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Payton: Midland, Odessa will rise together

It's time to act like one of the most important regions in the world, Stonegate pastor said

By Stewart Doreen
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Patrick Payton wants a push toward excellence, not just in Midland or Odessa but in both communities acting as one.

The senior pastor at Stonegate Fellowship, which has campuses in both cities, addressed those attending an event at Rea Greathouse Recital Hall to remind them of a Nov. 16 event at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center that will feature Eric Metaxas, author of the book "If You Can Keep It."

He then told those in attendance that he feels something is happening in the two communities, something he said can match the excellence achieved below ground. The energy industry is the bond that makes Midland and Odessa different than other two-city communities, he said. The communities in the heart of the Permian Basin rise and fall together because of the industry.

"We are one region, one of the most important regions in the entire world," Payton said. "It is time we acted like it; it is time we talked like it, and it is time we lived like it."

When asked afterward if the time was right for two communities with their own challenges to be more regionally focused, he said the Permian Basin has become a greater concern than the individual cities.

Still, both communities have their struggles. In Midland, residents in a growing community have nixed a pair of tax elections. The third election in 13 months is scheduled for November.

In Odessa, a fractured city council made headlines for the controversial hiring of its city manager. Odessa residents also face

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NWS: 2017: WETTER THAN AVERAGE

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Denetrics Bibbs walks through a puddle while crossing Illinois Avenue in front of Midland Memorial Hospital on Tuesday.

The National Weather Service reported (as of 4:13 p.m.) that 0.47 of an inch of rain fell Tuesday, and that amount raised the yearly total to 15.01 inches. That means 2017 will go down as an above-average year for rainfall because the average amount for any year is 14.8 inches.

Last year, 15.18 inches fell at Midland International Air & Space Port.

The NWS also reports that 2.23 inches of rain have fallen since Monday. The average for September is 1.86 inches.

Expect more showers today, as the chance of rain is 80 percent during the day and 60 percent at night.

Council gets first look at possible new fees

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City of Midland staff provided a first look at a new fee schedule that, if approved by the Midland City Council, will impact different city departments and raise nearly $1 million for the city.

Staff and council members talked about fee increases for the Recreation, Health and Senior Services, Sports Complex, Golf Course, Planning and Code Administration divisions. More discussion is expected, including forming a possible committee to study fee increases. At some point, the council will vote on the fee schedule.

One of the fees offered was for non-Midland ISD athletic events at the Schlumberger Sports Complex. City staff indicated a $1 fee on tickets for RockHounds, Soccers and football games would raise a total of $278,057 to help with sports complex maintenance and operations costs. More than $265,100 would come from an additional fee for RockHounds baseball games.

City officials said the RockHounds oppose the fee increase and provided a three-page information sheet on the value of the RockHounds inside the city of Midland. One of the points included was that the RockHounds have "turned down offers to move the team out of Midland as an example of its commitment to the city."

Council members asked why Midland ISD isn't listed for fee increases. City staff told the council that the University Interscholastic League — the governing body for public school athletics in the state of Texas — has control over the cost of ticket prices. City leaders said the school district currently has a contract that pays the city about $90,000 a year for use of the stadiums. That contract expires in 2022. It is expected that the city will raise that rental cost to help pay for expenses such as the replacement of the turf in the football/soccer stadium that can run as much as $900,000, according to officials. A parking fee also is an option, according

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The big number
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Midland-based nonprofit provides 'fishing therapy' at Lake Amistad

Rubén Cantú
Del Rio News-Herald

For more 10 years Reel Thanx has been bringing war-injured servicemen to Del Rio, and making them feel at home.

Shaken, hurt, sometimes seriously injured while defending our country, soldiers across the nation are coming back home after risking their lives in active war zones. Some may have a hard time finding peace and recognition, but a small group of volunteers in Midland, Ozona and Del Rio, are putting together a massive effort to ensure they all feel like the heroes they are.

Reel Thanx, a Midland-based nonprofit organization, has been bringing war-injured soldiers to Lake Amistad since 2007. Far from ordinary, these fishing trips are engineered to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience that has marked the lives of these members of the military.

"This is our 38th trip, we have been bringing theater-injured soldiers four times a year to Lake Amistad," said Mike Starkey, one of a dozen volunteers that have been making this program possible for a decade.

The organization, founded by Mike Mundy of Midland, offers these fishing trips to Lake Amistad to wounded soldiers across the country honoring their service, but also as a way to provide them with a little peace, fishing therapy and comradery.

The trip is cost-free from the moment they get into a plane until they are flown back home, and is specifically intended for soldiers that have been injured — either physically or otherwise — in active-theater.

"What really makes these fishing trips so special," said Reel Thanx board of directors member Mike Hutt, "is that each one of the soldiers go home with one of our volunteers, we do not use hotel rooms at all because we want for them to feel that we care and that we are all the same."

They chose Lake Amistad for its over 1,000 miles of shoreline, spectacular views and top-notch fishing, in addition to having been voted the top bass fishing lake in the U.S.

The operation is run by a group of about 16 volunteers, but since its inception the program has grown thanks to the integration of alumni, as well as agencies, businesses and other organizations that have joined the cause.

On a typical trip the soldiers fly into Midland on Thursday, leave the airport escorted by the Patriot Guard Riders, and are honored by the Midland County Sheriff's Office and the North East Midland County Fire Department on their way to dinner.

Next day after breakfast, these war heroes are escorted out of Midland County by the Sheriff's Office, and arrive to Ozona just in time for lunch.

Hutt said people in Ozona has been very uplifting and welcoming, and that a group of volunteers prepares lunch for them every time they come through. Every time in a different place, and every time there is something new.

"This last trip we got to meet the middle school honor students," Hutt said.

The caravan of boats and vehicles is greeted and escorted into Val Verde County by the Val Verde County Sheriff's Department.

Helping wounded soldiers heal one fish at a time, Reel Thanx has received with open arms military men from all five branches, and from almost every single one of the 50 states.

"We have never flown anybody from Hawaii," Hutt said.

With six soldiers per trip the nonprofit has seen approximately 228 GIs graduate from the Amistad Lake program.

Hutt, a Reel Thanx alumni himself, said the fishing trips provide the peace of mind needed by the wounded warriors, and for some is a life-changing experience and a way to receive the recognition they never had.

"Some had to leave the war zone in a cot, were airlifted and went straight into a hospital," he said. "They never had the opportunity to get the recognition they deserve."

Starkey, a volunteer with Reel Thanx since May 2011, said that he joined the program invited by Mike Mundy when they were one fishing boat short. Ever since he has become a firm believer in the fishing therapy and is a regular in these trips.

"Volunteers go out in the boat with each one of the soldiers, is a one-on-one experience at the lake. Some are regular fishermen but others have never fished before," said Starkey.

Reel Thanx relies in donations and has received serious support from different businesses and organizations. HEB provides food for the program, the Odessa American Legion volunteers to cook the meals, and they also receive donations from individuals in the community.

The organization is funded through two annual fundraisers, a clay shoot in March, and a fishing tournament held at Lake Amistad in October. This year the fishing tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 28.

The 9th Reel Thanx Steve Main Memorial has a first place guaranteed cash prize of $2,500, and cash prizes to the eight highest ranked teams. The tournament is dedicated to the memory of Steve Main, one of the greatest supporters of Reel Thanx and our service members.

For more information on the fishing tournament, sponsorships or how to help recognize these service members go to reelthanx.org.

MRT file photo

Midlanders and Lee High Air Force JrROTC members hold flags and shake hands March 6, 2015 with a group of veterans heading out to fish at Lake Amistad with Reel Thanx.

Homeowners: We weren't warned about flooding risks

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

KATY — More than 20 years before Hurricane Harvey, officials in suburban Houston were aware that a heavy storm could cause a reservoir to overflow and inundate nearby homes with water. So they issued a warning to potential home buyers.

But they put the warning in an obscure place: deep in the same public land records that list street dimensions and the layout of utilities in a subdivision.

Now many of the 3,000 suburban Houston homeowners who were flooded during Harvey question whether local officials did enough to caution them about the dangers of flooding from big rainstorms.

"A disclosure like this shouldn't have been buried in county records," said Eli Magaña, who with his wife, Marcela, knew nothing of the warning or that his home was near the usually dry reservoir when they bought it less than a year ago.

Last week, the Maganas were tearing out and cleaning the inside of their home, which stood in 4 feet of water for more than a week. The couple wore thick gloves and dust masks as they sprayed disinfectant on exposed wooden beams. A huge pile of debris sat on their front lawn.

Fort Bend County's top elected official said homeowners have a right to be upset, but information about the flooding risk around the Barker Reservoir was available if they had done research. Judge Robert Hebert acknowledged that he "wouldn't have researched to that extent" either.

"Hindsight being 20/20, if I had known this was going to happen, I would have let everybody know a couple of months ago," Hebert said.

The Barker Reservoir and a similar nearby basin, the Addicks Reservoir, were both built in the mid-1940s to collect excessive rainfall and release it downstream at a controlled rate. The lake beds are usually dry, with trees and tall grasses covering the low-lying terrain that also includes some parks. But when heavy rain arrives, the two reservoirs are designed to catch the deluge and prevent flooding in downtown Houston and other urban areas to the east.

Both dams sit mainly in Harris County, which includes Houston, but a portion of the Barker dam extends into neighboring Fort Bend County. The reservoirs are run by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

When developers began to build subdivisions just west and upstream of the Barker Reservoir in the 1990s, Fort Bend County officials debated whether to include the flood warning in an obscure land record known as a plat. Developers balked at the warning, but county officials decided to include it for parts of at least six subdivisions, Hebert said.

The existence of the plat was first reported by The Dallas Morning News.

The language said simply that subdivisions near the Barker Reservoir could be "subject to extended controlled inundation" under the management of the Corps of Engineers.

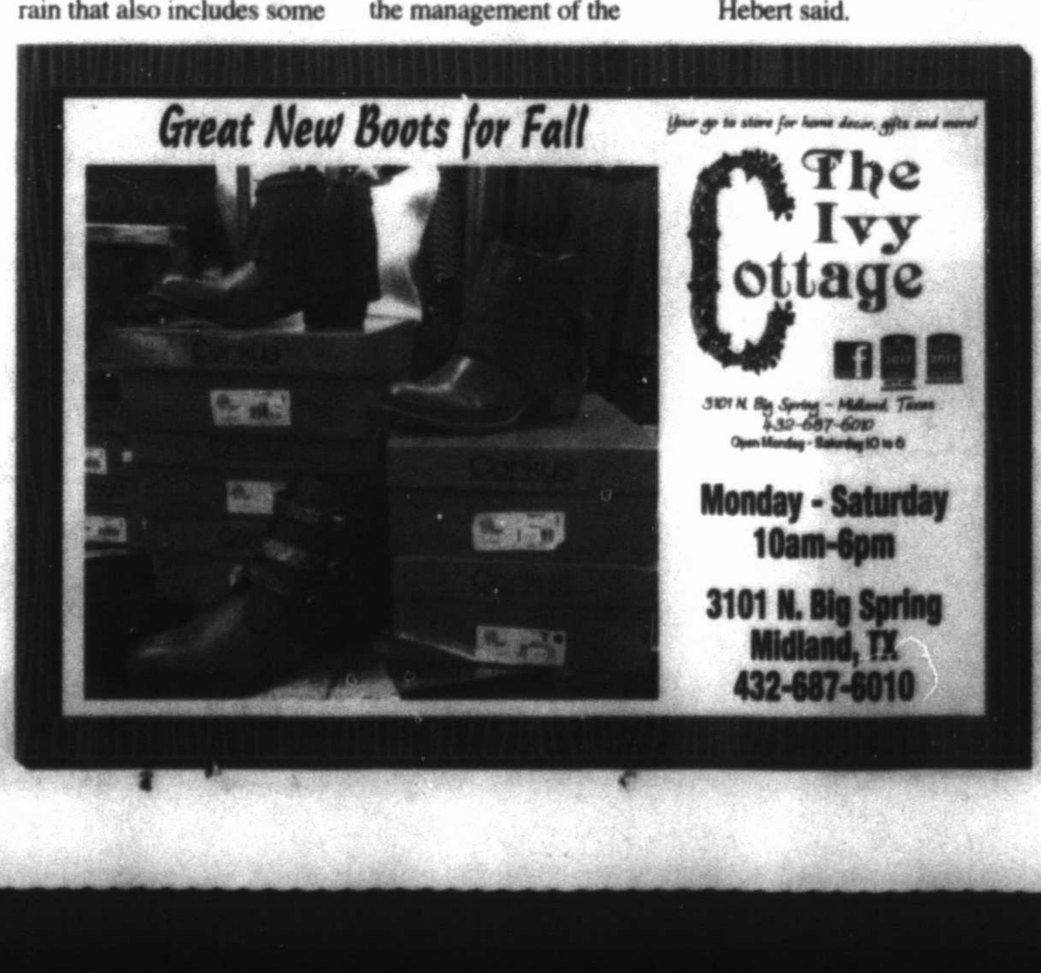
"Whether or not the people were advised that statement existed, I don't know," said Hebert, adding that he understood that Texas does not require any such warning to be included in closing documents.

Magana said the warning was not mentioned in any of the documents he received when he bought his home in December. Many of his neighbors did not know about it either.

Because their houses are not considered to be in a 100-year floodplain, many of the affected homeowners, including Magana, did not have flood insurance. A home in such a floodplain has a 1 percent chance each year of being flooded.

"Either buy us out or fix the flood-management system," said Binay Anand, an engineer whose home was filled with 2 1/2 feet of water.

But because they are not in the 100-year floodplain, the homeowners will probably be ineligible for any kind of government buyout, Hebert said.



Fees

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to city officials.

Other possible fee increases include those at Hogan Park Golf Course. Raising daily and weekend green and cart fees could raise nearly $200,000 annually.

While there are not increased fee requests from the Parks Division, there is a fee proposed for the city's water parks, including one that charges $10 to bring a personal cooler into the pool area. Life jacket rental fee and increased pool rentals also could help raise more than $35,000.

Increased fees on health department services, specifically drug costs, could bring in another $159,990 — more than half of the $296,347 in expected revenue from fee increases from the Health and Senior Services division. The increases range from $5 (flu, adult Zoster) to $30 (Proquad) to $55 (Trumenba). Food vendors, food services establishments, child care programs and swimming pool permits (or spas) also face increases. There is also a fee increase for septic system inspections.

More than $308,000 could come from fee increases through the Water and Sewer Maintenance Department. Fee increases to sewer taps could provide $130,000 of that total, while fee increases to water meters and taps could provide more than $144,000.

A change in the fee schedule in Code Administration (building permits and "stand-alone mechanical, electrical and plumbing permits) could land another $100,000.

Proposed increases

Following are some of the fee increases proposed Tuesday by city staff:

Parks Division: Not requesting increased fees

Recreation Division: increased fee to bring personal cooler into pool area ($0 to $10), Soda costs ($0 to $2), Life jacket rental fee ($0 to $1), Life jacket deposit ($0 to $1), two-hour private pool rentals ($600 to $700). Projected revenue increase: $35,400

Community Services
Health and Senior Services Division:
Mobile food vendors ($40-$100 to $60-$150), Food Services establishments ($25-175 to $75-$250), Child care programs ($20-60 to $50-$100), Swimming pool permit or spa ($20-75 to $30-$100), septic system inspections ($100-150 to $150-210), Health Department services ($20-$225 to $25-$240). Projected revenue increase: $296,347

Animal Services Division:
Not requesting increased fees

Sports Complex
Sports Complex Division:
Football stadium (for professional football and soccer), $1 fee on tickets; baseball stadium for RockHounds tickets), $1 fee. Projected revenue increase $278,057

Golf course:
Weekdays before 4 p.m., ($11.75-14.50 to $16.50); weekdays after 4 p.m., ($9.25 to 11.25); weekends before 4 p.m. ($14.50-19.50 to $21.50), weekends after 4 p.m. ($9.25 to $11.25); Green fee — senior, $9.50 to $11.50; junior, $7.50 to $9.50; cart fee $11.75-$12.75 Projected revenue increase: $199,357

Development Services
Planning Division: Plan applications, $125 to $225; Plat applications, $150-$250 to $250 to $500; annexation/zone change, $400-550 to $500-650; application fee, $500 to $600; credit access business, $25 to $50; special use permits, $75-300 to $400; temporary land use, $200-300; site plan review, $550-650; vacation application, $300-400; dedications, $300-400; creation of Building site, $300-400; master sign plan, $200-300. Projected revenue increase: $31,416
Code Administration Division: Building permit, $3 per $1,000 of construction costs to $3.50 per $1,000 of construction costs; standalone mechanical, electrical and plumbing, permits, $30 to 50. Projected revenue increase: $100,000
Street Improvement Fund: Street improvement fee (from $2 to $2.50 per $1,000 building valuation). Projected revenue increase: $133,917.

Water and Sewer Maintenance:
Water meters and tap fees ($40-$375 to $215-$3,170, Sewer taps ($350-$400 to $1,000-$1,100), fire hydrants ($200-$500), water sample tests ($18-40). Projected revenue increase: $308,306

Rise

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a school bond issue and tax ratification election in November.

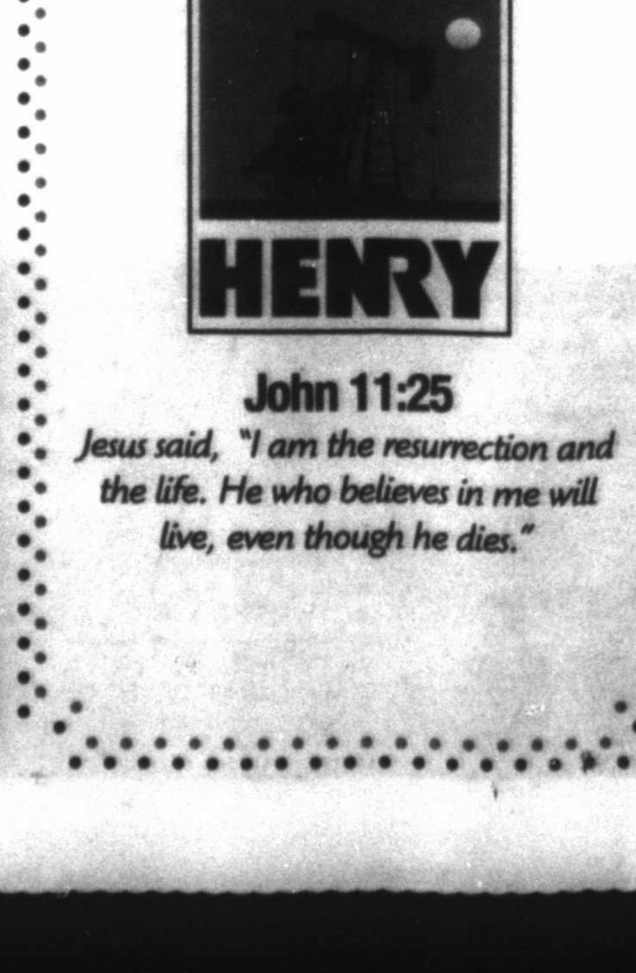
Payton expects that as Midland and Odessa come together for a race to the top, they will challenge each other, such as in education. Both Midland ISD and Ector County ISD are ranked near the bottom of the state's largest districts.

"We will challenge each other not only on the football field but will challenge each other to greatness in education and challenge each other in health care," Payton said. "We will rise together."

Payton said the Metaxas event will be the first of many "conversations" involving both the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and Midland College. He said former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is another speaker on his radar.

While action is needed, Payton said it remains to be seen what will take place beyond lecture events at the cities' respective institutions of higher learning.

Payton said the two cities are connected, and those involved in the effort must keep pressing.



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Satire
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1. the use of irony, sarcasm, ridicule, or the like, in exposing, denouncing, or deriding vice, folly, etc.

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Things to do

■ Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Meditation with Art with Lynn Alsup, 6 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

■ Kundalini Yoga with Kasie Lunson, 6:30 p.m., Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. Bring your own mat and dress in comfortable clothing. $5.

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

■ Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m., Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

Craddick kick-off event

Christi Craddick will kick off her campaign to remain on the Railroad Commission from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. today at the Petroleum Museum.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Laurie Johnson, director of Nonprofit Management Center, addresses the audience at the Beacon Awards luncheon, which was Tuesday at Midland Country Club. The annual awards recognize volunteers and staff of Midland's nonprofit sector. Photos of the winners can be seen at mrt.com and will be published in Friday's Faith & Philantghropy section.

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

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-1-7
Pick 3 day: 6-2-3
Pick 3 evening: 1-8-0
Pick 3 night: 8-2-2
Daily 4 morning: 6-4-2-3
Daily 4 day: 8-7-6-7
Daily 4 evening: 6-8-4-6
Daily 4 night: 1-7-4-8
Cash Five: 3-10-15-34-36
Triple Chance: 3-6-16-21-26-33-37-39-41-44

Mega Millions: 1-10-57-66-75 BB: 4 Megaplier: 4
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-4-7-8-10-11-12-15-19-21-24
All or Nothing day: 1-4-7-8-9-11-13-18-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-7-9-10-11-12-14-15-18-19-20-21
All or Nothing night: 3-4-5-6-11-15-16-18-19-20-22-24

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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures
High 77
Low 65
Normal high 84
Normal low 59

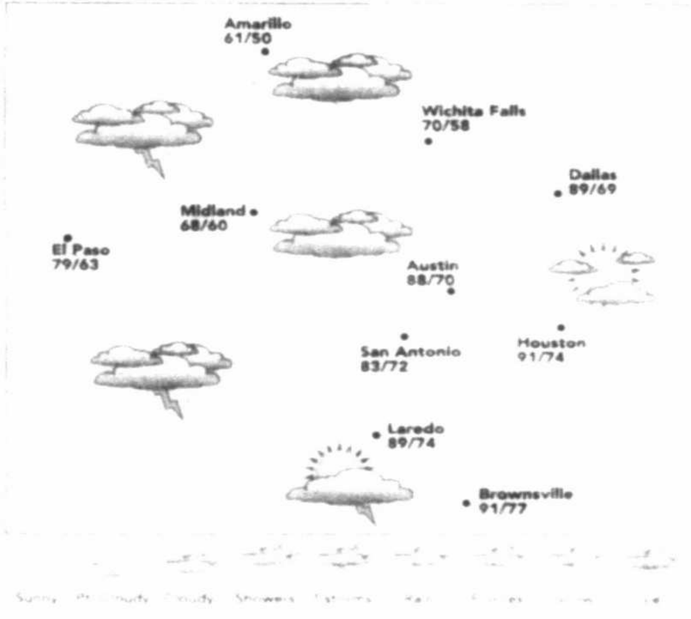
Sept. 26's records
Record high: 105 set in 1977
Record low: 44 set in 1989

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.70 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.47 in.
Month total ..... 2.27 in.
Year total ..... 15.01 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 11.36 in.

Winds
Average: 8.1 mph
Highest sustained: 21 mph
Highest gust: 30 mph

Today's forecast
High: 67

Forecast for Wednesday, September 27, 2017



Low: 60
Conditions: Showers during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 15-20 mph during the day and night

Chance of rain: 80 percent during the day/60 percent at night
Sunrise 7:40 a.m.
Sunset 7:38 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 Sagittarius if born before 11:24 a.m. Afterward, the Moon will be in Capricorn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017:** This year you will sort through many different ideas until you are sure of yourself. No matter how trivial the issue might be, you will go through this process. Your ability to look past the obvious helps you succeed. If you are single, someone quite exotic could enter your life. You also might meet someone through work. If you are attached, you and your sweetie communicate with excellence, and you love swapping news and jokes. The two of you might move or remodel your home. CAPRICORN gives you sound financial advice.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Be realistic, and don't view a dream or promotion as being inevitable. Bypass confusion, and deal directly with a parent or higher-up. Use your spontaneity and creativity to brainstorm, and you'll find an unusual yet effective way to deal with someone who has clout. **Tonight:** Out late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could be in a position where you will want to change a partner's mind about a key issue. Try as you may, you likely will only create more confusion in this person's mind. Cruise past a problem. You'll gain insight as you process a friend's response. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might want to think more carefully about what you are doing. Extremes mark your interactions with a loved one. Know that this person's smile can change your mood. The unexpected continues to keep life exciting, especially in meetings. **Tonight:** In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You could be dealing with issues that need to be cleared up ASAP. You are building greater security and understanding between you and others. A higher-up could act in an unpredictable manner. Don't block this person's energy. **Tonight:** On top of your game.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening with a loved one. Give this person some space and time to open up. Focus on your errands, a project or whatever is on your to-do list. Your stress level will lessen once you dive into your routine. **Tonight:** Expect the unexpected.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ What you say and how you say it make a big difference. You know this to be true, but you'll really put this concept into practice today. As a result, others will be more responsive than you had thought possible. Try to be more open. **Tonight:** Join friends, but pay your bills first.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You will want to rethink a decision with greater care. After seeing a family member's or close associate's reaction, you'll recognize that a new solution needs to be found. A loved one might suggest an off-the-wall idea that could have some validity. **Tonight:** Sort through offers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Reach out to someone you really care about. You might be surprised by how enthusiastically this person greets your idea. Your instincts are right-on. Return calls and stay in touch with key people. Take a walk to clear your mind. **Tonight:** Meet friends for drinks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your finances take high priority in the afternoon. You might have difficulty getting others to agree with you about a project that involves extra spending. Keep brainstorming, and an unexpected idea could help make this project possible. **Tonight:** Take a midweek break.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You could be out of sorts in the morning, but you will bounce back in the afternoon. A surprise or an unexpected development piques your interest. You have a lot of questions, so start asking. You'll need more info in order to get a better grasp on the situation. **Tonight:** All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ I see the morning to further your cause or to get others to agree with you. Your perspective is likely to make sense to those around you. Slow down in the afternoon, as you might need a change of pace. You will accomplish a lot if you stay focused. **Tonight:** Not to be found.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might need to give a full explanation of what is going on within a certain situation. You also will need to accept responsibility for what has happened. In the afternoon, a conversation with a friend will help you to be more upbeat. **Tonight:** Where your friends are.

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Trump suddenly focuses on Puerto Rico, promises visit, aid

By Laurie Kellman and Darlene Superville
Associated Press

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People line up with gas cans to get fuel from a gas station Monday, in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The U.S. ramped up its response Monday to the humanitarian crisis in Puerto Rico while the Trump administration sought to blunt criticism that its response to Hurricane Maria has fallen short of it efforts in Texas and Florida after the recent hurricanes there.

WASHINGTON — Suddenly, just about all President Donald Trump can talk about is Puerto Rico.

After not mentioning hurricane-devastated island for days, Trump on Tuesday pushed back aggressively and repeatedly against criticism that he had failed to quickly grasp the magnitude of Maria's destruction or give the U.S. commonwealth the top-priority treatment he had bestowed on Texas, Louisiana and Florida after previous storms.

Trump announced that he would visit Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands next week. He tweeted about Puerto Rico's needs. He talked about Puerto Rico during a meeting on tax cuts. He raised the subject at a Rose Garden news conference with the prime minister of Spain.

And he attended a hurricane briefing. He called a meeting of agency heads tasked with helping Puerto Rico recover, and sent top officials out to the White House driveway to talk to reporters. FEMA Administrator Brock Long delivered specifics: 16 Navy and Coast Guard ships in the waters around Puerto Rico and 10 more on the way.

Throughout, Trump stressed that Puerto Rico's governor had praised the federal response, characterizing Ricardo Rossello as "so thankful of the job we're doing."

Six days after Marie struck the island, conditions in Puerto Rico remain dire, with 3.4 million people virtually without electrical power and short of food and water. Flights off the island are infrequent, communications are spotty and roads are clogged with debris. Officials said electrical power may not be fully restored for more than a month.

Trump, who had proposed visiting Puerto Rico earlier this month, said that next Tuesday was the earliest he could get there without disrupting recovery efforts.

His public focus in recent days on other matters, particularly his extended commentary on NFL players who kneel during the National Anthem, generated criticism that he was giving Puerto Rico short shrift after devoting considerable public attention to storm damage in Texas and Florida.

Rep. Nydia Velazquez, D-N.Y., said she had been concerned that Trump's continued tweets about NFL players showed he didn't grasp the severity of the crisis. She warned that if he didn't start taking it seriously, "this is going to be your Katrina," referring to criticism of President George W. Bush following the slow federal response to Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

And it wasn't just Democrats.

"The crisis for these Americans needs more attention — and more urgency from the executive branch," tweeted Republican Sen. Ben Sasse of Nebraska, a frequent Trump critic. Florida GOP Sen. Marco Rubio concurred, tweeting about San Juan, "MUST get power crews in ASAP."

"We have a fundamental obligation to Puerto Rico to respond to a hurricane there the way we would anywhere in the country. #HurricaneMaria," Rubio tweeted Tuesday.

For any president, there's much to be gained politically from ably handling the government's response to natural disasters, and Trump is no exception. His approval ratings in the most recent Gallup tracking poll ticked up, to 39 percent, after his trips to survey damage from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in Texas and Florida.

But Trump's fixation on Puerto Rico on Tuesday stood in sharp contrast to his focus on other matters between Maria's landfall Sept. 20 and Monday, including his fight with the NFL over football players protesting during the National Anthem. The president has tweeted about the NFL more than two dozen times since Friday.

By Monday, Democrats, Republicans and Rossello were emphasizing that Puerto Ricans are Americans, too.

Trump was intent on showing he'd gotten the message — but still wasn't ready to set aside the NFL issue entirely.

"We are totally focused on that," Trump said Tuesday of the growing crisis on the U.S. island. "But at the same time, it doesn't take me long to put out a wrong and maybe we'll get it right. I think it's a very important thing for the NFL to not allow people to kneel during the playing of our National Anthem."

Even as Trump insisted he has plenty of time to prioritize both issues — "All I do is work," he said Tuesday — criticism lingered.

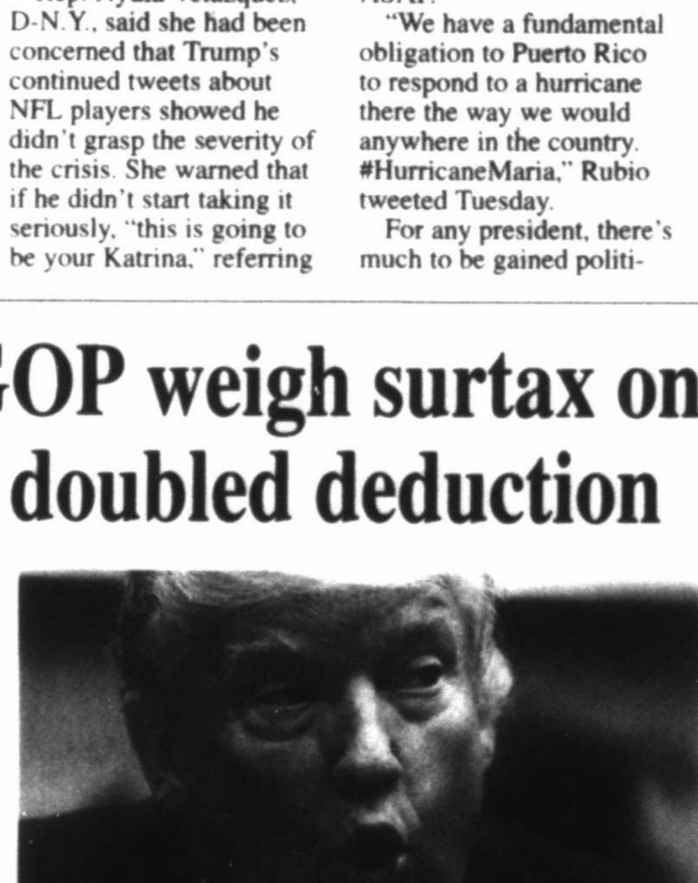
Particularly galling to Trump's critics were his first tweets since last Wednesday when he urged people on the island to stay safe as Maria came ashore. In a trio of tweets on Monday night, he suggested that Puerto Rico was suffering in part because it had incurred "billions of dollars" in debt to "Wall Street and the banks which, sadly, must be dealt with."

"Texas & Florida are doing great but Puerto Rico, which was already suffering from broken infrastructure & massive debt, is in deep trouble." Still, he promised, "Food, water and medical are top priorities — and doing well."

Rep. Joe Crowley, D-N.Y., said it was "absolutely ridiculous" for Trump to mention Puerto Rico's debt "when people are suffering and dying. Here's a president who's used bankruptcy throughout his entire career."

Trump, GOP weigh surtax on wealthy, doubled deduction

By Marcy Gordon and Andrew Taylor
Associated Press



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President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with members of the House Ways and Means committee in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on Tuesday in Washington.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans are considering an income tax surcharge on the wealthy and doubling the standard deduction given to most Americans, with the GOP under pressure to overhaul the tax code after the collapse of the health care repeal.

On the eve of the grand rollout of the plan, details emerged on Capitol Hill on Tuesday while Trump personally appealed to House Republicans and Democrats at the White House to get behind his proposal.

"We will cut taxes tremendously for the middle class. Not just a little bit but tremendously," Trump said as he met with members of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. He predicted jobs "will be coming back in because we have a non-competitive tax structure right now and we're going to go super competitive."

Among the details: repeal of the tax on multimillion-dollar estates, a reduction in the corporate rate from 35 percent to 20 percent and potentially four tax brackets, down from the current seven. The current top rate for individuals, those earning more than $418,000 a year, is 39.6 percent.

The goal is a more simple tax code that would spur economic growth and make U.S. companies more competitive. Delivering on the top legislative goal will be crucial for Republicans intent on holding onto their majorities in next year's midterm elections.

The tax overhaul plan assembled by the White House and GOP leaders, which would slash the rate for corporations, aims at the first major revamp of the tax system in three decades. It would deliver a major Trump campaign pledge.

The outlines of the plan were described by GOP officials who demanded anonymity to disclose private deliberations.

The plan would likely cut the tax rate for the wealthiest Americans from 39.6 percent to 35 percent. A new surcharge on wealthy taxpayers might soften the appearance of the wealthiest Americans and big corporations benefiting from generous tax cuts.

Republicans already were picking at the framework, pointing up how divisions within GOP ranks can complicate efforts to overhaul taxes as has happened with the series of moves to repeal the Obama health care law.

Details of the proposal crafted behind closed doors over months by top White House economic officials, GOP congressional leaders and the Republican heads of tax-writing panels in the House and Senate were set to be released Wednesday. Trump and the Republicans were putting the final touches on the plan when the Democrats were brought in. A senior Democrat saw it as the opening of negotiations.

Trump had previously said he wanted a 15 percent rate for corporations, but House Speaker Paul Ryan has called that impractically low and has said it would risk adding to the soaring $20 trillion national debt.

Trump said Tuesday some of the components included doubling the standard deduction used by families and increasing the child care tax credit. He said the majority of Americans would be able to file their taxes on a single page. "We must make our tax code simple and fair. It's too complicated," Trump said.

Some conservative GOP lawmakers, meanwhile, dug their heels in on the shape of the plan.

Rep. Mark Meadows, head of the House Freedom Caucus, said he'd vote against tax legislation if it provided for a corporate tax rate over 20 percent, a rate for small businesses higher than 25 percent, or if it fails to call for a doubling of the standard deduction.

"That's the red line for me," Meadows said at a forum of conservative lawmakers. He noted he was speaking personally, not as head of the conservative grouping.

Disgruntlement came from Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., over the process of putting together the plan.

"I get that we want to move to 3 percent but I'd like to know how," Kennedy said referring to Trump's ambitious goal of annual growth in the economy through tax cuts. "I'm not much into all the secrecy," he said. "We need to do this by November, and at the rate we're going I'm not encouraged right now."

Sessions says free speech 'under attack' on college campuses

By Sadie Gurman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Decrying what he sees as political correctness run amok on college campuses, Attorney General Jeff Sessions said Tuesday the Justice Department will ramp up its support for students who sue universities claiming their free-speech rights have been violated.

The complexity of the free-speech issue was on display as Sessions spoke to an invitation-only crowd at Georgetown University's law school. About 200 protesters gathered outside in university-designated "free speech zones" and some students complained they were excluded from the Sessions event. But even as he lamented what he sees as a lack of tolerance for unpopular views on campus, Sessions condemned the NFL players who have been exercising their own freedom of expression by kneeling silently during the national anthem before games.

"These players, with all the assets they have, can express their political views without in effect denigrating the symbols of our nation, a nation that has provided our freedom to speak," Sessions said during a question-and-answer period.

In declaring free speech "under attack" on college campuses, Sessions dove into an issue that has become a cause celebre for conservatives who argue their voices are being drowned out on college campuses, with speeches by right-wing figures derailed by protests and threats of violence.

Demonstrations erupted this week at the University of California, Berkeley, around a planned four-day conservative event dubbed Free Speech Week, which was suddenly canceled. Sessions blamed administrators, saying they "coddle and encourage" by caving to protesters' demands.

"The American university was once the center of academic freedom, a place of robust debate, a forum for the competition of ideas," Sessions said. "But it is transforming into an echo chamber of political correctness and homogenous thought, a shelter for fragile egos."

As Sessions spoke, the Justice Department announced it would throw its support behind a student who sued Georgia Gwinnett College, arguing his rights were violated when administrators limited where he could preach Christianity on campus. The department filed a so-called statement of interest in the case, saying its concerns were heightened because the student had also alleged religious discrimination.

The crowd of invited students, staff and Justice Department employees was mostly friendly. But in at least one row, students sat silently in black with duct tape over their mouths.

"We respect your views no matter what they are," Sessions said in comments directed at protesters outside. "We will defend your views and the right to express them in appropriate and effective ways. We celebrate the diversity of opinion."

Sessions hasn't always been a vocal supporter of free expression. As an Alabama senator in 2006, he spoke out against flag burning, which the Supreme Court has ruled is free speech. He spoke then about the need for reasonable "time, place, and manner" restrictions on speech.

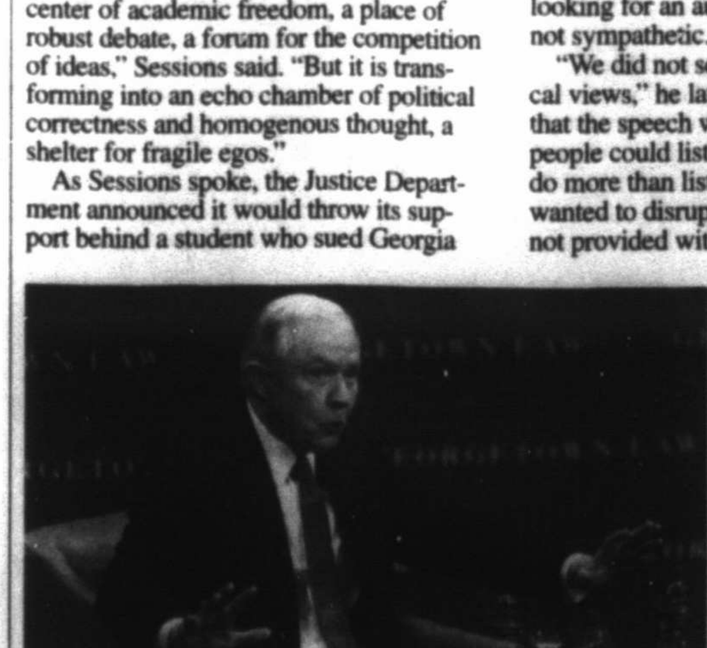
"In my view, the flag of the United States is a unique object, and prohibiting its desecration will not in any fundamental way alter the free expression of ideas in this country," he said at the time, in support of proposed constitutional amendment outlawing the practice.

Ambur Smith, 24, a third-year law student who was protesting outside, said holding a speech about free expression but limiting the audience was "hypocritical."

"He should be accountable to everyone in this country, let alone on this campus," she said. "It's a blatant contradiction of what it's supposed to be about."

But law professor Randy Barnett, who organized the event at the Justice Department's request, said he invited certain students from his classes because he was looking for an audience that would be civil, not sympathetic.

"We did not screen people for political views," he later told reporters, adding that the speech was livestreamed so more people could listen. "If they wanted to do more than listen and if they actually wanted to disrupt the event, then they were not provided with that opportunity."



Attorney General Jeff Sessions speaks Tuesday about free speech at the Georgetown University Law Center in Washington. Sessions says the U.S. Justice Department will intervene on behalf of people who sue colleges claiming their free speech rights were violated. *Manuel Balce Ceneta/Associated Press*

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In this Oct. 18, 2011, file photo, then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton checks her Blackberry from a desk inside a C-17 military plane upon her departure from Malta, in the Mediterranean Sea, bound for Tripoli, Libya. Differences between Hillary Clinton's email practices while secretary of state and revelations that officials in the Trump administration have used private email accounts for White House business have prompted charges of hypocrisy after Donald Trump made a campaign issue of the email practices by Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. Despite the uproar over the practice during the campaign, key Trump officials began using their own private email accounts just weeks after the election that they concede were sometimes used for official communication.

Trump aides told not to use personal phones — but some do

By Jeff Horwitz
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House officials are clearly instructed: Don't use your personal phones for official business. But some aides appear to have done it anyway, and it's getting fresh scrutiny along with questions about the use of personal email accounts.

The inquiries into private communication could prove uncomfortable for President Donald Trump, who relentlessly attacked Democratic opponent Hillary Clinton for her use of a private email account and server during her time as secretary of state.

Multiple current and former Trump White House officials have used private email accounts and texts from personal phones for private conversations, sometimes using encrypted messaging apps. That's despite clear directives not to use personal devices for administration business and to save the records if they do.

House lawmakers have requested more information about the use of private email addresses and texting or the use of messaging apps on personal phones. They're also asking about the oversight and record-keeping policies of the Trump White House. They acted after word surfaced that White House adviser Jared Kushner set up a private email account after the election to conduct work-related business.

Further, The New York Times recently reported the names of six close Trump advisers, including Kushner, Steve Bannon and Reince Priebus, who have used private email to discuss White House matters. Bannon and Priebus no longer work at the White House.

The extent of private communications on personal phones — or whether records were retained— is not clear.

Rep. Trey Gowdy, a South Carolina Republican who chairs the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and the top Democrat on that panel, Rep. Elijah Cummings, sent letters Monday to the White House general counsel and the State Department. They said they want more details on whether staffers are using personal emails, texting or encrypted messaging applications, and if they are preserving the records.

The Presidential Records Act requires senior White House staff members to preserve their professional communications, with the records eventually transferred to the National Archives. Electronic communications outside of official channels, such as private email or text messages on a staffer's personal phone, are supposed to be copied to a government account within 20 days.

White House aides are instructed as part of their training not to use personal devices for official business and are told to save records if they do, said two people with knowledge of administration practices.

A memorandum went out to all White House personnel in February outlining the rules. The memo, provided to The Associated Press, states that records rules apply to "other forms of electronic communication, including text messages." The memo adds: "You should not use instant messaging systems, social networks, or other internet-based means of electronic communication to conduct official business without the approval of the Office of the White House Counsel."

"Legally, the case is clear — you're supposed to save this stuff," said Alex Howard, deputy director of the Sunlight Foundation, which advocates for transparency and open record keeping in government.

Howard said that White House officials who sent and received messages via private channels did not necessarily violate the law — if they later forwarded those off-the-books communications to an official government account or preserved them in some other fashion.

"People will make mistakes," he said. "The key is. are those mistakes intentional."

One reason White House aides text from private phones is simple. They cannot send texts from their official phones, a policy set during the Obama administration. When Blackberry devices were standard, a White House communications system automatically archived those messages.

When smartphones supplanted Blackberries, however, White House information technology administrators adopted a new policy: No texts at all.

"With iOS and text, you could get messages (and malware) from anyone," said Tony Scott, Barack Obama's federal chief information officer from 2015 until the end of Obama's second term. The decision to disable texting was made "more from a security perspective than anything else."

Trump White House officials aren't the first to come under scrutiny for private communications. In 2010, the White House deputy chief technology officer, Andrew McLaughlin, was reprimanded for using a Gmail account to communicate with his former colleagues at Google.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders told reporters Monday that the use of private email accounts by staff is "to my knowledge, very limited."

"White House counsel has instructed all White House staff to use their government email for official business, and only use that email," she said, adding that "we get instructed on this one pretty regularly."

How email practices of Clinton and Trump advisers differ

Hillary Clinton's email practices while secretary of state differed from the reported use of private email accounts by several officials in the Trump administration. Based on what we know so far, here are the key differences.

Hillary Clinton

As secretary of state, Hillary Clinton maintained multiple private servers, including one stored at her home in New York state, for email that she used for most of her official communication. An FBI investigation of the practice found that some of the tens of thousands of emails handled by the private account included classified material.

A probe led by then-FBI Director James Comey found no evidence of intentional transmission of classified material and cleared Clinton and some of her aides of potential criminal charges. Comey called the practice "extremely careless." During the campaign, Trump repeatedly called for Clinton to be prosecuted and cited Comey's decision as evidence that the U.S. justice system was "rigged." Moreover, Clinton deleted more than 33,000 of her emails that she said were not related to her government work.

Trump Administration

Despite the uproar over the practice during the campaign, key Trump officials began using their own private email accounts just weeks after the election and concede they were sometimes used for official communication. The New York Times reports that at least six Trump advisers, including Jared Kushner and former aides Steve Bannon and Reince Priebus, used private email to discuss White House matters.

There is no evidence so far that any classified material was transmitted through private email accounts, and the White House says the accounts were used only sporadically. A congressional panel has demanded information on the practice.

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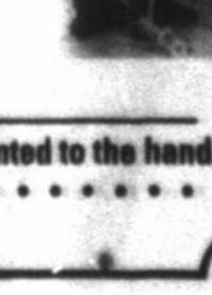
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Twitter's 280-character limit to be tested by small group

Hayley Tsukayam
The Washington Post

■ ANALYSIS

Twitter chief executive Jack Dorsey last year made a definitive announcement about the company's famous 140-character count amid rumors that the firm would substantially relax the limit. "It's staying," Dorsey told the "Today" show's Matt Lauer. "It's a good constraint for us."

On Tuesday, the company took it back — for some people, at least.

Starting Tuesday, Twitter said, it's testing a feature to let some users double the amount of characters allowed in a tweet. The 280-character limit will only be available to a small group of people on the site. When asked for more information, Twitter said it would be a "single-digit percentage" of its 328 million users — so, millions — who will be "randomly chosen."

The company declined to comment directly on how it's choosing those people or why it changed its mind about sticking to its 140-character limit. But in a company blog post, product manager Aliza Rosen and senior software engineer Ikuhiro Ihara said the team started looking into the restrictions of the 140-character limit after noticing differences among languages.

Some languages — specifically Chinese, Japanese and Korean — allow for greater expression in fewer characters, Rosen and Ihara said.

"We see that a small percent of tweets sent in Japanese have 140 characters (only 0.4%). But in English, a much higher percentage of tweets have 140 characters (9%). Most Japanese tweets are 15 characters while most English tweets are 34," the post said.

The 280-character test will roll out in all languages except for Chinese, Japanese and Korean. It's true that some languages allow each character to count for more. My own last name, Tsukayama, is nine letters in English; phonetically in Japanese, it's four letters. If you use Japanese kanji characters, it's three.

But Twitter users in other languages have found workarounds to bypass the 140-character limit. It's common to see someone send out a thread, or "Twitterstorm," by signaling that their thoughts are going to come in several bite-sized chunks — i.e., typing 1/6 to note the first installment of six related tweets. Twitter itself did this Tuesday morning, when addressing why it hasn't suspended President Donald Trump from its platform. Dorsey himself has used a common workaround — posting an image of longer text — to get around the character limit, even while extolling the virtues of brevity early last year.

It's surprising that Twitter would revisit such an integral part of its network, especially after definitively stating the 140-character limit would remain. And, judging by the post, the company clearly expects some backlash (perhaps after seeing the reaction to the rumors Dorsey felt compelled to address on the "Today" show).

"Although we feel confident about our data and the positive impact this change will have, we want to try it out with a small group of people before we make a decision to launch to everyone," the blog post said. "We understand since many of you have been tweeting for years, there may be an emotional attachment to 140 characters — we felt it, too. But we tried this, saw the power of what it will do, and fell in love with this new, still brief, constraint."

Despite the big announcement, Twitter is being pretty quiet about how this will look to the everyday Twitter user — how likely they are to see the feature on their own accounts, the accounts of others in their timeline, or perhaps in the hands of a certain tweeter-in-chief.

But one thing that's telling: Rosen and Ihara said that "in all markets, when people don't have to cram their thoughts into 140 characters and actually have some to spare, we see more people tweeting — which is awesome!"

Twitter explains why Trump North Korea tweet wasn't removed

WASHINGTON — Twitter cited President Donald Trump's "newsworthiness" and the public interest as reasons why it declined to remove a tweet that added to the fiery rhetoric between the United States and North Korea.

Trump tweeted Saturday: "Just heard Foreign Minister of North Korea speak at U.N. If he echoes thoughts of Little Rocket Man, they won't be around much longer!" On Monday, North Korea's top diplomat called the tweet a declaration of war. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders responded by calling the suggestion of such a declaration "absurd."

Twitter's rules state users "may not make threats of violence or promote violence, including threatening or promoting terrorism." This includes direct as well as indirect threats.

The company responded to questions about why Trump's tweet wasn't removed Monday by posting in a series of messages on its public policy account that "newsworthiness" is one of the factors it considers in determining if a tweet breaks the platform's rules.

"This has long been internal policy and we'll soon update our public-facing rules to reflect it," one message read. "We need to do better on this, and will."

The company also stated it is "committed to transparency and keeping people informed about what's happening in the world."

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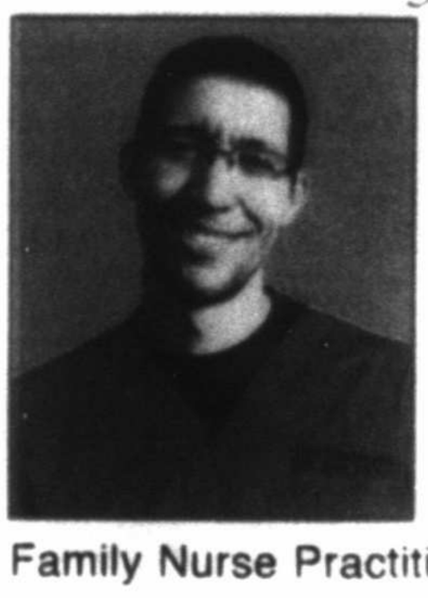
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OPINION

Disrespecting the flag to protest Trump is disgraceful

MARC THIESSEN
Special to the Washington Post

This weekend, the more than 100 NFL players who refused to stand during the national anthem were met with boos from crowds in stadiums across America — and deservedly so.

Playing in London, Baltimore Ravens and Jacksonville Jaguars players wouldn't stand for the U.S. national anthem but did for "God Save the Queen" in the very country we fought to win our independence.

Worse, the players held their disgraceful protest on National Gold Star Mother's Day, the day our country honors mothers who have lost children in war. A Gold Star mother whose son died in Afghanistan told CNN last year that when she first saw players taking a knee, "my heart kind of stopped and I lost my breath because the flag that I see is the flag that draped my son's casket." Imagine what she and other Gold Star mothers felt seeing 100 players do the same on the very day our country set aside to thank them.

Way to go, NFL.

In Pittsburgh, only one player — Alejandro Villanueva — a former Army Ranger who lost brothers in arms fighting under that flag — came out of the locker room to stand for the anthem. He was criticized for doing so by his coach. The fans' response? Sales of Villanueva jerseys skyrocketed.

What these players don't seem to understand is that Americans gave their lives so that they could have the freedom to play a kids' game for a living. When players disrespect the flag, they disrespect that sacrifice. And it would not matter if they had done so to protest Donald Trump or Barack Obama — their actions would be equally offensive. If NFL players want to protest the president, they have plenty of other ways. Attend a rally. Speak out on Twitter. Tell the media after the game, "I stood up for America but I stand against Donald Trump." But don't show contempt for the flag.

Were President Donald Trump's comments urging owners to fire players who refused to stand incendiary? Sure. Were they politically calculated? No doubt. But that does not change the fact that he is right. And he did not start this fight. Colin Kaepernick and a handful of players did. Moreover, Trump is not the first president to speak out against disrespect for the flag. In 1988, Republican George H.W. Bush excoriated his Democratic opponent, Michael Dukakis, for vetoing a bill requiring Massachusetts teachers to lead their students in the Pledge of Allegiance. As president he proposed a constitutional amendment to outlaw desecration of the flag.

Yes, athletes do have a constitutional right to engage in speech that is offensive to millions of Americans. But the First Amendment does not protect them from the consequences of their offensive speech. There is no constitutional right to play professional football. If an NFL player stood on the sidelines and hurled racial epithets, his speech would be protected by the First Amendment. He would also be fired.

The NFL's game operations manual says that "all players must be on the sideline for the National Anthem" and must "stand at attention, face the flag, hold helmets in their left hand, and refrain from talking" or face discipline "such as fines, suspensions, and/or the forfeiture of draft choice(s)." The league regularly penalizes players for dancing in the end zone, but it allows players to violate the rules regarding the national anthem with impunity.

The NFL is also selective when it comes to the kind of speech it protects. Last September, the Dallas Cowboys asked for permission to wear helmet stickers in honor of police officers massacred in Dallas earlier last year. The league refused. So the NFL will not allow players to express their support for police with a tiny helmet decal, but it lets them disrespect the flag while distorting the work of police officers across the country?

The players' behavior is hurting the league. NFL viewership is at its lowest point since 1998, and ESPN reports that "national anthem protests were the top reason that NFL fans watched fewer games last season, according to a new survey released by J.D. Power." Indeed, "Sunday Night Football" had its worst ratings of the season this weekend, as millions of Americans turned off their sets in disgust.

If the NFL won't stop its players from disrespecting the flag, then maybe Congress should take a second look at some of the federal benefits the NFL enjoys. For example, the NFL gets a special antitrust exemption in U.S. law. Democrats in Congress have already been debating whether the league should be stripped of this exemption because of its weak response to domestic violence allegations against players. Perhaps Republicans angry over anthem protests will now be willing to join them? And this might also be a good time for some public hearings into the NFL's efforts to interfere with concussion research at the National Institutes of Health.

Last year, National Hockey League coach John Tortorella declared, "If any of my players sit on the bench for the national anthem, they will sit there the rest of the game."

Hey, NFL, take a cue from the NHL. Every coach and owner should tell his players the same.

GUEST VIEW

Media darling McCain owns Obamacare

The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colorado)

Don't call it Obamacare. President Barack Obama served his country and quietly left office.

The Affordable Care Act survives as the legacy of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. He led the charge against repealing the law in July and pledges to defeat another repeal this month.

He won't let anyone stop the failed health care law, so long as the left rewards him for defending it. He offers no ideas for improving access and lowering costs.

Call the failed system McCain Care, after a man who values media adoration above all.

McCain was in a political dogfight last fall for what would become his sixth consecutive six-year term.

Just as the November election reached the final stretch last October, the Department of Health and Human Services announced staggering Obamacare premium hikes averaging 25 percent for midlevel benchmark plans. The report said 1 in 5 Obamacare consumers would have only one plan to choose from.

For Arizona, the news was much worse. Hit hardest by Obamacare, the government said monthly premiums for a typical Arizona 20-something with a benchmark "silver" plan would increase 116 percent in 2017. The price would go from $196 to $422.

No one was quicker to feign outrage than McCain, who needed to win an election. He angrily called the Affordable Care Act a "failure." He pledged to lead an effort to repeal the law in the coming congressional session.

"Arizona families are demanding affordability, accessibility and choice when it comes to their health care — not the expensive, restrictive and poor quality care that has been forced upon them by Obamacare," McCain said.

The senator sanctioned a TV ad with a voiceover and written text that said "John McCain is leading the fight to STOP Obamacare." The ad ended with "I'm John McCain and I approved this message."

After winning re-election as the man who would in all caps "STOP" Obamacare, McCain returned to his role as the media's go-to anti-conservative "Republican."

He marched onto the Senate floor July 27 to make a pronounced thumbs-down spectacle when voting against an Obamacare repeal bill President Donald Trump promised to sign. With McCain it would pass, without him it would fail.

Liberal MSNBC anchor Brian Williams gushed, calling McCain a "profile in courage." Liberal MSNBC correspondent Kasie Hunt credited McCain's vote to his "long legacy as a war hero." Less creative pundits rolled out "the maverick" moniker while looping video of McCain's "thumbs down" protest of repeal.

Swarmed by media after the vote, McCain did not exude the body language of someone who had made an agonizing decision to betray a promise. He smirked like a man basking in a hero's parade, sorry for nothing.

The Affordable Care act hurts people, in a manner best described by working-class advocate and former President Bill Clinton.

"You've got this crazy system where all the sudden 25 million more people have health care and then the people are out there busting it, sometimes 60 hours a week, wind up with their premiums doubled and their coverage cut in half," Clinton said in October. "It's the craziest thing in the world."

That was only days before McCain learned premiums would more than double for his constituents.

At 81, "the maverick" probably won't seek another term. In Washington, 2,300 miles from Phoenix, McCain cares more about the media's crush on him than the constituents he blatantly deceived.

When premiums double again, don't blame Obama. Call it McCain Care, for the Republican who led a fight to sustain it.

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Team business isn't Trump's business

KEN HERMAN
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As long as we're having this important free-speech conversation, and hoping this conversation leads to the important race-relations conversation, let's make sure it's properly framed.

It most definitely is about freedom of speech, but maybe not in the way some people think.

President Donald Trump, having successfully solved all of our other problems, jumped mouth first into this one with his Friday night political rally remarks about the NFL players who kneel during "The Star-Spangled Banner." He spoke about how cool it would be if owners would fire those players: "Wouldn't you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, you'd say: 'Get that son of a bitch off the field right now. Out! He's fired.'"

As happens from time to time (day to day? hour to hour? tweet to tweet?), some folks recoiled in horror at Trump's remarks, including many who seem to think our president needs a lesson in the First Amendment. I'm pretty sure he does, especially when it comes to threatening to push new laws to curtail freedom of the press.

Forgive me if I sound a bit touchy on this, but, to me, curtailing freedom of the press is about as dangerous as it gets.

But what I'm steamed about this time is Trump's dangerous desire to tell private employers what to do. Seems counterintuitive for a business guy.

First, let's make it clear that NFL team owners — as Trump wants them to do — have a right to discipline or fire (subject to contractual agreements) an employee who, while on the job, says or does something the owner does not like. The concept of free speech is on the employers' side, protecting them from being forced to spend money to support political beliefs in which they don't believe.

The important concept embodied in the First Amendment is at work here. But the First Amendment itself is not. Here's the relevant part: "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The First Amendment is about you and your government. It's not about you and your employer, especially when you're at work and sometimes when you're not. Employers reserve the right to restrict employees' free speech. It could be for what you're saying. It could be for fear of adverse business impact. Signing paychecks brings certain prerogatives.

Planned Parenthood does not have to employ somebody who tells clients abortion is murder.

This newspaper tells staffers that we're "encouraged, even urged" to vote.

"However, because our profession requires stringent efforts against partiality and perceptions of bias, staff members should avoid political activity beyond that," the employee policy manual says. "Those who do not should be aware that their involvement may affect their duties at the paper. For example, marching in an abortion rally could preclude a reporter not only from covering that issue but perhaps other health issues."

Staffers also are cautioned that "if there is a reasonable chance that their outside activity could reflect on the fairness or credibility of the newspaper and its coverage, they should not become involved."

A restriction on free speech? Absolutely. An unfair restriction on free speech? Absolutely not.

The NFL and its individual teams are for-profit, privately held businesses — except the Green Bay Packers, who are nonprofit and community owned. Those team owners can restrict the at-work behavior of their employees.

In this situation, I have great respect for the owners who've decided to allow their employees to express their political views during the national anthem. I have even greater respect for the owners who stood with their employees during the national anthem.

I also have great respect for the players who take a knee to briefly divert our thoughts away from the three hours of entertainment to come. It is not disrespectful of the nation or the flag or the people who have fought to defend it. In fact, it enacts one of the most important notions for which those people fought. And my thoughts on this are driven by an overarching notion more important than any particular conversation.

In this conversation, what I don't have respect for is an ostensibly pro-business president who, in coarse language below the presidency, tries to tell private business owners how to run their private businesses.

Laissez-faire, Mr. President.

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From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Dylan Lovan/Associated Press

Tyler Witten, from left, John Holbrook and Jason Stone stand Feb. 1 on the steps of the Sanibel House in Catlettsburg, Ky. The three men have gone through residential treatment programs operated by Addiction Recovery Care, which is seeing many new patients who are covered under Kentucky's Medicaid expansion as part of the Affordable Care Act.

As health bill teeters, Medicaid recipients watch nervously

By Christina A. Cassidy and Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

With the latest Republican health care overhaul teetering near collapse, one group in particular is watching with heightened anxiety.

The debate in Congress is personal for many of those who gained coverage through Medicaid in the 31 states that expanded the program under former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act.

Alan Purser, who lives in eastern Arkansas, credits expanded Medicaid with saving his life, after a routine doctor's visit ended with him being hospitalized and treated for multiple blood clots in both lungs. The 60-year-old diabetic said he would not be able to afford his insulin medication because he does not qualify for traditional Medicaid.

"I am going to be up a creek if it goes through," he said.

The Medicaid expansion brought health insurance to some 11 million lower-income Americans, helping drive the nation's uninsured rate to just 9 percent. That program would have ended in three years under the initial version of the Republican's latest health care bill, triggering widespread uncertainty for both recipients and states facing the prospect of winding down their coverage.

The latest GOP effort appeared to be doomed late Monday when Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine announced her opposition, citing in part the proposed cuts to Medicaid that she described as "devastating." With Democrats united in opposition, the only way Republicans can revive the bill is to alter it in ways they hope will change opposing senators' minds.

The bill's demise is welcome news to New Jersey state Sen. Joseph Vitale, a Democrat, who says the legislation would have been devastating for people who are covered through the Medicaid expansion. "They can now go to sleep at night like the rest of us who have health insurance, knowing that if something happens to them or something befalls a family member," Vitale said Tuesday, "that they have access to affordable care and quality care."

States signed up for the Medicaid expansion under the promise that the federal government would pick up the vast majority of the costs. Experts and officials in several of the states that opted for it said that under the GOP plan they would not have the ability to cover the costs of all those who benefited.

"I don't want to have to look those people in the eye and say you are losing your health insurance," said Nevada state Assemblyman Michael Sprinkle, a Democrat.

In his state, more than 300,000 people gained health insurance through the expansion, which extended coverage to more lower-income Americans by raising the income limit. Most were adults with no children at home.

Kentucky was another state seeing big gains under Obama's health care law, its uninsured rate dropping from 14.3 percent before it took effect to 5.1 percent last year. The 64 percent decline was the largest of any state, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Nearly all that gain was because Kentucky's former Democratic governor opted to expand Medicaid, which provided coverage to 461,000 Kentuckians. The state also is home to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who is among those leading the Republican effort to dismantle the law, and now has a Republican governor who also favors repeal.

John Holbrook, of Ashland, does not want to see the law repealed. He received substance abuse treatment under the Medicaid expansion, after being hospitalized with a dangerously high blood-alcohol level in December 2015.

"I would be dead or still homeless," said Holbrook, 36, who now works as a peer support specialist at a private treatment facility that accepts Medicaid. "Working in recovery, I see it changing lives every day."

The original version of the GOP bill would end funding for expansion enrollees in 2020, among other changes that would shift more of the financial responsibility of the $500 billion-plus overall Medicaid program to the states. States already spend, on average, about 25 percent of their budgets on Medicaid.

Republicans have long sought to rework the program in an effort to rein in federal spending. But cutting the program and shifting more responsibility away from the federal government creates tricky math for the states.

In California, 3.8 million residents gained health coverage under the expansion, and a third of the state's population is enrolled in Medicaid. Given that, there is little chance the state program would be able to exist in its current form under the GOP plan.

A state analysis of a similar GOP proposal found that California would be on the hook for an additional $30 billion a year starting a decade from now, and that didn't factor in the total elimination of federal funding for the expansion population.

"We can't come up with that kind of money," said Phil Ting, a Democrat who is chairman of the budget committee in the state Assembly. "It's like picking and choosing between your thumb and your pinky, what we could protect."

Under the Republican bill, all the federal money currently being spent in various states on expansion would be collected, beginning in 2020, into a single pool. It would include other funding that is being used for subsidies that have helped an additional 12 million people buy private health insurance through government-sponsored markets.

That money would then be shared among all states based partly on how many lower-income adults they have. Under the initial version of the bill, that additional money would stop entirely in 2027.

Stephanie McCoin of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, fears her 27-year-old daughter will be among those hurt by efforts to undo the Medicaid expansion. She has a chronic adrenal condition, and at one point before the Affordable Care Act went to emergency rooms eight times in a little over a month because she couldn't afford insurance.

"I'm afraid that if she loses this," McCoin said, "she will die."

Republican leaders: Senate won't vote on Obamacare repeal

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Facing assured defeat, Republican leaders decided Tuesday not to even hold a vote on the GOP's latest attempt to repeal the Obama health care law, surrendering on their last-gasp effort to deliver on the party's banner campaign promise.

"The bill is dead as a door nail," said Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., leaving a luncheon where GOP senators decided against holding a futile roll call.

The decision marked the latest stinging rejection on the issue for President Donald Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. In July, the Republican-controlled Senate rejected three similar GOP measures, a failure that infuriated conservatives and prompted Trump to spend much of his summer tweeting insults at McConnell and other Republican senators for falling short.

McConnell, R-Ky., and other Republicans characterized the decision as a short-term setback. They needed to vote on the measure this week because procedural protections against a bill-killing Democratic filibuster expire Sunday, though they could revisit the issue in future months.

"We haven't given up on changing the American health care system," McConnell told reporters. "We aren't going to be able to do it this week."

But he made it clear that it was time for Republicans to turn away from trying to repeal President Barack Obama's health care. They've been promising to erase that law since its 2010 enactment but have never rallied behind a plan to replace it.

"Where we go from here is tax reform," he said, citing the next big GOP goal.

Rejection became all but inevitable Monday after Maine GOP Sen. Susan Collins announced she opposed the legislation. She joined Republican Sens. John McCain of Arizona, Rand Paul of Kentucky and Texas' Ted Cruz who'd already said they opposed the measure. Cruz aides said he was seeking changes that would let him vote yes.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, did not reveal a definitive position but said that while changes in Obama's law are needed, "substance matters." Her state has extremely high health care costs, in part because of its many remote communities.

Because of their narrow majority and unified Democratic opposition, Republicans could lose just two GOP votes and still push the legislation through the Senate.

The retreat left the GOP's next steps on health care unclear, especially with a president who in recent weeks has reached out to congressional Democratic leaders on high-agenda items like the budget and immigration.

Trump said in a meeting Tuesday with Republican and Democratic House members that he would work with Democrats on health care if the Republicans "didn't get repeal done," according to Rep. Richard Neal, R-Mass. Neal quoted Trump as saying, "You get a better deal if it's bipartisan."

It was unclear what compromise Trump could strike with Democrats between his stated desire to uproot the health care statute and Democrats defending what was perhaps Obama's proudest domestic achievement.

Democrats rejoiced over the GOP's retreat.

"Today, Americans breathe a sigh of relief because the health care of millions has been protected and preserved," said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

He and other Democrats called on Republicans to join a bipartisan effort aimed at buttressing Obama's law and stabilizing individual health care markets.

Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., have been working on a bipartisan bill that would continue federal subsidies to insurers for reducing costs for lower-earning consumers. Trump has threatened to block those payments.

In choosing whether to hold the roll call, McConnell faced some Republicans arguing that lawmakers can't be seen as abandoning a pledge that Trump and countless GOP have run on. Others challenged the value of shining a fresh spotlight on their inability to pass the bill.

"Putting it out on the floor and forcing a lot of people to make a vote that maybe they don't want to make isn't the best, in my view, long term pathway to success," No. 3 Senate Republican leader John Thune of South Dakota said before the decision was announced.

The abandoned bill would transform much of "Obamacare's" spending into $1.2 trillion worth of grants through 2026 that states could spend on health programs with few constraints. It would also give states far more power — without federal approval — to loosen strings on insurers, letting them charge seriously ill people higher premiums and sell low-cost, low-coverage policies.

It was sponsored by GOP Sens. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Bill Cassidy, R-La.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said "millions" of Americans would lose coverage under the bill and projected it would impose $1 trillion in Medicaid cuts through 2026.

GOP leaders revised the measure several times, adding money late Sunday for Alaska, Arizona, Maine, Kentucky and Texas in a clear pitch for Republican holdouts.

Earlier Tuesday, Trump lashed out at GOP lawmakers for deserting the measure, telling reporters, "We are disappointed in certain so-called Republicans."

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'Mark Felt' film prompts questions of Deep Throat's role

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

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This image released by Sony Pictures Classics shows Liam Neeson in "Mark Felt: The Man Who Brought Down the White House."

NEW YORK — More than four decades after Hal Holbrook stood smoking in a darkened parking lot, urging Robert Redford's Bob Woodward to "follow the money," the famed Watergate source "Deep Throat" is, in cinematic terms, finally stepping out of the shadows.

"Mark Felt: The Man Who Brought Down the White House" is a kind of bookend to Alan J. Pakula 1976 masterpiece "All the President's Men" that gives a belated big-screen close-up to the man who was — until he revealed himself in 2005 as the Washington Post's famous source — shrouded in mystery.

But whether "Mark Felt" adds clarity to the legend of Watergate or further mythologizes it is up for debate. Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, the famed journalists whose reporting earned the Washington Post a Pulitzer Prize, say Peter Landesman's film overstates the importance of Felt in untangling Watergate, portraying him as a puppet master pulling the strings that would, as the subtitle asserts, topple Richard Nixon.

Felt, then the No. 2 official at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, played an integral role in exposing Nixon's attempted cover-up. But by depicting Felt as the grand orchestrator of the president's demise, Woodward and Bernstein say, "Mark Felt" distorts the history — and lessons — of Watergate.

"Felt played a role, at times a courageous one," Woodward told The Associated Press. "But this portrait of him as 'the man who brought down the White House' just isn't accurate."

Woodward and Bernstein voiced their concerns with Landesman in an email to the filmmaker last October that they shared with The Associated Press. They implored Landesman to drop the subtitle, calling it "demonstrably false."

In the letter, they maintained that Nixon's fall was "the work of many" — contributors they listed as ranging from Frank Wells, the Watergate office security guard who discovered the break in, to the Supreme Court, which unanimously ruled that Nixon had to turn over his tapes. "Mark Felt was only one of several dozen sources we used," they wrote.

"Let the story speak for itself," they concluded. "A hyped effort to make it more will fail and do yourselves and Mark Felt a grave disservice."

It's far from the first time the facts surrounding Watergate have been contested. Woodward and Bernstein have played their own part in growing the legend around their landmark journalism and the aura around the source they nicknamed. Their 1974 book, "All the President's Men," recounted their extraordinarily methodical, step-by-step reporting. The resulting film, starring Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman, stayed close to the truth but it added some dramatic flourishes. The now-famous line "follow the money," for example, was an invention of screenwriter William Goldman.

In response to Woodward and Bernstein's comments, Landesman — a former investigative journalist, himself, whose previous film was the 2015 docudrama "Concussion," with Will Smith — suggested there were parallels between the approaches of the two films.

"This film sees Watergate through the keyhole of Felt's experience as the man leading the FBI investigation into the White House's cover-up, just as 'All the President's Men' saw Watergate through the keyhole of Woodward and Bernstein's experience," Landesman said in a statement to the AP.

In an earlier interview about the film, Landesman boasted of the film's accuracy — particularly in a parking garage meeting between Woodward and Felt — in comparison to "All the President's Men." Landesman added that Pakula's film is one of his favorites.

"It's a much fuller representation of what really happened that night than what's in 'All the President's Men,'" said Landesman. "There's a lot of that film that was the creation and the poetic dramatization of Bill Goldman, more than was factually accurate. My ambition was to make this movie the more iconically accurate version of events."

Landesman's commitment to accuracy has been questioned before. Citing emails leaked in the hack of Sony Pictures, The New York Times reported that "Concussion" was altered to soften its criticism of the NFL. Many disputed that page-one report, though, on the basis of the still hard-hitting finished film. Landesman vigorously denied the claims and calls the Times report "a hit piece" that damaged the movie.

A 2004 cover story of Landesman's for the New York Times Magazine about sex trafficking in the U.S., also came under scrutiny for allegedly exaggerating the scope of domestic sex trafficking. The veteran media critic Jack Shafer penned numerous columns for Slate questioning the story, including one titled "Doubting Landesman," to which Landesman wrote several responses defending his article.

Landesman recently told the New Yorker that Woodward and Bernstein "loved" the film.

"Mark Felt," which will be released on Friday, focuses heavily on Felt's battles within the FBI. Nixon nominated a longtime loyalist, L. Patrick Gray as acting director after the death of J. Edgar Hoover. A loyal servant to Hoover and ardent defender of the bureau, Felt (played by Liam Neeson) was angered by being passed over for the post. But he was infuriated by the White House's attempts to control the FBI and obstruct its investigation into Watergate. Felt perpetuated the Watergate investigation and clandestinely fed the press information to keep the story in the papers.

Some of Felt's motives and actions are well known, but not all of them. He died in 2008 at the age of 95. That made making "Mark Felt" a kind of investigation of its own. Felt was also indicted in 1978 for ordering illegal break-ins of homes of family and friends of Weather Underground members. President Ronald Reagan pardoned him.

"You try to find out: Was he a hero? Was he a traitor to the FBI? Was he so pissed off that he was overlooked when Hoover died? I would have been," said Neeson.

"There was a moment where we were filming where (Liam) was like, 'I can't keep track of all the things that I'm supposed to know on any one day, on any one moment," says Diane Lane, who plays Felt's wife, Audrey. "You're trying to remember how much you know when. At a certain point, you go, 'This guy was a genius.'"

Woodward chronicled his relationship with Felt in the 2005 book, "The Secret Man: The Story Of Watergate's Deep Throat." In it, he described Felt as considering the Nixon team "Nazis." Time and again he told Woodward during their meetings: "I have to do this my way."

"Because of his position virtually atop the chief investigative agency, his words and guidance had immense, at times even staggering, authority," wrote Woodward.

Felt's story is to Landesman "almost satirically relevant" today. The movie was finished while FBI Director James Comey was fired by President Trump, after which Special Counsel Robert Mueller was appointed to investigate possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign.

Woodward, who's currently writing a book on Trump to be published next year, grants that "Mark Felt" captures the strength of somebody acting on their convictions, and he praises Neeson's performance. But his and Bernstein's objections are that "Mark Felt" lacks the essential context of the bigger picture.

Failing to connect the dots, in a way, is to go against what Watergate and "All the President's Men" stood for.

"Events in history have multiple causes and multiple people involved almost always," said Woodward. "And it did here.

ABC's 'World News' breaks a 21-year streak

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — ABC's "World News Tonight" with David Muir has dethroned NBC and finished the television season as the year's most-watched evening newscast for the first time in 21 years, since the late Peter Jennings was anchor.

Although network evening newscasts have diminished in influence over the years and morning shows make more money, they still collectively reach 23 million viewers each weeknight and are considered the flagship broadcasts of news divisions. Bragging rights are eagerly sought.

"One has to recognize the breaking of one of the great streaks in television," said James Goldston, ABC News president. Muir and his team "worked immensely hard to do that, and they've done it in an extraordinary period of news."

For the year, "World News Tonight" averaged 8.25 million viewers, while NBC's "Nightly News" had 8.17 million and the "CBS Evening News" had 6.56 million, according to the Nielsen company. For statistical purposes, television marks its year by the start of a new season of broadcast programs in September.

Like much in television, the programs aren't a growth industry. ABC moved in front by essentially staying even from the previous two years while its rivals lost viewers.

NBC touted its victory among the 25-to-54-year-old demographic, the statistic primarily used as a basis for advertising sales in news. NBC News ran a full-page newspaper advertisement boasting that it was No. 1 for the second season in a row with "Nightly News," the "Today" show, "Dateline NBC" and "Meet the Press." The small print noted they were wins among specific demographic categories, not among all viewers.

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Researcher: Technololgy can help prevent suicide

App uses algorithm to analyze speech and determine whether someone is likely to take their own life

By Peter Holley
The Washington Post

In any given week, Ben Crotte, a behavioral health therapist at Children's Home of Cincinnati, speaks to dozens of students in need of an outlet.

Their challenges run the adolescent gamut, from minor stress about an upcoming test to severe depression, social isolation and bullying.

Amid the flood of conversations, meetings and paperwork, the challenge for Crotte — and mental health professionals everywhere — is separating hopeless expressions of pain and suffering from crucial warning signs that suggest a student is at risk for committing suicide.

It's a daunting, high-pressure task, which explains why Crotte was willing to add another potentially useful tool to his diagnostic kit: an app that uses an algorithm to analyze speech and determine whether someone is likely to take their own life.

Its name: "Spreading Activation Mobile" or "SAM."

"Losing a child is my worst nightmare, and we all live with the fear that we might miss something," Crotte said, referring to mental health professionals who work in education. "Sometimes we have to go with our gut to make a decision, so this is one more tool to help me make a final determination about someone's health."

SAM is being tested in a handful of Cincinnati schools this year and arrives at a time when researchers across the country are developing new forms of artificial intelligence that may forever change the way mental health issues are diagnosed and treated.

Rates of teen suicide, in particular, are on the rise, with the rate among teen girls hitting a 40-year high in 2015, according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. Over the past decade, the CDC reports, suicide rates doubled among teen girls and jumped by more than 30 percent among teen boys.

Despite being the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, suicide remains extremely difficult to predict. Experts say that's because many people's risk for self-harm

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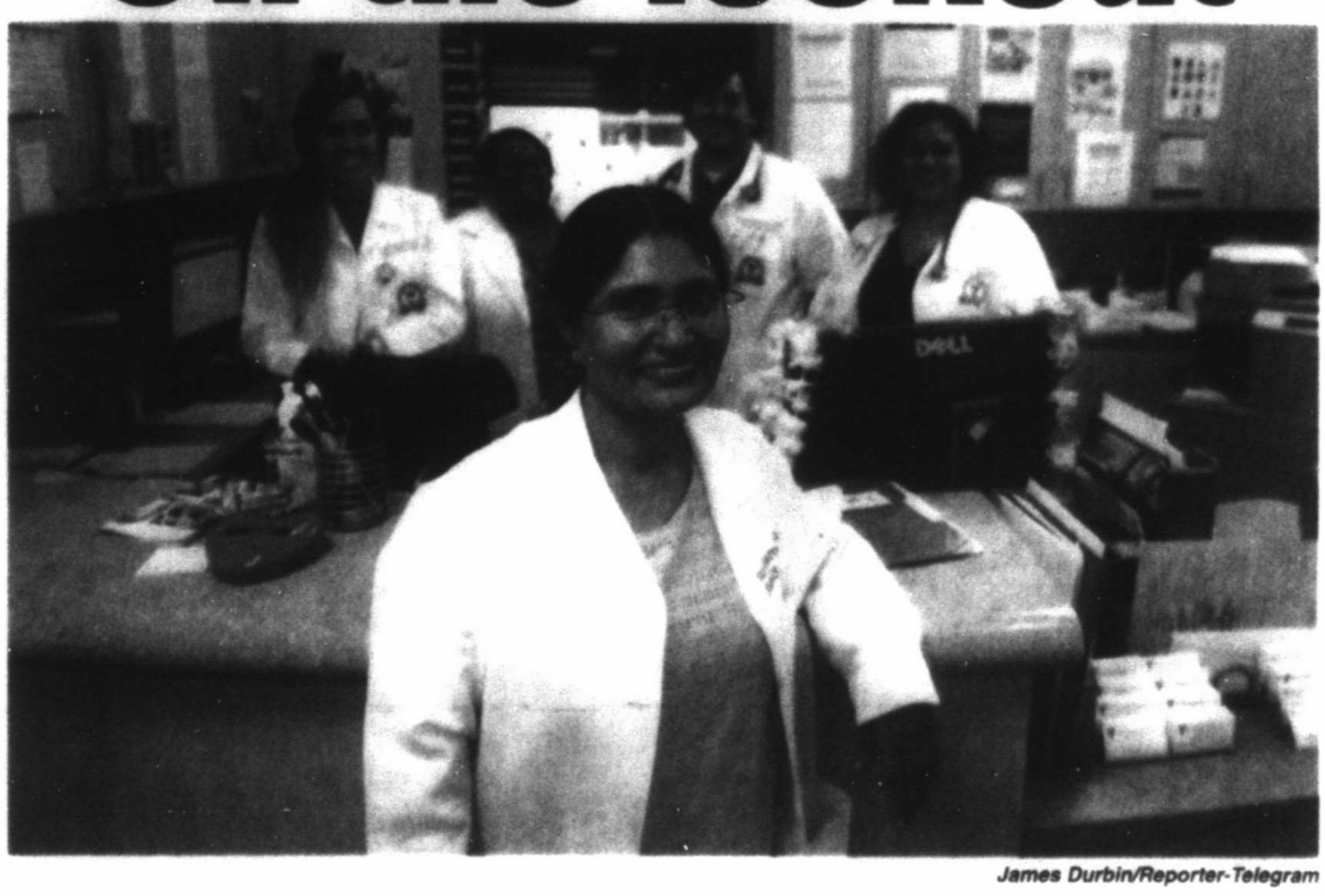

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Dr. Vani Selvan of Texas Tech family medicine photographed Tuesday at Texas Tech Health Sciences

Local clinics to expand flu season surveillance

■ Research director provides information to CDC through Texas Department of State Health Services

By Simone Jasper
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Monitoring procedures will offer a local health care provider insight into this flu season. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center this year is expanding its surveillance of the flu and influenza-like illnesses (ILIs) in the Permian Basin.

Texas Tech Physicians Family Medicine Clinic in Odessa provided information to the Texas Department of State Health Services each week during the previous flu season. The surveillance extends this season to include the family medicine clinic in Midland and Texas Tech Physicians Geriatric Center in Odessa.

Dr. Timothy Benton, regional chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, said the additional clinics can offer more data points about the flu season.

"Then you can measure the impact to the whole community in more specific ways," Benton said. "Our intention (at) the Texas Tech Department of Family and Community Medicine is to provide care to a region."

Dr. Vani Selvan, research director in

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Mayo Clinic offers first aid assistance via Amazon's Alexa

■ Program content was adapted from entries in medical library that's available online, doctor says

By By Joe Carlson
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

MINNEAPOLIS — Alexa, forget my grocery list and morning traffic reports. Tell me about CPR.

Alexa, Amazon's voice-activated digital assistant for the home, has learned a new skill — dispensing medical information about first aid from one of the best-known names in medicine: Minnesota's Mayo Clinic.

The information is accessible by speaking to the Amazon device, which users might appreciate if they're busy doing something with their hands, like putting aloe on a burn or examining someone who has stopped breathing.

Users who enable the free Mayo Clinic First Aid program and then ask Alexa for information about CPR are told, multiple times, to call 911. The device also advises in its robotic-female voice to begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation for one minute and then call 911 if the person is unresponsive from suffocation. If the user asks for it, the device will go on to discuss specific techniques for doing CPR on an adult, child or baby.

"We provide health information in a print newsletter, digital newsletter, desktop web, mobile web, Mayo Clinic app. We view this voice interface, specifically the Amazon Alexa application, as basically a new channel to provide that information," said Jay Maxwell, a senior director in health information with the Mayo Clinic Global Business Solutions, which developed Mayo Clinic First Aid.

Although the program includes a disclaimer that Mayo Clinic First Aid should not be used in a life-threatening medical emergency, "instructions for CPR" is one of the suggested topics in the program's description, along with "tell me about spider bites" and "how to treat a cut."

Online mega-retailer Amazon sells a variety of hands-free home assistant devices scuh as the Echo and the Echo Dot that can listen to human voices and respond to commands like add eggs to the grocery list, check traffic or play streaming music. Alexa is a cloud-based

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Parents need to set boundaries on internet

The internet and connected devices are a part of everyday life. An entire generation has grown up with the internet. People are connected to emails constantly and have the ability to watch Netflix shows on phones and iPads. At this point, it is hard to imagine life without the internet and connected devices, especially for the younger generation that has always had them.

The internet is not a bad thing. It is a useful learning tool. It is a fun and easy way to connect with people. At the Little League World Series, children from different countries were able to communicate instantly using Google Translate.

However, the internet can be a dangerous place for children, and the amount of time that children spend using connected devices should be limited.

Parents need to do the best they possibly can to keep their children safe online. Here are some tips on how to do so.

■ Talk to your kids about the risks and dangers.

If children are old enough to use the internet, they are old enough to have a conversation about the dangers. Among the dangers you need to discuss is cyberbullying. With our changing world, this crime seems to be increasing. Children should be aware of cyberbullying, online grooming and the risks of talking to people online. Communicating openly about the internet means all members of the family develop a healthy attitude toward its use.

■ Set boundaries.

Setting boundaries and rules for your kids early on provides limits to their internet use. Monitoring and restricting certain social media until they reach a certain age can be helpful to prevent dangerous situations. As children get older, they should be allowed more freedom, but you may want to limit the amount of time they can spend online and determine which sites they are allowed to access.

Follow the age restrictions on video games. No technology should be used at the dinner table or during family time to promote healthy and positive family interaction.

■ Use parental controls.

Even though the internet can be used for so many positive things, there is much that an adolescent should not be allowed to see. Parental controls can be set on computers, on individual devices or on search engines. They can be used to prevent children from accessing content that is not age-appropriate, purchasing apps and changing passwords and privacy settings.

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AP file photo

A son, at right, holds his mother's hand as they talk at her nursing home April 14, 2016 in Adrian, Mich. Long-term care costs are still rising and the most expensive option, a private nursing home room, may soon top $100,000 per year.

Long-term care cost will continue to soar, survey shows

■ Labor expenses, patients with complex medical needs attribute to increase, according to Genworth Financial

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

Long-term care costs are surging again and the most expensive option — a private nursing home room — may soon top $100,000 per year.

Growing labor expenses and sicker patients helped push the median cost of care that includes adult day care and assisted living communities up an average of 4.5 percent this year, according to a survey released Tuesday by Genworth Financial. That's the second-highest increase since Genworth started its survey in 2004.

The cost of home health aide services climbed the most, rising 6 percent, to $21.50 an hour. Private nursing home care now costs more than $97,000 annually.

Many Americans don't plan for expenses like these or understand them until they face them, said Joe Caldwell of the National Council on Aging, which is not tied to Genworth's study.

"People don't like to think about it and talk about it ahead of time, so they kind of put off planning and saving for it financially because they don't think it's going to happen to them," he said.

Long-term care costs can impose a crushing financial burden on individuals or families in part because private health insurance and Medicare, the federal program for people over age 65, offer only limited help. That can force people who don't have private coverage to spend down their assets until they qualify for Medicaid, the government's health insurance program for the poor.

Genworth Financial Inc. sells long-term care coverage and didn't address that cost in its national study, which was based on information from 15,000 long-term care providers.

Coverage costs are rising as well, Caldwell said, noting that few employers offer help with that expense like they do with retirement planning or more common forms of coverage such as health insurance.

Initial premiums for long-term care coverage can cost well over $2,000 annually, depending on the customer's age, according to the Bipartisan Policy Center, which researches health care issues.

A third of Americans 40 and older have not done any planning for their long-term care needs, according to a 2016 Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research survey.

Caldwell said many people don't realize the limits of Medicare coverage, and he expects the need for long-term care to soar.

"There is this aging baby-boom population that's going to be really hit hard in the coming decade," he said. "We need to figure it out."

For 2017, long-term care prices climbed in part because the cost of labor rose, according to Genworth. Care providers had to raise pay to compete for workers in a tight job market or comply with state requirements for minimum wages. Many also have started providing health insurance to their workers to comply with the Affordable Care Act. The federal law requires all companies with 50 or more full-time employees to offer coverage.

Genworth researchers say costs also are rising because care providers are working with patients that have more complex medical needs and live longer than they did a decade ago. Plus, Medicaid offers reimbursement that can fall below the cost of care, which forces long-term care providers to make that up in their prices.

Genworth sees no sign that long-term care expenses are starting to slow, said David O'Leary, CEO of the company's U.S. life division.

"We only see cost of care increasing," he said.

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harm is paired with another mental illness and fluctuates according to various stressors in their life, all of which interact uniquely within each individual. Complicating matters is that suicidal ideation — which can signal a growing risk for self harm — is far more common than actual suicide. To assess risk, mental health professionals have long relied on timeworn tools — notepads, conversation and well-honed intuition. Now artificial intelligence — combined with the widespread use of smartphones — is beginning to change the way experts interpret human behavior and predict self harm.

"Technology is here to stay, and if we can use it to prevent suicide, we should do that," said physician Jill Harkavy-Friedman, vice president of research at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. "But we're in the very early stages of learning how to use technology in this space."

There are thousands of apps dedicated to improving mental health, but experts say the most promising will begin to incorporate predictive machine learning algorithms into their design. By analyzing a patient's language, emotional state and social media footprint, these algorithms will be able to assemble increasingly accurate, predictive portraits of patients using data that is far beyond the reach of even the most experienced clinicians.

"A machine will find 100 other pieces of data that your phone has access to that you wouldn't be able to measure as a psychiatrist or general practitioner who sees someone for a half-hour a few times a year," said Chris Danforth, a University of Vermont researcher who helped develop an algorithm that can spot signs of depression by analyzing social media posts.

Using data from more than 5,000 adult patients with a potential for self-harm, Colin Walsh, a data scientist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, also created machine-learning algorithms that predict — with more than 90 percent accuracy — the likelihood that someone will attempt suicide within the next week. The risk detection is based on such information as the patient's age, gender, Zip codes, medications and prior diagnoses.

Danforth's algorithm — which he developed with Harvard researcher Andrew Reece — can spot signs of depression by analyzing the tone of a patient's Instagram feed. The pair created a second algorithm that pinpoints the rise and fall of someone's mental illness by scanning the language, word count, speech patterns and degree of activity on their Twitter feed. A task that would require days of research for a clinician was accomplished by the machine in a matter of seconds.

"The dominant contributor to the difference between depressed and healthy classes was an increase in usage of negative words by the depressed class, including 'don't,' 'no,' 'not,' 'murder,' 'death,' 'never' and 'sad,' "the researchers wrote in their latest study identifying mental illness on Twitter. "The second largest contributor was a decrease in positive language by the depressed class, relative to the healthy class, including fewer appearances of 'photo,' 'happy,' 'love,' and 'fun.'"

Danforth said mental health professionals are still dependent on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and one-on-one interviews, but he believes the data being amassed by smartphones means mental health is on the verge of a "digital revolution."

"We're already talking with doctors at the University of Vermont who want to build a screening tool for the emergency room that would ask people whether they'd be willing to have an algorithm look at their social media history," Danforth said.

The tools, however, will only be as good as the data that is used to create machine learning algorithms, Harkavy-Friedman said, noting that there is a lack of longitudinal studies on suicide. Social media will offer important information, she said, but any population of people being studied will always include false positives — people who exhibit suicidal behaviors but don't end their own lives.

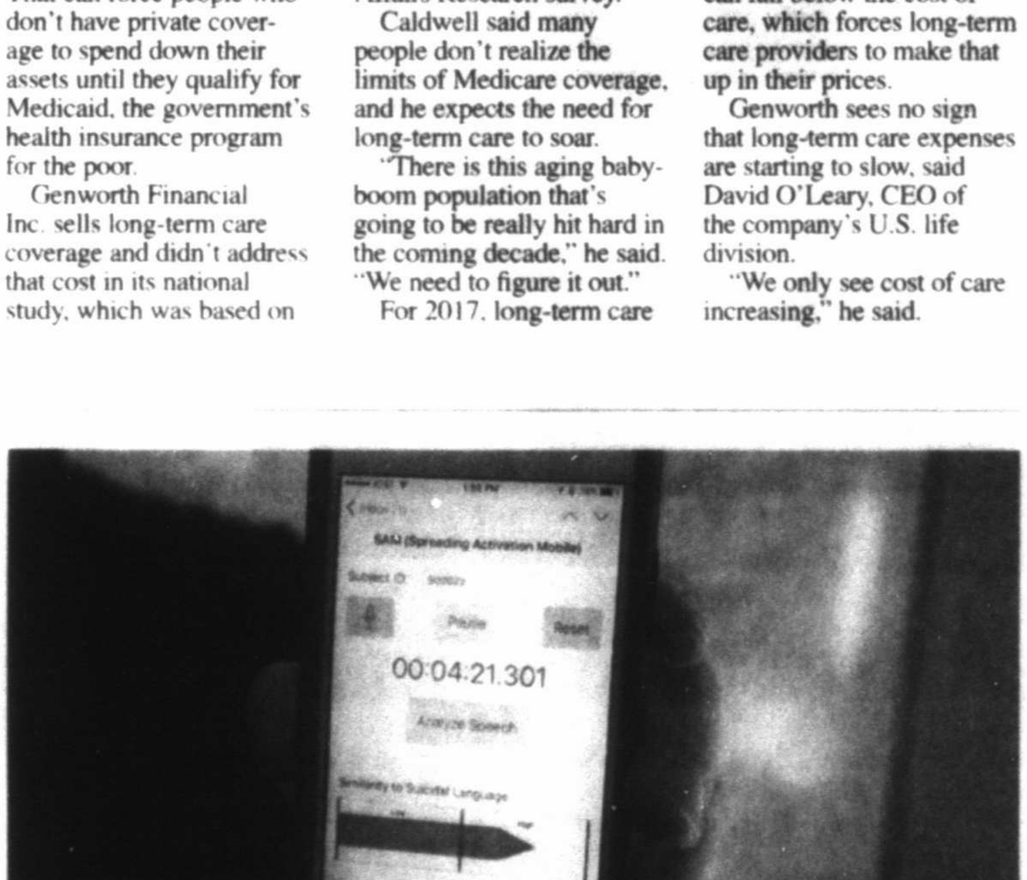
"The more we can learn about both the factors leading to suicide, the better off we'll be," she said. "We need a huge number of people to study."

Experts said it could take another five to 10 years to create algorithms predictive enough to be reliably deployed inside hospitals, schools and therapists' offices. Questions will have to be resolved as well, experts said, such as whether predictive algorithms will affect health insurance premiums or what happens if drug companies manage to access people's predictive data?

John Pestian, a physician and professor in the divisions of Biomedical Informatics and psychiatry at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center within the University of Cincinnati, said it's too early to answer those questions. When he created SAM — the app now being tested in Cincinnati schools — he was only focused on one thing: alleviating suffering with technology.

"You go into the emergency department and you go to the intensive care unit and you see technology everywhere, but you go into a psychiatrist's office and you see a couch," Pestian said.

"Why?" he added. "Because folks like me haven't built anything for them until now."



Courtesy Dr. John Pestian

Researchers from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center are testing an app in schools that analyzes language to determine whether teens are at risk for suicide.

Obituaries

Elmer Fred Lamb

Elmer Fred Lamb, 87, of San Angelo, Texas, passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

Fred was born September 9, 1930 in Corsicana, Texas to Elmer Floyd Lamb and Muriel Lavina Merritt Lamb. He graduated from Midland High School, Midland, Texas, in 1948. He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, graduating in 1952 with his degree in Petroleum Engineering. In September of 1952, Fred entered the Unites States Army as a Second Lieutenant. He was subsequently stationed in Korea.

Upon his discharge in September 1954, he began working for Atlantic Oil Company, which later merged and became Atlantic Richfield (ARCO). He worked in Houston, Corpus Christi, and Dallas, Texas and Shreveport, Louisiana. In 1967, Fred transferred to Bakersfield, California and ultimately, retired in 1985. Fred remained in Bakersfield until 2006, at which time, he and his wife, Marilyn, returned to their West Texas roots, moving to San Angelo.

In January 2017, Fred moved to Royal Estates, now known as Lyndale. He was extremely appreciative of the care and companionship he enjoyed from the staff and other residents.

Fred married Marilyn Belle Ambrose in February of 1950. They were together until Marilyn's death in June of 2007.

They are survived by their son, Fred; daughter, Deborah and her husband, John Taxdahl; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Fred and Marilyn loved camping and fishing. They especially loved the summers they spent in Crescent City, California fishing for salmon. Fred was an excellent mechanic, avid reader, and he and Marilyn were known for their love of Chihuahuas: Sandy, Dusty, Little Charlie, and Charley Brown.

There will a time of visitation from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 in the Johnson's Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017 in the Johnson's Funeral Chapel. Interment will be private in the Johnson's Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and sign the online guestbook at *www.johnsons-funeralhome.com*.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Labra Indian School, Ashland Montana or your preferred Animal Rescue group.

Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

William Benton "Bill" Bowlin

William Benton "Bill" Bowlin, 93, of Odessa and formerly of Snyder, Texas, passed away on Friday, July 28, 2017 at The Parks Senior Living. He was born on September 30, 1923 to William Rhea and Mary Lois (Parmer) Bowlin in Hermleigh, Texas.

Mr. Bowlin was a World War II veteran, and served in the United States Army Air Corps, while stationed at Mount Farm, England. He married Iris Winifred Barrett at Marsh Baldon, Oxfordshire, on February 3, 1945.

Mr. Bowlin is survived by his daughters, Patsy (Paul) Mikelonis of Clifton, Arizona and Kay (Larry) Rowe of Durango, Colorado; son Barrie, of Austin, Texas; his sister, Mary Lightfoot, of Midland, Texas; special friend, Marjorie Cooper, of Odessa, Texas; along with eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years; a daughter, Pamela Sue; his brother, Glen; sister, Fay Hamilton; grandson, Tony Repola; and nephews, Jeff Lightfoot and Tim Hamilton.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, September 29, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Death Notices

James T. Sneed

James T. Sneed, 86, of Midland, passed away Monday, September 25, 2017.

Funeral services will be Saturday, September 30, 2017 in Shreveport, Louisiana with arrangements directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

James is survived by three sons, Monte M. Sneed, Billy J. Sneed, and James E. Sneed.

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system that responds directly to the user, similar to Apple's Siri program.

And just as apps can be downloaded at will for smartphones, Alexa-enabled devices can add new "skills" created by outside companies such as the Pizza Hut program that can order a pie for delivery, or the U.S. Bank program that can securely check balances and recent credit card purchases.

Amazon spokesman Daniel Gabis said Mayo developed its First Aid program using Amazon's self-service Alexa Skills Kit, as other organizations have.

"We're excited that Mayo Clinic developed its health information skill for Alexa customers. Other developers such as WebMD have built skills for Alexa using our self-service Alexa Skills Kit," Gabis said via email.

The WebMD Alexa program, and similar ones such as DexMD, include explicit disclaimers that the programs do not provide medical advice. Mayo's First Aid program says it is for "information purposes only" and should not be used in an emergency medical situation or in place of professional medical advice. Rather, the Mayo program offers instructions for self care for "dozens of everyday mishaps and other situations."

Dr. Sandhya Pruthi, associate medical director of Mayo Clinic Global Business Solutions, said the content was adapted from entries in the medical library that Mayo already offers for free online. The information is updated in real time as medical evidence evolves.

One of the biggest challenges was adapting the information from a format where users can move their eyes around a web page to find what they want, to one in which Alexa reads all the information aloud and users have to wait to hear what they want and think of deeper questions to ask.

"It has to be conversational. You can't just read a textbook," Pruthi said. "I think it's more understandable when it's presented this way. ... The way that I talk to my patient today is the way that I would want this to come across on Amazon Alexa."

Amazon is not paying Mayo for the content, and there are no ads in the free download program. Mayo already had a relationship with Amazon, through its 60-second audio news feed for medical stories called Mayo Clinic Flash Briefing, before the launch of the First Aid program.

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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Local organizations partner for program on memory loss

The Alzheimer's Association and Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin are partnering to offer a program is for individuals who are concerned about their memory issues as those who are in the early stages of Alzheimer's or other former dementia.

The first meeting will is set for 11:30 a.m. Friday at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus, Room 308.

Lunch will be provided. For more information and to register, call 294-5179 by 4 p.m. today. Pre-registration is required.

Midland Health events

■ Advance Care Planning Seminar, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital; Collette Underwood, 221-1166, collette.underwood@midland-memorial.com.

■ Weigh to Success, 4 p.m. Thursday at Midland Memorial Hospital; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Birth Place Tour, 5 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; to register, go to midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Nutrition Suppirt Group, 6 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus; 221-5433.

Weekly support groups & hotlines (subject to change)

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 3 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Stephen's Catholic Church. 553-1031.

■ Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.

■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. Tuesdays, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

■ PDAP meetings: 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church

11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 553-7220.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 634-7609.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 599-4490.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St. 553-7220.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is a program that provides support for women during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system.

Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150.

To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

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How sick are you?

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Help line for long-term or disabled care

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Terry and Carrie Meghie, pictured in 2013 at the gravesite of their son Jackson Chance, founded the nonprofit Jackson Chance Foundation to raise money to offset parking costs for parents with gravely ill children.

Foundation helps families of NICU kids

■ More than $1 million has been raised to buy passes at parking garages near two Chicago hospitals

By Heidi Stevens
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Carrie and Terry Meghie's son Jackson Chance spent all but two days of his 10-month life in a hospital. He was born two months early with lungs that were not fully developed.

The cost of parking all day, every day at Prentice Women's Hospital, followed by Lurie Children's Hospital, was hardly the couple's most pressing concern. But they knew it was a barrier for many families whose babies were in the neonatal intensive care unit, and they launched the nonprofit Jackson Chance Foundation in 2013 to raise money to offset parking costs and allow parents to spend more time with their gravely ill children.

My former Chicago Tribune colleague Jodi Cohen told the Meghies' story in June 2013, and donations began to pour in from readers. By October of that year, they had raised close to $200,000. In 2015, the foundation surpassed $1 million in donations.

The $1 million milestone meant all parents whose children are in the NICU at Lurie Children's Hospital receive monthly parking passes.

It's the sort of story that fills me with awe — at the Meghies' ability to think of others during their own trauma, at their dedication in turning those thoughts into action, at people's willingness to help others, at the boundless kindness we can witness every single day if we're willing to look for it.

And the story gets better.

The Jackson Chance Foundation is expanding to Prentice Women's Hospital. Starting next week, families whose babies are in Prentice's NICU will also receive monthly passes.

"It's been a dream and a goal since day one," Carrie Meghie told me recently. "Jackson spent 4 1/2 months at Prentice and a little over five at Lurie, so we've always considered both NICUs his home."

Jackson's brother, Maxson, was born in November 2013, and he also spent time in Prentice's NICU after being born six weeks prematurely.

"I think Jackson sent us there for a week to remind us not to get distracted by a new baby and slow down the mission," Meghie said. "Even just four to six days, you remember what it's like to be there and worry about paying to get there and see your child. You shouldn't have to think about that."

Maxson is a thriving almost-4-year-old now.

Prentice Women's Hospital has 90 NICU beds, and Lurie has 50. Meghie said they've raised enough money to provide a monthly parking pass for each family.

"We look at it as providing one pass for every baby ... it could go to mom, dad, grandma, a cousin," she said. "It gives the baby the opportunity to have someone at the hospital with them."

The passes include in-and-out privileges, which means family members can visit before work, at lunch, after work, without racking up new parking fees each time.

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Recent studies indicate that high numbers of children have seen online porn and other adult content by the age of 12, and parental controls are an effective tool to prevent this, according to the Child Development Institute.

If you are not sure how to set parental controls, start with a simple Google search or ask a more computer-savvy individual for help.

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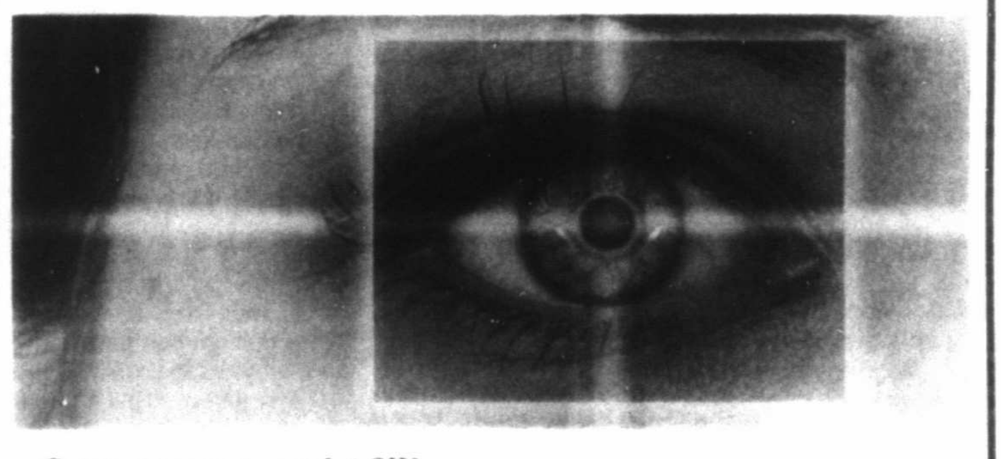

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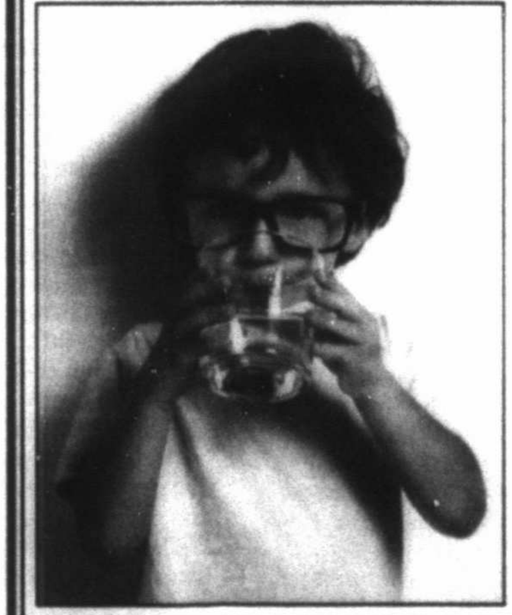

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Experimental treatment restores signs of awareness in brain-injured man

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

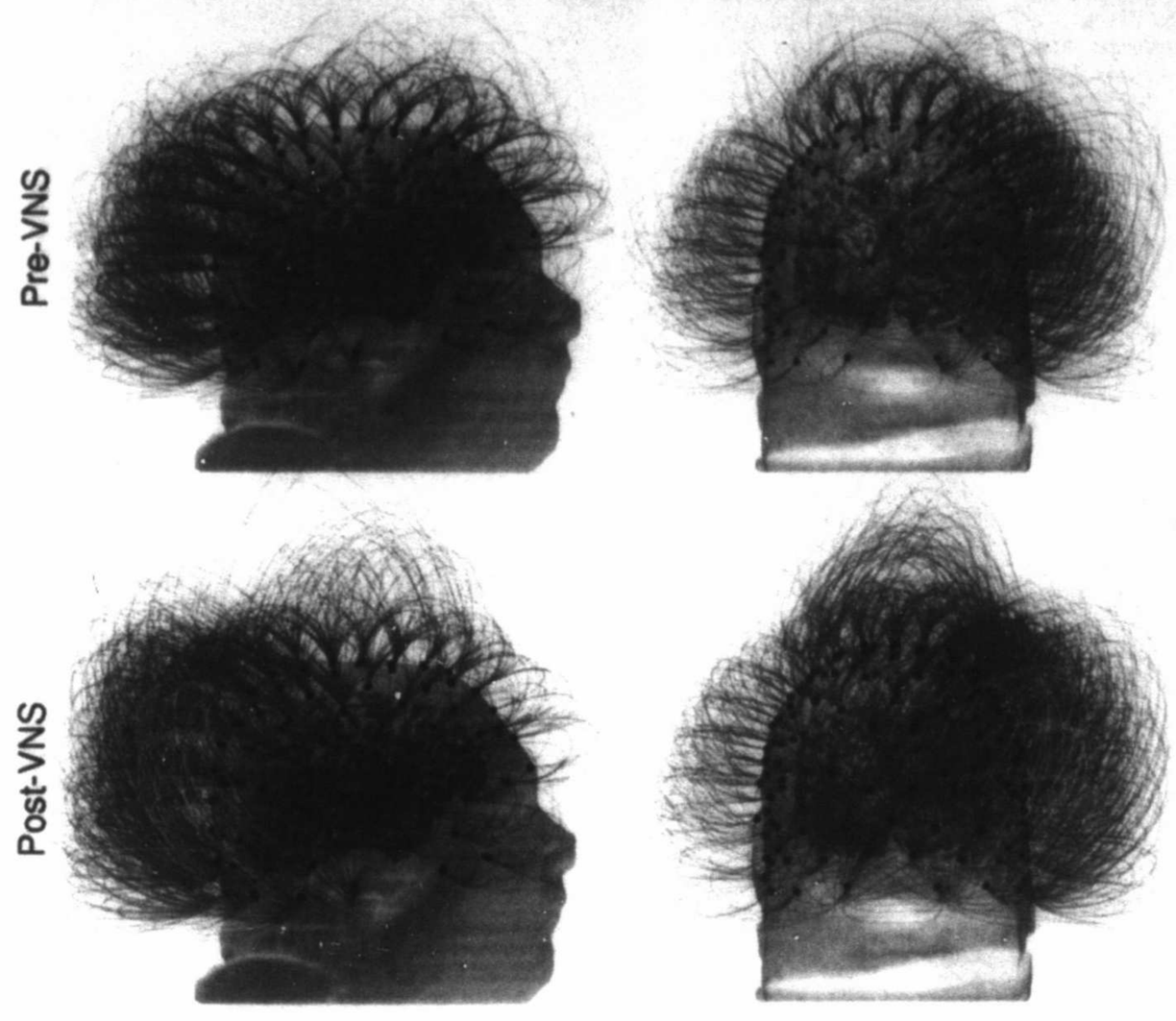
NEW YORK — French researchers say they restored some signs of consciousness in a brain-injured man who hadn't shown any awareness in 15 years.

During months of experimental treatment, his gaze could follow a moving object and he turned his head toward people speaking to him. He could also turn his head when asked to do so, and his eyes widened when a researcher suddenly came very close to his face, the researchers reported.

The treatment involved implanting a device in the man's chest to electrically stimulate the vagus nerve, which extends into the brain. The technique is sometimes used for depression or to reduce the number of seizures in epilepsy. The vagus nerve, which also reaches down into the abdomen, plays many roles including slowing the heartbeat and controlling muscles of the small intestine.

During the treatment, the man also shed tears and smiled while listening to a favorite song by French singer Jean-Jacques Goldman. The tears might have been the result of the nerve stimulation, said Angela Sirigu of the Marc Jeannerod Institute of Cognitive Science in Lyon, France, which is affiliated with the National Center for Scientific Research. Because of brain damage, the man could not speak, she said.

Sirigu is an author of a study released Monday by the journal Current Biology.



CNRS Marc Jeannerod Institute of Cognitive Science, Lyon, France via AP

This image provided by the CNRS Marc Jeannerod Institute of Cognitive Science in Lyon, France, shows brain activity in a patient before, top row, and after vagus nerve stimulation. Warmer colors indicate an increase of connectivity. In a report published Monday, French doctors say they restored some signs of consciousness in a brain-injured man who hadn't shown any awareness in 15 years.

The 35-year-old man, who was injured in a traffic accident, had spent 15 years in a so-called vegetative state, which the eyes are sometimes open but the patient shows no signs of awareness.

His behavioral improvements appeared about a month after the device was switched on and persisted for the remaining five months of stimulation, Sirigu said. Brain scans also showed better functioning.

The result "totally makes sense to me," said Dr. Nicholas Schiff, a neuroscientist at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City who did not participate in the research. While it's the first success in a patient who'd spent 15 years in a vegetative state, it fits with other results that show even patients with long-standing, severe brain injury can be helped by treatment, he said.

The challenge now is translating that science into better medical care, he said.

Most experimental treatments for the vegetative state have failed to show improvement, said Dr. James Bernat, emeritus professor of neurology and medicine at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. Like any report about a single patient, he said, the new one is "provocative but not definitive," and further study is needed to see what kinds of patient it can help.

Sirigu said she's planning a large study involving several medical centers.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nonprofit will make Midland healthy

I would like to recognize the efforts of Dr. Padmaja Patel in promoting a plant-based diet for a healthier life. She and her husband, Dr. Mrunal Patel, started this around their dinner table about three years ago, and they remain passionate about making a difference in people's lives.

It is with their efforts that some local restaurants are now offering plant-based meals as special orders. Even the prestigious Midland Petroleum Club, under the direction of Executive Chef Joey Neusch, now has plant-based choices on the menu. It is incredible what Drs. Patel have done for Midland.

In the last three years, the Healthy City nonprofit was established and is promoted by Midland Memorial Hospital. The Patels are members of the organization's board. Russell Myers, president and CEO of Midland Memorial, deserves a hand for his foresight and vision to make Midland a healthy community.

I heartily appreciate and congratulate the Patels, Mr. Myers and all others involved with Healthy City. I am a 100 percent supporter. Healthy City will help make Midland healthy and keep us on track of being a wonderful city.

Bhupen K. Agrawal

NICU

From 3B

A $300 donation, Meghie said, gives one family a parking pass for a month. The foundation works directly with the parking garages to purchase the passes, which are not available to the general public. Without a pass, Meghie said a month of parking can easily cost a family more than $1,000.

"The most touching thing we hear from families is that we knew what they needed without them telling us," Meghie said. "When you have a child in NICU, you hear so often, 'How can I help?' 'What can I do?' It's really, really hard to answer that question, but this is something that really helps."

CNN honored Meghie in 2016 with a CNN Hero award, which brought national attention to the Jackson Chance Foundation, as well as questions about expanding the mission beyond Chicago.

"Our focus is Chicago," Meghie told me. "But depending on fundraising and how growth goes, it's something we'd definitely be open to."

The foundation does honor NICU nurses all around the country with its annual Owl Give Awards. Recipients are nominated by members of their community, and they win a certificate, an all-expenses-paid vacation and passes to the Jackson Chance Foundation's annual ball. (You can nominate a nurse at jacksonchance.org/owlgiveawardnominations/.)

When the Tribune first wrote about the Meghies, they had raised enough money for one monthly parking pass that was passed around from family to family at Lurie. One of the early recipients was Pilsen couple Lucia Morales and Alejandro Moran, who got up each day at 4 a.m. to commute to the hospital by "L" train and would leave the hospital each day at 11 p.m. to take the train back home.

When a social worker handed Morales a parking pass, she said, "I just felt like I was looking at Jesus."

That line has stayed with me for four years.

Knowing how many more families have been similarly helped — and how many more will be going forward — reminds me of another quote I love, this one from Gwendolyn Brooks.

"We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude and bond."

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FLU

From 1B

the department, started working in October 2016 to collect and submit information to the Centers for Diseae Control through DSHS. The monitoring involved recording confirmed cases of flu as well as ILIs.

Selvan said surveillance for ILIs — which occur during the flu season and include symptoms such as body aches and coughing — may provide insight into those viruses.

"What we found was who had ILI symptoms more [commonly] was people who did not get vaccinated," Selvan said. "Usually if people get vaccinated the symptoms would not be confusing, and they would also be comfortable and confident enough that they are not having the flu."

During last flu season, the family medicine clinic in Odessa had about 4,000 unique visitors, and 8 percent of them received flu vaccines at the facility. Four of the patients who received the vaccines got the flu, and all had compromised immune systems. Selvan said some patients were hesitant when offered flu vaccines.

She also said people should get the vaccine unless they have an allergy to the ingredients.

"(It is always recommended to take it," Selvan said. "When you have the vaccine and if you still develop a flu, it will be very minimal. It won't be having the full effect, so it is always beneficial."

But Selvan said one drawback of the research was the clinic didn't record whether patients were vaccinated at other facilities.

She said this season the clinics will try to document patients who received flu vaccines elsewhere. Selvan recommends people get vaccines before late November — when the first peak of the illness usually starts.

"If you want to avoid it, you better get vaccinated two months before," Selvan said. "That would be the best way to prevent it. If you miss it, get it anywhere to at least protect you later."

Fun-filled weekend leads to 'Sunday night blues' doctor says

By Julia Bernstein
Baylor College of Medicine

Have you ever felt sad or anxious on a Sunday night? As it turns out, you could be experiencing a common phenomenon known as the Sunday night blues. A Baylor College of Medicine expert gives his tips on how to beat the Sunday doldrums.

"The term Sunday night blues is not a diagnosis, medical condition or term that will be found in scientific journals. It is actually a layman's term for a melancholic feeling that people can have on Sunday nights," said Dr. Asim Shah, professor and executive vice chair in the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor.

Shah explained that there are many reasons that may contribute to why a person might feel sad or restless on Sundays.

"I think one of the simplest reasons people feel sad on Sunday nights is because they were enjoying the weekend and now it is over. Over the weekend, people go out more and enjoy themselves. They may go out to eat, go to a concert, have a picnic or meet up with friends. They are doing a lot of extra activities on the weekend that they may not be doing throughout the week," Shah said.

The weekend also is usually filled with no structure, he said. People tend to wake up and go to sleep when they want to but then all of a sudden they have to go sleep early again on Sunday so they can wake up early on Monday.

"Most people don't look forward to having to wake up early on Monday, get ready and get out the door and then have to sit in traffic on the way to their workplace," Shah said.

Having the Sunday night blues does not necessarily mean you don't look forward to going to your job, he said, but it is the fact that you are going to miss all of the fun you had over the weekend.

He added that your work environment also can factor in to how you feel on Sunday nights.

"If you don't have a good work environment, meaning you don't get along with your colleagues or your boss, then you will most likely experience worse Sunday night blues then someone who enjoys their work environment," Shah said.

To help beat the Sunday Night Blues, Shah offered the following tips:

- Plan your weekends so that you don't overbook yourself on one weekend and then have nothing to do the following weekend. Also, plan activities that you can do on the weekdays so that you have something to look forward to during the week.
- Avoid staying out late on Sunday nights because this can create a feeling of dread that you have to wake up early on Monday morning. You want to make sure that you give yourself enough time to prepare for Monday.
- Don't ignore responsibilities on the weekend. While it's good to plan lots of fun activities, you should not put off important tasks like paying bills, doing chores and running errands.

"Hopefully if you practice these tips, you will feel better and more refreshed come Monday morning," Shah said.

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VA: Money for private health care may run out by year's end

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Weeks after a veterans' health initiative received $2.1 billion in emergency funding, the Trump administration says the private-sector Veterans Choice health care program may need additional money as early as December to avoid a disruption of care for hundreds of thousands of veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs said in a statement Tuesday that it hoped to move quickly on a proposed long-term legislative fix that would give veterans even wider access to private doctors. The proposal, under review by the White House Office of Management and Budget, would seek money to keep Choice running for much of next year as VA implements wider changes.

On Capitol Hill, the House Veterans Affairs Committee was already anticipating that the emergency funding approved in August may not last the full six months, according to spokespeople for both Republican and Democratic members on the panel. They cited the VA's past problems in estimating Choice program cost. That committee and the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee said they were closely monitoring the situation.

"It's disheartening," said Carlos Fuentes, legislative director of Veterans of Foreign Wars, citing his group's continuing conversations with VA about Choice funding. "Imagine if a veteran has to cease chemotherapy treatment during Christmas."

Garry Augustine, executive director of Disabled American Veterans' Washington headquarters, said recent discussions with VA also gave him little confidence.

"It's always a concern," Augustine said. "Legislative action needs to be done sooner rather than later."

In its statement to The Associated Press, VA said it could not say for certain when Choice funds would be depleted, but acknowledged that it could be as early as December or as late as March. Earlier this year, the VA began limiting referrals to outside doctors as money began to run low and veterans reported delays in care.

The VA proposal for a long-term fix is expected to be released in the coming weeks.

"We have a long agenda, a lot more to do," VA Secretary David Shulkin told veterans last week at an event near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. "This fall, our major legislative focus is getting the Choice program working right."

The latest funding woes come amid political disagreement over the future direction of VA and its troubled Choice program, which was passed by Congress in 2014 in response to a wait-time scandal at the Phoenix VA medical center that spread nationwide. Some veterans died while waiting months for appointments as VA employees manipulated records to hide delays. The controversy spurred Congress to establish Choice as a pilot program designed to relieve pressure at VA hospitals.

Choice currently allows veterans to receive outside care if they must wait 30 days or more for an appointment or drive more than 40 miles to a VA facility. But the program has encountered long delays of its own.

In a sign of a political divide, the left-leaning VoteVets ran a $400,000 ad campaign earlier this month in 13 states that warned viewers, "Don't let Trump privatize my VA." The American Federation of Government Employees has been staging rallies to bring attention to VA job vacancies left unfilled.

The VA said it remains committed to filling VA positions even as it finalizes plans to revamp Choice. VA said it had about 34,000 vacancies, which they attributed in part to a shortage of health professionals.

Legislative proposals to fix VA have run the gamut, including one backed by the conservative Concerned Veterans for America that would give veterans almost complete freedom to see an outside doctor. Another plan could create a presidential commission to review closing some VA medical centers.

SUDOKU

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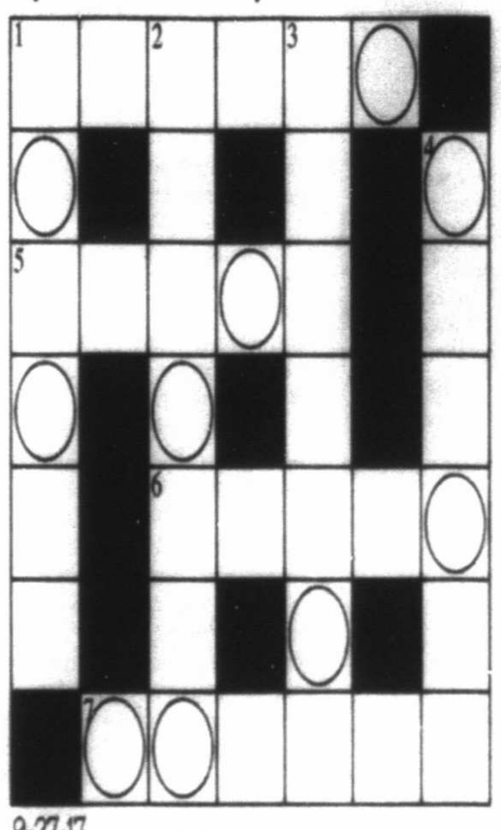

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7. Protected from the sun	HDDASE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
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2. Do away with	BIALHSO
3. Mug	AADRTNK
4. Be present at	NTAEDT

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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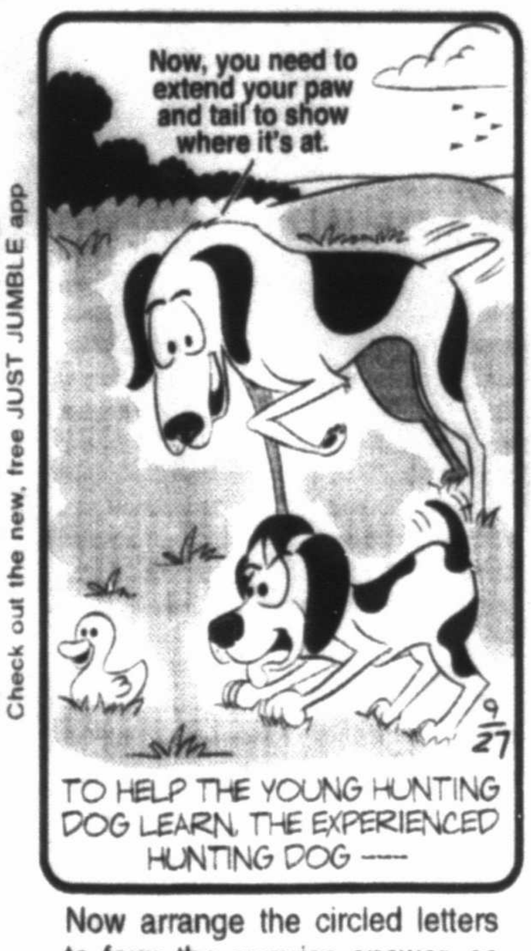

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(Answers tomorrow)

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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14 See 66-Across
15 Bad news for the waiter
16 Classic cars
17 Fall in love with something at the home improvement center?
19 "Pretty please?"
20 "Frasier" role
21 Debuting on screen
23 iPhone, e.g., briefly
24 Scooby-__
25 Bring Bugs into harmony?
30 Golf tee, e.g.
31 "Flashdance... What a Feeling" singer Cara
32 Barbecue pair
33 Solo in a spotlight
35 Smallish batteries
36 Med. condition with repetitive behavior
37 Get voices in all ranges?
42 Colony resident
43 Gallery filler
44 Went like crazy
46 Second thought
49 Get fuzzy, as vision
51 Grand __ Opry
52 Severely criticize the store special?
54 "Breaking Bad" org.
55 Org. offering written and road tests
56 Mason jar attachment
57 Humdrum
59 Start bubbling
61 Criticize the stringed instrument?
65 Greek peak
66 With 14-Across, event with batons
67 Site with tech reviews
68 __ end
69 Wild West transport
70 Run-of-the-mill

DOWN

1 __ Joe, Charlie's companion on his tour of Wonka's chocolate factory
2 Time before TV
3 Environment-related
4 "Where __ you?"
5 Actress Ortiz of "Ugly Betty"
6 Fish sticks fish
7 Midori on the ice
8 Pop singer Warwick
9 Binge
10 Reliever's asset
11 Seize, as an opportunity
12 Pooch in your lap, maybe
13 Most people
18 Actor Morales
22 Keep an eye on
26 Personal attribute
27 Rip (up)
28 Opens, as an official document
29 Commotions
34 Jordan's only port
36 In base eight
38 No later than
39 Space
40 Tiny tunes player
41 Big events for film studios
45 Gives a hand
46 Somewhat flabby male physique, informally
47 Diffuse slowly through a membrane
48 Permit to enter the States
49 Unwise wager
50 Country's McEntire
53 Whopper creators
58 Basics
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62 According to
63 Give in to gravity
64 Word after eagle or hawk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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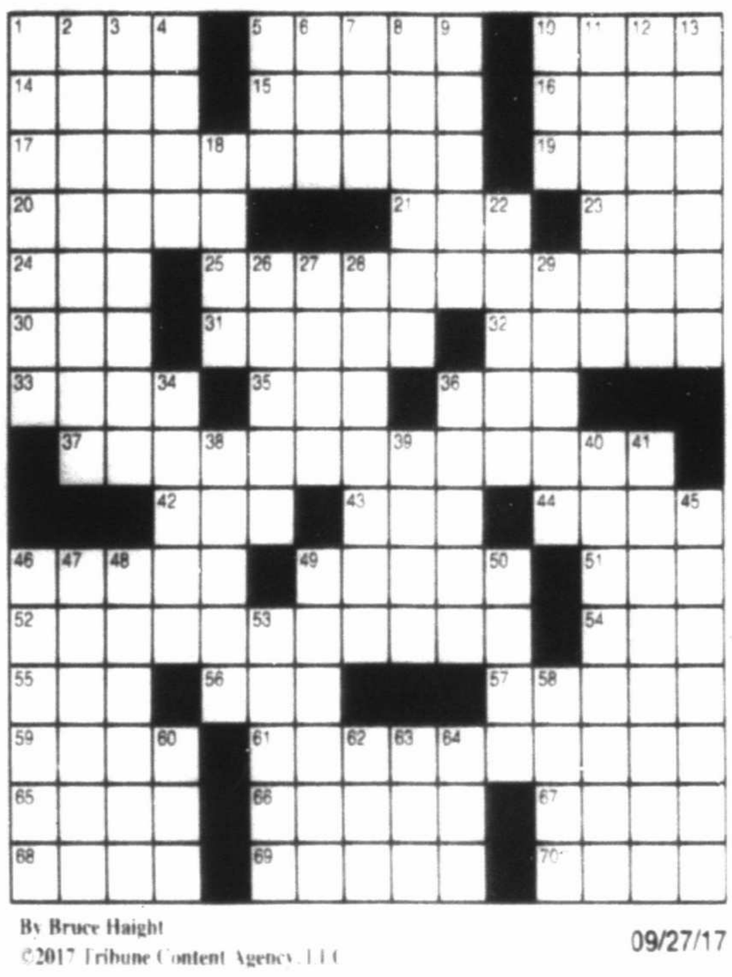

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Nuns care for terminally ill while seeking recruits

By Erin Arvedlund
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Sister Mary DePaul joined the Dominican Sisters at age 19, a year out of high school.

Her classmate as a "novitiate" — or student nun — was Sister Mary Augustine, who joined when she was 25, after having worked for a few years.

The two women signed up for religious life in 1978, when there were still hundreds of thousands of Catholic sisters in America.

Today, there are fewer than 50,000.

Currently, the two old friends and longtime nuns work together at Sacred Heart Home in Philadelphia, offering free medical care to incurable cancer patients.

And they're excited because in October their order will welcome two women in their 20s as nuns.

"It's a big week!" said Sister Mary DePaul, 58. "We also have students from Temple here ... visit the patients," as part of an effort to draw more young people into the circle of service and, potentially, religious life.

"We're definitely aging. Our median age is somewhere in the 60s," she adds of the 10 nuns at Sacred Heart Home. And they're looking for volunteers, too.

The order's spiritual gift, or charism, is tending to terminally ill who decide they no longer want conventional chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Instead, the home's "guests," as they're called, choose hospice, palliative care and emotional support that maintains quality of life.

All those accepted into Sacred Heart Home are treated, no matter their financial circumstances. The order doesn't accepts money from government, insurers or even patients' families.

Jessica Griffin/Philadelphia Inquirer/TNS

TOP: Sister Mary Grace, center, cares for Carmen Bertrand, as Sister Mary Patricia folds clothes and Sister Mary Augustine looks on, at Sacred Heart Home on Sept. 11 in Northeast Philadelphia, Pa. **RIGHT:** Sister Mary DePaul, left, talks with Saleem Muhammed.

The home's hallways gleam, the chapel features flowers from its garden, and the facility doesn't reek of sickness. Instead a quiet, lemony fragrance permeates.

Sacred Heart Home is one of six establishments in five states run by Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne that offer free care to those with incurable cancer.

The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, New York, are a community of Catholic nuns founded by Nathaniel Hawthorne's younger daughter, Rose, in 1900.

She grew up a Unitarian and converted to Catholicism after losing a daughter to diphtheria and a husband to alcoholism. Rose Hawthorne founded the order and chose to treat incurable cancer patients after a friend, the writer and activist Emma Lazarus, died of the disease.

That the number of American nuns is dwindling is not new. According to Georgetown University's Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, the number of religious sisters in the United States has dropped from 179,954 in 1965 to 47,170 in 2016. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has also created a National Religious Retirement Office to help religious orders pay for rising health care and living costs as many sisters retire and fewer younger sisters enter.

So in an online age, when young people can Google electronic proof of everything, how do nuns attract young women to the spiritual life?

Why, the internet, of course. Dominican Sister Stella Mary tells her story online about how she came to a religious life.

"I was a career woman. I had finished college, and had a nice job," she explains in a promotional video on YouTube, where the Dominican Sisters have their own channel.

"But there was something missing, something empty inside of me."

The Dominican sisters also tell their stories on NetTV, a television show on the Time Warner Cable Channel, Verizon Fios, and Cablevision, to talk about why they joined the order.

In Philadelphia, Sacred Heart Home sisters want to attract more people — young and older — as volunteers to expose them to caring for the incurable and to the religious life. The nuns ask local parishes to advertise about vocation days at Sacred Heart Home.

While volunteering doesn't directly feed young women into a vocation, it can spark a connection. A 2013 Georgetown University study, "Volunteer Introspective," found that 37 percent of volunteers "considered a vocation to ordained ministry or religious life."

At Sacred Heart Home, 10 sisters and a staff of two dozen nurses and caretakers do everything from cooking meals to feeding and bathing patients to administering palliative medicine.

Sister Mary Augustine, 63, first considered religious life after an aunt volunteered at a Dominican Sisters home in her native New York.

"I joined because I was able to help the sick," she explained. So why not become a nurse? "Because I also wanted a prayer life. It gives me strength."

Patients come from various walks of life, some with families and others who are alone and struggling with HIV or drug addiction.

"They have their wings already," said patient Veronica Mardt, a cancer patient who has been treated at Sacred Heart Home for just over a year. "The sisters are wonderful people."

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GREENWOOD REPORT

After big win, Rangers ready for district play

By Oscar LeRoy
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The Greenwood football team got the performance it needed heading into the ultra-competitive District 2-4A Division II play on Friday night.

The Rangers bounced back from their only loss of the season with a 53-27 road victory at Class 5A San Angelo Lake View.

Greenwood (3-1) jumped out to a 21-0 lead and came up with four turnovers — including two interception returns for touchdowns by Ryan Snodgrass — in the victory.

"I thought we came out and played well early, which was something that was important for us to see," Greenwood coach Jared Sanderson said. "The goal was to get in a rhythm and get back on track. We came out and stopped them defensively, and then we had a big play (a 45-yard touchdown pass) on offense. I thought we stretched the field vertically for the first time this year and had a few explosive plays."

Three of the scoring plays on offense for the Rangers were 22 yards or more, while Snodgrass' two interception returns went for 44 and 30 yards.

Quarterback Jake Somers finished the game going 14 for 25 for 303 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. Three different Rangers also had at least 74 yards receiving and Greenwood added 165 yards rushing.

Sanderson said the offense is really coming along and the players are adjusting to the different schemes and formations that are

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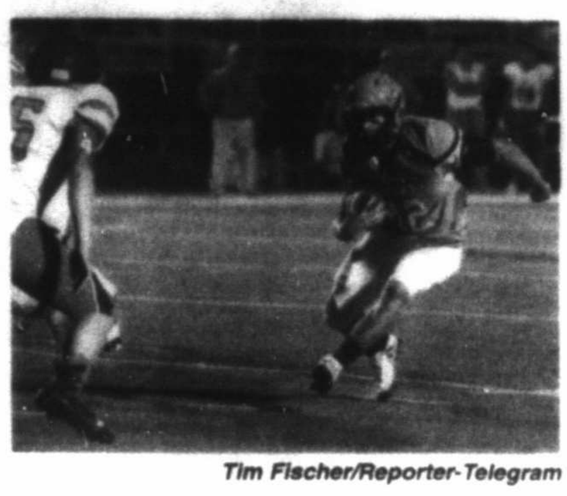

Greenwood quarterback Jake Somers looks to gain some yards Sept. 8 against Brownfield at J.M. King Stadium.

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Lady Dawgs earn sweep

Branco posts 12 kills in win over Tascosa

Lady Bulldogs.....3
Lady Rebels.....0

By Will Korn
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As the halfway point of the District 2-6A season approaches, the Midland High volleyball team is beginning to show it can take control of and close out any opponent it faces.

Against visiting Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday, the Lady Bulldogs established commanding leads midway through the first two sets and then didn't let up. All evening, they leaned on a sharp defense and an acute mental presence to sweep the Lady Rebels 25-14, 25-18, 25-22 at the MHS gym.

Hayley Branco posted a match-high 12 kills to keep the Lady Bulldogs (23-12, 5-0) in first place and undefeated in district play. Gentry Foreman added six kills, three blocks and two aces for MHS, which next hosts Lee (23-12, 4-0) at 5 p.m. Friday.

MHS senior right side hitter Sarah Nelson, who recorded the match-winning kill, said over the last few weeks her team has learned how to better protect leads and continue playing with intensity.

"At the beginning of the season, third (sets) were tough for us, we had a lot of breakdowns," said Nelson, who had five kills, four digs and a block in the win. "As we've gotten more into district (play), we've become mentally strong and we've started to trust each other more, talk to each other more. Our bonds are strong and that helps us out on the floor.

"We play a lot of drills in our practices of keeping leads. We just have to think back to practice."

When they did find themselves in a close battle with a prideful opponent desperate to avoid a sweep, as they did Tuesday, MHS has seized control at opportune times with momentous plays.

Leading Tascosa (19-15, 2-3) 19-18 in the third set, MHS bolted ahead thanks to a thunderous block by Gentry Foreman and a hustle kill by libero Reagan Squire, who dove for a ball and forced a Tascosa tip out of bounds.

"We talked about making big plays," said MHS head coach Amanda Lopez. "Our offense can't let up, no matter what the score is. That was something that we talked about during a timeout, and

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Midland High's Hayley Branco (12) hits against Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday at MHS.

4 coaches, Adidas exec charged in bribe scheme

Associated Press

NEW YORK — In one of the biggest crackdowns on the corrupting role of money in college basketball, 10 men — including a top Adidas executive and four assistant coaches — were charged Tuesday with using hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes to influence star athletes' choice of schools, shoe sponsors, agents, even tailors.

Some of the most explosive allegations appeared to involve Louisville, one of college basketball's biggest powerhouses, which is already on NCAA probation over a sex scandal.

Federal prosecutors said at least three top high school recruits were promised payments of as much as $150,000, using money supplied by Adidas, to attend two universities sponsored by the athletic shoe company. Court papers didn't name the schools but contained enough details to identify them as Louisville and Miami.

"The picture of college basketball painted by the charges is not a pretty one," said acting U.S. Attorney Joon H. Kim, adding that the defendants were "circling blue-chip prospects like coyotes" and exploited them to enrich themselves.

Prosecutors said that while some of the bribe money went to athletes and their families, some went to coaches, to get them to use their influence over their potentially NBA-bound players.

The coaches charged are Chuck Person of Auburn, Emanuel Richardson of Arizona, Tony Bland of Southern California and Lamont Evans of Oklahoma State. Person and Evans were suspend-

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Associated Press

These file photos show, assistant basketball coaches Tony Bland, left, Chuck Person, center, and Lamont Richardson. The three, along with assistant coach Lamont Evans of Oklahoma State, were identified in court papers and are among 10 people facing federal charges in Manhattan federal court Tuesday in a wide probe of fraud and corruption in the NCAA, authorities said.

AREA FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Stanton glad to see long slide come to an end

By Oscar LeRoy
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It was long overdue for Stanton coach John Peterson and his Buffaloes.

Stanton snapped a 15-game losing streak dating back to the 2015 season when the Buffaloes went on the road and beat Christoval, 31-0.

For a team that has dealt with injuries, inexperience and inconsistent play over that slide, the win was a reassurance for a team that it's indeed going in the right direction.

Peterson

"They didn't play much different than they have been," said Peterson about his team. "They just didn't make as many mistakes. We fumbled only one time the whole game and we had few penalties. We also created a bunch of turnovers. I'm proud of our kids."

Stanton (1-3) also had 277 yards rushing, led by Cam Yarbrough's 102 yards and two touchdowns and 15 carries. The Buffaloes also held Christoval to 228 total yards in addition to forcing three turnovers.

Peterson added that a win can only help his team moving forward.

"It makes everything taste better and makes all the practices better," Peterson said. "From the attitude of the players to the coaches, to everybody in school is different. It's always good to win. It's always good to get a reward for the hard work you're putting in. We just need to keep working hard and keep getting better."

Peterson said it's no secret that in order to sustain that success the Buffaloes have to keep forcing turnovers and eliminate turnovers on offense.

"Each week, the kids have gotten better and as long we continue on that path we're going to be in good shape," he said.

Stanton will look to continue its momentum this week when it hosts Merkel (2-2).

Coahoma weathers the storm for win

Coahoma coach Fred Dietz had seen it all before. His team would jump out to a lead, only to see it evaporate.

That same thing happened Friday night against Bangs when his team saw a 20-point lead vanish when Bangs rallied to tie it up in the fourth quarter.

But this time, things were different. The Bulldogs, behind the great running of the MRT's Area Player of the Week Zack Schneider and a key turnover, answered the Bangs rally with 14 unanswered points to pull out a 34-26 win.

"We allowed them to get back in the game," Dietz said. "We had a comfortable lead and all of a sudden it's 20-20. I told our kids that Bangs is not accustomed to playing anybody that's not a good football team. They found a formation to their liking and hurt us a little bit in the passing game. But credit our kids for coming back. This week we weathered the storm and the kids made the plays in the fourth quarter. It was good to see our football team grow up."

Schneider finished with 148 yards and three touchdowns on 20 carries and also had to fill in at quarterback when Mason Moore suffered a finger injury.

Coahoma (2-2) travels to face San Angelo Grape Creek (0-4) on Friday.

Andrews looks to bounce back

Andrews will be looking to bounce back from its first loss of the season when

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Golf
LPGA: MCKAYSON New Zealand Open, 1st Round, 2 a.m., GOLF
EPGA: British Masters, 1st Round, 3:30 a.m., GOLF
Major League Baseball
Houston at Texas, 1 p.m., ESPN, FSSW, ATTSW
Miami at Colorado, 2 p.m., MLB
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 6 p.m., ESPN
San Diego at Los Angeles, 9 p.m., ESPN
Men's Soccer
UEFA Champions: Qarabag FC vs. AS Roma, 11 a.m., FS2, ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions: PFC CSKA Moscow vs. Manchester United, 1:30 p.m., FS1
UEFA Champions: Sporting CP vs. FC Barcelona, 1:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP
UEFA Champions: Atlético Madrid vs. Chelsea FC, 1:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW), ESPNDEP
UEFA Champions: Paris Saint-Germain FC vs. FC Bayern Munich, 1:30 p.m., Facebook
UEFA Champions: Multimatch 90, 1:30 p.m., FSP
Liga MX: Club Necaxa vs. Queretaro FC, 6:30 p.m., ESPNDEP
National Hockey League
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., NHL
Ottawa at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m., NHL
Tennis
WTA: Dongfeng Motor Wuhan Open, 7 a.m., TENNIS
Women's College Volleyball
West Virginia at Texas Tech, 6 p.m., FSSW+, FCSC
Baylor at Texas, 7 p.m., FSN (FSSW)
Arkansas at Alabama, 7 p.m., SEC
Ole Miss at Mississippi State, 8 p.m., ESPNU

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Houston at Texas, 1 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

TENNIS
West Texas Tennis Classic, 7 p.m., Bush Tennis Center
JUNIOR COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute, 8 p.m.

TENNIS UPDATE

WEST TEXAS TENNIS CLASSIC MOVED TO GTCC

Today's Henry Resources West Texas Tennis Classic has been moved from Bush Tennis Center to the indoor courts at Green Tree Country Club because of anticipated thunderstorms in the area.

The kids' clinic will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the main event at 7 p.m.

The event will feature 2017 Wimbledon semifinalist Sam Querrey, 2017 French Open doubles champion Ryan Harrison and the world renowned men's doubles team of Mike and Bob Bryan.

Tickets are $35 for general admission, $55 for reserved seating and $375 for the VIP package.

Please visit westtexasclassic.com for more information.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
NEW YORK YANKEES — Reinstated OF Aaron Hicks from the 10-day DL.
National League
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Selected the contract of OF Carlos Moncrief from Sacramento (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reinstated OF Bryce Harper from the 10-day DL.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS — Waived G Dwyane Wade. Re-signed F Nikola Mirotic.
PHOENIX SUNS — Signed F T.J. Warren to a four-year contract extension.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed TE Anthony Denham Jr. and LB Earl Okine to the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS — Released DT Deandre Coleman.
CHICAGO BEARS — Released OL D.J. Tialavea from the practice squad. Signed DB Doran Grant and WR Tre McBride from the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed WR Bug Howard to the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS — Placed G Joe Dahl on injured reserve. Signed G Tim Lelito.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Placed OT Kyle Murphy on injured reserve. Signed OT Ulrick John off Arizona's practice squad.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Placed PK Cairo Santos on injured reserve. Signed PK Harrison Butker from Carolina's practice squad.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Waived LB Justin March-Lillard. Activated LB Lawrence Timmons from team suspension.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Released WR Dres Anderson from the practice squad.
Canadian Football League
SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS — Signed RB Trent Richardson.
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed WR Garry Brown to the practice roster.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Assigned C Ryan MacInnis, RW Nick Merkley and D Andrew Campbell, Kyle Wood and Kevin Ekman-Larsson to Tucson (AHL).
CALGARY FLAMES — Assigned G David Rittich, LWs Brett Pollock and Morgan Klimchuk, LW/C Ryan Lomberg and RW Spencer Foo to Stockton (AHL). Waived LW Hunter Shinkaruk, RW Emile Poirier and D Tyler Wotherspoon for the purpose of assignment to Stockton. Assigned C Dillon Dube to Kelowna (WHL) and D Juuso Valimaki to Tri-City (WHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Assigned D Dennis Cholowski to Prince George (WHL).
EDMONTON OILERS — Assigned RW Patrick Russell and G Nick Ellis to Bakersfield (AHL). Waived RW Ty Rattie and D Dillon Simpson for the purpose of assignment to Bakersfield.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned D Yaroslav Dyblenko, Josh Jacobs, Michael Kapla, Colton White and Jacob MacDonald; Fs Brandon Baddock, Nathan Bastian, Brandon Gignac, Ryan Kujawinski, Blake Pietila, Kevin Rooney, Blake Speers, Austin Cangelosi and Jan Mandat; and G Mackenzie Blackwood to Binghamton (AHL). Waived Fs Bracken Kearns and Ben Thomson and G Scott Wedgewood. Released D Tim Erixon from a professional tryout.
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Promoted Michael Spruit to digital media production manager. Named Chris Malkiewicz digital media production coordinator.
ECHL
ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Traded the rights to F Alex Guptill to Rapid City for the rights to F Lindsay Sparks.
READING ROYALS — Announced the resignation of media relations director, hockey operations coordinator and broadcaster Mark Thompson, who will become chief operating officer of USA Table Tennis.
COLLEGE
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN — Named Dylan Thompson director of men's basketball player development.
NEBRASKA — Named Dave Rimington interim athletic director.
SAINT ANSELM — Named Natalie Wilson assistant women's basketball coach.
SUNY OLD WESTBURY — Named Caitlin Thomas assistant women's soccer coach.
WEST VIRGINIA — Announced men's basketball F Esa Ahmad is ineligible for the first half of the upcoming season after failing to meet NCAA eligibility requirements.

WNBA GLANCE

Finals
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)
Los Angeles 1, Minnesota 1
Sunday, Sept. 24: Los Angeles 85, Minnesota 84
Tuesday, Sept. 26: Minnesota 70, Los Angeles 68
Friday, Sept. 29: Minnesota at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 1: Minnesota at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, Oct. 4: Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

NHL GLANCE

PRESEASON
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	5	4	1	0	8	14	12
Florida	4	3	0	1	7	15	10
Ottawa	4	3	1	0	6	17	13
Toronto	5	3	2	0	6	15	13
Detroit	5	2	2	1	5	17	18
Tampa Bay	5	2	3	0	4	12	14
Buffalo	4	1	2	1	3	7	12
Montreal	5	0	5	0	0	7	21

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	6	4	0	2	10	13	9
New Jersey	6	4	1	1	9	21	11
Carolina	5	4	1	0	8	18	10
N.Y. Rangers	6	3	2	1	7	13	13
Philadelphia	6	2	1	3	7	14	16
Pittsburgh	5	2	2	1	5	15	20
Columbus	6	2	3	1	5	18	21
Washington	4	1	3	0	2	6	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	5	3	2	0	6	16	13
Minnesota	5	3	2	0	6	8	12
Colorado	5	3	2	0	6	16	10
St. Louis	6	3	3	0	6	16	17
Chicago	4	2	2	0	4	15	10
Nashville	4	2	2	0	4	12	13
Winnipeg	5	1	3	1	3	10	16

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	6	5	1	0	10	27	18
San Jose	3	3	0	0	6	15	6
Vegas	4	3	1	0	6	19	12
Los Angeles	4	2	1	1	5	14	13
Vancouver	6	2	3	1	5	21	29
Anaheim	5	2	3	0	4	13	20
Arizona	4	1	2	1	3	14	16
Calgary	5	1	4	0	2	15	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.

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT
Columbus 5, St. Louis 2
Florida 4, Tampa Bay 2
Dallas 4, Minnesota 1
Los Angeles at Vegas, late

Wednesday's Games
Toronto at Montreal, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Carolina, 8 p.m.

PREGAME.COM ODDS

NFL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Thursday				
at GREEN BAY	10	7	(45½)	Chicago
Sunday				
New Orleans	2	3	(49½)	Miami
at NEW ENGLAND	9	8	(49½)	Carolina
at DALLAS	7	7½	(46)	LARams
at MINNESOTA	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Detroit
Tennessee	1	2	(44)	at HOUSTON
Jacksonville	4½	3½	(39½)	at NY JETS
Cincinnati	2	3	(40)	at CLEVELAND
Pittsburgh	1	2½	(43)	at BALTIMORE
at ATLANTA	8½	7½	(48½)	Buffalo
at TAMPA BAY	5	3	(43½)	NY Giants
at LA CHARGERS	+1	PK	(47)	Philadelphia
at ARIZONA	6½	7	(44½)	San Francisco
at DENVER	1½	2½	(47)	Oakland
at SEATTLE	14	13	(41)	Indianapolis
Monday				
at KANSAS CITY	8½	7	(49½)	Washington

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Thursday				
Texas	5	6½	(63½)	at IOWA ST
Friday				
Miami	5½	7	(56)	at DUKE
Nebraska	8½	6½	(46½)	at ILLINOIS
BYU	3	3	(46)	at UTAH ST
SOUTHERN CAL	5½	3½	(65)	at WASHINGTON ST
Saturday				
at SMU	16	19	(74)	UCONN
at TEXAS A&M	8	9	(54)	South Carolina
Oklahoma St	14½	9½	(81)	at TEXAS TECH

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Midland High's Gentry Foreman (24) scores against Amarillo Tascosa on Tuesday at MHS.

MHS

From 1C

thankfully we came back and they did make some big plays after that.

While it may have been tempting to look ahead to Friday's home match against rival Lee, Lopez said her team was fully focused on Tuesday's contest. She and her players understand every district match is critical for playoff positioning and the Lady Bulldogs played like it against Tascosa.

"We were ready for (Tuesday)," Lopez said. "We have the mentality of (taking things) game by game right now. We're not looking too far ahead. It's easy to look at Lee and be focused and ready for that game, but every game at this point is one that we want."

District 2-6A Volleyball Standings

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland High	5	0	23	12
Lee	4	0	23	12
San Angelo Central	4	2	23	6
Amarillo Tascosa	2	3	19	15
Wolfforth Frenship	2	3	12	18
Odessa Permian	1	4	16	13
Odessa High	0	4	6	21

Tuesday's Scores
Midland High 3, Amarillo Tascosa 0; Wolfforth Frenship 3, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central 3, Odessa Permian 0
Friday's Matches
Lee at Midland High; Wolfforth Frenship at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa. San Angelo Central is open. All matches at 5 p.m.

Tascosa head coach April Bolen was impressed with MHS' performance and said she saw a Lady Bulldogs team much improved from last year.

"They're legitimate," Bolen said. "They have two good setters, their libero gets everything, (Foreman) is a great leader."

Makaylee Carter totaled a team-high 19 assists for MHS, while Sarah Mata added 15 assists. Squire had 14 digs for the Lady Bulldogs.

For Tascosa, Reagan Leinen collected eight kills, while Faith Underwood had 10 assists and five digs.

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MIDLAND HIGH DEF. AMARILLO TASCOSA
25-14, 25-18, 25-22
Tascosa statistics
Kills — Reagan Leinen 8, Taryn Galt 5, Emma Norvell 4, Tasia Gilbreath 3, Kelsey Worley 2, Julia Sims 2, Abigail Zbinden 1
Assists — Sims 11, Faith Underwood 10, Worley 2, Kayden Bridges 2
Digs — Emma Kate Farris 12, Bridges 10, Underwood 5, Sims 4, Madi Edwards 3, Worley 3, Leinen 2, Zbinden 1, Brylie Kate Berryman 1
Blocks — Galt 1, Norvell 1
Aces — Bridges 1, Sims 1
MHS statistics
Kills — Hayley Branco 12, Gentry Foreman 6, Sarah Nelson 5, Merrick Beach 4, Kaitlyn Kennedy 3, Caroline Harper 3, Bailey Goodrum 2, Reagan Squire 1
Assists — Makaylee Carter 19, Sarah Mata 15, Squire 2, Branco 1
Digs — Squire 14, Carter 8, Branco 5, Nelson 4, Foreman 2, Goodrum 2, Harper 2, Mata 2, Erica Rivera 1
Blocks — Foreman 3, Kennedy 1, Beach 1, Branco 1, Harper 1, Goodrum 1, Nelson 1
Aces — Foreman 2, Mata 1, Carter 1
Records: Tascosa 19-15, 2-3 in District 2-6A; MHS 23-12, 5-0 in District 2-6A
Next: Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m. Friday; Lee at MHS, 5 p.m. Friday

HSVOLLEYBALLROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MCS BEATS SW CHRISTIAN

The Midland Christian volleyball team defeated Fort Worth Southwest Christian in five sets, 24-26, 25-27, 26-24, 25-14, 15-2, in a TAPPS 1-4A match at McGraw Event Center on Tuesday.

Andie Sheppard had 16 kills and 27 assists, Avery Jauz had 13 kills, Kat O'Brien had 12 kills and Sydney Wilson had 36 digs to lead the Lady Mustangs (15-13, 1-3).

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN DEF. FW SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN, 24-26, 25-27, 26-24, 25-14, 15-2
Midland Christian statistics
Kills — Andie Sheppard 16, Avery Jauz 13, Kat O'Brien 12, Lauren Danley 7, Landry Louder 5, Rachel Ramos 2, Faith Truez 1, Sydney Wilson 1
Assists — Sheppard 27, Truex 20, Wilson 5, O'Brien 1
Digs — Wilson 36, Skylar Espinosa 16, Whitney Newman 15, Sheppard 13, Truex 12, Danley 7, O'Brien 5, Jauz 5, Louder 3, Lauren Battershell 2
Ace — Espinosa 4, Sheppard 1, Wilson 1
Blocks — Danley 2, O'Brien 1.5, Sheppard 1, Battershell 0.5
Record: Midland Christian 15-13, 1-3 in TAPPS 1-4A
Next: Lubbock Titans at Midland Christian, 5 p.m. Oct. 3

MONAHANS TOPS GREENWOOD

MONAHANS — Monahans defeated Greenwood in four sets, 25-21, 25-20, 20-25, 25-21, in District 4-4A action at Jerry Larned Sports Complex.

Caity Payne had 16 kills to lead Greenwood (21-11, 0-2), while Kyndall Dove added 10 kills. Hanna Flores had 22 assists and five aces, while Madi Ulcak totaled 22 digs.

The Rangerettes next host Fort Stockton at noon Saturday.

MONAHANS DEF. GREENWOOD
25-21, 25-20, 20-25, 25-21
Greenwood statistics
Kills — Caity Payne 16, Kyndall Dove 10, Bradi Good 6, Payslee Sims 5, Kailey Martinez 4, Madi Ulcak 1, Gracie Huber 1
Assists — Hanna Flores 22, Faith Duran 11, Good 3, Huber 1, Ulcak 1
Digs — Ulcak 22, Sims 14, Kadyn Ellis 10, Duran 10, Payne 8, Flores 5, Good 4, Dove 1, Huber 1
Blocks — Martinez 1, Payne 0.5, Huber 0.5, Flores 0.5, Dove 0.5
Aces — Flores 5, Duran 1, Ulcak 1, Payne 1
Record: Greenwood 21-11, 0-2 in District 4-4A

MCA SWEEPS TRINITY

MCA defeated Trinity in straight sets 25-16, 25-13, 25-10 at the MCA gym.

Lizabelle Russell led MCA (20-4) with 10 kills and two blocks, while Kenna Bayley had 26 assists, 10 digs and two aces.

Trinity was led by Kinzi Roemer with five kills and three assists and Hailey Marsh with eight digs.

MCA DEF. TRINITY 25-16, 25-13, 25-10
Trinity statistics
Kills — Kinzi Roemer 5, Izzy Garriga 3, Rebecca Young 3, Claire Clifton 3, Mikayla Padilla 2, Brooke Widener 2
Digs — Hailey Marsh 8, Stockton Ashley 7, Roemer 6, Kim Matthews 4, Young 4, Padilla 3, Widener 1
Assists — Roemer 3, Young 3, Padilla 1
Aces — Padilla 2, Roemer 2, Marsh 1, Matthews 1
Blocks — Young 1, Clifton 1, Garriga 0.5, Padilla 0.5
MCA statistics
Kills — Lizabelle Russell 10, Leia Beattie 8, Makenna Beattie 3, Cammie Stokes 3, Marin Casey 2, Allison Shelby 2, Taylor Freeman 1, Kenna Bayley 1
Assists — Bayley 26
Digs — Shelby 11, Bayley 10, Micaela McDougall 8, M. Beattie 7, L. Beattie 5, Russell 2, Casey 1
Blocks — Russell 2, Stokes 1
Aces — Bayley 2, McDougall 1, L. Beattie 1
Records: MCA 20-4
Next: Lubbock Titans at Trinity, 6 p.m. Friday; MCA at Amarillo San Jacinto, 6:30 p.m. Friday

ANDREWS BEATS PECOS

PECOS — Behind eight kills from Alivia Mayfield, Andrews defeated Pecos in four sets, 25-19, 25-17, 26-28, 25-18 in a District 4-4A match.

Challys Morris added seven kills for the Lady Mustangs, Tori Gray had 23 assists and an ace and Mariah Infante had 13 digs.

Andrews next hosts Monahans at noon Saturday.

ANDREWS DEF. PECOS
25-19, 25-17, 26-28, 25-18
Andrews statistics
Kills — Alivia Mayfield 8, Challys Morris 7, Tori Gray 5, Kassidy Epperson 5, Madison Thompson 4, Jazz Johnson 3
Assists — Gray 23, Savannah Infante 1
Digs — Mariah Infante 13, Hayley Ramirez 5, S. Infante 5, Thompson 5, Gray 2
Blocks — Mayfield 3, Epperson 2, Morris 1, Johnson 1
Aces — Gray 1, S. Infante 1
Next: Monahans at Andrews, Noon Saturday

MCVOLLEYBALLCAPSULE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MIDLAND COLLEGE AT NEW MEXICO MILITARY

When/where: 8 p.m. (CDT), Cahoon Armory, Roswell, N.M.

Records: Midland College 17-2, 3-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; New Mexico Military Institute 16-7, 3-0

Last WJCAC match: Midland College def. Odessa College 3-1; New Mexico Military Institute def. Western Texas College 3-2

Notes & quotes: The winner of this match takes over sole possession of first place in the WJCAC standings. … Midland College returns to the court after a four-set home victory over rival Odessa College in a match in which the Lady Chaparrals believed that they didn't play their best. Still, a win like that over a rival should be a confidence boost for MC. "We can't have big heads about anything," MC coach Tammie Jimenez said. "We need to understand that everything still has to be earned. But it's nice to know that you can win ugly. We just need to imagine how much better we could be if we do play a good match." … Jimenez said the Lady Broncos are a disciplined team with plenty of size, long arms and plays very smart. She added that she would like to think her team is similar. "If we do have the same characteristics, it's going to come down to being the team that can persevere from the first whistle to the last whistle and who can take care of the ball the best. Eliminating unforced errors will be a deciding factor." … NMMI has also always been tough at home and the small gym with plenty of screaming cadets, makes for a tough environment. Jimenez said her team should embrace the challenge of playing there instead of being intimidated. "I want it to drive them and motivate them," she said. "I want it mentally to be a fuel to our fire rather than opposite. It's a great college environment to play in with a packed house and the crowd in your face. When you're an athlete, that competitive atmosphere should motivate you to work hard and be better."

Next: Lee College at Midland College, Midland College Invitational, 3 p.m. Friday; NMMI vs. Hill College, Tyler Invitational, 2 p.m.

2017 WJCAC volleyball standings

Team	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland College	3	0	17	2
New Mexico Military	3	0	16	7
Odessa College	2	1	11	10
Clarendon College	1	2	5	15
Western Texas	0	3	7	11
Frank Phillips	0	3	4	11

Previous matches
Midland College def. Odessa College 3-1; New Mexico Military Institute def. Western Texas College 3-2; Clarendon College def. Frank Phillips College 3-1.
Today's matches
Midland College at New Mexico Military Institute; Odessa College at Clarendon College; Western Texas College at Frank Phillips College.

Compiled by Oscar LeRoy

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION
UPCOMING EVENTS

10/5 6:30-8:30 Microchip Clinic at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
10/9 6:00 Volunteer Orientation at Adoption Center in PetSmart
11/5 Pet Pictures with Santa at Miss Cayce's Christmas Store

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A lot of nervous people wait for other shoe to drop

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

The seamy underbelly of college basketball has always existed, despite the halfhearted and mostly futile efforts by the NCAA to make sure everybody plays fair.

Now that it's finally been penetrated by real lawmen, the only question is how many people the FBI ends up taking down.

The number stood at 10 Tuesday after federal prosecutors moved to arrest, among others, a top Adidas executive, and assistant basketball coaches from Arizona, Auburn, the University of Southern California and Oklahoma State. They are charged in a bribery scheme to steer future NBA players toward selected sports agents and financial advisers.

But with mentions of people associated with the University of Louisville and University of Miami caught on wiretaps scheming to pay players as much as $150,000 to come to their schools, there figures to be a lot of nervous people in college basketball waiting for the other, er, shoe to drop.

Make no mistake about it. These aren't bumbling NCAA inspectors leading the investigation into shady agents, shoe companies and unscrupulous coaches.

These are FBI agents and U.S. attorneys with great powers of both subpoena and persuasion. Their investigation is not done and anyone leaning on the fence about whether to cooperate will have to balance their loyalty to programs with the very real fact they might go to prison if they don't fess up.

And fess up they will. A day of reckoning may be coming for some big programs, and some big-name coaches.

If the allegations are true — and there seem to be a lot of wiretaps supporting them — it could also mean the end of Rick Pitino's coaching career and possibly the end of Louisville's powerhouse basketball program.

Yes, it looks as if Pitino is in trouble again, just months after the NCAA ordered the school to vacate its 2013 national title because strippers danced and performed sex acts for recruits and players. Pitino was also suspended for five conference games and the school's basketball program put on four years' probation, actions he claimed were unjust because he said he knew nothing about what was going on.

Defiant then, he claims to be shocked now. Pitino issued an incredibly tone-deaf statement Tuesday blaming "a few bad actors," and painting the university and his program as victims of a "third-party scheme."

Guess you can only blame rogue assistant coaches for so long.

Louisville is the school named in the complaint as University 6, where the family of a top basketball recruit was allegedly promised $100,000 in late May or early June if he signed with the school. The FBI said it recorded a meeting in July where an assistant coach at Louisville was briefed on a plan to funnel thousands of dollars to the recruit's family, and the participants in the meeting noted they had to be careful because Louisville was already on probation.

According to the complaint filed in the Southern District of New York, the money was to be funneled through Adidas, whose director of basketball marketing was charged in the filing. Just last month, Louisville and Adidas reached agreement on a 10-year, $160 million contract to equip and sponsor the school's sports teams.

Louisville announced on June 3 the unexpected signing of recruit Brian Bowen, who hadn't been considering the university previously. Pitino at the time bragged to a local radio station he didn't have to spend a dime on recruiting visits for Bowen.

"In my 40 years coaching this is the luckiest I've ever been," Pitino said.

Pitino may not be feeling so lucky now. If the allegations are proven the NCAA may have no choice but to can Pitino and give Louisville the death penalty, eliminating basketball at the perennial national contender.

Just as interesting were details in the complaint that outed Miami as the university where Adidas and another unnamed apparel company were involved in a bidding war for a 2018 recruit that reached $150,000.

The allegations shouldn't be a shock to anyone who has been around an incestuous sport laden with snake oil shoe salesmen, millionaire coaches and sleazy recruiters. It's a place where business has always been conducted with handfuls of cash behind closed doors, with the powerless NCAA seemingly unable to do anything but count the billion dollars or so it gets each year for allowing the scam.

Now it's being exposed in a way that not long ago would have been unfathomable. Now people are likely going to be sent to prison instead of being scolded by the NCAA.

That's a seismic change in the way punishment is handed out in big-time college athletics.

And it should make a lot of people in the sport very nervous.

BRIBE

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ed, and Bland was placed on administrative leave.

Bland appeared in court in Tampa, Florida, wearing handcuffs and ankle chains. He said little during a brief hearing other than to answer the judge's questions and did not enter a plea.

Richardson appeared in court in Tucson, Arizona, where he was set for release on $50,000 bond. His lawyer declined to comment.

Those charged also include James Gatto, director of global sports marketing for basketball at Adidas; Rashan Michel, a maker of custom suits for some of the NBA's biggest stars; and various financial advisers and managers.

NCAA President Mark Emmert condemned the alleged misconduct, saying, "Coaches hold a unique position of trust with student-athletes and their families, and these bribery allegations, if true, suggest an extraordinary and despicable breach of that trust."

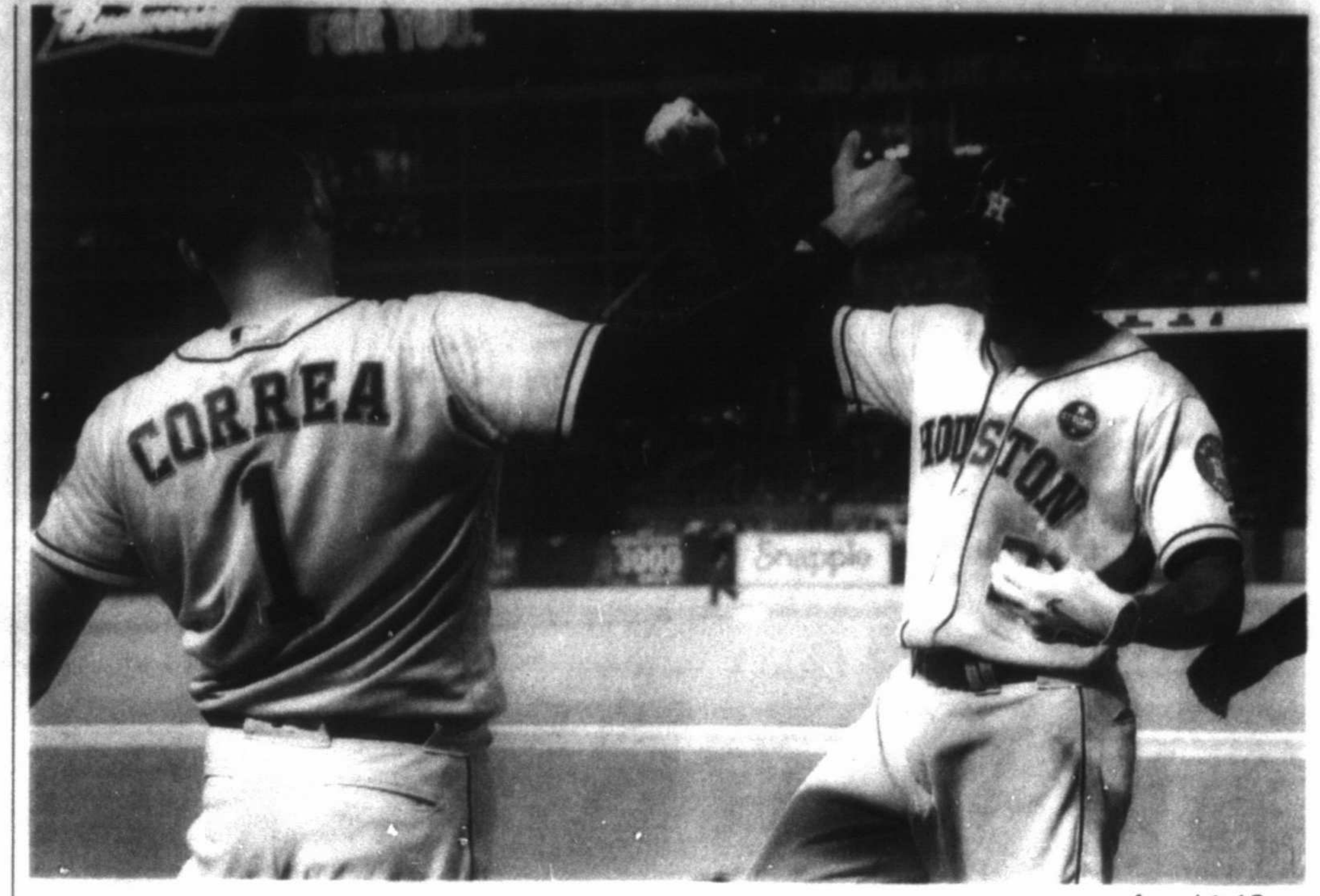
Since 2015, the FBI has been investigating the influence of money on coaches and players in the NCAA. Kim noted a special FBI hotline was set up and asked anyone aware of additional corruption to come forward.

Prosecutors said the coaches took bribes to use their "enormous influence" to steer players toward certain financial advisers and agents.

Most if not all of the 10 defendants were under arrest. Lawyers for Gatto and two of the coaches did not immediately respond to requests for comment. It was unclear whether Evans had an attorney.

Adidas said it was unaware of any misconduct by an employee and vowed to fully cooperate with authorities.

Gatto and others are accused of funneling $100,000 to the family of a high school athlete to gain his commitment to play at Louisville and to sign with Adidas once he became a professional. Louisville and Adidas announced a 10-year, $160 million extension of their sponsorship deal over the summer.



Associated Press

Houston Astros' Carlos Correa (1) and Cameron Maybin, right, celebrate a three-run home run hit by Maybin in the sixth inning against the Texas Rangers on Tuesday in Arlington.

Astros rout Rangers, clinch no worse than American League No. 2 seed

Associated Press

Astros	14
Rangers	3

ARLINGTON — Carlos Correa, Brian McCann and Cameron Maybin had three RBIs each and Dallas Keuchel allowed one earned run and five hits in six innings as the Houston Astros routed the Texas Rangers 14-3 on Tuesday night to clinch no worse than the second-best record in the American League.

Houston (97-60) trails Cleveland by one game with five to play in the race for the league's best record. The Indians own the tiebreaker, having won the season series.

The Astros did clinch home field in the best-of-5 AL Division Series.

Texas was eliminated from wild-card contention when Minnesota won earlier Tuesday night. The Rangers have lost five straight, equaling their longest skid of the season, during which they have been outscored 38-7.

Keuchel (14-5) struck out eight and walked one. Owning a 9-0 record before going on the disabled list in early May with neck discomfort, he improved to 5-5 since.

The Astros chased Rangers ace Cole Hamels (11-5) before he could record an out in the fourth inning. Hamels allowed four runs in the first inning and two in the fourth, giving up six hits and four walks.

It was Hamels' shortest outing since allowing seven runs in 1 2/3 innings on Sept. 5, 2016 in a 14-6 loss at Seattle.

Hamels went into the game 7-0 in 10 home starts this season and 5-0 in his Rangers career vs. Houston.

Texas' Delino DeShields hit an inside-the-park home run to center field in the sixth when Maybin failed to make a backhanded catch while running into the padded wall.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ROYALS 2 TIGERS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jason Vargas tied for the major league lead with his 18th victory, lifting the Kansas City Royals over the struggling Detroit Tigers 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Vargas (18-10) went six innings to match Cleveland's Corey Kluber and the Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw for most wins in the majors. He gave up a run and five hits, inducing groundball double plays in the second, fourth and fifth innings.

TWINS 8 INDIANS 6

CLEVELAND — Brian Dozier's three-run homer in the eighth inning pushed Minnesota to the brink of a playoff berth as the Twins rallied for an 8-6 victory over Cleveland on Tuesday night. The Indians lost for just the third time in 32 games.

Dozier connected for his 33rd homer against Bryan Shaw (4-6) as the Twins lowered their magic number for clinching a playoff berth to one.

BLUE JAYS 9 RED SOX 4

BOSTON — Chris Sale matched a career worst by giving up four home runs in a playoff tuneup, including a pair to Josh Donaldson, and the Boston Red Sox lost 9-4 to the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night.

Teoscar Hernandez hit one of his two homers off Sale, and Kendrys Morales had the other against Boston's ace lefty. Sale (17-8) allowed five runs in five innings and surrendered multiple homers for the third time in five starts. Sale last allowed four homers in a game Aug. 23, 2013 against Texas.

YANKEES 6 RAYS 1

NEW YORK — Aaron Hicks robbed Wilson Ramos of a first-inning grand slam in the outfielder's return from the disabled list, and the playoff-bound New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-1 Tuesday night to clinch home-field advantage if they end up in the AL wild-card game next week.

Tampa Bay's first three batters reached against rookie Jordan Montgomery (9-7), and Hicks leaped at the 385-foot sign in right-center to get his glove above the wall. He squeezed the webbing tight, preventing the ball from popping out and limiting Ramos to a sacrifice fly.

National League

NATIONALS 4 PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA — Jake Thompson and four relievers combined to hold the Washington Nationals in check and the Philadelphia Phillies spoiled Bryce Harper's return with a 4-1 win Tuesday night.

With the loss, Washington locked itself into the second seed in the NL playoffs behind the Dodgers. The Nationals will host the NL Central champion — either the Cubs or Milwaukee — in a Division Series beginning Oct. 6 at Nationals Park.

METS 4 BRAVES 3

NEW YORK — Travis Taijeron singled home the winning run with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning and the New York Mets rallied late to beat the Atlanta Braves 4-3 on Tuesday night.

New York was stymied by R.A. Dickey much of the night and trailed 3-0 in the seventh before Kevin Plawecki hit a two-run homer off the 42-year-old knuckleballer. Asdrubal Cabrera tied it with a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

A.J. Minter (0-1) allowed a leadoff single in the ninth to Plawecki, who was replaced by pinch-runner Juan Lagares. Dominic Smith walked but Minter struck out Amed Rosario, who failed to bunt the runners over.

CARDINALS 8 CUBS 7

ST. LOUIS — Tommy Pham and Randal Grichuk homered and drove in two runs each and the St. Louis Cardinals denied the Chicago Cubs a chance at clinching the NL Central with an 8-7 victory Tuesday night.

Interleague

PIRATES 10 ORIOLES 1

PITTSBURGH — Andrew McCutchen hit his first career grand slam as part of an eight-RBI game and the Pittsburgh Pirates rolled to a 10-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

McCutchen had 5,016 major-league at-bats coming into the game and 201 home runs.

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Boston	91	66	580	—
z-New York	88	69	561	3
Tampa Bay	76	81	484	15
Toronto	75	83	475	16½
Baltimore	75	83	475	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	98	59	624	—
Minnesota	83	74	529	15
Kansas City	77	80	490	21
Chicago	64	93	408	34
Detroit	62	95	395	36

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	97	60	618	—
Los Angeles	78	79	497	19
Seattle	76	81	484	21
Texas	76	81	484	21
Oakland	72	84	462	24½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	95	62	605	—
Miami	74	83	471	21
Atlanta	71	86	452	24
New York	68	90	430	27½
Philadelphia	63	95	399	32½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	88	69	561	—
Milwaukee	83	74	529	5
St. Louis	82	75	522	6
Pittsburgh	72	85	459	16
Cincinnati	66	91	420	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	100	57	637	—
y-Arizona	90	67	573	10
Colorado	85	73	538	15½
San Diego	70	87	446	30
San Francisco	62	95	395	38

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

Wild card standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
z-New York	88	69	561	—
Minnesota	83	74	529	—

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
y-Arizona	90	67	573	—
Colorado	85	73	538	—
Milwaukee	83	74	520	1½
St. Louis	82	75	522	2½

y-clinched wild card
z-clinched playoff berth

Tuesday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 1
Minnesota 8, Cleveland 6
Toronto 9, Boston 4
Houston 14, Texas 3
L.A. Angels 9, Chicago White Sox [illegible]
Kansas City 2, Detroit 1
Seattle at Oakland, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 4, Washington 1
N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 3
Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 6
St. Louis 8, Chicago Cubs 7
Colorado 6, Miami 0
San Francisco at Arizona, late
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, late

INTERLEAGUE

Pittsburgh 10, Baltimore 1

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Houston (Verlander 14-8) at Texas (Martinez 3-7), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Ramirez 5-6) at Oakland (Graveman 6-4), 2:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Ynoa 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 7-11), 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Andriese 5-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 13-6), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Mejia 4-6) at Cleveland (Salazar 5-6), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 10-8) at Boston (Porcello 10-17), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Zimmermann 8-13) at Kansas City (Hammel 8-13), 7:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Miami (Conley 7-7) at Colorado (Gray 9-4), 2:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Samardzija 9-15) at Arizona (Shipley 0-1), 2:40 p.m.
Washington (Roark 13-10) at Philadelphia (Leiter Jr. 3-6), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 11-11) at St. Louis (Wacha 12-8), 6:08 p.m.
Atlanta (Newcomb 4-8) at N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 7-7), 6:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 5-9) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 8-14) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 11-8), 9:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Baltimore (Ynoa 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 7-11), 6:05 p.m.

Texas box score

ASTROS 14, RANGERS 3

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	3	2	2	1	DShelds lf-cf	4	2	1	1
Fisher rf	2	0	0	0	Choo rf	2	0	1	0
Bregman 3b	5	1	3	2	Hoying rf	1	0	0	0
Correa ss	5	1	3	3	Andrus ss	3	0	2	1
White 2b	1	0	1	0	D.Rbnsn ss	1	1	1	1
Gattis dh	5	1	2	0	Mazara dh	3	0	0	0
Stassi ph-dh	1	0	0	0	Gallo pr-dh	0	0	0	0
Ma.Gnza 2b	3	0	1	1	Beltre 3b	2	0	0	0
J.Davis ph-3b	2	0	0	0	Middlbrk ph-3b				
Y.Gurriel 1b	4	2	2	0	Gomez cf				
Centeno ph-c	1	0	0	0	W.Chun [illegible]				
B.McCnn c	3	2	1	3	Chirinos c				
Moran ph-1b	1	0	0	0	A.Jimenez				
Maybin cf	4	3	2	3	Odor 2b				
T.Kemp lf	3	2	1	0	Gosselin 2b				
Rua 1b	3	0	0	0					
Totals	43	14	18	13	Totals				

Houston	400 253 000	— 14
Texas	100 001 001	— 3

E—Gomez (4), Ma.Gonzalez (8). DP—Houston 1, Texas 1. LOB—Houston 9, Texas [illegible]. 2B—Springer (29), Correa 2 (23), Gattis (22), Y.Gurriel (40). 3B—Maybin (2). HR—B.McCann (16), Maybin (10), DeShields (6), D.Robinson [illegible]. SB—Maybin (33). CS—Andrus [illegible]. SF—Bregman (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Keuchel W,14-5	6					
Harris						
Martes						
Guduan						
Texas						
Hamels L,11-5						
Gardewine						
Griffin						
Mendez	3 2/3					
Rodriguez						

Hamels pitched to 3 batters in the 4th.
HBP—by Griffin (Kemp), by Mendez (McCann). WP—Hamels.
Umpires—Home, Carlos Torres; First, Chris Guccione; Second, Dana DeMuth; Third, Paul Nauert.
T—3:23. A—28,976 (48,114).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 9, RED SOX 4

Toronto	101 030 040	— 9 13 0
Boston	100 000 030	— 4 8 1

J.Happ, Dermody (8), Koehler (8), Tepera (8), Santos (9) and Martin, Maile; Sale, Barnes (6), J.Kelly (7), Hembree (8), Velazquez (9) and Leon. W—J.Happ 10-11. L—Sale 17-8. HRs—Toronto, Hernandez 2, Donaldson 2, Morales. Boston, Leon.

YANKEES 6, RAYS 1

Tampa Bay	100 000 000	— 1 6 0
New York	040 000 02x	— 6 10 0

Snell, Roe (2), Kittredge (4), Boxberger (5), Romo (6), Jennings (7), Pruitt (8) and W.Ramos; J.Montgomery, Kahnle (7), Dav.Robertson (8), Betances (9) and G.Sanchez. W—J.Montgomery 9-7. L—Snell 4-7. HRs—New York, Castro.

TWINS 8, INDIANS 6

Minnesota	202 000 031	— 8 17 0
Cleveland	202 001 100	— 6 11 0

Colon, Duffey (2), Boshers (3), Gee (3), Moya (5), Busenitz (6), Pressly (7), Rogers (7), Hildenberger (8), Belisle (9) and J.Castro, Gimenez; Tomlin, Olson (4), Clevinger (6), Miller (7), B.Shaw (8), Breslow (9), McAllister (9) and R.Perez, F.Mejia. W—Rogers 7-3. L—B.Shaw 4-6. Sv—Belisle (8). HRs—Minnesota, Dozier, Rosario. Cleveland, Encarnacion.

ROYALS 2, TIGERS 1

Detroit	001 000 000	— 1 6 0
Kansas City	000 110 00x	— 2 8 0

A.Sanchez, VerHagen (7), Stumpf (8) and McCann; Vargas, Herrera (7), Soria (8), Minor (9) and S.Perez. W—Vargas 18-10. L—A.Sanchez [illegible]. Sv—Minor [illegible].

ANGELS 9, CUBS 3

Los Angeles	060 000 300	— 9 10 0
Chicago	100 001 100	— 3 6 0

Bridwell, Chavez (7), Salas (9) and Maldonado; Volstad, Beck (6), Petricka (7), Fry (9) and K.Smith. W—Bridwell 9-3. L—Volstad [illegible]. HRs—Los Angeles, Trout, Valbuena, Phillips. Chicago, Abreu 2.

INTERLEAGUE

PIRATES 10, ORIOLES 1

Baltimore	000 001 000	— 1 5 1
Pittsburgh	240 013 00x	— 10 11 0

Gausman, Yacabonis (5), Hart (7), Brach (8) and Sisco; T.Williams, Brault (7) and E.Diaz. W—T.Williams 7-9. L—Gausman [illegible]. Sv—Brault (1). HRs—Baltimore, Davis. Pittsburgh, McCutchen 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Washington	010 000 000	— 1 4 1
Philadelphia	003 000 10x	— 4 6 0

G.Gonzalez, Blanton (6), Romero (7), A.Adams (8) and Wieters; Thompson, E.Ramos (6), Morgan (7), Garcia (8), Neris (9) and Rupp. W—Thompson 3-2. L—G.Gonzalez 15-8. Sv—Neris (25). HRs—Washington, Kendrick.

METS 4, BRAVES 3

Atlanta	120 000 000	— 3 11 1
New York	000 000 211	— 4 7 0

Dickey, Winkler (7), S.Freeman (8), Minter (9) and Flowers; Montero, Smoker (7), H.Robles (7), Familia (9) and Plawecki. W—Familia 2-2. L—Minter 0-1. HRs—New York, Plawecki.

BREWERS 7, REDS 6

Cincinnati	020 010 210	— 6 11 1
Milwaukee	402 000 10x	— 7 10 1

McGuire, A.Hernandez (4), Farrell (6), Peralta (7), Lorenzen (8) and Barnhart; Davies, Hader (5), Swarzak (7), Knebel (9) and Vogt. W—Hader 2-3. L—McGuire 0-1. Sv—Knebel (38). HRs—Cincinnati, Schebler, Cozart, Winker. Milwaukee, Santana.

ROCKIES 6, MARLINS 0

Miami	000 000 000	— 0 5 0
Colorado	400 020 00x	— 6 12 0

J.Urena, O'Grady (6), Guerra (7) and Realmuto; Ty.Anderson, Rusin (8), Dunn (9) and Lucroy, Wolters. W—Ty.Anderson 6-6. L—J.Urena 14-7. HRs—Colorado, Arenado, Story.

CARDINALS 8, CUBS 7

Chicago	011 100 040	— 7 7 1
St. Louis	320 010 20x	— 8 10 1

Arrieta, M.Montgomery (4), Pena (6), Wilson (8) and Contreras; Martinez, Duke (5), Lyons (7), Brebbia (8), Nicasio (8) and C.Kelly. W—Duke 1-1. L—Arrieta 14-10. Sv—Nicasio (5). HRs—Chicago, Zobrist, Heyward. St. Louis, Grichuk, Carpenter, Pham, Gyorko.

NFL coach, player explain why they protested Sunday

Associated Press

Football coaches warn players not to say anything that could wind up on the opposing team's bulletin board.

When he set out to challenge NFL protesters, Donald Trump took the opposite tack. He put up a billboard.

The president essentially called out-of-work quarterback Colin Kaepernick "an SOB" for taking a knee to protest racial injustice during the national anthem.

And any player who followed him?

"Fire 'em!" Trump said.

He may have inspired them instead.

"We understand why people are upset about it," Carroll said. "It is not about denigration of the flag, the country or anything that stands for. It's not about that at all. It's about trying to get your feelings out and your ideas across. Protests, just by the nature of the word, not everybody is going to agree — that's why it's a protest."

Following are lightly edited transcripts:

Pete Carroll
66, coach, Seattle Seahawks

"This isn't about the kind of salaries they make; they're very fortunate to be where they are and they know it and they have the courage to speak out.

"I think it's extraordinary that this is happening, and I think it's a moment that we all can learn what we want to learn out of this. I hope we learn about empathy, to listen, to come to an understanding what someone else feels without passing judgement. It doesn't mean you're going, to agree. That's OK. That's OK.

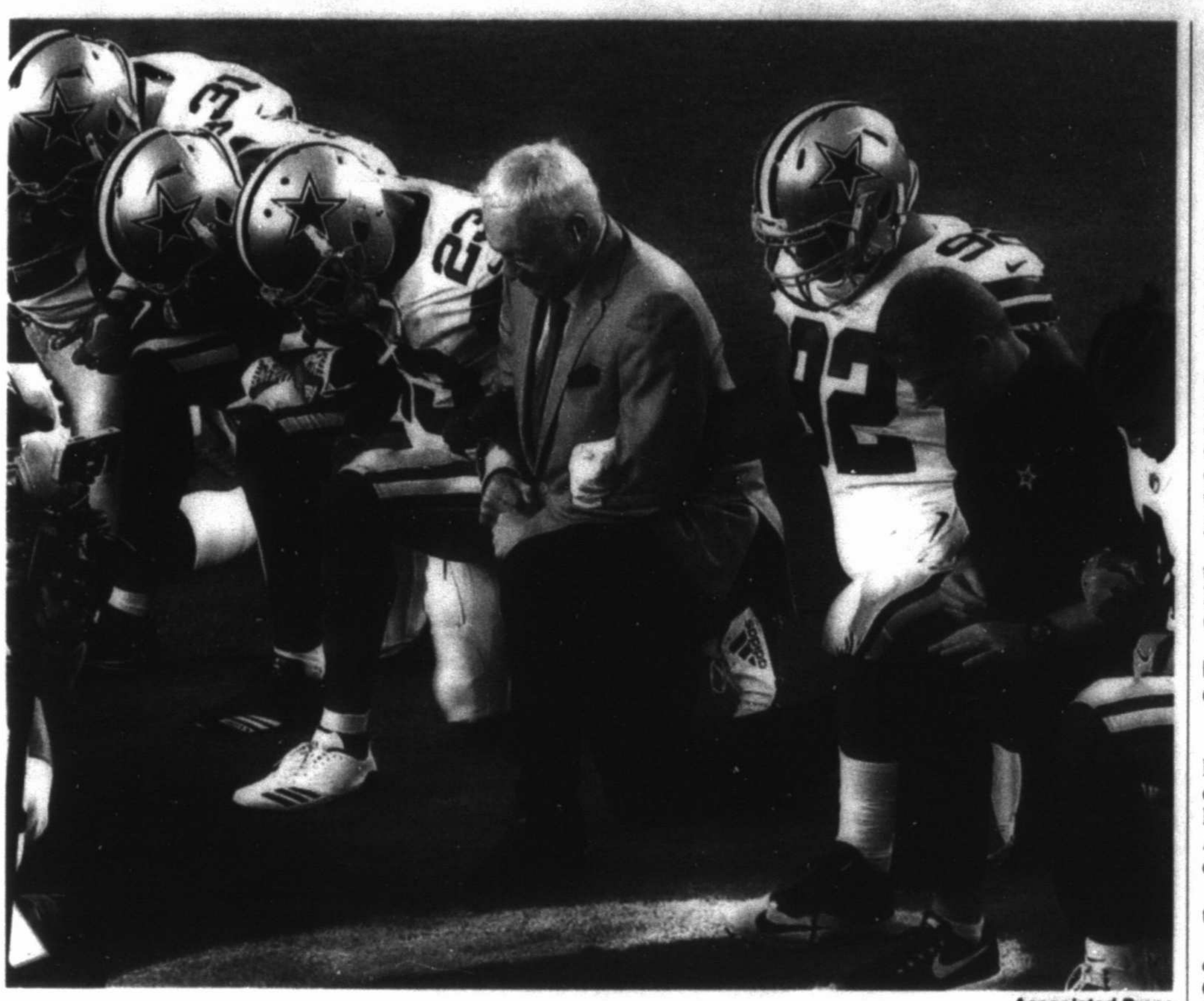
"Hopefully, like I said, the compassion part will come about in the proper manner and there will be action taken and there will be movement made, and we'll come to an understanding. It's hard. It's hard, but it's good."

Von Miller
28, linebacker Denver Broncos

"Me and my teammates, we felt like President Trump's speech was an assault on our most cherished right, freedom of speech. Collectively, we felt like we had to do something for this game, if not any other game, if not in the past, in the future. At this moment in time, we felt like, as a team, we had to do something. We couldn't just let things go.

"I have a huge respect for the military, our protective services and everything. I've been to Afghanistan; I've met real-life superheroes. It wasn't any disrespect to them, it was for our brothers that have been attacked for things that they do during the game, and I felt like I had to join them on it.

"I felt like it was an attack on the National Football League, as well. You know, he went on and talked about ratings. This is my life, and I love everything about the National Football League. From the commissioner, all the way down to the field tech guys and the chefs in the kitchen. ... I try to keep out any politics or social issues and just try to play ball. But I feel like it was an attack on us."



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The Dallas Cowboys, led by owner Jerry Jones, center, take a knee Monday before the national anthem prior to their game against the Arizona Cardinals, in Glendale, Ariz.

Cowboys try building on win after anthem display, slow start

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

"It wouldn't surprise me if the participation and the recognition of unity and recognition of equality, it wouldn't surprise me if that were a template going forward in the NFL."

Jerry Jones, Dallas Cowboys owner

FRISCO — Jerry Jones says the Dallas Cowboys could be on to something after the owner persuaded his players to kneel together before the national anthem and stand during the song when the flag was displayed.

What the Cowboys did once the game against Arizona started could reverberate for them on and off the field.

Dallas recovered from a slow start after the unique display among many NFL responses to President Donald Trump's criticism and beat the Cardinals 28-17 on Monday night a week after another sluggish first half for the defending NFC East champs in a 42-17 loss to Denver.

Speaking on his radio show Tuesday, Jones said he told his players to trust him that such an approach could work as a way to avoid criticism for what some see as disrespect for the flag and the country.

"It wouldn't surprise me if the participation and the recognition of unity and recognition of equality, it wouldn't surprise me if that were a template going forward in the NFL," Jones said.

Coach Jason Garrett said the Cowboys have to figure out how much of their latest slow start had to do with them spending the 48 hours before the game deciding how to respond to Trump's suggestion that NFL players who kneel during the anthem should be fired.

Players, coaches and staff held several meetings, and many of those people joined in the display. That included Jones and members of his family arm-in-arm with players in the middle of the field near the 50-yard line as boos rang out across University of Phoenix Stadium.

The Cowboys rose, still arm-in-arm, and stepped back to the sideline as the flag was unfurled across the field, followed by Jordin Sparks singing the anthem.

"I do think there was really good intensity and a really good look in the eyes of our players," Garrett said. "They did not seem distracted to me. But again, you have to go out there and play."

In their past two first quarters combined, the Cowboys have run 15 plays for 54 yards. All they had against the Cardinals was one three-and-out possession totaling 3 yards as the defense struggled as well.

But quarterback Dak Prescott ended up with an inspiring head-over-heels flip at the goal line on a 10-yard scoring run and two touchdown passes. Receiver Dez Bryant carried several defenders into the end zone with a helpful push from center Travis Frederick.

And 2016 NFL rushing champion Ezekiel Elliott finally had his first long run and touchdown of the season.

"Our team just became closer," said 15th-year tight end Jason Witten . a staunch supporter of standing for the anthem. "I know these guys over the weekend there were a lot of different decisions. Some guys felt the need, they knelt. I can respect that decision."

Garrett sidestepped a question on whether the Cowboys would do something similar Sunday against the Los Angeles Rams in their first home game since the display.

The Dallas coach praised his team's ability to balance game preparation with multiple discussions over the Trump-fueled issues, despite the slow start.

"I think the fact that they're a good football team maybe had as much to do with that as anything," Garrett said. "We didn't execute to the level we needed to. But we were real pleased with how our team fought and kept battling."

The Cowboys (2-1) are tied for the division lead despite the troubling outing in Denver — the worst game together for Prescott, last year's NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year, and Elliott. And a near-repeat in the first half against the Cardinals.

"It brought back memories of Denver," Jones said. "And then all of a sudden you turn up and we start having what we looked we started getting a little daylight. I believe we'll look back and say, 'This team grew up that night.'"

AREA

From 1C

it hosts rival Big Spring on Friday night.

Andrews coach Ralph Mason said despite the last-second 41-37 loss to Monahans, the game was a good learning experience for his team.

"I think we found another level of play that we're capable of playing at," Mason said. "Obviously we've got to be more consistent on both sides of the ball at key times in the game."

Big Spring (0-4) next travels to the Mustang Bowl to face the Mustangs (3-1).

Forsan change of schedule

Through an email from Forsan coach and athletic director Jason Phillips, Forsan will now be playing Amarillo JV at 6 p.m. Friday instead of Morton.

No reason was given for the change.

Forsan (2-2) is coming off a 42-34 loss to Reagan County in which quarterback Bryce Hergert threw for 227 yards and three touchdowns.

Bearkats aim to learn from loss

Garden City coach Jeff Jones was hoping his team would learn from playing a team like Balmorhea early in the season.

He probably wasn't expecting his team to commit seven turnovers in a 69-32 loss to the Bears.

Jones said the turnovers were the combination of his team forcing things and the Bears just making plays on defense.

The good news is that there were some positives that the No. 5 Bearkats (2-1) took away away from the loss.

"Our blocking was good at time against a good defense like that," Jones said. "I also liked the fight in our team and we were able to pull to within two points in the third quarter, but then had some bad breaks here and there. I also thought the defense played pretty good against their offense. All in all, it was a total learning experience, use it for what it was and work toward fixing the things we need to care of."

Garden City next hosts Rankin (3-1) on Friday.

Rankin on a roll

Rankin will take its three-game winning streak into Garden City this Friday.

The Red Devils (3-1) are coming off a 65-0 victory over Grady. Ever since suffering a 69-21 loss to Balmorhea in the season opener, the Red Devils have outscored their opponents 191-33.

"We're producing in all three phases of the game and we're playing well," Rankin coach Jeff Shelton said. "Against Grady, we came out, executed well and it kind of snowballed from there."

Shelton added that ever since that loss to Balmorhea, the Bears have made an effort to improve. This year's win total already betters last year's two-win total.

"We've been playing pretty well," Shelton said. "We've cleaned up some things up and we've looked a lot better since that first game. The kids are doing a good job of working on the things we need to work on and are making a conscience effort to improve. Garden City will be a good measuring stick for us to see how much we've improved since that first week."

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RANGERS

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thrown at them.

In addition to getting the turnovers, the Rangers did a solid job against the Chiefs' offense as 14 of Lake View's points came in the fourth quarter when the game was already in hand.

"I felt like our defense played well," Sanderson said. "Lake View was showing some different looks, so we had to make some adjustments. I thought the kids did a great job of adjusting and doing it on the run. It helps that you have guys who understand what you want and know how to execute it. They have great football knowledge and getting a lot better."

The Rangers now embark on the district schedule, which may prove to be a battle every week. Greenwood opens against Fort Stockton at 7 p.m. Friday at J.M. King Memorial Stadium.

Many believe this is one of the toughest 4A districts in the state.

Going into Friday's play, with the exception of Fort Stockton (2-2), every district team has a winning record, while Sweetwater (4-0) is ranked No. 10 in the latest Associated Press Class 4A poll.

Sanderson said he was happy to see his team play well going into district and added that if his team plays well and avoids major injuries, the Rangers should be in the mix of things, not only for a playoff spot but for a district title.

"We feel like we have the kids. If we go out and play our best, we have the opportunity to win," Sanderson said. "Our goal is to be our best every night. I feel if we do that, we'll have a shot."

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2017 GREENWOOD STATISTICS
(3-1, 0-0)

Opponents	13	35	20	27—102
Greenwood	48	38	44	20—150

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jake Somers	42	361	8.6	5
Ryan Snodgrass	39	333	8.5	3
Efrain Franco	28	116	4.1	0
Fidencio Soto	22	138	6.3	0
Seth Weatherby	4	9	2.3	1
Totals	135	957	7.1	9

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
J. Somers	49	85	5	819	10
Totals	49	85	5	819	10

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Brody Ray	10	227	22.7	3
Jared Nail	8	178	22.3	1
Gunnar Holcomb	8	134	16.8	2
S. Weatherby	7	57	8.1	2
Brett Liles	4	70	17.5	0
Kobe Jameson	4	57	14.3	0
Josh Nail	4	52	13.0	0
Cade Bracey	4	44	11.0	0
Totals	49	819	16.7	10

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
J. Somers	5	0	0	0	30
Derek Rimer	0	18	0	2	24
R. Snodgrass	3	0	0	0	18
S. Weatherby	3	0	0	0	18
B. Ray	3	0	0	0	18
Josh Nail	2	0	0	0	12
G. Holcomb	2	0	0	0	12
Jared Nail	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	19	18	0	2	97

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg.
D. Rimer	10	372	37.2
Totals	10	372	37.2

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	FR	INT
G. Holcomb	27	13	40	2	0	1
S. Weatherby	21	10	31	0	0	0
Braden Latham	19	9	28	6	0	0
R. Snodgrass	21	6	27	2	1	2
Jared Nail	14	8	22	0	0	0
C. Bracey	15	6	21	1	0	0
Brody Ray	16	3	19	1	0	2
Jantzen Baker	16	2	18	3	0	0
Josh Nail	11	6	17	1	0	0
B. Liles	10	7	17	0	0	0
Coby Robbins	10	5	15	0	1	0
Tristan Ruiz	10	2	12	5	0	0
Brian Ramos	9	3	12	3	0	0
J. Vasquez	6	3	9	0	0	0
Allber Garza	6	2	8	0	0	0
C. Cook	4	1	5	0	0	0
Sloan Stephens	1	1	2	0	0	0
Kobe Jameson	1	0	1	1	0	0
J. Rose	0	1	1	0	0	0
D. Richardson	1	0	1	0	0	0

Key: ST - solo tackle, AT - assisted tackle, TT - total tackles, TFL - tackle for loss, FR - fumble recovery, INT - interceptions

NFL AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	50	37
New England	2	1	0	.667	99	95
Miami	1	1	0	.500	25	37
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	52	72
South						
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	86	69
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	89	51
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	53	90
Houston	1	2	0	.333	53	74
North						
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	64	50
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	51	54
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	33	60
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	56	76
West						
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	93	57
Denver	2	1	0	.667	82	64
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	81	63
L.A. Chargers	0	3	0	.000	48	67

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	77	68
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	64	62
Washington	2	1	0	.667	71	60
N.Y. Giants	0	3	0	.000	37	70
South						
Atlanta	3	0	0	1.000	87	66
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	45	40
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	46	41
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	73	78
North						
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	72	62
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	85	63
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	67	67
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	47	69
West						
L.A. Rams	2	1	0	.667	107	75
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	48	59
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	56	76
San Francisco	0	3	0	.000	51	76

Schedule

Thursday Game
Chicago at Green Bay, 7:25 p.m.

Sunday's Games
New Orleans vs Miami at London, UK, 8:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, noon
Carolina at New England, noon
Tennessee at Houston, noon
Detroit at Minnesota, noon
Buffalo at Atlanta, noon
L.A. Rams at Dallas, noon
Cincinnati at Cleveland, noon
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, noon
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Game
Washington at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's late box score

COWBOYS 28, CARDINALS 17

Dallas	0	7	7	14—28
Arizona	7	0	7	3—17

First Quarter
Ari—Ja.Brown 25 pass from Palmer (Dawson kick), 9:59.

Second Quarter
Dal—Prescott 10 run (Bailey kick), 1:11.

Third Quarter
Dal—Bryant 15 pass from Prescott (Bailey kick), 8:31.
Ari—Fitzgerald 15 pass from Palmer (Dawson kick), 3:13.

Fourth Quarter
Dal—Butler 37 pass from Prescott (Bailey kick), 11:52.
Ari—FG Dawson 37, 6:35.
Dal—Elliott 8 run (Bailey kick), 4:57.
A—65,102.

	Dal	Ari
First downs	15	22
Total Net Yards	273	332
Rushes-yards	26-99	21-49
Passing	174	283
Punt Returns	4-43	2-4
Kickoff Returns	1-18	2-40
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	13-18-0	29-48-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	6-42
Punts	7-44.4	6-45.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-76	6-50
Time of Possession	23:45	36:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, Elliott 22-80, Prescott 3-16, Switzer 1-3. Arizona, Ellington 5-22, Johnson 12-17, Palmer 3-7, K.Williams 1-3.

PASSING—Dallas, Prescott 13-18-0-183. Arizona, Palmer 29-48-0-325.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Te.Williams 3-47, Elliott 3-14, Butler 2-90, Bryant 2-12, N.Brown 1-13, Beasley 1-4, Witten 1-3. Arizona, Fitzgerald 13-149, Ellington 5-59, Gresham 5-47, Ja.Brown 2-27, B.Golden 1-21, Niklas 1-10, C.Williams 1-8, Johnson 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Arizona, Dawson 36.

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune (N)	Goldberg (N)	Speech-less (N)	Modern Family (N)	Am.How-sewife (N)	Designated Survivor "One Year In" (SP) (N)		Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Survivor (N)		SEAL Team "Tip of the Spear" (P) (N)		Criminal Minds "Wheels Up" (SP) (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) The Late Show	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Curious Bride"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Empire "Noble Memory" (SP) (N)		Star "The Winner Takes It All" (SP) (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Mom	Modern Family	Modern Family	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Shepherd's Heart		Update News	Creation Magazine	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Update News	In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley		The Essentials
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsW-est 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	Blacklist "Smokey Putnam" (SP) (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Gone Fishin'" (SP) (N)		Chicago P.D. "Reform" (SP) (N)		NewsW-est 9 (N)	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		The Vietnam War "A Disrespectful Loyalty (May 1970-March 1973)" (N)				The Vietnam War "A Disrespectful Loyalty (May 1970-March 1973)"			Newsline		Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Enamorandome de Ramon		Mi marido tiene familia		Hoy Voy a Cambiar		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto	Deportivo
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Dateline		Dateline				Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Game	Game
FLIX		340	575			165	(5:00) Alpha Dog		Dreamscape				(:45) The Wraith Charlie Sheen.				Zombie Honeymoon	
HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	Hidden Figures ('16, Dra) Taraji P. Henson.				(:10) The Deuce		(:10) The Deuce		(:10) Clinica	Movie
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:25)	Search Party	Bill Maher		LastWeek	Room104	VICE		First Look (7:45)		The Rocker	Movie
HBO5		304	552	16	102		Assassin's Creed Michael Fassbender.						Max Payne		(:45)		Resident Evil Milla Jovovich.	Ballers
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(4:50) Die Hard Wi...		Raging Bull Robert De Niro.				(:10) TBA		(:40)		Live by Night ('16, Cri) Ben Affleck.	Movie
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:10)	Private Benjamin Goldie Hawn.					Hail, Caesar!		(:30)		Johnson Family Vacation	Movie
PLEX				96			(5:20) Marvin's Ro...		Far From Heaven				(:55) Music of the Heart ('99, Dra) Meryl Streep.				(:50) Of Mice &...	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:40)	Open Range Robert Duvall.					Gangs of New York ('02, Dra) Leonardo DiCaprio.				Inside the NFL	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:25)	The Hybrid	12 Monkeys Bruce Willis.				(:10) Hardcore Henry Sharlto Copley.				The Thing	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	The Lowe Files (N)		(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars	(:05) S. Wars	(:35) S. Wars
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:00)	Pirates of th...			The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey ('12, Fant) Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman.						The Da Vinci Co...	
BET		58			40		(4:00)	To Be Announced						Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin	(:35) Martin
BRAVO		65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Below Deck		Watch		Legally Blonde	
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Rich	Rich	Rich	Rich
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Misfit Garage		Misfit Garage (N)		Misfit Garage (N)		Garage Rehab (N)		Misfit Garage		(:05) Garage Rehab	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Underc.	Raven's.	StuckMid	Bizaard.	Bizaard.	Liv/Mad	Underc.	Andi M.	Raven's.	StuckMid	Bunk'd
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (L)								MLB Baseball San Diego Padres at Los Angeles Dodgers (L)			
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	SportsCenter (N)		30 for 30 "Tommy" (N)			30Shorts	NFL's Greatest (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
FNC		45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		The Five		Hannity		Tucker Carlson		The Five	
FOOD		64	70	27	68	54	WorstCooks		WorstCooks		WorstCooks (N)		BestBake "Cake" (N)		Halloween Baking		WorstCooks	
FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(5:00)	27 Dresses			The Break Up ('06, Com/Dra) Vince Vaughn.				The 700 Club		You Again	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Cowboys (N)	Focused	NCAA Volleyball Baylor at Texas Women's Site: Gregory Gymnasium -- Austin, Texas (L)				Player of Week	Stars Insider	Stars Insider	Pudge	WPT Poker Legends of Poker	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(4:00)	Iron Man 3			Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Alexander Skarsgard, Taylor Kitsch.						Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Taylor Kitsch.	
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Take New Orleans		Buying & Selling (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling	
HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers: Bonus Buys "Appalachian Picking" (N)						(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Grey's Anatomy "Let the Truth Sting"		Unfaithful ('02, Thril) Diane Lane, Richard Gere. The lives of a suburban couple go awry when the wife indulges in an illicit affair.						Little Women: Dallas "Season One Reunion"		Unfaithful Richard Gere.	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				Advent. Spartan Race		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.		American Ninja War.	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Frankie	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	Movie	The Book of Eli ('09, Adv) Denzel Washington.					Channel Zero (N)		Face Off: Game Face		Mega Python vs...	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan Andy Samberg, Jay Oakerson (N)		Full Frontal	Conan (N)
TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:15)	Fastest Gun...	Heidi				(:45)	Sealed Cargo Dana Andrews.			McQ John Wayne.	
TELE		20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Sin Senos Si Hay (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Si Hay Par	
TLC		51	61	32	38	52	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER	NY ER
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Bones		San Andreas A helicopter pilot and his ex-wife attempt to rescue their daughter after an earthquake.						The Chronicles of Riddick An escaped convict searches for the secrets of his past while on an intergalactic crusade.			
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Intersecting Lives"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Heartfelt Passages"		The Help ('11, Dra) Emma Stone. Tension and surprises abound as three women struggle against prejudice in a small town.				Chrisley Knows		Chrisley Knows	
WGN		19	85				U.S. Marshals ('98, Act) Wesley Snipes. A framed covert C.I.A. agent becomes a fugitive on the run from a U.S. Marshal.						U.S. Marshals ('98, Act) Wesley Snipes. A framed covert C.I.A. agent becomes a fugitive on the run from a U.S. Marshal.					

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Girlfriend's stunning revelation leaves entire family shocked

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR ABBY: My son and his live-in girlfriend were expecting a baby. My daughter planned the shower, and it was a wonderful eight months of excitement. I was included in the ultrasounds and all information, and we were all anticipating the big day. Two weeks before the baby was due, my son showed up and announced that the baby is not his. He was heartbroken, as were all of us.

I had given them items that should have stayed in the family, and many of his friends and our extended family gave them a lot of gifts. Shouldn't those things be returned? She cheated on my son, became pregnant by another man and then waited until the end to break his heart. Your advice would be appreciated. — SAD AND MAD IN IDAHO

DEAR SAD AND MAD: Please accept my sympathy for the very real loss your family has experienced. My question to you would be, how is your son handling this revelation? Is the relationship over, or is there a chance he could forgive her, reconcile and accept the baby as his own? (Some men do.)

If that's the case, let things stand as they are. However, if he won't, you should politely ask for the family items to be returned. Rightfully, they should be. Assuming they are in her possession and were given as gifts, she may refuse, and you can't force her. Be prepared, hang onto your temper and try not to say anything for which you might be sorry later. This is a time for negotiation, not vendetta.

DEAR ABBY: I was raped when I was 13. My uncle was the person who took me to the home of his friend who raped me. After that, my uncle started molesting me. Instead of believing me, my parents believed my uncle's lies. They blamed and abandoned me afterward. I had to learn about life the hard way.

My dad is dead now, and I don't associate with my mom or anyone on her side of the family. I always mess up any relationship I have. I love the guy I have been seeing for three years, but I'm still doing the same things that ruined my last relationships. I have a huge problem with trust, even with this new guy. How do I stop acting like this? — NEEDS HELP IN FLORIDA

DEAR NEEDS HELP: Considering your history, your trust issues are a normal reaction to what was done to you by your family. That your parents would believe your abuser instead of you when you told them you had been assaulted is appalling.

If there is a rape treatment center near where you live, reach out to it for help. If there isn't, and you can't afford private counseling, contact the county department of mental health and ask to talk to a licensed psychotherapist.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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♠ J 7 5 2
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 3
♣ A K 9 4

WEST
♠ 8 6 4
♥ A 10 4
♦ 4 2
♣ J 8 7 6

EAST
♠ 3
♥ 8 7 6 3
♦ Q 10 7 6
♣ Q 10 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 10 9
♥ K Q J 5
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♠	Pass
4♠	All pass		

*Game-forcing spade raise

Opening lead: ?

New players are given a lot of rules to learn. Their ability to play is dependent on their ability to remember these rules at the table. In the process of gaining experience, players begin to understand the reasons for these rules. They learn that these are not really rules at all, just logical guidelines. When they reach that level, they can identify situations that provide a good opportunity to break one of the rules.

One of these rules refers to opening leads. We are taught to lead "fourth from our longest and strongest" suit. Should that suit be headed by the ace, however, we can only lead that suit against a no-trump contract. Defending against no-trump, we are trying to develop our long cards in the suit as tricks. Declarer cannot stop these tricks from cashing by ruffing them. Against a suit contract, however, where long cards in our suit rarely take tricks, it is considered too dangerous to lead away from an ace. Not only might the lead give away a trick, but you might never get to take your ace.

In today's deal, West listened carefully to the auction. South was not able to show a control in diamonds, the only unbid suit. With no standout lead, West tried the deceptive effect of leading a low diamond. South, believing that a player was most unlikely to underlead an ace, played dummy's jack. East won with the queen and led a heart to West's ace. Another low diamond put declarer on the spot. He played low from dummy as East scooped up his 10 and led a diamond to partner's ace. Call the cops!

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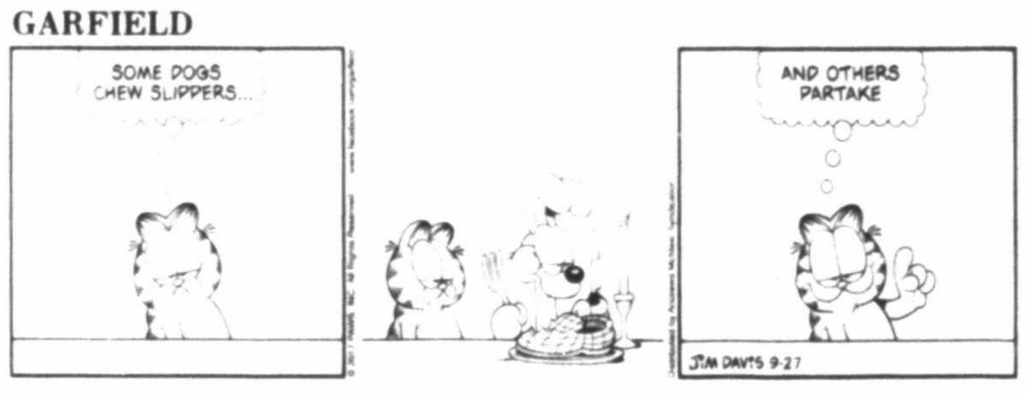

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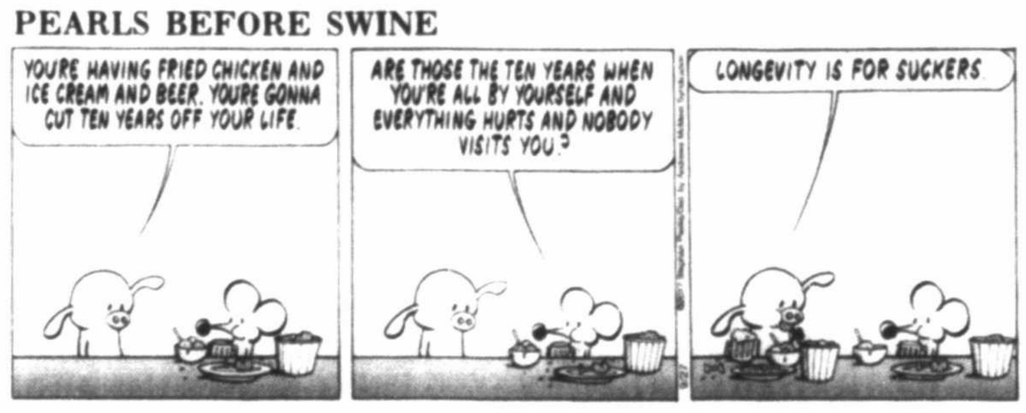

WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

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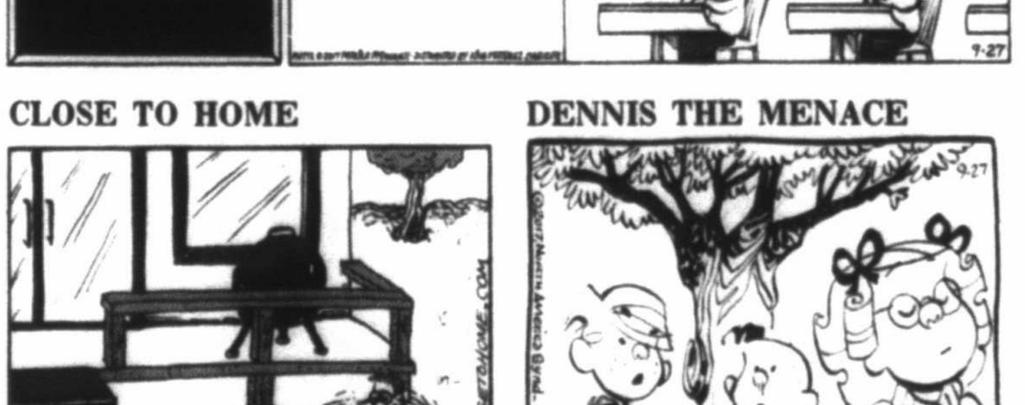
MUTTS

CLOSE TO HOME



"Man, think how much the Tooth Fairy is going to give us for these teeth!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"OL' MARGARET EVEN USED *BIG* WORDS FOR SMALL TALK!"

LOCKHORNS

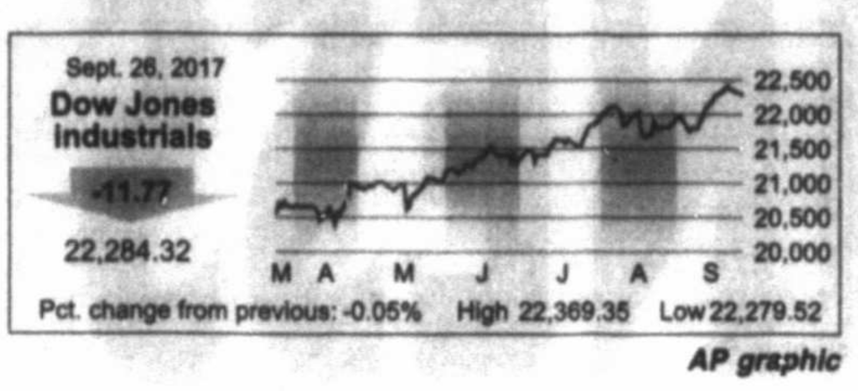
"I KNOW YOU WANT TO WATCH A GAME TONIGHT, LEROY, BUT I'M EMPLOYING THE PREVENT DEFENSE."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Guess what, Mommy? You have 129 pounds of kids!"

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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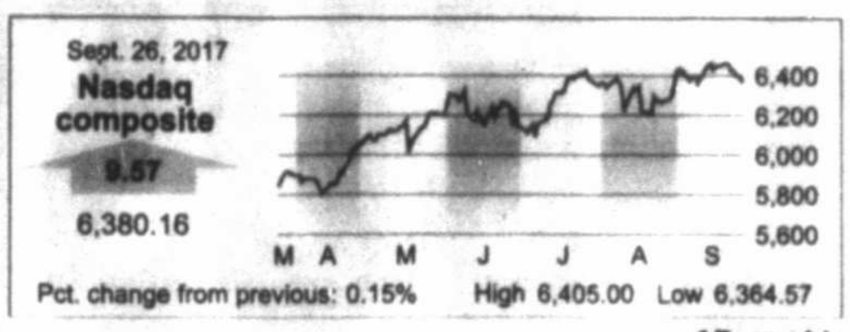

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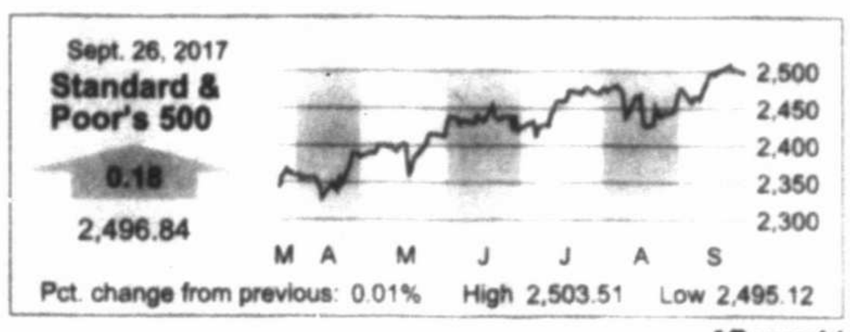

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday:	$51.88
Previous:	$52.22

POSTED

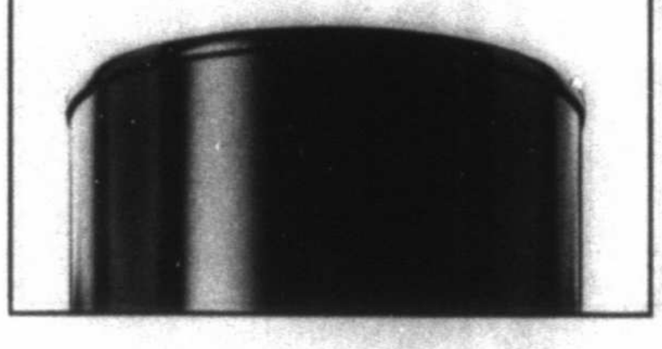
Tuesday:	$48.25
Previous:	$48.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday:	$45.35
Previous:	$45.60

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday:	$2.918
Previous:	$2.919



NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iShEMkts	772796	44.61	-.77
BkofAm	592600	24.76	-.26
S&P500ETF	502150	248.93	-.51
VanEGold	468824	23.83	+.36
GenElec	404597	25.11	+.24

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OutfrontM	24.26	+3.22	+15.3
BBarrett	4.46	+.42	+10.4
AtwoodOcn	8.94	+.83	+10.2
ENSCO	5.73	+.49	+9.4
WhitingPet	5.56	+.46	+9.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VivintSolar	3.30	-.55	-14.3
FangHldg	3.74	-.55	-12.8
58.com	58.67	-8.11	-12.1
UBS 3xInvC	24.14	-2.79	-10.4
CgpVelICrd	22.23	-2.30	-9.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,626
Declined	1,258
Unchanged	141
Total issues	3,025
New Highs	133
New Lows	14
Volume	3,150,776,256

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
B2gold g	85344	2.88	+.24
22ndCentry	51059	2.49	-.13
NwGold g	50340	3.83	+.14
iShIndia bt	49443	32.78	-.75
BarcGSOil	49182	5.50	+.22

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
B2gold g	2.88	+.24	+9.1
StneEn wt	4.40	+.34	+8.4
Contango	5.13	+.32	+6.7
Gastar pfB	15.54	+.95	+6.5
LGL Grp	5.60	+.34	+6.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CRH Med	2.45	-.20	-7.5
GeeGroup	3.03	-.23	-7.1
ChiRivet	29.76	-2.03	-6.4
CynergT n	3.38	-.23	-6.4
Bcp NJ	17.10	-1.15	-6.3

DIARY

Advanced	145
Declined	191
Unchanged	20
Total issues	356
New Highs	7
New Lows	5
Volume	110,469,292

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	508874	142.80	-1.52
Apple Inc	426710	150.55	-1.34
Facebook	402352	162.87	-7.67
MicronT	349871	34.87	-1.20
Cisco	292861	33.72	+.35

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Itus Cp hrs	3.85	+1.58	+69.6
Izea n	4.85	+1.65	+51.6
SocilRltyA n	2.45	+.82	+50.3
Aradigm	3.36	+.83	+32.8
CellectB wt	2.89	+.66	+29.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TDH Hld n	10.45	-2.30	-18.0
ShiftPixy n	3.18	-.53	-14.3
Adomani n	7.15	-1.03	-12.6
Arcimoto n	4.85	-.69	-12.5
AkariTh rs	7.28	-.90	-11.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,273
Declined	1,597
Unchanged	223
Total issues	3,093
New Highs	116
New Lows	28
Volume	1,936,093,779

Yellen: Fed is perplexed by chronically low inflation

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen acknowledged Tuesday that the Fed is puzzled by the persistence of unusually low inflation and that it might have to adjust the timing of its interest rate policies accordingly.

Speaking to a conference of economists, Yellen touched upon key questions the Fed is confronting as it tries to determine why inflation has remained chronically below its inflation target of 2 percent annually. The Fed chair said officials still expect the forces keeping inflation low to fade eventually. But she conceded that the Fed may need to adjust its assumptions.

In noting the persistence of low inflation, Yellen suggested that the Fed will take care not to raise rates too quickly. But she also said the central bank should avoid raising rates too slowly. Moving too gradually, she suggested, might eventually force the Fed to have to accelerate rate hikes and thereby elevate the risk of a recession.

Most analysts expect the central bank to raise rates in December, for a third time this year, in a reflection of economic improvement. But the Fed has said its rate hikes will depend on incoming data.

In her speech in Cleveland to the annual conference of the National Association for Business Economics, Yellen went further than she has before in suggesting that the Fed could be mistaken in the assumptions it is making about inflation.

"My colleagues and I may have misjudged the strength of the labor market, the degree to which longer-run inflation expectations are consistent with our inflation objective or even the fundamental forces driving inflation," Yellen said.

The Fed seeks to control interest rates to promote maximum employment and stable prices, which it defines as annual price increases of 2 percent. While the Fed has met its goal on employment, with the jobless rate at 4.4 percent, near a 16-year low, it has continued to miss its inflation target.

Chronically low inflation can depress economic growth because consumers typically delay purchases when they think prices will stay the same or even decline.

Inflation, which was nearing the 2 percent goal at the start of the year, has since then fallen further behind and is now rising at an annual rate of just 1.4 percent.

Yellen has previously attributed the miss on inflation this year to temporary factors, including a price war among mobile phone companies. She and other Fed officials have predicted that inflation would soon begin rising toward the Fed's 2 percent inflation target, helped by tight labor markets that will drive up wage gains.

Yellen on Tuesday said this outcome of a rebound in inflation is still likely. But she said the central bank needed to remain alert to the possibility that other forces not clearly understood might continue to keep inflation lower than the Fed's 2 percent goal.

The Fed chair cautioned that if the central bank moved too slowly in raising rates, it could inadvertently allow the economy to become overheated and thus have to raise rates so quickly in the future that it could push the country into a recession.

"It would be imprudent to keep monetary policy on hold until inflation is back to 2 percent," Yellen said.

During a question-and-answer session, Yellen said the Fed would be "looking at inflation very carefully" to determine the timing of upcoming rate hikes. But she said the data is likely to be difficult to assess, in part because of the effects of the recent devastating hurricanes, which have forced up gasoline prices.

Yellen's remarks came a week after Fed officials left their benchmark rate unchanged but announced that they would start gradually shrinking their huge portfolio of Treasury and mortgage bonds. Those holdings had grown from purchases the Fed made over the past nine years to try to lower long-term borrowing rates and help the U.S. economy recover from the worst downturn since the 1930s.

The Fed did retain a forecast showing that officials expect to boost rates three times this year. So far, they have increased their benchmark lending rate twice, in March and June, leaving it at a still-low range of 1 percent to 1.25 percent.

US slaps 220 percent duty on Bombardier jets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Commerce Department slapped duties of nearly 220 percent on Canada's Bombardier C Series aircraft Tuesday in a victory for Boeing that is likely to raise tensions between the United States and its allies Canada and Britain.

Commerce ruled that Montreal-based Bombardier used unfair government subsidies to sell jets at artificially low prices in the U.S.

"The U.S. values its relationships with Canada, but even our closest allies must play by the rules," Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said.

Canada responded by saying it "strongly disagrees" with the U.S. move.

"This is clearly aimed at eliminating Bombardier's C Series aircraft from the U.S. market," said Chrystia Freeland, Canada's minister of foreign affairs.

Bombardier, meanwhile, called the decision "absurd. ... U.S. trade laws were never intended to be used in this manner, and Boeing is seeking to use a skewed process to stifle competition."

Tech stocks rise, but indexes finish little changed

U.S. stock indexes finished barely higher Tuesday after a late slump erased most of an early gain. Technology companies recovered some of the losses they took a day earlier, but energy companies and banks slipped.

Strong gains for software company Red Hat and recoveries for big names like Apple and Facebook helped technology companies move higher. Cruise lines rose after Carnival had a stronger third quarter than analysts expected. Small-company stocks continue to set record highs.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 0.18 points to 2,496.84. The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose as much as 73 points during the day, lost 11.77 points, almost 0.1 percent, to 22,284.32 as McDonald's fell and Chevron went into a late slide.

The Nasdaq composite gained 9.57 points, or 0.2 percent, to 6,380.16 after a drop of 0.9 percent on Monday. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks gained 4.91 points, or 0.3 percent, to a record 1,456.86.

Apple picked up $2.59, or 1.7 percent, to $153.14 and Facebook rose $1.34 to $164.21.

Metal prices lower

Gold lost $9.80 to $1,301.70 an ounce. Silver declined 26 cents to $16.88 an ounce. Copper fell 2 cents to $2.92 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $130.69 Up 0.76

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.34 Down 0.22

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $97.15 Up 0.37

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.50 Up 0.07

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.48 Down 0.05

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $28.00 Up 1.30

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $13.88 Up 0.49

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $33.84 Down 0.13

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.52 Down 0.01

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.59 Up 0.54

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		13	5.33	+.11	-47.8
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	39.12	+.53	-8.0
Abraxas	...	48	1.90	+.06	-26.1
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	15.02	+.01	+18.2
AMD	...	...	12.61	-.69	+11.2
Alibaba	...	48	169.59	-8.55	+93.1
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	11.35	+.24	-9.9
Altaba	...	...	64.96	-2.38	+68.0
Altria	2.64f	21	63.79	+1.30	-5.7
Ambev	.06e	6	6.75	-.10	+37.5
Amgen	4.60	16	186.29	+.53	+27.4
Anadarko	.20	...	49.93	+1.10	-28.4
Apache	1.00	...	45.06	+1.49	-29.0
Apple Inc	2.52	18	150.55	-1.34	+30.0
ApldMatl	.40	16	46.33	-1.44	+43.6
Archrock	.48	...	12.20	+.30	-7.6
ATMOS	1.80	24	85.00	+1.11	+14.6
AutoData	2.28	29	108.82	+.66	+5.9
BP PLC	2.38	29	38.24	+.42	+2.3
BcoBrad s	.37e	...	11.15	-.35	+55.1
BkofAm	.48f	15	24.76	-.26	+12.0
B iPVxST rs	...	...	41.28	+.03	...
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.75	+.07	+1.7
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...		182736	60.00+520.99	+12.1
BlkHillsCp	1.78	21	69.23	+.63	+12.9
BrMySq	1.56	25	63.19	-.17	+8.1
BrownFA	...	33	55.71	-.12	+20.5
BrownFB s	...	...	54.30	+.07	+20.9
CVS Health	2.00	14	81.37	+1.74	+3.1
CallonPet	...	35	11.28	+.21	-26.6
Caterpillar	3.12	32	124.32	-.11	+34.1
Celestic g	...	9	12.21	-.27	+3.0
CntryLink	2.16	9	19.34	+.80	-18.7
ChesEng	...	10	4.37	+.15	-37.7
Chevron	4.32	67	117.99	+.70	+.2
Chicos	.33	11	8.46	+.24	-41.2
Cimarex	.32	37	114.29	+3.44	-15.9
Cisco	1.16	18	33.72	+.35	+11.6
Citigroup	1.28	14	70.84	-.56	+19.2
CocaCola	1.48	28	45.69	+.20	+10.2
ColgPalm	1.60	25	73.00	+1.81	+11.6
Comcast s	.63	21	37.91	-.19	+9.8
ConAgra	.85	19	33.47	+.32	-15.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConchoRes	...	...	129.93	+2.87	-2.0
ConocoPhil	1.06	40	49.98	+.90	-.3
CrackerB	4.80f	23	147.73	+.43	-11.5
CSVixSh rs	...	...	12.60	+.06	-86.8
CSVelIVST	...	...	92.69	-.14	+98.3
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	11.35	-.27	-75.4
CrosTim	1.10e	14	14.60	-.16	-18.8
DCP Mid	3.12	18	33.98	+1.33	-11.5
DTE	3.30	23	109.74	+1.36	+11.4
DevonE	.24	...	36.67	+.89	-19.7
DrGMBll rs	...	...	20.07	+1.00	...
Disney	1.56	17	99.57	+.97	-4.5
EOG Rescs	.67	...	96.29	+1.74	-4.8
EnCana g	.06	22	11.43	+.18	-2.6
Energen	.08	...	54.66	+1.57	-5.2
EnPro	.88	52	76.98	-.43	+14.3
ENSCO	.04	2	5.73	+.49	-41.0
EntProdPt	1.68f	20	26.38	+.48	-2.4
Ericsson	.11e	...	5.70	+.02	-2.2
ExxonMbl	3.08	31	80.98	+1.06	-10.3
Facebook	...	34	162.87	-7.67	+41.6
FordM	.60a	13	11.94	+.10	-1.6
FrptMcM	...	...	13.89	-.17	+5.3
GATX	1.68	11	61.93	+.38	+.6
GabMultT	.94e	...	9.65	-.04	+33.3
GAInv	1.15e	...	35.49	-.01	+13.8
GenElec	.96	23	25.11	+.24	-20.5
GenMotors	1.52	6	40.30	+.88	+15.7
GtPlainEn	1.10	20	30.44	+.20	+11.3
Hallibrtn	.72	...	44.69	+.44	-17.4
HeliMAn h	...	...	8.30	+1.33	+151.5
HP Ent n	.26	21	14.70	+.44	+9.3
HimaxTch	.24e	...	9.50	-.66	+57.3
iShGold	...	...	12.60	+.13	+13.7
iShBrazil	.67e	...	41.79	-.94	+25.3
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	43.39	-1.19	+25.0
iShEMkts	.59e	...	44.61	-.77	+27.4
iS Eafe	1.66e	...	68.00	-.39	+17.8
iShR2K	1.77e	...	144.50	+.20	+7.2
Itus Cp hrs	...	...	3.85	+1.58	-28.7
Inpixon rs	...	...	.37	+.15	-89.9
Intel	1.09	16	37.16	-.02	+2.5
InterDig	1.40f	9	75.20	+2.85	-17.7
Izea n	...	...	4.85	+1.65	+7.5

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JD.com		...	40.93	-1.44	+60.9
JPMorgCh	2.24f	15	94.12	-.71	+9.1
JohnJn	3.36	20	131.17	-.22	+13.9
KimbClk	3.88	19	117.49	-.03	+3.0
Kroger s	.50	10	19.94	-.21	-42.2
LegacyRes	...	...	1.43	+.07	-32.5
Lubys	...	...	2.56	-.07	-40.2
MarathnO	.20	...	13.19	+.40	-23.8
Mattel	.60	20	14.71	+.19	-46.6
McDnlds	4.04f	27	156.26	-2.65	+28.4
Merck	1.88	17	65.18	+.05	+10.7
MeritMed	...	52	40.85	+.05	+54.2
MexcoEn	...	...	4.53	-.04	-9.4
MicronT	...	13	34.87	-1.20	+59.1
Microsoft	1.68f	26	73.26	-1.15	+17.9
Nabors	.24	...	8.29	+.43	-49.5
NOilVarco	.20	85	35.86	+.32	-4.2
NikeB s	.84	21	53.23	-.01	+4.7
NobleCorp	.08	7	4.45	+.32	-24.8
NokiaCp	.17e	...	5.93	-.07	+23.3
Novavax	...		1.21	+.05	-4.0
NSTFI3	.55a	...	15.17	+.02	+7.1
NTXQi	.65	...	14.45	-.04	+5.3
Nvidia	.56	47	171.00	-8.00	+60.2
OcciPet	3.08f	...	64.58	+1.64	-9.3
Oracle	.76	22	47.97	-.19	+25.2
PDC Engy	...	36	49.01	+2.49	-32.5
ParTech	...	24	9.99	-.17	+79.0
ParkDrl	...	...	1.20	...	-53.8
PattUTI	.08	...	20.47	+.94	-24.0
PayPal n		50	63.50	-1.58	+60.9
Penney		10	3.93	-.08	-52.7
PennaRE	.84	7	10.22	+.34	-46.1
Prmian	.63e	24	8.56	+.13	+11.0
Petrobras			10.34		+2.3
Pfizer	1.28	15	35.51	-.45	+9.3
PioNtrl	.08		146.66	+2.65	-18.6
PlainsAAP	2.20	18	22.00	+.42	-31.9
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	142.80	-1.52	+20.5
Praxair	3.15	25	137.70	+.10	+17.5
PrmEgy	...	...	47.00	...	-13.0
PUVixST rs	...	...	22.85	-.02	...
ProctGam	2.76f	24	92.72	+.48	+10.3
PShtQQQ rs	...	...	28.31	+.85	-45.7
RangeRs	.08	21	19.23	+.31	-44.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
RegionsFn	.36	15	14.48	+.06	-.8
RiteAid		40	2.38	-.01	-71.1
Rowan	.40	6	12.00	+.59	-36.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	91	59.87	+.39	+10.1
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		222.82	.38	+12.8
SpdrGold			124.53	+1.29	+13.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e		248.93	-.51	+11.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e		33.98	+.94	-18.0
SPI Eng rt			13	+.03	-36.1
SabnR	2.36e	19	40.56	+.66	+15.4
SanderFm	1.28f	14	160.94	-2.88	+70.8
Schlmbrg	2.00	62	69.65	+.85	-17.0
SeadrillLtd		1	.39	+.00	-88.5
SiriusXM	.04	37	5.50	-.04	+23.6
Smucker	3.12f	14	105.57	+.98	-17.6
SnapInc A n			13.22	-.48	-46.0
SwstnEngy		56	6.12	+.10	-43.4
Sprint			7.82	-.70	-7.1
SP Engy	2.04e		68.17	+.97	-9.5
SPDR Fncl	.46e		25.40	-.03	+9.2
SP Tech	.78e		57.83	-.69	+19.6
SP Util	1.55e		53.72	+.49	+10.6
TelefEsp	1.20e	...	10.68	-.10	+16.1
TevaPhrm	1.36e	8	17.17	-.02	-52.6
ThirdPtRe		61	15.35	-.20	+32.9
3M Co	4.70	24	210.73	-.03	+18.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Torchmark	.60	17	78.92	+.28	+7.0
Transocn		9	10.03	[illegible]	-32.0
TriContl	1.00e		25.27	+.01	+14.6
Twitter			16.98	.63	+4.2
TylerTech		54	171.97	-1.43	+20.5
UBSI	1.32	18	35.80	+.10	-22.6
US OilFd			10.55	+.31	-10.0
USSteel	.20		24.05	-.22	-27.1
Vale SA	.29e		9.85	.31	+29.3
ValeroE	2.80	24	75.12	+.83	+10.0
VanEGold	.12e		23.83	+.36	+13.9
VnEkRus	.64e		22.24	+.41	+4.8
VanE JrGld			34.95	+.66	+10.8
VangEmg	1.10e		43.36	-.82	+21.2
VerizonCm	2.36f	10	49.90		-6.5
Versartis			2.45	-.23	-83.6
VulcanM	1.00	37	115.73	-.94	-7.5
WEC Engy	2.08	22	64.24	+.63	+9.5
WalgBoots	1.60f	16	78.96	+.55	-4.6
Weathfintl			4.26		-14.6
WellsFargo	1.52	13	54.03	.22	-2.0
WhitingPet			5.56	+.46	-53.7
WmsCos	1.20	44	30.59	+.59	-1.8
XcelEngy	1.44	22	47.70	+.29	+17.2
Xerox rs	.25p	12	33.25	+.12	+44.6

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,419.51	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	22,296.09	-53.50	-.24	+12.82	+23.22
9,763.66	7,777.06	Dow Jones Transportation	9,715.10	+10.72	+.11	+7.42	+22.75
755.37	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	732.40	+5.77	+.79	+11.04	+5.77
12,158.98	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	12,141.56	-10.23	-.08	+9.81	+14.27
6,477.77	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,370.59	-56.33	-.88	+18.34	+21.17
2,508.85	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,496.66	-5.56	-.22	+11.52	+16.33
1,795.14	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,771.85	+3.20	+.18	+6.70	+14.87
26,058.81	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	25,956.87	-44.41	-.17	+10.80	+16.05
1,452.09	1,156.08	Russell 2000	1,451.96	+1.18	+.08	+6.99	+17.00

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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.

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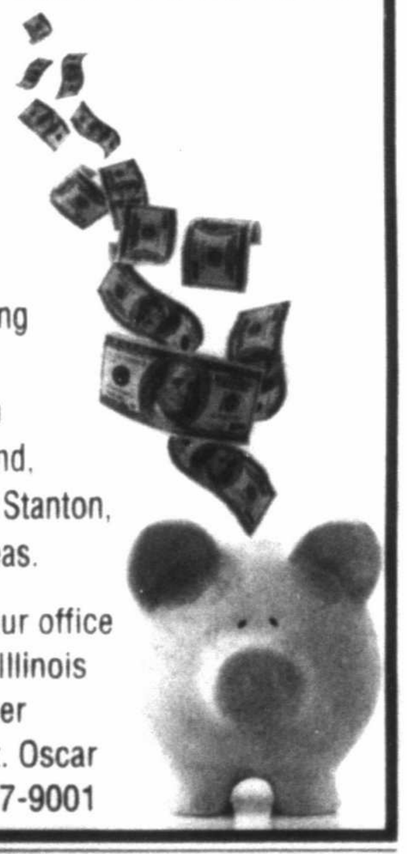

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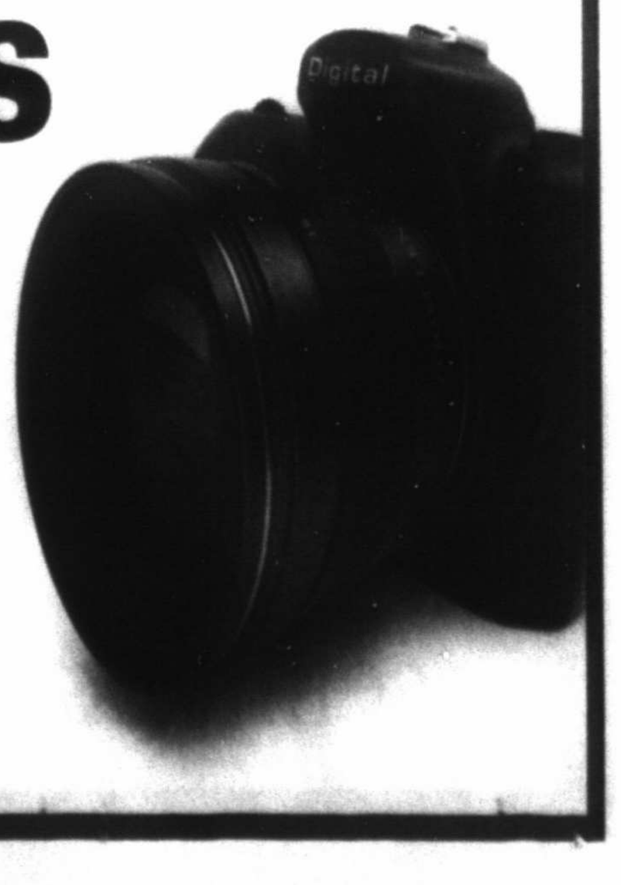

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Rule 37 Case No. 0306284
Status/Permit No. 829652

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

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Lease/Unit Name	SEBASTIAN '19-30A
Lease/Unit Well No	4101H
Lease/Unit Acres	1147.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1150.0
Lease Lines	2240.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Survey Lines	2240.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 2240.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Terminus Location:
BH County: UPTON
Section: 30 Block: 38 T5S Abstract: 1411
Survey: T&P RR CO / HALL, J G
Lease Lines: 15.0 F S L, 330.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 15.0 F S L, 330.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9559 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339

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Rule 37 Case No. 0306313
Status/Permit No. 829770

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Lease/Unit Name	SEBASTIAN '19-30A
Lease/Unit Well No	4301H
Lease/Unit Acres	1147.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	330.0
Lease Lines	2200.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Survey Lines	2200.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 2200.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Terminus Location:
BH County: UPTON
Section: 30 Block: 38 T5S Abstract: 1411
Survey: T&P RR CO / HALL, J G
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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339

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Rule 37 Case No. 0306283
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Lease/Unit Well No	4401H
Lease/Unit Acres	1147.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1150.0
Lease Lines	2180.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
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Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10100 feet.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0306312
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Lease/Unit Well No	4202H
Lease/Unit Acres	1147.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	330.0
Lease Lines	2220.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Survey Lines	2220.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2220.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 30 Block: 38 T5S Abstract: 1411
Survey: T&P RR CO / HALL, J G
Lease Lines: 15.0 F S L, 660.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 15.0 F S L, 660.0 F W L

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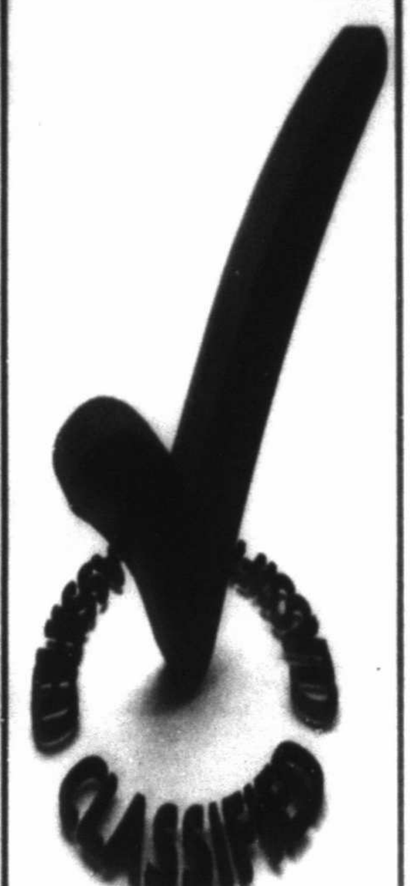

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Rule 37 Case No. 0306284
Status/Permit No. 829652

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Lease/Unit Name	SEBASTIAN '19-30A
Lease/Unit Well No.	4101H
Lease/Unit Acres	1147.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1150.0
Lease Lines	2240.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Survey Lines	2240.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2240.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 30, Block: 38 T5S, Abstract: 1411
Survey: T&P RR CO / HALL, J G
Lease Lines: 15.0 F S L, 330.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 15.0 F S L, 330.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC - Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9559 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Monna Coleman, at (737)7042339

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Rule 37 Case No. 0306313
Status/Permit No. 829770

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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Lease/Unit Name	SEBASTIAN '19-30A
Lease/Unit Well No.	4301H
Lease/Unit Acres	1147.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	330.0
Lease Lines	2200.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Survey Lines	2200.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2200.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 30, Block: 38 T5S, Abstract: 1411
Survey: T&P RR CO / HALL, J G
Lease Lines: 15.0 F S L, 330.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 15.0 F S L, 330.0 F W L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC - Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0306283
Status/Permit No. 829649

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Lease/Unit Acres	1147.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1150.0
Lease Lines	2180.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Survey Lines	2180.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2180.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 30, Block: 38 T5S, Abstract: 1411
Survey: T&P RR CO / HALL, J G
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Rule 37 Case No. 0306312
Status/Permit No. 829765

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	330.0
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Survey Lines	2220.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 2220.0 F N L, 708.0 F W L
Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 30, Block: 38 T5S, Abstract: 1411
Survey: T&P RR CO / HALL, J G
Lease Lines: 15.0 F S L, 460.0 F W L
Survey Lines: 15.0 F S L, 660.0 F W L

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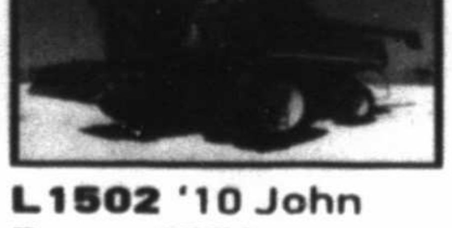

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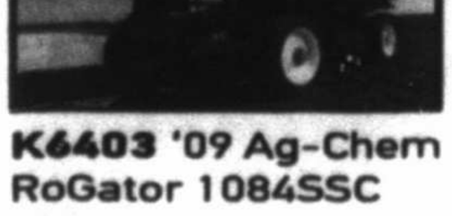

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