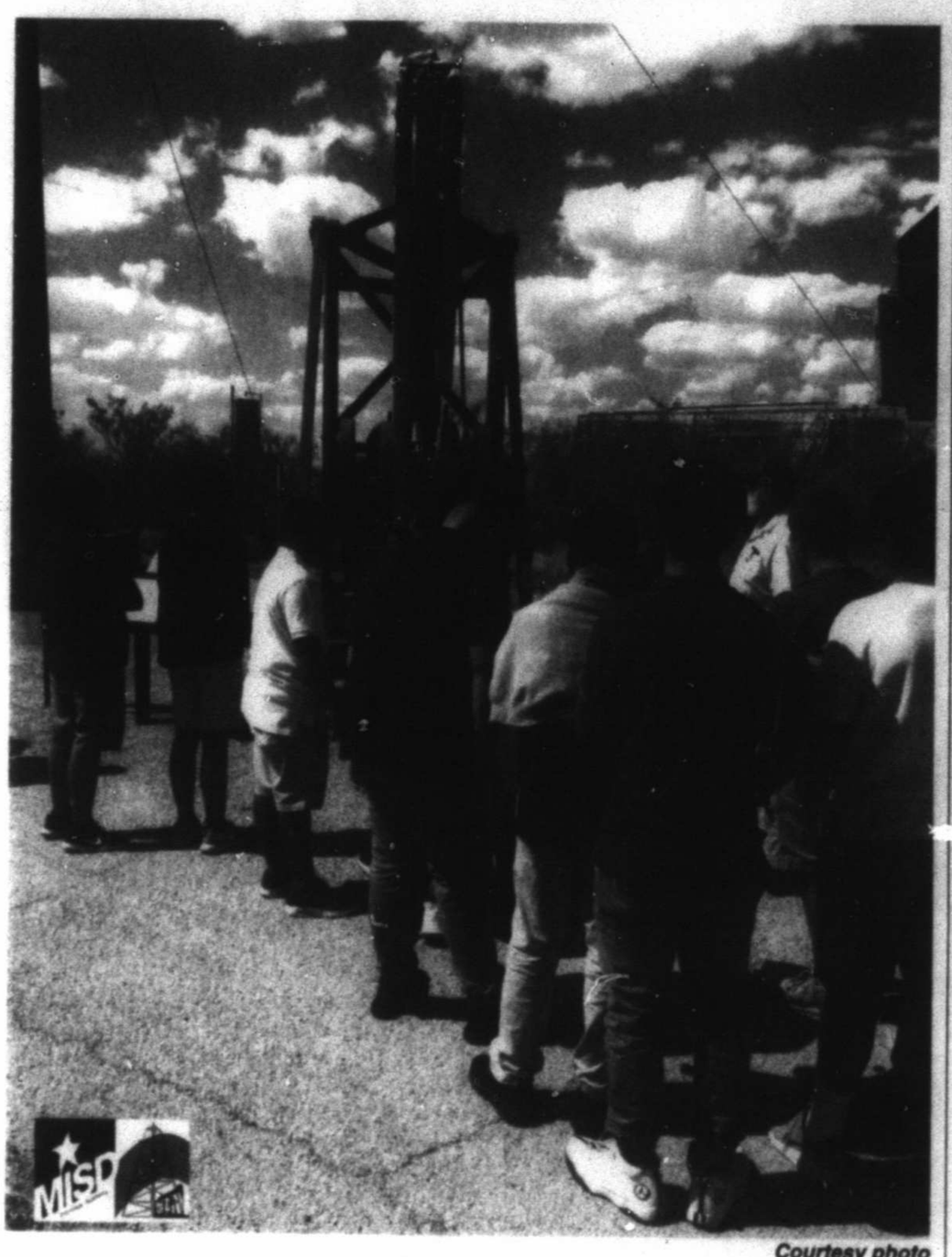
Lee High School senior **Bryce Jones** has been honored by the Midland West Rotary Club. He is the son of Patrick and Chris Jones.

Jones

He is a choir officer and is a member of National Honor Society, Chorale, Origin and the football and track and field teams. He is an academic letterman.

He is a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, where he is an altar server and usher and volunteers with Helping Hands.

Jones plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in business or engineering.



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Lee Freshman and Midland Freshman Petroleum Academy students visited the Petroleum Museum on Sept. 20. This visit provided students with an overview of what they will be studying this year, said academy director Anthony Frost. The seismic presentation interaction and the "things made from oil" exhibit will be part of upcoming lessons, he said.

Ex-rock band members develop app to teach autistic students

By Justin Mattingly
Richmond Times-Dispatch

RICHMOND, Va. — Five boys sit in a small circle in an English classroom. They sway back and forth as their fingers touch the iPad screens in front of them. Their faces light up as they touch the screens, seeing — and hearing — their previous week's creation.

All five boys have autism — as do about 1 in 68 children nationally, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Their enthusiasm brings a chorus of different sounds to the small classroom, with loops of one student-created sound overplaying another.

This is a new way for the middle school-age students to learn the basics of music. They're using an app created by local tech startup Light the Music. Co-founder Steve Van Dam, former member of a rock band, is their teacher.

"I get to take apart all of those building blocks and put them together like Legos on the app and figure out creative ways to teach music," Van Dam said. "It's about more than music, though. Music helps these kids in other ways."

Van Dam has no formal teaching experience — he studied music theory and composition at James Madison University — but runs the class like a teaching veteran. A student begins to overlap different sounds on his iPad, and Van Dam stops him dead in his tracks.

"What did you just create?" he asks the student.

"A rhythm," the student correctly responds. Progress.

With the app, students create sounds with visuals to accompany them. As they press the screens of the iPads, the sound emerges. They can loop sounds, mix in different sounds and ultimately create music.

Sessions assist students with FAFSA

From staff reports

High school seniors have the opportunity beginning this week to receive help completing applications for federal funds to pay for higher education.

Representatives from Midland ISD, 1 TO 1 Focused Learning, Midland College and Educate Midland have strategized this school year about raising the number of seniors who fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). MISD has set a goal of 75 percent of 2018 graduates completing the application.

Volunteers with 1 TO 1 will be available at the after-school tutoring sessions to offer assistance with completing the FAFSA. Sessions are Mondays at First Presbyterian Church for Midland High School students and Tuesdays at Golf Course Road Church of Christ for Lee High School students.

Additional assistance this semester will be offered 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesdays starting Oct. 24 at the MC Welcome Center. Other scheduled MC sessions will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 28 and Nov. 11 at the Advanced Technology Center room 137; 4:30-6 p.m. Dec. 12 at the LHS library; and 4:30-6 p.m. Dec. 14 at the MHS library. The assistance is offered regardless of the educational institution a student plans to attend.

Required information for each senior hoping to receive FAFSA assistance includes:

- Parent's completed 2016 tax return and W-2 forms
- Student's completed tax return, if filed, and/or W-2 form
- Student's and parent's federal student aid ID from fsaid.ed.gov

RAMBO

From 1B

the transformation from teachers using worksheets for assignments to using online programs such as Google Slides to create classroom presentations. I have seen teachers go from having students reading scripts in the classroom to assigning students to type their own scripts collaboratively using Google Docs and acting them out in front of the class. In my own classroom, I have used Minecraft to teach concepts such as area of composite shapes to fifth-graders who were struggling. In all of these areas, scores have improved dramatically because students used technology to complete complex assignments.

Technology has the potential to tap into students' individual talents and jumpstart them to the next academic level. One of my frustrations with education is when curriculum tries to have us teach all students the same way. It is unfair to assign an essay to students who can learn better audibly by creating a song on their technology device to summarize a passage of a story. It is unfair to assign a worksheet to students who can learn better by creating a scene in Minecraft to demonstrate their understanding of a chapter book being read in class. I'll go even further by saying it is unfair to assess knowledge learned in an entire school year, it is unfair to retain or promote the student based on the results and it is unfair to stress out students because of an annual standardized test (but that's a topic for a different article). We, as educators, parents, pastors, family and friends, need to embrace the idea of technology and think creatively how it can be used to enhance learning in all subject areas.

I am sure you have seen the challenges that all schools face if you recently have walked into a school. Technology is absolutely fantastic — when you have access to it. The No. 1 issue I hear from MISD teachers is the lack of technology that they can implement in their classrooms. To be specific, teachers say the top three technology devices that are lacking are student devices such as Chromebooks or iPads, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) devices to enhance learning in math and science classrooms and simple headphones that students can use with these devices. Schools receive only so much in their budget, and if you ask any principal, it is quite the challenge to make funds available for every technology need on their campus.

I see the reality, though, as a deeper problem. I believe there is a lack of communication in the vision of technology in our community. Most teachers desire to use advanced technology in their everyday lessons but many of these teachers will not communicate to the community what needs they have and how they are using the technology to enhance student learning. Look at all the resources that Midland has to offer. I believe we have people absolutely ready to step up and help teachers, as long as the teachers can communicate how they are going to use the technology to help advance their students to be prepared for the 21st century technological world.

I leave you with a challenge to help one or more teachers within Midland ISD, and it is called Donors Choose (http://www.donorschoose.org). If you visit this website, you can search by school, city or zip code for projects posted by teachers who need financial help to make the projects possible. These projects go beyond technology needs. Teachers need financial help to purchase books, science materials and art materials for their classrooms. Teachers can post materials they need from various websites such as Amazon and Best Buy. When you donate to a project through this website, the money goes directly to the project, and an optional donation goes to Donors Choose to help keep the website running.

We are all in this together. Therefore, I challenge you to help a teacher in need of technology. The students — our future community leaders — deserve every opportunity to learn at their highest potential and to be ready for the 21st century.

D.J. Rambo teaches technology at Pease Communications and Technology Academy.

PROFILE

From 1B

While working for Samsung, Diaz decided that if he was going to progress in an IT career, he should get some formal training and credentials in the field. He considered embarking on a baccalaureate degree in computer science at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, but decided to see what Midland College offered.

"I wanted to start learning about computer networking right away and not spend a lot of time in school," Diaz said. "I needed to get trained so that I could obtain a job with good pay in order to take care of my family. Midland College was also very affordable, and after I was enrolled in some IT courses, the instructors took notice of my determination. They recommended me for a departmental scholarship, which really helped with finances. I graduated completely debt-free."

"Andry was a very dedicated student," said Joseph Bontke, Midland College Information Technology instructor. "His investment in his education has helped him pursue a lucrative career as an IT professional here in the Permian Basin."

Diaz said he enjoyed the classes but was concerned that he was only learning theory — not how to put the theory to use.

"I was afraid that after I graduated, I wouldn't be able to do anything," Diaz said. "In fact, I remember standing in the parking lot at Midland College talking to Joe Bontke and Marty Villarreal (Information Technology program chair) for an hour and a half regarding my fears of not being able to apply IT concepts to 'the real world.'

"They tried to assure me otherwise, but I wasn't thoroughly convinced," he said. "Seeing that I had some doubt, Marty made some phone calls and managed to help me land an interview for an internship with West Texas IT Consulting. I started out working six hours a week, and soon discovered that I knew more than I thought I did. It was easy to apply all that theory to practical use. My six-hour work weeks soon turned into 40-hour weeks. This is a great place to work."

John Brenner, owner of West Texas IT Consulting, said Diaz is certainly a valuable employee and has contributed toward the success of the company.

"We handle just about every aspect of IT," Diaz said. "We have several business clients, but one of my favorite things is working with residential customers to get technology into their homes. We do everything from setting up 'smart homes' where people can control electrical systems with an app on their phones to showing grandparents how to Skype with their grandchildren. We also consult with them on the best products to purchase.

"For businesses, we set up networking systems, partner with cabling companies, set up servers and consult with clients on such topics as leasing versus purchasing printers and establishing internet service provider contracts and phone plans," Diaz said. " We refer to ourselves as 'a partner in IT needs.' People often think IT professionals work by themselves without any connections to other people; however, communication is an essential component of information technology. I find myself serving as a 'translator' — I translate IT lingo into English."

In his spare time, Diaz enjoys reading and spending time with his family. He still uses his culinary skills — only now he cooks for pleasure. Nichole Diaz is a registered nurse with Midland Health and is pursuing a master's degree in nursing. The couple have three children —Lilith, 16, who is Nichole's daughter from a previous marriage; a son Alexandry,7; and a daughter Freya, 20 months.

"I really appreciate the opportunity that Midland College provided me to get right into earning a living and enjoying a successful IT career," Diaz said. "In just two years, I was able to learn a high-demand skill and graduate with an associate of applied science degree in information technology."

THAILAND

From 1B

The Elephant Nature Park project worked with the Loop Abroad students to teach them how to care for the gentle giants, many of which led difficult lives before arriving at the park.

"Elephants in Thailand are used as workers," Miller said. "They use them to pull the trees down, they use them to paint for tourists and to ride them. While it looks like it's OK for the elephant, it actually causes them a lot of pain and injuries."

Many of the elephants have stepped on landmines, so their feet have injuries that will never heal, she said. The elephants also have holes in their ears from the hooks that are used when people ride them and beat them. Miller and the other students tended to the elephants' ears and feet and provided them with much-needed veterinary care.

"We were pretty much caring for them at all times; they were all rescued," Miller said. "It's an amazing place. We stayed at the park for the whole week at these little huts, so we would wake up, go outside, and there were elephants outside our doors."

Students spent the second week working with stray dogs at a local shelter outside Chang Mai. The Animal Rescue Kingdom rescues dogs that are in need of vaccinations and other basic care. The students attended morning classes that explained procedures such as blood drawing, vaccinations and spaying and neutering animals. During the afternoons they performed these procedures on the stray dogs under professional supervision.

"It's all volunteer work, so (the dogs) don't always get the care that they need. So, while we were there we tried to do as much as we could," Miller said. "We actually got to watch and assist in the spaying and neutering, which was really cool to be right there and be able to observe and ask questions."

The last week of the program was with the New Heaven Marine Conversation project on the island of Koh Tao. Students divided their time between learning about the marine life native to the region and snorkeling and diving in the ocean. They also learned how to create synthetic reef to supplement the broken coral and dying reef around the island.

"One day we grabbed snorkels and literally just walked into the ocean, and right there was one of the coral reefs – it was amazing," Miller said. "You didn't have to go far out; we just swam a little bit. (T) here were these huge coral fish, and we saw a baby black fin shark … an octopus, stingrays and sea turtles."

Miller said she learned much more than she expected, and Loop Abroad gave her a necessary perspective on the world and on her own goals that she otherwise might not have gained. She is set to graduate from Texas State in December 2018 and plans to attend veterinary school. Her ultimate goal is to open her own veterinary clinic.

"I feel like it's important to not just do school, but to do things that are involved in what you're doing to make sure that is what you want to do and what you want to be," Miller said. "You want to be happy with your job. The best thing, I think, that can happen in life is that you love what you do."

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TNT		24	34	40	26	50	NBA Tip-Off		NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers Site: Quicken Loans Arena -- Cleveland, Ohio (L)					NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)				
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	WWE Super Smackdown				Chrisley Knows (N)	Chrisley Knows (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops "In Denial"	Cops "In Denial #3"	Cops	Cops	Cops

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Afternoon delight ends when wife stops to take a call

Dear Abby

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for many years, work long schedules, and actually sleep when we go to bed at night. Saturday afternoon, we had "nothin' to do," so I suggested some hanky-panky. We were just getting into it when the phone rang.

I told her to let it go to voicemail, but when our married daughter's name was caller-ID-announced, she said she had to take the call because they had been playing phone tag all day. There was no important matter, just idle chit-chat. What a mood killer!

Am I wrong to be angry that my needs were ignored so my wife could say, "Hello, how are you?" to our daughter (who calls eight times a day anyway)? — THWARTED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR THWARTED: Wrong? I don't think so. I think it's time to calmly ask your wife WHY she prioritized taking that call over the opportunity to be intimate with you.

P.S. The next time you're in "H-P" mode, put both of your phones on "do not disturb."

DEAR ABBY: I was diagnosed with lung cancer last year. After months of chemo, I had surgery and my lung was removed. Fifteen months after my diagnosis, my husband is still smoking cigarettes.

I feel so hurt and alone going through this. I thought he would have stopped smoking for his own health as well as moral support to me. He says I don't have the right to change him and quitting is too hard, even though he refuses to get help to stop.

Am I being overly sensitive to think he should stop smoking? I don't think he is being fair to our children because of the potential of them having to watch another parent receive the same diagnosis. — NEEDS MORAL SUPPORT

DEAR NEEDS: You are not "overly sensitive." People have been known to get cancer from secondhand smoke. Face it, you are married to an addict. Not only is he being unfair to the children, he is being unfair to you and himself. Because he's unwilling to even try to quit, my advice is to insist that he do it outside and away from you.

DEAR ABBY: A few days ago, my daughter had a sleepover at a friend's house, and the girl's dad broke my daughter's eyeglasses by accidentally stepping on them. He said he would pay for them. In the meantime, I glued them together.

Fast forward to two days later, and our dog finished the job and broke the side that was still OK. Is the dad still responsible for paying or is he not, since my dog used the glasses as his chew toy? — BLIND AS BATS IN FLORIDA

DEAR BLIND AS BATS: The man who stepped on your daughter's glasses should pay to replace them as promised, and in the future, when those glasses are not on your daughter's nose, they should be safely stored in their case and in a secure location!

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Devilish Larry

Neither vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠K 10 2
♡ J 4 2
♢ Q 9 7 3
♣ 10 7 6

WEST
♠ 8 3
♡ K 8 5 3
♢ 5
♣ Q J 9 5 4 2

EAST
♠ J 7
♡ A Q 9 7 6
♢ K J 2
♣ A K 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9 6 5 4
♡ 10
♢ A 10 8 6 4
♣ 8

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: King of ♡

Hard-Luck Louie was East in today's deal, taken from the club's Saturday night duplicate. Louie thought about doubling the final contract, which he was confident he could defeat, but he decided to respect his opponents and pass.

West led the king of hearts to get a look at dummy in case there was a suit that he needed to shift to. That wasn't necessary on this deal. Louie overtook the king with the ace and tried to cash the ace and king of clubs. South ruffed the second club, cashed the ace of spades, and led a spade to dummy's king. That drew the outstanding trumps and it all came down to handling the diamond suit. After long thought, declarer led the queen of diamonds from dummy. Louie did his best by not covering, but South stuck to his guns and ran the queen. Making four and well done by South!

"Nicely played," said Louie. "Many would have gotten the diamonds wrong. Against you, we should have bid on to five hearts."

Lucky Larry also sat East and defended the same contract. His partner also led the king of hearts, which Larry also overtook. Instead of trying to cash his clubs, however, Larry made the devilish shift to the two of diamonds! Who could blame South for reading this as an "obvious" singleton. Declarer rose with his ace of diamonds and could no longer make his contract.

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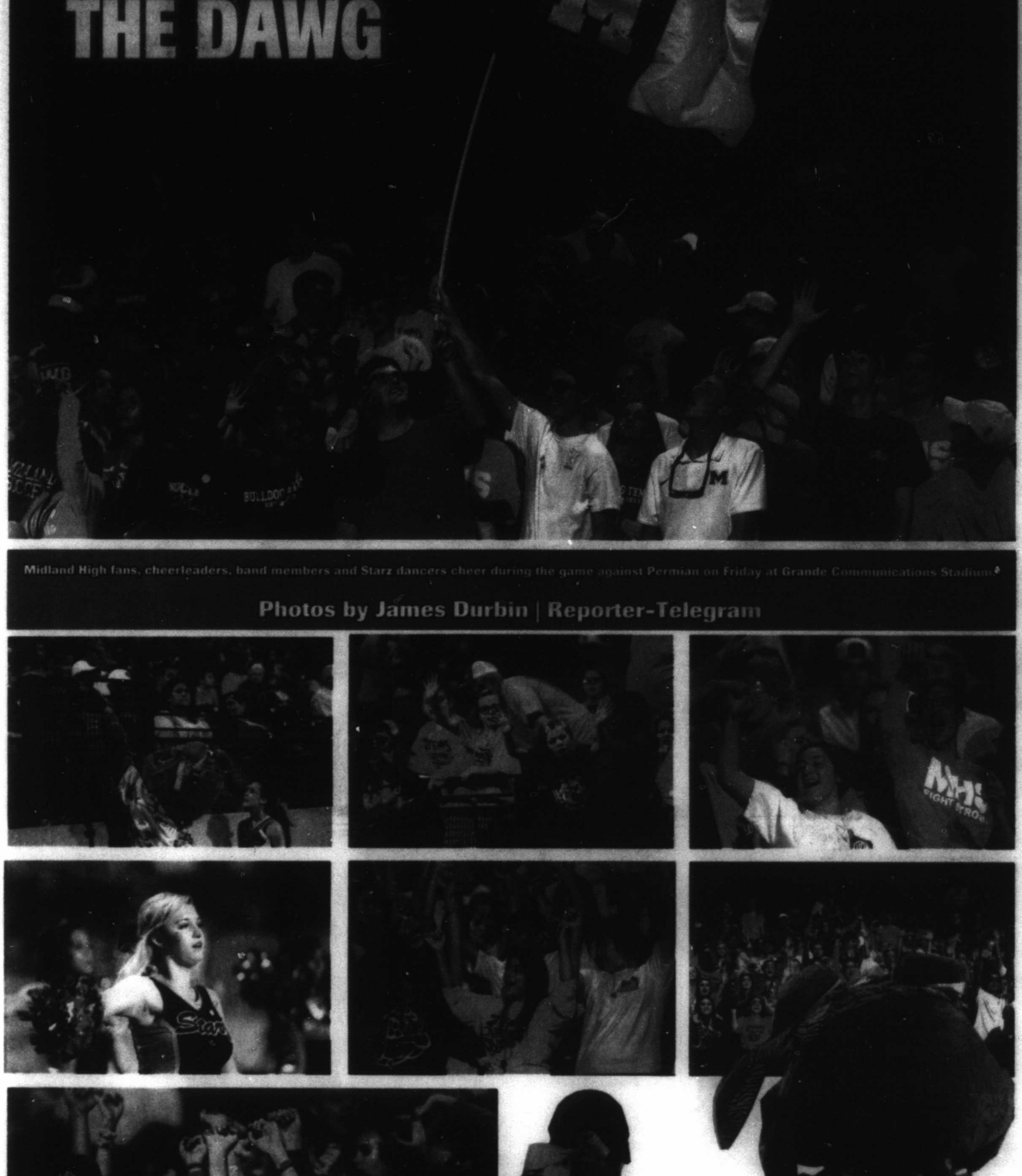

Midland High fans, cheerleaders, band members and Starz dancers cheer during the game against Permian on Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

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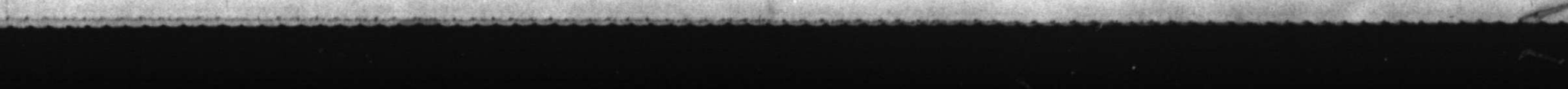

AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Forsan QB Hergert thriving in larger role

By Oscar LeRoy
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Forsan coach Jason Phillips knew that this year's offense was going to be focused around quarterback Bryce Hergert.

Hergert played well as a junior and with the loss of 1,800-yard rusher Tearell McVae to graduation, the Buffaloes were going to place a lot of trust in their senior quarterback.

Hergert hasn't disappointed and he has continued to deliver for the Buffaloes this season.

Even in a 40-21 loss to Hawley in the District 4-2A Division I opener on Friday, Hergert once again shined by completing 20 of 25 passes for 243 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. He also rushed for 49 yards and a TD on 15 carries, had two punts for a 43.5 yards per kick average and Phillips said Hergert also had a good game at safety.

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

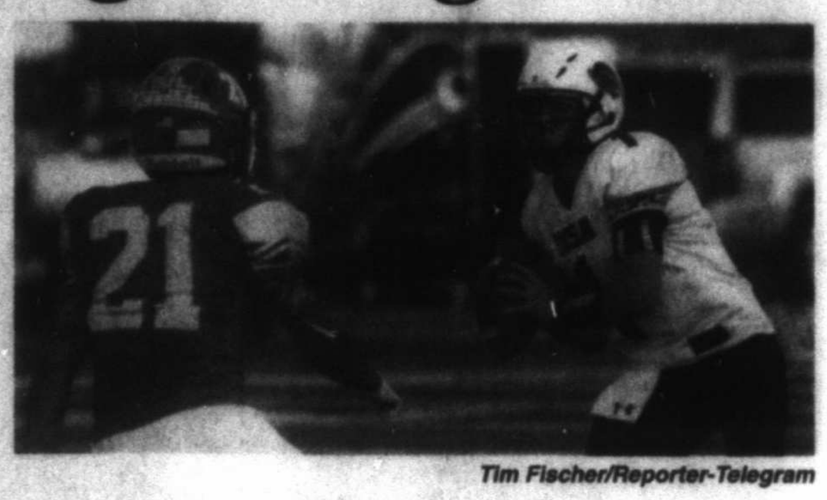
"He's played extremely well this year," Phillips said. "We're throwing the ball more than we ever had. He's got some good receivers, who can go up and get the ball and the offensive line is doing a good job of protecting him, but a big part of that success is him. He has been real accurate and his decision making has been great. He's also a great worker and a good leader who is fun to have on your team."

This season, Hergert is completing a little more than 60 percent of his passes for 1,427 yards, 18 touchdowns and just five interceptions.

Hergert said getting that experience as a junior helped him going into this season.

"Last year was my first year (as starting varsity quarterback) and I feel I was kind of learning

Please see **HERGERT**/3C



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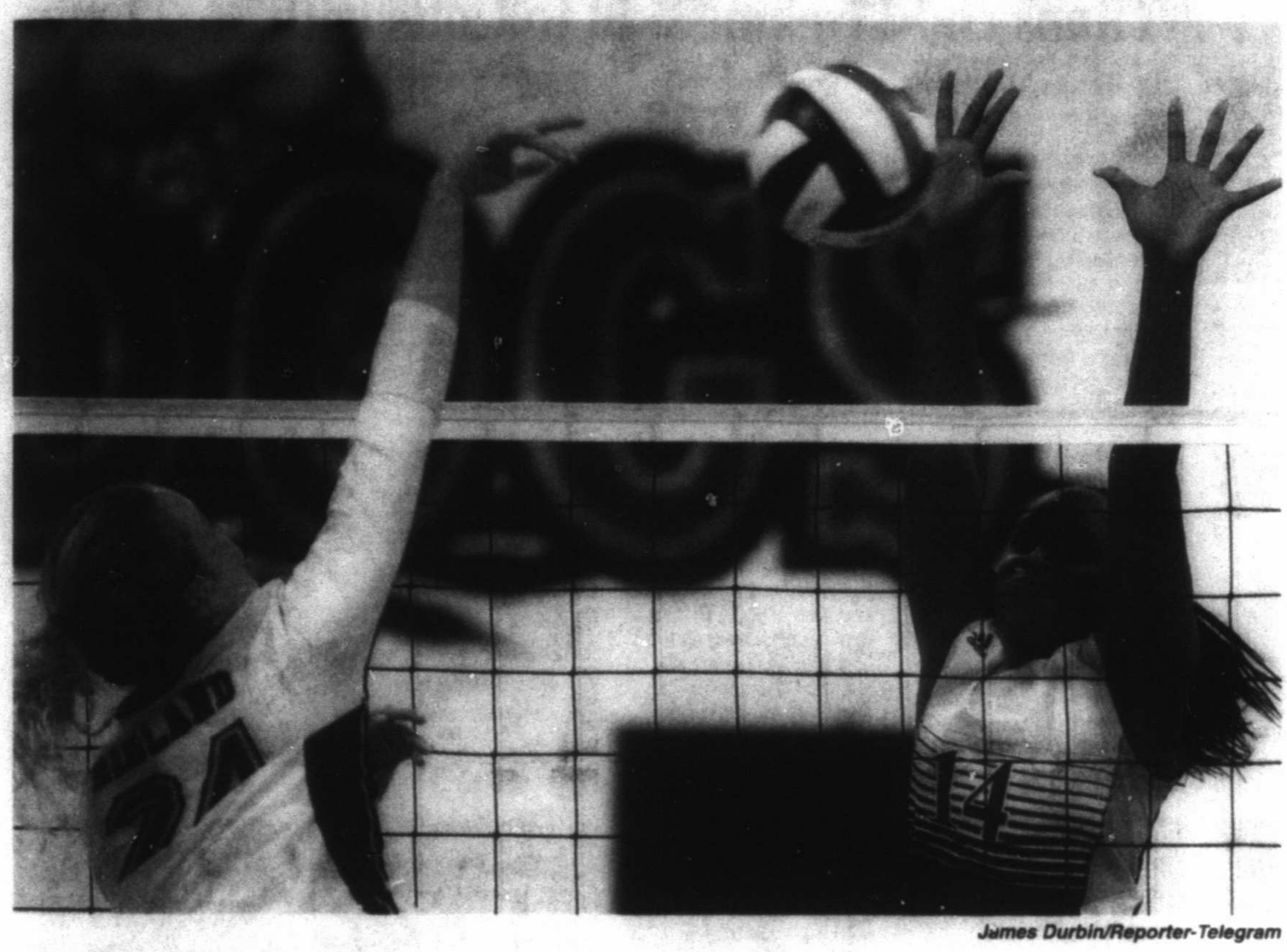
Forsan's Bryce Hergert looks to pass as Coahoma's Caimon Billingsley puts pressure on him Sept. 1 at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring.

Are you ready for more?



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Midland High's Gentry Foreman (24) hits against Lee's Quinci Strambler (14) on Sept. 29, at MHS.

Lee, MHS ready for big rematch after 5-set thriller

By Will Korn
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When the Midland High and Lee volleyball teams met 18 days ago, the stakes were higher than they had been in recent memory.

Two bitter rivals pitted their undefeated District 2-6A records against one another with a leg up in the playoff race on the line. At home, the Lady Bulldogs captured a come-from-behind five-set victory that night.

Now, ahead of the much anticipated second showdown at 6 p.m. today at the Lee gym, there's even more tension swirling in the air.

MHS (28-12, 10-0 in District 2-6A) has won 12 consecutive matches and is in sole possession of first place. Meanwhile Lee (27-13, 8-1), which clinched no worse than the No. 2 seed after edging San Angelo Central Friday night on the road, is gunning for a first-place tie and some redemption.

Lee head coach Robert Blakley said the entirety of today's atmosphere will be special for he and his players to be a part of.

"It's going to be phenomenal – it's going to be really exciting and I think the girls will stay focused," Blakley said. "The atmosphere, the environment we'll be in, what better place is there to play? You're in front of your home crowd with your fans at your back and first place is on the line."

After falling to MHS on Sept. 29, the Lady Rebels recovered nicely to win four straight matches and clinch the second seed. That run began with a critical road sweep of Wolfforth Frenship just four days after the emotional crosstown loss.

"We weren't going to let one game define who we are," Blakley said. "Was (the MHS match) a hurtful loss? Absolutely and our girls were upset. But it was even more important to them to get back in, work harder and make sure we continue to give ourselves the opportunity to be where we are right now."

Added Lee senior libero Karigan Edwards: "(MHS) is solely in first place and that's where we want to be. There's more pressure (than the last meeting) but I think we're ready. We've been prepared all season with a lot of pressure and close games."

For visiting MHS, which will be headed to the playoffs for the 21st time in the last 23 seasons, there is quite a bit of pride involved in holding off the Lady Rebels' threat for a district crown. An MHS victory tonight clinches the 2-6A title outright.

Contending with an inspired Lee team and with what will be a raucous environment, Lady Bulldogs head coach Amanda Lopez and her players know what needs to be done.

"We know (Lee) is going to battle," said Lopez, whose Lady Bulldogs are coming off a four-set home win over Odessa Permian Friday. "We're just trying to take care of our game and prepare for the things we know they are really good at. We'll try to get on those runs, stay mentally strong, recover quickly and just play a good game.

"It means a little bit more and it's a little bit different this time around, playing (Lee) for a district championship."

Please see **REMATCH**/3C

Judge, Sabathia help Yankees beat Astros 8-1, trail ALCS 2-1

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Back in the Bronx, the big guys delivered.

Greeted by an array of "All Rise" signs in a ballpark that fits their style, Aaron Judge hit a three-run homer and made a pair of sparkling catches, leading CC Sabathia and the New York Yankees over the Houston Astros 8-1 Monday night and cutting their deficit to 2-1 in the AL Championship Series.

Todd Frazier hit a go-ahead, three-run homer into the short porch in right field in the second against Charlie Morton.

The 6-foot-7 Judge entered in a 4-for-31 (.129) postseason slump that included one home run, four RBIs and 19 strikeouts. The slugger capped a five-run fourth with a laser of a drive to left field off Will Harris and robbed Yuri Gurriel and Cameron Maybin of extra-base hits.

Sabathia, almost as big at 6-foot-6, allowed three hits over six scoreless innings for his first postseason win in five years. The Yankees stopped a seven-game ALCS losing streak dating to Sabathia's victory over Texas in 2010 — when Judge had just started his freshman year at Fresno State.

At home after a pair of 2-1 losses in Houston, the Yankees led 8-0 after four innings. Houston scored on a bases-loaded walk in the ninth before postseason star Jose Altuve

Please see **YANKEES**/2C

Kathy Willens/Associated Press

New York Yankees' Aaron Judge hits a three-run home run during the fourth inning of Game 3 of the American League Championship Series against the Houston Astros on Monday in New York.

PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

MCS settles down to get key district victory

By Christopher Hadorn
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Midland Christian head coach Greg McClendon told his team to settle down at halftime Friday night.

The Mustangs were visiting defending state champion Grapevine Faith in their TAPPS Division II, District 1 opener, and he sensed his players were letting their emotions get in the way from performing at their best.

MCS trailed Faith 7-3 at intermission following a first half in which the Lions controlled time of possession and the Mustangs were plagued by penalties, including five straight penalties on one drive.

McClendon

"I went in at halftime and asked the kids, 'How many of you are frustrated right now?'" McClendon said. "About 90 percent of them raised their hands and I said, 'Well stop being frustrated because you're not very good when you're frustrated. Relax, we're the best team. We're going to go out and get a stop.'"

The MCS defense stopped the Lions on their first second-half possession, and the Mustangs responded with 21 unanswered points to break away from Faith.

The second-half surge propelled MCS to a 24-14 victory over the Lions at Grapevine Ford Field.

Mustangs senior running back Luke Sheppard played a heavy hand in the win with 123 rushing yards on 16 attempts. MCS quarterback Peyton Powell accounted for 20 points alone, as he rushed for two TDs, passed for a TD and rushed for a 2-point score.

"We were a little upset because we didn't have our best first half and we had a lot of penalties," Sheppard said. "We had a little chip on our shoulder. We needed to get in there, fix things and come out on top, so we just did that."

Faith (3-3, 0-1) attacked the Mustangs (5-1, 1-0) with a heavy dose of passes, throwing the ball 80.3 percent of the time.

McClendon said the Lions' passing game was ball-control oriented, as they implemented a game plan of short, high percentage throws.

While Faith managed 308 yards through the air, MCS limited the Lions' scoring chances, as Faith scored its second TD with 2:53 to play while trailing by 17 points.

Mustangs senior linebacker David Threadgill spearheaded the defensive effort with 10 tackles, a tackle for loss, one sack and an interception. Micah Strahan also had an interception for MCS.

"In the second half, they did a good job of getting a bunch of three-and-outs," McClendon said of the defense.

The Mustangs picked up a big first win in their quest for an outright district title. In 2016, MCS split the district championship between Faith and rival Fort Worth Christian.

"It's against the defending state champions and one of the favorites to win this district," McClendon said. "To go on the road in a pretty hostile environment, it's a good win for us."

MCS will look to improve to 2-0 in

Please see **PRIVATE**/3C

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Hockey
SHL: Lulea vs. Malmo, 11 a.m., ELVN
Major League Baseball
ALCS Game 4: Houston at NY Yankees, 4 p.m., FS1, FXDEF
NLCS Game 3: LA Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 8 p.m., TBS, CNN Esp
Men's Soccer
FIFA U-17 World Cup, Rd of 16: Iran vs. Mexico, 6:30 a.m., FS2, TELE
FIFA U-17 World Cup, Rd of 16: France vs. Spain, 6:30 a.m., FSP, NBCU
FIFA U-17 World Cup, Rd of 16: England vs. Japan, 9:30 a.m., FS2, NBCU
FIFA U-17 World Cup, Rd of 16: Mali vs. Iraq, 9:30 a.m., FSP
UEFA Champions: Real Madrid vs. Tottenham Hotspur FC, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEF
UEFA Champions: Manchester City FC vs. SSC Napoli, 1:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW), ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions: SK Maribor vs. Liverpool, 1:30 p.m., FSP
NCAA: Maryland vs. Georgetown, 6 p.m., BTN
Liga MX: Lobos BUAP vs. Tijuana, 6:50 p.m., UDN
Liga MX: Queretaro FC vs. Cruz Azul FC, 7:50 p.m., GALA, ESPNDEP
Liga MX: Tigres UANL vs. CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz, 8:40 p.m., UniMas
Liga MX: Pumas de la UNAM vs. Club Leon, 8:50 p.m., UDN
National Basketball Association
Boston at Cleveland, 7 p.m., TNT
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT
National Hockey League
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN
Arizona at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Montreal at San Jose, 9:30 p.m., NBCSN
TENNIS
ATP: Stockholm, 11:30 a.m., TENNIS
WTA: VTB Kremlin Cup, 3 a.m., beIN
ATP: Stockholm, 5 a.m., TENNIS

WHAT'S ON DECK

High school

HS Volleyball
Midland High at Lee, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Fort Stockton, 6:30 p.m.
Midland Christian at Pecos, 6:30 p.m.
Trinity at Lubbock Trinity, 6 p.m.

HS Tennis
Bi-District, El Paso Americas vs. Midland High, 1 p.m., Bush Tennis Center

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Waived G Wade Baldwin IV and F Rade Zagorac.
UTAH JAZZ — Waived F Joel Bolomboy.
Women's National Basketball Association
NEW YORK LIBERTY — Named Katie Smith coach.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Released LB Vontarrius Dora from the practice squad. Signed DL Pelt Anau to the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed WR Nelson Spruce. Released LB Jason Thompson from the practice squad.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed LS Clark Harris to a one-year contract extension, through the 2018 season. Signed LB Hardy Nickerson from the practice squad. Signed TE Scott Orndoff to the practice squad.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed QB Joe Callahan from the practice squad. Placed CB Quinten Rollins on injured reserve.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — Signed LB Josh Keyes. Waived LB Nigel Harris. Released RB LeShun Daniels from the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed WR Jalin Marshall to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed OL Andreas Knappe to the practice squad. Released OL Jerry Ugokwe from the practice squad.
COLLEGE
LOUISVILLE — Fired men's basketball coach Rick Pitino.
MARYLAND — Announced athletic director Kevin Anderson is taking a six-month sabbatical. Named athletic department executive director, chief financial officer and chief operating officer Damon Evans acting athletic director.
SIENA — Named Abigail Rehfuss women's lacrosse coach.

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	6	5	1	0	10	23	18
Toronto	5	4	1	0	8	26	19
Ottawa	5	3	0	2	8	20	10
Detroit	6	4	2	0	8	20	15
Florida	4	2	2	0	4	16	15
Boston	5	2	3	0	4	14	18
Montreal	5	1	3	1	3	8	17
Buffalo	6	1	4	1	3	14	23

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	5	4	1	0	8	16	11
New Jersey	5	4	1	0	8	21	13
Washington	6	3	2	1	7	23	22
Pittsburgh	6	3	2	1	7	20	25
Philadelphia	5	3	2	0	6	21	15
N.Y Islanders	6	2	3	1	5	15	18
Carolina	3	1	1	1	3	7	8
N.Y Rangers	6	1	5	0	2	13	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	6	4	1	1	9	25	13
St. Louis	6	4	2	0	8	18	16
Colorado	6	4	2	0	8	19	13
Winnipeg	5	3	2	0	6	16	18
Nashville	5	2	2	1	5	14	16
Minnesota	4	1	1	2	4	15	16
Dallas	5	2	3	0	4	11	13

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	5	4	0	1	9	16	9
Vegas	5	4	1	0	8	15	11
Calgary	6	4	2	0	8	17	17
Anaheim	6	2	3	1	5	12	17
Vancouver	4	1	2	1	3	9	14
San Jose	4	1	3	0	2	8	14
Edmonton	4	1	3	0	2	8	14
Arizona	5	0	4	1	1	11	22

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.

Monday's Score
Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2

Today's Games
Florida at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Vegas, 9 p.m.
Montreal at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

NBA PRESEASON GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	0	0	.000	—
Brooklyn	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	—
Toronto	0	0	.000	—

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Charlotte	0	0	.000	—
Miami	0	0	.000	—
Orlando	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Indiana	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	0	0	.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	—
Memphis	0	0	.000	—
New Orleans	0	0	.000	—
San Antonio	0	0	.000	—

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	—
Portland	0	0	.000	—
Utah	0	0	.000	—

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	0	0	.000	—
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	—
L.A. Lakers	0	0	.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	.000	—
Sacramento	0	0	.000	—

Today's Games
Boston at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

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College Football

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	OU	UNDERDOG
HOUSTON	3½	3	(61½)	Memphis
ARKANSAS ST	-12	-12½	(64)	Louisiana-Lafayette
Saturday				
SMU	7½	8½	(65)	CINCINNATI
FAU	6½	3½	(63½)	North Texas
UAB	4	7	(51½)	CHARLOTTE
ARMY	6½	5½	(48)	Temple
BYU	7½	5½	(55)	EAST CAROLINA
Purdue	8	8	(47½)	RUTGERS
DUKE	8	8	(49½)	Pittsburgh
MIAMI	14½	14½	(57½)	Syracuse
Cent. Michigan	2½	3	(48)	BALL ST
GA TECH	8½	6½	(47½)	Wake Forest
APP ST	25½	24	(54½)	C.Carolina
PENN ST	12½	10	(42)	Michigan
WISCONSIN	24	24	(54)	Maryland
VA TECH	21	21	(51)	North Carolina
VIRGINIA	7	7	(48½)	Boston College
BOISE ST	14	13½	(44½)	Wyoming
TCU	38	37½	(60½)	Kansas
UTSA	18½	21½	(51½)	Rice
UMASS	7	6½	(55)	Georgia Southern
UCF	6½	8	(66)	NAVY
MISSOURI	14	14½	(62)	Idaho
MISS. ST	10	10	(54)	Kentucky
South Florida	11	12½	(55½)	TULANE
UNLV	2	4½	(61½)	Utah St
LA TECH	3½	1½	(54½)	Southern Miss
UCLA	6½	6½	(70½)	Oregon
Arizona	+1½	3	(61)	CALIFORNIA
MINNESOTA	14½	14	(46½)	Illinois
ALABAMA	33	34½	(50½)	Tennessee
Oklahoma St	6	7½	(65)	TEXAS
West Virginia	9½	9	(71½)	BAYLOR
Auburn	13	14½	(54½)	ARKANSAS
FLORIDA ST	6½	6	(57)	Louisville
S. ALABAMA	5	5	(60½)	Louisiana-Monroe
NOTRE DAME	3½	4	(60½)	SOUTHERN CAL
Oklahoma	12½	12½	(59)	KANSAS ST
LSU	7	6½	(58)	MISSISSIPPI
TEXAS TECH	5	6	(71)	Iowa St
Thursday				
Kansas City	2½	3	(47½)	OAKLAND
Sunday				
Tennessee	7	6½	(46)	CLEVELAND
Jacksonville	4	3½	(40½)	INDIANAPOLIS
PITTSBURGH	6	5½	(41)	Cincinnati
MINNESOTA	4	5½	(39½)	Baltimore
MIAMI	5½	3	(38½)	NY Jets
BUFFALO	1½	OFF	(OFF)	Tampa Bay
Carolina	3	3	(40½)	CHICAGO
New Orleans	1½	6½	(47½)	GREEN BAY
LA Rams	3	3½	(47½)	Arizona
Dallas	4½	6	(47)	SAN FRANCISCO
Seattle	7½	5½	(39)	NY GIANTS
LA CHARGERS	-2½	1½	(42)	Denver
NEW ENGLAND	4½	3	(54)	Atlanta
Monday				
PHILADELPHIA	6	4	(48½)	Washington

MHS opens 6A playoffs against EP Americas

From staff reports

Midland High will usher in a new era of UIL postseason tennis today.

MHS (11-5) meets El Paso Americas in a Class 6A bi-district team tennis playoff match at 1 p.m. at Bush Tennis Center. The new playoff format – which consists of a bi-district, area, regional quarterfinal, regional semifinal, regional final rounds – differs from previous seasons when postseason competition was decided with eight-team area and regional tournaments.

The Bulldogs, the No. 2 seed out of District 2-6A, will be making their fourth straight postseason appearance. MHS is ranked No. 23 in the state among Class 6A programs by the Texas Tennis Coaches Association.

Meanwhile, Americas is the No. 3 seed from District 1-6A.

Today's winner will face the Keller-Fort Worth Paschal winner in the area round at a location and time to be determined between Thursday and Saturday.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Camille Courtney competes in a doubles tennis match against Lee on Oct. 3 at Bush Tennis Center.

Chaps sit in 3rd at NJCAA National Preview

From staff reports

LUBBOCK – The No. 2-ranked Midland College golf team is in third place after the first round of the NJCAA Division I National Preview tournament at The Rawls Course on Monday.

The Chaparrals shot a 1-under 287, trailing McLennan Community College (282) by five strokes and No. 1-ranked Indian Hills Community College (284) by three shots.

Michael Salazar led the Chaps with a 2-under par 70 and is tied in seventh place in the individual standings. MC teammate Callum Bruce is tied for ninth with a 71. Indian Hills' Juien Sale is in the lead after shooting a 66.

Odessa College is 10th after firing a 300.

The tournament concludes today.

NJCAA DIVISION I NATIONAL PREVIEW
At The Rawls Course, Lubbock
Par 72; 6,841 yards

Monday's first round results

Team standings – 1. McLennan CC 282; 2. Indian Hills CC 284; 3. Midland College 287; 4. Iowa Western CC 289; 5. Dodge City CC 291; 6. Hutchinson CC 293; 7. Western Texas College 298; 8. Wayland Baptist 299; 9. New Mexico Junior College 299; 10. Odessa College 300; 11. Lubbock Christian University 302; 12. Eastern Arizona 303; 13. (tie) New Mexico Military Institute 310; Ranger College 310; 15. Garden City CC 311

Top 10 individual standings – 1. Julien Sale, Indian Hills, 66; 2. Joel Dumford, Iowa Western, 67; 3. Alex Isakson, McLennan CC, 68; 4. (tie) Michael Valik, Wayland Baptist, 69, Douglas Rice-Ceballos, Hutchinson CC, 69; Joe Kim, Indian Hills, 69; 7. (tie) Michael Salazar, Midland College, 70; Micah Gouiss, McLennan, 70; 9. (tie) Matt Lorentzen, McLennan, 71; Andrew Rios-Ceballos, Hutchinson, 71; Callum Bruce, Midland College, 71; Paul Murphy, Western Texas College, 71; Chris Rushton, Dodge City CC, 71.

Midland College individuals – Michael Salazar 70, Callum Bruce 71; Chris Ayers 73; Tommy Parker 73; Alex Motes 73; Justin Benson 76; Austin Heatherly 77; Gonzalo Noguerol 79

Titans end 11-game skid to Colts with 36-22 win

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Marcus Mariota threw a 53-yard touchdown pass to Taywan Taylor with 5:29 left , and the Tennessee Titans beat the Indianapolis Colts 36-22 on Monday night to snap an 11-game skid tied for the NFL's longest active losing streak against one team.

Mariota didn't move around much on a cool night after missing a game with a strained left hamstring, but still managed to throw for a season-high 306 yards. He completed each of his three passes on the drive that ended with Taylor's tiebreaking score.

The Titans (3-3) also snapped a two-game skid with the win.

Jacoby Brissett tried to rally the Colts (2-4) to a second straight overtime. But Titans linebacker Wesley Woodyard forced Brissett out of bounds shy of the first down marker on fourth-and-inches with 2:19 left. Coach Chuck Pagano lost his challenge.

Derrick Henry then clinched the win for Tennessee with a 72-yard TD run with 47 seconds left. Henry, the 2015 Heisman Trophy winner, finished with a career-high 131 yards on 19 carries. DeMarco Murray also scored.

The Titans looked like the NFL's worst scoring defense in the first half instead of Indianapolis, with Brissett directing the Colts to a 13-9 halftime lead. John Simon then intercepted Mariota's first pass of the third quarter and returned it 26 yards for a TD.

But the Titans forced the Colts to go three-and-out on three of their first four drives of the second half, and Avery Williamson stripped tight end Jack Doyle of the ball after a catch.

TITANS 36, COLTS 22

Indianapolis	3	10	6	3—22
Tennessee	6	3	6	21—36

First Quarter
Ten—FG Succop 48, 11:15.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 36, 6:45.
Ten—FG Succop 32, :47.
Second Quarter
Ind—Doyle 8 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 10:54.
Ten—FG Succop 40, 4:10.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 25, :14.
Third Quarter
Ind—Simon 26 interception return (Kick failed), 13:50.
Ten—FG Succop 48, 9:43.
Ten—FG Succop 23, 4:35.
Fourth Quarter
Ten—Murray 3 run (Succop kick), 10:01.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 52, 7:27.
Ten—Taylor 53 pass from Mariota (Succop kick), 5:29.
Ten—Henry 72 run (Succop kick), :47.
A—63,888.

	Ind	Ten
First downs	18	25
Total Net Yards	297	473
Rushes-yards	20-85	34-168
Passing	212	305
Punt Returns	0-0	2-15
Kickoff Returns	5-157	2-48
Interceptions Ret.	1-26	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-37-0	23-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-1
Punts	3-53.3	1-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-51	4-45
Time of Possession	24:07	35:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Indianapolis, Gore 10-49, Mack 2-18, Brissett 5-15, Turbin 3-3, Tennessee, Henry 19-131, Murray 12-40, Mariota 2-0, D.Walker 1-(minus 3).
PASSING—Indianapolis, Brissett 21-37-0-212. Tennessee, Mariota 23-32-1-306.
RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Doyle 7-50, Moncrief 5-67, Turbin 4-37, Allen 2-21, Gore 2-18, Hilton 1-19. Tennessee, Decker 7-88, Matthews 4-69, Murray 4-47, D.Walker 4-17, Taylor 2-61, Henry 1-14, J.Smith 1-10.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	2	0	.667	172	159
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	69	74
Miami	3	2	0	.600	61	84
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	.500	109	130
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	3	3	0	.500	146	164
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	158	110
Houston	3	3	0	.500	177	147
Indianapolis	2	4	0	.333	119	195
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	4	2	0	.667	118	102
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	114	124
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	84	83
Cleveland	0	6	0	.000	94	157
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	177	130
Denver	3	2	0	.600	108	97
L.A. Chargers	2	4	0	.333	116	131
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	124	126

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	1	0	.833	165	122
Washington	3	2	0	.600	117	113
Dallas	2	3	0	.400	125	132
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0	.167	105	130
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	128	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	145	118
Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	121	109
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	.400	118	121
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	4	2	0	.667	122	103
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	147	135
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	161	149
Chicago	2	4	0	.333	105	148
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.667	179	138
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	110	87
Arizona	3	3	0	.500	119	158
San Francisco	0	6	0	.000	113	148

Monday's Score
Tennessee 36, Indianapolis 22
Thursday's Game
Kansas City at Oakland, 7:25 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, noon
New Orleans at Green Bay, noon
Baltimore at Minnesota, noon
Tennessee at Cleveland, noon
N.Y. Jets at Miami, noon
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, noon
Arizona vs L.A. Rams at London, UK, noon
Carolina at Chicago, noon
Dallas at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.
Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 3:25 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 3:25 p.m.
Atlanta at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Detroit, Houston
Monday, Oct. 23's Game
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

MLB PLAYOFFS GLANCE

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
American League
Houston 2, New York 1
Friday, Oct. 13: Houston 2, New York 1
Saturday, Oct. 14: Houston 2, New York 1
Monday, Oct. 16: New York 8, Houston 1
Today: Houston (Peacock 13-2 or McCullers 7-4) at New York (Gray 10-12), 4:08 p.m. (FS1)
Wednesday, Oct. 18: Houston at New York, 4:08 p.m. (FS1)
x-Friday, Oct. 20: New York at Houston, 7:08 p.m. (FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 21: New York at Houston, 7:08 p.m. (FS1)
National League
Los Angeles 2, Chicago 0
Saturday, Oct. 14: Los Angeles 5, Chicago 2
Sunday, Oct. 15: Los Angeles 4, Chicago 1
Today: Los Angeles (Darvish 10-12) at Chicago (Hendricks (7-5), 8:08 p.m. (TBS)
Wednesday, Oct. 18: Los Angeles (Wood 16-3) at Chicago (Arrieta (14-10), 8:08 p.m. (TBS)
x-Thursday, Oct. 19: Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:08 p.m. (TBS)
x-Saturday, Oct. 21: Chicago at Los Angeles, 3:08 or 7:08 p.m. (TBS)
x-Sunday, Oct. 22: Chicago at Los Angeles, 6:38 p.m. (TBS)
WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All Games Televised by Fox
Game 1: Tuesday, Oct. 24
Game 2: Wednesday, Oct. 25
Game 3: Friday, Oct. 27
Game 4: Saturday, Oct. 28
Game 5: x-Sunday, Oct. 29
Game 6: x-Tuesday, Oct. 31
Game 7: x-Wednesday, Nov. 1

YANKEES

From 1C

grounded into a game-ending double play with the bases loaded.

Sonny Gray starts Game 4 for New York in the best-of-seven series on 11 days' rest Wednesday against Lance McCullers Jr. The Yankees are 4-0 at home this postseason.

Frazier got the Yankees rolling, taking an awkward hack at a low, outside fastball and slicing it into the seats.

"That was unorthodox, but I'll take a hundred like that," Frazier said.

Judge used his height and long left arm to make a leaping catch with his left shoulder slamming into the right-field wall against Yuri Gurriel starting the fourth.

Being a rookie, he politely waited outside the dugout for all the veterans to descend the steps after the third out — as he always does — then capped a five-run bottom half with a laser of a line drive that just cleared the left-field wall.

Then in the fifth, he sprinted into short right for a diving backhand catch on Cameron Maybin in the fifth.

On the first chilly night of the autumn with a game-time temperature of 57, Sabathia relied on the sharp, slow slider that has helped revive the former flame-thrower's career.

Pitching with caution to Houston's dangerous lineup, he walked four, struck out five and pitched shutout ball for the first time in 21 career postseason starts. During the regular season, he was 9-0 in 10 starts following Yankees' losses.

Adam Warren followed with two hitless innings. Houston has just 15 hits over the first three games and is batting .169 in the matchup.

Morton was chased after 3 2/3 innings and allowed seven runs and six hits — including three infield singles, a bloop single to center, a double that Maybin allowed to fall in left and Frazier's homer.

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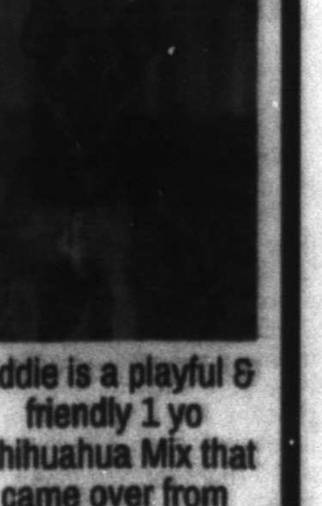

Eddie is a playful & friendly 1 yo Chihuahua Mix that came over from Midland Animal Services. He will do best in a home without very small children.

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HERGERT

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the ropes," Hergert said. "This year I'm a lot more comfortable and I feel I got the offense down. We changed our game plan this year based on our personnel. We're definitely throwing the ball more. I like the spread offense. I like being able to make good decisions and have the receivers go and get it."

Hergert said while he's having fun playing quarterback, he also likes playing defense and doesn't mind being on the field a lot to help his team.

"I like being able to contribute on both sides of the ball," he said. "Being at a smaller school and not having as many people available, it's just something that you have to do. But I'm glad to be able to play on both sides."

Unfortunately for the Buffaloes (3-4, 0-1) and Hergert, they didn't get district play started off the way they wanted, as a 26-point second quarter by the Bearcats seemed to be the difference. Hergert said his team came out strong behind its running game but Hawley made some key adjustments in the big second quarter that enabled the Bearcats to attack key spots in Forsan's defense.

"Starting off 0 and 1 is not what we wanted, but I feel like we're going to make changes and capitalize," Hergert said. "I feel like we're going to be able to put it together with the remaining district games that we have."

Forsan has got the bye this week before traveling to play Anson on Oct. 27.

Other notable performances from last week:

■ In Midland Christian's 24-14 win over Grapevine Faith, RB **Luke Sheppard** rushed for 123 yards on 16 carries, while QB **Peyton Powell** completed 11 of 20 passes for 136 yards, one TD and no interceptions to go with two rushing TDs

■ Coahoma's **Zack Schneider** rushed for 120 yards and TD on 23 carries to help Coahoma to a 34-0 victory over Stanton.

■ Monahans' **Tylan McCalister** helped the Loboes defeat Greenwood, 27-21 with 216 yards rushing and three TDs on 26 carries.

■ Seminole's **Alex Menchaca** had 136 yards rushing and two touchdowns on just six carries in a 57-6 blowout of Pecos.

Follow Oscar on Twitter: @OLeRoy_MRT

REMATCH

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MHS senior defensive specialist Brighton Butler said her team hasn't let up one bit after edging Lee in the first meeting. The Lady Bulldogs have dropped just three sets since that win.

"We're very excited to play them again and we've been working really hard so that we can improve from the last game," Butler said. "We're focused on this game and we're ready for it. We have to click and work together to get it done."

Follow Will on Twitter: @Will_MRT

District 2-6A Volleyball Standings

	District	Overall
Midland High	10-0	28-12
Lee	8-1	27-13
San Angelo Central	5-4	24-8
Amarillo Tascosa	3-4	20-16
Odessa Permian	3-6	18-15
Wolfforth Frenship	2-6	12-21
Odessa High	0-8	6-25

Today's matches

Midland High at Lee; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Wolfforth Frenship; San Angelo Central is open. All matches at 6 p.m.

Oct. 20 matches

Odessa High at Lee; Amarillo Tascosa at Odessa Permian; San Angelo Central at Wolfforth Frenship; Midland High is open. All matches at 5 p.m.

What's happening in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading

WEEKENDER

Look for it inside Thursday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

PRIVATE

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district when it hosts Fort Worth Southwest Christian (5-1, 0-0) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Gordon Awtry Field.

Trinity takes a step back

Not much went right for Trinity during Friday's 49-0 loss to Lubbock Trinity Christian in TAPPS Division III, District 1 play in Levelland.

The Chargers (0-5, 0-2 in TAPPS Division III, District 1) were out-gained by Lubbock Trinity, 339-62, in total offense.

Daniel Webb and Ethan Le both had interceptions for Trinity, which played competitively against its three previous opponents prior to Friday's rout.

The Chargers visit district foe Willow Park Trinity (5-2, 1-2) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

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2017 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS

(5-1, 1-0)

Opponents	17	38	37	35–127
MCS	51	57	48	46–202

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Peyton Powell	119	952	8.0	12
Luke Sheppard	72	346	4.8	3
Bryson Harper	18	123	6.8	1
J.T. McCollum	1	5	5.0	0
Rhett Clark	2	5	2.5	0
Ben Gibbs	2	3	1.5	0
Silas Crews	1	0	0.0	0
Josh Keating	2	-1	-0.5	0
Totals	**217**	**1,433**	**6.6**	**16**

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Peyton Powell	80	154	1	911	9
Luke Sheppard	1	1	0	4	1
J.T. McCollum	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	**81**	**156**	**1**	**915**	**10**

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Silas Crews	19	195	10.3	4
Joe Rawicki	15	181	12.1	0
Josh Brown	11	168	15.3	1
Coy Stewart	10	132	13.2	2
Randall Blanscett	11	117	10.6	1
Luke Sheppard	10	97	9.7	0
Bryson Harper	3	20	6.7	1
Peyton Powell	2	5	2.5	1
Totals	**81**	**915**	**11.3**	**10**

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Peyton Powell	13	0	1	0	80
Silas Crews	4	0	0	0	24
Joe Rawicki	0	17	0	3	26
Luke Sheppard	3	0	0	0	18
Bryson Harper	3	0	0	0	18
Coy Stewart	2	0	0	0	12
Josh Brown	2	0	0	0	12
Randall Blanscett	1	0	2	0	10
Micah Strahan	0	0	1	0	2
Totals	**28**	**17**	**4**	**3**	**202**

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	S	FC	FR	INT
Threadgill	45	31	76	1	1	2	1	2
Esan	20	30	50	3	2	0	1	0
Harper	32	18	50	3	0	1	0	0
Breeding	20	10	30	0	0	3	0	1
Loftis	17	9	26	2	2	0	1	0
Crews	21	5	26	1	1	1	0	3
Brown	18	6	24	0	0	0	2	0
Murdock	15	6	21	0	0	1	1	0
Strahan	16	3	19	0	0	1	2	1
Gilbreath	10	5	15	3	2	1	0	0
Brunson	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	0
Gower	9	4	13	1	2	0	0	0
Z. Luan	9	1	10	0	0	0	0	1
Granciano	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	0
Thomason	3	4	7	1	1	0	0	0
Bailey	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
Carter	3	2	5	1	1	0	0	0
Gibbs	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0
Fisher	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stewart	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Gibson	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Thompson	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
S. Luan	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Carlisle	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Welch	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shoemaker	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rawicki	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

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

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
1,433	238.8	915	152.5	2,348	391.3

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
985	164.8	1,387	231.2	2,372	395.0

Cleveland Cavaliers, Golden State Warriors gear up to begin championship quests again

By Janie Mccauley
Associated Press

Tony Dejak/AP file photo

Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant (35) defends Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) during the second half of Game 3 of the NBA Finals June 7 in Cleveland.

OAKLAND, Calif. — Minutes after LeBron James lost the NBA Finals to the Golden State Warriors four months ago, he vowed to return to the gym right away with plans to get back to the big stage. To win another ring.

Stephen Curry and Kevin Durant heard it yet already knew it — and everybody on the defending champs and King James' Cleveland Cavaliers realizes these teams could be destined for another championship showdown at the end of this season.

No, James is not through. Neither are the reigning champs if they have their way.

They all understand the entire league has upped its game to chase these two heavyweights from their respective conferences.

"That's the beauty of competition at the highest level, other teams make us better and vice versa. Cleveland made us better," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "They beat us two years ago, they made us better last year. We're doing the same thing for them. They're retooling a little bit, they've got some great talent. Every team is trying to get where we are and that pushes us. We push them. That's what makes the game better."

The Warriors and new-look Cavs will be tested in their openers: Golden State hosts Houston on Tuesday night in Chris Paul's Rockets debut, while Cleveland plays Boston at home with Kyrie Irving in a Celtics jersey following that blockbuster August trade that transformed the Eastern Conference rivals.

After losing to Golden State in a Game 5 clincher in Oakland, the Cavs spent the summer rebuilding a roster that now features new stars like Derrick Rose, Dwyane Wade and Isaiah Thomas.

Despite dealing Irving to its closest competitor in the East, Cleveland is deeper with more versatility and talent than at any time James has been on the roster.

And with close friend Wade back by his side, James is not only happy but is teammates with a player who brings out the best in him. Throw in former league MVP Rose, motivated to show he's still one of the game's elite guards, along with Thomas, Kevin Love, J.R. Smith, Jae Crowder, Jeff Green, Kyle Korver and Tristan Thompson, and it's easy to see why Cleveland seems to be on a collision course with the Warriors again.

The key being health and how quickly the Cavs can assemble all the pieces.

"Don't think we'll be the team we want to be in a week. It's going to be for the whole season," James said. "We're going to have changes, we're going to make changes, we're going to become a better team as the games go on so the team opening night will not be the team that we know we can be."

James can become a free agent next summer, but has not backed off his intent to end his career with Cleveland.

"I think when you get to a certain level you don't need another team to motivate you. We want to win a championship, they want to win a championship," Golden State's Draymond Green said. "We know what it's like, we know the feeling, we love the feeling. They know the feeling, they love the feeling."

The Warriors are almost the same team, with Finals MVP Durant far more comfortable his second time around with Golden State — the scrutiny of leaving Oklahoma City long behind him.

"I expect us to pick up with a full head of steam on Tuesday," Curry said.

There will be the fanfare of the Warriors receiving their championship rings in a pregame ceremony.

Yet Golden State still remembers its flop on opening night a year ago, following a loss in the 2016 Finals to Cleveland after its record-setting 73-win regular season. The Warriors lost at home to San Antonio 129-100 in Durant's debut.

This time, they're beginning the daunting quest of trying to repeat — something the franchise couldn't do after the 2015 title against James and Co. as Cleveland won last year.

"Your swag level is through the roof, as it should be," Durant said. "You're the best team in the league and you go out there and beat a bunch of teams to win a championship, of course your swag is going to be through the roof. You hear about swag, you hear about guys deserving stuff or stories that they might have coming up into this year, all this fairytale stuff, it's cool stories, it's cool feel-good stories but you've still got to go out there and play the game, you've still got to lock in every possession if you want to win."

NOTES: James is nursing a sprained left ankle and his status for Tuesday remained unclear. He was injured Sept. 27 in practice. ... Key reserve Andre Iguodala is questionable for the Warriors' opener because of his troublesome back and Omri Casspi also could be out because of a right ankle injury. Kerr said.

AP TEXAS HS FOOTBALL POLL

Class 6A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Allen (16)	(6-0)	230	1
2. Converse Judson (4)	(6-0)	205	2
3. Katy (2)	(4-0)	194	3
4. DeSoto (2)	(6-0)	171	4
5. Austin Westlake	(7-0)	149	5
6. Garland Sachse	(6-0)	110	6
7. Waco Midway	(7-0)	82	8
8. The Woodlands	(3-1)	65	9
9. Klein Collins	(5-0)	47	10
10. Smithson Valley	(6-0)	17	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Smithson Valley 15; 12. Duncanville 7; 13. Arlington Martin 4; 13. Spring Westfield 4; 15. Odessa Permian 3; 16. SA Northside O'Connor 2; 16. San Benito 2; 18. Keller Fossil Ridge 1; 18. Beaumont West Brook 1.

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (15)	(6-0)	226	1
2. Manvel (8)	(3-0)	221	2
3. Denton Ryan (1)	(6-0)	191	3
4. CC Calallen	(6-0)	168	4
5. Cedar Park	(5-1)	125	5
6. Dallas Highland Park	(5-1)	113	6
7. Angleton	(5-0)	98	7
8. Mansfield Legacy	(5-1)	57	8
9. Dripping Springs	(6-0)	54	9
10. Frisco Lone Star	(5-1)	29	10

Others receiving votes: 11. Huffsto 9; 12. Temple 7; 12. College Station 7; 15. Colleyville Heritage 6; 16. Lubbock Coronado 4; 17. Mansfield Lake Ridge 3; 18. Port Neches-Groves 1.

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Carthage (20)	(6-0)	232	1
2. West Orange-Stark (3)	(6-0)	204	2
3. Argyle	(6-0)	191	3
4. Waco La Vega	(6-0)	168	4
5. Cuero (1)	(5-0)	148	5
6. Midlothian Heritage	(6-0)	132	6
7. Kennedale	(5-1)	94	7
8. Van	(7-0)	71	9
9. Sweetwater	(6-0)	42	10
10. Texarkana Pleasant Grove	(7-0)	34	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. China Spring 16; 12. Graham 10; 13. Boerne 3; 14. Lubbock Estacado 2; 14. Raymondville 2; 16. Geronimo Navarro 1.

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Gunter (14)	(7-0)	228	1
2. Wall (4)	(6-0)	188	3
3. Lexington (3)	(6-0)	186	2
4. Newton (3)	(5-0)	173	4
5. Majestic*	(6-0)	126	5
6. Canadian	(6-0)	116	6
7. Brock	(5-1)	95	7
8. New London West Rusk*	(5-0)	51	9
9. Hallettsville	(5-1)	50	8
10. Yoakum	(5-1)	44	10

Others receiving votes: 11. Grandview 21; 12. Sonora 17; 13. Jefferson 12; 14. Big Sandy, Harmony 5; 15. Mount Vernon 4; 16. Woodville 4.

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Tenaha (14)	(6-0)	232	1
2. Mason (4)	(6-0)	204	2
3. Muenster	(6-0)	193	3
4. Marfa*	(5-0)	152	5
5. Albany	(5-0)	149	6
6. Refugio (2)	(4-1)	124	7
7. Abernathy	(6-0)	79	8
8. Celeste*	(5-0)	61	9
9. Bremond	(5-1)	44	10
10. Milano	(6-0)	18	4

Others receiving votes: 11. Price Carlisle 16; 12. San Augustine 9; 13. Wellington 6; 14. Llano 3; 15. Burton 1; 16. Bruni 1.

HIGH SCHOOL AREA FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 2-6A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
SA Central	6	0	277	134	1.000
Permian	5	0	210	88	1.000
Lee	**6**	**1**	**319**	**194**	**.857**
Tascosa	6	1	319	145	.857
Odessa High	2	4	126	171	.333
Midland High	**1**	**6**	**159**	**274**	**.142**
Frenship	0	7	102	367	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Permian	2	0	101	23	1.000
SA Central	2	0	90	48	1.000
Lee	**2**	**1**	**133**	**108**	**.667**
Tascosa	2	1	130	72	.667
Midland High	**1**	**2**	**44**	**91**	**.333**
Odessa High	0	2	29	74	.000
Frenship	0	3	28	139	.000

Last week's scores

Amarillo Tascosa 52, Wolfforth Frenship 7; Odessa Permian 35, Midland High 9; San Angelo Central 52, Lee 28; Odessa High was open

Friday's games

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

District 3-4A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Clint	5	1	218	117	.833
Andrews	**5**	**2**	**364**	**177**	.714
Fabens	4	3	170	132	.571
Mountain View	2	4	126	159	.333
San Elizario	0	7	47	301	.000

District standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	**1**	**0**	**70**	**00**	**1.000**
Fabens	1	0	47	35	1.000
Mountain View	0	0	00	00	.000
Clint	0	1	35	47	.000
San Elizario	0	1	00	70	.000

Last week's scores

Lubbock Coronado 48, Andrews 21; Clint 42, Silver City (N.M.) 8; Fabens 48, Anthony 0; Tornillo 15, San Elizario 8; Clint Mountain View was open

This week's games

Andrews at San Elizario; Clint at Fabens; Clint Mountain View at Lubbock Estacado

District 3-4A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stephenville	4	2	200	124	.667
Ab Wylie	4	2	212	148	.667
Brownwood	3	3	237	210	.500
Snyder	2	5	134	198	.286
Big Spring	**0**	**7**	**93**	**323**	**.000**

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ab Wylie	1	0	45	38	1.000
Snyder	1	0	40	13	1.000
Stephenville	0	0	00	00	.000
Big Spring	**0**	**1**	**13**	**40**	**.000**
Brownwood	0	1	38	45	.000

Last week's scores

Snyder 40, Big Spring 13; Abilene Wylie 45, Brownwood 38; Stephenville was open

This week's games

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

District 2-4A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	5	0	320	92	1.000
Seminole	6	1	271	81	.857
Pecos	5	2	192	203	.714
Monahans	4	2	182	179	.667
Greenwood	**4**	**3**	**241**	**149**	**.571**
Lamesa	3	3	161	195	.500
Fort Stockton	3	4	122	180	.429

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sweetwater	3	0	189	43	1.000
Seminole	2	0	65	45	1.000
Monahans	1	1	40	51	.500
Fort Stockton	1	2	32	79	.333
Greenwood	**1**	**2**	**94**	**62**	**.333**
Pecos	1	2	77	106	.333
Lamesa	0	2	07	95	.000

Last week's scores

Monahans 27, Greenwood 21; Seminole 57, Pecos 6; Fort Stockton 28, Lamesa 0; Sweetwater was open

This week's games

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

District 2-3A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Coronado City	6	1	172	54	.857
Coahoma	**5**	**2**	**234**	**159**	**.714**
Idalou	2	5	93	209	.286
Stanton	**1**	**6**	**101**	**261**	**.143**
Lub Roosevelt	0	6	30	309	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Coahoma	**1**	**0**	**34**	**00**	**1.000**
Coronado City	1	0	28	00	1.000
Lub Roosevelt	0	0	00	00	.000
Idalou	0	0	00	28	.000
Stanton	**0**	**1**	**00**	**34**	**.000**

Last week's scores

Coahoma 34, Stanton 0; Coronado City 28 Idalou 0; Lubbock Roosevelt was open

This week's games

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

District 4-2A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Post	5	1	229	70	.800
Hawley	5	2	177	139	.714
Stamford	5	2	235	144	.714
Anson	4	3	223	231	.571
Forsan	**3**	**4**	**211**	**187**	**.429**

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Hawley	1	0	40	21	1.000
Stamford	1	0	35	28	1.000
Post	0	0	00	00	.000
Anson	0	1	28	35	.000
Forsan	**0**	**1**	**21**	**40**	**.000**

Last week's scores

Hawley 40, Forsan 21; Stamford 35, Anson 28; Post was open

This week's games

Anson at Hawley; Post at Stamford; Forsan is open

District 6-1A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	**5**	**1**	**278**	**131**	**.800**
Westbrook	5	2	338	199	.714
Sterling City	4	3	344	318	.571
Robert Lee	3	3	271	289	.500

Last week's scores

Garden City 54, Marfa 6; Sterling City 86, Robert Lee 72; Westbrook 66, Loraine 26; Robert Lee was open

This week's games

Garden City vs. Milford at Santa Anna; Robert Lee at Eden; Sterling City is open

District 7-1A Division I

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Marfa	4	0	255	85	.833
Buena Vista	4	1	228	92	.800
Rankin	**3**	**2**	**339**	**188**	**.714**
Fort Davis	3	3	198	219	.500

Last week's scores

Rankin 59, Water Valley 14; Garden City 54, Marfa 6; Imperial Buena Vista and Fort Davis were open

This week's games

El Paso Home School at Fort Davis; Imperial Buena Vista at El Paso Faith Christian; Rankin and Marfa are open

District 6-1A Division II

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sands	6	1	314	234	.714
Wellman-Union	4	3	271	205	.571
Dawson	1	6	108	188	.333
Loop	1	6	96	267	.167
Grady	**0**	**7**	**121**	**429**	**.000**

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sands	1	0	64	18	1.000
Wellman-Union	1	0	77	9	1.000
Dawson	0	1	30	30	.000
Grady	0	1	18	64	.000
Loop	0	1	09	77	.000

Last week's scores

Sands 64, Grady 18; Wellman-Union 77, Loop 9; Dawson was open

This week's games

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

TAPPS Division II, District 1

Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Christian	6	1	292	70	.857
FWSN Christian	1	1	229	73	.833
Midland Christian	**5**	**1**	**202**	**127**	**.833**
Grapevine Faith	1	1	151	75	.333
Frisco Legacy	1	4	113	163	.200
Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Christian	1	0	49	7	1.000
Midland Christian	**1**	**0**	**24**	**14**	**1.000**
FWSN Christian	1	0	42	0	1.000
Frisco Legacy	0	1	7	49	.000
Grapevine Faith	0	1	14	24	.000

Last week's scores

Fort Worth Christian 52, Dallas TACA 7; Fort Worth Southwest Christian 37, Colleyville Covenant 7; Grapevine Faith 61, Dallas Gateway 6; Frisco Legacy Christian 35, Austin St. Dominic Savio 26; MCS was open

This week's games

MCS at Grapevine Faith; Frisco Legacy Christian at Fort Worth Christian; Fort Worth Southwest Christian is open

TAPPS Division III, District 1

Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Calvary	6	1	213	40	.857
Lubbock Chr	5	1	196	7	.833
Lubbock Trinity	4	1	127	7	.800
WP Trinity	5	2	242	69	.714
Sacred Heart	5	2	237	115	.714
Lake Country	2	5	144	227	.286
Trinity	**0**	**5**	**50**	**150**	**.000**

District standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Lubbock Chr	1	0	50	0	1.000
Sacred Heart	1	0	76	19	1.000
FW Calvary	1	0	57	43	.667
Lubbock Trinity	1	0	56	45	.667
WP Trinity	1	0	74	59	.333
Trinity	**0**	**2**	**12**	**67**	**.000**
Lake Country	1	0	26	23	1.000

Last week's games

Lubbock Trinity Christian 49, Trinity 0; Fort Worth Calvary Christian 26, Fort Worth Lake Country 7; Muenster Sacred Heart 27, Willow Park Trinity 12; Lubbock Christian was open

This week's games

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

Louisville fires Rick Pitino amid federal investigation

By Gary B. Graves
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville's Athletic Association has officially fired coach Rick Pitino nearly three weeks after the school acknowledged that its men's basketball program is being investigated as part of a federal corruption probe.

The association, which oversees Louisville's sports programs and is composed of trustees, faculty, students and administrators, voted unanimously to oust the longtime Cardinals coach following a board meeting Monday. The ULAA heard from Pitino's attorney, who made the case Monday that his client "could not have known" about activities alleged in the federal investigation.

Not long after Steve Pence's 45-minute address to the ULAA on Pitino's behalf, the association announced its decision after five hours of meetings. Pitino has $44 million remaining in salary and bonuses in a contract extension through the 2025-26 season. He was scheduled to earn a base salary of $5.1 million.

Timothy D. Easley/AP file photo

Louisville head coach Rick Pitino responds to a question following an NCAA college basketball team's intrasquad scrimmage in this 2015 in Louisville, Ky.

"We listened carefully to what they said, we read carefully everything they gave us," university interim President Greg Postel said of the legal team's presentation. "At the end of the conversation we felt that our initial decision to begin the process of termination for cause was still in the best interests of the university. And that's why the resolution was put forth and passed."

The association had authorized Postel to begin the process of firing Pitino for cause on Oct. 2 after Postel placed the coach on unpaid administrative leave Sept. 27.

The move Monday officially ends Pitino's 16-year tenure with the program, a run that included winning the 2013 NCAA championship but was tarnished by several embarrassing off-court incidents.

Pitino, 65, is not named in court complaints in the federal probe but Postel said in a disciplinary letter that the allegations violated his contract. Ten people that have been arrested in the corruption case, including four college assistant coaches and an Adidas executive.

Pence had contended that Louisville rushed to judgment and said Monday that Pitino should be retained.

"The coach did not engage in any of this activity, he didn't know about the activity," Pence said. "I think we made a very compelling case to the board, I think they listened attentively and we'll just have to wait and see what they say."

Pence entered the meeting holding a poster board for presentation to the ULAA. The attorney later distributed a detailed 55-page document that includes letters of support for the coach, including one from David Padgett, who was named as Pitino's interim replacement on Sept. 29.

The statements also included an affidavit from Pitino in which the coach said he "had no part — active, passive or through willful ignorance in the conspiracy described in the complaint."

The attorney's statement included a polygraph result indicating that Pitino was not deceptive in answering that he did not pay signee Brian Bowen's family or knew that Bowen's family was paid.

Neither the book of documents nor the presentation by Pitino's legal team swayed the board.

Pitino's run at Louisville included winning the 2013 NCAA championship but was tarnished by several embarrassing off-court incidents.

Pence said after Pitino was initially placed on leave that his client was "effectively fired" by Louisville. The coach said in a statement on Sept. 29 that he wasn't aware of payments to any recruit or their family but added, "I was the head coach and I will take ownership of my decisions."

The board's vote Monday was expected but still marked a quick end at Louisville for Pitino, a Hall of Famer whose career with the Cardinals was successful but marred the past two years with various incidents.

Ridley begins his reign as Augusta National chairman

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Fred Ridley recalls soaking up the ambience of Augusta National a week before his debut in the 1976 Masters as the U.S. Amateur champion. He was alone under the massive oak tree next to the clubhouse when he turned around and realized he had company.

Clifford Roberts, co-founder of the club and the first chairman of the Masters, was standing behind him.

"I kind of jumped and thought, 'Oh God, what have I done?'" Ridley said. "We had a nice conversation. The interesting thing was, we were leaving and he says, 'Now young man, you're going to be playing in the Par 3 next Wednesday. You make sure you get some practice over there.' He loved the Par 3. That was my recollection of the only conversation I had with him."

Forty-one years later, Ridley is the seventh chairman in the 85-year history of Augusta National.

He took over Monday when the club re-opened for a new season.

Ridley, a 65-year-old business lawyer from Tampa, Florida, succeeds Billy Payne, who is retiring after 11 years. Payne's tenure was marked by the club inviting female members for the first time, and for creating events geared toward American youth (Drive, Chip and Putt) and two amateur events in Asia and Latin America that offer the winners a spot in the Masters.

Payne, who chose Ridley as his successor, becomes chairman emeritus.

Starting with that chance meeting with Roberts under the oak tree, Ridley says he has met every chairman who preceded him and knew most of them well. What he took from Payne was the value of relationships and the willingness to share credit.

"The worst thing I can do is try to be Billy Payne, other than his accomplishments and his drive to be the best," he said.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through Oct. 8

All-around

1. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $214,131
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $180,487
3. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $151,990
4. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $140,876
5. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil $136,430
6. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $128,764
7. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $112,795
8. Joeh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $105,470
9. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $104,200
10. Clayton Hair's, 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. $68,000
17. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $56,733
18. Jordan Kelscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $56,049
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. Vezzani, Cowley, Wyo. $113,312
5. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev. $109,353
6. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $106,677
7. Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas $103,212
8. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $102,161
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, Marseille, 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. $60,612

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. $82,969
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, Marrou, 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. $68,915
19. Jason Thomas, Benton, Ark. $67,294
20. Will Lummus, West Point, Miss. $66,520

Team Roping (header)

1. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $133,977
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. $98,053
6. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $96,587
7. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $95,448
8. Tom Richards, Humboldt, Ariz. $81,415
9. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $81,356
10. Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif. $79,236
11. Jr. Dess, Aurora, S.D. $78,964
12. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $78,288
13. Dustin Egusquiza, Marlana, Fla. $77,437
14. Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore. $75,614
15. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $74,146
16. Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta $68,006
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 $134,707.9
2. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $133,633
3. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $117,212
4. Billie Jack Saebens, Newata, 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. $78,387
13. Jake Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $75,614
14. Kory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas $74,652
15. Jeremy Buhler, Arrowwood, Alberta $68,006
16. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $65,136
17. Kyle Lockett, Visalia, Calif. $61,745
18. John Robertson, Polson, Mont. $52,238
19. Clint Summers, Lake City, Fla. $51,647
20. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $49,836

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas $184,052
2. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $170,456
3. C.Cliburn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah $124,115
4. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $119,857
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

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 $107,623
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 $93,363
10. J.C. Malone, Plain City, Utah $86,299 $73,367

Steer Roping

1. Jason Evans, Glen Rose, Texas $84,156
2. **Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $78,934**
3. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $72,976
4. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas $68,084
5. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $64,266
6. **J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, Texas $56,860**
7. Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas $50,109
8. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $49,347
9. **JoJo LeBlond, Andrews, Texas $48,309**
10. John Bland, Turkey, Texas $48,184

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $237,152
2. Garrett Smith, Rexburg, Idaho $204,239
3. Ty Wallace, Collbran, Colo. $157,077
4. Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. $131,423
5. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $120,963
6. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, Texas $110,471
7. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $106,189
8. Cole Melancon, Liberty, Texas $103,619
9. Roscoe Jarboe, New Plymouth, Idaho $102,855
10. Trevor Reiste, Linden, Iowa $97,121

Barrel Racing

1. Tiarny Schuster, Krum, Texas $250,378
2. Steri Hillman, Weatherford, Texas $85,992
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. $111,759
7. Hailey Kinsel, Cotulla, Texas $99,707
8. Taci Bettis, Round Top, Texas $97,023
9. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $95,454
10. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, Victoria, Texas $92,930

Halloween Coloring Contest

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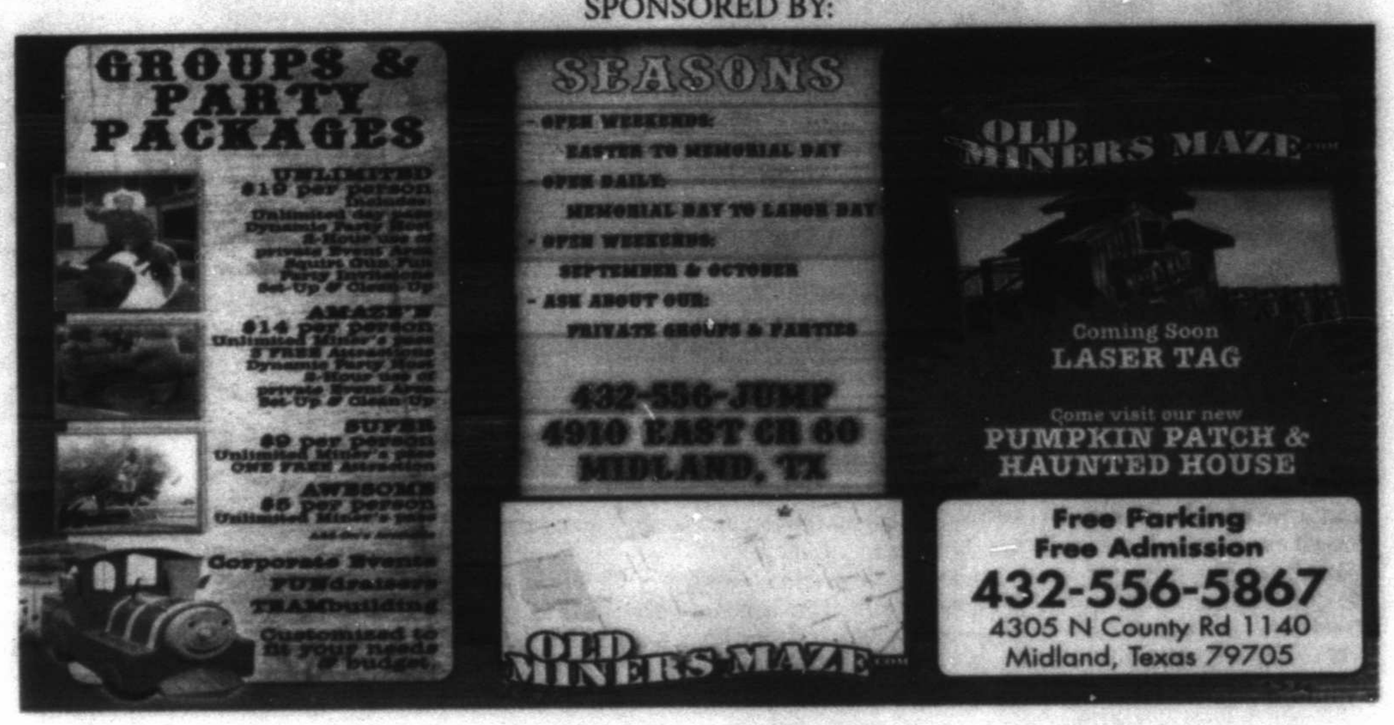

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- Contest is open to children ages 3 to 12.
- Only one entry is allowed per child per household.
- Crayons, markers, colored pencils, glitter pens, etc., are acceptable.
- Entries must be submitted to the Midland Reporter-Telegram by Tuesday, October 31, 2017.
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9	1				6			2
	7		3					
				2			4	9
8	2							
7		6	4		8	9		
							5	8
6	5			7				
					3			
1			2				9	4

SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

1	6	7	8	2	5	3	9	4
9	3	4	6	1	7	2	8	5
2	8	5	9	4	3	7	1	6
4	5	1	3	6	2	9	7	8
3	2	8	7	9	4	5	6	1
7	9	6	5	8	1	4	3	2
8	1	2	4	3	9	6	5	7
5	4	9	1	7	6	8	2	3
6	7	3	2	5	8	1	4	9

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

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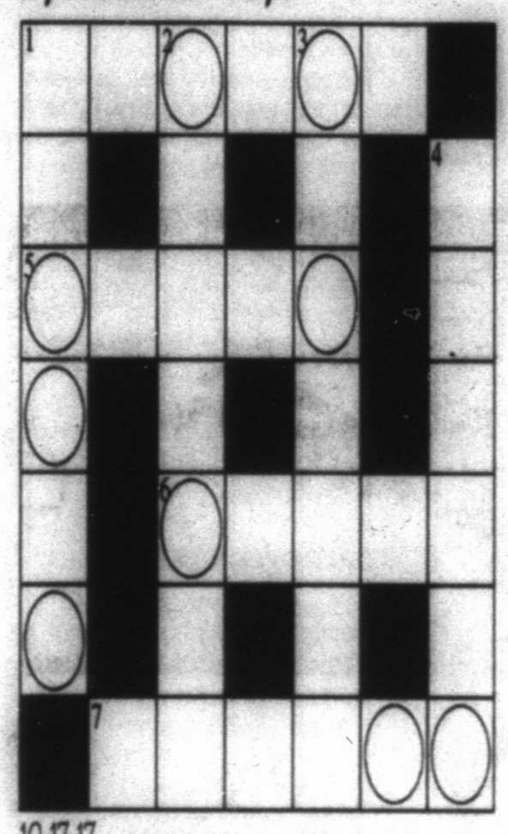

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Dustin Hoffman movie	ESPERH
5. ___ act	GIMAC
6. Southern chain	NASDE
7. Out of the sun	EHDDSA

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Plainly, clearly	YILSMP
2. Nonsense	WOHSHAG
3. Decreased, ebbed	CEEDRED
4. Expired	PSDLAE

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

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CLUE: The word ___ is derived from two Greek words meaning "thick" and "skin."

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Sphere 5A-Magic 6A-Andes 7A-Shaded 1D-Simply 2D-Hogwash 3D-Recorded 4D-Leopard B-Rhombem

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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WATIA

PNDORA

DUIEMM

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SWISH DRESS SHREWD OBJECT
Answer: The confusion between the electricians was a result of them getting their — WIRES CROSSED

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Theater accessory
5 Home of the Pac-12's Bruins
9 Ejects, as lava
14 Deflect, with "off"
15 Chunk of bacon
16 Like most income
17 Leg-strengthening exercise
19 Prefix with violet
20 "Austin Powers" genre
21 Bath rug
22 Retired Yankee Jeter
23 Suitcase tie-on
25 Supermodel Banks
26 Silent speech syst.
28 Pig Latin rejection
30 Advanced lit. degrees
33 Something to blow off or let off
35 Aviator's military branch
37 Actress Peeples
38 Spearheaded
40 Pat softly
41 Party host's bucketful
42 Altercation broken up by bouncers
45 More likely to be on Santa's good list
47 Penny-__: trivial
48 In flight
50 Madrid mama bear
51 Swim __: do one full pool circuit
53 Penne or ziti
55 Rapids runners
57 Nervous mannerism
58 Golden Arches pork sandwich
62 Self-storage rentals
63 Equitable treatment ... and what's literally found in each set of circles
65 Creepy
66 Like __ of sunshine
67 All square
68 Cleaned with a broom
69 Country's Lovett
70 Pants rear

DOWN
1 USMC one-stripers
2 "As ye sow, so shall ye __"
3 Sole
4 Email attachment format
5 Country with an eagle on its Great Seal: Abbr.
6 Story's high point
7 Layered noodle dish
8 Distract the security guards for, say
9 Book-lined room
10 Sicily's capital
11 Big eater's fast-food request, maybe
12 Used to be
13 Mt. Rushmore's state
18 Free (of)
24 Interval
25 Ruthless rulers
26 From Laos, e.g.
27 Get the wood-burning stove going
29 Help out
31 Capital of Ghana
32 Observe
34 Woodcutter Baba
36 J. Edgar Hoover Building org.
37 Pro hoops gp.
39 Global shipping company
43 Sharpie feature
44 Horticultural art
46 Athletic instructors
49 Spa beauty treatment
52 Valuable holding
54 Many corp. logos
55 Regrets
56 Once again
57 Giant in nonstick pans
59 "Don't miss it" review
60 Swedish furniture maker
61 Like knees when squatting
64 Manhattan whiskey

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

T	A	G		L	C	D	S		A	T	M	O	S	T
I	R	A		A	L	I	T		C	R	U	N	C	H
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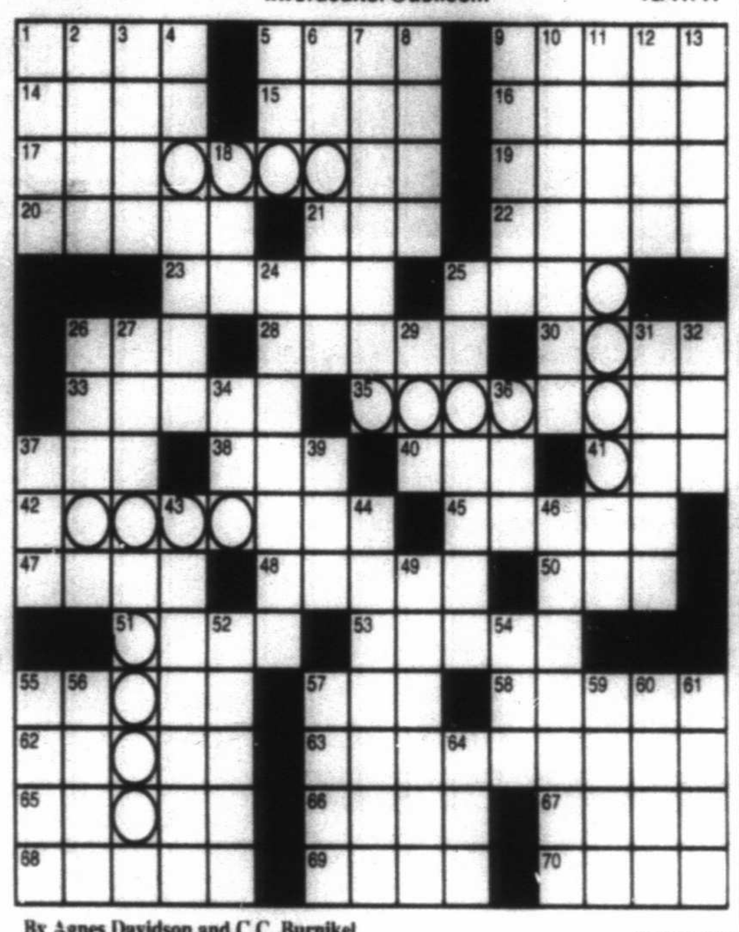

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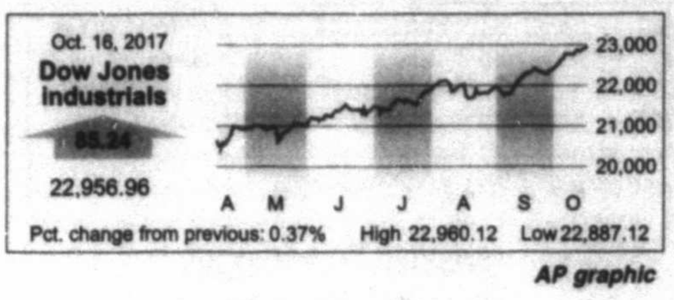
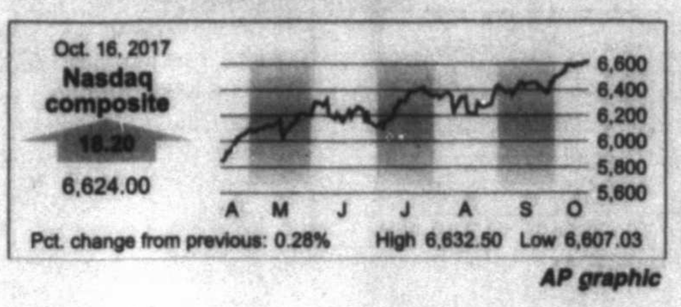
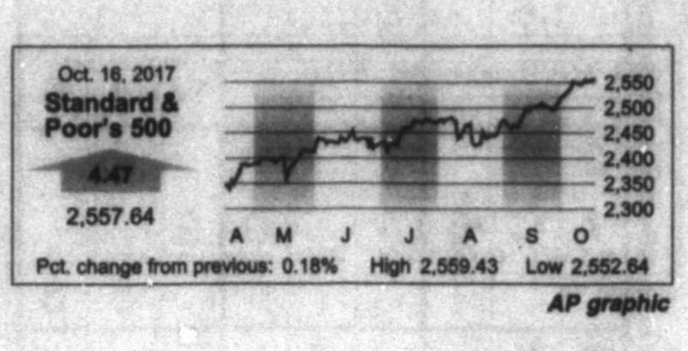






OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $51.87
Previous: $51.45

POSTED

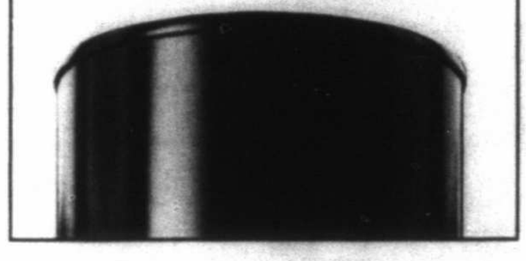
Monday: $48.00
Previous: $48.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $44.00
Previous: $44.00

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $2.946
Previous: $3.000



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	702603	26.24	+.41
GenElec	480486	23.36	+.06
RiteAid	454403	1.86	+.12
VanEGold	417942	23.46	-.38
Vale SA	412440	10.50	+.05

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RubyTues	2.36	+.37	+18.6
Jupai n	24.13	+3.62	+17.6
NY&Co	2.03	+.17	+9.1
FangHldg	4.44	+.34	+8.3
NL Inds	10.95	+.80	+7.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SoJerInd s	32.00	-3.29	-9.3
NathGroc	5.15	-.53	-9.3
Intelsat	6.22	-.62	-9.1
SmartSFnl	6.65	-.55	-7.6
PG&E Cp	53.43	-4.25	-7.4

Diary

Advanced	1,432
Declined	1,465
Unchanged	128
Total issues	3,025
New Highs	201
New Lows	27
Volume	2,810,708,025

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TransEnbx	657155	2.81	+1.37
B2gold g	67398	2.65	-.13
22ndCentury	65601	2.86	+.06
NwGold g	56660	3.72	+.03
NDynMn g	55449	2.05	-.07

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TransEnbx	2.81	+1.37	+95.1
Takung n	3.58	+.29	+9.0
TrioTch	5.61	+.40	+7.7
BovieMed	3.46	+.15	+4.5
LiloEn n	4.94	+.19	+4.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VimetX	6.50	-.50	-7.1
Myomo n	3.70	-.25	-6.3
Daxor	4.66	-.30	-6.0
ResshrPh n	2.04	-.13	-6.0
Reeds	2.03	-.13	-5.8

Diary

Advanced	145
Declined	185
Unchanged	28
Total issues	358
New Highs	10
New Lows	8
Volume	174,056,489

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	326845	41.49	+1.09
Exelixis	281979	29.02	+4.26
Comcast s	253624	36.61	+.60
Apple Inc	231720	159.88	+2.89
PwShs QQQ	204803	148.85	+.51

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ReconTech	2.13	+1.11	+108.4
LeadgBr g	2.82	+.55	+24.2
LiNuTc rs	2.10	+.32	+18.0
TDH Hld n	29.22	+4.45	+18.0
Exelixis	29.02	+4.26	+17.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NatHlth n	19.86	-5.07	-20.3
CellectB wt	2.10	-.48	-18.6
TG Thera	9.28	-1.73	-15.7
TandmD rs	2.56	-.43	-14.4
Inventure	4.38	-.73	-14.3

Diary

Advanced	1,355
Declined	1,501
Unchanged	232
Total issues	3,088
New Highs	196
New Lows	47
Volume	1,553,723,477

Netflix sinking deeper into debt to fuel subscriber growth

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Netflix is sinking deeper into debt in its relentless pursuit of more viewers, leaving the company little margin for error as it tries to build the world's biggest video subscription service.

The big burden that Netflix is shouldering hasn't been a major concern on Wall Street so far, as CEO Reed Hastings' strategy has been paying off.

The billions of dollars that Netflix has borrowed to pay for exclusive series such as "House of Cards," "Stranger Things," and "The Crown" has helped its service more than triple its global audience during the past four years — leaving it with 109 million subscribers worldwide through September.

That figure includes 5.3 million subscribers added during the July-September period, according to Netflix's quarterly earnings report released Monday. The growth exceeded management forecasts and analyst projections. Netflix's stock rose 1 percent in extended trading, putting it on track to touch new highs Tuesday. The shares have increased by about five-fold during the past four years.

If the subscribers keep coming at the current pace, Netflix may surpass its role model — HBO — within the next few years. HBO started this year with 134 million subscribers worldwide.

"We are running around 100 miles an hour doing our thing around the world," Hastings said during a review of the third-quarter results.

But Netflix's subscriber growth could slow if it can't continue to win programming rights to hit TV series and movies, now that there are more competitors, including Apple, Amazon, Hulu and YouTube.

If that happens, there will be more attention on Netflix's huge programming bills, and "then we could see an investor backlash," CFRA Research analyst Tuna Amobi says. "But Netflix has been delivering great subscriber growth so far."

Netflix's long-term debt and other obligations totaled $21.9 billion as of Sept. 30, up from $16.8 billion at the same time last year. That includes $17 billion for video programming, up from $14.4 billion a year ago. Most of the programming payments are due within the next five years. Netflix expects to spend $7 billion to $8 billion on programming next year, up from $6 billion this year.

The Los Gatos, California, company has to borrow to pay for most of its programming expenses because it doesn't generate enough cash on its own. Netflix burned through another $465 million in the most recent quarter, which is known as "negative cash flow" in accounting parlance.

For all of this year, Netflix has warned that its negative cash flow might be as high as $2.5 billion, a trend that management expects will continue for at least the next several years as it tries to diversify its video library to appeal to divergent tastes in about 190 countries.

Nonetheless, Netflix has remained profitable, under U.S. accounting rules. The company earned $130 million on $3 billion in revenue in its latest quarter.

And management appears to be trying to ease the financial drain with price increases of $1 and $2 a month for most of its 53 million subscribers in the U.S. before the end of the year. The higher prices are likely to increase Netflix's revenue by about $650 million next year, RBC Capital Markets analyst Mark Mahaney predicted.

But the price increases could backfire if it provokes an unusually high number of subscribers to cancel, something Netflix faced when it raised rates in the past.

Colorado proposes new rules for oil-gas lines after blast

Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado energy regulators on Monday proposed tighter rules for shutting down oil and gas pipelines after a fatal explosion blamed on natural gas leaking from a line that was thought to be out of service but was still connected to a well.

The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission rules govern flow lines, which carry oil, gas and wastewater from wells to tanks and other gathering equipment.

A public hearing is scheduled for Dec. 11-12, and the commissioners could vote to approve the rules after that.

The rules are in response to an April 17 explosion in Firestone that killed two people and destroyed a house. Investigators said the explosion was caused by odorless, unrefined gas leaking from a severed flow line.

Investigators said the line was believed to be abandoned but was still connected to an operating well with the valve turned to the open position.

The flow line was severed about 10 feet from the house, and gas seeped into the home's basement, investigators said.

The well and pipeline were in place several years before the house was built.

The presence of homes and schools near oil and gas operations is a contentious issue in Colorado, where the booming Front Range urban corridor overlaps with an oil and gas field.

The 14-page draft of new regulations says flow lines that are permanently taken out of service must be disconnected, drained and sealed at both ends, and any above-ground portion must be removed.

US stock indexes post slight gains, extending winning streak

U.S. stocks posted modest gains Monday, extending a record-setting run into a sixth straight week.

Financial and technology companies notched some of the biggest gains. Energy stocks also rose as crude oil prices closed higher. Health care companies declined the most. Bond prices fell.

The three major stock indexes closed at new highs, despite a day of mostly listless trading as investors looked ahead to a slew of company earnings reports over the next few weeks.

"Today is a sort of wait-and-see market as investors are really looking for the direction of earnings and whether companies continue to report strong results," said Kate Warne, investment strategist at Edward Jones. "That will be a catalyst for stocks to move higher."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 4.47 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,557.64. Last week marked the index's fifth-straight weekly gain.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 85.24 points, or 0.4 percent, to 22,956.96.

Metal prices mix

Gold lost $1.60 to $1,303 an ounce. Silver slid 4 cents to $17.37 an ounce. Copper rose 11 cents, or 3.4 percent, to $3.24 a pound.

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Closing Price $4.61 Down 0.28

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $102.60 Up 1.23

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.57 Down 0.02

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.24 Down 0.04

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.60 Up 0.10

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $14.56 Down 0.10

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.00 Down 0.25

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.03 Up 0.03

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.31 Up 0.60

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		14	5.69	-.11	-44.3
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	36.17	+.47	-15.0
Abraxas	...	**50**	**1.99**	**+.08**	**-22.6**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**	...	**15.46**	**-.02**	**+21.6**
AMD			14.26	+.04	+25.7
Alibaba		51	179.56	+1.11	+104.5
Allergan	2.80	14	198.41	-7.11	-5.5
Ambev	.06e	7	5.84	-.14	+39.3
Amgen	**4.60**	**16**	**181.90**	**-1.11**	**+24.4**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**48.45**	**+.66**	**-30.5**
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**42.73**	**+1.13**	**-32.7**
Apple Inc	2.52	19	159.88	+2.89	+38.0
ApldMatl	**.40**	**19**	**55.04**	**+1.10**	**+70.6**
Archrock	.48	...	12.40	+.05	-6.1
ATMOS	**1.80**	**24**	**86.25**	**-.04**	**+16.3**
AutoData	2.28	31	114.58	+.72	+11.5
BP PLC	**2.38**	**29**	**39.19**	**+.09**	**+4.8**
BcoBrad s	.37e	...	11.50	-.07	+59.9
BkofAm	.48f	15	26.24	+.41	+18.7
B iPVxST rs		...	34.70	-.64	...
BeringsCp s	1.20	...	15.93	+.05	+2.9
BarrickG	.12	24	16.24	-.43	+1.6
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**18281960.00**	**+1109.98**	**+15.5**
BkHillsCp	**1.78**	**20**	**67.69**	**+.02**	**+10.4**
BrMySq	**1.56**	**25**	**63.65**	**-1.64**	**+8.9**
BrownFA s	**...**	**33**	**56.18**	**+.06**	**+21.5**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**55.42**	**+.17**	**+23.4**
CVS Health	2.00	12	72.44	-.16	-6.2
CaesarsEnt	...	...	11.85	-.30	+39.4
CallonPet	**...**	**35**	**11.09**	**+.12**	**-27.8**
Caterpillar	3.12	34	131.47	+.76	+41.8
Celestic g	...	9	12.54	+.09	+5.8
Cemex	.29t	...	7.81	-.21	+1.2
CntryLink	2.16	9	19.76	-.49	-16.9
ChesEng	...	9	3.82	-.06	-45.6
Chevron	**4.32**	**68**	**120.13**	**+.97**	**+2.1**
Chicos	.33	10	7.15	-.32	-50.3
Cimarex	.32	37	115.88	+1.02	-14.7
Cisco	1.16	18	33.54	+.07	+11.0
Citigroup	1.28	14	71.77	-.34	+20.8
ClevCliffs	...	8	7.25	-.32	-13.8
CocaCola	**1.68**	**29**	**46.02**	**+.44**	**+12.4**
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**26**	**75.75**	**-.24**	**+15.8**
Comcast s	.83	20	36.61	+.60	+6.0
ConAgra	**.85**	**19**	**34.50**	**+.17**	**-12.8**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**133.27**	**-.12**	**+.5**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**40**	**49.72**	**+.32**	**-.8**
CrackerB	4.80	24	151.71	+.43	-9.1
CSVixSh rs		...	8.83	-.32	-90.7
CSVLgNG rs		...	10.61	-.38	-77.0
CrowTim	**1.10e**	**14**	**14.53**	**-.03**	**-19.1**
DCP Mid	3.12	18	35.03	-.72	-8.7
DTE	3.30	23	109.63	-.26	+11.3
DevonE	**.24**	**...**	**35.85**	**-.02**	**-21.5**
DrGMBll rs		...	18.23	-1.13	...
Disney	**1.56**	**17**	**98.13**	**+.75**	**-5.8**
EOG Resc	**.67**	**...**	**97.21**	**+.76**	**-3.8**
EnCana g	.06	22	11.32	-.09	-3.6
Energen	.08	...	53.18	+.30	-7.8
EnPro	**.88**	**55**	**80.78**	**+.01**	**+19.9**
ENSCO	.04	2	5.66	+.13	-41.8
EntProPt	1.69f	20	26.34	-.05	-2.6
Ericsson	.11e	...	5.91	-.04	+1.4
Exelixis		...	29.02	+4.26	+94.6
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**31**	**82.81**	**+.40**	**-8.3**
Facebook		36	174.52	+.78	+51.7
FordM	.60u	13	12.12	+.07	-.1
FrptMcM		...	15.27	+.52	+15.8
GATX	**1.68**	**11**	**63.95**	**+.60**	**+3.8**
GabelliET	**.94e**	**...**	**9.48**	**+.01**	**+30.9**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**36.31**	**-.01**	**+16.5**
GenElec	**.96**	**22**	**23.36**	**+.38**	**-25.1**
GenMotors	1.52	7	45.76	-.12	+31.3
GoPro		...	9.08	.48	+4.2
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**21**	**31.87**	**+.08**	**+16.5**
Groupon		...	4.70	+.07	+41.6
HP Inc	.53	14	21.79	+.08	+46.8
HalBrtn	.72	...	44.61	-.11	-17.5
HimaxTch	.24e	...	9.14	-.19	+51.3
iShGold		...	12.45	-.09	+12.4
iShBrazil	.67e	...	42.94	-.40	+28.8
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	46.30	+.07	+33.4
iShEMkts	.50e	...	46.63	-.03	+33.2
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	69.52	-.05	+20.4
iShR2K	1.77e	...	149.24	-.13	+10.7
Intel	**1.00**	**17**	**35.76**	**+.09**	**+8.6**
InterDig	1.40f	9	74.55	-.35	-18.4
Interpublic	.72	15	20.67	-.15	-11.7
JD.com		...	39.67	+.95	+55.9
JPMorgCh	2.24f	15	97.84	+1.98	+13.4
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**136.12**	**-.31**	**+18.1**
Keycorp	.38	17	18.43	+.24	+.9
KimbCltk	**3.88**	**20**	**118.22**	**-.34**	**+3.6**
Kroger s	.50	11	20.44	-.86	-40.8
LeadgBr g		...	2.82	+.55	+84.3
LegacyRes		...	1.57	-.02	-25.9
LendingClb		...	6.32	-.14	+20.4
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**2.45**	**-.11**	**-42.8**
Macys	1.51	7	19.89	-.31	-44.5
MannKd rs		...	5.42	+.14	+70.2
MarathnO	.20	...	13.85	+.10	-20.0
McDnlds	4.04f	28	165.01	-.36	+35.6
Merck	1.88	16	63.34	-.05	+7.6
MerMfded	**...**	**54**	**42.40**	**-.30**	**+60.0**
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MicronT		9	41.49	+1.09	+89.3
Microsoft	1.68f	27	77.65	+.16	+25.0
Nabors	.24	...	7.28	-.07	-55.6
NOilVarco	.20	83	34.99	+.34	-6.5
Netflix s		...	202.68	+3.19	+63.7
NikeB s	.84	22	51.37	+.54	+1.1
Nordstrm	1.48a	12	40.40	-2.25	-15.7
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OcciPet	**3.08**	**...**	**64.77**	**+.04**	**-8.1**
Oracle	.76	23	48.86	+.25	+27.6
PDC Engy	**...**	**36**	**49.05**	**-.16**	**-32.4**
PG&E Cp	2.12f	13	53.43	-4.25	-12.1
ParTech	**...**	**27**	**10.86**	**+.08**	**+96.2**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.00**	**+.02**	**-61.5**
PattUTI	**.08**	**...**	**20.42**	**-.07**	**-24.1**
PayPal n	...	53	67.31	-1.35	+70.5
PennaRE	**.84**	**7**	**10.50**	**-.08**	**-44.6**
Pfizer	**1.28**	**15**	**35.98**	**-.36**	**+10.8**
PlsNtrl	**.06**	**...**	**143.89**	**-.23**	**-20.2**
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**17**	**20.72**	**-.29**	**-35.8**
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Praxair	**3.15**	**25**	**141.29**	**-.92**	**+20.8**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**48.00**	**+.10**	**-11.1**
PUVixST rs	...	...	16.14	-.58	...
ProctGam	**2.78f**	**24**	**93.14**	**+.10**	**+10.8**
RangeRs	.08	21	19.51	+.07	-43.2
ReconTech	...	...	2.13	+1.11	+63.8
RiteAid	...	93	1.86	+.12	-77.4
Rowan	.40	7	13.91	+.20	-26.4
RoyDShllA	3.76	92	60.87	-.05	+11.9
RubyTues		...	2.36	+.37	-26.9
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	229.45	+.72	+16.2
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	255.29	+.41	+14.2
SabnR	2.27e	19	40.65	-.45	+15.6
SenderFm	**1.28f**	**13**	**143.84**	**-2.76**	**+52.6**
Schlmbrg	2.00	60	66.80	-.37	-20.4
Smucker	3.12f	14	105.96	+.85	-17.3
SnapInc A n	...	...	16.07	-.43	-34.4
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Sprint	...	...	7.15	+.03	-15.1
SP HlthC	1.01e	...	82.06	-.36	+19.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	26.30	+.17	+13.1
SP Util	1.55e	...	54.03	-.12	+11.2
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3M Co	4.70	25	218.72	+1.00	+22.5
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Transocn	...	10	11.05	+.19	-25.0
TriContl	**1.00e**	**...**	**25.97**	**+.08**	**+17.8**
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UBSI	**1.32**	**19**	**37.15**	**+.20**	**-19.7**
US OilFd	...	...	10.46	+.09	-10.8
USSteel	.20	...	26.67	-.69	-19.2
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.50	+.05	+37.8
ValeantPh	...	3	12.92	-.47	-11.0
ValeroE	2.80	25	77.42	-.66	+13.3
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.46	-.38	+12.1
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.95	-.67	+7.6
Vereit	.55	14	8.26	-.15	-2.4
VerizonCm	2.38f	10	48.09	+.23	-9.9
VulcanM	**1.00**	**37**	**117.33**	**+1.06**	**-6.2**
WEC Engy	2.08	22	65.03	-.07	+10.9
WalMart	2.04	19	85.74	-.88	+24.0
WalgBoots	1.60f	14	67.31	-.25	-18.7
WeatherInt	...	...	3.87	-.02	-22.4
WellsFargo	1.52	13	53.90	+.11	-2.4
WhitingPet	...	...	5.26	-.13	-56.2
WmsCos	1.20	43	29.94	+.07	-3.9
XcelEngy	**1.44**	**22**	**48.49**	**-.12**	**+19.1**
Xerox rs	.25p	12	33.09	+.08	+43.9
Yamana g	.02	...	2.63	-.02	-6.4

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10,080.51	7,985.70	Dow Jones Transportation	9,657.15	-79.07	-.00	+8.99	+23.07
755.37	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	734.91	-2.34	-.32	+11.42	+12.13
12,377.89	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	12,359.53	+7.53	+.06	+11.76	+17.79
6,616.58	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,624.00	+18.20	+.28	+23.05	+27.39
2,557.65	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,557.64	+4.47	+.18	+14.24	+20.27
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28,628.20	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	28,610.21	+32.28	+.12	+13.59	+20.41
1,514.94	1,156.08	Russell 2000	1,302.68	+.02	...	+10.72	+24.77

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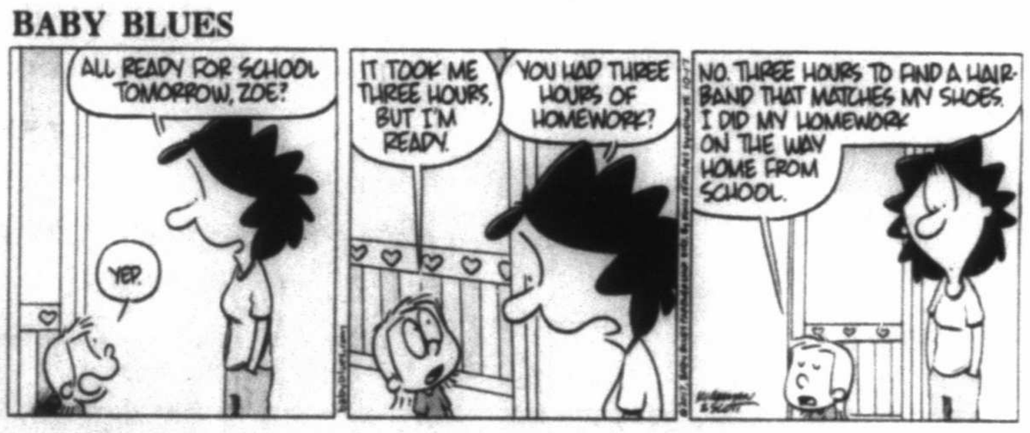

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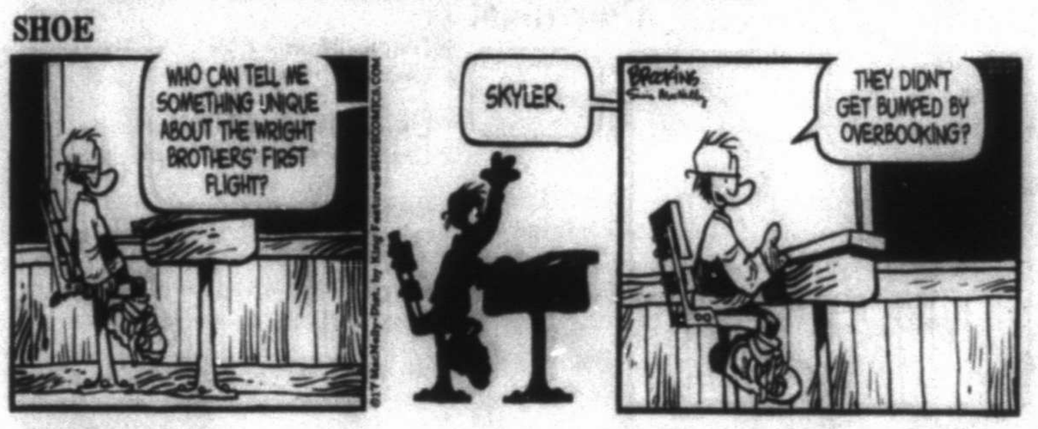

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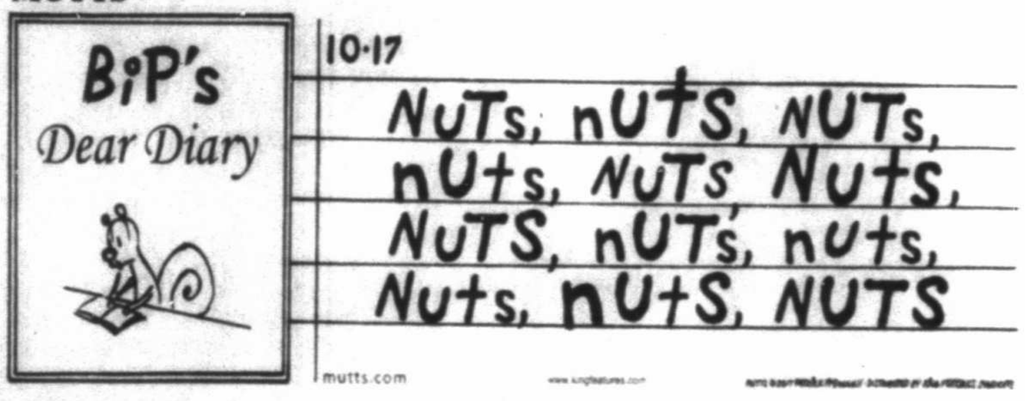

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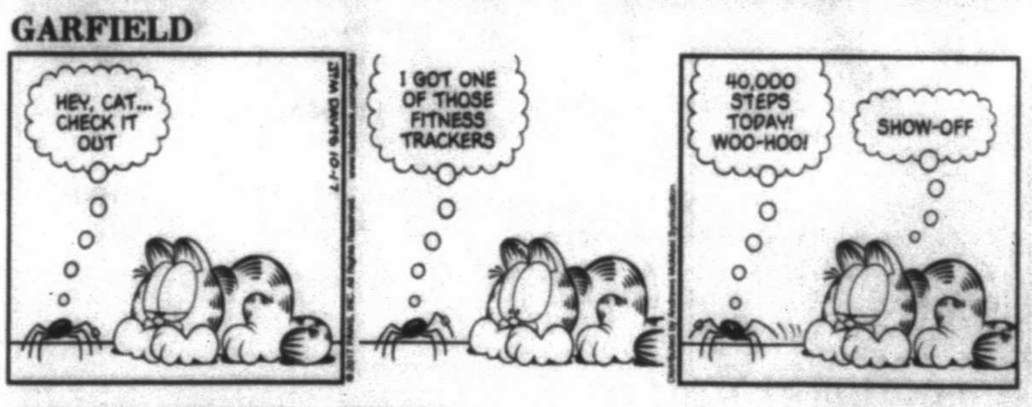


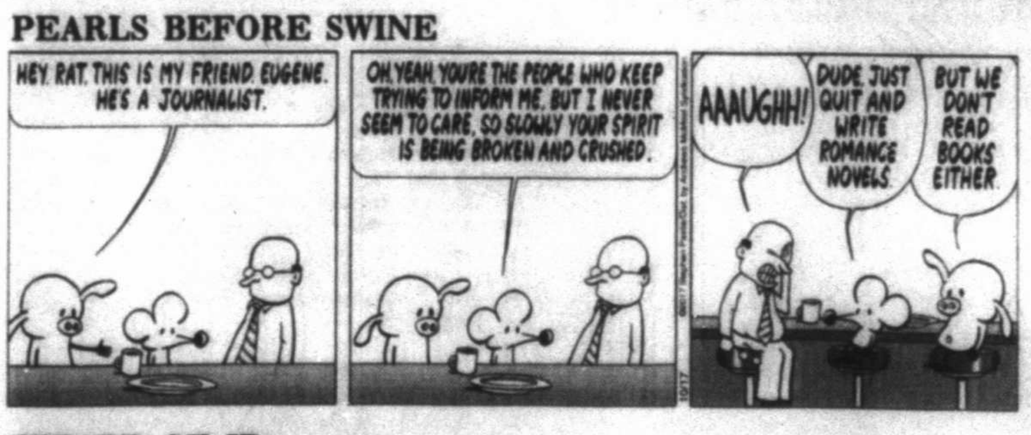
CLOSE TO HOME

Virgil Lertz stuns the music industry when he proves that he is the songwriter of "Happy Birthday to You" and claims billions in royalties.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I'M NOT SURE WHAT MOM'S COOKIN', BUT WHATEVER IT IS... IT'S SMOKIN'!"

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WIZARD OF ID

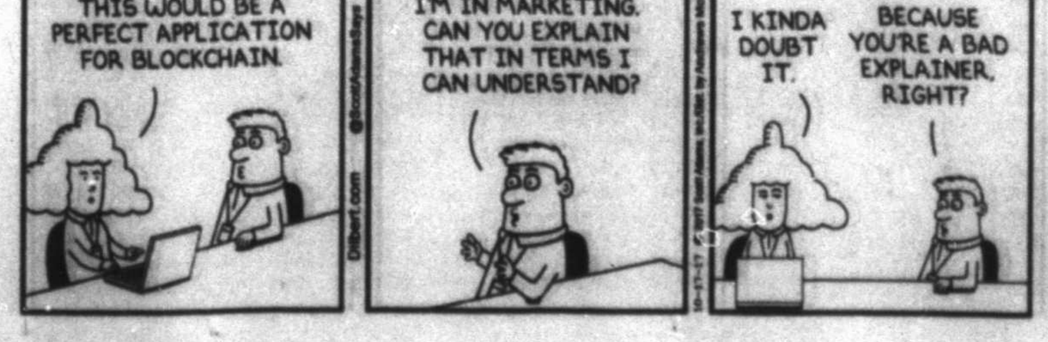
LOCKHORNS

"LEROY HAS A PROBLEM WITH SPLIT ENDS... MOST OF THEM SPLIT YEARS AGO."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Which channel do I switch to to make a milkshake?"

DILBERT



food & drink

Lunch Dinner Desserts

10 Sports Bar & Grill
Fuddrucker's
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Corn Dogs Etc.
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The Midland Reporter-Telegram
The MRT has an opening for a Circulation District Manager. This individual would be responsible for overseeing a delivery force of independent contractors/carriers, as well as performing other duties involved with the delivery and distribution of our newspaper, other contracted products, and niche publications.

This position requires excellent communication skills, must be able to work flexible hours (largely in the early morning hours including weekends), have reliable transportation. Candidate with previous newspaper delivery experience preferred but not required.

This is a full time salaried position, eligible for full benefits including health, vision, dental and paid time off with excellent starting salary.

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The MRT has an opening for a Field Service Representative. The individual would be responsible for assisting with the delivery and distribution of our newspaper, other contracted products, and niche publications.

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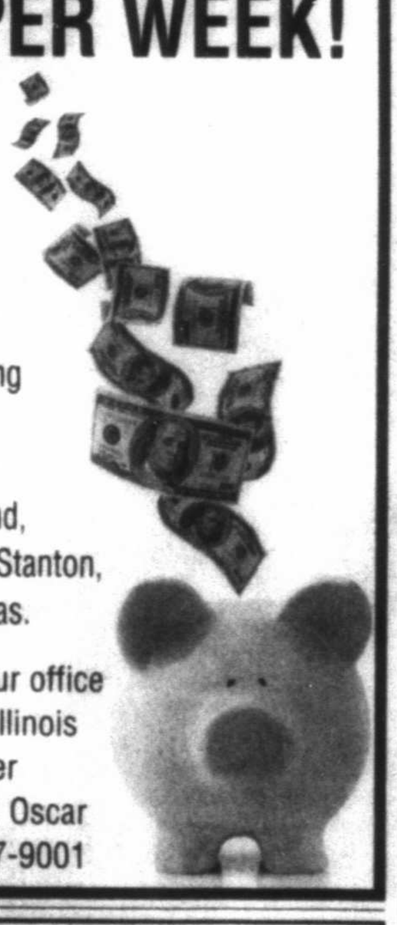

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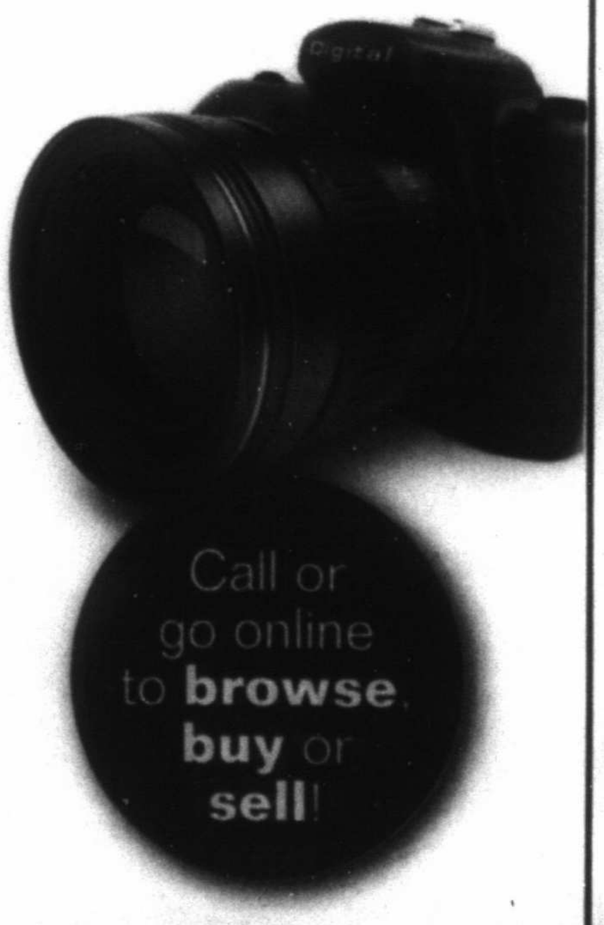

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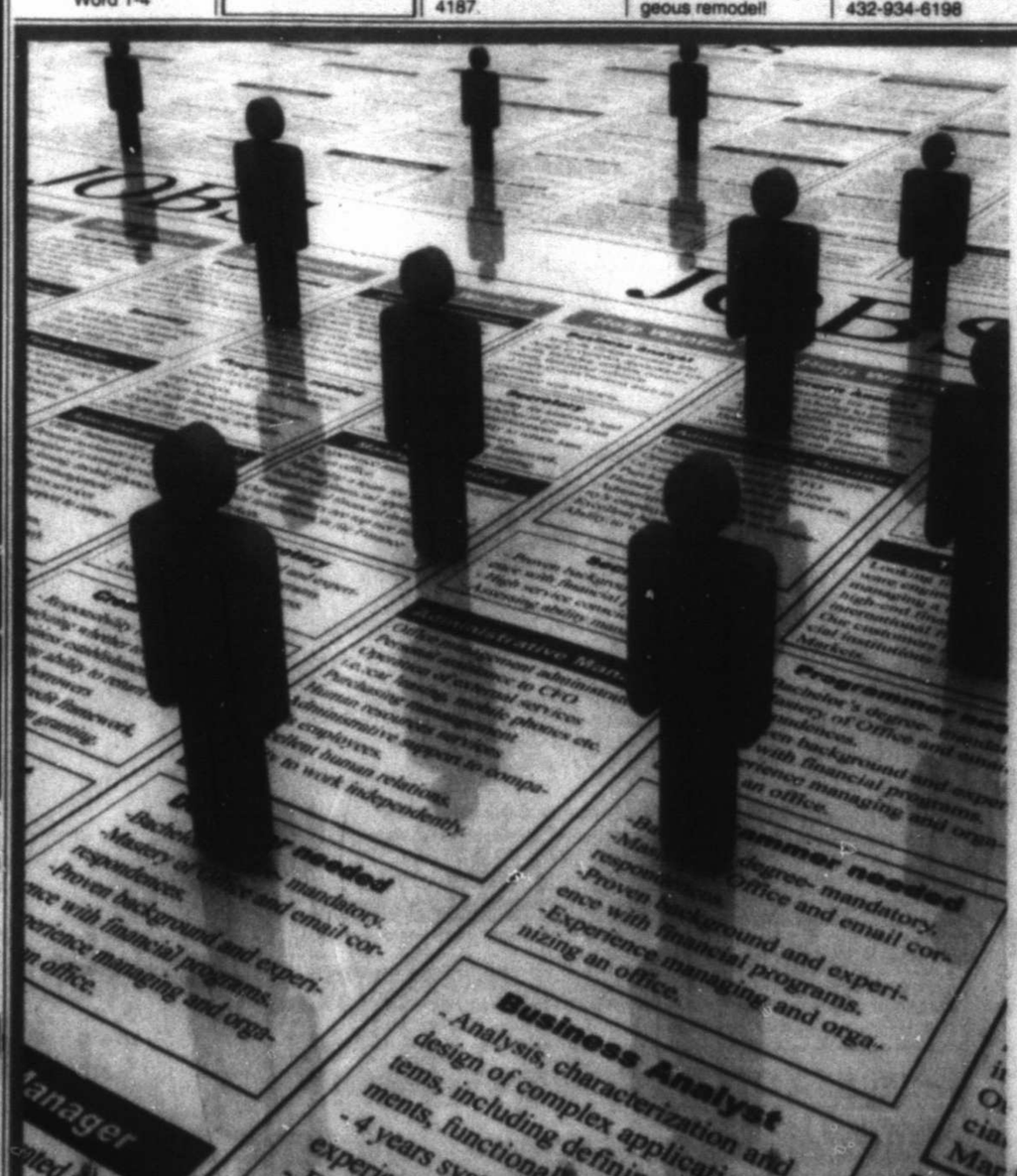

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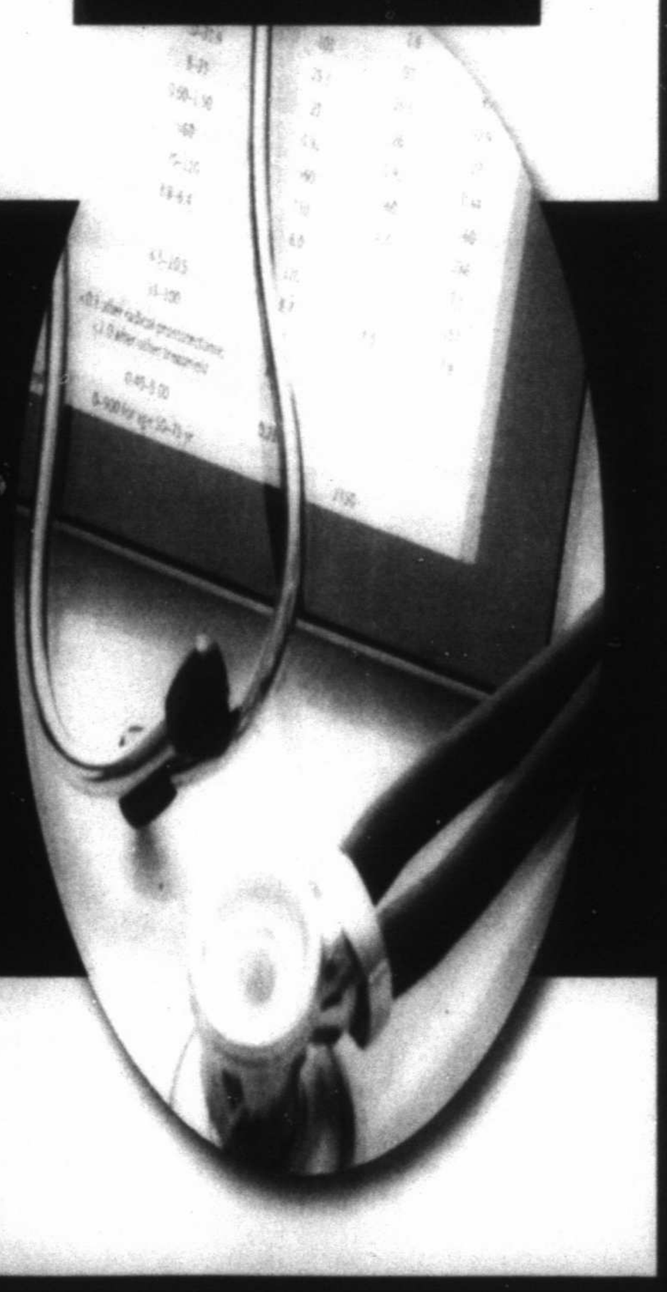

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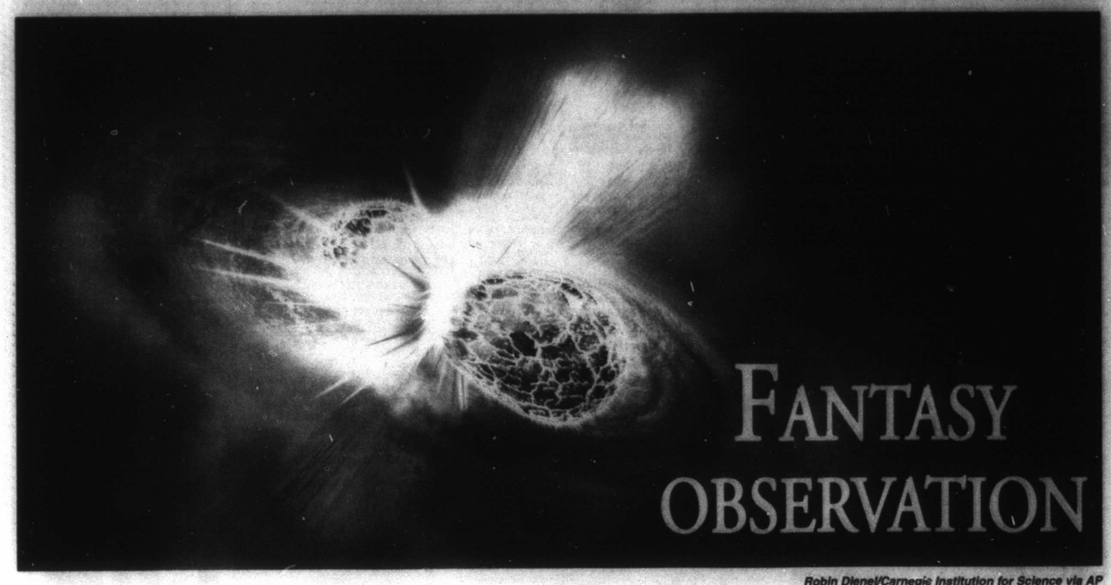

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This illustration provided by the Carnegie Institution for Science depicts the collision of two neutron stars detected on Aug. 17. The explosion threw matter, light, radiation and gravitational waves into space. The discovery was reported on Monday.

Scientists witness huge cosmic crash

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was a faint signal, but it told of one of the most violent acts in the universe, and it would soon reveal secrets of the cosmos, including how gold was created.

Astronomers around the world reacted to the signal quickly, focusing telescopes located on every continent and even in orbit to a distant spot in the sky.

What they witnessed in mid-August and revealed Monday was the long-ago collision of two neutron stars — a phenomenon California Institute of Technology's David H. Reitze called "the most spectacular fireworks in the universe."

"When these things collide, all hell breaks loose," he said.

Measurements of the light and other energy emanating from the crash have helped scientists explain how planet-killing gamma ray bursts are born, how fast the universe is expanding, and where heavy elements like platinum and gold come from.

"This is getting everything you wish for," said Syracuse University physics professor Duncan Brown, one of more than 4,000 scientists involved in the blitz of science that the crash kicked off. "This is our fantasy observation."

It started in a galaxy called NGC 4993, seen from Earth in the Hydra constellation. Two neutron stars, collapsed cores of stars so dense that a teaspoon of their matter would weigh 1 billion tons, danced ever faster and closer together until they collided, said Carnegie Institution astronomer Maria Drout.

The crash, called a kilonova, generated a fierce burst of gamma rays and a gravitational wave, a faint ripple in the fabric of space and time, first theorized by Albert Einstein.

"This is like a cosmic atom smasher at a scale far beyond humans would be capable of building," said Andy Howell, a staff scientist at the Las Cumbres Observatory. "We finally now know what happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object and it's a kilonova."

The crash happened 130 million years ago, while dinosaurs still roamed on Earth, but the signal didn't arrive on Earth until Aug. 17 after traveling 130 million light-years. A light-year is 5.88 trillion miles.

Signals were picked up within 1.7 seconds of each other, by NASA's Fermi telescope, which detects gamma rays, and gravity wave detectors in Louisiana and Washington state that are a part of the LIGO Laboratory, whose founders won a Nobel Prize earlier this month. A worldwide alert went out to focus telescopes on what became the most well-observed astronomical event in history.

Before August, the only other gravity waves detected by LIGO were generated by colliding black holes. But black holes let no light escape, so astronomers could see nothing.

This time there was plenty to see, measure and analyze: matter, light, and other radiation. The Hubble Space Telescope even got a snapshot of the afterglow.

Finding where the crash happened wasn't easy. Eventually scientists narrowed the location down to 100 galaxies, began a closer search of those, and found it in the ninth galaxy they looked at.

It is like "the classic challenge of finding a needle in the haystack with the added challenge that the needle is fading away and the haystack is moving," said Marcelle Soares-Santos, an astrophysicist at Brandeis University.

"The completeness of this picture from the beginning to the end is unprecedented," said Columbia University physics professor Szabolcs Marka. "There are many, many extraordinary discoveries within the discovery."

The colliding stars spewed bright blue, super-hot debris that was dense and unstable. Some of it coalesced into heavy elements, like gold, platinum and uranium. Scientists had suspected neutron star collisions had enough power to create heavier elements, but weren't certain until they witnessed it.

"We see the gold being formed," said Syracuse's Brown.

Calculations from a telescope measuring ultraviolet light showed that the combined mass of the heavy elements from this explosion is 1,300 times the mass of Earth. And all that stuff — including lighter elements — was thrown out in all different directions and is now speeding across the universe.

Perhaps one day the material will clump together into planets the way ours was formed, Reitze said — maybe ones with rich veins of precious metals.

"We already knew that iron came from a stellar explosion, the calcium in your bones came from stars and now we know the gold in your wedding ring came from merging neutron stars," said University of California Santa Cruz's Ryan Foley.

The crash also helped explain the origins of one of the most dangerous forces of the cosmos — short gamma ray bursts, focused beams of radiation that could erase life on any planet that happened to get in the way. These bursts shoot out in two different directions perpendicular to where the two neutron stars first crash, Reitze said.

Luckily for us, the beams of gamma rays were not focused on Earth and were generated too far away to be a threat, he said.

Scientists knew that the universe has been expanding since the Big Bang. By using LIGO to measure gravitational waves while watching this event unfold, researchers came up with a new estimate for how fast that is happening, the so-called Hubble Constant. Before this, scientists came up with two slightly different answers using different techniques. The rough figure that came out of this event is between the original two, Reitze said.

The first optical images showed a bright blue dot that was very hot, which was likely the start of the heavy element creation process amid the neutron star debris, Drout said. After a day or two that blue faded, becoming much fainter and redder. And after three weeks it was completely gone, she said.

This almost didn't happen. Eight days after the signal came through, the LIGO gravitational waves were shut down for a year's worth of planned upgrades. A month later the whole area where the crash happened would have been blocked from astronomers' prying eyes by the sun.

Scientists involved with the search for gravitational waves said this was the event they had prepared for over more than 20 years.

The findings are "of spectacular importance," said Penn State physicist Abhay Ashtekar, who wasn't part of the research. "This is really brand new."

Almost all of the discoveries confirmed existing theories, but had not been proven — an encouraging result for theorists who have been trying to explain what is happening in the cosmos, said France Cordova, an astrophysicist who directs the National Science Foundation.

"We so far have been unable to prove Einstein wrong," said Georgia Tech physics professor Laura Cadonati. "But we're going to keep trying."

Anyone can fall down the rabbit hole on an internet platform

Dear PropellerHeads: If I quit Facebook, will I disappear? I am slightly worried my existence is directly tied to my account.

A: It sounds a little like you have some co-dependency issues you might need to work through. Are you having a Her experience?

I can't say I was exactly where you are almost a year ago, but I definitely was having a love-hate relationship with Facebook. What follows is one PropellerHead's account of "Hey Facebook, I'm just not that into you."

In the grand scheme of things, I am a fairly passive Facebook user. I typically only "like" things I actually like. I comment when I really have something to add to the conversation. I post pictures of my kids occasionally. I don't tend to share a lot of articles and I would say, on average, I might post something once a month.

Facebook messenger used to be the chat app of choice for my family (see: "Facebook is for old people"). While I was at work, I would leave Facebook open in case someone wanted to chat. Inevitably, I would click over a couple of times an hour to see what was happening and then like most of us, I would get sucked into something. "He did what?" "She wore that?" "Hillary has email!"

So, anyone can fall down the rabbit hole on an internet platform. My issue was that I would get pulled into things that weren't

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making me feel good. I would feel angry, drained, upset and like I had just wasted precious moments of my life on the newest Kardashian drama that I would never get back.

I decided I needed a break. A lot of people just delete the app from their phone or tablet and that seems to be enough to stop the constant time-suckage. For me, since I logged in old-school while working, I needed more of a clean break. There are two options for "quitting" Facebook (bit.ly/2eUhFq0).

You can deactivate your account. This makes your profile no longer show up to others on the site, but all of your history and data are there waiting for you, should you decide to reactivate. You will still have a presence if someone tagged you in something or shared something of yours, but, for the most part, you're gone. All you have to do is log back in if you decide to come back and everything is restored.

You can delete your account. This makes it as if you were never there. All your pics, shares, happy birthdays, drunk selfies and likes disappear. FOREVER.

I chose to deactivate my account. I deleted the app from my phone, tablets and took it off of my browser short-cuts. I mean, I have kids. There are pics of the days they were born, first birthdays and Christmases. I'm not a monster. There is also that one pic I got tagged in that one time, where my hair looked real good. Like I said …I'm not a monster.

Here's what happened:

I was more productive at work. I immediately noticed that I had way more time at work. Like, a ridiculous amount of time. I always knew I was wasting some time on Facebook at work, but now I had the time to become organized, take on special projects, and become Barb in accounting's new BFF.

I was happier. Facebook was great at connecting me to my family and friends in the best ways and the worst ways. I would see things posted by people that sucked me into tragedy, despair, anger, hatred and all the things that we hope to have some reprieve from in our lives. Facebook provides a venue for the worst parts of not just our lives but everyone else's.

I slept better. I think we all know staring at a bright phone screen and having your brain process online content before bed is not conducive to a good night's sleep.

I was less informed. Like many, I got most of my news from Facebook. I didn't get all of my content there, but it was definitely the jumping-off point for how I stayed up to date with current events. In a way this helped reinforce the "I was happier" line item, but I don't like feeling uninformed either.

I was less connected to my family. There were days that this also could have contributed to the "I was happier" line item, but it really just felt a little isolating. I had to find new and meaningful ways to communicate with family. Some ways proved successful, others not so much, since relationships can require different amounts of commitment. Let's be honest, there are those family members and friends with whom a Facebook connection is just the right amount of connection. There's not a great substitution for that currently.

So where am I now? I did reactivate my account after about 6 months. While I don't feel to the point where I was when I deactivated my account a year ago, I am thinking about taking a break again. The immediate positive effects I experienced last time were amazing. Plus, I am starting to miss Barb.

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