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San Antonio school district to rename its Lee High School.

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VOLLEYBALL AT HOME

Lee's road warriors win their home opener, after playing their first 29 matches on the road. Read more in Sports.

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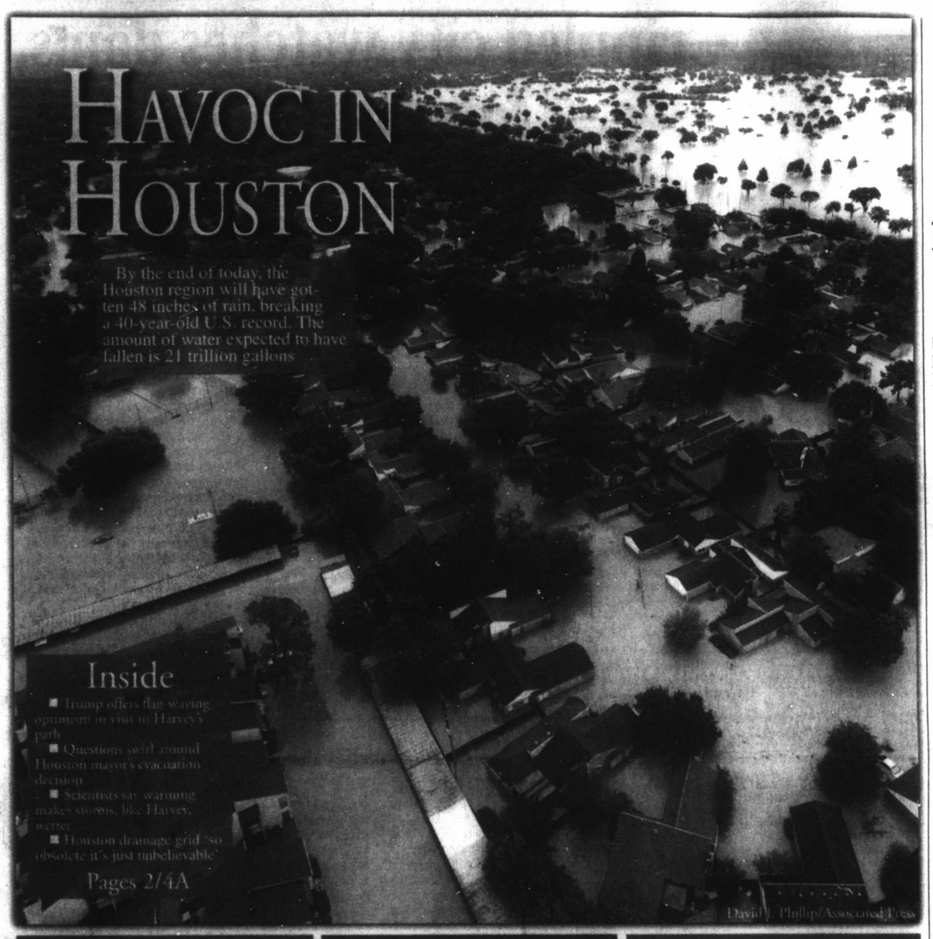

HAVOC IN HOUSTON

By the end of today, the Houston region will have gotten 48 inches of rain, breaking a 40-year-old U.S. record. The amount of water expected to have fallen is 21 trillion gallons

David J. Phillip/Associated Press

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Council amends budget for park rehab

■ Funds moved to help Dennis the Menace project

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland City Council passed the first reading of the fiscal year 2017-18 budget Tuesday during a special meeting at City Hall and gave a boost to a longtime regional park.

Councilman J.Ross Lacy called for an amendment to the budget that takes more than $644,000 from personnel and moves it to parks. The money will be used for phase two of the redevelopment of Dennis the Menace Park, which is located on Garfield Street south of Wall Street.

The 3.9-acre park has been part of south central Midland for generations, and plans have been in the works to update the out-of-date and damaged structures.

Lacy told the Midland City Council that he found an accounting error on the personnel side that freed up nearly half of the money needed for the second phase of the project.

Tina Jauz, director of Community Services, said Tuesday that phase one is funded. Phase one includes demolition, parking lot work and some infrastructure. The $644,000 will go toward phase two, which includes the purchase of playgound equipment and a picnic pavilion. Total cost for phase two is around $1.2 million, Jauz said.

She said with the funding, the city can bid out demolition and purchase some playground equipment.

"Those funds will definitely get us moving," Jauz said.

Jauz said she hopes that private funds can be raised to help cover the remainder of phase two funds.

Phase three includes a splash pad.

Lacy said the council's action on Tuesday

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Hearst donates at least $1M to RedCross

From staff reports

Hearst is donating $1 million to the Greater Houston Red Cross to help with relief efforts across the region.

The New York-based owner of the Houston Chronicle, Midland Reporter-Telegram and many other media properties, also said it would match every dollar its employees donate up to another $1 million.

"Our prayers are with the families of those who have lost loved ones," said Hearst President and CEO Steven R. Swartz. "Our thoughts and efforts are with those who continue to provide vital rescue and aid efforts, work that will no doubt go on for months."

The American Red Cross is aiding Hurricane Harvey victims, organizing volunteers and providing food, shelter, emergency supplies and more. To make your own donations, visit www.redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Flooded homes' valuations could take steep drop

■ COMMENTARY

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

If the flood damage from Hurricane Harvey were not enough, homes that took in water for the first time will see their valuations drop, perhaps by as much as 60 percent.

Exactly how much appraised value a newly flooded home will lose depends on its location and how much damage was done. But four separate academic studies following past flood events show that values typically drop by at least 15 percent.

Texas law, by the way, requires a seller to

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HOW TO HELP HARVEY VICTIMS

The following are local organizations and businesses that are accepting donations to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey. If your organization or business would like to be added to the list, email detailed information to Trevor Hawes at thawes@mrt.com.

BUSINESSES

■ United Family grocery stores — Market Street, Albertsons Market, Amigos and United Supermarkets — are accepting donations of $1 or more during checkout through Sept. 11. The money will go to the Red Cross. United Family has pledged to match donations collected up to $10,000.

■ H-E-B is rolling out a tear-pad campaign where customers can add $1, $3 or $5 to their grocery bill as a donation to help Hurricane Harvey victims. Donations will support the American Red Cross for Texas Flood and Hurricane Relief, The Salvation Army and Feeding Texas.

■ Terry's Kids/Shoes has trailers ready to

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Price of oil
$46.44 ▼ $0.13
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The big number
Almost 2 thousand miles
were traveled by a ballistic missile fired by North Korea on Tuesday, Page 6A

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

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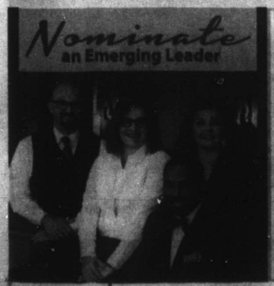

Midland Magazine's 20 UNDER 40 2017 Presented by My Community Credit Union

Midland Magazine's 20 Under 40, presented by My Community Federal Credit Union, is an annual recognition program for Midland's emerging leaders. The program showcases young, dynamic leaders living or working in Midland County who are under the age of 40. The program recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves in their careers and/or in the community.

To nominate a deserving Midlander, visit www.mrt.com/20under40

The 20 individuals selected for the 20 Under 40 honor will be featured in Midland Magazine's Nov. 19, 2017 edition.

*20 Under 40 nominees must be 39 years or under as of Dec. 31, 2017 and may not be nominated by a family member.

David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Businesses and neighborhoods near Addicks Reservoir are flooded by rain from Tropical Storm Harvey on Tuesday in Houston.

Crippled city watches dams, levees; forecast offers hope

By Nomaan Merchant and Juan Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — With its flood defenses strained, the crippled city of Houston anxiously watched dams and levees Tuesday to see if they would hold until the rain stops, and meteorologists offered the first reason for hope — a forecast with less than an inch of rain and even a chance for sunshine.

The human toll continued to mount, both in deaths and in the ever-swelling number of scared people made homeless by the catastrophic storm that is now the heaviest tropical downpour in U.S. history.

The city's largest shelter was overflowing when the mayor announced plans to create space for thousands of extra people by opening two and possibly three more mega-shelters.

"We are not turning anyone away. But it does mean we need to expand our capabilities and our capacity," Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "Relief is coming."

Louisiana's governor offered to take in Harvey victims from Texas, and televangelist Joel Osteen opened his Houston megachurch, a 16,000-seat former arena, after critics blasted him on social media for not acting to help families displaced by the storm.

Meteorologists said the sprawling city would soon get a chance to dry out.

When Harvey returns to land Wednesday, "it's the end of the beginning," National Hurricane Center meteorologist Dennis Feltgen said.

Harvey will spend much of Wednesday dropping rain on Louisiana before moving on to Arkansas, Tennessee and parts of Missouri, which could also see flooding.

But Feltgen cautioned: "We're not done with this. There's still an awful lot of real estate and a lot of people who are going to feel the impacts of the storm."

The National Weather Service predicted less of an inch of rain for Houston on Wednesday and only a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms for Thursday. Friday's forecast called for mostly sunny skies with a high near 94.

In all, more than 17,000 people have sought refuge in Texas shelters, and that number seemed certain to increase, the American Red Cross said.

The city's largest shelter, the George R. Brown Convention Center, held more than 9,000 people, almost twice the number officials originally planned to house there. The crowds included many from outside Houston.

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards said he expected Texas officials to decide within 48 hours whether to accept his offer, which comes as Louisiana deals with its own flooding.

About 500 people were evacuated from flooded neighborhoods in southwest Louisiana, Edwards said.

The city has asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for more supplies, including cots and food, for an additional 10,000 people, said the mayor, who hoped to get the supplies no later than Wednesday.

In an apparent response to scattered reports of looting, the mayor also imposed a curfew. Police Chief Art Acevedo said violators would be questioned, searched and arrested.

Four days after the storm ravaged the Texas coastline as a Category 4 hurricane, authorities and family members have reported more than 10 deaths from Harvey.

They include a woman killed when heavy rain sent a large oak tree crashing onto her trailer and another woman who apparently drowned after her vehicle was swept off a bridge.

Scientists say warming makes storms, like Harvey, wetter

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — By the time the rain stops, Harvey will have dumped about 1 million gallons of water for every man, woman and child in southeastern Texas — a soggy, record-breaking glimpse of the wet and wild future global warming could bring, scientists say.

While scientists are quick to say climate change didn't cause Harvey and that they haven't determined yet whether the storm was made worse by global warming, they do note that warmer air and water mean wetter and possibly more intense hurricanes in the future.

"This is the kind of thing we are going to get more of," said Princeton University climate scientist Michael Oppenheimer. "This storm should serve as warning."

There's a scientifically accepted method for determining if some wild weather event has the fingerprints of man-made climate change, and it involves intricate calculations. Those could take weeks or months to complete, and then even longer to be checked by other scientists.

In general, though, climate scientists agree that future storms will dump much more rain than the same size storms did in the past.

That's because warmer air holds more water. With every degree Fahrenheit, the atmosphere can hold and then dump an additional 4 percent of water (7 percent for every degree Celsius), several scientists say.

Global warming also means warmer seas, and warm water is what fuels hurricanes.

When Harvey moved toward Texas, water in the Gulf of Mexico was nearly 2 degrees (1 degree Celsius) warmer than normal, said Weather Underground meteorology director Jeff Masters. Hurricanes need at least 79 degrees F (26 C) as fuel, and water at least that warm ran more than 300 feet (100 meters) deep in the Gulf, according to University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy.

Several studies show that the top 1 percent of the strongest downpours are already happening much more frequently. Also, calculations done Monday by MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel show that the drenching received by Rockport, Texas, used to be maybe a once-in-1,800-years event for that city, but with warmer air holding more water and changes in storm steering currents since 2010, it is now a once-every-300-years event.

There's a lot of debate among climate scientists over what role, if any, global warming may have played in causing Harvey to stall over Texas, which was a huge factor in the catastrophic flooding. If the hurricane had moved on like a normal storm, it wouldn't have dumped as much rain in any one spot.

Harvey stalled because it is sandwiched between two high-pressure fronts that push it in opposite directions, and those fronts are stuck.

Oppenheimer and some others theorize that there's a connection between melting sea ice in the Arctic and changes in the jet stream and the weather patterns that make these "blocking fronts" more common. Others, like Masters, contend it's too early to say.

University of Washington atmospheric scientist Cliff Mass said climate change is simply not powerful enough to create off-the-chart events like Harvey's rainfall.

"You really can't pin global warming on something this extreme. It has to be natural variability," Mass said. "It may juice it up slightly but not create this phenomenal anomaly."

"We're breaking one record after another with this thing," Mass said.

Sometime Tuesday or early Wednesday, parts of the Houston region will have broken the nearly 40-year-old U.S. record for the heaviest rainfall from a tropical system — 48 inches (120 centimeters), set by Tropical Storm Amelia in 1978 in Texas, several meteorologists say.

Already 15 trillion gallons (57 trillion liters) of rain have fallen on a large area, and an additional 5 trillion or 6 trillion gallons are forecast by the end of Wednesday, meteorologist Ryan Maue of WeatherBell Analytics calculates. That's enough water to fill all the NFL and Division 1 college football stadiums more than 100 times over.

Harvey and elected officials

Questions swirl around Houston mayor's evacuation decision

Houston's mayor kept facing questions Tuesday about his decision not to order an evacuation of the notoriously flood-prone city ahead of Harvey's arrival, even as overflowing reservoirs led several suburbs to move people out.

Instead, Mayor Sylvester Turner remained resolute in his advice to residents since the storm made landfall on Friday: hunker down at home.

Massive flooding from Harvey forced thousands of rescues that overwhelmed emergency responders. The George R. Brown Convention Center nearly doubled its expected capacity of 5,000, with people seeking refuge from the waist-deep waters that had neighborhoods resembling lakes.

"I want to say this again, because I guess it's been missed, but you cannot evacuate 6.5 million people within two days," Turner said Tuesday, referring to both the city and its surrounding areas. "That would be chaotic. We would be putting people in more harm's way."

The situation is reminiscent of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, when New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin and Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco both drew criticism for not ordering an evacuation sooner. Nagin did so one day before landfall, and levee failures led to disastrous flooding that plunged the city into chaos for days.

Experts said evacuating during a hurricane is a complicated decision with major ramifications, and none who spoke to the Associated Press second-guessed Turner. Harvey intensified quickly into a Category 4 hurricane on Friday, leaving the mayor and others a tight timeframe to safely move out a large number of people.

"This is all the information that's coming into the mayor, and he's got to go, 'Oh my God, what am I going to do?'" said Susan Cutter, the director of the Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute at the University of South Carolina. "They're damned if they do, damned if they don't."

Questions started Friday when Texas Gov. Greg Abbott suggested Houston residents get out while they could. At the time, Harvey was a powerful hurricane hours from landfall about 175 miles to the south near Corpus Christi. But the sprawling storm's outer bands promised heavy rains for Houston, long susceptible to flooding because of its flat terrain and runaway development that has paved over water-absorbing wetlands.

Hours after Abbott's remarks, Turner and other local leaders cautioned people to think twice before fleeing unnecessarily, especially when other communities more directly in the path of Harvey needed the same routes.

Once Harvey's rains turned torrential in Houston over the weekend and made conditions too dangerous for leaving, some residents began doubting Turner's decision.

Experts said Harvey presented a uniquely difficult decision for Houston officials because evacuations aren't typically done for flash-flooding from rains, but rather from storm surge concerns in less populated areas closest to the shore.

A study by the state of South Carolina this year estimated that the time needed to evacuate the Charleston area ahead of a similarly sized hurricane would be 27 to 30 hours at its fastest, if traffic lanes in both directions were used.

Moving people from an inland urban center like Houston — the city alone is about three times larger than Charleston — would require at least 36 to 48 hours, experts said. But Harvey took only 56 hours to intensify to a Category 4 hurricane.

Harvey strengthened into a hurricane by noon Thursday. Hours later, the National Hurricane Center predicted "devastating flooding" from the strengthening storm. The center started warning of "catastrophic flooding" across southern and southeastern Texas Friday morning, and the storm made landfall by 10 p.m.

Ordering an evacuation, experts said, would've come with its own risks, such as highways clogged with motorists caught in severe thunderstorms or, worse, tornadoes that Harvey's outer bands might cause.

By Reese Dunklin
Associated Press

Trump offers flag-waving optimism in visit to Harvey's path

CORPUS CHRISTI — With flag-waving optimism, President Donald Trump answered Harvey's wrath Tuesday by offering in-person assurances to those in the storm zone that his administration will work tirelessly to help the region recover from the massive flooding and storm-inflicted destruction.

"We are going to get you back and operating immediately," Trump told an impromptu crowd that gathered outside a Corpus Christi fire station about 30 miles from where the storm made landfall on Friday.

For all of his eagerness to get the federal disaster response right, though, Trump missed clear opportunities to strike a sympathetic note for multitudes who are suffering. The president did not mention those who died in the storm or those forced from their homes by its floodwaters. And he basked in the attention of cheering supporters outside the fire station where officials briefed him on the recovery.

"What a crowd, what a turnout," Trump declared before waving a Texas flag from atop a step ladder positioned between two fire trucks. "This is historic. It's epic what happened, but you know what, it happened in Texas, and Texas can handle anything."

Trump is clearly determined to seize the moment and show a forceful response to Harvey, mindful of the political opportunities and risks that natural disasters pose for any president. Trump has been suffering from low approval ratings and self-created crisis, and the White House is eager to show him as a forceful leader in a time of trouble.

The president kept his distance from the epicenter of the damage in Houston to avoid disrupting recovery operations. But he plans to return to the region on Saturday, and Vice President Mike Pence will visit as well.

What little damage Trump saw — boarded up windows, downed tree limbs and fences askew — was through the tinted windows of his SUV as his motorcade ferried him from the Corpus Christi airport to the firehouse in a city that's already nearly back to normal.

Trump spoke optimistically about the pace of the recovery, and predicted his response would be a textbook case for future presidents.

"We want to do it better than ever before," he said. "We want to be looked at in five years, in 10 years from now as, 'This is the way to do it.'"

Then it was on to his next stop, Austin, to meet with officials at the state emergency operations center.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Trump showed "genuine compassion" on the short flight to Austin as they watched video footage of the flooding in Houston. "The president was heartbroken by what he saw," the governor said.

But Ari Fleischer, who served as press secretary to former President George W. Bush, said there was something missing from Trump's remarks in Corpus Christi: "Empathy for the people who suffer."

By Ken Thomas and Darlene Superville
Associated Press

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C.I.U. Training for new volunteers begins Tuesday, September 12, 2017

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Call (432) 688-4635 for information and application or email gabriela_reyes@co.midland.tx.us

(Applications must be turned in no later than noon on Friday, September 1, 2017)

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Fatalities

Months this year

January:	6
February:	0
March:	1
April:	3
May:	4
June:	1
July:	8
August:	4

Totals

2017:	27
2016:	18
2015:	30
2014:	44
2013:	42

Source: Reporter-Telegram records

Things to do

■ Hope-In-One Golf Tournament by MARC, 1-5 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. $150. marctexas.org.

■ 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. All levels are welcome. 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.

Meeting

Midland ISD
(LoneStar Governance discussion)
5 p.m.
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland ISD summer graduates celebrate with family and friends following the ceremony at Bowie Fine Arts Academy Auditorium on Aug. 21.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-2-5
Pick 3 day: 2-9-5
Pick 3 evening: 1-6-8
Pick 3 night: 0-3-3
Daily 4 morning: 1-2-8-6
Daily 4 day: 1-4-1-3
Daily 4 evening: 1-9-7-9
Daily 4 night: 9-8-8-6
Cash Five: 3-8-14-18-35
Triple Chance: 7-14-15-18-24 33-34-36-46-52

Mega Millions: 02-13-17-35-73 BB: 03 MP: 5
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-4-5-7-8-11-14-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-4-5-6
9-11-13-15-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 6-10-11-13-14-15-18-19-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 2-3-5-6-8-9-12-13-17-18-19-23

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Weather

Tuesday's temperatures

High	89
Low	61
Normal high	92
Normal low	67

Aug. 29's records
Record high: 106 set in 2011
Record low: 57 set in 1930

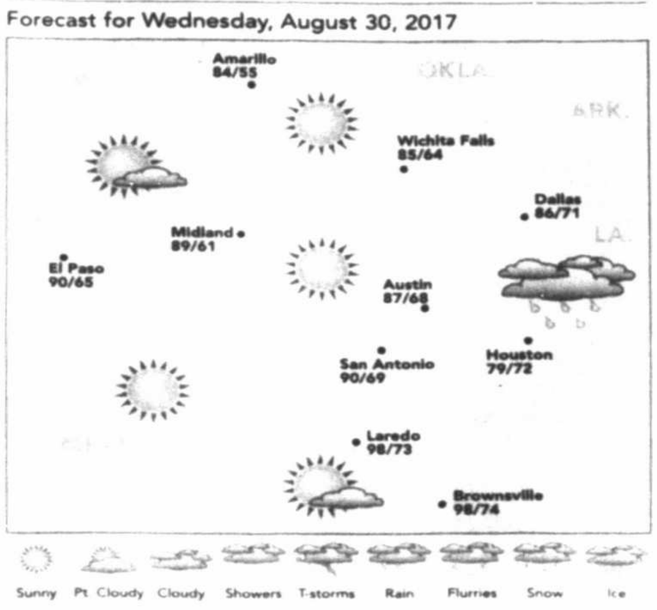
Precipitation

Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	2.52 in.
Year total	9.59 in.
Normal total (year to date)	12.74 in.

Winds
Average: 8.8 mph
Highest sustained: 15 mph
Highest gust: 25 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Wednesday, August 30, 2017



High: 90
Low: 62
Conditions: Sunny during the day/clear at night
Winds: 5-10 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise.....7:23 a.m.
Sunset.....8:15 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 Virgo and a Moon in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017:
This year you will often be exposed to new ideas. You might feel much better with tried-and-true ideas, yet you will feel restricted by them. In a moment of optimism, you probably will opt to take a leap of faith. The end result will be positive. If single, you have a unique appeal. As a result, you are likely to hook up with someone who appreciates your individuality and precision yet ability to take risks. Be careful not to project your issues on others, especially this person. If attached, the two of you often debate issues or situations that involve choice. Let go of the external and reconnect with your basic bond more often. Allow the innate heat between you to build. SAGITTARIUS often is in conflict with your ideas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You become more entrenched in a problem because of your attitude and unwillingness to change your position. Your creativity emerges later in the day. An unusual resolution appears, whether you take a risk or not. You have the energy and determination to cruise through a hassle. Tonight: Relax to a good movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating could revolve around a difficult topic or financial restriction. Either way, you break precedent and move through a problem. Listen to news more openly and see where you can find a new path. A partner always appears to be more open to you, which might not always be true. Tonight: Relate on a one-on-one level.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have the ability to move past any hassle quickly. Your mind explores options easily and demonstrates an unusual flexibility. A roommate or family member could trip you up inadvertently. Stay on target and be willing to continue moving forward with or without support. Tonight: Others cheer you on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deal directly with a child or loved one you care about. Visualize more of what you want and try to explain those desires to the person who could help you make them so. Remain assertive regarding a financial issue. Do not push past established boundaries to achieve your long-term desires. Tonight: Get as much done as possible before calling it a day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be direct about a key issue. Your ability to remain disciplined and follow through on a less-than-comfortable decision allows you to come out ahead. You also have the ability to maintain your sunny personality at the same time, making whatever you do look easy. Tonight: Letting off steam.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Energy and possibly conversations surround your personal and domestic lives. You would like to step forward and make a major change, yet you might feel restrained by a personal issue. Trust that you can make a change, but perhaps not just yet. Tonight: Avoid a hassle. Go out and visit with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be forthright about an issue rather than close down. Others try to open up a conversation, and you will respond accordingly once you think about what is happening. A friend might feel a lot stronger about a key issue than you do. You cannot feign agreement, and it would be best not to try. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to move in a new direction. Honor a fast change that could involve a child or loved one. Stay on top of a personal matter. You demonstrate the ability to move through a problem. Be aware that not everyone can follow your logic. Tonight: Clear out errands first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be moving with confidence and quickness while handling a problem. Understand what is happening between you and another person. You see a personal issue far differently from a friend or loved one. Discussions might be important here, but confrontation or arguments should be avoided. Tonight: In the limelight.

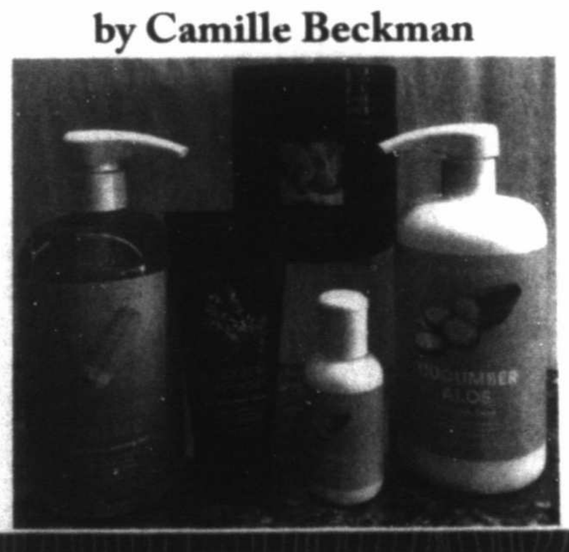
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are able to move past a problem quickly. Understand what is motivating the other party. Stay on top of what is occurring. Your instincts remain right-on when dealing with others in general. Use them well. Listen to news with a grain of salt. Much could change. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others seek you out at work and in personal settings. A meeting might have a lot of energy and interest. What occurs might be a letdown, but on the other hand, you have had an opportunity to visit with some friends. Think twice about a fast change; you might be better off not acting on it. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Be more forthright when dealing with an important business matter. Honor the feelings of a boss or older relative, especially if this person has more experience with the issue at hand. Your energy surges and might be the source of a disagreement, which normally would not occur. Tonight: Off to the gym to work through your stress.

BORN TODAY
Businessman, philanthropist Warren Buffett (1930), politician Huey Long (1893), comedian Lewis Black (1948)

New Scents
New Look
by Camille Beckman



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1. something or someone that is not in its correct historical or chronological time, especially a thing or person that belongs to an earlier time.

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Charlottesville suspect arrested in Georgia to be extradited

Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A man wanted in connection with the beating of a black man in Charlottesville on the day of a white nationalist rally turned himself in to authorities in Georgia and will be extradited to Virginia, officials said.

Alex Michael Ramos, 33, surrendered Monday evening at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Sgt. Lawson Bittick told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Ramos faces one count of malicious wounding in the attack on DeAndre Harris, which was captured in photos and video that went viral. The Aug. 12 attack by a group of men left him with a concussion, abrasions and contusions across his body, as well as a head laceration that required staples, a knee injury and a fractured wrist, according to his attorney.

Ramos agreed to be extradited to Virginia during a hearing Tuesday, said Kathy Barfield, deputy clerk of the Monroe County Magistrate Court.

Bittick said Ramos is an unemployed construction worker, and he didn't know if he had obtained an attorney.

In an interview with Atlanta TV station WGCL, Ramos said that he hit Harris once and that others beat him with sticks and shields.

He called the incident "a defensive attack."

Ramos also said he is not a white nationalist.

"I was there because, pretty much, I'm a conservative. ... There were some non-racist members who were going to a free speech rally," he said.

Harris, a 20-year-old special education instructional assistant, attended the rally with friends to show his opposition to the white nationalist groups, his attorney, S. Lee Merritt, said.

A member of Harris' group began arguing with a white supremacist over a Confederate flag, Merritt said in a statement.

Harris intervened just as the white supremacist attempted to spear his friend with the flag's pole, the statement said.

Harris tried to retreat but was pushed to the ground by a man holding a shield with the symbol of a white supremacist group, and the group of men swarmed him, beating him with blunt objects, according to the statement.

Another man accused in the beating, Daniel Borden, 18, of suburban Cincinnati, appeared by video Tuesday and declined to waive extradition to Virginia, where he also faces a charge of malicious wounding.

Hamilton County Magistrate Michael Bachman set bond at $100,000 and scheduled a Sept. 29 hearing.

Attorney Greg Berberich has said Borden's family expects him to be exonerated.

Merritt said he intended to file a federal civil rights lawsuit against all parties responsible for the attack in the coming weeks.

Ramos and Borden were identified through the efforts of journalist and activist Shaun King, who has been posting photos and video of the assault on social media and offered a reward, Merritt said.

"With information including affiliated organizations, clear photographs, and recordings, it is disappointing that the combined efforts of federal and local agencies have failed to lead to either the identification or arrest of additional suspects," Merritt said in the statement.

Meanwhile, a Ku Klux Klan member charged with firing a gun during the rally remained in Baltimore County pending extradition.

Randy Mentzell, the county Department of Correction's commitment manager, said she didn't know when Richard Preston, 52, would be transported to Virginia.

Zach D. Roberts via AP

DeAndre Harris, bottom is assaulted in a parking garage beside the Charlottesville police station after a white nationalist rally was disbursed by police Aug. 12 in Charlottesville, Va.

Houston drainage grid is 'so obsolete it's just unbelievable'

By Seth Borenstein and Frank Bajak
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston's system of bayous and reservoirs was built to drain a tabletop-flat city prone to heavy rains. But its Depression-era design is no match for the stresses brought by explosive development and ever-wetter storms.

Nearly any city would be overwhelmed by the more than 4 feet of rain that Hurricane Harvey has dumped since Friday, but Houston is unique in its regular massive floods and inability to cope with them. This is the third 100-year-or-more type of flood in three years.

Experts blame too many people, too much concrete, insufficient upstream storage, not enough green space for water drainage and, especially, too little regulation.

"Houston is the most flood-prone city in the United States," said Rice University environmental engineering professor Phil Bedient. "No one is even a close second — not even New Orleans, because at least they have pumps there."

The entire system is designed to clear out only 12 to 13 inches of rain per 24-hour period, said Jim Blackburn, an environmental law professor at Rice University: "That's so obsolete it's just unbelievable."

Also, Houston's Harris County has the loosest, least-regulated drainage policy and system in the entire country, Bedient said.

Here's how the system is supposed to work: The county that encompasses Houston has 2,500 miles of bayous and channels and more than 300 storm-water holding basins, which are designed to fill up during intense downpours and drain slowly as high waters recede.

Water is supposed to flow west to east through bayous, which are tidal creeks that often have concrete improvements to make water flow and are connected to the Galveston Bay.

When big rains come, officials also activate two normally dry reservoirs, closing the floodgates to collect the water and keep it from overwhelming the downtown area.

But the main bayou through downtown Houston, Buffalo Bayou, "is pretty much still a dirt mud channel like you would have seen 100 years ago, just a little cleaned out," said U.S. Geological Survey hydrologist Jeff East, who is based in Houston.

And because the coastal plain is so flat, only sloping about a foot per mile, the water doesn't flow out of the bayous fast, Bedient said.

Also, some of the bayous, such as Brays, can only handle 10-year storms, he said. Harris County didn't leave enough right-of-way space to expand its bayous, Bedient said. And widening projects have been slow and inadequate.

Because of big early 20th-century floods, Houston designed two dry emergency reservoirs that are only activated in heavy rain, Addicks and Barker, both formed by earthen dams. Addicks is 11.7 miles long (18.8 kilometers) with a maximum elevation of nearly 123 feet (37 meters). Barker is 13.6 miles long (22 kilometers) and has a maximum elevation of 114 feet (34 meters).

Normally the floodgates are open and the two areas are dry parkland with sports fields and biking paths. They were essentially dry on Aug. 25, the day Harvey struck, East said. By the middle of the next day, the floodgates were closed and water levels were starting to rise, East said.

Now the reservoirs are

How to help Harvey victims continued

accept donations at its store, 3001 W. Loop 250 N., Suite C-119, next to Home Goods. Owner Chris Cato says they're taking "anything you might take for granted," such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and other toiletries. He also said kids' clothing, underwear and shoes are also important. Donations will be accepted until Saturday night; goods will be delivered Sunday. Cato said he'll arrange as many trailers as necessary to receive and deliver goods.

■ BJ Services will be accepting donations through the rest of the week at Security Bank Ballpark. The company is taking a variety of products such as food, animal goods, cleaning supplies, children's items, bedding and medical supplies. Items can be donated starting at 9 a.m.

■ Tripple C Home Health, in conjunction with United Blood Services, will host a blood drive 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Friday at its office, 2008 W. Wall St. Tripple C also will be collecting canned goods for the West Texas Food Bank.

■ Metal EFX, 1402 Cotton Flat Road, is accepting nonperishable food, bottles of water, hygiene items and clothing items such as undergarments for transport to hurricane victims. The company will take items until Thursday.

Organizations

■ The Red Cross has several ways to donate directly. A $10 donation can be made by texting "Harvey" to 90999; the payment will be added to your phone bill. Donations can also be made by visiting redcross.org.

■ The Salvation Army is taking donations through its website, www.salvationarmyusa.org.

■ West Texas Food Bank/Senior Link Midland have partnered to host a drop-off location at the Senior Link Midland office, 3301 Sinclair Ave. Bottled water and canned goods are being collected to help hurricane victims. Items will be accepted 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through Thursday.

■ Midland Humane Coalition is collecting supplies to be taken to Hurricane Harvey victims and their animals. The coalition will collect donated goods at its adoption center within Midland's PetSmart, 4206 W. Loop 250 N. A tax receipt can be provided. The first shipment of donated items will go out Friday. Here are some of the items needed by the Humane Coalition:

▪ For dogs and cats: Crates (collapsible wire preferred as space is limited), dog and cat food, bowls, blankets, towels, leashes and collars, beds, gallon water, cat litter, kitten milk

▪ For horses: Lead ropes, halters, buckets, hay nets, salt blocks, fly spray, peppermints, medicine (ulcergard, betadine, fungal treatment)

■ The West Texas BLVD Nights car show is filling its trailer and accepting donations through Wednesday at 5309 Anetta Drive. Organizers are accepting a wide variety of items, such as cots, air mattresses, bedding and pillows, towels, wash cloths, blankets, batteries, flashlights, toiletries, water, sports drinks and diapers. A full list is available at www.facebook.com/wtxblvdnights.

Schools

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will hold a collection drive at Saturday's football game against Sul Ross State University. Gates open at noon; the game is at 6 p.m.

The West Texas Food Bank will have bins set up at all gates. Accepted items are:

▪ Canned foods (soups, vegetables, meats, fish, peanut butter, jelly, fruits or fruit cups). No glass jars/bottles will be accepted.

▪ Dry foods (cereals, toaster pastries, powdered milk).

▪ Cleaning supplies (bleach, paper towels, disinfecting wipes, soaps).

▪ Personal care items (face-cleansing wipes, baby wipes, diapers, feminine hygiene products).

▪ Baby food and formula

Texans Care/NS Trucking will have trailers set up near the Falcon Tail Gate Area to collect cases of water.

The Red Cross will take cash donations.

Churches

■ Stonegate Fellowship has set up a fund where cash donations can be made. Money will be donated to Crisis Response International, Samaritan's Purse and local churches in the Gulf region. You can donate online at stonegatefellowship.com/hurricane-harvey-relief.

■ First Methodist Church is accepting donations for victims through its website, www.firstmethodistmidland.com. Click on "Giving" at the top of the page.

■ The Basin Baptist Network encourages people to donate goods and money to member churches. Goods will be delivered to the Galveston area.

■ Member churches in Midland are Alamo Heights, Cotton Flat, Crestview, Cuthbert Avenue, Fannin Terrace, First Baptist, Greenwood Baptist, Heart of Worship, Iglesia Bautista Amistad Cristiana, Iglesia Bautista Betel, Iglesia Bautista Comunidad, Iglesia Bautista El Buen Pastor, Iglesia bautista Emmanuel, Iglesia bautista Monte Sinai, Iglesia Bautista Templo La Hermosa, Midessa Heights, Midland Chin Baptist, Midland Korean Baptist, Mount Carmel, Primera Iglesa Bautista, Ranchland Heights, South Memorial, Stonegate Fellowship, West Kentucky Baptist and Wilshire Park.

■ The Diocese of San Angelo encourages people to donate money to Catholic Charities. The local affiliate is Catholic Charities of Odessa, www.ccodessa.org.

Compiled by Trevor Hawes

San Antonio school district votes to drop name of its Lee High School

San Antonio Express-News

North East Independent School District trustees — prodded by a fervent national debate over memorializing the Confederacy that some said had become a distraction for students — voted 7-0 Tuesday to change the name of Robert E. Lee High School.

Administrators will submit a plan at a future board meeting for a process to rename the school, which trustees indicated would not occur until at least the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Several board members said the decision was a difficult one that had followed an outpouring of messages and calls to the board, some of them vitriolic.

The crowd — which had entered through metal detectors and were watched by several police officers — responded with applause and some expressions of dismay at the decision.

It was the second time in two years that the board had considered the issue. Those who wanted to keep the name as a source of tradition and pride, and those who considered it an outdated tribute to a racist past, had fueled hours of public comment at multiple meetings over several months before trustees voted 5-2 to keep the name in 2015.

It quieted debate — for a time. But the violence stemming from a white supremacist rally in support of a statue of the Confederate general in Charlottesville, Virginia earlier this month once again divided Lee alumni and other members of the community. More than 3,600 people signed a petition to change the name, while nearly 6,000 signed another against such a move.

Even those who had previously voted against changing the school's name — and still appeared reluctant about doing so — acknowledged that student safety needed to take priority over what had become a divisive debate for the Lee High community.

Board president Shannon Grona, who voted against the name change in 2015, said she felt compelled to "take the target off our backs."

"It is so frustrating to me that things that aren't even happening in North East (ISD) or San Antonio or even Texas are once again causing us to discuss the name of Lee High School," Grona said.

Park

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accomplishes two things: takes care of parks within the general fund budget and brings quality of life to city residents.

Chamber requests more hotel-motel money

Councilman Jeff Sparks on Tuesday asked a question about the extra money the Midland Chamber of Commerce was requesting from the city of Midland. A summary of hotel/motel funding shows increased cost for Convention and Visitors Bureau, specifically a request of more than $120,000 compared to fiscal year 2016-17 (from $1.313 million to $1.434 million). A committee recommended the city fund $1.372 million. According to the summary, the increased costs was mainly for increased rental space and to add an employee to the sports staff. The CVB, according to the summary, agreed to remove the new position from their budget. That means more than $60,000 was recommended for increased rental space for the chamber.

The city paid the chamber $1.7 million when the decision was made to tear down the chamber's previous headquarters. The $1.7 million payment was because the chamber had more than a decade on its lease at that time. The committee recommended more than $2 million go to the chamber for the CVB ($1.372 million), Sports and Entertainment Association of Midland ($250,000), Star-Spangled Salute ($75,000) and Midland Convention Center operations ($325,967).

Tomlinson

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disclose whether a home has ever been flooded.

Lost home value is bad news for tens of thousands of homeowners who saw flooding for the first time this weekend.

For most Americans who own homes, that is where their wealth resides. The only bright spot is that flooded homes tend to regain their previous value within four years, on average.

For the moment, though, Greater Houston has lost billions, if not trillions, of dollars in asset value.

Homes that don't flood, though, often rise in value as more people seek them out within the same community.

This could offset the aggregate value lost to the community.

Flooded homes that are rebuilt in a way that prevents future flooding can also show increased value.

The longer-term issue for many Houstonians will be how flood maps are redrawn after Hurricane Harvey, the worst storm in the city's history.

That makes Harvey the new "flood of record" and will trigger new floodplain maps.

Many residential areas once thought to be in the 500-year flood plain may soon find themselves in the 100-year flood plain, even if they didn't take on any water.

That will force them to buy flood insurance, which is quite expensive.

Houses in the 100-year flood plain generally sell at a discount because of the added long-term expense of flood insurance for the new buyer.

The question for the residents of Greater Houston is what they want to do about future flooding and the future value of their property.

Improvements to flood control systems can move property out of flood plains, and thereby boost values.

But are property owners willing to pay for these projects with higher taxes?

In the short term, though, many families will be revising their net worth downward because of Hurricane Harvey.

That will have long-term implications for them and our region's economy.

AP file photo

Sarah Palin, political commentator and former Governor of Alaska, walks on the sideline before an NFL game between the Seattle Seahawks and the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 15, 2016, in Seattle. A federal judge on Tuesday tossed out a defamation lawsuit by Palin against The New York Times, saying the former Alaska governor failed to show the newspaper knew it was publishing false statements in an editorial before quickly correcting them.

Judge rejects Sarah Palin lawsuit against The New York Times

By Larry Neumeister
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge on Tuesday tossed out a defamation lawsuit by Sarah Palin against The New York Times, saying the former Alaska governor failed to show the newspaper knew it was publishing false statements in an editorial before quickly correcting them.

The written ruling by Judge Jed Rakoff in Manhattan said the lawsuit seeking unspecified damages "fails on its face to adequately allege actual malice."

"What we have here is an editorial, written and rewritten rapidly in order to voice an opinion on an immediate event of importance, in which are included a few factual inaccuracies somewhat pertaining to Mrs. Palin that are very rapidly corrected," the judge said. "Negligence this may be; but defamation of a public figure it plainly is not."

The decision came weeks after the onetime Republican vice presidential nominee sued over an editorial titled "America's Lethal Politics." The editorial was published in June after a gunman opened fire on Republican lawmakers in Virginia, wounding U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise.

The Times' editorial was corrected twice when readers complained that it appeared to blame a political action committee belonging to Palin for "political incitement" after it distributed a map depicting Democratic lawmakers beneath crosshairs before the 2011 shooting of Democratic U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords in Arizona.

The editorial originally was published online late in the evening. The newspaper issued corrections online the next morning and in print editions the day after that to remove those references and note the map showed electoral districts, not people, in crosshairs.

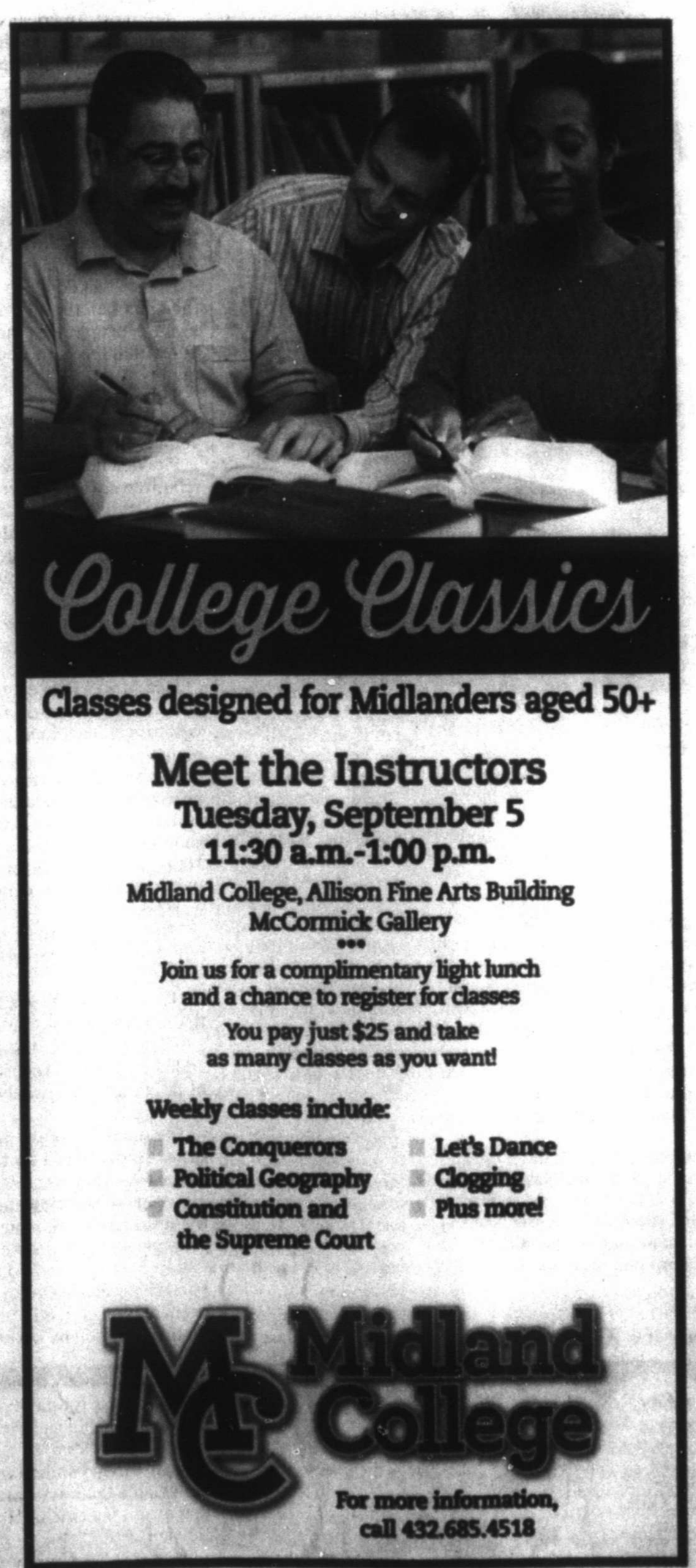
The judge, known for philosophical asides, wrote: "Nowhere is political journalism so free, so robust, or perhaps so rowdy as in the United States. In the exercise of that freedom, mistakes will be made, some of which will be hurtful to others."

He said if political journalism is to achieve its constitutionally endorsed role of challenging the powerful, lawsuits by public figures must be limited to when there is a "plausible factual basis for complaining that the mistake was made maliciously."

Lawyers for Palin did not immediately comment.

In a statement, the Times said it was delighted with the ruling and regretted the errors.

"Judge Rakoff's opinion is an important reminder of the country's deep commitment to a free press and the important role that journalism plays in our democracy," the newspaper said.



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OPINION

Police have to protect the people, free speech

■ When it comes to the police enforcing free-speech rights, all speech must be treated identically

NOAH FELDMAN
Bloomberg

When black-clad anti-fascist protesters broke through police barricades Sunday afternoon and swarmed a peaceful rally in Berkeley, California, law enforcement stood aside and let them. City police Chief Andrew Greenwood explained the decision with a rhetorical question: "Does it make sense," he asked, "to get into a major use of force over a grassy area?"

With all due deference to police expertise, things are not that simple. Violent protesters who cross barriers and disrupt peaceful protests are deeply threatening to freedom of speech.

The "antifa" didn't just block the speech of the handful of far-right protesters who continued on after their planned demonstration was canceled. The antifa also disrupted the 2,000-person anti-racism rally that was taking place to counter the far right. By breaching the peace, the antifa damped the free speech of the peaceful anti-racists.

Imagine that 100 neo-Nazis, instead of 100 anti-fascists, had crossed barricades in defiance of police orders. The public would have been justifiably outraged. And a police chief who argued that it was wiser to withdraw his officers rather than provoke confrontation would be under significant pressure to recant or even resign.

To be clear, my goal is not to criticize the police. Their thankless and crucial job of keeping the peace is the necessary condition for free speech. Avoiding violence should be a high priority, sometimes the highest. Contextual judgment is crucial.

The Berkeley police were on the ground and had to make a real-time judgment. I wasn't there and am relying on news reports and Greenwood's words.

Rather, the Berkeley events raise the fundamental question of when police should intervene, by force if necessary, to protect peaceful speech from violent disruption.

Often, the situation is more clear-cut than it was in Berkeley, because violent protesters are trying to attack peaceful ones, with two distinct sides at odds. Under those conditions, the police are supposed to protect the peaceful speakers, not let the violent protesters shut them down.

If the police fail to protect peaceful protesters, then they're allowing a version what is known as a "heckler's veto": Someone violating norms of civility is blocking the exercise of free speech by someone who is following the rules.

To the extent that the antifa were going after the handful of far-rightists on the streets in Berkeley, that's exactly what was happening.

But because the far-right demonstration had been canceled for security reasons, the major event that was taking place was a peaceful anti-racism protest.

The antifa didn't attack the peaceful anti-racists. But they affected their free speech rights nonetheless. They hijacked the peaceful protest by injecting violence into it.

Proof of this hijacking is that the national media that covered the story led with the antifa action and the police response, not the peaceful protest. Count that as a win for the extremists who broke the rules by defying police, not the peaceful protesters who followed the law.

The point is that while avoiding violence is a necessary goal, it is also a competing and important goal for the police to protect peaceful speech from violent threats. In the name of avoiding violence, the police must not cede public space to violent protesters — regardless of whether they are far left or far right.

That's why it is worrisome to hear police say that it wasn't worth fighting antifa over "a grassy area." What was at stake wasn't just a patch of grass, but the public space where peaceful speech was taking place. Protecting the First Amendment has to be a key police objective.

Consider that when a lone speaker is being met with large counterprotests, it's always easier, cheaper and safer for police to remove the speaker than it is to control the counterprotesters. That's the law of numbers.

Indeed, when Berkeley police led away a few far-right protesters for their own safety, they were just following this resource imperative.

Yet the effect of removing the isolated, vulnerable speaker faced with counterprotest is to silence the few while allowing the counterprotesters to prevail. That's a violation of our free-speech ideals, which value everyone's words equally, regardless of how many people are gathered to speak at a given location in a given moment.

When it comes to making moral judgments about the content of speech, there should be no false equivalence between racists and anti-racists. Racism must be condemned and anti-racism applauded.

When it comes to the police enforcing free-speech rights, however, all speech must be treated identically. The state must be neutral with respect to the speakers' viewpoints and blind to their content.

The same is true for violent protest that threatens free speech. Government neutrality must be maintained so as to protect all peaceful speech equally.

The police must and should keep the peace. But they must simultaneously protect peaceful free speech — even if that requires the use of force.

OPINION EXTRA

Hurricane Harvey teaches us what's worth coming together for

The pictures, videos and social media posts coming out of Houston, thanks to Hurricane Harvey, are horrifying: children camped out on kitchen counters in order to avoid flooding; elderly women stuck in rest homes and up to their waist in water; tweets from local police departments reminding residents to bring axes into their attic in case they have to cut their way through their roof to escape rising waters. But just as many pictures and videos are inspirational: local men and women hopping into their boats and looking for victims to rescue; police carrying children out of flooded houses; Americans helping one another.

Whenever disaster strikes, we're always inspired by images of human beings helping one another. Disaster often brings out the best in us: our capacity for care, our bravery in risking our lives to help others. Then we're inevitably disappointed in our unending ability to leave those qualities behind the moment disaster ends. We'll rush into burning buildings to save each other, but we'll club each other on the head at political rallies.

Why?

Because there are certain enemies we hold in common. We hold death in common; we'll help all but our worst enemies escape the grave. We hold natural disasters in common as an enemy; we'll react to them by helping out our neighbors. And we hold civilizational threats in common; we'll fight together against the Nazi scourge or the Soviet threat.

But what about when there is no civilizational threat? What about when we're so powerful that serious threats seem unserious? Former President Obama informed us routinely that radical Islamic terrorism didn't threaten our civilization. It's no wonder, then, that so few Americans see radical Islam as a threat worth unifying against. President Trump tells us that Russia isn't a civilizational threat, and neither is global warming. Without a credible existential threat, Americans don't unify.

But there is a credible existential threat to Americans. The problem is that it's internal.

America was built on the foundation of free speech, liberty in personal action and freedom from violence and governmental tyranny. Those principles are now under attack by groups like antifa, far-left-leaning militants, which maintains that there *is* an existential threat that justifies wartime measures: the presence of the American system itself. Antifa members believe America is steeped in racism, bigotry, economic injustice and police barbarity. And they believe that this gives them the right to carve away at the foundations that hold us together.

This makes them an existential threat, a cancer gnawing at the vitals of the nation. They aren't the only ones, of course: Some violent members of the "alt-right," for example, believe that nonwhite Americans are the existential threat and use the same logic as antifa. But the true threat to America comes not from outside but from within. It's far harder to unify against that threat if we're unwilling to identify it.

But we should be willing to unify. We should all be willing to defend our neighbors in the peaceful expression of their rights — we should stand with them against violence. We should commit acts of kindness and heroism to help them. There is a storm coming. We must fight it together, or it will overwhelm us while we close our eyes to its danger.

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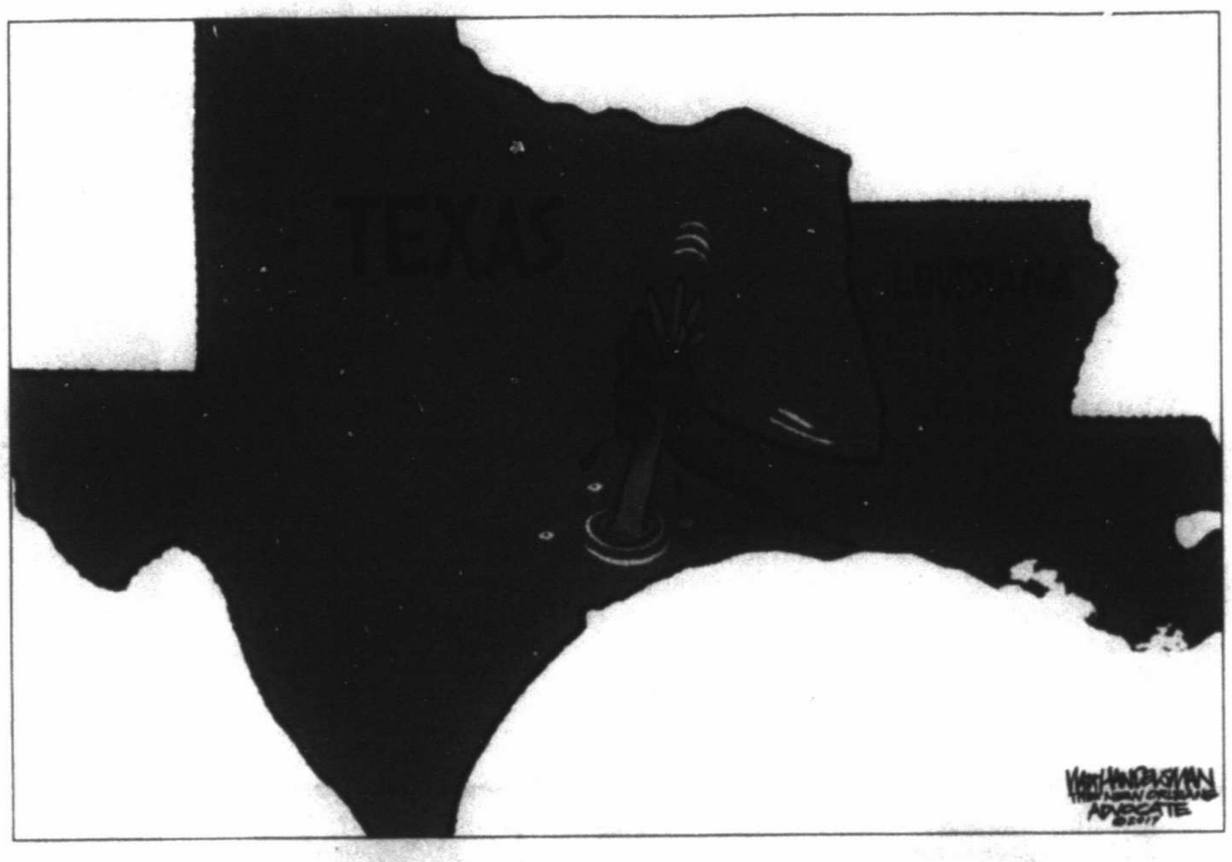

Stop making excuses for antifa

■ The real scandal is that otherwise respectable people are willing to look the other way or explain away the violence, as long as its perpetrators are on their side

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

One of the least safe places to be in Berkeley, California, is in the vicinity of someone holding a "No Hate" sign.

So-called anti-fascist, or antifa, activists bearing shields emblazoned with those words assaulted any of the handful of beleaguered Trump supporters they could get their hands on at a small political rally over the weekend. All in the cause, mind you, of demonstrating their supposed opposition to hatefulness.

Too many people were willing to perfume antifa in the wake of Charlottesville, where it clashed with Nazi thugs who caused, and deserved, a wave of national revulsion. But Berkeley demonstrates once again the true nature of this left-wing movement, which is thuggish in its tactics and totalitarian in its sensibility. Anyone who at this point makes excuses for antifa — or worse, justifies it — is participating in its moral rot.

The antifa goons showed up in force at Berkeley at what had been a small "anti-Marxist" rally of Trump supporters at a public park. Antifa wore its usual fascistic garb of black masks and body armor. They overwhelmed the police who had been trying to maintain order, and holding aloft smoke-spewing flares, chanted, "Whose park? Our park!"

They then treated suspected Trump supporters with all the decorousness of torch-wielding medieval villagers who believed they had stumbled upon a witch. A leader of a pro-Trump group had to run from a mob that pepper-sprayed and beat him, until he was taken into police custody for his own protection. The targets weren't Nazis bearing Nazi regalia, but supporters of the duly-elected president of the United States. Or people who were guilty of the offense of committing journalism — a reporter was beaten by the antifa cadres.

Antifa benefited enormously from the horrific events in Charlottesville. It became Nazis versus the people standing up to the Nazis, and in that formulation the people standing up to the Nazis always win. There can be no moral equivalence, we were told, between Nazis and their opponents. But that depends on who the opponents are — there is a vast difference between peaceful counterprotesters and violent thugs, even if they are marching on the same side.

There was certainly moral equivalence between Hitler and Stalin. Likewise, bully-boy fascists spoiling for a fight and black-clad leftists looking to beat them up exist on the same moral plane. They both thrill to violence and benefit from the attention that comes from it. They both reject civility and the rule of law that make a democratic society possible. They both are profoundly illiberal.

All this was lost in the reaction to Charlottesville. Liberal commentators spread memes comparing antifa to American GIs who stormed the beaches at Normandy. The comparison would be apt if the 1st Infantry Division got together to spend an afternoon beating up fellow Americans rather than giving its last measure of devotion to breaching Hitler's Atlantic Wall.

There is a cottage industry in excuse-making for antifa. Mark Bray of Dartmouth College says in The Washington Post that its activists are characterized by "their willingness to physically defend themselves and others from white supremacist violence and pre-emptively shut down fascist organizing efforts before they turn deadly," i.e., assault people and shut down uncongenial speech as they deem necessary. Todd Gitlin of Columbia University writes in The New York Times that antifa is "not squeamish about its means" — but he is clearly squeamish about describing it frankly.

There will always be goons who enjoy breaking things and hurting people. The real scandal is that otherwise respectable people are willing to look the other way or explain away the violence, as long as its perpetrators are on their side. They are just as cowardly as the mask-wearing antifa thugs who are brave enough to punch and kick people, but not to show their faces.

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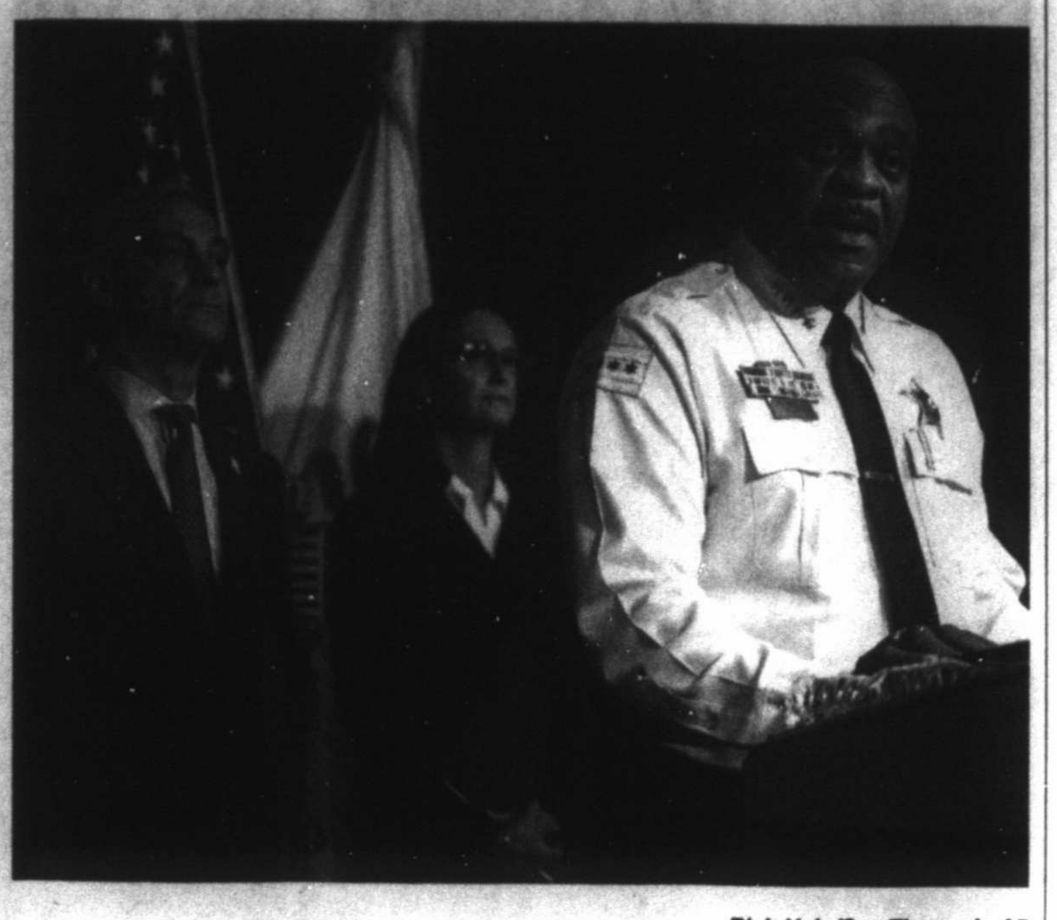
Chicago changes course, wants police reforms with court role

By Don Babwin and Michael Tarm
Associated Press



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Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, accompanied by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan, center, and Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, speaks at a news conference Tuesday in Chicago. Madigan filed a lawsuit Tuesday seeking federal court oversight over the Chicago Police Department. Chicago is changing course and now wants to implement reforms of its police department under federal court supervision.

CHICAGO — The city of Chicago changed course Tuesday and said it now wants to carry out far-reaching reforms of its police under strict federal court supervision, abandoning a draft deal on reforms with the Trump administration that envisioned no court role.

The new approach led to the unusual sight of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan at a joint news conference to announce that Madigan — with the mayor's full support — had just sued the city seeking court oversight of the beleaguered police force.

The 35-page lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Chicago requests extensive judicial oversight, including an independent court-appointed monitor who would report regularly to a judge about whether the city was meeting reform benchmarks.

The legal action kills the draft plan negotiated over months between Chicago and the U.S. Justice Department. That agreement drew sharp criticism from community activists, who said transforming city's 12,000-officer force couldn't possibly succeed without court scrutiny.

Activists also blasted Emanuel for cutting a deal with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who has expressed reservations about taking police-reform plans to judges to make them legally binding in the form of a consent decree. He has said they can unfairly malign good officers.

Emanuel said Tuesday he would have preferred to work with the Justice Department, but that that was impossible because the Trump administration abandoned the Obama administration's standard practice of taking police reform plans to a judge.

The president, Emanuel said, had shown disdain for reforms. He cited recent remarks by Trump in New York about not protecting the heads of suspects as they are placed in patrol cars.

"The Trump administration has rejected the path of a consent decree ... and it became clear they are disinterested in reform," he told reporters. "We do not have a partner in the Trump administration Justice Department. We have a partner in the Illinois attorney general.

Madigan said the state of Illinois was "stepping into the shoes of the Department of Justice ... shoes that the DOJ has abandoned."

The president of Chicago's police union, Kevin Graham, criticized the legal action, saying in a Tuesday statement that "a consent decree is a potential catastrophe for Chicago." He said court oversight would make it harder for officers to do their jobs and keep crime under control.

A separate lawsuit filed in June on behalf of community activist groups, including Black Lives Matter, also turned up political pressure on Emanuel. It also sought to scuttle the draft deal with Department of Justice, saying the absence of a strong court role was its fatal flaw.

A lead attorney in that suit, Craig Futterman, applauded Madigan on Tuesday. But he said city attorneys were still resistant to the idea that community-based groups like the ones he represents should have a say in what a court-enforced reform plan should look like.

"People affected by police abuse have to have a formal role and the mayor and his lawyers are continuing to say they're not interested," he said.

A damning Justice Department report released January this year in the waning days of the Obama administration found deep-rooted civil rights violations by Chicago police, including racial bias and a tendency to use excessive force.

The Justice Department investigation was prompted by a video released in late 2015 that showed a white police officer shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times as the teenager appeared to walk away from police carrying a small, folded knife. The video's release prompted weeks of protests and calls for reforms.

Tuesday's lawsuit noted that Chicago has taken steps to try to curtail abuses by police since video of the fatal shooting provoked such outrage. But it added that the reforms were inadequate and required "a comprehensive roadmap" overseen by a judge and detailing "what will be done, when it will be done, and what resources will be used to accomplish the needed changes."

Sean Spicer finally gets to meet the pope

By Jill Colvin and Nicole Winfield
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sean Spicer finally got to meet the pope.

The former White House press secretary attended an audience with Pope Francis Sunday as part of an annual meeting of the International Catholic Legislators Network, Vatican spokesman Greg Burke confirmed Tuesday.

A photograph posted on the Vatican Radio's English Facebook page from the event shows Spicer sitting in the front row, taking photos of the pope with his phone. Others show a man dropping to his knee and proposing to his girlfriend in front of the pope.

Spicer, who is Roman Catholic, had been left off a list of White House officials who had the chance to meet with Francis in May when Trump visited the Vatican. The omission struck many as a slight by Trump against the embattled aide and drew sympathy on social media.

Spicer's presence at the Vatican audience was first reported by America, the Jesuit magazine.

Spicer announced his resignation last month, but remains on the White House payroll through the end of August.

In announcing the audience Sunday morning, the Vatican press office said the pope gave a "brief greeting" to the 250 or so participants gathered in the Clementine Hall, one of the main reception rooms in the Apostolic Palace.

It didn't release the full text of his remarks, but both Vatican Radio and the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, said the pope delivered a message that included his usual call for lawmakers to "build bridges" between different political perspectives. He also implored the gathered lawmakers to work for the poorest and most marginalized people in their countries — "especially the many who are constrained to leave their countries."

Trump criticized the pope during his 2016 presidential campaign after Francis said that anyone who wants to build a wall — as Trump had promised to do along the southern border with Mexico — was "not Christian." Trump responded by slamming the pope as a "very political" person who didn't understand the situation.

The two appeared to bury the hatchet during their May meeting, when the pope joked with first lady Melania Trump about what she was feeding her husband.

Spicer and the White House did not immediately respond to requests for comment about the visit.

The International Catholic Legislators Network is a network of Catholic lawmakers created in 2010 by the archbishop of Vienna, Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn and David Alton, a Catholic member of the House of Lords. Recently, it has seen huge growth in Africa.

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On August 4, 2017, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland), Sharyland Distribution & Transmission Services, L.L.C. (SDTS), and Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC (Oncor) (collectively Joint Applicants) filed a Joint Application for Sale, Transfer or Merger with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT or Commission), copies of which are kept at Sharyland's office at 1807 Ross Avenue, Suite 460, Dallas, TX 75201 and at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rodgers Freeway, Suite 6000, Dallas, TX 75202. The Joint Application requests Commission approval of a proposed transfer of facilities between the Joint Applicants, a transfer of rights under and amendment of certificates of convenience and necessity (CCNs), and other regulatory approvals. Specifically, Sharyland/SDTS will transfer to Oncor all property and other assets used by Sharyland to provide retail electric delivery service (other than certain excluded assets) in the Stanton and McAllen divisions and all property and other assets used in Sharyland's electric transmission and distribution business (other than certain excluded assets) in the Brady and Celeste divisions, and Oncor will transfer to SDTS certain transmission assets. Joint Applicants also propose that Sharyland will transfer to Oncor the rights under Sharyland's CCNs to provide retail electric delivery service in the geographic areas currently certificated to Sharyland, and that Sharyland's CCNs be amended to permit Sharyland to operate and maintain the transmission assets transferred from Oncor. After a short transition period following closing of the proposed transaction, all of Sharyland's current retail electric delivery customers will be transitioned to Oncor, and thereafter will be served by Oncor and will be charged Oncor's retail electric delivery rates, and Sharyland will serve only as a transmission service provider.

The proposed transaction also includes several regulatory conditions to closing and commitments. Included in these regulatory conditions is Commission approval of a revision to Sharyland's wholesale transmission service (WTS) rate to reflect the proposed transaction. The revised WTS rate will take effect on the date the proposed transaction closes. Sharyland estimates that its wholesale transmission revenue requirement will increase by approximately $52.8 million (or approximately 26 percent) and estimates that its WTS rate will increase from the current annual rate of $3.046713 per kilowatt (kW) to approximately $3.752257 per kW. Sharyland also requests Commission approval of Sharyland's recovery of certain actual transition costs associated with the proposed transaction in an amount not to exceed $17 million through a rider to Sharyland's WTS tariff. Customers that will be affected by the changes to Sharyland's WTS tariff include distribution service providers who pay wholesale transmission charges pursuant to Commission Substantive Rules. The other regulatory conditions and commitments are set forth in the Joint Application.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech- impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is September 5, 2017. This case has been assigned PUCT Docket No. 47469.

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Kim Jong Un present for NKorea missile launch over Japan

By Foster Klug and Kim Tong-Hyung
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Wednesday that leader Kim Jong Un was present as it fired for the first time a ballistic missile designed to carry a nuclear payload that flew over Japan and splashed into the northern Pacific Ocean.

Tuesday's aggressive missile launch — likely the longest ever from North Korea — over the territory of a close U.S. ally sends a clear message of defiance as Washington and Seoul conduct war games nearby.

Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said it was a Hwasong-12 intermediate range missile that the North first successfully tested in May and threatened to fire into waters near Guam earlier this month.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile traveled around 2,700 kilometers (1,677 miles) and reached a maximum height of 550 kilometers (341 miles) as it flew over the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido.

The launch seemed designed to show that North Korea can back up a threat to target the U.S. territory of Guam, if it chooses to do so, while also establishing a potentially dangerous precedent that could see future missiles flying over Japan.

Kim expressed great satisfaction over what the North described as successful testing and said the country will continue to watch "U.S. demeanors" before it decides on future actions. He called the launch a "meaningful prelude" to containing Guam, which is home to key U.S. military bases that North Korea finds threatening, and said the country needs to conduct more missile launches into the Pacific to advance the capabilities of its strategic force, according to the KCNA.

The agency said the flight test was countermeasure to the Ulchi Freedom Guardian joint military exercises between the United States and South Korea that run through Thursday. Pyongyang views the annual war games between the allies as invasion rehearsals.

In a statement, U.S. President Donald Trump said North Korea had signaled its "contempt for its neighbors" and that "all options are on the table" in terms of a U.S. response.

Any new test worries Washington and its allies because it presumably puts North Korea a step closer to its goal of an arsenal of nuclear missiles that can reliably target the United States. Tuesday's test, however, looks especially aggressive to Washington, Seoul and Tokyo.

North Korea has conducted launches at an unusually fast pace this year — 13 times, Seoul says — and some analysts believe it could have viable long-range nuclear missiles before the end of Trump's first term in early 2021.

Seoul says that while North Korea has twice before fired rockets it said were carrying satellites over Japan — in 1998 and 2009 — it has never before used a ballistic missile, which is unambiguously designed for military strikes. North Korea also chose not to fire its most recent missile at a lofted angle, as it did in previous launches to avoid other countries, and Seoul's spy service said the North launched from an unusual spot: the international airport in its capital, Pyongyang.

Some outside observers said launching a road-mobile missile from an airport runway could demonstrate the North's ability to fire its missiles from anywhere in the country.

The launch is also another rebuke to Trump, who suggested last week that his tough approach to North Korea, which included threats to unleash "fire and fury," meant leader Kim Jong Un "is starting to respect us."

Tuesday's missile landed nowhere near Guam, but firing a Hwasong-12 so soon after the Guam threat may be a way for North Korea to show it could follow through if it chose to do so. Guam is 3,400 kilometers (2,110 miles) away from North Korea, but South Korea's military said the North may have fired the most recent missile at a shorter range.

Shizuo Kambayashi/Associated Press

A woman walks past a TV screen broadcasting news of North Korea's missile launch Tuesday in Tokyo. North Korea fired a ballistic missile from its capital Pyongyang that flew over Japan before plunging into the northern Pacific Ocean, officials said Tuesday, an aggressive test-flight over the territory of a close U.S. ally sends a clear message of defiance as Washington and Seoul conduct war games nearby. The letters, left, read " North Korea Missile."

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Center to use lifestyle intervention as treatment

Patients can make medically-supervised nutrition, wellness changes

DR. PADMAJA PATEL
Midland Health

Did you know that the U.S. spends about 90 percent more on health care than other industrialized countries? If you thought spending more was going to give us some sort of guarantee for better health outcomes, let's remind ourselves that even after spending almost $10,000 per person annually on health care, we rank near the bottom in health care outcomes.

Did you know that 70 percent of all Americans take prescription medications, and we spend more on pharmaceuticals than the rest of the world combined?

These numbers are mind-boggling. We need to realize we did not get here overnight. The current status of our health care is a result of years of shrewd marketing techniques, relentless efforts of lobbyists for big pharmaceutical and food companies and government policies that have helped businesses more than promoting health.

To add to the problem, our current "fee for service" reimbursement model for physicians encourages them to do more and not less, promoting quantity of work over quality.

More than 75 percent of our nation's health care costs are tied to the treatment of preventable conditions that are lifestyle-related, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Over the years, studies have shown that comprehensive lifestyle interventions can significantly improve outcomes in heart disease, diabetes, hypertension and many other chronic diseases.

But we do not see lifestyle interventions being used as a treatment.

There are two main reasons why these lifestyle intervention approaches have not gained momentum. First, intervention is more challenging and time-consuming than simply prescribing a pill. Patients need education, counseling and support to experience meaningful change. Second, the pharmaceutical approach is easier, insurance companies are set up to pay for medications and not lifestyle change, and physicians are taught to treat with medications instead of prescribing lifestyle interventions.

I am excited to share that this is about to change for our community. Midland Health, in its mission to make Midland the healthiest community in Texas, has decided to be the leader in embracing this paradigm shift by opening the

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DANGEROUS ROADS

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The annual Permian Basin Ride of Silence honors bicyclists who have died on the road. This photo is from the 11th annual ride, which was May 25, 2016.

Bicycling fatalities are on the rise, safety association says

By Ashley Halsey III
Washington Post

Other than riding a bicycle, they seemed to have very little in common beside the fact that they died on the same weekend this month and that their deaths got minor mention in the local press.

Ronald Michael Peter Hill, 30, died at the scene when he was struck by a car in Tulsa, Oklahoma, about 9 p.m. on Aug. 11. Several hours later, Albert Arnold, 57, died at an intersection in south Los Angeles. The death of Joseph Lee Stanley, 42, on a Sacramento, California, street came just after midnight Sunday morning, about 20 hours after Arnold died.

In all three cases, the driver involved kept going, which is not uncommon in collisions between cars and bicyclists.

At least three other cyclists — one in Oregon and two in Washington state, ages 53, 19 and 50 — would die before the weekend played out.

Forty years ago, riding a bike was child's play, and the overwhelming majority of those killed in bike crashes were children. Over the years, biking for fitness and as part of the daily commute has changed that dramatically. The average age of cyclists killed in collisions in 2015 was 45, according to a report released Thursday.

The report by the Governors Highway Safety Association, with funding from State Farm insurance, also determined that the increase in bike deaths of 12.2 percent in 2015 outpaced the rise in overall traffic fatalities.

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Harvey has short-, long-term health consequences

By Ben Guarino
Washington Post

The flooding from Hurricane Harvey, which has wreaked havoc in Texas, is both catastrophic and historic. The reported death toll rose to at least nine Monday, and officials were projecting that as many as 30,000 people will ultimately be evacuated from flooded homes in Houston and area cities and towns.

Though the storm will pass and waters eventually recede, the danger from floodwaters will linger.

"I distill it down to short term, long term and big picture," said Peter Hotez, dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine.

Short term: floodwater injuries

The majority of people who die during floods drown: About 75 percent of the fatalities are drownings, according to the World Health Organization. Two feet of rapid floodwater will sweep away an SUV. Just 6 inches of water, if it moves quickly enough, can knock over an adult, according to the National Weather Service.

"People don't understand that rushing water is very dangerous," Julia Becker, a social scientist who studies natural disasters, told Hakai Magazine in 2015. "They might know floods are kind of risky, but they don't understand what the real consequences are."

In 2015, Becker and her colleagues published a literature review of behavior during floods. They concluded that people repeatedly underestimated floods. "Flood tourists" traveled to submerged areas to sightsee. Others voluntarily entered the floodwaters to play. Between 1997 and 2008, 1 in every 4 flood deaths in Australia involved swimming, surfing, "acting on a wager" or some other form of recreation or risky behavior.

Even water that appears calm may be unsafe. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns against wading in

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CDC warns insufficient sleep among teens is a 'public health concern'

By Moriah Balingit
Washington Post

Pediatricians have made it clear: early bell times can spell sleep deprivation for teens, and, in turn, a decline in academic performance, an increased risk of car accidents and physical and mental health issues.

But only a fraction of high schools are starting later than 8:30 a.m., which is what the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends, according to a recent report by the National Center for Education Statistics.

The average start time for high schools in the United States is 7:59 a.m., according to the report, published last week. For middle and elementary schools, it's a little later: 8:04 a.m. and 8:17 a.m.

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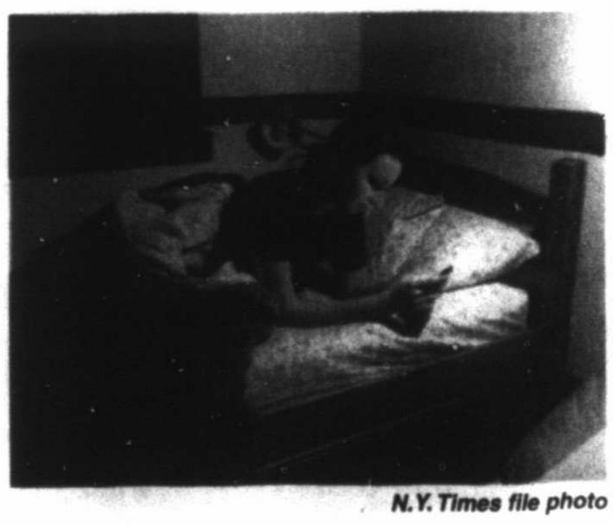

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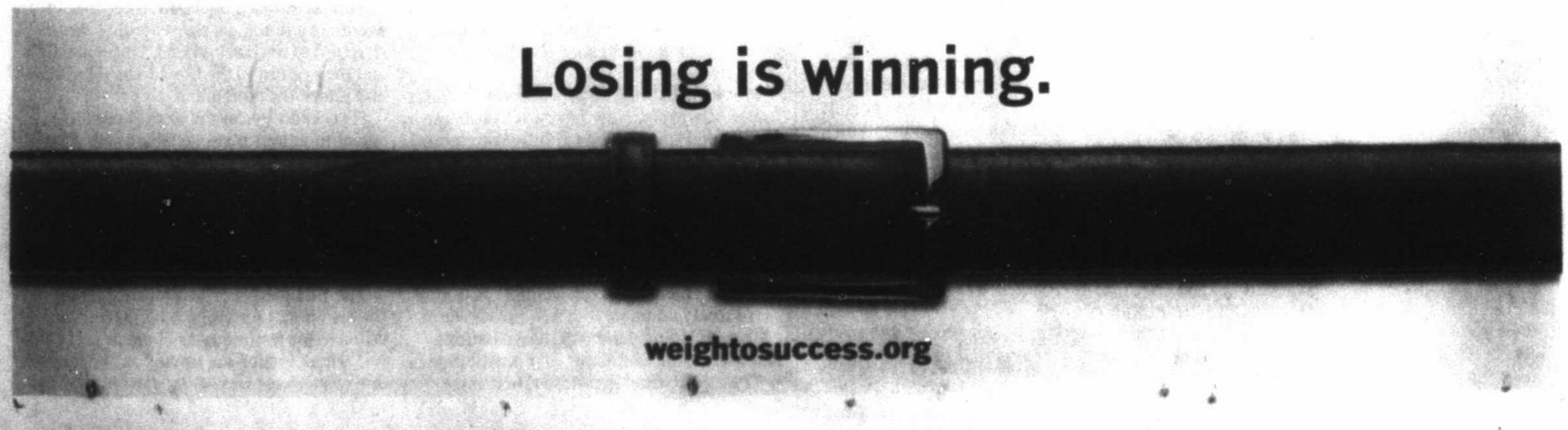
Jillian Dos Santos, who has campaigned for a later high school start time, replies to a text from her boyfriend Feb. 20, 2014, just after her self-imposed bedtime of 11 p.m. at her home in Columbia, Mo. Pediatricians have made it clear: early bell times can spell sleep deprivation for teens, and, in turn, a decline in academic performance, an increased risk of car accidents and physical and mental health issues.



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Jannett Martinez holds her cat Gigi as she rides a boat out of her neighborhood that was inundated after water was released from nearby Addicks Reservoir when it reached capacity because of Tropical Storm Harvey on Tuesday in Houston.

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floodwater, because of the sharp metal bits or glass shards that may lurk below.

Floodwaters can also draw out unwelcome wild animals. Images of stinging fire ants clumped together as large floating rafts set social media abuzz on Monday. Snakes, too, are a concern.

"Storm activity definitely increases the potential for snakebite as the snakes get flooded out and seek higher ground," said Bryan G. Fry, a venomous snake expert at the University of Queensland in Australia.

Short term: infectious disease

A flood contains more than rain. Sewage systems spill their contents. And the water can dredge up things more disturbing, if less infectious, than human waste. In New Orleans in 2005, the flooding from Hurricane Katrina exhumed corpses, sending coffins afloat through neighborhoods.

It is not easy to predict the nasty microbes that will strike.

"We don't have enough epidemiological studies," Hotez said. But Hurricane Katrina, which hit land at the same time of the year as Harvey, could offer some lessons. Skin infections could follow exposure to MRSA, an antibiotic-resistant staphylococcus bacterium, as well as pathogens popularly described as "flesh-eating."

Hoetz said "more exotic germs," such as choloera are possible, but not likely.

"Certainly the conditions here could promote cholera, but you'd have to have somebody infected with cholera coming into the area," he said.

Stress jeopardizes immune systems. Katrina unleashed gut diseases triggered by E. coli and a lack of safe food and potable water. Add crowded conditions — officials are preparing a "mega-shelter" in the Dallas Convention Center to house 5,000 people — and evacuees are at higher risk of getting sick, Hotez said. During Katrina, there were respiratory infections among people in shelters, including an apparent uptick in tuberculosis.

Short term: heat

Scientist Mary Hayden, in a forthcoming paper about Houston's capacity to withstand extreme heat, noted that power outages often follow hurricanes. About 3 million people in eight states were left without power after Hurricane Ike in 2008, and the power grid took 16 days to restore. A lack of power means a lack of air conditioning or other ways to keep cool, further stressing people and putting those with health issues at greater risk given the calendar. Houston's average high in September is the low 90s for much of the month.

Short and long term: mosquitoes

Based on the experience following Hurricane Katrina, there will be several competing effects on the population of mosquitoes and the prevalence of arboviruses, such as Zika, dengue and West Nile, that they transmit.

Mosquitoes need stagnant water to lay eggs. Winds and floods will wash away containers that would have been breeding pools, said Hayden, who studies vector-borne disease at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. In the immediate future, both Hayden and Hotez anticipate that local mosquito populations will decline.

But once the floodwaters recede, mosquitoes will recover. In 2006, a year after Katrina, Tulane University public-health experts reported that cases of West Nile infection increased more than twofold in communities that had been in that hurricane's path. The study authors suggested that increased exposure was the culprit. Fleeing partially submerged buildings, people spent days outside waiting for rescue.

Without air conditioning or dry spaces, Texans may find themselves outdoors, too.

"There's going to be a need for insect repellent down there," Hayden said.

Long term: mental health

Hurricanes can damage mental health in long-term ways, Nature reported in 2015. A year after Hurricane Katrina, residents reported an increase in suicidal thoughts, increasing from 2 percent to 6 percent among the 815 people studied. Post-traumatic stress disorder and depression also worsened.

Long term: mold

Mold is another hurricane holdover. Hayden, who assessed damage in Galveston after Hurricane Ike, said evacuees may not realize they could spend two or three weeks away from home. In a waterlogged, overheated home, mold can run rampant in that time.

The Washington Post reported that two months after Hurricane Katrina, CDC investigators found mold in the walls of half of 112 water-damaged homes. The worst symptoms from routine mold exposure — some amount of mold is in the air we breathe every day — are typically allergic reactions and are hardly ever fatal. Post-Katrina mold, however, was implicated in the deaths of four Southern University at New Orleans professors — all of whom worked in the same storm-damaged building. All died within a few months of one another.

The economic impact of mold and water damage also can be severe.

"That's a whole consequence that people really don't consider," Hayden said. "It's devastating on all levels."

Big picture: preparedness planning

What comes into focus from disasters such as Harvey is a lack of disaster preparedness compared with pandemics such as the flu, according to Hotez.

"We don't realize that the Gulf Coast is America's vulnerable underbelly of infectious disease," he said, referring to a paper he wrote in 2014.

The hot and humid region combines high levels of poverty with major transportation hubs, with problems exacerbated by the effects of climate change.

"All of those forces combine to make the Gulf Coast especially susceptible to infectious and tropical disease," he said Monday.

PATEL

From 1B

one-of-a-kind Lifestyle Medicine Center. It will be one of the only programs in the United States to offer several medically supervised comprehensive lifestyle interventions at one location.

The Lifestyle Medicine Center encompasses the following lifestyle interventions:

- Ornish Program for Reversing Heart Disease
- Lifestyle Medicine Clinic
- Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) for Corporate Partners
- Nutrition therapy
- Better U Online Wellness Program
- Traditional cardiac rehabilitation program

I am especially excited to share more information about the Lifestyle Medicine Clinic, where lifestyle interventions will be used as a first line of treatment while using medications only on an as-needed basis. This will offer an option for those who are interested in improving their health and are willing to reduce the number and/or dose of their medications (or come off them all together), while learning about the importance of nutrition, physical activity, stress management and emotional well-being on prevention, management and reversal of some chronic disease processes.

This clinic will also offer a two-week Jumpstart Program for individuals who are interested in trying nutrition therapy by adopting a whole foods plant-based diet to see immediate results under a physician's supervision.

How will the Lifestyle Medicine Clinic be different?

- The lifestyle medicine clinic will focus on treating the root cause of the problem, using lifestyle as a basis for treatment and not only as prevention.
- There will be no vitamins or supplements to purchase and no expensive procedures involved.
- There will be no additional out-of-pocket expense to receive this evidence-based treatment.
- Comprehensive treatment will include classes for patients on a weekly basis and provide counseling and support.
- Patients can expect to experience an overall health care savings and decreased reliance on medications.

To schedule an appointment, or to learn more, call 221-LIFE (5433) or visit www.midlandhealth.org/lifestylemedicine

Dr. Padmaja Patel is medical director of Lifestyle Medicine Center.

Obituaries

Johnnie L. Jones, Jr.

Johnnie L. Jones, Jr., 62, of Aurora, Colorado, passed away August 24, 2017.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Mount Rose Full Gospel Baptist Church, 211 N Tyler St., Midland, Texas.

Patsy Faye Lusk

Patsy Faye Lusk, 77, passed away on August 26, 2017 in Odessa, Texas after being in pain for many years. Patsy was married to her beloved husband Anthony (Tony) Leo Lusk for 58 years.

Patsy was born in February 19, 1940 in Lovington, New Mexico and raised in Plains, Texas by her parents William Henry Anderson and Maggie Leone Anderson. There she met and fell in love with and married her Tony on March 29, 1957. They then moved to California where Patsy became a stay-at-home mom to two children, Nita and Anthony, Jr. In 1978, the family moved to Midland, Texas where she began her carrier in banking and eventually retired from Wells Fargo.

Her devotion to her family and her love for the Lord gave her strength and peace throughout her life and until the very end. Patsy was a devoted member of Christian Church of Midland for many years. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Anyone that knew her would say that she was a good listener and always offered great advice. Her husband Tony would say, "Patsy has a great capacity to love." Patsy loved reading her Bible and Bible study. Her favorite story is the birth of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Her favorite bible verse is Solomon 6:3 - I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.

Patsy is survived by daughter, Juanita Leone Lusk Reynolds; brother, Robert Anderson and wife Vicki; daughter-in-law, Pamela Lusk; sisters-in-law, Shirley Anderson, Doshia Bryant, and Laverne Newsom; brothers-in-law, David Lusk and Bobby Bryant; grandsons, John Weinzel and wife Jessica, Mike Williams, Steven Weinzel, Will Lusk, and Seth Lusk; granddaughters, Maggie Lollar and husband James, and Heather Fleming; 11 great-grandchildren; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Patsy is preceded in death by her parents, William (Cotton) Anderson and Maggie Leone Anderson; her beloved husband, Anthony Leo Lusk, together again forever; her son, Anthony Leo Lusk, Jr.; brother, Henry Allen Anderson; grandson, Joshua Williams; son-in-law, Stacy Reynolds; and her friend of a lifetime, Karen Anderson.

Ruby M. Murawski

Ruby M. Murawski, 85, passed away on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

She is survived by her sons, Robert Thompson, Larry Jeffcoat, and Charles Thompson; brother, Marvin Morgan; sister, Daisy Knight; and by 13 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Shirre Lancaster.

Receiving of friends will be Thursday, August 31, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home.

Funeral service will be Friday, September 1, 2017 at First Apostolic Church at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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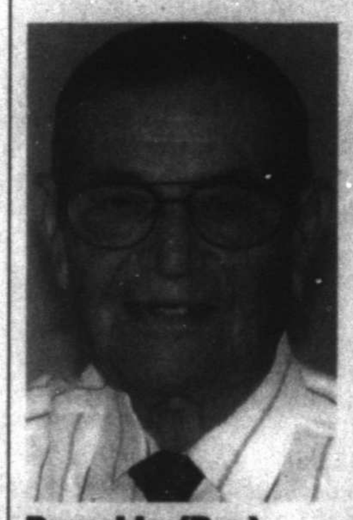

Rumaldo (Ray) Rios Navarro, Sr.

Rumaldo (Ray) Rios Navarro, Sr., of Midland, Texas, went to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday August 26, 2017.

Revelation 22:13: *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.*

God saw it fit to send his Angel of mercy to carry his son on their wings and bring him home. Proud to be his son he said, "Lord I am ready."

On Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., a Celebration of Life worship service will be held at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home.

Funeral service will also be held there on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., with Reverend Martin Ortega Officiating. Graveside services will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Rumaldo was born on May 20, 1924 in Jourdanton, Texas to Felix and Ernesta Navarro. He married the love of his life, Mickaela Flores, in San Angelo, Texas on June 4, 1949.

Rumaldo was a member of Iglesia Bautista Emanuel for 56 years. Rumaldo loved the Lord and served in many areas: Sunday school teacher, choir, youth counselor, mission trips to Mexico, church bus driver, Vacation Bible School, and volunteering in other mission action projects. He had a passion for hymns, always singing, playing his guitar and harmonica. He loves singing with his family and his wonderful church friends. He enjoyed baking and cooking. His last occupation was in the Sanitation Department for the City of Midland.

We will miss all of his funny stories and great sense of humor. He loved his family. His grandchildren were his pride and joy. Throughout the years, he spent many hours getting them to and from school and always with a snack in the backseat.

He always encouraged us to love the Lord with all our hearts, go to church, pray, and read the Bible.

Rumaldo is survived by his beloved wife of 68 years, Mickaela Flores Navarro; son, Rumaldo (Ray) Navarro, Jr. and wife Margie of Midland; daughters, Lucy(Lulu) Navarro, Nancy Navarro Aguirre and husband Ronnie, and Cindy Megan Navarro, all of Midland, and Elizabeth Ann Navarro of Odessa, Texas; grandchildren, Sarah, Johnny, Michael Ray, Fabian, Kaela, and Alina; and by13 great-grandchildren and two great-greatgrandchildren.

He is also survived by three brothers and three sisters, Paul Navarro and Joe Navarro, both of San Angelo, Ventura Navarro of Del Rio, Texas, Paula N. Reyes and Francisca (Frances) N. Casarez both of San Angelo, and Maria N. Talamentes of Dallas, Texas.

Rumaldo is preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Ernesta Navarro; newborn daughter, Elizabeth Navarro; brcthers, Jesse Navarro, Sr. and Felix Navarro, Jr., and sister, Felicita N. Perez.

Pallbearers are Michael Ray Navarro, Fabian R. Aguirre, Alex Castaneda, Carlos Aaron Velez, Joseph R. Martinez, Roy Urias, Elias Casarez, and Paul Pequeno,

Honorary pallbearers are Eden Amethyst Navarro and Emma Adelina Velez.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Hospice of Midland and the wonderful staff for their loving caring support and to all our friends and family for your amazing love and support during this difficult time.

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Death Notices

Bonnie McLen

Bonnie McLen, 80 of Midland, passed away on August 24, 2017.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Thursday, August 31, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, September 1, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park North.

Lance Brandon Lovelace

Lance Brandon Lovelace, 45, of Midland, passed away July 29, 2017.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 2, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Bonnie Ward; and by three sisters.

Ronald Previte, Mafia captain turned informant, dies

Associated Press

Ronald Previte, a onetime Philadelphia Mafia captain whose work as an FBI informant helped take down three mob bosses, earning him the nickname "Fat Rat," has died. He was 73.

Previte died Aug. 21 at a hospital in Galloway Township, New Jersey, according to Carnesale Funeral Home. PhillyVoice.com reported he had a heart attack.

Previte, an imposing man who stood 6-foot-2 and weighed nearly 300 pounds, wore a hidden microphone beginning in 1997 and recorded hundreds of conversations for the FBI while leading a double life as a made member of the Mafia.

He freely admitted to a 30-year career in crime, including gambling, loan-sharking, extortion, drug trafficking and prostitution.

"I was a crook," Previte testified at the 2001 trial of Philadelphia mob boss Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino and several other mobsters.

Previte testified he would meet FBI agents in a hotel, get the recording device strapped to his body, attend a mob meeting and then return to the hotel to be debriefed and return the equipment.

He couldn't wear the wire at certain social functions because "there was a lot of hugging and kissing," Previte said.

Previte's recordings led to the indictment of Merlino and another mob boss, Ralph Natale, in 1999. Natalie then became a government witness and testified 14 days in the Merlino trial.

The FBI paid Previte about $500,000 for his work, prompting mob lawyers to criticize his testimony as "bought and paid for." He defended the money as "hazardous duty pay."

N.Y. Times file photo

SLEEP

From 1B

The data came from a survey conducted in the 2015-16 school year of a nationally representative sample of 8,300 school principals. Only about 13 percent of high schools start later than 8:30 a.m. Nearly half — 46 percent — start before 8 a.m.

The report shows that the vast majority of teens are behind their desks before many grown-ups clock in for the work day, even though pediatricians say adolescents are hard-wired to fall asleep and wake up later and need more sleep.

It doesn't just mean that teenagers are nodding off in class. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have called insufficient sleep among the nation's adolescents "a substantial public health concern" and said schools should do their part to encourage teens to get more rest. Teens who don't get enough sleep are more likely to do poorly in school, be overweight and try tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. Teens operate on different circadian rhythms, making it difficult for them to fall asleep before 11 p.m., doctors say.

Some large school districts have taken heed and moved start times closer to the recommendation, but many have found it too logistically challenging and expensive to consider.

FATALITIES

From 1B

"More of us are getting out and riding our bikes, and that's great, but we're seeing (cycling) deaths go up by about 55 deaths per year," said Jonathan Adkins, executive director of the safety association.

■ Though it's estimated that 45,000 cyclists were injured in crashes in 2015, the report said police probably record a fraction of those crashes because bikes don't get towed from crashes and cars rarely need towing after colliding with a cyclist.

■ The majority of fatal bike crashes — 72 percent — took place on the roadway rather than at intersections.

■ Distracted driving was to blame for 76 cyclist deaths out of 818 in 2015.

■ More than half of cyclists killed were not wearing a helmet.

■ Bike fatalities were evenly split at 47 percent between those riding in daylight and those riding after dark, though only 20 percent of bike rides take place after dark.

■ A third of people surveyed said they had biked in the past year, but the number of children biking to school has dropped from almost half to 2.2 percent since 1969.

In some of the 55 cities that have established bike-share programs, infrastructure that regulates and separates cyclists from drivers lags behind systems that already have a combined 42,000 bikes on the road. There have been just two crashes fatal to cyclists involving shared bikes since the first bike-sharing program opened in 2010, the report said.

The report recommended more marked bike lanes, more clearly defined bike lanes that separate riders from cars, bike boxes at traffic signals that give riders a head start when a light turns green and traffic signals that provide an advanced green signal specifically designated for cyclists.

"When we bike, we have as much right to the road as when we drive," said Vicki Harper, spokeswoman for State Farm. "Unfortunately, when bikes and cars collide, cyclists are much more susceptible to serious injury or death."

The GHSA is a coalition of state roadway safety officers, and the report suggested that each state should include cycling safety programs in its comprehensive highway safety plan.

The report commended Congress for its requirement that states "fully integrate non-motorized accommodation in all surface transportation projects." But it chastised lawmakers for restricting the ability of states to use federal highway funds for cycling safety education and enforcement programs.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Schools should promote plant-based foods

With the new school year upon us, parents turn their attention to new clothes, school supplies and school food. Yes, school food.

More than 31 million children rely on school meals for their daily nutrition, which too often consists of highly processed food laden with saturated fat. Not surprisingly, one-third of our children have become overweight or obese. Their early dietary flaws become life-long addictions, raising their risk of diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

To compound the problem, the Trump administration has loosened Obama's 2010 school lunch rules calling for whole grains, fat-free milk and reduced salt content.

Fortunately, many U.S. school districts now offer vegetarian options or have implemented Meatless Monday.

As parents, we need to involve our own children and school cafeteria managers in promoting healthy, plant-based foods in our local schools. Entering "vegan options in schools" in a search engine provides lots of useful resources.

Matt Rooks

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MMH, MC to sponsor youth program

Midland Memorial Hospital and Permian Basin Area Health Education Center/Midland College are sponsoring Youth Health Service Corp. for high school students in Midland County. Students interested in pursuing health careers are encouraged to apply.

Students must be between 16 and 18. Applications are being accepted through Tuesday. The first meeting is Oct. 3 and will continue through May 1. Parents or guardians are required to attend the first meeting.

For more information, call 685-4794 or email phaddock@midland.edu.

Event to focus on special-needs kids

SHARE is hosting a conference and resource fair focusing on special-needs children. The event is Sept. 16 at Midland Shared Spaces. The resource fair is 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; the conference is 10 a.m.-noon.

Guest speakers are Dr. Daryl Scott of Baylor College of Medicine's Department of Molecular and Human Genetics and Laura Buckner.

Scott will be discussing genetic evaluations in patients with autism spectrum disorders. Buckner will provide a family member's perspective.

The resource fair will offer information on care, education and research relating to autism spectrum disorders and will connect families with others in similar situations.

The event is free and lunch will be served. To register, contact Traci Hopper at thopper@sharewtx.org, 818-1259 or 254-5325.

The conference is supported by the Texas Center for Disability Studies at the University of Texas at Austin and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Midland Health events

■ Find a Job Friday, 9 a.m.-noon Friday, Midland Memorial Hospital, 221-4305.

■ Basic Childbirth Class, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Midland Memorial Hospital; $40 a couple, Birthplace Tour included; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org.

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.

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Help line for long-term or disabled care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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Medicare website compares hospice services

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Online

To compare hospice services, visit www.medicare.gov/hospicecompare

Medicare's Compare websites have helped millions of Americans find the right nursing home, hospital or home health care agency for themselves or their families. Now, a new Medicare online tool is available to help terminally ill patients and their loved ones find the right hospice service, as well.

The Hospice Compare website displays information on almost 3,900 hospices nationwide and allows patients, family members and health care providers to get a snapshot of the quality of care each offers. The site contains data on 777 hospice agencies in Texas.

Terminally ill people who choose hospice services receive care and support for their physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs. They're no longer seeking a cure, but they do want to live out their last weeks and months as comfortably as possible and with dignity. Hospice care is typically provided within the patient's home.

Hospice Compare lets patients and their caregivers see how the hospice services they are considering stack up against the national average when it comes to such quality measures as managing pain, treating symptoms and respecting patients' beliefs and values.

After additional quality measures are posted, the website will feature star ratings similar to those available for nursing homes and hospitals. Each hospice agency will be rated from one star (poor) to five stars (excellent) so consumers can more easily compare facilities. The site will be updated quarterly.

Though Hospice Compare can't tell the whole story about where to go for care, it can serve as a useful screening tool. Patients and family members can search the website by using their ZIP code or city to find all of the nearby hospice services. Or they can type in the name of a particular hospice provider they're considering.

To qualify for Medicare's hospice benefit, you must be eligible for Medicare's Part A hospital insurance, and your physician and your hospice medical director must certify that you have six months or less to live, assuming your illness runs its normal course. The benefit is available to people with traditional Medicare or private Medicare Advantage plans.

Hospice programs follow a team approach. The specially trained team typically includes doctors, nurses, counselors and social workers. A doctor and nurse are on call 24-7 to care for you and support your family when you need it. If your hospice team determines you need hospital inpatient care, it will make the arrangements.

As long as the hospice care comes from a Medicare-approved hospice, Medicare will cover the physician services, nursing care, drugs, medical equipment and supplies and physical and occupational therapy. Medicare will also continue to pay for the treatment of other conditions unrelated to your terminal illness.

You can receive hospice care as long as you're recertified. After 90 days of care, you're re-evaluated by the hospice's medical director or other hospice doctor to determine if the care is still appropriate. Another re-evaluation is done after another 90 days and then every 60 days.

Patients and family members who want to learn more about hospice programs in their area should talk to their doctor or call their state's hospice organization. The number for Texas is 1-800-580-9270. The Hospice Compare website also contains a list of questions you may want to ask when looking for and choosing a hospice program.

Like Medicare's other Compare websites, the new Hospice Compare site will give patients and their families an important tool for making informed decisions at an especially challenging time. Choosing the right hospice service isn't about giving up; it's about making every day count.

Bob Moos is Southwest regional public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

BRYN DODD
Centers for Children and Families

'Wellness wheel' can provide a balanced life

Many times, people will associate wellness with their physical health, such as exercise and nutrition. But in reality, wellness is the full integration of an individual's physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Wellness is being able to create a well-rounded and balanced lifestyle.

Let's refer to wellness as a wheel composed of seven dimensions that are aspects of who you are as an individual, according to the University of California, Riverside.

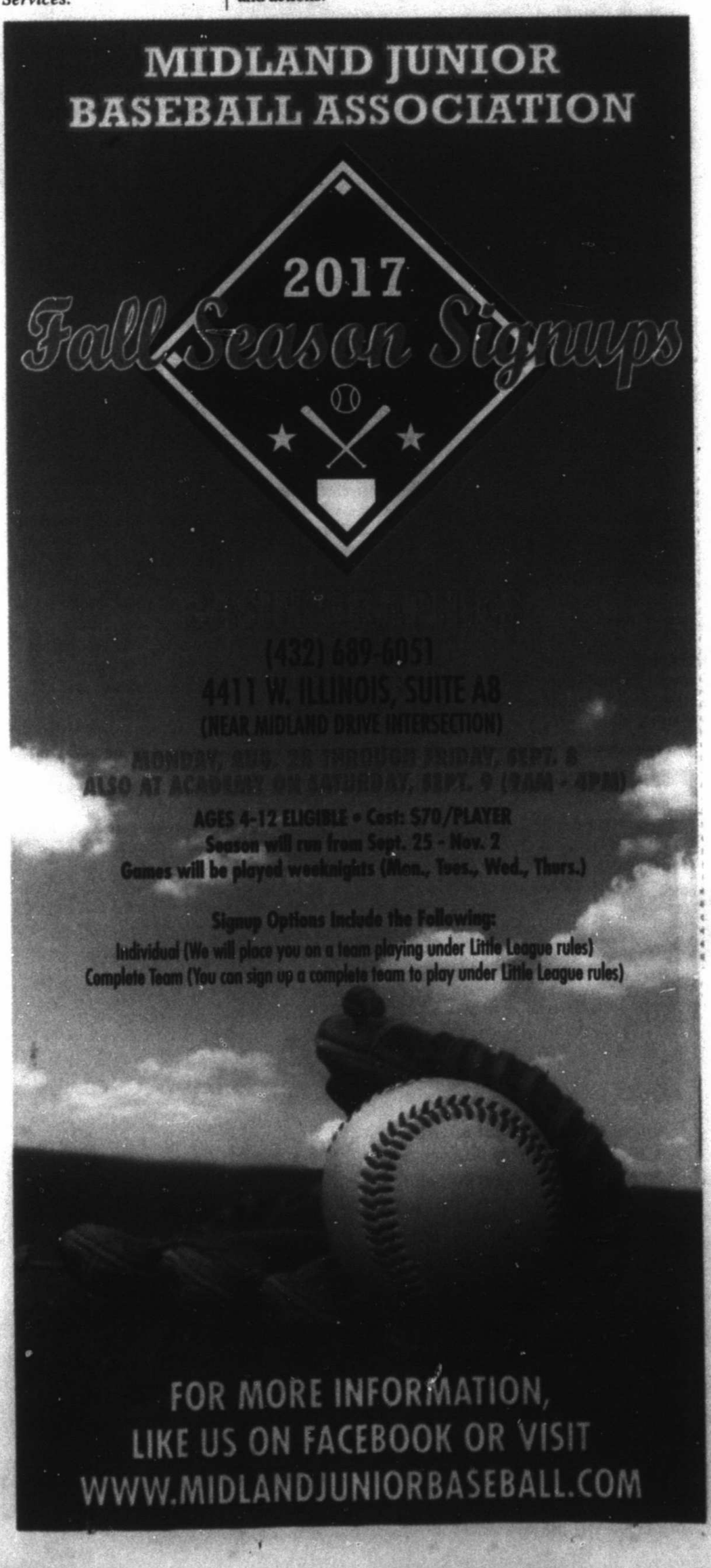
- Social wellness: the ability to relate to and connect with other people and to establish and maintain positive relationship with family, friends and co-workers.
- Emotional wellness: the ability to understand yourself and cope with life's challenges life and to acknowledge and share feelings in a productive manner.
- Spiritual wellness: the ability to establish peace and harmony and to develop congruency between values and actions.
- Environmental wellness: the ability to make a positive impact on the quality of your environment such as your home, your community or the planet.
- Occupational wellness: the ability to get personal fulfillment from your job or your chosen career field while still maintaining balance in your life.
- Intellectual wellness: the ability to open your mind to new ideas and experiences that can be applied to personal decisions, group interaction and community betterment and the desire to learn new concepts, improve skills and seek challenges in pursuit of lifelong learning.
- Physical wellness: the ability to maintain a healthy quality of life that allows you to perform your daily activities without undue fatigue and physical stress and adopting healthful habits such as balanced diet, routine checkups and exercise.

It's important for you to be conscious of your wellness wheel because if it isn't balanced, you lack the ability to productively handle daily stress. Having an unbalanced wheel is similar to having a flat tire. You struggle to steer straight and in the right direction. Life is bumpy and shaky. Many times, you are unable to reach your destination and your goals.

To know if you are in balance, you can take a self-assessment to identify strengths and weaknesses in each dimension of wellness. When taking this assessment, it is important to remember that there is no "right" or "wrong" wheel. Everyone is unique and answers will vary depending on a person's age and stage of life.

The assessment, provided by the University of California, Davis, can be found at http://bit.ly/2n4A3Do.

By becoming aware of the factors that influence your wellness, you can make positive choices that contribute to your quality of life. These positive choices include not stressing over the things that are out of your control and focusing on what you can control: your thoughts, emotions and actions.



VR game gathers data for dementia researchers

By Jeremy Kahn
Bloomberg

Navigating an ice-walled lake or scouring a swamp for a hidden monster may sound like a fun premise for a virtual-reality video game. But there's a serious purpose behind the new game Sea Hero Quest VR: helping neuroscientists design a new test for dementia.

London-based game design firm Glitchers worked with researchers from British and Swiss universities, as well as dementia and Alzheimer's charities, to create Sea Hero Quest VR. Development of the free-to-download game, which was released Tuesday for Samsung's Gear VR headset and

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JUMBLE

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

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Yesterday's Jumbles: ABATE TROLL SPLASH ATTEST
Answer: When they built the new roundabout, they pulled out — ALL THE STOPS

JUMBLE® CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Type of seal	SGKTAE
5. Door ___	REPZI
6. Part	ECIPE
7. Copy ___	DIROET

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Drywall mineral	USGMPY
2. Sent, mailed	PHDEPSI
3. Mount ___	STERVEE
4. ___ shower	TROMEE

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

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CLUE: This character made his debut in 1935.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Gasket 5A-Prize 6A-Piece 7A-Editor 1D-Gypsum 2D-Shipped 3D-Energy 4D-Motor 5-Thy Fig

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Brigantine's pair
6 Necklace globule
10 Touch gently
13 Sneezing sound
14 Grade for exceptional work
16 "Grossl"
17 Student's all-nighter
19 Links figure
20 Trek on a trail
21 Lots
22 Martini garnish
24 Keats' "__ on Indolence"
25 Dessert with a caramelized top
27 Verbal
29 Former "Inside the NFL" host Dawson
30 Correctional
32 Issuer of bulls
35 Bridge support
39 Course of study that may include forensics
42 Trail
43 Sports figures
44 __ fit: tantrum
45 Tie-ending qtrs.
47 Boot
48 Like a mid-17th century English government
54 Letter after upsilon
57 "Spider-Man: Homecoming" actress Marisa
58 Je t'__: French "I love you"
59 Cookware material
60 Bygone U.K. record label
61 Car's impact-absorbing structural feature
64 Suitable
65 Comic/writer/activist Izzard
66 Solitary sort
67 Ed.'s acquisitions
68 Italian wine region
69 Latin clarifier

DOWN

1 Virile
2 Bitterly pungent
3 Seal the deal
4 Heavy reading?
5 Signal of distress
6 Moisten while roasting
7 __ salts
8 Dress named for a letter
9 Electronic music's Daft Punk, e.g.
10 Dilation target
11 Tequila source
12 Red billiard ball
15 [Bo-ring!]
18 Rank between marquis and viscount
23 __ fringe: fanatical extremists
25 Colombian city
26 __ cheese
28 Make emphatically, as a point
30 Angel dust, for short
31 Significant stretch
32 Sketchbook, e.g.
33 __ Navy: discount retailer
34 Comfy lounging wear
36 Like aggressive investments
37 IV units
38 "Listen up!"
40 Body part with a bridge
41 It's just over a foot
46 __-baked potatoes
47 Film critic Pauline
48 Third-stringers
49 Escapades
50 Passes over
51 Praises highly
52 Maximum
53 Macao Science Center designer
55 Sharpens
56 Like noble gases
59 Polo maker that's a Polo rival
62 Nutritional abbr.
63 Philanthropist Broad

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	P	O	I	L		B	A	S	I	L		W	S	J
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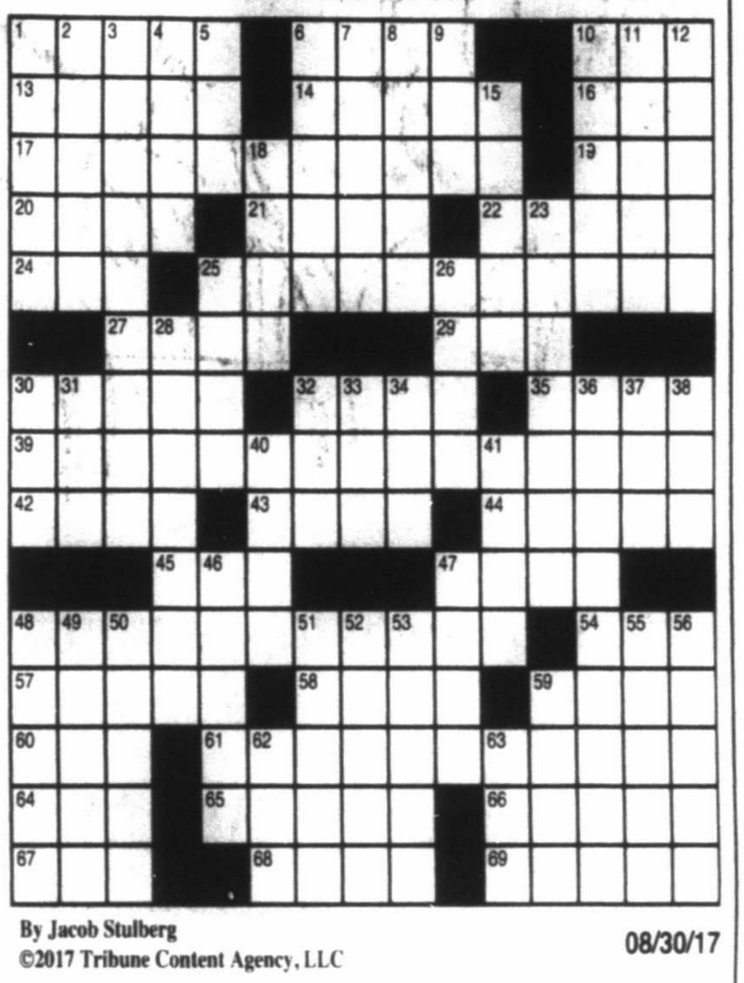

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Brain does better with print than digital for close reading

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There's nothing that digital addicts hate more than being told they need to pay closer attention to real life.

In a recent screed titled "It Would Be Great if Celebrities Could Stop Talking About the Joys of 'Unplugging,'" Slate blogger Heather Schwedel complained that comedian Aziz Ansari's declaration of independence from the internet in a GQ magazine interview amounts to a form of snobbery.

The smugness she imagines coming from those who choose to wean themselves off electronic devices is along the lines of: "Oh, you think you're better than me? You think you're better than looking at memes and double-tapping your friends' pictures of dessert?"

To be fair, Ansari has been writing and performing about the miscommunication, anxiety and brain drain that result from being tied to a phone at all hours. And his GQ interview was not braggy, and it spurred several pro and con quit-the-internet think pieces because he made this important point about paper's capacity to improve focus: "I'm reading, like, three books right now. I'm putting something in my mind. It feels so much better than just reading the internet and not remembering anything."

It's not exactly a provocative stance.

Years of research have suggested various differences in reading online versus in print, many of which have come down on the side of paper for better comprehension when engaging in "close reading," i.e., detailed critical analysis of a text.

Indeed, a recent survey of 25 years of some 800 studies on the subject has concluded that at very early ages — and when reading light material, superficially — the format doesn't matter much.

But when it's necessary to go deeper than merely familiarizing yourself with the main points of a text, particularly one that is lengthy, paper may be better. This is because of the brain's ability to anchor information in the physical locations of concepts on a printed page that a hand manipulates as the eye processes the words.

This hand-eye connection is important — many studies have credited the physical act of writing by hand with more thoroughly imprinting information in the mind by activating regions of the brain related to retention and goal achievement.

To this point, research published in the February issue of the Economics of Education Review found that students at the United States Military Academy who were prohibited from using internet-enabled devices for note-taking during class were likelier to score higher on their final exams than those free to use tablets and laptops.

In their discussion of the pros and cons of making technology available to 21st-century students, the researchers cited this little-discussed fact: "In K-12 schools, where students do not typically take lecture notes, a growing body of research has found no positive impact [on student achievement] of expanded computer or internet access."

They strain to underscore that they "do not claim that all computer use in the classroom is harmful. Exercises where computers or tablets are deliberately used may, in fact, improve student performance. Rather, our results relate to classes where using computers or tablets for note-taking is optional."

In other words, unless you are being meticulous in the specific use of a tool that can be used for learning, you risk having the tool become a distraction.

It's plainly easier and faster to take dictation on a laptop — and check your social media feeds while there's a lull — than to concentrate fully on information that is being presented and then synthesize a summary in your own words via paper and pen.

But who cares how efficient an action is when it's not helping you achieve your goals?

It is possible that the difficulties of our modern lives — and the politics, rancor and fake Instagram perfection that feed our daily media diets — are soothed by the dopamine hit that our brains get from checking to see if new messages or crazy headlines have arrived.

But though our electronic companions may ease us through chaotic lives, they also distract us from the difficult tasks at hand, many of which are well worth the opportunity cost of one more quick check of Twitter or a newsfeed.

Digital addicts, take heart: You don't need to quit the internet to benefit greatly from more time away from your devices. Just try it for a few minutes a day and see how it goes. In fact, as soon as you finish reading this column, treat yourself to some silence.

Houston Chronicle file photo

Houston ISD orchestra conductor Brad Smith explores a virtual reality model of the new High School on May 12. Navigating an ice-walled lake or scouring a swamp for a hidden monster may sound like a fun premise for a virtual-reality video game. But there's a serious purpose behind the new game Sea Hero Quest VR: helping neuroscientists design a new test for dementia.

DEMENTIA

From 4B

Facebook Inc.'s Oculus Rift, was funded by German mobile carrier Deutsche Telekom AG.

As people play the game, anonymized data — including what actions they take and exactly where they look and for how long — is collected and stored on Deutsche Telekom's servers in Germany. Players can also choose to provide the carrier with more detailed demographic data, such as information about their age, gender and location.

Neuroscientists and cognitive psychologists will analyze the data to hopefully learn more about how humans develop spatial awareness and navigate new environments. Researchers believe subtle degradation in these skills may be an early warning sign of dementia and that information from the game could eventually lead to new tests to detect cognitive impairment earlier.

Currently there about 47 million people in the world living with dementia, a number that's projected to rise to 130 million people by 2050 due to aging populations, according to the World Health Organization.

"Through things like brain scans we know that the disease process that underlie dementia actually starts 15 to 20 years before people are aware that they've got obvious symptoms," said David Reynolds, chief science officer of Alzheimer's Research UK, which was one of Deutsche Telekom's partners in creating the game. He said that people aren't aware of these changes because the brain is extremely resilient and able to find workarounds for damage as it gradually builds. Even when symptoms begin to be noticeable, people often lie to themselves about the reason they've started to engage in compensating behaviors — such as relying on Google Maps for directions on a familiar route. "What we really want to be able to do is diagnose people 15 to 20 years earlier than we are currently," he said.

Virtual reality is increasingly being used therapeutically — to help treat post-traumatic stress disorder or alleviate chronic pain. And scientists who study the brain are already using VR-based experiments in labs. Maxwell Scott-Slade, the creative director at Glitchers, said. But the Sea Hero Quest game will let scientists gather data on a much greater scale. Deutsche Telekom said in a statement that just two minutes of virtual reality game play in the new Sea Hero Quest collects the equivalent of five hours of lab-based research.

A non-virtual reality mobile app version of the game that Deutsche Telekom and Glitchers released in November 2016 has already generated data from 3 million people, which is far more than researchers ever anticipated, Christoph Holscher, a cognitive scientist at Swiss university ETH Zurich, said.

Among Holscher's discoveries so far is that the relationship between age and navigation skill is even stronger than scientists had previously thought: in the Sea Hero Quest mobile game data, navigation ability peaks at 19 years old and declines subtly but steadily after that, with much more marked deterioration happening when people are in their 40s.

Data from the previous Sea Hero Quest game also confirmed laboratory studies that men and women differ in their navigational strategies, with men more likely to rely on landmarks and external cues in the environment, and women more likely to use an internal, cognitive map and an intuitive sense of direction to help them get around, Holscher said.

The VR game also incorporates several specific experiments to assess different underlying abilities involved in navigation. This includes a Morris Water Maze, where the person is placed in a circular body of water with no external visual cues and must find a particular spot in the water. The task was developed by British neuroscientist Richard Morris in 1981 and has been used to test the cognitive mapping abilities of both humans and animals and the role that the hippocampus, a structure in the brain, plays in this mapping.

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Cowboys-Texans game funds going to recovery

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Although J.J. Watt still thinks the Houston-Dallas preseason game shouldn't be played because of catastrophic flooding in Houston, the star defensive end for the Texans is getting his wish that money generated by the exhibition finale will go to Hurricane Harvey recovery efforts.

Watt, who started a fundraising page that reached $4 million in donations in barely more than two days, reiterated his stance that the game originally scheduled for Houston on Thursday night should have been scrapped instead of moved to the home of the Cowboys.

The Texans, who are in charge of the game since they are technically the home team, said Tuesday that tickets and parking will be $25 apiece. Tickets were available online starting Tuesday night.

"I think the only good thing that can possibly come out of a game on Thursday would be a massive fundraiser," Watt said. "This is bigger than football. It's bigger than a game. It's bigger than any of us."

Speaking of massive fundraisers, Watt almost didn't know to react to the stunning growth of his effort, which started with a web page and a selfie video Sunday. Since then, he's been offering video updates as the total climbed. The original goal was $200,000.

The highlight Tuesday was a $1 million donation from Tennessee Titans owner Amy Adams Strunk, daughter of the late Bud Adams. Strunk's father owned the Houston Oilers when the franchise moved to Nashville in 1997.

"That's remarkable, from a team in our division, one of our rivals, willing to go above and beyond football," Watt said. "It just speaks to humanity. It speaks to the good in people."

The team flew to the Dallas area after a preseason loss in

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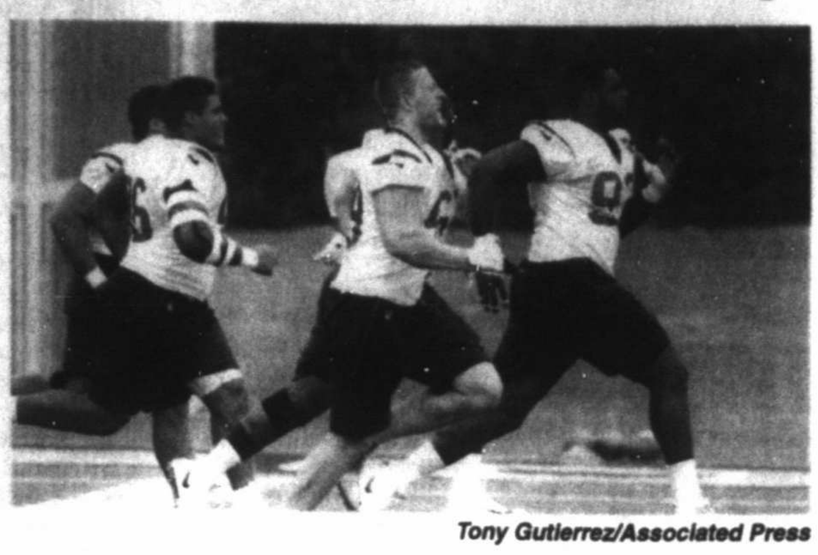

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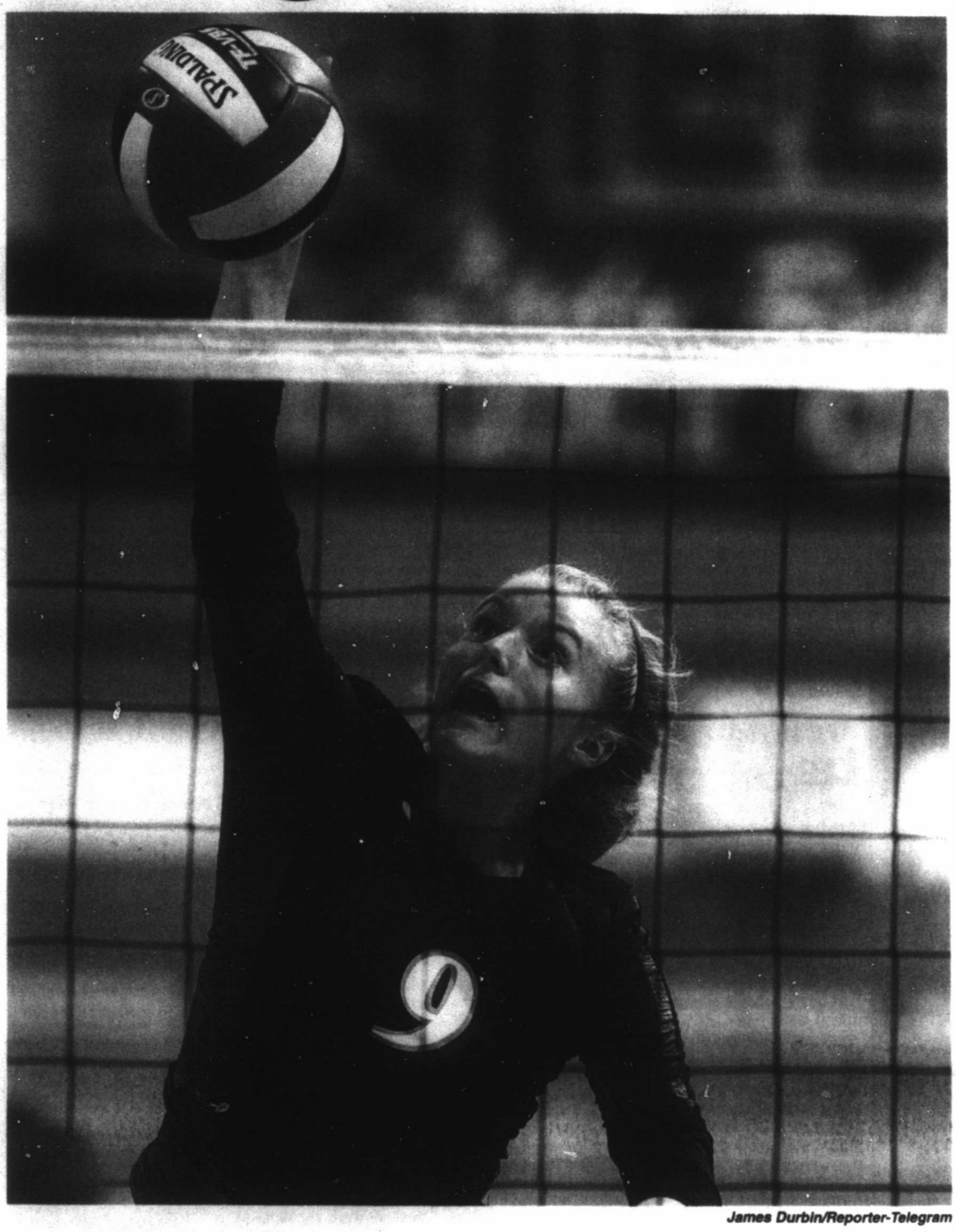
Houston Texans' J.J. Watt, center, sprints across the field with other defensive lineman during a morning practice at the Dallas Cowboys training facility on Monday in Frisco.

Going for the kill



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Lee's Emily Hillman (9) hits against Monahans ,Tuesday, at Lee High School.

Lee wins home opener against Monahans

By Will Korn
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After being on the road for the first three weeks of the season, the Lee volleyball team enjoyed an explosive home opener Tuesday.

The Lady Rebels' blistering offensive pace set a dominant early tone and though visiting Monahans played tougher later on, Lee still notched a 25-11, 25-18, 25-21 sweep in its home gym.

"To start off with a win in the Rebels' home gym, it's great," said Lee head coach Robert Blakely, who picked up his first home win with the program.

Just about everything clicked for a new and improved Lee (19-11) bunch in the opening frame. Monahans attacks rarely found the open floor, the Lady Rebels' front line block was alert and crisp passing led to booming kills across the board.

The Lady Loboes scored the match's first point, but Lee had little trouble racing to as much as a 16-point lead in the set.

Monahans (14-8) head coach Candace Barnett said Lee's speed and fluidity with

Please see **LEE**/2C

University of Houston postpones games amid flooding

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The University of Houston has postponed its football game at Texas-San Antonio on Saturday as the city deals with catastrophic flooding from Hurricane Harvey.

The Cougars have been in Austin practicing since Friday, but decided that this week was not the time to play a game.

"The epic disaster that continues to unfold in and around the city of Houston has made it evident that our athletic events are not a priority at this time," Houston athletics director Hunter Yurachek said Tuesday. "Our focus during the coming days will be on assisting the city of Houston and University of Houston communities in recovery efforts and allowing our coaches, staff and student athletes to devote the necessary time to ensuring the safety and security of their family, friends and loved ones."

Officials said they will explore options for rescheduling the game. Houston has an off date on Nov. 11.

The Cougars will not compete in any sports this weekend with events in cross country, volleyball and soccer also being canceled.

The storm has also forced the Houston Dash to play their scheduled home game against the Seattle Reign FC on Sunday at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas. Tickets to that game are $20 with all proceeds going to the American Red Cross.

The changes are the latest to hit Houston sports teams. The Astros were forced to play their series against the Texas Rangers at the home of the Tampa Bay Rays while the Texans are playing their "home" preseason game on the road against the Dallas Cowboys instead. The Rice football team hasn't been home in days, holed up in Fort Worth on the TCU campus after a game in Sydney, Australia, over the weekend.

Meanwhile, the Houston Rockets and owner Leslie Alexander upped their donation to Hurricane Harvey relief efforts to $10 million. Alexander pledged $4 million to Houston mayor Sylvester Turner's Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund on Monday before announcing that he'd donate $10 million to help flood victims.

The donation is the largest of many contributions by Houston's sports teams and athletes in recent days. Astros owner Jim Crane and the Astros' foundation pledged $4 million to the cause and Major League Baseball also contributed, joining with the players association to donate $1 million to the Red Cross and relief organizations chosen by the players.

The Texans and owner Bob McNair donated $1 million to the United Way

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TUESDAY'S SCORE
San Antonio 10, Midland 8

TODAY'S GAME
San Antonio at Midland 6:30 p.m.

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Tuesday	Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
San Antonio 10, Midland 8,	San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	San Antonio at Midland, 7 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

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ON THE AIR

Cycling
Vuelta a Espana, Stage 11: Lorca to Calar Alto, 9 a.m., OLYHD

Golf
EPGA: D&D Real Czech Masters, 1st Round, 4 a.m., GOLF

Horse Racing
Saratoga Live: With Anticipation Stakes, 3 p.m., FS2

Major League Baseball
Cleveland at NY Yankees, Noon, MLB
Detroit at Colorado, 3 p.m., MLB
Texas vs. Houston, 6 p.m., ESPN, FSSW, ATTSW
LA Dodgers at Arizona, 10 p.m., MLB

Men's Soccer
Copa MX: CF Alebrijes de Oaxaca vs. Club Leon, 6:50 p.m., ESPNDEP
Copa MX: Atlas vs. America, 6:50 p.m., UDN
Copa MX: Cruz Azul vs. Tigres UANL, 8:50 p.m., UDN

Rugby
NRL: North Queensland vs. Brisbane, 4:30 a.m., FS2

Tennis
US Open, Noon, ESPN
US Open, 5 p.m., ESPN2

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Texas vs. Houston, 6 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa), KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball
San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

NFL PRESEASON

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
N.Y Jets	1	1	0	.500	13	19
New England	1	1	0	.333	77	86
Miami	1	2	0	.333	61	89
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	26	37
South						
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	62	60
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	48	63
Houston	1	2	0	.333	44	63
Tennessee	1	2	0	.333	44	53
North						
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	67	19
Cleveland	3	0	0	1.000	43	29
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	52	44
Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333	52	65
West						
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	57	31
Kansas City	1	2	0	.333	60	65
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	31	44
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	24	61
NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
Dallas	3	1	0	.750	78	70
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	67	71
N.Y Giants	1	2	0	.333	50	61
Washington	1	2	0	.333	43	61
South						
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	78	74
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	27	27
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	24	31
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	33	40
North						
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	62	46
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	60	54
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	62	61
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	68	46
West						
Seattle	3	0	0	1.000	94	43
L.A. Rams	2	1	0	.667	56	52
Arizona	2	2	0	.500	85	68
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	72	82

Scores and schedule

Sunday's Scores
Chicago 19, Tennessee 7
Washington 23, Cincinnati 17
Minnesota 32, San Francisco 31

Thursday's Games
Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 6 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Green Bay, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Jets, 6 p.m.
N.Y Giants at New England, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Baltimore at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ODDS

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Ohio State	19½	20½	(58)	INDIANA
MINNESOTA	28	24½	(50)	Buffalo
MEMPHIS	25½	25½	(69½)	Louisiana-Monroe
ARIZONA ST	26	22½	(71½)	New Mexico St
UCF	17	17	(58)	FIU
OK ST	16½	18	(69)	Tulsa
Thursday				
E MICHIGAN	11½	13½	(56½)	Charlotte
Washington	30½	27	(51½)	RUTGERS
Navy	14½	10	(68½)	FAU
WISCONSIN	31½	27	(52)	Utah St
Boston College	2½	3	(52)	N ILLINOIS
Colorado	8	5	(66)	Colorado St
Friday				
MICHST	18½	17	(56½)	Bowling Green
IOWA	13	11½	(52½)	Wyoming
MARSHALL	1	1½	(51)	Miami (Ohio)
CLEMSON	38	40½	(51)	Kent St
UMASS	+3	2	(56½)	C CAROLINA
PENN ST	33	30½	(66)	Akron
Louisville	24½	24½	(67½)	Purdue
NEBRASKA	16½	16½	(47)	Arkansas St
NORTHWESTERN	23	24	(60½)	Nevada
ILLINOIS	8½	7	(58)	Ball St
OKLAHOMA	45½	43	(62)	UTEP
NORTH CAROLINA	11½	11	(54½)	California
MISSISSIPPI	27	24	(57½)	South Alabama
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	23½	27	(57½)	W Michigan
TEXAS	20½	18½	(56)	Maryland
NOTRE DAME	13	17½	(54)	Temple
AUBURN	35	34	(59)	Georgia Southern
GEORGIA	13½	14½	(45½)	Appalachian St
Kentucky	10	10	(58)	S. MISS
Houston	4½	11	(51½)	UTSA
NC State	4	4½	(52½)	South Carolina
Michigan	5	3½	(45)	Florida
Vanderbilt	5½	3½	(58)	MIDDLE TENNESSEE
Alabama	7½	7	(48½)	Florida St
BOISE ST	12½	11	(62½)	Troy
USC	10½	16	(48)	BYU
Sunday				
Virginia Tech	3	4	(52)	West Virginia
LSU	3	3½	(57)	Texas A&M
Monday				
Tennessee	3	3	(56)	Georgia Tech

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned LHP Eric Skoglund to Omaha (PCL). Recalled LHP Brian Flynn from Omaha.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent 1B Garrett Cooper to Trenton (EL) for a rehab assignment.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned RHP Chih-Wei Hu to Durham (IL). Designated 3B Taylor Featherston for assignment. Reinstated RHP Matt Andriese from the 60-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Sent LHP Jake Diekman to Frisco (TL) for a rehab assignment. Activated INF/OF Joey Gallo off the seven-day concussion list. Optioned OF Ryan Rua to Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Designated LHP TJ House and OF Norichika Aoki for assignment. Recalled RHPs Joe Biagini and Leonel Campos from Buffalo (IL). Agreed to terms with C Luis Liriano on a minor league contract.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent RHP Luke Jackson to Gwinnett (IL) for a rehab assignment.
CHICAGO CUBS — Sent RHP Justin Grimm and SS Addison Russell to Iowa (PCL) for rehab assignments.
NEW YORK METS — Optioned RHP Kevin McGowan to Las Vegas (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reinstated RHP Miguel Diaz from the 60-day DL. Optioned INF Dusty Coleman to El Paso (PCL). Designated LHP Dillon Overton for assignment.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reinstated SS Trea Turner from the 60-day DL. Optioned INF Adrian Sanchez to Syracuse (IL). Transferred OF Ryan Raburn to the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Erick Fedde to Syracuse (IL).
American Association
CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Released LHP Ed Pruitt.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Released G Kevin Barton, DE Jake Metz, RB Cedric O'Neal, S Bacarri Rambo, CB Jumal Rolle and WR Rashad Ross.
CHICAGO BEARS — Waived DL Kapron Lewis-Moore and LB Alex Scearce.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Terminated the contract of DL Cam Johnson. Waived/injured DB Ed Reynolds II.
DETROIT LIONS — Waived OT Cyrus Kouandjio.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed RB George Winn on injured reserve. Signed RB Daryl Richardson.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Traded LB Marquis Flowers to Cincinnati for a 2018 seventh-round draft pick. Released LB Christian Kuntz.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed TE John Phillips on injured reserve. Released DE Jason Jones.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Waived DE Owa Odighizuwa.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Released LB Sean Porter. Traded TE Vance McDonald to Pittsburgh for an undisclosed draft pick.

HOCKEY
ECHL
ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Agreed to terms with F Thomas Frazee on a one-year contract.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
LA GALAXY — Named Dominic Kinnear assistant coach.

COLLEGE
BARTON — Named Doug Page media coordinator.
BAYLOR — Suspended S Taion Sells three games and OT Mo Porter one half.
BROWN — Named Bryson Johnson assistant men's basketball coach.
CAMPBELL — Named Tyler Shewmaker director of baseball operations and Tyler Robinson volunteer baseball assistant.
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN — Named Rick Duckett assistant head men's basketball coach.
KENNESAW STATE — Promoted assistant women's basketball coach Khadija Head to associate head coach.
MICHIGAN — Named Chinedu Nwachukwu director of men's basketball program personnel.
RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE — Named Brian Sujecki assistant women's soccer coach.
ST. JOHN'S — Announced men's freshman basketball G-F Sid Wilson has left the team for personal reasons.

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Connecticut	21	11	.656	—
x-New York	20	12	.625	1
x-Washington	17	15	.531	4
Chicago	12	19	.387	8½
Atlanta	12	20	.375	9
Indiana	9	23	.281	12
WESTERN CONFERENCE	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
x-Minnesota	24	7	.774	—
x-Los Angeles	24	8	.750	½
Phoenix	16	16	.500	8½
Dallas	15	17	.469	9½
Seattle	14	18	.438	10½
San Antonio	7	25	.219	17½

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's Score
Connecticut 86, Washington 76

Today's Games
Minnesota at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Angelique Kerber goes from champ to 1st-round loser at rainy US Open

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

Frank Franklin II/Associated Press

Angelique Kerber, of Germany, returns a shot from Naomi Osaka, of Japan, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, on Tuesday in New York.

NEW YORK — The question was rather simple after Angelique Kerber became only the second defending U.S. Open champion in the professional era to lose in the first round.

The surprisingly lopsided 6-3, 6-1 loss to 45th-ranked Naomi Osaka of Japan under the closed roof in Arthur Ashe Stadium at a rainy Flushing Meadows on Tuesday was former No. 1 Kerber's latest in a long list of disappointing performances in 2017, so she was asked what she thinks went wrong this season.

She sighed, shrugged her shoulders and began to answer: "I don't know."

Moments later, her eyes darting around the room, she added, "This year is a completely different year."

Talk about an understatement. In 2016, Kerber broke through to the top of tennis in a spectacular way. A player with only one previous Grand Slam semifinal appearance reached the first three major title matches of her career, winning two of them: She stunned Serena Williams in the Australian Open final, lost to Williams in the Wimbledon final, and then beat Karolina Pliskova in the U.S. Open final to rise atop the WTA rankings for the first time.

Her follow-up has been quite a flop. Kerber, a 29-year-old German, hasn't won any title of any sort this season. She is only 25-18 overall, 0-9 against opponents ranked in the top 20, and Monday's loss assured her of falling out of the top 10 for the first time since October 2015. At Grand Slam tournaments she is 6-4, including another first-round loss in May at the French Open, where she became that tournament's first No. 1 seed to lose so early.

"I know that I'm strong and I know that I will come back stronger, for sure. I know that I will not (be) giving up," said Kerber, the first defending champion to lose in the U.S. Open's first round since Svetlana Kuznetsova in 2005.

Showers showed up before noon Tuesday and led to the postponements of dozens of matches. The only court used in the afternoon and evening was Ashe, thanks to the retractable cover constructed ahead of last year's tournament.

Pliskova, who is seeded No. 1, easily advanced by beating Magda Linette 6-2, 6-1, French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko got past Lara Arruabarrena 6-2, 1-6, 6-1 in a match that started on Court 17 then was moved indoors at Ashe, and No. 23 Barbora Strycova defeated Misaki Doi 6-1, 6-3. Yet another seeded woman was eliminated when No. 28 Lesia Tsurenko lost to Yanina Wickmayer 6-3, 6-1.

At night in Ashe, No. 15 Madison Keys was to face Elise Mertens of Belgium.

The only men's matches completed were at Ashe, where No. 1 Rafael Nadal overcame a first-set hiccup before overpowering Dusan Lajovic of Serbia 7-6 (6), 6-2, 6-2. Nadal's possible semifinal foe and chief rival for the title, Roger Federer, was to face 19-year-old American Frances Tiafoe at night.

Men's Singles
First Round
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 7-6 (6), 6-2, 6-2.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Francis Tiafoe, United States, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.

Women's Singles
First Round
Karolina Pliskova (1), Czech Republic, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 6-2, 6-1.
Barbora Strycova (23), Czech Republic, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 6-1, 6-3.
Madison Keys (15), United States, def. Elise Mertens, Belgium, 6-3, 7-6 (8).
Jelena Ostapenko (12), Latvia, def. Lara Arruabarrena-Vecino, Spain, 6-2, 1-6, 6-1.
Soorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Lesley Kerkhove, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-3.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Lesia Tsurenko (28), Ukraine, 6-3, 6-1.
Naomi Osaka, Japan, def. Angelique Kerber (6), Germany, 6-3, 6-1.

HS VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

LUBBOCK CORONADO SQUEAKS BY MHS

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Coronado edged Midland High, 27-25, 18-25, 25-21, 23-25, 15-5 in non-district action on Tuesday.

Hayley Branco led the led Lady Bulldogs (16-12) with 11 kills, 10 digs and two assists, while Gentry Foreman and Merrick Beach each added 10 kills.

Makaylee Carter had a team-high 23 assists to go along with 12 digs.

MHS next hosts Abilene Wylie at 6 p.m. Friday.

LUBBOCK CORONADO DEF. MHS 27-25, 18-25, 25-21, 23-25, 15-5
MHS statistics
Kills — Hayley Branco 11, Merrick Beach 10, Gentry Foreman 10, Caroline Harper 5, Kaitlyn Kennedy 4, Reagan Squire 2, Bailey Goodrum 1
Assists — Makaylee Carter 23, Macy Kidwell 15, Branco 2
Digs — Squire 20, Carter 12, Harper 10, Branco 10, Brighton Butler 10, Kidwell 7, Goodrum 2, Beach 1, Foreman 1
Blocks — Kennedy 3, Beach 3, Foreman 2, Sarah Nelson 1
Aces — Kidwell 1, Carter 1
Record: MHS 16-12
Next: Abilene Wylie at MHS, 6 p.m. Friday

LADY MUSTANGS TOP BIG SPRING

BIG SPRING — Midland Christian defeated Big Spring in four sets, 25-15, 25-27, 25-15, 25-17 on Tuesday in non-district play.

Andie Sheppard produced a team-high 19 kills to go along with 22 digs for MCS, while Lauren Danley amassed 18 blocks and eight kills.

Kat O'Brien added 10 kills for the Lady Mustangs (13-8), who next travel to MCA at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

MCS DEF. BIG SPRING 25-15, 25-27, 25-15, 25-17
MCS statistics
Kills — Andie Sheppard 19, Kat O'Brien 10, Landry Louder 9, Lauren Danley 8, Avery Jauz 4, Lauren Battershell 3
Assists — Faith Truax 24, Sheppard 22
Digs — Sydney Wilson 33, Whitney Newman 12, Skyler Espinosa 11
Blocks — Danley 18, Louder 3, Battershell 2
Aces — Sheppard 5, Espinosa 1
Record: MCS 13-8
Next: MCS at MCA, 6 p.m. Tuesday

MCA BEATS WINK IN 5 SETS

WINK — Midland Classical Academy defeated Wink in five sets, 26-28, 25-21, 14-25, 25-15, 15-7, in a non-district match on Tuesday.

Lizabelle Russell had 17 kills to lead MCA (11-4), Leia Beattie had 18 digs and Micaela McDougall had 26 assists and three aces for the Lady Knights.

MCA DEF. WINK 26-28, 25-21, 14-25, 25-15, 15-7
MCA statistics
Kills - Lizabelle Russell 17, Leia Beattie 7, Cammie Stokes 7, Kenna Bayley 4, Allison Shelby 2, Taylor Freeman 1, Marin Casey 1
Digs - L. Beattie 18, Shelby 14, Jenny Coco 11, Makenna Beattie 7, Micaela McDougall 4, Bayley 2, Casey 1, Freeman 1, Russell 1, Stokes 1
Assists - McDougall 26, M. Beattie 10, Bayley 2
Aces - McDougall 3, M. Beattie 2, Bayley 2, L. Beattie 2, Shelby 1
Blocks - Stokes 2, Russell 1, L. Beattie 1
Record: MCA 11-4
Next: Midland Christian at MCA, 6 p.m. Sept. 5.

TRINITY SWEEPS GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY

GRANDFALLS - Trinity swept Grandfalls-Royalty, 25-13, 27-25, 25-17, in a non-district match on Tuesday.

Kinzie Roemer had 13 kills and eight assists, Hailey Marsh had nine digs and Mikayla Padilla had 11 aces to lead the Lady Chargers.

TRINITY DEF. GRANDFALLS-ROYALTY, 25-13, 27-25, 25-17
Trinity statistics
Kills - Kinzie Roemer 13, Mikayla Padilla 4, Rebecca Young 4, Claire Clifton 4, Izzy Garriga 3, Brooke Widener 2, Kim Matthews 1, Stockton Ashley 1.
Digs - Hailey Marsh 9, Ashley 5, Roemer 5, Matthews 5, Young 2, Padilla 1
Assists - Roemer 8, Young 5, Garriga 1
Aces - Padilla 11, Roemer 4, Young 2, Matthews 2, Ashley 1
Next: Trinity at Greenwood, 7 p.m. Sept. 5

ANDREWS DOWNS ALPINE IN 4 SETS

ALPINE - Andrews knocked off Alpine in four sets, 26-24, 19-25, 25-17, 27-25, in a non-district match on Tuesday.

Laura Muniz had 14 kills, Mariah Infante had 16 digs and Tori Gray had 38 assists to lead the Lady Mustangs.

ANDREWS DEF. ALPINE 26-24, 19-25, 25-17, 27-25
Andrews statistics
Kills - Laura Muniz 14, Chaityn Morris 7, Jaslyn Johnson 6, Alivia Mayfield 5, Madison Thompson 3, Tori Gray 1
Digs - Mariah Infante 16, Hailey Ramirez 11, Savannah Infante 8, Thompson 3, Morris 2
Assists - Gray 38
Aces - S. Infante 1, Muniz 1
Blocks - Morris 3, Johnson 2, Mayfield 1
Next: Wink at Andrews, noon Saturday

LEE

From 1C

the ball was overwhelming for her team early on.

"(We were) just not quite going at their speed," Barnett said. "We knew it was going to be fast, but we just weren't up to their tempo yet. I think we were just a little intimidated for how quickly they were running it at us."

Lee junior Emily Hillman, who tallied 13 kills and five digs in the win, said clear communication was the driving force behind such an encouraging start. She added that her teammates warmed up with extra energy being at home for the first time.

"We were communicating really well and everybody was talking," said Hillman, who had six kills in the first set. "We kept each other up and had a great warm-up."

Added Blakley: "The first set was great because we were on fire, we were lit up, they were hitting, everything was connecting, they were communicating."

Blakley took part of the blame for a slower start by the Lady Rebels in the second set. A lineup miscue cut down on their offensive flow, which helped Monahans battle to a 16-12 advantage midway through.

But Lee then used a 10-0 run to regain control and take a 2-0 match lead.

Monahans played its best volleyball of the night in the third frame and even threatened to force a fourth, as it trailed just 22-21 at one point.

Then, a 3-0 Lady Rebel run capped off by a thunderous Quinci Strambler kill sealed the win and sent the home crowd into a frenzy.

Despite the sweep, Barnett said she felt her players were much more attuned to Lee's offense and began playing more comfortably.

"In the second and third game, we were ready for it a little more," Barnett said. "I definitely felt like we played more of our game in the second and third set, but we just didn't run our quick offense back at them."

With two more matches to play before the District 2-6A opener on Sept. 12, Hillman said she believes she and her teammates have come a long way in the last three weeks.

"We're a lot closer than we were, for sure," Hillman said. "But we still want to get better and better and we're going to work to do it."

Senior Elizabeth Kuhn added nine kills and four digs for Lee, while Strambler and sophomore Mckenzie Gibson each had eight kills. Libero Karigan Edwards totaled 17 digs in the win.

Taryn Griner paced Monahans with nine kills.

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LEE DEF. MONAHANS 25-11, 25-18, 25-21
Monahans statistics
Kills — Taryn Griner 9, Heather Brandenburg 7, Estrella Porras 5, Shayli Holly 2, Cayles Williams 1, Erykah Wessels 1, Gabby Gonzales 1
Assists — Kamryn Collins 13, Porras 5, Brandenburg 1, Aaliyah Sanchez 1, Williams 1
Digs — Sanchez 24, Porras 7, Collins 6, Ozzy Juarez 5, Williams 3, Gonzales 2, Brandenburg 1, Cordova 1, Allison Mogg 1
Blocks — Holly 1.5, Williams 1, Brandenburg 1, Griner 0.5
Aces — Juarez 1, Sanchez 1
Lee statistics
Kills — Emily Hillman 13, Elizabeth Kuhn 9, Mckenzie Gibson 8, Quinci Strambler 8, Kelsey Harrington 3, Elena Gillette 2, Allie Gomez 1, Blake Gibson 1
Assists —Gomez 16, Jensen Letcher 12, M. Gibson 9, Jill Tarin 6, Kuhn 1
Digs — Karigan Edwards 17, Strambler 8, Tarin 7, Hillman 5, Kuhn 4, Letcher 4, Gomez 1, B. Gibson 1, Brianna Woods 1, Harrington 1
Blocks — Strambler 2, Harrington 2, Hillman 1, Gillette 1
Aces — Tarin 3, Strambler 3, Letcher 2, Harrington 1, Hillman 1, Gomez 1
Record: Monahans 14-8; Lee 19-11
Next: Lee at Lubbock High, TBA Friday

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Texas Rangers' Shin-Soo Choo, second from right, celebrates with Elvis Andrus, left, Robinson Chirinos, second from left, and Rougned Odor, right, after Choo hit a three-run home run over Houston Astros relief pitcher Francis Martes during the fifth inning Tuesday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Shin-Soo Choo paces Rangers' 12-2 rout of Houston Astros in Florida

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Shin-Soo Choo homered and drove in four runs Tuesday night, helping the Texas Rangers rout the Astros 12-2 in the opener of a series relocated to Florida due to flooding in Houston caused by Hurricane Harvey.

Adrian Beltre of the Rangers drove in three runs to pass Hall of Famer Ernie Banks for 28th on the career RBI list with 1,637 while Joey Gallo hit a two-run homer off Mike Fiers (8-9) before an announced crowd of 3,485 at Tropicana Field, the home of the Tampa Bay Rays.

The three-game series that concludes Thursday was moved from Minute Maid Park because of flooding in the Houston area, with the Astros serving as the home team after the Rangers declined a proposal to play the games in Arlington, Texas.

It's only the fourth time in major league history that games have been relocated to neutral sites because of weather.

The Astros were involved as well in 2008, when two scheduled home games against the Chicago Cubs were moved to Milwaukee because of Hurricane Ike.

Three games between the Angels and Indians were played in Milwaukee instead of Cleveland because of snow in 2007, and two games between the Montreal Expos and Florida Marlins were moved from Miami to U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago due to Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

Choo had an RBI single off Fiers, who allowed eight runs in four innings. He added a three-run homer off reliever Francis Martes in the fifth.

Martin Perez (10-10) pitched seven strong innings for the Rangers, yielding two runs and eight hits. Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman drove in runs for the Astros with third-inning singles.

The small but lively crowd included Carolina Padilla, who made the 90-minute trip to the domed stadium with two 9-year-olds — one of them her son, David, who wore a Jose Altuve jersey.

"It's awesome. It's wonderful," she said. "When we found out this morning they were playing here, they were like, 'Oh, we have to go!'"

Seating was limited to the lower level, with tickets going for $10 each. Some Astros fans wore orange T-shirts, one Rangers fan showed up wearing a Dak Prescott football jersey and a handful of people showed up in Tampa Bay Rays gear.

Small crowds are routine at the Trop, where the Rays rank last in the major leagues in attendance, averaging just 15,614 per game — roughly half — what the Astros (30,661) and Rangers (31,370) have drawn in their home stadiums this season.

"I'm really disappointed that some more people didn't show up. It's no big secret that the Rays could move, and Major League Baseball is watching this," Tampa resident Jeff Justin, who described himself as a Cubs fan who supports the Rays, said. "This is sad. It really is."

Texas manager Jeff Banister said before the game that the prospect of the series attracting small crowds should not affect either team's commitment to playing for people affected by the storm.

"If at this moment they need people in the stands to have them charged up to play the game," Banister said, "they aren't playing for the right reasons."

Impending decision

There's still been no official announcement on where the Astros will play this weekend's "home" series against the New York Mets, though it likely will be Tropicana Field. If the team, which begins a 10-game trip after facing the Mets, remains in St. Petersburg through Sunday it will wind up playing 19 consecutive games away from Minute Maid Park.

"Nineteen-day trips are never easy, if that's what it turns out to be, but it's also a time when you want to be there with all the chaos going on in Houston," Astros broadcaster Todd Kalas said. "It's a very emotional time for a lot of the guys involved. Many of them have family members who have either had to evacuate or are in the process of evacuating, so it's nonstop communication back home and certainly a lot of concern and fear."

Up next

LHP Dallas Keuchel (11-2, 2.58 ERA) seeks his 12th victory for the Astros on Wednesday night. The Rangers will counter with RHP Andrew Cashner (7-9, 3.44).

Astros, Rangers arrive in Florida emotional and distracted

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A.J. Hinch conceded it was difficult to concentrate on baseball.

Like the rest of the Astros and Rangers who traveled halfway across the country to play a three-game series relocated to Florida because of Hurricane Harvey, the Houston manager had mixed emotions about being at Tropicana Field on Tuesday night.

The intrastate rivals settled on meeting in St. Petersburg — home of the Tampa Bay Rays — after the Rangers refused to swap home series and stick themselves with a longer road trip next month.

"It's hard to imagine playing. It's hard to imagine not playing," Hinch said.

"They're going to be played at some time. Given that we're safe and out of the area and out of danger, I understand. ... Obviously, it's out of our hands," he added. "We understand the magnitude of what's going on back home. We know that we can only offer a little bit of a reprieve by playing, and trying to play well and trying to win the series, but it's a distraction." Players on both teams talked about the difficulty of boarding flights Monday for the trip while so many people were suffering because of the storm.

Texas outfielder Delino DeShields took exception to some of the banter on social media that criticized the Rangers' refusal to play the series in Arlington, where Astros players would have been closer to family and friends affected by the storm. "We really can't control where we're at right now. Our hearts and prayers are with everybody in Texas," DeShields said.

"Me personally, I want to be there to help everybody in Houston and be there for the state, but we've got a job to do," he added. "We've got to play baseball. And we've got to play baseball somewhere where both sides agreed upon to play."

DeShields said too much was being made about the decision to move the games to Florida. Astros pitcher Lance McCullers Jr. was among those criticizing the Rangers for not swapping home series, writing on Twitter on Tuesday that the organization "should be absolutely ashamed." The nasty dialogue on social media "disappointed" DeShields and "kept me up" until the wee hours of the night, when he posted a lengthy statement on Twitter urging everyone to remember what's really important. DeShields said it took him nearly an hour to compose the tweet. By the time he reached Tropicana Field on Tuesday, his anger had subsided. "Obviously everyone is sad for what's going on, and people are using baseball for an excuse to disrespect each other and to make someone feel superior than the other, when it's not about that," DeShields said.

"It's about Hurricane Harvey flooding the city of Houston and affecting the cities around it. I think people need to get their priorities straight. They need to realize what's really important," DeShields added. "And that's doing whatever they can do to help the people down there deal with the situation that they're dealing with."

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

MISSIONS 10, ROCKHOUNDS 8
at Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: San Antonio's Franmil Reyes was 2-for-5 with a pair of home runs, three RBI and a walk, while Javier Guerra went 4-for-5 with a double and two RBI. ... Jermaine Curtis was 2-for-3 with three RBI and a walk to lead Midland. ... Teammate Jorge Mateo finished 3-for-6 with two triples, an RBI and two runs.

TOP PITCHERS: San Antonio reliever Trey Wingenter earned his 20th save after tossing a scoreless ninth, allowing two hits.

HIGHLIGHTS: Stephen McGee's sacrifice fly gave San Antonio a 1-0 advantage in the fourth. ... Midland answered with three runs in the bottom of the fifth. ... In the seventh, Reyes' solo home run cut the RockHounds lead to 3-2, before RBI singles by B.J. Boyd and Curtis made it 5-2. ... San Antonio scored six runs in the eighth, headlined by a two-run blast by Reyes. ... Midland tied the game in home half on a single by Max Schrock. ... In the ninth, the Missions pushed across the winning run on a throwing error by first baseman Viosergy Rosa.

NOTES: The two teams combined to leave 27 runners on base in a game that lasted three hours and 50 minutes. ... Midland's Sheldon Neuse extended his hitting streak to seven games. He has now hit in 10 of his 12 games with the RockHounds. ... Mateo extended his on-base streak to 13 games. ... The Missions lead the series 1-0. ... Combined with the Corpus Christi Hooks' 8-5 win over Frisco Tuesday, Midland's lead over the Hooks for the Texas League South wild card slipped to 2 1/2 games.

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	40	34	.625	—
Tulsa	40	34	.625	—
Arkansas	39	35	.602	1
Northwest Arkansas	35	38	.479	5
South Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	34	29	.540	—
Midland	39	33	.488	4½
Corpus Christi	27	34	.443	6
Frisco	28	39	.418	8½

Tuesday's Scores
Arkansas 5, Springfield 1
San Antonio 10, Midland 8
Corpus Christi 8, Frisco 5
Tulsa 8, Northwest Arkansas 3

Today's Games
Arkansas at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:
San Antonio — LHP Joey Lucchesi (4-3, 1.99); Midland — RHP Heath Fillmyer (10-4, 3.49)

MISSIONS 10, ROCKHOUNDS 8

San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Urias 2b	3	0	1	0	Mateo ss	6	2	3	1
Tatis dh	6	1	1	1	Boyd cf	6	3	2	1
Naylor 1b	5	1	1	1	Curtis dh	3	0	2	3
Reyes rf	5	2	2	3	Tarsovich ph	1	1	1	0
Perlo 3b	5	0	0	0	Rosa 1b	5	0	1	0
Torres lf	4	1	1	0	Sportman rf	4	0	1	0
Schulz cf	3	2	2	0	Schrock 2b	5	0	2	1
McGee c	2	2	0	1	Neuse 3b	3	0	1	0
Guerra ss	5	1	4	2	Ramirez lf	5	0	0	0
					Murphy c	5	2	1	0
Totals	38	10	12	8	Totals	43	8	14	6

San Antonio .....000 100 162—10
Midland .....000 030 230—8

E — Guerra 2 (8), Urias (19), Perlo (5), Rosa (9). DP — San Antonio 1, Midland 1. LOB — San Antonio 13, Midland 14. 2B — Guerra (4), 3B — Mateo 2 (6), Curtis (1). HR — Reyes 2 (25). SB — Tatis (2), Boyd (15). SF — McGee.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Antonio						
Nix	5.0	3	3	0	1	5
Brasoban	1.2	5	2	2	1	1
Weir W, 5-2	1.1	4	3	3	3	1
Wingenter S, 20	1.0	2	0	0	0	1
Midland						
Holmes	5.0	3	1	1	6	8
Seddon	2.0	3	1	1	1	0
Bragg	0.0	2	3	3	1	0
Finnegan	1.0	3	3	3	0	1
Mann L, 3-7	0.0	1	0	0	2	0
Sturdevant	1.0	0	0	0	1	1

T — 3:50. A — 2,696.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RED SOX 3
BLUE JAYS 0

TORONTO — Chris Sale and two relievers combined on a four-hitter, Hanley Ramirez hit a solo home run and the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-0 on Tuesday night.

Sale (15-6) fanned 11 in his ML-best 17th double-digit strikeout game, raising his league-leading total to 264. His 15 wins lead the AL.

Sale, who matched a season-worst by allowing seven runs in his previous outing, pitched seven innings. The left-hander has not allowed a run in 22 innings against the Blue Jays this season.

After Toronto DH Kendrys Morales hit a one-out double in the second inning, Sale retired 17 consecutive batters before Morales singled to begin the eighth.

Kevin Pillar chased Sale with a single, and Addison Reed came on to strike out pinch-hitter Ezequiel Carrera and Miguel Montero. Ryan Goins singled to load the bases for Steve Pearce, but he grounded into a fielder's choice.

Craig Kimbrel finished for his 31st save in 35 chances.

Toronto has lost nine of 11.

ORIOLES 4
MARINERS 0

BALTIMORE — Dylan Bundy threw a one-hitter for his first career shutout, Manny Machado hit two of Baltimore's four solo homers, and the Orioles extended their winning streak to six games with a 4-0 victory over Seattle on Tuesday night.

Bundy (13-8) allowed just an infield single to Kyle Seager in the fourth inning and set a career high with 12 strikeouts. The right-hander has a 2.00 ERA in August and has struck out 10 or more in three of his last four starts.

Jonathan Schoop and Welington Castillo also went deep for the Orioles, who moved two games over .500 for the first time since June 10.

Baltimore has outscored its opponents 44-17 during the winning streak. The Orioles also moved 1½ games ahead of the Mariners in the AL wild-card race. Minnesota currently holds the second wild-card slot.

Schoop collected his 29th homer of the season and 500th career hit with a solo shot in the first off Erasmo Ramirez (5-5).

National League

NATIONALS 8
MARLINS 3

WASHINGTON — Giancarlo Stanton tied a major league record with his 18th home run in August, but Anthony Rendon had four RBIs and the Washington Nationals beat the Miami Marlins 8-3 on Tuesday night.

Stanton hit a long homer in the first inning off Edwin Jackson (5-3), his 51st this season, to open the scoring following a 26-minute rain delay. His August output matched the mark set by Rudy York with the Detroit Tigers in 1937. Sammy Sosa set the record for homers in a month when he hit 20 in June 1998, and Stanton has two games left this month to catch the former Cubs slugger.

Stanton added an RBI with a deep sacrifice fly in the fifth inning.

Rendon's three-run double in the seventh came after Washington's bullpen thwarted a rally earlier in the inning. Daniel Murphy also had a two-run single.

The Nationals, 1b-7 since Aug. 6, had five runs and nine hits in 4 1/3 innings against Vance Worley (2-4).

CUBS 4
PIRATES 1

CHICAGO — Jake Arrieta continued his dominant second half with six innings of two-hit ball, Ben Zobrist homered and the Chicago Cubs beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-1 on Tuesday night.

Anthony Rizzo went 3 for 4 with an RBI, Alex Avila had an RBI single and Jason Heyward added a sacrifice fly for NL Central-leading Chicago.

Arrieta (14-8) struck out four and retired the last seven batters he faced, leaving after 97 pitches with a 3-0 lead. He hasn't allowed more than two earned runs in any of his nine starts since the All-Star break, going 6-1 with a 1.59 ERA during that span.

Before Tuesday, Arrieta had been 0-4 with a 7.29 ERA in his last six starts against the Pirates. John Jaso went 2 for 2 with a homer and reached in all four plate appearances for Pittsburgh. Wade Davis got the final three outs for his 27th save in 27 chances to establish a new Cubs record for consecutive saves opportunities converted.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

	W	L	Pct	GB
American League				
East Division				
Boston	75	57	.569	—
New York	70	60	.538	4
Baltimore	67	65	.508	8
Tampa Bay	66	68	.493	10
Toronto	61	71	.462	14
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	74	58	.569	—
Minnesota	68	63	.519	6½
Kansas City	65	66	.496	9½
Detroit	57	73	.438	17
Chicago	52	78	.400	22
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	79	52	.603	—
Los Angeles	67	65	.508	12½
Seattle	66	67	.496	14
Texas	65	68	.496	14
Oakland	58	73	.443	21
National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	80	51	.611	—
Miami	68	65	.504	14
Atlanta	57	72	.442	22
New York	57	74	.435	23
Philadelphia	49	81	.377	30½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	71	60	.542	—
Milwaukee	68	64	.515	3½
St. Louis	66	65	.504	5
Pittsburgh	63	70	.474	9
Cincinnati	58	76	.434	15½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	91	38	.705	—
Arizona	73	58	.557	19
Colorado	71	60	.542	21
San Diego	57	74	.435	35
San Francisco	53	80	.398	40

Wild Card Standings

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
American League				
New York	70	60	.538	—
Minnesota	68	63	.519	—
Baltimore	67	65	.508	1½
Los Angeles	67	65	.508	1½
Kansas City	65	66	.496	3
Seattle	66	67	.496	3
Texas	65	68	.489	3½
Tampa Bay	66	68	.490	3½
Toronto	61	71	.462	7½
Oakland	58	73	.443	10
Detroit	57	73	.438	10½
Chicago	52	78	.400	15½
National League				
	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Arizona	73	58	.557	—
Colorado	71	60	.542	—
Milwaukee	68	64	.515	3½
Miami	68	65	.504	5
St. Louis	66	65	.504	5
Pittsburgh	63	70	.474	9
Atlanta	57	72	.442	13
New York	57	74	.435	14
San Diego	57	74	.435	14
Cincinnati	58	76	.434	15½
San Francisco	53	80	.398	19
Philadelphia	49	81	.377	21½

Schedules

American League
Tuesday's Scores
Cleveland at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.
Baltimore 4, Seattle 0
Boston 3, Toronto 0
Texas 12, Houston 2
Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 4
Kansas City 6, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit at Colorado, late
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late

Today's Games
Cleveland (Bauer 13-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Garcia 5-8), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Seattle (Miranda 9-6) at Baltimore (Bundy 12-8), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 9-8) at Colorado (Bettis 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Tomlin 7-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 10-5), 3:35 p.m., 2nd game
Boston (Porcello 8-15) at Toronto (Happ 6-10), 6:07 p.m.
Texas (Cashner 7-9) vs Houston (Keuchel 11-2) at St. Petersburg, Fla., 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Holland 7-13) at Minnesota (Berrios 11-8), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-7) at Kansas City (Vargas 14-6), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 4-4) at L.A. Angels (Bridwell 7-2), 9:07 p.m.

National League
Tuesday's Scores
Atlanta at Philadelphia, ppd.
Washington 5, Miami 3
Cincinnati 14, N.Y. Mets 4
St. Louis 10, Milwaukee 2
Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 1
Detroit at Colorado, late
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, late
San Francisco at San Diego, late

Today's Games
Atlanta (Dickey 8-8) at Philadelphia (Eickhoff 4-7), 11:05 a.m., 1st game
St. Louis (Martinez 10-9) at Milwaukee (Anderson 7-3), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (Verlander 9-8) at Colorado (Bettis 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 8-11) at Philadelphia (Leiter Jr 2-3), 2:35 p.m., 2nd game
Miami (Worley 2-3) at Washington (Scherzer 13-5), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Montero 2-9) at Cincinnati (Bailey 4-6), 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Nova 11-11) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 9-11), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Blach 8-10) at San Diego (Wood 3-4), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 5-6) at Arizona (Ray 10-5), 8:40 p.m.

Texas Box

RANGERS 12, ASTROS 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Choo dh	6	3	3	4	Springer rf	3	1	1	0
Andrus ss	5	3	4	1	Brgmn ss-3b	5	0	3	1
Mazara rf	5	0	1	1	Altuve 2b	4	0	1	1
Beltre 3b	5	0	3	3	Y.Grnd 1b	4	0	2	0
Rbnsn pr-3b	0	0	0	0	Gattis c	4	0	0	0
Gallo lf	4	1	1	2	Beltran dh	3	0	0	0
Gomez cf	5	0	0	0	Fshr ph-dh-lf	0	0	0	0
Napoli 1b	4	0	0	0	Ma.Grza lf-ss	4	0	0	0
Odor 2b	5	2	1	0	J.Davis 3b-p	4	0	2	0
Chirinos c	2	3	1	0	Marisnick cf	3	1	0	0
Totals	41	12	14	11	Totals	34	2	9	2

Texas .....004 430 010—12
Houston .....002 000 000—2

E—Gattis (8). DP—Texas 2, Houston 1. LOB—Texas 7, Houston 9. 2B—Andrus 2 (26), Odor (17), J.Davis (3). 3B—Andrus (4). HR—Choo (17), Gallo (36). SB—Gallo (7), Odor (13).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Perez W,10-10	7	8	2	2	2	4
Barnette	1	0	0	0	0	0
Grilli	1	1	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Fiers L,8-9	4	8	8	8	3	3
Martes	1	2	3	0	0	2
Harris	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gregerson	1	1	0	0	1	0
Clippard	1	3	1	1	0	2

T—3:27. A—3,485 (31,042).

Tuesday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ORIOLES 4, MARINERS 0
Seattle .....000 000 000—0 1 0
Baltimore .....100 001 11x—4 9 2
E.Ramirez, Pazos (7), Lawrence (8) and Zunino. Bundy and Castillo. W—Bundy 13-8. L—E.Ramirez 5-5. HRs—Baltimore, Machado 2, Castillo, Schoop.

RED SOX 3, MARINERS 0
Boston .....000 001 110—3 9 0
Toronto .....000 000 000—0 4 1
Sale, Reed (8), Kimbrel (9) and Leon; Anderson, Leone (8), Tepera (8), Osuna (9) and Montero. W—Sale 15-6. L—Anderson 2-3. Sv—Kimbrel (31). HRs—Boston, Ramirez.

ROYALS 6, RAYS 2
Tampa Bay .....000 001 100—2 5 1
Kansas City .....001 101 30x—6 10 0
Cobb, Boshamer (7), Jennings (7) and Rortvedt; Junis, Alexander (6), Maurer (7), Minor (8), Herrera (9) and S.Perez. W—Junis 9-2. L—Cobb 9-9. HRs—Tampa Bay, Miller. Kansas City, Bonifacio, Hosmer, Merrifield.

TWINS 6, WHITE SOX 4
Chicago .....000 001 201—4 10 0
Minnesota .....201 101 10x—6 8 0
Shields, Beck (6), Bummer (7), Infante (7) and K.Smith; E.Santana, Hildenberger (7), Belisle (9) and Gimenez. W—E.Santana 14-7. L—Shields 2-5. Sv—Belisle (5). HRs—Minnesota, Polanco 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
NATIONALS 8, MARLINS 3
Miami .....100 010 100—3 8 1
Washington .....002 120 30x—8 12 1
Worley, Garcia (5), Tazawa (7), Ellington (8) and Realmuto; Jackson, O.Perez (7), Albers (7), Kintzler (8), Doolittle (9) and Wieters. W—Jackson 5-3. L—Worley 2-4. HRs—Miami, Stanton.

REDS 14, METS 4
New York .....100 002 001— 4 10 3
Cincinnati .....500 020 07x—14 15 0
Flexen, Smoker (5), Familia (6), Bradford (8), Paweski (8) and d'Arnaud; Romano, Storen (7), Shackelford, Peralta (8), Chacin (9) and Barnhart. W—Romano 4-5. L—Flexen 3-3. HRs—Cincinnati, Schebler, Duvall.

CUBS 4, PIRATES 1
Pittsburgh .....000 000 100—1 6 0
Chicago .....000 003 01x—4 8 0
Kuhl, Schugel (6), Nevin (7), Hudson (8) and Stewart; Diaz, Arrieta, Uehara (7), Strop (7), Duensing (8), W.Davis (9) and Avila. W—Arrieta 14-8. L—Kuhl 8-10. Sv—W.Davis (27). HRs—Pittsburgh, Jaso, Chicago, Zobrist.

CARDINALS 10, BREWERS 2
St. Louis .....003 420 100— 10 11 1
Milwaukee .....001 001 000— 2 9 3
Weaver, Duke (6), Oh (7), Cecil (8), Sherrill (9) and Kelly; Garza, Torres (4), Drake (6), Jeffress (8), Barnes (9) and Pina, Vogt. W—Weaver 3-1. L—Garza 6-6. HRs—St. Louis, Carpenter. Milwaukee, Thames.

Art Briles won't get job with Canadian Football League

Asssociated Press

HAMILTON, Ontario — Less than 11 hours after the Hamilton Tiger-Cats of the CFL announced the hiring of former Baylor coach Art Briles as an assistant coach, the league and the team backtracked in the face of public pressure and said he will not be joining the team after all.

"Art Briles will no longer be joining the Hamilton Tiger-Cats as a coach," read a statement released Monday night from the CFL and Tiger-Cats. "We came to this decision this evening following a lengthy discussion between the league and the Hamilton organization. We wish Mr. Briles all the best in his future endeavors."

The 61-year-old Briles was fired in May 2016 by Baylor after an investigation by a law firm found that over several years the school mishandled numerous sexual assault allegations, including some against football players. The Pepper Hamilton review also led to the departures of Baylor University President Kenneth Starr and athletic director Ian McCaw.

Briles has acknowledged making mistakes and apologized for some "bad things that went on under my watch." He has also pushed back against some accusations made against him and his program in lawsuits and made clear he wanted to return to coaching.

Earlier Monday, Briles' attorney, Mark Lanier, told The Associated Press his client was excited to get back to Xs and Os. Lanier did not immediately responded to phone messages left Monday night.

New Tiger-Cats coach June Jones, promoted last week from offensive assistant after the team got off to a 0-8 start, was ready to give Briles the opportunity to coach again.

LM Otero/AP File Photo

Baylor coach Art Briles yells from the sideline during the first half of an NCAA football game against Lamar Sept. 12, 2015 in Waco. The Canadian Football League and Hamilton Tiger-Cats say Briles will not be joining the team as an assistant coach after all. Less than 12 hours after the Tiger-Cats announced that Briles would be joining head coach June Jones' staff as assistant head coach of offense, the league and team respond to public backlash and let the 61-year-old coach go.

The two have a relationship that goes back years, and their college coaching careers in Texas overlapped. Jones was at SMU in Dallas during the time Briles was head coach at Baylor in Waco, Texas. Briles led Baylor to a 50-15 record and two Big 12 championships in his final five seasons with the Bears.

A little before noon eastern time Monday, Hamilton tweeted out a news release announcing Briles had been hired as assistant head coach of offense and celebrating his college record — though making no mention of his departure from Baylor.

Backlash came swiftly and from prominent voices and sponsors. Former NHL star Theo Fleury, who was sexually abused by his junior coach, tweeted: "If you knew and didn't say anything then you are just as much a part of rape as the people who committed rape. Shame on #CFL." Barry's Jewelers, one of the team's sponsors, denounced the hiring of Briles.

"We strongly condemn and urge the team's management and ownership to immediately sever any ties they may have," the company said in a statement, according to the Canadian Press. "Mr. Briles may or may not have a valid coaching track record, but to choose the chance of winning football over the importance of values goes beyond our core values and is absolutely not acceptable." The hiring was announced the same day as the team was scheduled to host a women's football clinic, which also received plenty of pointed remarks on social media.

Baylor has already settled at least two federal Title IX lawsuits against the school related to sexual assault scandal , including earlier this month when it reached a deal with former student Jasmin Hernandez, who was sexually assaulted by former Baylor player Tevin Elliott in 2012.

Briles had been removed as a defendant in Hernandez's lawsuit.

The school previously settled with three women who hadn't sued. The Big 12 Conference is withholding revenue from the school until an independent audit shows the university is implementing dozens of reforms recommended by Pepper Hamilton.

Initially, Ticats CEO Scott Mitchell defended the hiring and said the organization had no intention of rescinding it.

"This is about giving someone a second chance and we're committed to doing that," Mitchell told the 3DownNation blog, according to The Canadian Press. "For every reaction that you're getting from social media and media, there's a tremendous amount of support behind the scenes for a tough decision. I think a lot of people in this world, including myself, have made bad decisions and have regrets and I certainly feel strongly that in this case, Art Briles deserves a second opportunity."

By late afternoon, the CFL released a short statement saying Commissioner Randy Ambrosie was in discussions with the team regarding the hiring of Briles.

A few hours later, the league and the team released a joint statement and Briles was out of coaching again.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday

SOUTHWEST

Tulsa at Oklahoma St., 6:30 p.m.
Florida A&M vs. Arkansas at Little Rock, Ark., 7 p.m.

SOUTH

FIU at UCF, 5 p.m.
Kentucky Christian at Morehead St., 5 p.m.
Presbyterian at Wake Forest, 5:30 p.m.
Clarion at UT-Martin, 6 p.m.
Jacksonville at Mercer, 6 p.m.
Kennesaw St. at Samford, 6 p.m.
Kentucky Wesleyan at Murray St., 6 p.m.
Methodist at Campbell, 6 p.m.
Tennessee St. at Georgia St., 6 p.m.
W. Illinois at Tennessee Tech, 6 p.m.
McNeese St. at Nicholls, 7 p.m.
Louisiana-Monroe at Memphis, 8 p.m.

EAST

St. Anselm at Wagner, 5 p.m.
Delaware St. at Delaware, 6 p.m.
Maine at New Hampshire, 6 p.m.
Holy Cross at UConn, 6:30 p.m.

MIDWEST

Austin Peay at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
E. Illinois at Indiana St., 6 p.m.
Elon at Toledo,6 p.m.
Rhode Island at Cent. Michigan, 6 p.m.
Duquesne at S. Dakota St., 7 p.m.
Ohio St. at Indiana, 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

North Dakota at Utah, 6:30 p.m.
W. Oregon at Idaho St., 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento St. at Idaho, 8 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Arizona St., 9:30 p.m.

Friday

SOUTHWEST

Richmond vs. Sam Houston St. at Waco, Texas, 6 p.m.

SOUTH

Navy at FAU, 7 p.m.

EAST

Fordham at Army, 5 p.m.
CCSU at Syracuse, 6 p.m.
Washington at Rutgers, 7 p.m.

MIDWEST

Charlotte at E. Michigan, 5:30 p.m.
Utah St. at Wisconsin, 8 p.m.
Boston College at Illinois, 8:30 p.m.

FAR WEST

Colorado vs. Colorado St. at Denver, 7 p.m.

Saturday

SOUTHWEST

Maryland at Texas, 11 a.m.
UTEP at Oklahoma, 2:30 p.m.
Michigan vs. Florida at Arlington, Texas, 2:30 p.m.
E. Washington at Texas Tech, 3 p.m.
Houston at UTSA, ppd., hurricane
Stephen F. Austin at SMU, 6 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Texas St., 6 p.m.
Lamar at North Texas, 6 p.m.
Morehouse at Ark.-Pine Bluff, 6 p.m.
Liberty at Baylor,6 p.m.
Jackson St. at TCU, 7 p.m.
Prairie View at Texas Southern, 8 p.m.

SOUTH

Kent St. at Clemson, 11 a.m.
California at North Carolina, 11:20 a.m.
Bethune-Cookman at Miami, 11:30 a.m.
NC State vs. South Carolina at Charlotte, N.C., 2 p.m.
William & Mary at Virginia, 2:30 p.m.
Alabama A&M at UAB, 2:30 p.m.
Stony Brook at South Florida, 3 p.m.
Charleston Southern at Mississippi St., 3 p.m.
Kentucky at Southern Miss., 3 p.m.
Newberry at Citadel, 5 p.m.
James Madison at East Carolina, 5 p.m.
Virginia St. at Norfolk St., 5 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Old Dominion, 5 p.m.
N.C. Central at Duke, 5 p.m.
Furman at Wofford, 5 p.m.
NC A&T at Gardner-Webb, 5 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Georgia, 5:15 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Marshall, 5:30 p.m.
UMass at Coastal Carolina, 6 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Louisiana Tech, 6 p.m.
SE Louisnala at Louisiana-Lafayette, 6 p.m.
Brevard at Davidson, 6 p.m.
Limestone at ETSU, 6 p.m.
Miles at Alcorn St., 6p.m.
E. Kentucky at W. Kentcuky, 6 p.m.
Georgia Southern at Auburn, 6:30 p.m.
South Alabama at Mississippi, 6:30 p.m.
Tuskegee at Alabama St., 7 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Middle Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Grambling St. at Tulane, 7 p.m.
Florida St. vs. Alabama at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
BYU vs. LSU at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

EAST

Akron at Penn St.,11 a.m.
Dayton at Robert Morris, 11 a.m.
Lock Haven at St. Francis (Pa.), 11 a.m.
Villanova at Lehigh, 11:30 a.m.
Youngstown St. at Pittsburgh, noon.
Merrimack at Bryant, 2 p.m.
Lafayette at Monmouth (NJ),2 p.m.
Marist at Bucknell, 5 p.m.
Stetson at Sacred Heart,5 p.m.
Morgan St. at Towson, 5 p.m.

MIDWEST

Ball St. at Illinois, 11 a.m.
Bowling Green at Michigan St., 11 a.m.
Missouri St. at Missouri, 11 a.m.
Wyoming at Iowa, 11 a.m.
Temple at Notre Dame, 2:30 p.m.
Nevada at Northwestern, 2:30 p.m.
MVSU at North Dakota St., 2:30 p.m.
Hampton at Ohio, 6 p.m.
South Dakota at Drake, 6 p.m.
SE Missouri at Kansas, 6 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at Kansas St., 6 p.m.
Louisville vs. Purdue at Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.
Butler at Illinois St., 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas St. at Nebraska, 7 p.m.
N. Iowa at Iowa St., 7 p.m.

FAR WEST

VMI at Air Force, 11 a.m.
Portland St. at Oregon St., 1 p.m.
Valparaiso at Montana, 2 p.m.
Troy at Boise St., 2:45 p.m.
Coll. of Idaho at N. Colorado, 3 p.m.
W. New Mexico at San Diego, 4 p.m.
W. Michigan at Southern Cal, 4:15 p.m.
Cal Poly at San Jose St., 6:30 p.m.
Abilene Christian at New Mexico, 7 p.m.
Montana-Western at Weber St., 7 p.m.
S. Utah at Oregon, 7:15 p.m.
UC Davis at San Diego St., 7:30 p.m.
Howard at UNLV, 8 p.m.
Incarnate Word at Fresno St., 9 p.m.
Montana St. at Washington St., 9:30 p.m.
N. Arizona at Arizona, 10 p.m.
W Carolina at Hawaii, 11 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3

SOUTH

SC State at Southern U., 1:30 p.m.

Stafford has more time, money to help Lions win

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Matthew Stafford has more time, and money, to accomplish what the Detroit Lions drafted him to do for the franchise.

The Lions gave the standout quarterback a five-year extension worth $135 million, keeping him under contract through 2022. The franchise desperately hopes he can return the investment and help it have success in the playoffs that has been elusive.

Stafford's contract surpassed what was — briefly — the richest deal in the league. Derek Carr signed a $125 million, five-year deal earlier this summer with the Oakland Raiders.

Detroit drafted Stafford No. 1 overall in 2009 and he has led the team's transformation from league laughingstock to being relatively respectable. He guided them to the playoffs last season, for the third time in six seasons, but has been unable to stop a playoff drought that has lasted a quarter of a century.

And he hasn't pushed the team any closer to winning an NFL title for the first time since 1957.

"When I was drafted here, we were obviously coming off a 0-16 season and in a lot of ways needed some new breath and some direction," Stafford said Tuesday.

"And I was lucky and happy and honored to be a part of getting it from where it was then to where it is now. And hopefully that exponential of a jump can happen again, and we can go from where we are now to where we really want to be and that's hoisting a Lombardi Trophy."

Detroit, though, will need more than the 29-year-old Stafford to be the best team in the league.

Lions manager Bob Quinn insisted the lucrative deal doesn't hurt the team's chances of surrounding Stafford with enough talent to win.

Rick Osentoski/AP File Photo

Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford looking downfield during the first half of the team's NFL preseason game against the New England Patriots Friday in Detroit.

"Yeah, there's more money to go around," Quinn said. "And it's my job and the scouting department's job and our contract people's job to make everything fit and field the most competitive people that we can.

"And I think making this contract and doing this contract with Matthew and his representatives was one step into a long process that we're building."

Lions receiver Golden Tate is thankful he will be able to keep catching passes from Stafford thanks to the new deal.

"He's proved that he is a top-tier quarterback," Tate said. "He is an elite quarterback. He's tough as nails. ... He's got the best arm in the league, in my opinion. His touch is great, and it's getting better."

Stafford's financial portfolio is getting better, too.

He is entering the last year of his $53 million, three-year deal. After being drafted out of Georgia, he got $41.7 million in guarantees as part of a six-year contract worth $78 million.

What is Stafford going to buy with his latest contract?

"A bunch of diapers," he joked as his wife sat nearby, holding their 5-month-old twin daughters .

After shoulder and knee injuries stunted Stafford's first two seasons, he has been healthy and durable enough to play in every game the past six years.

He won the 2011 AP NFL Comeback Player of the Year award after throwing for more than 5,000 yards and helping the Lions end their 11-season drought of not appearing in the playoffs.

Back then, he helped the Lions become the first team in league history to rally to win four games after being down by at least 13 points, including a pair of 20-plus point comebacks.

Despite the retirement of Calvin Johnson before last season, he helped Detroit become the league's first team to come back from fourth-quarter deficits to win eight games in a season.

"If you take a look at him and watch how he functions in the last portion of ball games that are tight, he doesn't flinch," Detroit coach Jim Caldwell said. "He doesn't get nervous, and he's gallant in those settings. So that sticks out, and I think it will be a hallmark throughout his career."

RECOVERY

From 1C

New Orleans last weekend and practiced the past two days at Cowboys headquarters. Coach Bill O'Brien said the Texans were hopeful of a return home before Monday.

The Texans have two concerns that dwarf the game against the Cowboys, which will involve few if any starters. The first is their families back in Houston. The second is the season opener against Jacksonville, which is supposed to be at home Sept. 10.

"It's not easy, but being a professional athlete isn't," linebacker Brian Cushing said. "We have to juggle a lot of different things and be expected to do it at the highest level."

All team personnel are accounted for, and O'Brien said the club was working to help the players who weren't on the trip that never made it back to Houston. He has said there were about 10.

"Two or three times a day, we've tried to reach them," O'Brien said. "Sometimes the issue is the cell service, not being able to get them on the cellphone. But we're doing the best we can to help. Some guys are in areas that are harder hit than other areas."

O'Brien said the position and roster battles that always define the preseason finale will give plenty of players something to think about other than what's going on at home.

"I realize it's not the AFC championship game," O'Brien said. "But I will tell you for all the guys that are going to play in that game, it's a very important game. It's an important game for them as Houston Texans and it's an important game for them to be able put some good football on tape."

And soon after, the Texans hope they will be home.

HARVEY

From 1C

of Greater Houston Flood Relief Fund. The NFL Foundation said it would match the $1 million donation, and New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft and his family pledged to match all funds donated to the American Red Cross in support of Harvey flood relief up to $1 million.

Houston star J.J. Watt started a fundraising page online that has raised more than $3.2 million since its inception on Sunday.

The fund was given a boost by a $1 million donation from Titans controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk, who said the flooding and devastation has been painful to watch as a native. Strunk said Watt has created something to provide immediate aid and the Titans, founded in 1960 as the Houston Oilers, want to be a part of the effort to rebuild the area.

Watt's original goal was to raise $500,000, but he's now aiming to raise $4 million.

Denver Broncos receiver Emmanuel Sanders, who lives in Houston in the offseason and grew up in Bellville, Texas, about 60 miles west, took to Instagram to plead for donations.

"I've driven up and down those streets and Houston is my heart," Sanders said. "And just to see the people out there struggling, man, I have to do something about it."

Broncos coach Vance Joseph also weighed in on the situation in Houston, where he coached with the Texans from 2011-13.

"I'm a New Orleans guy. Obviously, Katrina was huge for the city," he said "It's the same effect with Houston right now. Lots of folks are out of their homes. ... They need help down there and it's heartbreaking to watch on TV."

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg	Speechless	Modern Family	Am.Housewife	Local 2 High School Football Preview		Local 2 News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N)		Salvation "Coup de Grace" (N)		Criminal Minds "Unforgettable"		CBS 7 News (N)	(:35) Colbert Late Late Show with James McAvoy, Matteo Lane	(: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 Deadly Double"	Twilight Zone
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "A Mexican The Great Outdoors" (N)		Tag Team Challenge/		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	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
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KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Natural Wonders "Extreme Wonders"		Nova "Zappelin Terror Attack"		India: Nature's Wonderland		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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HBO		300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	▼ ★★★★ Minority Report ('02, Sci-Fi) Tom Cruise.					Game of Thrones		(:40) Game of Thrones		
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	(5:25) ▼ ★★★★ Friday		Bill Maher		LastWeek	Room 104	Real Sports			▼ Almost Christmas		Movie
HBO5		304	552	16	102		(:15) ▼ ★★★ Girl With a Pearl Earring				▼ Nocturnal Animals ('16, Drama) Amy Adams.				Bailers	Brillo Box	(:15) ▼ Term Life	
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:30) ▼ Rinky Dink...		▼ ★★★★ Scott Pilgrim vs. the World						(:35) ▼ ★★ Rock Star		(:40) ▼ Kasha	
MAX2		382	558	18	122		Movie	▼ ★★★★ The Amityville Horror			▼ ★★★ Aliens: Resurrection				(:50) ▼ Inconvenience Aaron Eckhart.		(:20) ▼ Deepwater...	
PLEX				96			(5:15) ▼ Untamed H...		▼ ★★ The Open Road				(:35) ▼ ★★★ Meet Joe Black ('98, Dra) Brad Pitt.					Movie
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:45) ▼ ★★ The Parent Trap Lindsay Lohan.				▼ Whitney: Can I Be Me				(:45) Tiffany Haddish		▼ Would You Rath...	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:05) ▼ Blue Crush		▼ ★★ The Spirit Mena Cop.				(:40) ▼ Rampart ('11,Cri) Woody Harrelson.				(:05) ▼ ★★ The Gift	
A&E		27	58	28	35	47	Remini "The Ultimate Failure of Scientology"		Remini: Scientology		Wahlburgers (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	The Lowe Files "Fear" (N)		(:05) Lowe Files	(:35) Lowe Files	(:05) Remini: Scientology	
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(6:00) ▼ Independen...		▼ ★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.								▼ ★★ Pompeii Kit Harington.	
BET		58	-		40		(6:00) ▼ The Players ...		▼ Boyz N The Hood (Adm)						Martin	Martin	Martin	Martin
BRAVO		65	76		41		Wives "Reunion Part 2"		Real Housewives (N)		Vander	Odd Mom	Real Housewives		Watch	Vander	Real Housewives	
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Madoff "Millions to Billions" 1/2 cont'd next				Madoff	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Special		CNN Tonight (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		A. Cooper 360	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Misfit Garage		Misfit Garage (N)		Misfit Garage (N)		Garage Rehab (N)		(:05) Misfit Garage		(:05) Garage Rehab	
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FREEFORM		53	63	34	42	33	(6:10) ▼ The Waterboy		(:20) ▼ ★★★ Just Go With It ('11, Com) Adam Sandler.						The 700 Club		▼ I Love You, Bet...	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	Hitchcock (N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Houston Astros Site: Minute Maid Park – Houston, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Pudge	WPT Poker	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	(5:30) ▼ Transformers:		Age of Extinction ('14, Act) Mark Wahlberg.				Snowfall (N)		Snowfall		Strain "Ouroboros"	
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
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HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		Mountain /(:10) Pickers		(:10) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Couples Retreat "Don't Poke The Bear"		L.Women (N)	(:50) Little Women	Couples Retreat "Twin Explosions" (N)		Supermodel "The Hookup Culture" (N)		Runway (N) /(:15) Growing		C. Retreat	(:50) Little Women
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				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	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	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	(5:00) ▼ Joy Ride 2: ...		▼ ★★★★ John Wick Keanu Reeves.				Blood Drive (N)		Face Off: Game Face		▼ ★★ Lake Placid	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Jacket"	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan		Seinfeld	Conan
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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	
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TNT		24	34	40	26	50	(4:30) ▼ ★★★ The Bourne Identity		▼ ★★★ The Bourne Supremacy (2004, Action) Franka Potente, Brian Cox, Matt Damon.				(:15) ▼ The Bourne Ultimatum As government agents continue to track him down, Jason Bourne searches for his identity.				(:45) TNT Preview	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	(:35) Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Gridiron Soldier"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "A Misunderstanding"		Suits "100" (N)		The Sinner "Part V" (N)		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Monster's Legacy"		Suits "100"	
WGN		19	85				▼ ★★ John Q (2002, Drama) Gabriela Oltean, Kimberly Elise, Denzel Washington.				▼ ★★ John Q (2002, Drama) Gabriela Oltean, Kimberly Elise, Denzel Washington.				M*A*S*H	M*A*S* H	M*A*S* H	MASH "Post Op"

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Son braces for parents reaction to transgender fiancee

Dear Abby

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I moved to the Philippines five years ago. While I was there I met "Emma." After a few months, I realized I was in love with her, and last year we became engaged. I took her to meet my family. They loved her and supported our engagement.

I'm now living in the States, and she's still in the Philippines waiting for her visa. Emma is transgender, and I don't know how to tell my family. I love her and know I want to spend the rest of my life with her, but my dad is homophobic, and I know he won't support my decision to marry a transgender woman. My mother will also be disappointed because we won't be able to have children together. I need your advice. What should I do? — FORBIDDEN LOVE IN MINNESOTA

DEAR FORBIDDEN LOVE: You say that when you introduced Emma to your family they liked and accepted her. Because you did not tell them then that your fiancee was transgender, expect them to be surprised. That news will bring your father face to face with his homophobia. As to your mother, even if Emma were not transgender, there's no guarantee that Emma would be able to bear children. In cases of infertility, couples sometimes decide to adopt or employ the help of a surrogate and an egg donor.

As a mature adult, the decision about whom you marry should be yours. Your parents' disapproval should have nothing to do with it. If and when you do give them the news, be prepared for a negative reaction. However, I see no reason why you feel you must tell them because they didn't question her gender before.

DEAR ABBY: A longtime friend of mine, "Mia," married a little over a year ago and moved a few hours away. They have been having trouble in their marriage, but have been trying hard to make it work. Mia is now pregnant, and her baby is due next month.

Over the past few months her husband has been messaging me on Facebook. He hasn't said anything overtly sexual, but it is clearly flirtatious. I don't know him well, so I either don't respond or give one-word answers.

I feel what he's doing is inappropriate, but I'm unsure how to proceed. He's extremely sensitive and reactive to rejection. I'm afraid if I confront him, I will no longer be welcome in their home. I'm also worried that if I tell Mia, she'll be devastated and our friendship will be ruined. Any advice would be appreciated. — ANONYMOUS READER

DEAR ANONYMOUS: If you deal with this directly, your friend's husband will likely deny it and become defensive and punitive. Unless his flirtation becomes overtly sexual, continue to ignore it. Do not respond immediately to his messages. If he asks you why, say you are busy. If you feel you must comment, keep it casual, remote and brief. And always ask him to relay regards to his wife. It may remind him that he's married.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Strange things can happen

East-West vulnerable. West deals

NORTH
♠ A K 8 3
♡ A Q 7
◊ 10 7 2
♣ J 8 6

WEST
♠ 6 2
♡ 10 9 5 3
◊ K 8 4
♣ A K 9 2

EAST
♠ Q J 10 7
♡ K 8 6 4 2
◊ 3
♣ Q 10 5

SOUTH
♠ 9 5 4
♡ J
◊ A Q J 9 6 5
♣ 7 4 3

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1NT	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣**	Pass	3◊
All pass			

*Transfer to diamonds
**Doesn't like diamonds

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

North-South were using the weak notrump, 12-14. In addition to major-suit transfers, many modern players also transfer into the minor suits — two spades to clubs and two no-trump to diamonds. The bid between the transfer bid and the suit shown is used to send a positive or negative message about responder's suit.

The defense started with the ace-king of clubs and a club to the queen. The trump shift went to the queen and king, and West shifted to a heart. West, who had passed as dealer, had already shown up with the ace-king of clubs and the king of diamonds. He couldn't hold the king of hearts as well so South rose with dummy's ace and started running his trumps, hoping something good would happen. This was the position after four rounds of trumps:

NORTH
♠ A K 8
♡ Q 7
◊ Void
♣ Void

WEST
♠ 6 2
♡ 10 9 5
◊ Void
♣ Void

EAST
♠ Q J 10
♡ K 8
◊ Void
♣ Void

SOUTH
♠ 9 5 4
♡ Void
◊ 6 5
♣ Void

The six of diamonds saw a heart from West and a spade from North, but poor East was in a pickle. A spade discard and South would cash the ace-king of spades and ruff a heart back to his hand to cash the good spade. A heart and South would lead a spade to dummy and ruff a heart, felling the king. Dummy would then be high. Nicely played!

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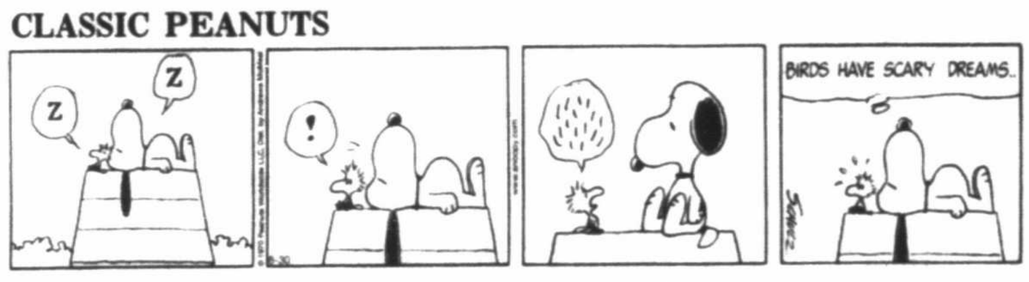


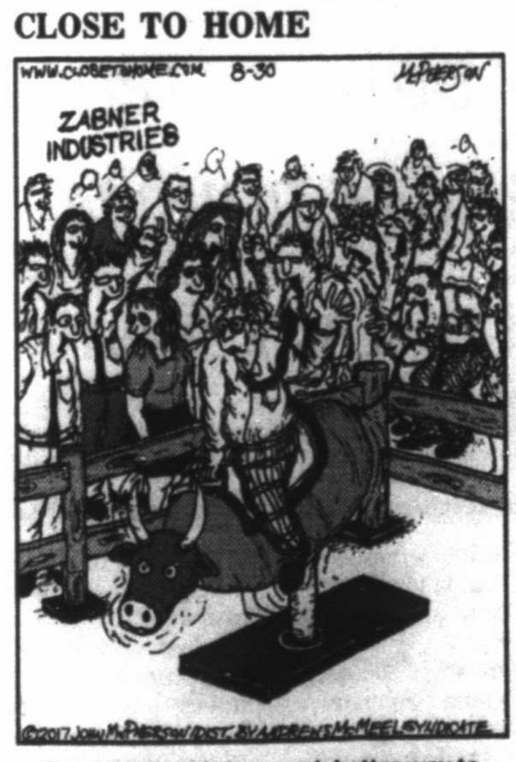
BABY BLUES

SHOE

MUTTS

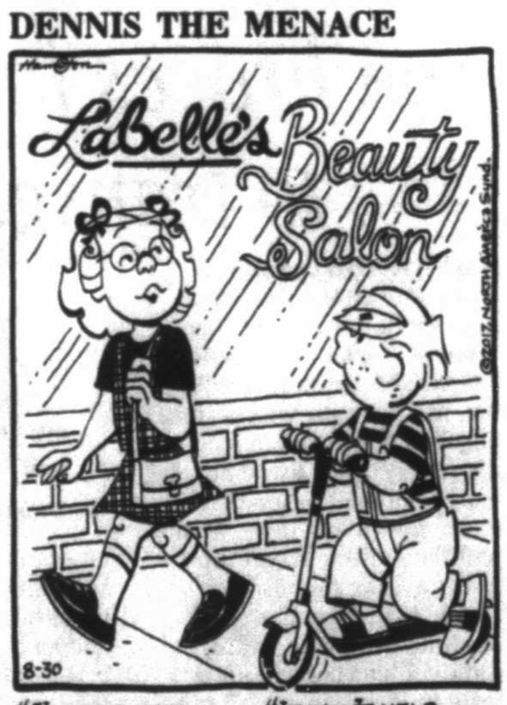
GARFIELD

CLOSE TO HOME



"I gotta say, this is a much better way to choose the new division chief than the old way!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'LL GO THERE WHEN I'M OLDER."

"IT WON'T HELP... IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE!"

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

WIZARD OF ID

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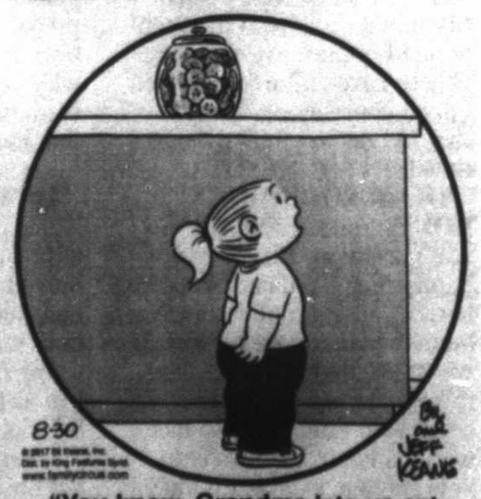
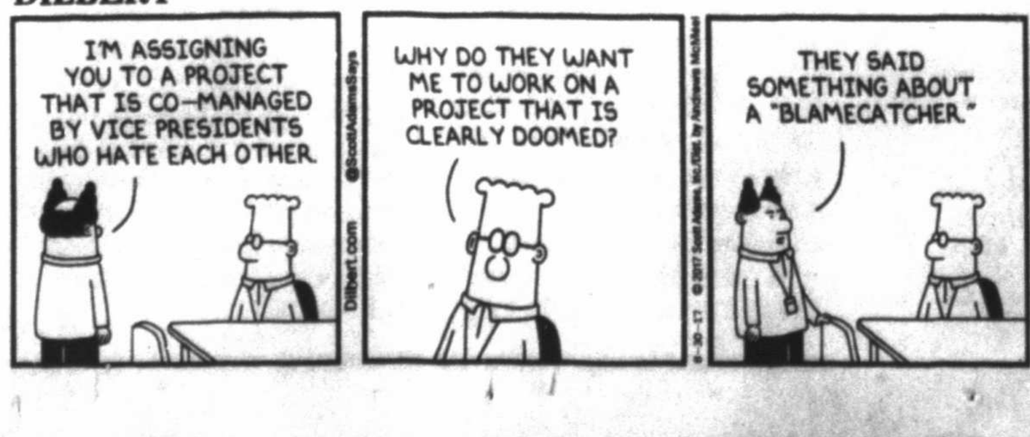
"LEROY HAS BEEN TRYING TO INSTANT MESSAGE FOR TWO HOURS."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"You know, Grandma lets us eat cookies even when they're not for dessert, Mommy."

DILBERT



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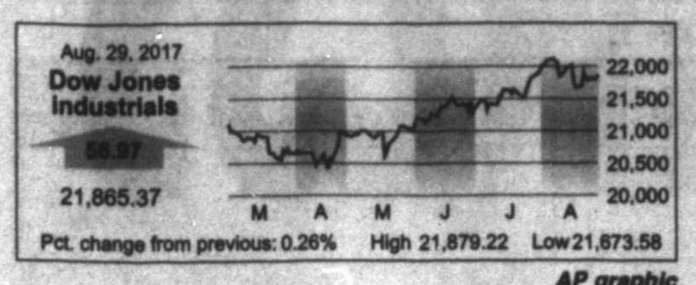

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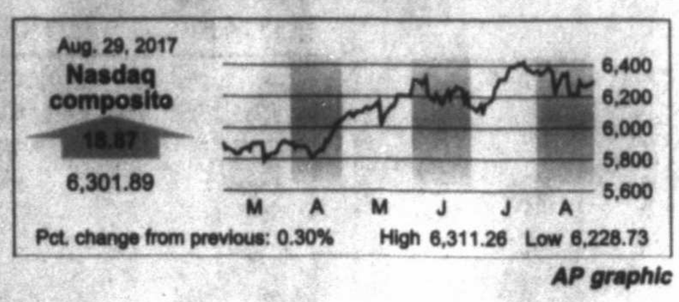

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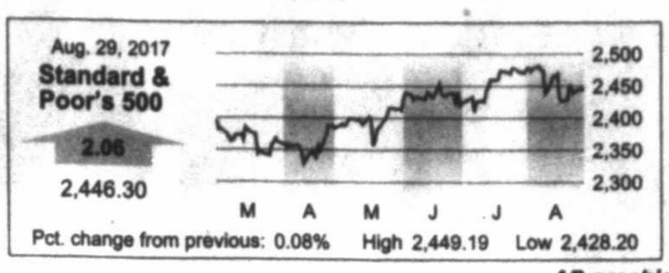

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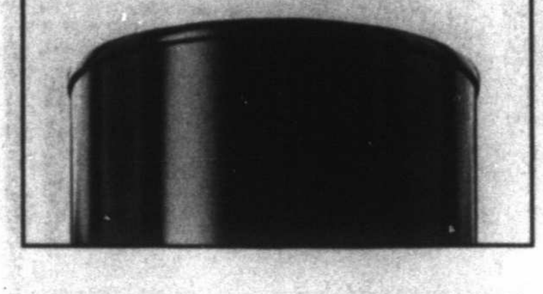

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BiolAm	577237	23.58	-.14	Movado	26.50	+4.65	+19.5
VanEGold	489192	24.42	+.16	ArdLogist	16.44	+2.12	+14.8
S&P500ETF	452000	244.85	+.28	CatalentI	40.27	+4.91	+13.9
B IPVxST rs	420325	47.87	+.57	AtwoodOcn	7.17	+.87	+13.8
SPDR Fncl	410621	24.57	-.08	TetraTech	2.12	+.22	+11.6

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
JJill n	9.88	-1.75	-15.8
BestBuy	55.02	-7.45	-11.9
CGG rs	5.46	-.57	-9.5
ValeantPh	13.24	-.99	-7.0
BootBarn	7.83	-.50	-6.0

Diary	
Advanced	1,413
Declined	1,481
Unchanged	160
Total issues	3,054
New Highs	75
New Lows	75
Volume	2,658,883,735

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NwGold g	63544	3.64	-.07	RexahnPh rs	2.48	+.54	+27.8
NDynMn g	50213	1.68	-.08	AMCON	100.00	+13.65	+15.8
B2gold g	40211	2.89	-.03	MicrSol n	3.88	+.37	+10.5
BarcGSOil	30687	4.79	-.04	BioMedQ	2.54	+.20	+8.5
NovaGld g	26275	4.31	-.05	CmndSec	3.00	+.23	+8.3

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PowrREIT	6.39	-1.36	-17.5
StneEn wt	2.49	-.27	-9.7
Planex	3.35	-.29	-8.0
GabGcAn n	17.49	-1.10	-5.9
ChiRivet	28.74	-1.76	-5.8

Diary	
Advanced	187
Declined	156
Unchanged	18
Total issues	361
New Highs	7
New Lows	7
Volume	93,478,619

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more) Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Gainers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Apple Inc	286221	162.91	+1.44	Abeona wt	7.45	+2.25	+43.3
FinLine	250599	8.50	-1.92	AdvMJS rs	3.69	+1.01	+37.7
CSVxSh rs	247074	17.01	+.35	CellectBi wt	2.00	+.42	+26.6
PwShs QQQ	227120	142.97	+.56	FusionTel	2.89	+.60	+26.2
MicronT	222880	31.48	+.40	Ovid Th n	8.71	+1.54	+21.5

Losers ($2 or more) Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AcordaTh	19.45	-6.25	-24.3
FinLine	8.50	-1.92	-18.4
KonaGrill	2.90	-.50	-14.7
Root56 hn	2.29	-.32	-12.3
AVEO Ph h	3.37	-.47	-12.2

Diary	
Advanced	1,484
Declined	1,367
Unchanged	230
Total issues	3,081
New Highs	72
New Lows	54
Volume	1,579,236,343

Texas refiners spared by storm's second round

Bloomberg

Just as refiners in South Texas are starting to recover from Harvey, forecasters have the storm gearing up for a second landfall in an area further east that includes the nation's largest refinery.

As the storm moves toward the Texas-Louisiana border from its present location over the Gulf of Mexico, Motiva Enterprises LLC's Port Arthur facility, the largest in the U.S., remains open but is running at 60 percent capacity with supply issues, spokeswoman Angela Goodwin said in email. Valero Corp.'s Port Arthur operation has already closed two units because of flooding, Total SA's plant there is said to cut its output to a minimum and Exxon Mobil Corp.'s nearby Beaumont refinery is said to be shutting down because of flooding.

The area near the Louisiana line has 1.65 million barrels a day of refining capacity, according to Andy Lipow, president of Lipow Oil Associates LLC.

Harvey initially reached the coast near Rockport, Texas, on Friday, and was quickly downgraded to a tropical storm from a Category 4 hurricane. Since then, a shift back over the Gulf's warm waters has reenergized it. The new landfall, forecast for Wednesday, could bring two more feet of rain, forecasters say.

Although flooding is the primary problem for refineries in Harvey's aftermath, it's not the only one. Marathon Petroleum Corp.'s Galveston Bay refinery, for instance, is said to be shutting because pipeline disruptions have led to the plant running out of crude.

Meanwhile, as the storm churns further to the east, some plants near where Harvey had its initial landfall may be up and running again soon.

Valero and Citgo Petroleum Corp. were said to be preparing to restart their refineries in Corpus Christi after Harvey moved through over the weekend, according to people familiar who asked not to be identified because the plans aren't public. Valero's Three Rivers refinery may restart as soon as later this week.

Even as plants recover, the restarts will be delayed by distribution issues and crude supply, Sandy Fielden, director of oil and products research at Morningstar Commodities Research, wrote in a note. Additionally, concerns are compounded by port closures, he said, that "cuts off the supply of imports."

The Port of Houston has no timeline for reopening, while Corpus Christi's port is expected to resume normal operations by Sept. 4.

Colonial Pipeline, the main conduit for gasoline and diesel from the Gulf Coast to the eastern U.S., is already not receiving supply from the Houston area. The loss of refineries around Port Arthur, would leave only Louisiana refineries supplying fuel to New York and other demand centers.

The region from Houston to Sabine Pass, home to refineries, chemical plants and energy ports, will get anywhere from six to 12 of additional rain through Friday, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. As much as 10 inches could fall in southeastern Louisiana, including New Orleans, which is dotted with grain silos, refineries and port facilities. Heavy rains is also forecast for Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama.

United Airlines is seen taking $265 million hit from Tropical Storm Harvey

Bloomberg

United Continental Holdings is likely to take at least a $265 million financial hit from Hurricane Harvey because of the carrier's reliance on Houston as one of its biggest hubs, an airline analyst said.

Flights at the third-largest U.S. carrier will decline an estimated 1.5 percent in the current quarter because of the storm, with little opportunity to recoup lost sales, Helane Becker of Cowen & Co. said in a report Tuesday. Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport accounts for about 17 percent of United's capacity.

The projected losses would more than double the $125 million blow Delta Air Lines Inc. suffered when it canceled about 4,000 flights after April storms in Atlanta. Harvey probably also will prove more troubling than Hurricane Ike in 2008, which cost Continental Airlines $50 million two years before it merged with United, Becker said. Harvey "seems more powerful and impactful," she wrote. Sandy, the storm that hit New York in 2012, "is probably the best comp [comparison], given the impact lingered beyond just the initial airport closings. After the airports opened, there was rebuilding to be done, and people just didn't travel for a while."

United hasn't issued guidance to investors about the storm's impact yet, according to the airline.

"Our focus right now is on resuming operations out of Houston and helping our customers and employees," said United spokeswoman Megan McCarthy.

Tech and industrial companies lead stocks back from losses

NEW YORK — North Korea's latest missile launch jolted the U.S. stock market Tuesday, but major indexes pulled back from those early losses and mostly finished higher as the weakening dollar gave technology and industrial companies a boost.

Investors bought bonds, which are traditionally considered safe assets, after North Korea fired a midrange ballistic missile that crossed over northern Japan and fell into the Pacific Ocean. It's believed to be the first time the country has sent a missile over Japan, and it seemed designed to show that North Korea can back up a threat to target the U.S. territory of Guam. Energy and insurance companies continued to feel the effects of Tropical Storm Harvey, which is dumping record amounts of rain on the Gulf Coast. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 134 points when the market opened. "It was a double whammy for investors," said Karyn Cavanaugh, senior market strategist at Voya Investment Strategies. But she said investors are unlikely to sell and remain on the sidelines because much of the global economy is growing in sync.

Metal prices mixed

Gold climbed $3.60 to $1,318.90 an ounce and remains at its highest price since late September. Silver lost 2 cents to $17.43 an ounce. Copper rose 2 cents to $3.08 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $108.47 Down 0.47

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.11 Up 0.11

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $88.17 Up 0.14

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.15 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.72 Down 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.25 Up 0.15

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $11.35 Up 0.04

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $30.10 Down 0.16

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.04 Up 0.05

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.72 Up 0.10

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	14	5.50	+.03	-46.1
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	37.85	-.09	-11.0
Abraxas	...	41	1.65	-.01	-35.8
AdvDrsEq	.92e	...	14.63	+.04	+15.1
AMD	...	...	12.15	-.08	+7.1
AdvisoryBd	...	19	53.05	+3.20	+59.5
Alibaba	...	47	167.41	-.89	+90.7
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.87	+.01	-13.7
Ambev	.06e	6	6.23	...	+26.9
Amgen	4.60	15	172.23	+.45	+17.8
Anadarko	.20	...	40.71	-.56	-41.6
Apache	1.00	...	38.87	-.48	-38.8
Apple Inc	2.52	19	162.91	+1.44	+40.7
ApldMatl	.40	15	44.02	+.39	+38.4
Archrock	.48	...	10.10	-.45	-23.5
ATMOS	1.60	25	88.19	-.50	+18.9
AtwoodOcn	.30m	5	7.17	+.87	-45.4
AutoData	2.28	28	105.12	+.36	+2.3
AVEO Ph h	...	...	3.37	-.47	+524.1
BP PLC	2.38	26	34.37	-.10	-8.1
BcoBrad s	.37e	...	10.68	+.15	+48.5
BiolAm	.48f	14	23.58	-.14	+6.7
B IPVxST rs	...	...	47.87	+.57	...
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.92	-.24	+2.8
BarrickG	.12	27	17.82	+.18	+11.5
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	18	268090.00	+54.99	+9.8
BestBuy	1.36	15	55.02	-7.45	+28.9
BillMatteCp	1.75	21	70.49	-.10	+14.9
BrityBg	1.56	24	58.86	+.28	+.7
BrownFA s	...	32	53.57	+.98	+18.8
BrownFB s	...	...	51.20	+1.16	+14.0
CVS Health	2.00	13	76.09	+.63	-3.6
CallonPet	...	31	9.88	-.11	-36.7
Calpine	...	...	14.54	...	+27.2
Caterpillar	3.12	30	116.01	+.94	+25.1
Celestic g	...	8	11.36	-.05	-4.1
Cemex	.29t	...	9.16	+.01	+18.6
CntryLink	2.16	9	20.63	-.11	-13.2
ChesEng	...	9	3.64	-.01	-48.1
Chevron	4.32	61	107.86	+.10	-8.4
Chicos	.33	11	7.83	-.26	-45.6
Cimarex	.32	32	98.37	-1.20	-27.6
Cisco	1.16	18	31.48	-.06	+4.2

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Citigroup	1.28	13	67.48	-.33	+13.5
ClevCliffs	...	7	8.13	+.26	-3.3
CocaCola	1.48	28	45.45	+.03	+9.6
ColgPalm	1.60	24	71.30	+.40	+8.0
Comcast s	.63	22	40.16	-.18	+16.3
ConAgra	.86f	18	32.43	-.10	-18.0
ConchoRes	...	...	108.47	-.47	-18.2
ConocoPhil	1.06	34	42.86	-.20	-14.5
Coty	.50	...	16.51	+.42	-9.8
CrackerB	4.80f	23	147.14	-.79	-11.9
CSVixSh rs	...	...	17.01	+.35	-82.1
CSVelfVST	...	...	81.29	-.73	+73.9
CrosTim	1.10e	14	14.50	+.01	-18.5
CypSemi	.44	22	13.37	+.09	+16.9
DCP Mid	3.12	16	30.79	+.30	-19.8
DTE	3.30	23	112.11	-.03	+13.8
Delcath rs	...	...	.12	-.01	-87.0
DevonE	.24	94	30.99	+.06	-32.1
DrGMBll rs	...	...	21.46	+.38	...
DirDGBr rs	...	...	22.13	-.53	-54.2
Disney	1.56	18	102.57	+.01	-1.6
DowChm	1.84	20	64.22	-.45	+12.2
EOG Resc s	.67	...	93.15	-.25	-17.8
EnCana g	.06	19	8.95	-.08	-23.8
Energen	.08	...	49.94	-.20	-13.4
EnPro	.88	47	69.35	-.30	+3.0
ENSCO	.04	2	4.60	+.22	-52.7
EntProdPt	1.88f	19	25.50	+.02	-5.7
Ericsson	.11e	...	5.85	-.09	+.3
ExxonMbl	3.08	29	76.45	-.02	-15.3
Facebook	...	35	168.05	+.81	+46.1
FinLine	.44	9	8.50	-1.92	-54.8
Fitbit n	...	...	5.93	-.01	-19.0
FordM	.60a	12	10.84	+.05	-10.6
FrptMcM	...	...	15.21	-.32	+15.3
GATX	1.68	10	60.63	+.20	-1.5
GabMultT	.94e	...	9.20	+.02	+27.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	34.36	+.01	+10.2
GenElec	.96	23	24.44	-.03	-22.7
GileadSci	2.08	8	75.74	+1.05	+5.8
GlPlainEn	1.10	21	31.01	+.21	+13.4
HP Inc	.53	12	19.21	+.03	+29.4
Hallibrtn	.72	...	38.72	-.07	-28.4
IShGold	...	...	12.58	-.02	+13.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShBrazil	1.09e	...	40.14	+.06	+20.4
iShEMU	.95e	...	41.70	-.29	+20.5
iShSilver	...	...	16.42	-.08	+8.7
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	44.27	+.04	+27.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	44.69	-.08	+27.6
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.48	-.27	+15.2
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	88.12	-.11	+1.8
iShR2K	1.77e	...	137.49	+.03	+2.0
ImunoGn	...	...	7.58	+1.12	+271.6
Intel	1.06	15	34.73	+.08	-4.2
InterDig	1.20	8	70.10	+.25	-23.3
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	12.93	+.06	+25.9
JD.com	...	...	40.84	+.49	+60.5
JPMorgCh	2.24f	14	91.10	-.50	+5.6
JohnJn	3.36	20	132.21	+.47	+14.8
JunoThera	...	...	43.81	+7.33	+132.4
Keycorp	.38	16	17.25	-.14	-5.6
KimbClk	3.88	20	122.38	+.01	+7.2
Kinross g	...	63	4.41	+.01	+41.8
KitePharm	...	...	177.95	-.10	+296.9
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.15	+.01	-45.8
Lubys	...	...	2.64	-.04	-38.3
McDnlds	3.76	27	159.38	-.29	+30.9
Merck	1.88	16	63.12	-.20	+7.2
MerMMed	...	81	40.25	-.30	+51.9
MexcoEn	...	...	4.72	-.10	-5.6
MicronT	...	12	31.48	+.40	+43.6
Microsoft	1.56	26	73.05	+.22	+17.6
Nabors	.24	...	6.62	-.05	-59.6
NOIVarco	.20	72	30.36	+.02	-18.9
NikeB s	.84	21	52.73	-1.00	+3.7
NSTFI3	.55e	...	14.86	+.05	+4.9
NTXQI	.68	...	14.54	+.12	+6.0
OcelPet	3.08f	...	59.08	-.05	-17.1
PDC Engy	...	28	38.13	-.23	-47.6
PerTech	...	27	10.98	+.04	+86.4
PerkDrl	...	...	1.15	...	-65.8
PetMTr	.08	...	15.69	+.08	-41.7
Penney	...	10	3.84	-.01	-53.8
PennaRE	.84	7	10.12	-.09	-46.6
Pmian	.63e	23	8.18	-.24	+6.1
Petrobras	...	...	9.05	-.03	-10.5
Pfizer	1.28	14	33.80	+.03	+3.1
PioNtrl	.08	...	127.96	-.50	-28.9
PlainsAAP	2.20	17	20.63	+.14	-36.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	142.97	+.56	+20.7
Praxair	3.15	23	130.88	-1.20	+11.7
PrmEgy	...	...	45.25	-1.55	-16.2
PUVixST rs	...	...	31.19	+.79	...
ProShtVx s	...	...	77.61	-.86	...
ProctGam	2.76f	24	92.32	-.15	+9.8
RangeRs	.08	19	17.40	-.19	-49.4
RegionsFn	.36	15	14.16	-.13	-1.4
RiteAid	...	39	2.34	+.08	-71.6
Rowan	.40	5	9.94	+.47	-47.4
RoyDShllA	3.76	84	55.44	...	+1.9
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	218.59	+.65	+10.7
SpdrGold	...	...	124.42	-.27	+13.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	244.85	+.28	+9.5
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	29.54	-.04	-28.7
SabinR	2.32e	18	39.40	+.20	+12.1
SanderFm	.96	15	142.15	+1.86	+50.8
Schlmbrg	2.00	57	63.50	+.05	-24.4
SiriusXM	.04	38	5.63	+.05	+26.5
Smucker	3.12f	14	104.70	-.70	-18.2
SnapInc A n	...	...	14.99	-.20	-38.8
SwstnEngy	...	49	5.44	+.08	-49.7
SpiritRtC	.72	10	8.36	...	-23.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.57	-.08	+5.7
TeleflEsp	1.20e	...	10.82	-.01	+17.5
TevaPhrm	1.36e	7	15.77	-.16	-56.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
3M Co	4.70	23	202.92	+.46	+13.6
Torchmark	.60	17	76.81	-.40	+4.1
Transocn	...	8	8.23	+.22	-44.2
TriContl	.98e	...	24.89	...	+12.9
Twitter	...	...	16.93	+.16	+3.9
TylerTech	...	53	169.05	+.01	+18.4
UniPixel h	...	...	.13	+.07	-86.9
UBSI	1.32	17	33.70	+.05	-27.1
US OilFd	...	...	9.46	-.07	-19.3
USSteel	.20	...	25.96	+.66	-21.4
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.85	+.03	+42.4
ValeantPh	...	3	13.24	-.99	-8.8
ValeroE	2.80	22	67.92	-.50	-.6
VanEGold	.12e	...	24.42	+.16	+16.7
VanE JrGld	...	...	35.42	+.18	+12.3
Vipshop	...	18	9.04	+.16	-17.9
VulcanM	1.00	37	116.50	+.56	-6.9
WEC Engy	2.08	22	65.26	-.12	+11.3
WalgBoots	1.60f	17	81.42	+.26	-1.6
WellsFargo	1.52	13	51.42	-.21	-6.7
WhitngPet	...	...	4.36	+.05	-63.7
WmsCos	1.20	42	29.17	...	-6.3
XcelEngy	1.44	22	49.50	-.04	+21.8
Xerox rs	.25p	12	32.24	-.07	+40.2
Yamana g	.02	...	2.89	-.01	+2.8

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,179.11	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	21,865.37	+56.97	+.26	+10.64	+18.48
9,763.66	7,712.13	Dow Jones Transportation	9,237.18	+80.22	+.88	+2.14	+16.78
749.39	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	746.47	-1.69	-.23	+13.17	+12.21
12,019.85	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	11,791.88	-8.34	-.07	+6.65	+9.21
6,460.84	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,301.89	+18.87	+.30	+17.07	+20.66
2,490.57	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,446.30	+2.06	+.08	+9.27	+12.42
1,795.14	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,706.88	-1.31	-.08	+2.78	+8.70
25,848.33	21,583.94	Wilshire 5000	25,352.05	+5.96	+.02	+8.22	+12.08
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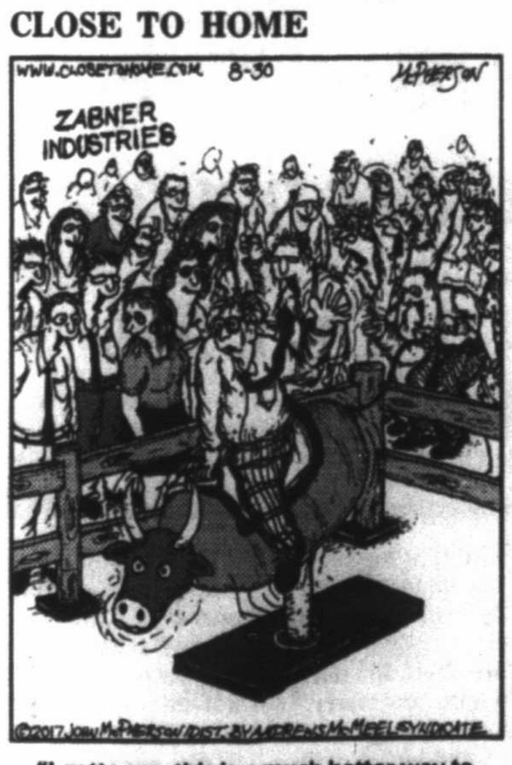

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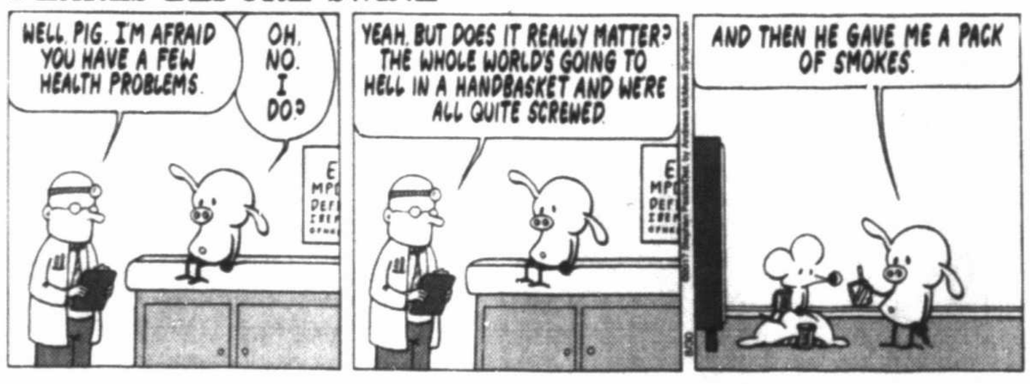
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



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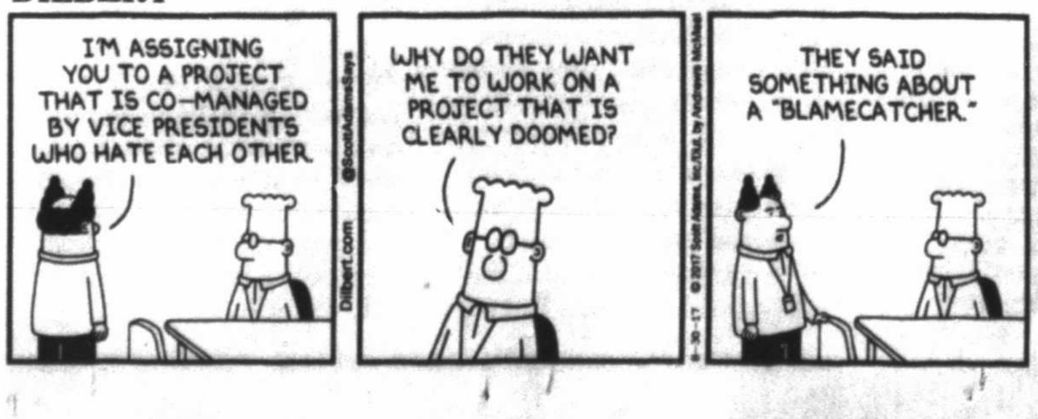
LOCKHORNS

"LEROY HAS BEEN TRYING TO INSTANT MESSAGE FOR TWO HOURS."

FAMILY CIRCUS

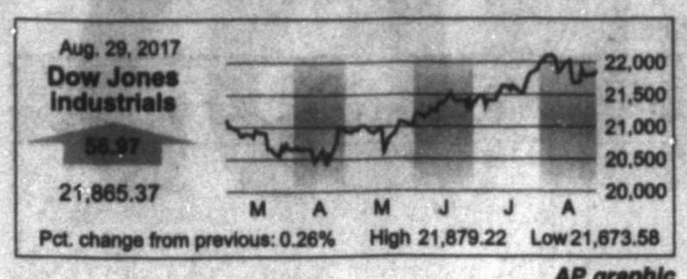
"You know, Grandma lets us eat cookies even when they're not for dessert, Mommy."

DILBERT



BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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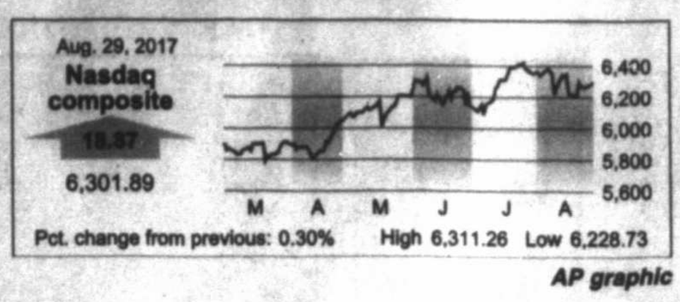

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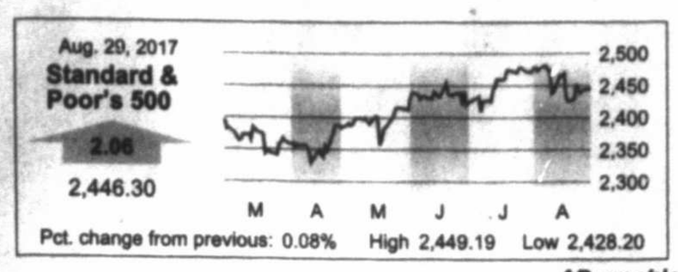

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday: $46.44
Previous: $46.57

POSTED

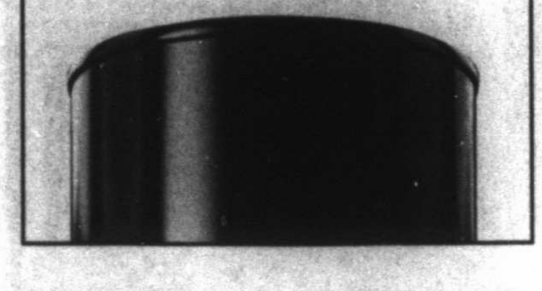
Tuesday: $42.75
Previous: $42.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday: $39.25
Previous: $39.25

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday: $2.961
Previous: $2.925



NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioAm	577237	23.58	-.14
VanEGold	489192	24.42	+.16
S&P500ETF	452000	244.85	+.28
B IPVxST rs	420925	47.87	+.57
SPDR Fncl	410821	24.57	-.08

Gainers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg
Movado	28.50	+4.65	+19.5
ArcLogist	16.44	+2.12	+14.8
Catalent	40.27	+4.91	+13.9
AtwoodOcn	7.17	+.87	+13.8
TetraTech	2.12	+.22	+11.6

Losers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg
Jill n	9.88	-1.85	-15.8
BestBuy	55.02	-7.45	-11.9
CGG rs	5.46	-.57	-9.5
ValeantPh	13.24	-.99	-7.0
BootBarn	7.83	-.50	-6.0

Diary	
Advanced	1,413
Declined	1,481
Unchanged	160
Total issues	3,054
New Highs	75
New Lows	75
Volume	2,658,883,735

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NevGold g	63544	3.64	-.07
NDynMin g	50213	1.68	-.08
B2gold g	40211	2.69	-.03
BarcGSOil	30687	4.79	-.04
NovaGld g	28275	4.31	-.05

Gainers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg
RexahnPh rs	2.48	+.54	+27.8
AMCON	100.00	+13.65	+15.8
MicrSol n	3.88	+.37	+10.5
BioMed	2.54	+.20	+8.5
CommdSec	3.00	+.23	+8.3

Losers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg
PowrREIT	6.39	-1.36	-17.5
StneEn wt	2.49	-.27	-9.7
Planex	3.35	-.29	-8.0
GabGoAn n	17.49	-1.10	-5.9
ChiRivet	28.74	-1.76	-5.8

Diary	
Advanced	187
Declined	156
Unchanged	18
Total issues	361
New Highs	7
New Lows	7
Volume	93,478,619

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	286221	162.91	+1.44
FinLine	250599	8.50	-1.92
CSVixSh rs	247074	17.01	+.35
PwShs QQQ	227120	142.97	+.56
MicronT	222950	31.48	+.40

Gainers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg
Abeona wt	7.45	+2.25	+43.3
AdvMD rs	3.69	+1.01	+37.7
CellectB wt	2.00	+.42	+26.6
FusionTel	2.89	+.60	+26.2
Ovid Th n	8.71	+1.54	+21.5

Losers ($2 or more)	Last	Chg	%Chg
AcordaTh	19.45	-6.25	-24.3
FinLine	8.50	-1.92	-18.4
KoniaGrB	2.90	-.50	-14.7
Root56 hn	2.29	-.32	-12.3
AVEO Ph h	3.37	-.47	-12.2

Diary	
Advanced	1,484
Declined	1,367
Unchanged	230
Total issues	3,081
New Highs	72
New Lows	54
Volume	1,579,236,343

Texas refiners spared by storm's second round

Bloomberg

Just as refiners in South Texas are starting to recover from Harvey, forecasters have the storm gearing up for a second landfall in an area further east that includes the nation's largest refinery.

As the storm moves toward the Texas-Louisiana border from its present location over the Gulf of Mexico, Motiva Enterprises LLC's Port Arthur facility, the largest in the U.S., remains open but is running at 60 percent capacity with supply issues, spokeswoman Angela Goodwin said in email. Valero Corp.'s Port Arthur operation has already closed two units because of flooding, Total SA's plant there is said to cut its output to a minimum and Exxon Mobil Corp.'s nearby Beaumont refinery is said to be shutting down because of flooding.

The area near the Louisiana line has 1.65 million barrels a day of refining capacity, according to Andy Lipow, president of Lipow Oil Associates LLC.

Harvey initially reached the coast near Rockport, Texas, on Friday, and was quickly downgraded to a tropical storm from a Category 4 hurricane. Since then, a shift back over the Gulf's warm waters has reenergized it. The new landfall, forecast for Wednesday, could bring two more feet of rain, forecasters say.

Although flooding is the primary problem for refineries in Harvey's aftermath, it's not the only one. Marathon Petroleum Corp.'s Galveston Bay refinery, for instance, is said to be shutting because pipeline disruptions have led to the plant running out of crude.

Meanwhile, as the storm churns further to the east, some plants near where Harvey had its initial landfall may be up and running again soon.

Valero and Citgo Petroleum Corp. were said to be preparing to restart their refineries in Corpus Christi after Harvey moved through over the weekend, according to people familiar who asked not to be identified because the plans aren't public. Valero's Three Rivers refinery may restart as soon as later this week.

Even as plants recover, the restarts will be delayed by distribution issues and crude supply, Sandy Fielden, director of oil and products research at Morningstar Commodities Research, wrote in a note. Additionally, concerns are compounded by port closures, he said, that "cuts off the supply of imports."

The Port of Houston has no timeline for reopening, while Corpus Christi's port is expected to resume normal operations by Sept. 4.

Colonial Pipeline, the main conduit for gasoline and diesel from the Gulf Coast to the eastern U.S., is already not receiving supply from the Houston area. The loss of refineries around Port Arthur, would leave only Louisiana refineries supplying fuel to New York and other demand centers.

The region from Houston to Sabine Pass, home to refineries, chemical plants and energy ports, will get anywhere from six to 12 of additional rain through Friday, according to the National Hurricane Center in Miami. As much as 10 inches could fall in southeastern Louisiana, including New Orleans, which is dotted with grain silos, refineries and port facilities. Heavy rains is also forecast for Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama.

United Airlines is seen taking $265 million hit from Tropical Storm Harvey

Bloomberg

United Continental Holdings is likely to take at least a $265 million financial hit from Hurricane Harvey because of the carrier's reliance on Houston as one of its biggest hubs, an airline analyst said.

Flights at the third-largest U.S. carrier will decline an estimated 1.5 percent in the current quarter because of the storm, with little opportunity to recoup lost sales, Helane Becker of Cowen & Co. said in a report Tuesday. Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport accounts for about 17 percent of United's capacity.

The projected losses would more than double the $125 million blow Delta Air Lines Inc. suffered when it canceled about 4,000 flights after April storms in Atlanta. Harvey probably also will prove more troubling than Hurricane Ike in 2008, which cost Continental Airlines $50 million two years before it merged with United, Becker said. Harvey "seems more powerful and impactful," she wrote. Sandy, the storm that hit New York in 2012, "is probably the best comp [comparison], given the impact lingered beyond just the initial airport closings. After the airports opened, there was rebuilding to be done, and people just didn't travel for a while."

United hasn't issued guidance to investors about the storm's impact yet, according to the airline.

"Our focus right now is on resuming operations out of Houston and helping our customers and employees," said United spokeswoman Megan McCarthy.

Tech and industrial companies lead stocks back from losses

NEW YORK — North Korea's latest missile launch jolted the U.S. stock market Tuesday, but major indexes pulled back from those early losses and mostly finished higher as the weakening dollar gave technology and industrial companies a boost.

Investors bought bonds, which are traditionally considered safe assets, after North Korea fired a midrange ballistic missile that crossed over northern Japan and fell into the Pacific Ocean. It's believed to be the first time the country has sent a missile over Japan, and it seemed designed to show that North Korea can back up a threat to target the U.S. territory of Guam. Energy and insurance companies continued to feel the effects of Tropical Storm Harvey, which is dumping record amounts of rain on the Gulf Coast. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 134 points when the market opened. "It was a double whammy for investors," said Karyn Cavanaugh, senior market strategist at Voya Investment Strategies. But she said investors are unlikely to sell and remain on the sidelines because much of the global economy is growing in sync.

Metal prices mixed

Gold climbed $3.60 to $1,318.90 an ounce and remains at its highest price since late September. Silver lost 2 cents to $17.43 an ounce. Copper rose 2 cents to $3.08 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $108.47 Down 0.47

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.11 Up 0.11

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $88.17 Up 0.14

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.15 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.72 Down 0.10

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.25 Up 0.15

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $11.35 Up 0.04

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $30.10 Down 0.16

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.04 Up 0.05

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.72 Up 0.10

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	14	5.50	+.03	-46.1
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	37.85	-.09	-11.0
Abraxas	...	41	1.65	-.01	-35.8
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.63	+.04	+15.1
AMD	...	...	12.15	-.08	+7.1
AdvisoryBd	...	19	53.05	+3.20	+59.5
Alibaba	...	47	167.41	-.89	+90.7
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.87	+.01	-13.7
Ambev	.06e	6	6.23	...	+26.9
Amgen	4.60	15	172.23	+.45	+17.8
Anadarko	.20	...	40.71	-.56	-41.6
Apache	1.00	...	38.87	-.48	-38.8
Apple Inc	2.52	19	162.91	+1.44	+40.7
ApldMatl	.40	15	44.02	+.39	+38.4
Archrock	.48	...	10.10	-.45	-23.5
ATMOS	1.80	25	88.19	-.80	+18.9
AtwoodOcn	.30m	5	7.17	+.87	-45.4
AutoDesk	2.28	28	105.12	+.36	+2.3
AVEO Ph h	...	...	3.37	-.47	+524.1
BP PLC	2.38	26	34.37	-.10	-8.1
BcoBrad s	.37e	...	10.68	+.15	+48.5
BkofAm	.48f	14	23.58	-.14	+6.7
B IPVxST rs	...	...	47.87	+.57	...
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.92	-.24	+2.8
BarrickG	.12	27	17.82	+.18	+11.5
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	18268	000.00	+54.99	+9.8
BestBuy	1.36	15	55.02	-7.45	+28.9
BlkHillsCp	1.78	21	70.49	-.10	+14.9
BrillyISq	1.56	34	68.85	+.28	+.7
BrownFA s	...	32	53.57	+.98	+15.8
BrownFB s	...	...	51.20	+1.16	+14.0
CVS Health	2.00	13	76.09	+.63	-3.6
CallonPet	...	31	9.88	-.11	-35.7
Calpine	...	...	14.54	...	+27.2
Caterpillar	3.12	30	116.01	+.94	+25.1
Celestic g	...	8	11.36	-.05	-4.1
Cemex	.29t	...	9.16	+.04	+18.6
CntryLink	2.16	9	20.63	-.11	-13.2
ChesEng	...	8	3.64	-.01	-48.1
Chevron	4.32	61	107.86	+.10	-8.4
Chicos	.33	11	7.63	-.39	-45.6
Cimarex	.32	32	98.37	-1.20	-27.8
Cisco	1.16	15	31.48	-.06	+4.2
Citigroup	1.28	13	67.48	-.33	+13.5
ClevCliffs	...	7	8.13	+.26	-3.3
CocaColu	1.48	28	45.45	+.03	+9.5
ColgPalm	1.50	24	71.30	+.40	+8.0
Comcast s	.63	22	40.16	-.18	+16.3
ConAgra	.88f	18	32.43	-.10	-18.0
ConchoRes	...	...	108.47	-.47	-18.2
ConocoPhil	1.06	34	42.85	-.20	-14.5
Coty	.50	...	16.51	+.42	-9.8
CrackerB	4.80f	23	147.14	-.79	-11.9
CSVixSh rs	...	...	17.01	+.35	-82.1
CSVelVST	...	...	81.29	-.73	+73.9
CresTim	1.10e	14	14.50	-.01	-19.3
CypSemi	.44	22	13.37	+.09	+16.9
DCP Mid	3.12	16	30.79	+.30	-19.8
DTE	3.30	23	112.11	-.03	+13.8
Delcath rs	...	...	.12	-.01	-87.0
DevonE	.24	94	30.99	+.06	-32.1
DrGMBll rs	...	...	21.46	+.38	...
DrDGlBr rs	...	...	22.13	-.53	-54.2
Disney	1.56	18	102.57	+.01	-1.6
DowChm	1.84	20	64.22	-.45	+12.2
EOG Resc	.67	...	93.15	-.25	-17.8
EnCana g	.06	18	8.95	-.08	-23.8
Energen	.08	...	49.94	-.20	-13.4
EnPro	.86	47	69.35	-.30	+3.0
ENSCO	.04	2	4.60	+.22	-52.7
EstProdPt	1.68f	19	25.50	+.02	-5.7
Ericsson	.11e	...	5.85	-.09	+.3
ExxonMbl	3.08	29	76.45	-.02	-15.3
Facebook	...	35	168.05	+.81	+46.1
FinLine	.44	9	8.50	-1.92	-54.8
FitbIt n	...	...	5.93	-.01	-19.0
FordM	.60a	12	10.84	+.05	-10.6
FrptMcM	...	...	15.21	-.32	+15.3
GATX	1.68	10	60.63	+.20	-1.5
GabBfulKT	.94e	...	9.20	+.02	+27.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	34.36	-.01	+10.2
GenElec	.96	23	24.44	-.03	-22.7
GileadSci	2.08	8	75.74	+1.05	+5.8
GlPlainEn	1.10	21	31.01	+.21	+13.4
HP Inc	.53	12	19.21	+.03	+29.4
Hallibrtn	.72	...	38.72	-.07	-28.4
IShGold	...	...	12.58	-.02	+13.5
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	40.14	+.06	+20.4
iShEMU	.95e	...	41.70	-.29	+20.5
iShSilver	...	...	16.42	-.08	+8.7
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	44.27	+.04	+27.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	44.69	-.08	+27.6
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.48	-.27	+15.2
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	88.12	-.11	+1.8
iShR2K	1.77e	...	137.49	+.03	+2.0
ImunoGn	...	...	7.56	+1.12	+271.6
Intel	1.09	15	34.73	+.08	-4.2
InterDig	1.20	8	70.10	+.25	-23.3
ItauUnibH	.32e	...	12.93	+.06	+25.9
JDcom	...	...	40.84	+.49	+60.5
JPMorgCh	2.24f	14	91.10	-.50	+5.6
JohnJn	3.36	20	132.21	+.47	+14.8
JunoThera	...	...	43.61	+7.33	+132.4
Keycorp	.38	16	17.25	-.14	-5.6
KimbClk	3.88	20	122.38	+.01	+7.2
Kinross g	...	63	4.41	+.01	+41.8
KitePharm	...	...	177.95	-.10	+296.9
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.15	+.01	-45.8
Lubys	...	...	2.64	-.04	-38.3
McDnlds	3.76	27	159.38	-.29	+30.9
Merck	1.88	16	63.12	-.20	+7.2
MeritMed	...	81	40.25	-.30	+81.9
MexcoEn	...	...	4.72	-.10	-5.6
MicronT	...	12	31.48	+.40	+43.6
Microsoft	1.56	26	73.05	+.22	+17.6
Nabors	.24	...	6.62	-.05	-59.6
NOilVarco	.20	72	30.36	+.02	-18.9
NikeB s	.84	21	52.73	-1.00	+3.7
NSTFI3	.55e	...	14.86	+.05	+4.9
NTXQI	.66	...	14.54	+.12	+6.0
OcelPet	3.00f	...	98.06	-.05	-17.1
PDC Engy	...	28	38.13	-.23	-47.5
PerTech	...	27	10.96	+.04	+96.4
PerkDrl	...	...	1.15	...	-65.8
PetIQTl	.08	...	15.89	+.06	-41.7
Penney	...	10	3.84	-.01	-53.8
PennaRE	.84	7	10.12	-.09	-46.6
Pmlan	.63e	23	8.18	-.24	+6.1
Petrobras	...	...	9.05	-.03	-10.5
Pfizer	1.28	14	33.80	+.03	+3.1
PioNtrl	.06	...	127.96	-.50	-28.9
PsInsAAP	2.20	17	20.63	+.14	-36.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	142.97	+.56	+20.7
Praxair	3.15	23	130.88	-1.20	+11.7
PrmEgy	...	...	45.25	-1.55	-16.2
PUVixST rs	...	...	31.19	+.79	...
ProShtVx s	...	...	77.61	-.86	...
ProctGam	2.76f	24	92.32	-.15	+9.8
RangeRs	.08	19	17.40	-.19	-49.4
RegionsFn	.36	15	14.16	-.13	-1.4
RiteAid	...	39	2.34	+.08	-71.6
Rowan	.40	5	9.94	+.47	-27.4
RoyDShllA	3.76	84	55.44	...	+1.9
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	218.59	+.65	+10.7
SpdrGold	...	...	124.42	-.27	+13.5
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	244.85	+.28	+9.5
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	29.54	-.04	-28.7
SabnR	2.32e	18	39.40	+.20	+12.1
SanderFm	.96	15	142.15	+1.86	+50.8
Schlmbrg	2.00	57	63.50	+.05	-24.4
SiriusXM	.04	38	5.63	+.05	+26.5
Smucker	3.12f	14	104.70	-.70	-18.2
SnapInc A n	...	...	14.99	-.20	-38.8
SwstnEngy	...	49	5.44	+.08	-49.7
SpiritRtC	.72	10	8.36	...	-23.0
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	24.57	-.08	+5.7
TeleflEsp	1.20e	...	10.82	-.01	+17.6
TevaPhrm	1.36e	7	15.77	-.16	-56.5
3M Co	4.70	23	202.92	+.46	+13.6
Torchmark	.60	17	76.81	-.40	+4.1
Transocn	...	8	8.23	+.22	-44.2
TrIContl	.98e	...	24.89	...	+12.9
Twitter	...	...	16.93	+.16	+3.9
TylerTech	...	53	169.05	+.01	+18.4
UniPixel h	...	...	13	+.07	-86.9
UBSI	1.32	17	33.70	+.06	-27.1
US OilFd	...	...	9.46	-.07	-19.3
USSteel	.20	...	25.96	+.66	-21.4
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.85	+.03	+42.4
ValeantPh	...	3	13.24	-.99	-8.8
ValeroE	2.80	22	67.92	-.50	-.6
VanEGold	.12e	...	24.42	+.16	+16.7
VanE JrGld	...	...	35.42	+.18	+12.3
Vipshop	...	18	9.04	+.16	-17.9
VulcanM	1.00	37	116.50	+.56	-6.9
WEC Engy	2.08	22	65.26	-.12	+11.3
WalgBoots	1.60f	17	81.42	+.26	-1.6
WellsFargo	1.52	13	51.42	-.21	-6.7
WhitingPet	...	...	4.36	+.05	-63.7
WmsCos	1.20	42	29.17	...	-6.3
XcelEngy	1.44	22	49.50	.04	+21.6
Xerox rs	.25p	12	32.24	-.07	+40.2
Yamana g	.02	...	2.89	-.01	+2.8

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD %Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,179.11	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	21,865.37	+56.97	+.26	+10.64	+18.48
9,763.66	7,712.13	Dow Jones Transportation	9,237.18	+80.22	+.88	+2.14	+16.78
749.39	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	746.47	-1.69	-.23	+13.17	+12.21
12,019.85	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	11,791.88	-8.34	-.07	+6.65	+9.21
6,460.84	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,301.89	+18.87	+.30	+17.07	+20.66
2,490.87	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,446.30	+2.06	+.08	+9.27	+12.42
1,795.14	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,706.68	-1.31	-.08	+2.78	+8.70
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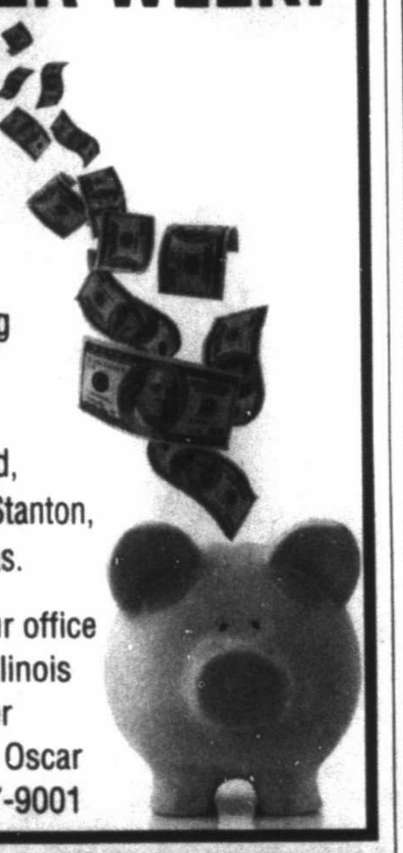

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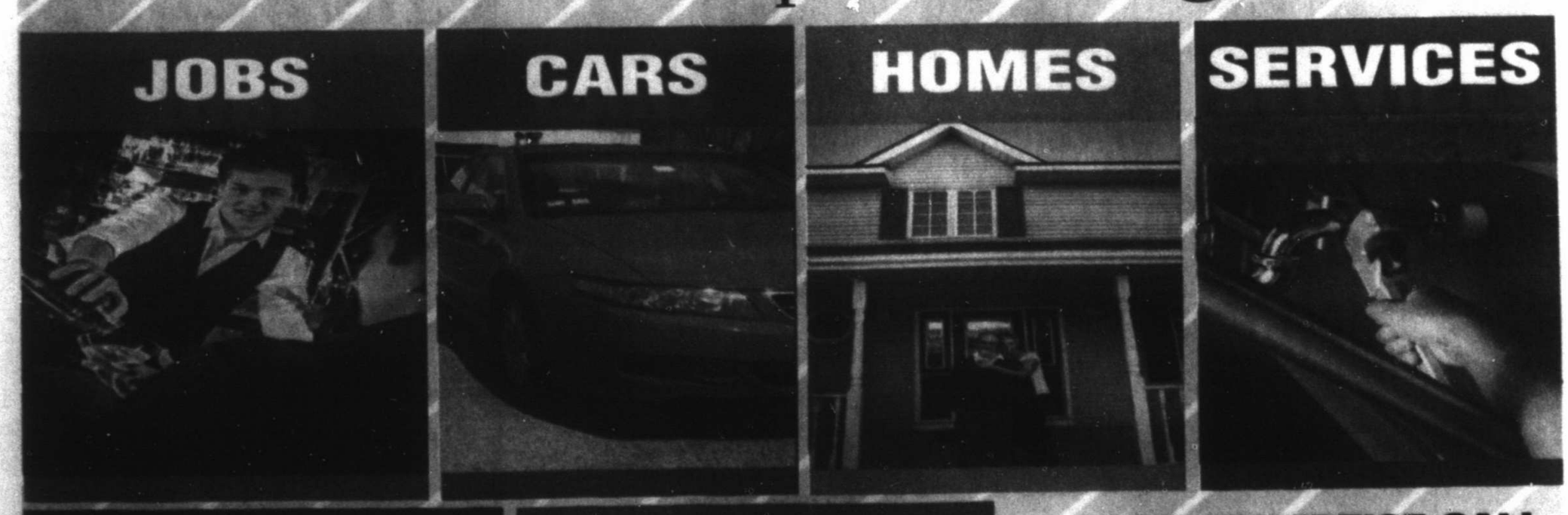

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Executor.

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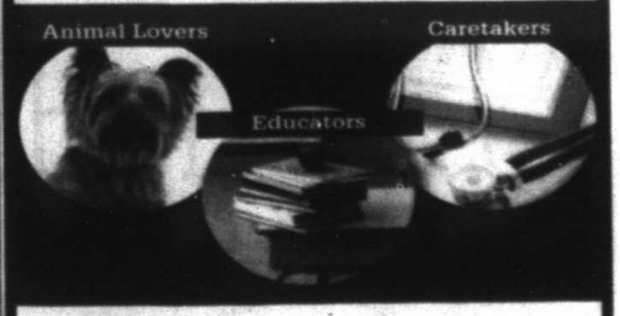

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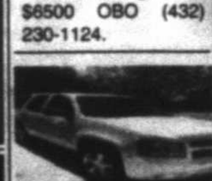

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Monday, September 4, 2017

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CLASSIFIED WORD ADS

Publishing On:	Deadline is:	
Sat., September 2nd	Fri., September 1st	12 PM
Sun., September 3rd	Fri., September 1st	2 PM
Mon., September 4th	Fri., September 1st	3 PM
Tues., September 5th	Fri., September 1st	5 PM

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Publishing On:	Deadline is:	
Mon., September 4th	Thurs., August 31st	3 PM
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RETAIL DISPLAY ADS

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Tues., September 5th	Thurs., August 31st	5 PM

CIRCULATION HOURS
Customer Service calls will be taken September 4th from 7 AM to 11 AM only.
We will re-open Tuesday, September 5th for regular business hours.

Who's Who For Service

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