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Commissioners adopt 2018-19 budget, tax rate

County would spend $46.7 million more than it generates

By Simone Jasper
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Midland County, after adopting a budget Monday, will spend nearly $46.7 million more than it generates next fiscal year. The government entity plans to use money it already has for items such as road improvements, according to County Judge Mike Bradford.

"We're sitting on a lot of cash that has come in this year in sales tax — far more than we projected, far more than the state of Texas projected," he said. "So, you put that money to use as quickly as you can in investments and assets in this community."

Next fiscal year's budget includes a higher projection for sales tax, according to Bradford.

The county also expects to generate revenue through a tax rate of 14.0000 cents per $100 valuation, which is lower than the previous rate of 15.3169 cents. Monday's adopted rate includes 13.3911 cents for maintenance and operations and 0.6089 cents for interest and sinking.

With projected spending, the county estimates its fund balance will shrink from a projected $107.8 million at the end of this fiscal year to $61.2 million in 2019.

In the adopted budget, revenue totals $85.1 million. In comparison, it calls for $93.2 million in personnel and operating expenditures. Total spending — which includes capital outlay and transfers — is $131.8 million.

The expenditures reached that level after a decision on Monday. Commissioners voted to put $1.9 million in contingency for a courtroom, jury room, mediation rooms and a prisoner transport hallway. The space would be on the 10th floor of the county courthouse and serve needs of the judicial system.

"The state of Texas has not seemed to deliver another district court to us at this time," Bradford said.

"So, the way you would attack the issue of too many backlogged cases is you ask visiting judges come in and handle those cases."

Previous discussion about the courtroom resulted in commissioners voting in a tie, according to Bradford. He said officials later went through negotiations regarding the project, which has a launch that is contingent upon commissioners receiving judicial system reports.

"We will make an evaluation: Is the money invested in that court equal to or better than the savings we would get in the jail or the backup in another courtroom?" Bradford said.

No one spoke during Monday's public hearing about the budget. The adopted version wasn't posted online as of that afternoon.

SENATOR MARKS SPECIAL DAY

Cornyn visits Chris Kyle memorial, thanks local Boy Scouts

By Tori Aldana
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ODESSA — U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, visited the Chris Kyle Memorial in Odessa on Monday in honor of today's National Day of Service & Remembrance. He spoke with Odessa Boy Scouts from Troop 91, including McCabe Pope.

Pope, 15, a sophomore at Permian High School, is working on his Eagle Scout project — updating the memorial's landscape. His plans include covering bare patches with grass and planting wildflowers, said Libby Hambleton, Cornyn's press secretary.

Cornyn brought a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol to replace the memorial's worn flag. The Boy Scouts replaced the Texas flag and placed small flags around the perimeter. The Scouts also cleaned the memorial and removed litter.

Cornyn thanked the Boy Scouts for keeping the memorial maintained and acting as an example for serving their community and country.

"I told them that when you see things happen in the news where people have sort of lost their sense of respect for military service and for the flag, the national anthem, I found my own time in the Boy Scouts to be particularly helpful to train you in the Scouts' law and to create an ethic of service to others and service to others above self," Cornyn said.

After meeting with the Scouts, Cornyn spoke to the media at the nearby Veterans Affairs Permian Basin outpatient clinic.

"A VA clinic is the perfect venue to reflect on service. For more than 70 years, in communities across the country, thousands of volunteers have selflessly assisted our nation's heroes with time and care at VA clinics and hospitals," said Kalautie JangDhari, director of the West Texas VA.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, 2.7 million people in the U.S. military have deployed, Cornyn said, "They serve us as volunteers, but once they take off that

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U.S. John Cornyn visits with McCabe Pope, a member of Boy Scout Troop 191. The teen's Eagle Scout project is updating the landscaping at the Chris Kyle Memorial.

MISD board OKs plan to increase pay for subs

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland ISD will increase the pay for long-term substitute teachers, a move officials hope will help the district deal with the teacher shortage.

MISD's executive director of human resources, Woodrow Bailey, told the board the district is 91 percent staffed, and there are 112 vacant teaching positions. He said long-term substitutes currently operate in 67 of those positions.

The board on Monday decided to pay those long-term substitutes more. Previously, MISD implemented the following daily pay scale: $85 for a "regular" substitute, $95 after 30 days and $105 after 90 days.

A long-term substitute is someone who serves 25 or more consecutive days in the same vacant position.

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MDC invests more in transportation

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland Development Corp.'s commitment to better roads continued Monday during its monthly meeting.

The MDC approved an agreement with the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance and then agreed to a $400,000 expenditure for the development of Avalon Drive in west Midland.

The $400,000 is expected to help the city obtain and preserve right-of-way for the extension of the north-south thoroughfare.

The Midland Development Corp. has invested more than $29 million in city of Midland utility, road and right-of-way projects since 2010, according to an MDC report. More than half of that investment — $17.367 million — has come since the beginning of 2017.

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Honor those who responded after 9/11, will respond in the future

JOHN CORNYN
U.S. senator, R-Texas

Today marks the 17th anniversary since our nation, our people and our very way of life came under attack by terrorists on American soil. With four hijacked planes and evil intentions, terrorists killed nearly 3,000 Americans as they crashed into our buildings and fields in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Seventeen years later, it still makes me proud that in the face of tragedy, American patriotism prevailed above evil. We lowered our heads in prayer and rose up to serve our fellow man. We bound together as they tried to tear us apart. And we reflected on how very fortunate we are to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Through the smoke and debris, countless first responders, health professionals, law enforcement personnel and good Samaritans offered a helping hand. Today we honor their service by recognizing September 11th as a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Many of us still remember the attacks as if they were yesterday, and for us, serving others on this anniversary holds special meaning.

But even those Americans who don't remember that fateful day – the Americans who were born after September 11, 2001 — display their patriotism with pride as they honor the fallen and celebrate what it means to be an American.

This year for the first time, those born after 9/11 will be able to enlist in the military. They'll defend the flag and our nation's founding ideals — even without the poignant memory of the attacks. So today as we honor those lost on this day 17 years ago and those who stood up to help, I'd also like to recognize our newest servicemembers.

May God bless our military, veterans, first responders and those who support them, and may he continue to bless the great state of Texas.

Jacy Lewis/Reporter-Telegram

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn talks to members of Boy Scout Troop 191 on Monday at the Chris Kyle Memorial.

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uniform, we have, I believe, a solemn covenant with them to provide them the health care they have earned by their service."

He also reflected on Chris Kyle's life and his death helping a veteran with mental health issues.

Kyle is "a great American hero in his own right," Cornyn said. "That was a tragic (story), but also a story of great sacrifice and nobility on his part."

Born in Odessa, Kyle was a Navy SEAL who served four tours in Iraq and was depicted in the film "American Sniper." He is known as the most successful sniper in American military history and was awarded some of the highest medals in the U.S. military — including the Bronze and Silver stars. Kyle was shot and killed at a shooting range by a veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder and schizophrenia, according to the website chriskyleamericansniper.info.

Also at the media conference:

■ Cornyn discussed Brett Kavanaugh — President Donald Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court. Cornyn is on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is expected to vote on Kavanaugh as early as next week.

"One of the most important jobs I have as a member of the United States Senate is making sure that we provide what is called advise and consent, under the Constitution, to the president's nominees for the federal bench," Cornyn said.

He met Kavanaugh in 2000 when Cornyn was attorney general of Texas and has followed his career since then. Kavanaugh worked for 12 years on the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals — the second highest court in the nation. "I think the president has chosen a magnificent man, great choice for this important job," Cornyn said.

Justice Neil Gorsuch, who also was appointed by Trump, was confirmed with 54 votes and Cornyn said he predicts Kavanaugh will be confirmed somewhere in that range.

■ The senator also commented on the state of the energy sector.

"I never cease to be amazed at the Permian Basin ... and the men and women who create all of these ingenious means to extract oil and gas from the ground," Cornyn said. "The Permian Basin seems to be the gift that keeps on giving, although I know there's a lot of pressure on the region for infrastructure."

He said he has spoken with officials about a long-term view of what is necessary in education and infrastructure.

"One of the biggest challenges that I've heard, though, is that things are so productive here that there's a shortage of pipelines," he said, "Unfortunately the debate over tariffs — over steel and aluminum — are getting in the way of some of that development."

Cornyn said Congress is working with the Trump administration to get to a fair-trade paradigm where there will not be tariffs on the steel necessary to build the pipelines.

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The board approved to pay a long-term substitute with a bachelor's degree $175 a day. A long-term substitute without a bachelor's degree will now make $125 a day. There is a minimum requirement of 30 college hours to be able to substitute.

MISD reports that long-term subs who have a degree and teacher certification make $262.30 a day.

"It is additional support for them to know we appreciate what they are doing," Bailey said, "and we acknowledge their value. ... And so, they don't have to worry about progressing through the pay plan. They can establish that daily rate."

Bailey said MISD also hopes to work with those interested in becoming certified full-time teachers. He said teachers and instructional specialists are helping to fill those classrooms without a full-time or long-term substitute.

He also said there have been 12 resignations this school year.

Goals report

MISD officials also reported the district was three for four on board goals this month.

The district was successful in reaching goal progress measures for students leaving the ninth grade with an Algebra I credit and for the percentage of ninth-graders earning six or more credits.

On the first, 88 percent of students left the ninth grade at the end of the 2017-18 campaign with an Algebra I credit, up from 82 during the previous year and higher than the 85 percent goal.

On the second, the percentage of ninth-graders earning six or more credits increased from 80 percent in 2016-17 to 82 percent in 2017-18 and stayed on track with the goal established.

MISD also reported the number of elementary assistant principals gaining experience at a "complex campus" increased from 19 in 2017-18 to 22 in 2018-19. That was ahead of the constraint progress measure goal of 21 established for this year. A complex campus is determined based on enrollment, school accountability rating, school improvement status and school groups compared to the district (i.e. economically disadvantaged, at-risk or special education).

The one goal missed was an annual target that deals with the percentage of students in grades three through eight who meet standard on both reading and math on the STAAR test. The 57 percent at the end of the 2017-2018 school year was short of the 65 percent goal. It also marked the second straight year MISD missed this goal.

Board meeting changes

The MISD board voted to change the date of future board meetings. Trustees voted to meet the third Monday of the month. Currently, they meet the second Monday.

Obituaries

Ernesto Rivera

Ernesto Rivera passed away peacefully on Friday September 7th, 2018 at the age of 88 in Midland Texas. He was born on November 7, 1929 in Guanacevi, Durango, Mexico. In the early fifties, he arrived in the U.S. as part of the Bracero program before becoming a permanent resident and made his life in Verhalen, Texas in the Pecos Texas Valley.

Ernesto was a dedicated husband and father to his loving family and had a great sense of humor. He had a life-long love for the land and outdoors and spent his life as a farmer, raising cattle, sheep, goats, and horses to provide for his family, and he enjoyed helping others.

He was preceded in death by his father Jose Rivera, his mother Marianita, and 4 brothers and 5 sisters. He is survived by his beloved wife Bernabe of 64 years; children Victor Rivera and Hipolito Rivera of Midland, TX; Irene White (Michael) of Irving, TX; and Mario and fiancée Teresa Rangel of Grand Prairie, TX; grand-daughters Corena White of Ft. Worth, TX, Lindsey Rivera, and Cynthia McIntire of Midland, TX, and great-granddaughter Sophia Rivera.

Viewing was held on Monday, September 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamesa Rd. Rosary was held Monday, September 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez-Thomas Funeral Home. Mass will be held Tuesday, September 11th at St. Ann's Catholic Church at 9:30 a.m. Ernesto will be laid to rest at Resthaven North Cemetery in Midland, TX. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home.

James Edwin "Ed" Todd

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV)

James Edwin "Ed" Todd, 80, finished his race unexpectedly and passed in his sleep, August 30, 2018, at his home in Midland.

Born on February 18, 1938 in Dallas, to James Erasmus Todd and Maurice Williams Todd. Mr. Todd was a longtime Midland Journalist beloved by all who knew him. He is survived by brothers Gene Todd, of Hammond, La., and Delbert Todd (Patsy) of Iowa Park, TX, along with nephew Glenn Todd, nieces Dee Ann Emberton and Lauren Todd, and numerous cats.

Mr. Todd's dedication to the highest standards of his profession, combined with uncommon kindness, character and goodwill to others, are but small parts of what made Mr. Todd unique among gentlemen. One must ponder how Midland's master wordsmith would characterize himself, if called upon for such a description. But all who knew Ed realize any such words would be simply marked, with his gentle humility.

Mr. Todd came to Midland in 1974, working as a journalist for the Midland Reporter-Telegram, where his style of old school, no-nonsense journalism graced the newspaper's pages while touching the hearts of many thousands. He was considered a role model by generations of journalists who would work alongside him, and became a cherished and lifetime friend to most who passed through the MRT newsroom for over 40 years.

Mr. Todd graduated from high school in Iowa Park, Texas, attended Midwestern University in Wichita falls and earned a master's degree from East Texas State College in Commerce. He served honorably in the U.S. Army in the mid-late 1950's, stationed in France as a radio technician.

Mr. Todd's final front page presence was paid tribute by colleagues: https://www.mrt.com/news/article/Today-we-bid-farewell-to-ED-Todd-13199592.php

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in Midland, at First Presbyterian Church, officiated by The Rev. Henry Pendergrass, of Mr. Todds's place of worship, Christ Christ Anglican of Midland.

Arrangements entrusted to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be submitted at npwelch.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Todd's memory may be made to The Midland Humane Coalition, P.O. Box 53213, Midland, TX. 79710.

Death Notices

James Goode

James Goode, 92, of Midland, Texas passed away Sunday, September 9, 2018 in Midland. Private family service will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Military honors will be rendered at Resthaven Memorial Park following the service.

Jason Price Forrester

Jason Price Forrester, 35 of Odessa, Texas .Passed away 9/8/2018 in Odessa. Service is scheduled for Thursday, 9/13/2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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HEREFORD

4 survive Panhandle plane crash, aircraft demolished

Investigators say a single-engine plane has crashed shortly after takeoff from a Texas Panhandle airport in an accident that left all four people on board hurt and destroyed the aircraft.

The Department of Public Safety says the crash happened late Sunday morning at Hereford Municipal Airport. The Piper PA-32-30 broke apart, with pieces of the plane scattered in a grassy area.

Sgt. Cindy Barkley says the pilot, 30-year-old Andrea Reinert of Canyon, and three passengers were transported to hospitals. Barkley says Reinert was listed in critical condition Monday, while two other passengers were stable. The other victim was treated and released.

DALLAS

Case against officer who killed neighbor to go to grand jury

The case against a white Dallas police officer who shot and killed a black neighbor will be presented to a grand jury, which could decide on more serious charges than manslaughter, the district attorney said Monday.

Lawyers for the victim's family questioned why it took three days for Amber Guyger to be charged and why she was so quick to use deadly force in her encounter with 26-year-old Botham Jean, who lived in the apartment directly above hers. She told authorities she mistook the neighbor's unit for her own.

An arrest affidavit prepared by a Texas Ranger was released Monday, providing a narrative of what happened. It appeared to be based almost entirely on the officer's account.

Guyger told investigators that she had just ended a 15-hour shift Thursday when she returned in uniform to the apartment complex. She parked on the fourth floor, instead of the third, where she lived, according to the affidavit, possibly suggesting that she was disoriented.

She put her key in the door, which was unlocked and slightly ajar, it opened, the affidavit said. Inside, the lights were off, and she saw a figure in the darkness.

The officer said she concluded her apartment was being burglarized and gave verbal commands to the figure, which ignored them. She then drew her weapon and fired twice.

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and has included:

■ Carver and Scharbauer Drainage Improvement Project;

■ Highway 349 expansion;

■ Texas Department of Transportation projects at Loop 250 and County Road 1150, Loop 250 and CR 1140, Loop 250 and Highway 191;

■ purchase of right-of-way to extend Wadley Avenue to the west; and

■ Tradewinds Boulevard expansion to the south, which is the largest of all MDC road expenditures ($4.125 million).

The MDC's commitment to Avalon has reached nearly $1 million. In 2014, the MDC contributed up to $550,000 to facilitate commercial and industrial development, including assistance with engineering and design costs.

James Beauchamp, executive director of MOTRAN, told the MDC board earlier in the meeting that the MDC's decision to become more involved in transportation development has paid off with a nice return on taxpayers' investment.

He said the MDC's decision to leverage funds means projects, including the completion of the northern half of Loop 250, will come years — and sometimes up to two decades — ahead of schedule. He also said the MDC's involvement, along with participation from the Odessa Development Corp., private businesses and other regional entities, has helped conserve state and federal funding for local projects. He said an example of that was $19 million in private money for road improvements raised by those associated with sand mine development in West Texas.

Beauchamp said the goal of MOTRAN moving forward will be to help present the facts about growth and road use in the Permian, so the state provides adequate money for maintenance across the region and frees up added capacity dollars. For instance, he told the MDC board, Midland has added 30 workers a day from January through the end of the July. In Midland-Odessa that number is 41. Further proof of Beauchamp's statement is that Midland and Ector County ISDs have reported record student populations at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

Road funding isn't a million-dollar issue or problem in the tens or hundreds of millions of dollars, Beauchamp said. He said the problem requires more than $2 billion and getting every little bit from state leaders will help in Midland, Odessa, Pecos and other areas across the Permian Basin during this time of unrivaled growth.

WORD OF THE DAY
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JumBurrito
BIG on taste. MORE on it.
basilar
[bas-uh-ler]
adjective
1. pertaining to or situated at the base, especially the base of the skull.
2. basal.

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Today is Patriot Day

Patriot Day is an annual observance on Sept. 11 to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. Many Americans refer Patriot Day as 9/11 or Sept. 11.
Source: www.timeanddate.com

Highlight in history

On Sept. 11, 2001, on America's single-worst day of terrorism, nearly 3,000 people were killed as 19 al-Qaida members hijacked four passenger jetliners, sending two of the planes smashing into New York's World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and the fourth into a field in western Pennsylvania.
Source: Associated Press

Things to do

- Palette Club Painting, 9 a.m. to noon, Palette Club, 907 W. Wadley Ave. paletteclubmidland.com.
- Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.
- Barts Bloody Buddy Kickoff Party. Meet the makers of the new Texas-made bloody Mary elixir, 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., The Canopy, 2101 W. Wadley Ave.
- ArtPocalypse: Second Tuesday Salon. This event kicks off the Odessa Arts' NEA Big Read initiative 11:30 a.m., The Rose Building, 415 N. Grant Ave., Odessa. odessaarts.org.
- Bridge game play, 1 p.m. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.
- Evening Family Storytime offers songs, stories and literacy activities for ages 2 to 6 and their caregivers, 4:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.
- Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.
- Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St.
- West Texas Legends in Line dancing classes for all levels, 7 p.m., Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. meetup.com/crossingthelinewesttexas.
- Permian Basin Dance Club with live country music, 7:30 p.m., Midland Downtown Lions Club, 200 Plaza St.

American Tribute

Jacy Lewis/Reporter-Telegram

The city of Odessa Parks and Recreation Department partnered with Prosperity Bank on Thursday to create American Tribute. The Odessa community gathered to remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and pay tribute to first responders. The flags will be at Memorial Gardens until Sept. 17.

$6. 432-638-3707.
- PFLag Support Meeting features facilitated support for the LGBTQ community and their families, friends and allies, 7:30 p.m., Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road.
- Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.
- Karaoke and pool tournament at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Mayor's Call to Action

Mayor Jerry Morales leads a discussion of the challenges and opportunities facing Midland, 11 a.m. Thursday at the Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St. $65. eventbrite.com.

Meetings today

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

Midland ISD
5:30 p.m.
Administration Building - Room 620
615 W. Missouri Ave.

Today in history

On this date:
In 1936, Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) began operation as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator.
In 1941, groundbreaking took place for the Pentagon.
In 1954, the Miss America pageant made its network TV debut on ABC; Miss California, Lee Meriwether, was crowned the winner.
In 1967, the comedy-variety program "The Carol Burnett Show" premiered on CBS.

Lottery

All or Nothing morning: 1-2-3-4-5-12-14-16-18-19-20-21
All or Nothing day: 2-6-7-10-11-14-15-16-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-10-11-13-14-16-17-18-19-20-22-23
All or Nothing night: 2-10-12-13-15-16-17-18-19-21-22-24
Cash Five: 5-9-10-11-33
Daily 4 morning: 6-5-7-3
Daily 4 day: 5-3-7-4
Daily 4 evening: 0-2-8-4
Daily 4 night: 8-5-4-1
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Pick 3 day: 2-6-7
Pick 3 evening: 2-7-3
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Weather

Monday's temperatures
High ... 83
Low ... 63
Normal high ... 89
Normal low ... 64

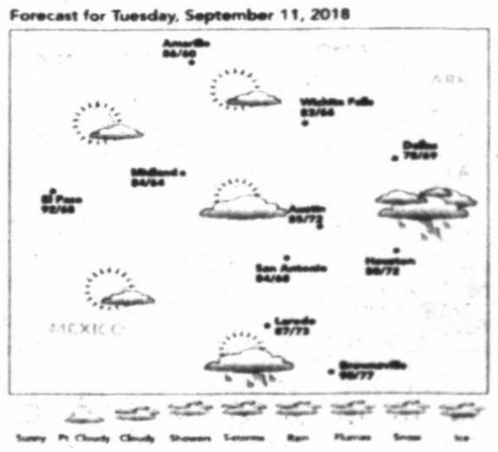
Sept. 10 records
High: 101, set in 2000
Low: 51, set in 1935

Precipitation
Sunday ... 0.00 inches
Monday ... 0.00 inches
Month total ... 2.24 inches
Year total ... 10.74 inches
Normal total (year to date) ... 10.39 inches

Winds
Average speed: 3.8 mph
Highest sustained: 10 mph
Highest gust speed: 13 mph

Today's forecast
High: 85

Forecast for Tuesday, September 11, 2018



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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 Libra.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018: This year, you open up to a new approach to life. Someone who comes from a different culture or lifestyle helps you open the door. You find yourself becoming more upbeat. If you are single, you could meet your sweetie in the next month or in summer 2019. You could feel as if you're walking on a cloud. If you are attached, the two of you might buy a new home or expand your environment in some way. You will love your time together at home. LIBRA gives you tips to make your sweetie smile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Focus your energy on enhancing the benefits of a situation that you deal with nearly every day. You'll experience a great deal of advantages from relating to one specific person, ranging from financial gains to emotional support. **Tonight:** Thank a special person in your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ An offer might be heading your way. Your feelings might be out of control when dealing with a key person. You can't always keep it together! Look at a trip or workshop as being positive. You might be bounding onto new turf. **Tonight:** At a favorite spot with favorite people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You breeze along, touching base with many people. Your curiosity might be piqued along the way. Anchor yourself when dropping in on a favorite person. Your light and easy style, though charming, might seem superficial to others. **Tonight:** Wherever you can be spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You express your compassion through your domestic talents. You inadvertently create a positive change in attitude by offering a caring thought or gift. Someone appears to be transforming right in front of your eyes. **Tonight:** Relax with a bubble bath or massage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You tell it like it is, yet you also engage in the art of diplomacy. You can make someone smile even while criticizing him or her! This person might not realize the gist of your conversation for hours. Reorganize your schedule to your liking. **Tonight:** Be a little naughty.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You feel intensely about several people, but you'll want to limit how much you express those emotions. Ultimately, your choice of self-expression will be what sets the tone for the day. You will touch the other party with your thoughtfulness. **Tonight:** Balance your checkbook first!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Whether it is raining or sunny, you beam. In some way, a situation conforms to your liking. You understand the ups and downs, and might not be thrown by them. Invite a friend to a late lunch. Decide that the glass is half full, not half empty. **Tonight:** Indulge in a glass of bubbly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might have caught a case of the blues. Can you put it to music? Play a favorite tune and process those feelings. Know that a change in perspective can transform your mood and the situation. Try it – you have nothing to lose. **Tonight:** Find Libra for a more upbeat time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Friends, associates and family members don't hesitate to charge through your door. See the negatives of such unparalleled popularity. You can't say "yes" to everyone's requests, but you can spend a limited amount of time with most of them. **Tonight:** The going could get wild!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You wonder why so many people are saying "yes" to you. It's as if your wish is someone else's command. Incorporate this attitude into the workplace or in situations where you are the leader. Others comply with ease and wonder why you seem so easygoing. **Tonight:** Out late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You have a surprise up your sleeve. Others see the difference in your attitude. Curiosity will energize several friends to make inquiries. Know that you do not need to say anything. The less said, the better. The experience will intensify for you as a result. **Tonight:** Think "adventure."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ All's well on the personal side of your life. You are poised and well-informed. These characteristics tend to emerge more and more when dealing with a difficult friend or associate. Zero in on an important goal or project. **Tonight:** Respond to a loved one's overtures.

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Florence strengthens to Cat 4, takes aim at Carolinas

By Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Florence exploded into a potentially catastrophic Category 4 hurricane Monday as it closed in on North and South Carolina, carrying winds up to 140 mph and water that could wreak havoc over a wide stretch of the eastern United States later this week.

Communities along a stretch of coastline that's vulnerable to rising sea levels due to climate change prepared to evacuate the storm, which forecasters expect to be close to Category 5 strength by Tuesday. The South Carolina governor ordered the state's entire coastline to be evacuated starting at noon Tuesday and predicted that 1 million people would flee. And Virginia's governor ordered a mandatory evacuation for some residents of low-lying coastal areas.

The storm's first effects were already apparent on barrier islands as dangerous rip currents hit beaches and seawater flowed over a state highway.

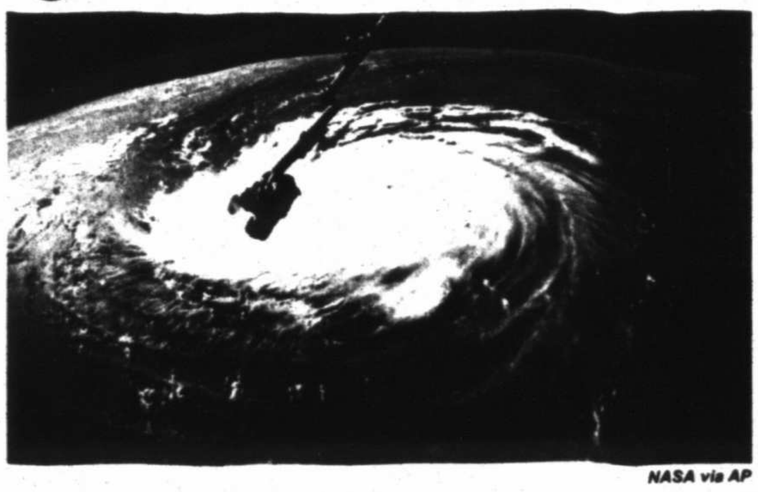
For many people, the challenge could be finding a safe refuge: If Florence slows to a crawl just off the coast, it could bring torrential rains to the Appalachian mountains and as far away as West Virginia, causing flash floods, mudslides and other dangerous conditions.

The storm's potential path also includes half a dozen nuclear power plants, pits holding coal-ash and other industrial waste, and numerous hog farms that store animal waste in massive open-air lagoons.

Airlines, including American and Southwest, have started letting passengers change travel plans that take them into the hurricane's possible path.

National Hurricane Center Director Ken Graham warned that Florence was forecast to linger over the Carolinas once it reaches shore. People living well inland should prepare to lose power and endure flooding and other hazards, he warned.

"It's not just the coast," Graham said. "When you stall a system like this and it moves real slow, some of that rainfall can extend well away from the center."



NASA via AP

This photo provided by NASA shows Hurricane Florence from the International Space Station on Monday as it threatens the U.S. East Coast. Forecasters said Florence could become an extremely dangerous major hurricane sometime Monday and remain that way for days.

A warm ocean is the fuel that powers hurricanes, and Florence will be moving over waters where temperatures are peaking near 85 degrees, hurricane specialist Eric Blake wrote. And with little wind shear to pull the storm apart, Florence's hurricane wind field was expected to expand over the coming days, increasing its storm surge and inland wind threats.

By 5 p.m. Monday, Florence was centered about 1,170 miles east-southeast of Cape Fear, North Carolina, and moving west at 13 mph. Its center will move between Bermuda and the Bahamas on Tuesday and Wednesday and approach the coast of South Carolina or North Carolina on Thursday, the National Hurricane Center said.

Two other storms were spinning in the Atlantic. Hurricane Isaac was expected to lose strength as it reaches the Caribbean, and Helene, much farther out to sea, may veer northward into the open ocean as the 2018 hurricane season reaches its peak.

In the Pacific, Hurricane Olivia triggered warnings for multiple Hawaiian islands as it blew west toward an arrival over the state as soon as late Tuesday or early Wednesday.

Preparations for Florence were intensifying up and down the densely populated coast. Since reliable record-keeping began more than 150 years ago, North Carolina has been hit by only one Category 4 hurricane: Hazel, with 130 mph winds, in 1954.

The parking lot has been full for three days at the Ace Hardware store in coastal Calabash, North Carolina, where manager Tom Roberts said he sold 150 gas cans in two hours Monday, along with generators, plywood, rope, manual can openers, sand bags and a plethora of other items.

"I've been doing this since 1983," Roberts said as he completed an order for another 18-wheeler full of supplies. "This is the craziest one."

Many newcomers have moved to the coast in the nearly 19 years since the last strong hurricane — Floyd — threatened the area. Roberts said he's telling them to get out of town.

"I'm telling them to go inland, but I'm worried about the rain and tornadoes too," Roberts said.

Several meteorologists said Florence could do what Hurricane Harvey did last year over Texas, dumping days of rain, although not quite as bad.

"I think this is very Harvey-esque," said University of Miami hurricane expert Brian McNoldy. "Normally, a landfalling tropical cyclone just keeps on going inland, gradually dissipating and raining itself out. But on rare occasions, the steering patterns can line up such that a storm slips into a dead zone between troughs and ridges."

On North Carolina's Outer Banks, Dawn Farrow Taylor, 50, was gathering photos and important documents and filling prescriptions Monday before heading inland. She grew up on the island chain, and says this will be only the second time she's evacuated.

"I don't think many of us have ever been through a Category 4. And out here we're so fragile. We're just a strip of land — we're a barrier island," she said.

In the village of Buxton, Liz Browning Fox plans to ride the storm out in her house on top of a ridge. She believes her home, built in 2009, will be secure, but it's hard to foresee all potential hazards.

"You never know, there could be tree missiles coming from any direction," she said. "There is no way to be completely safe."

In announcing his evacuation order, South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster said an estimated 1 million people would be fleeing the coast. Eastbound lanes of Interstate 26 heading into Charleston and U.S. 501 heading into Myrtle Beach will be reversed when the order takes effect.

An evacuation order from Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam applies to about 245,000 people, including parts of the Hampton Roads area and Eastern Shore.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said his state was "in the bullseye" of the storm and urged people to "get ready now."

Trump vents over leaks as Woodward pushes back on criticism

By Catherine Lucey and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump vented over White House leaks Monday as a new tell-all book commands attention, an anonymous writer detailing "resistance" in the administration remains at large and a former staffer reveals more private recordings of the commander in chief.

But while Trump continues to insist privately that he wants leakers punished — in particular, the author of an unsigned New York Times opinion piece — it remained unclear if his administration would mete out any discipline. Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said no lie detectors were being used to smoke out the writer of the op-ed, though she insisted the West Wing would like to see an investigation.

Sanders said it's up to the Justice Department to make that determination. "But someone actively trying to undermine the duly elected president and the entire executive branch of government, that seems quite problematic to me and something they should take a look at," she said.

A White House official has said Trump was just venting over the essay and wasn't ordering federal prosecutors to take action. It also doesn't appear that the essay revealed any classified information, which would be a crucial bar to clear before a leak investigation could be considered. The Justice Department said it will not confirm or deny investigations.

It appeared to be another instance of the president versus the administration, as Trump proceeded on one track while the agencies largely moved on another. There was fear among some Trump advisers that if the president felt that his staff or the Justice Department was not carrying out his order to find the leakers, then he could feel compelled to make changes.

At a White House press briefing, Sanders slammed the book "Fear," from veteran journalist Bob Woodward, as "careless and reckless."

Woodward staunchly defended his work, saying on NBC's "Today" show that Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and White House chief of staff John Kelly "are not telling the truth" when they deny making disparaging remarks about Trump attributed to them.

"These are political statements to protect their jobs," Woodward said.

Trump officials have rushed to distance themselves from the op-ed and from Woodward's book, both of which depict a White House mired in dysfunction, with aides disparaging the Republican president and working to prevent him from making disastrous decisions.

It was not clear how aggressive White House efforts were to root out the op-ed writer, though a person close to the White House who was not authorized to speak publicly said officials had focused in on a few names.

Some Trump aides, including lawyer Rudy Giuliani, have suggested that Trump would be within his authority to order a formal investigation of it. But it would set off alarm bells throughout Washington if the president were to mobilize the Department of Justice to investigate a matter in which no crime was committed or classified information disclosed.

Trump spent the weekend complaining about the book as well as the op-ed writer. He argued that the person purposely put the piece in the Times to anger him, and he has continued to focus on identifying and firing the author, even as some advisers have urged him to let the matter go, said a person familiar with the president's thinking but not authorized to discuss private conversations.

Trump tweeted Monday that he has been subjected to "Phony books, articles and T.V. 'hits' like no other pol has had to endure."

Amid the drama, former staffer Omarosa Manigault Newman sought to seize some of the spotlight by releasing a recording she said was of Trump talking to junior aides during a communications meeting. Trump jumps from topic to topic, talking about the real "Russia story" involving his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton; the deadly Niger ambush on American soldiers; and economic gains.

The op-ed was not the only thing on Trump's mind as he called around to advisers over the weekend, according to two people familiar with the conversations. He told allies that he was certain that his stance on the national anthem controversy contributed to the NFL's lower television ratings for its Thursday night opener — though ratings were largely up for the league's first Sunday of games.

Trump also derided his predecessor's return to politics. While the president expressed annoyance that Barack Obama was taking credit for the nation's economic success, he told one adviser that the former president's increased visibility would give Trump more chances to attack a figure who remained very unpopular with his base.

Stakes are high as 2-month sprint to Election Day begins

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Control of Congress and the future of Donald Trump's presidency are on the line as the primary season closes this week, jump-starting a two-month sprint to Election Day that will test Democrats' ability to harness opposition to Trump and determine whether the Republican president can get his supporters to the polls.

For both parties, the stakes are exceedingly high.

After crushing defeats in 2016, Democrats open the fall campaign brimming with confidence about their prospects for retaking the House, which would give them power to open a wide swath of investigations into Trump or even launch impeachment proceedings. The outcome of the election, which features a record number of Democratic female and minority candidates, will also help shape the party's direction heading into the 2020 presidential race.

Republicans have spent the primary season anxiously watching suburban voters, particularly women, peel away because of their disdain for Trump. The shift seems likely to cost the party in several key congressional races. Still, party leaders are optimistic that Republicans can keep control of the Senate, which could help insulate Trump from a raft of Democratic investigations.

History is not on Trump's side. The president's party typically suffers big losses in the first midterm election after taking office. And despite a strong economy, Republicans must also contend with the president's sagging approval rating and the constant swirl of controversy hanging over the White House, including special counsel Robert Mueller's ongoing probe into Russian election interference and possible obstruction of justice by Trump.

Despite those headwinds, Trump is betting on himself this fall. He's thrust himself into the center of the campaign and believes he can ramp up turnout among his ardent supporters and offset a wave of Democratic enthusiasm. Aides say he'll spend much of the fall holding rallies in swing states.

"The great unknown is whether the president can mobilize his base to meet the enthusiasm gap that is clearly presented at this point," said Josh Holmes, a longtime adviser to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. "Because the middle won't be there for Republicans."

Indeed, Trump's turbulent summer appears to have put many moderates and independents out of reach for Republican candidates, according to GOP officials. One internal GOP poll obtained by The Associated Press showed Trump's approval rating among independents in congressional battleground districts dropped 10 points between June and August.

A GOP official who oversaw the survey attributed the drop to negative views of Trump's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin and the White House's policy of separating immigrant children from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border. The official was not authorized to discuss the internal polling publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Those declines put several incumbent GOP lawmakers at risk, including Virginia Rep. Barbara Comstock, who represents a district in the Washington suburbs, and Rep. Erik Paulsen, whose suburban Minneapolis district has been in Republican hands since 1961.

Democrats need a net gain of 23 seats to take control of the House. Operatives in both parties believe at least 40 seats will be competitive in November.

Corry Bliss, who runs a super PAC aligned with House Speaker Paul Ryan, acknowledged a "tough environment" for Republicans that could quickly become too difficult for some incumbents to overcome.

"Incumbents who wake up down in the beginning of October are not going to be able to fix it in this environment," Bliss said. "But incumbents who go on the offense early can and will win."

Democratic incumbents had a similar wakeup call during the primaries after New York Rep. Joe Crowley, who held a powerful leadership position in Congress, stunningly lost to 28-year-old first-time candidate Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. She's among several younger minority candidates who defeated older, more established opponents, signaling a desire among many Democratic voters for generational change.

The result is a Democratic field with more women and minorities on the general-election ballot than ever before, several of whom are poised to make history if elected. Ayanna Pressley, who defeated 10-term Rep. Michael Capuano in a primary last week and is unopposed in the general election, will be the first black woman to represent Massachusetts in Congress. Rashida Talib of Michigan is on track to become the first Muslim woman in Congress. And Stacey Abrams in Georgia and Andrew Gillum in Florida would be their states' first black governors if elected this fall.

Crowley said the wave that led to his own defeat will have long-term benefits for the Democratic Party if it motivates more young people and minorities to vote.

"Look at the positives for the country in terms of engagement and the activity that it's causing and fervor that is forming," Crowley said.

Indeed, turnout for Democrats has been high in a series of special elections that preceded the November contest. Nearly 60 Democratic challengers outraised House Republicans in the second quarter of 2018. And of the 10 Senate Democrats running for re-election in states Trump carried two years ago, only Florida Sen. Bill Nelson has been outraised by his Republican opponent.

"We've got real wind at our back," said Tom Perez, the chairman of the Democratic National Committee. "The breadth and depth of the map is remarkable."

Despite Democrats' optimism heading into the fall, party officials concede that taking back control of the Senate may not be realistic. Unlike the competitive House races, which are being fought in territory that is increasingly favorable to Democrats, the most competitive Senate contests are in states Trump won — often decisively.

Democratic operatives are increasingly worried about Sen. Heidi Heitkamp's ability to hang on in North Dakota, a state Trump won by 36 points and visited on Friday. Democratic incumbents also face more conservative electorates in Missouri, Indiana and Montana.

Still, Democrats believe that if momentum builds through the fall and Trump's approval rating sinks further, the party could not only hold onto its current Senate seats but also add wins in territory that has long been out of reach, including Tennessee and Texas, where Rep. Beto O'Rourke is giving Republican Sen. Ted Cruz a surprising re-election fight.

"There's engagement and momentum like I haven't seen since the Ann Richards days," said Texas Democratic Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa, referring to the state's Democratic governor in the early 1990s.

While most of the attention is on the battle for Congress, competition for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020 is heating up. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker is scheduled to headline the marquee fall banquet for Iowa Democrats next month.

For now, former President Barack Obama is emerging as the top Democrat making the case for the party this fall. He returned to the political fray last week imploring voters upset with Trump to show up in November.

"Just a glance at recent headlines should tell you this moment really is different," Obama said in a speech Friday. "The stakes really are higher. The consequences of any of us sitting on the sidelines are more dire."

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Judge imposes gag order on lawyers in Russian espionage case

A U.S. District Court judge has imposed a gag order on public statements from lawyers involved in the case of a Russian woman accused of working in America as a secret agent for Moscow.

Judge Tanya Chutkan on Monday ruled that Robert Driscoll, attorney for Maria Butina, had "crossed the line" in his frequent public comments about the case.

Chutkan also denied a defense request that Butina, 29, be released and placed under house arrest. The judge agreed with the prosecution's contention that Butina represented an extreme flight risk.

The judge also chastised the prosecution for its initial allegation that Butina had offered sex in exchange for assistance and access. Prosecutors on Friday admitted this contention was based on a mistaken interpretation of one of Butina's text message exchanges.

LOS ANGELES

Olivia Newton-John diagnosed with cancer for 3rd time

Olivia Newton-John says she has been diagnosed with cancer for the third time in three decades.

The four-time Grammy winner, who will turn 70 on Sept. 26, told Australian news program "Sunday Night" doctors found a tumor in her lower back in 2017.

Newton-John says she's "treating it naturally and doing really well." The "Grease" star says for pain, she is taking cannabis oil, made from marijuana her husband grows in California. She has undergone radiation treatments and has cut sugar out of her diet.

She said, "I believe I will win over it."

She said she hopes her native Australia will legalize medical marijuana.

Newton-John was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1992, undergoing a partial mastectomy and reconstruction. She was diagnosed with breast cancer again in 2013.

NEW YORK

CBS sets aside $120 million for Moonves, but will he see it?

CBS revealed Monday that it set aside $120 million in severance for ousted chief executive Leslie Moonves. But whether he sees a penny of it is one of the tough and potentially incendiary decisions the network faces after his resignation over sexual misconduct accusations.

Despite Moonves' announced exit Sunday, outside lawyers hired by CBS continue to investigate allegations against him and Jeff Fager, the top executive at "60 Minutes." In a regulatory filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, CBS said it will release the severance money if the investigation finds there was no cause for him to be fired.

Any payment to Moonves is likely to anger the #MeToo movement that has brought down other powerful men in Hollywood and the media, including Hollywood studio boss Harvey Weinstein, NBC's Matt Lauer and CBS' Charlie Rose.

Meanwhile, Moonves' wife, Julie Chen, did not appear Monday on the season-opening episode of her daytime show, "The Talk," and co-host Sharon Osbourne said on the air that "everyone here at CBS is nervous about their jobs." CBS' stock price slid.

As head of television's most popular network, Moonves was among the most powerful and richest executives in the TV industry, making a total of nearly $140 million over the last two years.

His exit was announced hours after The New Yorker posted a detailed story alleging misconduct.

China vows retaliation if US imposes more tariffs

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

BEIJING — China on Monday promised retaliation if U.S. President Donald Trump escalates their tariff battle, raising the risk Beijing might target operations of American companies as it runs out of imports for penalties.

The threat came after Trump said Friday he was considering extending penalties to an additional $267 billion of Chinese products in their battle over Beijing's technology policy. That would be on top of $50 billion of goods already hit by 25 percent duties and another $200 billion on which Washington is poised to raise tariffs.

"If the United States insists on imposing another round of tariffs on Chinese products, China will definitely take countermeasures to safeguard its legitimate rights and interests," foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said.

Geng gave no details, but the government said in June it would impose unspecified "comprehensive measures" if necessary. That left American companies on edge about whether Beijing might use its control over the heavily regulated economy to disrupt their operations by withholding licenses or launching tax, anti-monopoly or other investigations.

China matched Washington's first round of tariff hikes on $50 billion of its goods, but their lopsided trade balance means Beijing is running out of imports for retaliation. The United States imported $3 of Chinese goods last year for every $1 of American goods bought by China.

Chinese leaders agreed in May to narrow that trade gap by purchasing more American soybeans and other products. But they reject Trump's demand to roll back official industry plans such as "Made in China 2025," which calls for state-led creation of global champions in robotics, artificial intelligence and other technologies.

Washington, Europe and other trading partners argue those plans violate Beijing's market-opening pledges. American officials worry they might erode U.S. industrial dominance. But Communist leaders see them as China's path to prosperity and global influence.

China's exports to the United States have been unexpectedly resilient, rising by double digits in July and August despite the U.S. tariff hikes. That might add to Washington's frustration and prompt more import controls.

Exports to the United States in August rose 13.4 percent to $44.4 billion, ticking up from July's 13.3 percent growth. Chinese imports of U.S. goods rose 11.1 percent to $13.3 billion. China's trade surplus with the United States widened to a record $31 billion.

Beijing matched Washington's first round of tariffs on $50 billion of goods. But after Trump's threat to target another $200 billion of goods in a second round of increases, China issued a list of only $60 billion of American products for possible retaliation.

China's imports from the United States last year totaled $153.9 billion. After the earlier tariffs targeting $50 billion of U.S. goods, that leaves barely $100 billion for retaliation, or half of Trump's $200 billion list of goods for the second round of tariffs.

Chinese regulators have so far targeted farm goods and other exports from states that supported Trump in the 2016 election.

They have tried to minimize the blow to China's economy by picking U.S. goods for which alternatives are available elsewhere, such as soybeans from Brazil, natural gas from Russia or pork from Germany.

Chinese regulators have shown their willingness to attack foreign companies in disputes with other governments.

Last year, Beijing destroyed South Korean retailer Lotte's business in China after the company sold a golf course in South Korea to its government for construction of a missile defense system opposed by Chinese leaders.

Beijing closed most of Lotte's 99 supermarkets and other outlets in China. Seoul and Beijing later mended relations, but Lotte gave up and sold its China operations.

China's entirely state-controlled media also have encouraged consumer boycotts against Japanese, South Korean and other products during disputes with those governments.

Discovery of dog saves Oregon man from sex-crime conviction

Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — The discovery of a black Lab named Lucy led to the unravelling of a criminal case Monday against an Oregon man who had begun serving a 50-year prison sentence.

Joshua Horner, a plumber from the central Oregon town of Redmond, was convicted on April 12, 2017, of sexual abuse of a minor.

In the trial, the complainant testified Horner had threatened to shoot her animals if she went to the police about the alleged molestation, and said she saw him shoot her dog, killing it, to make his point.

Six months after a jury convicted Horner in a verdict that was not unanimous, he asked the Oregon Innocence Project for help. The group took up his case.

When the group raised concerns in April about the case with Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel, he agreed to work with them.

Horner had insisted he never shot the dog. Finding the dog would show the complainant had lied under oath. But if it was alive, where was it?

An Oregon Innocence Project volunteer and an official from Hummel's office searched for it. The black Lab had reportedly had been given away by Horner's then-girlfriend.

It was in the town of Gearhart northwest of Portland, that the pair finally found Lucy after her owners agreed to rendezvous at a golf course.

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Does NYT op-ed thwart Trump or the voters?

ROSS DOUTHAT
New York Times News Service

After the New York Times Op-Ed page published an anonymous Trump administration official praising themselves and others for trying to keep the powers of the presidency out of the actual president's hands, I found myself nodding along to two kinds of essays about this inside-the-administration Resistance — even though they were making superficially opposing points, one against resistance, one in favor of it.

The first sort of essay argued that by working to thwart a duly elected president, the anti-Trumpers inside the administration aren't saving democracy but subverting it — and setting us up for a bigger crisis down the road.

Issues like free trade and foreign policy, where the anonymous op-ed writer vehemently disagrees with the president, "were hotly debated and thrashed out publicly in the campaign," National Review's Michael Brendan Dougherty pointed out, and "this adviser's side arguably lost the popular debate." When such a debate is fought and lost, The Federalist's Ben Domenech wrote, the losers "should want the voters to reap the benefits of their bad (from their perspective) decisions: oh, so you want a trade war? Let's do that then, and you'll pay the price."

To choose internal subversion instead, Damon Linker complained in The Week, is to basically decide that if a conservative president is "an ideological heretic," a non-Reaganite, he doesn't get to govern on the agenda he put before the voters — which makes True Conservative ideological correctness "more important than honoring the outcome of a democratic election."

By contrast, the other kind of essay argued that because the presidency's powers are so sweeping, having a president as personally reckless and unfit as Donald Trump simply requires people around him to supply some unusual forms of resistance and constraint.

There are so few "practical checks on the executive branch's ability to initiate force," wrote Zack Beauchamp in Vox, that letting an unstable executive have his way can court unacceptable risks — like nuclear war on the Korean Peninsula, let's say. "Surely," wrote Quin Hillyer for the Washington Examiner, "if a president rashly orders the assassination of foreign heads of state (contradicting federal law) or, Lord forbid, a tactical nuclear strike without ample justification, all Americans would want senior officials to slow things down rather than immediately implement those orders." One might say the same of Trump's obvious impulses toward politicizing his own Justice Department, firing Bob Mueller, and more.

The fact that I found both sets of essays compelling suggests that their arguments can be harmonized — and I think they can, to some extent.

One might say that insofar as the officials resisting Trump are trying to prevent his temperamental unfitness from leading to some mass-casualty disaster or moral infamy, they are doing the country a great service.

But insofar as they are just trying to prevent him implementing possibly misguided populist ideas, they are being presumptuously antidemocratic and should resign instead.

The trouble is, there is obviously a gray area between these two categories. And it's in the nature of ideology to convince people that only their preferred policy ideas stand between the country and disaster.

So, for instance, in Bob Woodward's account of White House maneuvers, the example of James Mattis slow-walking a fleeting presidential desire to decapitate the Assad regime strikes me as the admirable sort of internal resistance.

But then the example of Gary Cohn stealing a letter off Trump's desk to prevent him from dissolving the U.S.-South Korean trade compact seems closer to an example of the anti-democratic vice — because after all, Trump campaigned on renegotiating trade deals, didn't he? And yet I'm sure Cohn justified himself on more existential grounds, imagining the unraveling of the peninsular security arrangement and, eventually, a horrifying war.

Russia policy presents a similar gray area. Our nuclear arsenals and security commitments make it an area of existential danger where ignorance and rashness need to be restrained. But at the same time, Trump explicitly campaigned on a Russian rapprochement — so should we really cheer foreign policy hands who boast about frustrating that promise? But then on the other other hand, Trump's personal behavior around Putin is, let's be frank, super weird, in ways that make internal resistance more defensible.

Such uncertainty means that sustaining the combination that I've suggested — yes to prudent resistance to rash behavior, no to ideological resistance to populist policy — would require constant self-scrutiny among the people trying to manage this presidency from within.

And the most troubling thing about the anonymous op-ed — apart from the dubious judgment that inspired its writing — is that the author doesn't seem to recognize this issue, or acknowledge any distinction between protecting America from Trump's erratic personality and extra-constitutional whims and frustrating the agenda that won our president the White House.

An internal resistance that conflates those two missions may prevent certain disasters; let us hope it does. But it will not save the country or its party from populism; it will only make the next surge that much stronger, and ease the next Donald Trump's ascent.

OPINION EXTRA

Billboards on FM 1788 offer distraction drivers don't need

The Midland City Council likely will vote today to allow for the placement of two billboards on Farm-to-Market Road 1788. The item probably will not be the one that gets the most attention or discussion.

Someone might defend billboards and say that Midland wants to keep an image of being business-friendly. Someone else might point to an ordinance that allows for such billboard placement. There are reasons to allow it. But in the end, there are two questions worth asking:

- On one of Midland's most dangerous roads, do we really need to allow city-sanctioned distracted driving?
- Does allowing billboards accomplish the mayor's goal of turning Midland into a world-class city?

The answer to both questions is "no."

Councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss probably won't like it, but I am totally in her corner on this issue. In a perfect world, there wouldn't be billboards on FM 1788 or anywhere else inside the city limits. There wouldn't be the boards with one image, rotating images, a video board or a news crawl. I don't believe these billboards represent a necessary part of doing business in Midland, and I believe our community would look more attractive without them littering our sightlines.

But if we needed another reason, how about public safety? Thirty people have died on Midland roads this year, and anyone driving up and down Loop 250, State Highway 191, FM 1788 or any other well-traveled thoroughfare can probably tell you the last thing drivers inside the city of Midland need are more reasons not to keep their eyes on the traffic in front, behind and to the side of them. For every second a person looks up at a billboard, their vehicle has traveled 26.6 yards — a quarter of a football field.

In an op-ed piece in Sunday's edition, Hotchkiss wrote about the FM 1788 billboard issue better than I could:

"There have been 331 crashes and one fatality on FM 1788 from 2017 to the present. Traffic counts along this critical freight corridor have grown by over 20 percent since 2012. As traffic continues to increase, driving will become more challenging. FM 1788 carries a high percentage of energy industry traffic, some of this being hazardous cargo; it is also sign posted as a bicycle route. It concerns me that the city is being requested to approve two billboards in this area. We are all susceptible to distraction while driving. Why make this roadway even more dangerous?"

She added, "Why do billboards exist? Their sole purpose is to attract attention and advertise a product or service. They are placed near busy streets and intersections where traffic volumes are high. They draw the eye away from the road instead of focused on the road. The City Council has voted in the past to prohibit texting while driving to provide safety for our citizens. Billboards create a similar hazard as they also distract the driver's attention while driving."

If there is a way to designate Midland as billboard-free, the Midland City Council should move forward with such efforts. But today, we will take what we can get, and that is to have council members give a little more thought to a pair of billboards that won't help Midland become that world-class city, but probably will distract drivers traveling down one of the most dangerous roads in the city.

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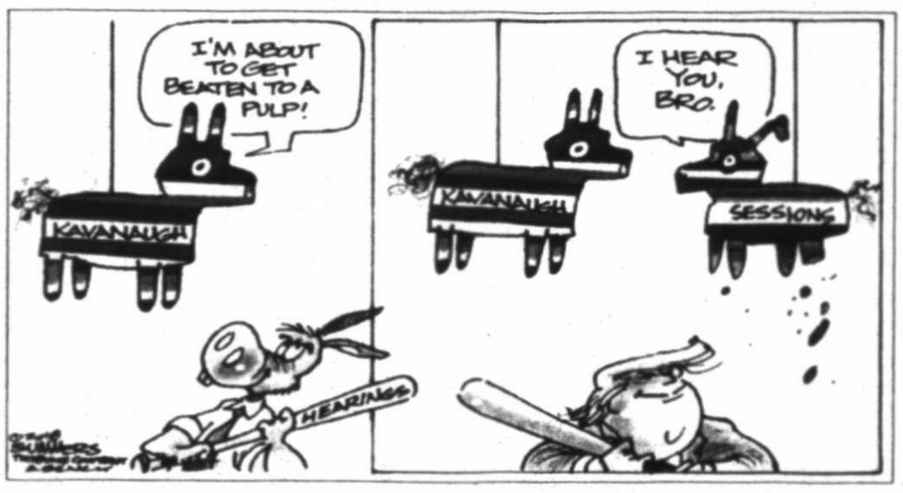


Democrats might regret crying wolf

ERICA GRIEDER
Houston Chronicle

Sometimes, I wonder what in God's name is going on in Washington, D.C., these days.

Clearly, there's a fair amount of chaos in the White House. I'm looking forward to reading Bob Woodward's book on the subject, which will be released (this week). But I wasn't expecting Donald Trump's West Wing to be a well-oiled machine. He had never held political office before being elected president. That was actually a central part of the sales pitch he made to voters while campaigning in 2016 — and if you're trying to "drain the swamp," you can expect the swamp creatures to object, surely.

Congress, though? Congress confuses me. Republicans control both chambers but are struggling to wield their power to any practical effect, except when it comes to confirming Trump's judicial nominees. Democrats, in response, are trying to make a virtue of their own ineptitude; we saw that last week, as the Senate Judiciary committee held hearings on Brett Kavanaugh, Trump's second Supreme Court nominee.

Kavanaugh, who has served since 2006 on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, will almost certainly be confirmed. No one seriously disputes whether he's qualified. And his confirmation is unlikely to change the balance of power on the Supreme Court. The seat he would fill was vacated by Anthony Kennedy, a Reagan appointee who retired in July after 30 years on the high court. Kennedy was considered a swing vote, but that doesn't necessarily mean he was a moderate — and he would have been able to anticipate that a Republican president would pick his replacement, even if the party has changed a bit since he joined the court.

Furthermore, there's no reason to be outraged by the fact that Trump has the opportunity to appoint Kennedy's replacement, because there's no reason to think Kennedy would have given Hillary Clinton the opportunity to do so had she been elected.

Also, Trump has, since becoming president, nominated a few outright bozos to various positions of power, so we should all be relieved that he avoided doing so in this case. Kavanaugh, if confirmed, will have a lifetime appointment.

All things considered, then, Democrats should have kept their powder dry. I could easily sympathize with the frustration they felt as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell whisked Neil Gorsuch through the confirmation process last year, after refusing to even hold hearings for Barack Obama's nominee, Merrick Garland, who is chief judge for the D.C. Circuit on which Kavanaugh serves.

But even if Democrats retake the Senate in November, they can't compel the White House to withdraw Kavanaugh's nomination in lieu of a progressive jurist, like Ruth Bader Ginsburg. And Ginsburg, as it happens, is 85 years old. Trump might well have the chance to nominate her replacement, too. If so, there's nothing to stop him from picking someone like Jeanine Pirro, a controversial and fiery former judge from New York who now hosts a program on Fox News.

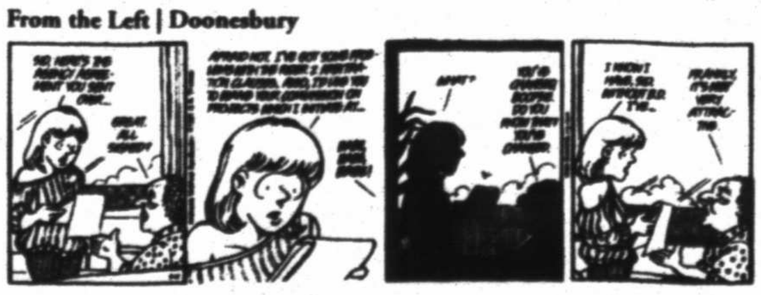
So it baffles me that so many Democratic leaders have taken such a combative attitude toward Kavanaugh. Over the course of (last) week's hearings, which were repeatedly interrupted by protesters, he's been cast as a potential crook as well as a conservative extremist who would rubber-stamp Trump's agenda, as well as his increasingly frantic attempts to undermine the rule of law.

I can see where such concerns are coming from. After everything we've seen in recent years, many Americans find it hard to trust Republican leaders. They have been remarkably loyal to Trump. And since being nominated, Kavanaugh has declined a number of invitations to criticize the president, or disagree with him about various things — including Trump's seemingly broad view on executive power.

But Kavanaugh's refusal to denounce Trump isn't suspicious, if you think about it. Clearly, the president is paranoid. Beyond that there's no indication that Kavanaugh has any personal affinity for Trump, or a past relationship with him. His involvement with the GOP predates Trump's decision to run for the party's presidential nomination by several decades; in the 1990s, Kavanaugh was among the lawyers who helped investigate Bill Clinton, under independent counsel Ken Starr; later, he served in the White House, as staff secretary to George W. Bush.

And Kavanaugh, if confirmed, would be under no obligation to side with the president, whose ability to pressure the Supreme Court is circumscribed by the fact that he can't fire any of its justices, even if he nominated them. Trump may not realize that, but Kavanaugh certainly does; and so do the Democrats who spent (last) week grandstanding against his nomination, and who may come to regret crying wolf during the course of this fight.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

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Futures

Monday $67.54
Previous $67.33

Posted

Monday $63.75
Previous $64.25

West Texas Sour

Monday $63.75
Previous $64.25

Natural Gas

Monday $2.804
Previous $2.770

Report: Global oil demand to peak in 2023

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Global oil demand will peak sooner than expected in 2023 as renewable energy expands and the adoption of electric vehicles grows more quickly, and yet the world will still fall short of the temperature goals adopted in the recent Paris climate agreement, according to a new report released Monday.

The new Energy Transition Outlook report from Norway-based energy consulting and services firm DNV GL sees natural gas surpassing oil as the world's largest energy source in 2026. Gas and renewables like wind and solar will keep growing, while oil will plateau and then steadily fall. Global coal use already is on the downswing.

Global energy demand will peak in 2035, continuing to serve larger populations but with more efficient energy sources. North American energy demand already peaked in 2014, and U.S. energy companies will increasingly rely on exports to ship out its oil and gas production.

The percentage of fossil fuels in the global energy mix will fall from 80 percent today to 50 percent by 2050,the report contends.

Europe is leading the pace in electric vehicle adoption and, by 2027, half of new cars sold in Europe will be battery powered. By 2033, about 50 percent of the new cars sold in North America, China and India will be electric vehicles, dramatically reducing the transportation sector's reliance on oil.

"This transition is wide and fast, and yet it's still not enough to get us in line with the Paris climate agreement," said DNV Chief Executive Remi Eriksen in a phone interview from Norway. "I think that's a bit alarming."

That does not mean we should give up, he said, just that there's much more work to do.

Albuquerque Journal via AP

A pipeline protrudes from the ground as cows graze in the background Nov. 15, 2001, in Bloomfield, N.M. The search for natural gas is creating conflicts with ranchers in the gas-rich San Juan Basin, and a federal land manager is trying to prevent angrier confrontations. A Houston-based oil and gas company wants New Mexico regulators to double the density of wells allowed in two counties.

Proposal seeks to boost gas well density in New Mexico basin

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A Houston-based oil and gas company wants New Mexico regulators to double the density of wells allowed in two counties, saying it will result in the capture of more natural gas.

The request involving San Juan and Rio Arriba counties comes as an oil and gas boom has helped to refuel state coffers and power a record-breaking lease sale in the Permian Basin in the southeastern part of the state that promises nearly a half-billion dollars more in revenues for New Mexico.

But environmentalists and landowners are concerned about increasing well densities in the northwest as developers look to tap more reserves in the San Juan Basin.

The request by Hilcorp Energy Co. is set to be considered Thursday by the Oil Conservation Commission.

Critics want regulators to put off a decision until a thorough environmental review is done. They're citing potential cumulative effects of the boom, saying more public scrutiny is needed before rules are changed.

Rancher Don Schreiber said the most pressing environmental questions in New Mexico is how many wells an energy company can drill. He has lived in the region for decades and remembers hunting deer as a boy across San Juan County's high desert.

"I've watched it go in a fairly short lifetime from a place of incredible beauty to a borderline industrial site and certainly doubling the wells would put us over the edge," he said.

An attorney for Hilcorp did not return a message seeking comment on the proposal.

The company stated in its application that it currently operates more than 5,300 producing wells in what is known as the Blanco-Mesaverde gas pool in San Juan Basin. It also has thousands of wells that are producing from other formations in the region.

Those additional wells are situated to recover reserves within the Blanco-Mesaverde formation that aren't being tapped due to current density limits, the company said.

Since the beginning of 2018, the oil commission has granted Hilcorp dozens of exceptions to the density rules. The company contends that updating the rules to allow for eight wells — up from the current four — on 320 acres (130 hectares) would prevent waste and boost the capture of natural gas.

Hilcorp's request follows a previous proposal to seek a change that would have allowed Oil Conservation Division staff to make decisions about well spacing rather than go through a public hearing process. The proposal piqued the interest of the state attorney general's office and it was ultimately withdrawn.

Environmentalists on Monday asked the attorney general's office to weigh in this time, citing concerns over public notice as the announcement of the hearing was printed in the legal section of two local newspapers ahead of the Labor Day holiday and gave a seven-day deadline for anyone who wanted to intervene.

They argued that wasn't enough time, given the importance of the proposed change.

Schreiber said granting the request would amount to a parting gift to industry as leadership at the state Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and the oil commission is expected to change when a new governor takes office in January.

State Energy Secretary Ken McQueen and Oil Conservation Division director Heather Riley both used to work for WPX Energy, which operated in San Juan Basin for years before shifting its focus to places along the Texas-New Mexico border and elsewhere.

How Midland-headquartered publicly traded companies fared

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $132.61 Down 0.30

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $6.13 Up 0.25

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $112.31 Down 0.54

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $6.37 Up 0.10

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $8.95 Up 0.05

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.85 Down 0.20

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $17.44 Up 0.41

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.50 Up 0.04

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $28.47 Up 0.10

Financial roundup

Stocks end losing streak

U.S. stocks broke a four-day losing streak Monday as industrial companies and retailers rose. Technology companies recovered some of their steep losses from last week.

Transportation and other industrial companies continued their recent rally and retailers like Nike, Home Depot and Walmart all climbed. While technology companies rose overall, Apple fell after saying a new round of bigger U.S. tariffs could push it to raise prices.

CBS slipped after it announced the departure of longtime CEO Les Moonves, and Alibaba skidded after the big Chinese internet retailer said co-founder Jack Ma will step down as chairman in 2019.

The European Union's chief negotiator said the bloc might be able to reach a deal with Britain by early November. The British pound jumped.

Investors expect the U.S. to put new tariffs on Chinese imports soon. The Hang Seng index in Hong Kong fell again Monday after President Donald Trump again threatened to tax almost everything the U.S. imports from China. The index has tumbled almost 20 percent since late January as the dispute has escalated.

S&P 500 index gained 5.45 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,877.13. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 59.47 points, or 0.2 percent, to 25,857.07 as health insurer UnitedHealth and aerospace company Boeing traded lower.

The Nasdaq composite edged up 21.82 points, or 0.3 percent, to 7,924.16. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks rose 4.29 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,717.47.

The S&P 500 fell 1 percent last week, its worst drop since late June.

Nike rose 2.2 percent to $82.10. The stock slumped 3 percent Aug. 31 as investors worried about potential backlash to an advertising campaign featuring former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick. Nike's stock has now regained almost all the ground it lost since then.

Technology companies moved higher as Microsoft picked up 1.1 percent to $109.38 and Broadcom rose 3.5 percent to $240.61. The S&P 500 technology index is coming off its largest weekly loss since March.

Apple fell 1.3 percent to $218.33 after it might raise prices on some of its products, including the Apple Watch and the Mac mini, in response to the tariffs.

Benchmark U.S. crude fell 0.3 percent to $67.54 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained 0.7 percent to $77.37 a barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline dipped 0.5 percent to $1.96 a gallon. Heating oil stayed at $2.22 a gallon. Natural gas rose 1 percent to $2.80 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Bond prices were little changed. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note remained at 2.94 percent.

The dollar rose to 111.21 yen from 111.08 yen. The euro rose to $1.1597 from $1.1586.

Metals rise

Gold was little changed at $1,199.80 an ounce. Silver rose 0.1 percent to $14.18 an ounce. Copper inched up 0.2 percent to $2.63 a pound.

Tribes: Trump illegally approved Keystone XL

By Matthew Brown
Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — Native American tribes in Montana and South Dakota sued the Trump administration on Monday, claiming it approved an oil pipeline from Canada without considering potential damage to cultural sites from spills and construction.

Attorneys for the Rosebud Sioux tribe and Fort Belknap Indian Reservation asked U.S. District Judge Brian Morris in Great Falls, Montana, to rescind the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline, issued last year by the U.S. State Department.

The tribes argue President Donald Trump brushed aside their rights and put their members at risk when he reversed President Barack Obama's rejection of the $8 billion TransCanada Corp. project.

The line would carry up to 830,000 barrels (35 million gallons) of crude daily along a 1,184-mile path from Canada to Nebraska. The route passes through the ancestral homelands of the Rosebud Sioux in central South Dakota and the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes in Montana.

"The tribes are talking about cultural sites, archaeological sites, burial grounds, graveyards — none of that has been surveyed and it's in the way of the pipeline," said Natalie Landreth, an attorney with the Native American Rights Fund, which is representing the tribes.

The tribes said a spill from the line could damage a South Dakota water supply system that serves more than 51,000 people including on the Rosebud, Pine Ridge and Lower Brule Indian Reservations.

An existing TransCanada pipeline, also called Keystone, suffered a spill last year that released almost 10,000 barrels (407,000 gallons) of oil near Amherst, South Dakota.

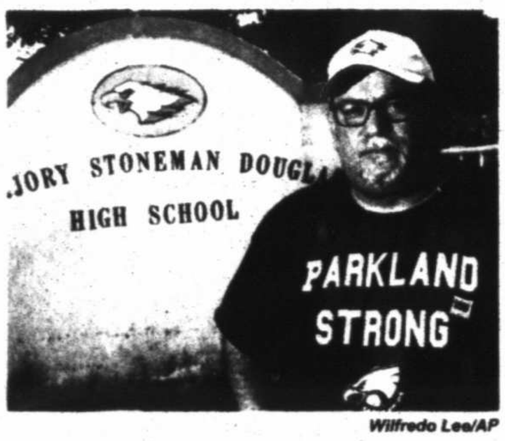
State Department spokeswoman Julia Mason said the agency had no public response to the lawsuit. The department has jurisdiction over the pipeline because it would cross the U.S.-Canadian border.

Calgary-based TransCanada does not comment on litigation and was not named as a party in the case.

In August, U.S. District Judge Brian Morris ordered the State Department to conduct a more thorough review of Keystone XL's path through Nebraska. The move came in response to litigation from environmentalists and after state regulators changed the route.

In yet another lawsuit involving the line, the American Civil Liberties Union and its Montana affiliate sued the U.S. government last week for the release of details related to preparations for anticipated protests against the line.

The groups cited confrontations between law enforcement and protesters, including many Native Americans, which turned violent during construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline through South Dakota.



Wilfredo Lee/AP

Stephen Feuerman poses for a photo in front of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School sign in Parkland, Fla., on Aug. 27. On 9/11, Feuerman saw the World Trade Center aflame through the window of his Empire State Building office and watched, transfixed, as a second fireball burst from the twin towers. Feuerman had always seen himself as a New Yorker, but "everything changed that day," he says.

Gerry Broome/AP

Heather and Tom LaGarde relax in the yard of their home near Saxapahaw, N.C., on Aug. 29. At first, the ramshackle North Carolina farm they spotted online in 2002 was only an occasional getaway from their home in Manhattan's Lower East Side neighborhood. They'd started to want one after worrying about their 1-year-old daughter's health in the 9/11 smoke.

John Minchillo/AP

Michael and Margery Koveleski, with their daughter, Lillian, sit for a photograph at their store Design Sleep in Yellow Springs, Ohio on Aug. 23. New York and church had brought the couple together in the 1980s: she a Haitian-American from Brooklyn, he a white art student from Massachusetts. By 2001, he was a furniture designer for a platform-bed shop, she a mom and frequent school volunteer. They had a small house and a full life. After 9/11, though, Michael sensed emotional burnout surrounding him at his lower Manhattan workplace.

John Minchillo/AP

Michael Koveleski climbs the stairs at his store Design Sleep in Yellow Springs, Ohio, on Aug. 23. "You're only going to change your life when things are bad — or terrible," Michael says. "Our thing was 9/11, starting over with nothing. ... I am thrilled at the way it came out to be."

'Wake-up call': 9/11 prompted some to move away to new lives

By Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — On 9/11, Stephen Feuerman saw the World Trade Center aflame through the window of his Empire State Building office and watched, transfixed, as a second fireball burst from the twin towers.

He ran through the 78th floor urging everyone to get out, thinking their skyscraper could be next. With transit hubs shut down, he couldn't get home to his family in suburban Westchester for hours. Among the dead were someone he knew from college and people he recognized from his commuter train.

Feuerman had always seen himself as a New Yorker, but "everything changed that day," he says.

Shaken by the experience, the apparel broker and his wife put their home on the market weeks later. Within four months, they and their two small children moved to a gracious South Florida suburb they figured would be safer than New York.

So it was until this past Valentine's Day, when mass violence tore into Parkland, Florida, too.

"There really is no safe place," says Feuerman, whose children survived but lost friends in the massacre that killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

The Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks prompted the Feuermans and an uncounted number of others to quietly move away from their lives near the hijacked-plane strikes that killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field.

Some sought a place where they could feel safe. Some placed a new importance on living near family. Others simply re-evaluated what they wanted from life.

As the attacks' 17th anniversary approaches, The Associated Press caught up with several people who left and asked: Have they found what they were looking for?

"IT REALLY MADE US HAVE A WAKE-UP CALL."

About 30 weeks a year, Scott Dacey drives from his home near New Bern, North Carolina, to Washington for a few days. The 350-mile (563-kilometer) trips are a price the federal lobbyist pays for peace of mind after Sept. 11.

He and his wife, Jennifer, were rooted in Washington before the attacks. He was a former federal official lobbying on Native American and gaming issues. She'd grown up nearby, though her parents had moved to North Carolina.

Then came the strike on the Pentagon, the paralyzing feeling of not knowing what might happen next, the weeks of watching military aircraft patrol around their suburban Virginia home.

"It really made us have a wake-up call: 'How do we want to live our lives?'" Scott says. "Do we want to be up here in this rat race of Washington, D.C.?" Or raising kids somewhere that didn't feel so on-guard, somewhere closer to family in times of crisis?

The choice wasn't simple, particularly for a lobbyist. The couple's 2002 move to the New Bern suburb of Trent Woods meant extra costs, including a Washington apartment and a then-advanced phone system to make sure Scott wouldn't miss clients' calls to his office there. Jennifer, already a lawyer, had to take a second bar exam in North Carolina.

Friends suggested the Daceys were overreacting. And it was an adjustment, going from career-focused, on-the-go Washington to the gentler pace of eastern North Carolina.

But it also opened unexpected opportunities. Scott is a county commissioner and ran for Congress; a Republican, he never considered seeking office in Democratic-leaning northern Virginia. Jennifer is a community college trustee and serves on other local boards.

And their children, 17 and 15, grew up in a town repeatedly ranked among the state's safest.

"It would not be for everybody, but for us, it's been the right fit," Jennifer says. "We're outside the bubble, and this is how America really lives."

"YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE WHEN THINGS ARE BAD"

Michael Koveleski isn't afraid of taking risks. His Christian faith gives him confidence he'll be OK if he does what's right, and he's a motivational-book reader who thrives on "tenacious optimism."

He needed plenty of it after he and his wife, Margery, left New York in the wake of 9/11 with four children and no work lined up.

New York and church had brought the couple together in the 1980s: she a Haitian-American from Brooklyn, he a white art student from Massachusetts. By 2001, he was a furniture designer for a platform-bed shop, she a mom and frequent school volunteer. They had a small house and a full life.

After 9/11, though, Michael sensed emotional burnout surrounding him at his lower Manhattan workplace, while security measures lengthened his commute from Queens and devoured his time with the children. Two months later, American Airlines Flight 587 crashed near the Koveleskis' home, killing 265 people. There had to be a better way to live, the couple thought.

The next spring they moved to Springfield, Ohio, where they had church friends.

If a better way, it wasn't always smooth. It was initially a challenge for the Koveleskis' children to be the new, mixed-race kids in an area less diverse than Queens. And Michael struggled to find work in the shaky post-9/11 economy. A man who'd adhered to healthy eating, he found himself grateful for $5 pizzas that could feed the family, which now includes five children. It took eight years or so before he made what he had in New York.

But when he did, he made it at his own business, Design Sleep, a shop selling natural latex mattresses and platform beds. His wife and older children sometimes help out at the shop, which has quadrupled in size during its 14 years.

"You're only going to change your life when things are bad — or terrible," Michael says. "Our thing was 9/11, starting over with nothing. ... I am thrilled at the way it came out to be."

"THIS IS THE PLACE I HAD THE DREAM TO COME TO"

Georgios Takos rides through northern Wyoming in his Greek-food truck with a souvenir New York license plate on the wall, a reminder of the place he once thought would bring his American dream to life.

Growing up in Greece, Takos longed to live in the America he saw in movies, the America where everyone wanted to go. He was elated when he arrived in New York City in 1986.

There were tears in his eyes as he left 15 years later, days after 9/11 shattered his sense of safety and his impression of his adopted hometown.

"This wasn't the America I remember when watching those John Wayne movies back home ... the place it was when I first arrived," he thought.

He headed for restaurant work in Arizona, then California, where he met his wife, Karine, a teacher. She persuaded him one summer to visit her home state of Montana.

There, and now in the couple's new hometown of Powell, Wyoming, he found the America he'd imagined — the wide-open West, the feeling of freedom.

As Takos launched his food truck, the Greek Station, Westerners largely embraced "the New York Greek guy." And Takos embraced Wyoming — "the real America," he says, where he finds life less rushed and people more caring.

"This is the place I had the dream to come to 40 years ago," he says.

"WE TRY TO ECHO SOME OF WHAT WE LOVED"

Heather and Tom LaGarde loved New York and didn't want to leave, even after she watched the twin towers burn from their rooftop.

They felt at home living on Manhattan's then gritty-artsy Lower East Side. She worked at a human rights organization and he, a former player with the Denver Nuggets and other NBA teams, ditched a Wall Street job to found a roller basketball program for neighborhood kids.

So at first, the ramshackle North Carolina farm they spotted online in 2002 was only an occasional getaway. They'd started to want one after worrying about their 1-year-old daughter's health in the 9/11 smoke. They had no intention of moving back to North Carolina, where Heather had grown up and her 6-foot-10-inch husband had been a UNC basketball star.

But over time, "we were very unmoored by 9/11," Heather says. "Even though I wasn't physically harmed, just to see it that close changes your perspective. ... Your priorities change."

So in 2004 the LaGardes moved into their farm near small-town Saxapahaw with two children, a few months' consulting work for Heather and no more of a plan than to keep their eyes open.

One day they saw someone tearing down a nearby barn. That led to starting an architectural salvage company, which led to starting a popular free music series and farmers' market at an old mill that was being renovated. Which led to starting the Haw River Ballroom, a music venue in a mill building, and founding a humanitarian innovation conference held in the ballroom.

"We try to echo some of what we loved" in New York, Heather says, "but living in an easier, simpler, more natural place."

"THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED ANYWHERE"

Fresh from dropping off his 16-year-old daughter last month for the first day of her junior year at Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Stephen Feuerman still thinks his family made a good move after 9/11.

He's sensitive to what his daughter and 18-year-old son, now a college freshman, have been through. But he also appreciates the community where they got to grow up.

"We've had a good life here," he says. "And again, this could have happened anywhere."

In fact, he appreciates Parkland all the more since the tragedy. It introduced him to neighbors he'd never met and plunged him into a whirlwind of events and advocacy on gun laws and other issues. He marvels at the support that has poured into his hometown, and he's proud of its residents' activism.

The Feuermans have no plans to move again.

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LATASHA MELCHER

GODDARD JUNIOR HIGH

Subject: Eighth-grade U.S. history

Number of years with Midland ISD: Three

Why did you choose a career in education? As a child, school was my safe place. I always knew that I wanted to become a teacher so that I could serve as a mentor to students and provide a safe place to many children who do not have access to that at home.

How have you moved beyond the basic curriculum and found innovative ways to reach your students? Students learn by doing. Throughout the year, my professional learning community has aimed to create engaging lessons where students truly interact with the material. My favorite lesson this year taught the Trail of Tears by having students use investigative skills and higher-level thinking to analyze a crime scene.

What is the one lesson you want to impart to every student who enters your classroom? I want students to leave my classroom with a greater understanding and respect for other cultures and their peers.

How do you inspire your peers, colleagues and others aiming to make a difference in Midland ISD? I have a true love and passion for my job and kids, and I hope to radiate positivity on campus that encourages others. I stay involved on campus and promote students and staff to build positive relationships by organizing events such as our student/staff volleyball tournament. I am also the leader of a new committee on campus that provides incentives to students and teachers for going above the expectations.

What are your professional goals for the future? I intend to stay in the classroom as a teacher, but I wish to seek out leadership roles on my campus.

What is the greatest challenge to being an educator in Midland today? One of the greatest challenges of being an educator today is trying to raise respectful students in a social-media driven world. Social media has made it too easy for our children to bully others behind a screen and access unlimited inappropriate material. As educators, we are faced daily with the challenge of encouraging our students to stay respectful and kind-hearted in a world where hate is at their fingertips.

What support can Midlanders provide you and other educators? I think Midland could provide more after-school programs and facilities where students have access to mentors and healthy activities. I encourage adults to consider volunteering as mentors for young students who may lack positive influences and adults in their lives.

About Latasha Melcher

Mrs. Melcher is in her fourth year of teaching history at Goddard Junior High School for the Midland Independent School District. Latasha taught Texas history for two years and just began her second year of eighth-grade United States history. Mrs. Melcher serves students in both regular and pre-AP history classes.

Mrs. Melcher is a natural born teacher. She works hard in her planning and preparation for her classes. She does everything possible to make learning in her class fun and hands on. Mrs. Melcher's class is definitely not sit and get. She uses technology, projects, games, debates and other strategies for students to demonstrate their learning. She is a contributing member of her professional learning community and in only three years of teaching has quickly grasped on to helping her team create quality assessments and then using the data for those assessments to guide next steps in the classroom. Mrs. Melcher is a great teacher, but her students perform for her because of the relationships she builds with them. She gets to know her students and holds them to high standards in regards to behavior and achievement. She mothers a few who need the extra support. She is willing to work with and advocate for any student who will meet her half way.

In addition to being an excellent teacher on campus, Mrs. Melcher serves Goddard in various other ways. She sponsors our cheerleaders, and these young ladies are held to high standards and expected to be a step above other Goddard students. Mrs. Melcher also leads our Staff and Student Celebration committee. She and the committee have organized faculty team-building, luncheons, recognition for teacher perfect attendance and various locker/door tags to recognize all the great work our students and staff are doing.

As you can see, this outstanding young teacher is very committed to her work in the classroom and on campus.

Shelly Haney, Goddard Junior High principal

TO THE READER

The Midland Development Corp. has partnered with the Reporter-Telegram to honor teachers and other district officials who make a difference in students' lives.

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Officials suggest ways to ensure credits transfer

■ Experts recommend to legislators that focus be on streamlining core curriculum, expanding academic advising, improving coordination between schools

By Eva-Marie Ayala
Dallas Morning News

Many Texas students enroll in community colleges hoping to eventually transfer to a university, but only about 20 percent of them end up doing it.

And each year, students spend nearly $60 million in tuition, fees and other costs on excess courses that won't help them earn a bachelor's degree.

The time wasted and mounting debt from courses that ultimately don't count toward graduation increases students' chances of dropping out, higher education officials and experts told the Senate Higher Education Committee on Wednesday.

Focusing on three key areas would make it easier: Streamline core curriculum, expand academic advising and improve coordination between schools, they told the lawmakers.

"What's going on here is a bit of social Darwinism," said Raymund Paredes, the Texas Commissioner of Higher Education. "The only students that transfer are the fittest, are the best-prepared. Consequently, the other 80 percent that don't transfer simply don't make it that far."

A major part of the problem is that students take too many classes or ones that aren't needed as prerequisites for their majors. While core courses taken at community colleges are required to transfer to a public university, they don't have to count toward a degree plan.

Standardizing core classes and narrowing options across the state could help, Paredes said.

For example, he noted that the state is already working on building a "field of study curriculum" for the top 25 majors. The curriculum outlines specific course sequences and guarantees that they'll be applicable for those degree plans at any public college or university.

But also complicating matters is that students aren't getting enough — if any — advising on exactly which particular core class is needed for which degrees, the experts said. An electrical engineering degree would require a different type of science sequence than a biology degree, for example.

"They have to pick from literally hundreds of courses, and sometimes they make bad decisions," Paredes said.

Repeatedly, education officials said lawmakers can help by focusing on legislation — and funding — that boosts college advising for students even as early as the eighth grade. That's when students start picking their high school pathway — which more often includes dual credit courses or advance classes that can prepare them for college.

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HUB FOR STUDENT ACTIVITY

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Members of the Cowden family and the Midland College board of trustees dig ceremonial dirt Monday during the groundbreaking event for the new June and Frank Cowden Jr. Dining Hall.

ABOVE: June Cowden speaks at the groundbreaking for the June and Frank Cowden Jr. Dining Hall at Midland College. **BELOW:** Linda Cowden, daughter of June and the late Frank Cowden, speaks Monday at the dining hall groundbreaking.

Midland College breaks ground on new dining hall

By Simone Jasper
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Midland College on Monday launched its newest campus project. A groundbreaking ceremony marked the coming of a dining hall that will extend from the east side of the Scharbauer Student Center.

Upon completion, the addition will total 18,600 square feet and have the ability to accommodate 480 people. The space will include an outdoor patio, community room and a commercial kitchen for campus dining and catering needs.

MC President Steve Thomas said having the dining hall in a central location could make it a hub for student activity, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story. The existing Jack E. Brown Dining Hall is located near residence halls on the northwest side of campus.

The new space will be named after June and the late Frank Cowden, whose daughter, Linda, serves on the MC Board of Trustees and the MC Foundation Board of Directors.

"Midland College is proud to have the new dining hall bear the name of June and Frank Cowden, Jr., a pioneering Midland family," Thomas said in a press release. "We are deeply committed to continuous improvement, service to students and community impact. This is an exciting time at Midland College."

Work on the dining hall will start after parking is added across the circular drive, according to Rebecca Bell, executive director of institutional advancement and the Midland College Foundation. The Parkhill, Smith & Cooper firm serves as architects for the project, which is scheduled to finish in spring 2020.

MC trustees in April authorized administrators to allocate up to $1.5 million from unrestricted net assets for the project, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram story. College employees, board members and foundation board members also helped to raise money for the project costs, which total $8.5 million.

Other funding came when the Rotary Club of Midland and the Midland West Rotary Club donated $100,000 for the naming rights to the dining hall's community room. The space will be available for the clubs and other local groups.

Construction of the dining hall won't impact functions at the Scharbauer Student Center, according to Bell. The Jack E. Brown Dining Hall is expected to operate as usual during the building phase and later will become a conference center.

MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

MC grad overcomes incarceration, mental illness

"It took four trips to prison and about 15 years before I finally got my crap together," said 37-year-old Justin North. "2016 was a life-changing year. My older sister, Alex, died of cancer in June. In August, I enrolled in the ADAC (alcohol and drug abuse counseling) program at Midland College. It was time to start giving back to the world, and especially my family."

North

North also credits the Bridges to Life program for his "attitude adjustment." BTL is a Houston-based nonprofit corporation that has programs in prisons throughout the state.

"The program taught me the meaning of empathy," North said. "I had always justified the crimes I committed as 'victimless' because they were financial in nature. Of course, that isn't the case. In addition to the obvious victims, my family and I are among those affected by my actions. When a person does time, the family does time, also — they aren't in prison, but the impact to their emotional stability is as much, if not more, than that of the person in prison."

North said he is been out of prison for two years and claims he is a completely different person — he is calmer and more confident. The crimes for which he was convicted include theft and forgery. He was incarcerated in state prisons in both Snyder and Teague.

He credits the BTL program with his increased awareness of the needs of others. His focus has shifted from thinking only of himself to being more conscious of the world around him.

North graduated from Midland College in May with an associate of applied science degree in alcohol and drug abuse counseling. He has begun taking classes at Texas Tech, where he will major in community, family & addiction sciences and minor in public health. His ultimate goal is to obtain a master's degree in social work and become a licensed chemical dependency counselor.

"I have a history of mental illness and drug use," said North. "This doesn't mean that I can't function in society. I just had to learn how to deal with my illness. I've never been an addict, but drugs caused me to make bad decisions, and I used drugs to excuse my actions."

North said he wants to devote his career to assisting people who have been recently released from prison. He said his past is one of his best educational tools. During

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Lasting greatness is found in simple acts of love

BRANDON SHUMAN
Midland Classical Academy

Midland Classical Academy's vision is "engaging minds, pursuing Christ and discovering greatness." Working from our core values, these are the things to which our organizational compass points.

"Engaging minds" speaks to the classical nature of our school. We want our students to not just know things, but to consider ideas and their truth — to think through the consequences — and to skillfully apply those thoughts into good actions. "Pursuing Christ" highlights the Gospel focus of our school. Our hope for our students is not only for them to have a saving faith in Jesus, but for them to have a meaningful relationship that beautifully transforms every aspect of their lives.

But what about "discovering greatness?" What does it point us toward? How do we measure and define "greatness?" What greatness are we discovering?

Is greatness academic excellence? We certainly want our students to develop a high level of understanding of subjects and their relationship to one another. We want them to function with proficiency inside the classroom. We want them to master the knowledge of a subject and skillfully apply its wisdom. Is greatness athletic achievement? We like to compete and to win. We hope to hoist more trophies after tournaments and raise more banners in our gym. MCA desires its students to taste the sweet rewards of academic and athletic success. But while these are good things to aim for, they are not the only greatness we hope our students discover.

True greatness is discovered through serving other people. The lasting greatness we want our students to discover is treasuring the intrinsic value found in other people. When Jesus taught his disciples how to be great, he taught them to serve other people.

And this brings me to one of MCA's most popular and meaningful traditions — Round Table Groups ("RT groups" for short.) RT groups are tight-knit communities of MCA Knights from seventh to 12th grade. One senior and one junior lead each group, with a faculty or staff member in a supporting role. RT groups serve three primary roles. First, they provide a sense of belonging for

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KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Fallout"		Bull "Reckless"		NCIS: New Orleans "Checkmate, Part I"		News (N)	(:35) The Late Show		(:35) J.Cordon
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Negligent Nymph"		Twilight Zone
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FLIX	340	575		165		(6:45) The Interpr...		★★ The Good Shepherd ('06, Spy) Angelina Jolie, Matt Damon.						★★★ Crossing Over Harrison Ford.			
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SHOW	320	545	19	140	25	(5:15) ★ Bad Moms		Shameless		Inside the NFL (N)		Kidding	Kidding	(:10) Inside the NFL		Kidding	Movie
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AAE	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Fast Friends/ The Thin Line"		First 48 "Down on Bourbon/ Deadly Trap"		The First 48		The First 48 "Bad Luck/ Red Dawn"		(:01) The First 48		(:02) The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) True Lies		★★★ The Day After Tomorrow Dennis Quaid.					★★★ Deep Impact ('98, Act) Elijah Wood.				
BET	58	-		40		Black Girls Rock!				The Bobby Brown Story					The Bobby Brown Story		
BRAVO	65	76		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below "Reunion" (N)		(:11) Flipping Out (N)		(:11) Watch What Happens (N)		Flipping	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People (N)						Treasure Quest		Bush "Raised Wild"	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Raven's.	Stuck/Mid.	Stuck/Mid.	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's.	Raven's.	Jessie 1/2	Jessie 2/2
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FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ Because I Said So		★★ A Walk to Remember ('02, Rom) Mandy Moore.						The 700 Club		Mother	Mother
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Power of Sports	Power of Sports	WPT Poker L.A. Classic		Rangers Insider	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Los Angeles Angels Site: Angel Stadium – Anaheim, Calif. (L)					
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HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	(5:00) Autumn Dr...		Love on Safari ('18, Rom) Jill Wagner.				G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		Flippers	Flippers	H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House	Flippers	Flippers
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	102 Minutes That Changed America				9/11: Escape From the Towers (N)				(:01) 102 Minutes That Changed America			
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SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	★★★ The Green Mile (1999, Drama) David Morse, Bonnie Hunt, Tom Hanks.								Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
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Jealousy, misunderstanding chip away at relationship

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I love each other very much. But we are both so jealous, we fight every day. The only time we get along is during sex and right after.

Recently, he found an email I had written when we first got together in reply to a message I had received about becoming an escort. I didn't follow through with it, and I have never cheated. I was broke at the time, and he had just been sent back to prison. I didn't know what to do.

How can I earn his trust and keep our relationship from becoming toxic? — TRYING TO MAKE IT WORK

DEAR TRYING: If the only time you and your boyfriend get along is during sex or right after, your relationship is already toxic. Rather than fight and accuse each other of infidelity every day, couples in healthy relationships build each other up and support one another. Total honesty between partners is essential. If he can't believe what you tell him, there can be no love, because there is no trust.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl and I hate my family. I have had an eating disorder for three years, and my parents haven't noticed. (It doesn't show because I'm regular-sized.) I think my parents hate me. They try to stuff me into a mannequin shell that doesn't fit. It's like I am a doll and not a person. I don't know what to do, and I am suicidal. But when I think about all the ambitions I have, I'm able to withstand another day, even though it is hard. Please help me. — DEPRESSED TEEN IN WASHINGTON

DEAR TEEN: Because you feel your parents may not take you seriously, be brave and tell a trusted teacher or counselor at school everything you have written to me, including your thoughts of suicide. Eating disorders can be very serious, and they are not always obvious. Because your feelings of depression are so strong that you sometimes feel you can't go on, you need more help than an advice columnist can give you in a letter. Please don't wait, and please let me hear from you again.

DEAR ABBY: When did it become someone's right to walk into a business with a pet? People walk in and never ask. Some of those animals hike their leg, and their owners giggle and never offer an apology or to clean it up. Dogs have jumped up on other customers while their owners stood there and said, "Don't worry. He won't bite." The last customer came in with a full-grown German shepherd!

I've gone through training on service animals, and these are definitely not service animals. What happened to common courtesies? — TAKEN ABACK IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR TAKEN ABACK: The demise of common courtesies happened right around the time when people began believing they were the exception to the rules. When ADA legislation was passed, it was so that people with disabilities would have access to things that able-bodied people take for granted. What you are experiencing is an abuse of that law by dishonest, uncaring individuals who have no sense of shame.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Luck or genius

North-South vulnerable. North deals

NORTH
♠ K J 10 9 8 6 4
♡ J 5
◇ 9 8
♣ A Q

WEST
♠ 7 5 3 2
♡ K
◇ A 10 6 2
♣ K 9 4 2

EAST
♠ A
♡ 10 7 6 4 2
◇ J 7 5 3
♣ J 8 6

SOUTH
♠ Q
♡ A Q 9 8 3
◇ K Q 4
♣ 10 7 5 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	2NT*	Pass
3♡	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All pass		

*Forcing

Opening lead: Two of ◇

You've shown a little something in hearts and partner has shown a little something in spades. What final contract would you pick with the North hand? Almost everyone, we believe, would bid four spades with the North hand, but this North, in a recent tournament in Europe, chose to bid three no-trump. Note that he wasn't protecting his ace-queen of clubs. He would be putting his hand down as dummy and risking a potentially killing club lead through his hand.

West led a diamond, not a club, and South won the first trick with the king. He led the queen of spades and overtook it with dummy's king, losing to East's ace. South was able to claim nine tricks a moment later when the defense could not take more than three diamond tricks.

At almost every other table, North played in four spades with a low heart lead. The contract could be made by rising with the ace of hearts and spearing the singleton king, but every declarer played low from dummy and lost the three obvious tricks plus a heart ruff for down one.

Was North just lucky or was he a genius? Let's call him a lucky genius!

MAP principal named Region 18 Principal of the Year

The principal of Midland Alternative Program has been named Region 18's high school Principal of the Year by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP).

Buck

Lena Buck has served as MAP principal for 13 years and has worked for Midland ISD for 24 years. Before serving as principal, Buck was a teacher and assistant principal at Jones Elementary School and an assistant principal at Crockett and Milam elementaries.

"My goal is to create a central resource center that provides our students and their families with resources to aid them inside and outside of school," Buck said. "My goal is to reduce recidivism of students placed in disciplinary alternative education programs by creating a restorative discipline culture that significantly impacts our students' lives.

"My hope is that MAP will be on the 'map' for the great things we do for youth," she said.

Buck and other region winners will be recognized at the Josten's Night of the Stars Dinner in June.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Music, math collide on PBS program

SANTA FE — New Mexico PBS has partnered with the Santa Fe Institute and the Santa Fe Symphony Orchestra to produce an hour-long educational program.

"The Majesty of Music and Math," which premiered Thursday night, explores the mathematical concepts behind music.

New Mexico PBS General Manager and CEO Franz Joachim said he wanted to create a multimedia tool for math teachers to help build interest and maybe boost scores, as New Mexico students consistently rank at the bottom in math proficiency nationwide.

Joachim said New Mexico PBS worked with the Santa Fe Institute and the local orchestra on the three-year project to create something even a "science geek" like him could learn from, according to an article in The Santa Fe New Mexican.

AP file photo

Special-ed teacher Kristine Cochrane works on coloring pictures with Joey Caban, 5, in the preschool classroom at the Frank A. Berry School on May 15, 2015. Thousands of additional children soon will be eligible for special education services after state officials eliminated an illegal cap that artificially tamped down Texas special education rolls for a decade.

State needs 9,000 more special-ed teachers

■ Texas Education Agency considering ways to incentivize, retain educators

By Alejandra Matos
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — Thousands of additional children soon will be eligible for special education services after state officials eliminated an illegal cap that artificially tamped down Texas special education rolls for a decade.

But even if the state fully funds the estimated $3 billion cost of providing that extra instruction, educators say one big question remains: Where will schools find up to 9,000 new special education teachers?

Schools already have a hard time recruiting special education teachers, so much so that the state offers incentives such as student loan forgiveness programs. But those incentives aren't enough to meet the demand, leaving schools across the state struggling every year to find enough teachers to provide specialized services to students. Now as the number of students needing extra services is expected to rise dramatically, finding educators will be even more difficult, state education officials and advocacy groups say.

"Nationally, we do not have enough special education teachers in the country," said Penny Schwinn, the Texas Education Agency's deputy commissioner for academics. "Texas is no different. We have shortages at the local level and in almost every state, and that's because it's a very high-needs field. It's a very challenging job."

A 2016 Houston Chronicle investigation and a subsequent federal audit found that the TEA illegally set an 8.5 percent benchmark that was a de facto cap on the number of students receiving special education services. The cap was in place for more than a decade and was well below the national average of 13 percent.

State officials estimate that eliminating the cap will cost the state up to $3.3 billion to provide services to more than 150,000 additional special-education students by 2021 — about a 30 percent increase. The Legislature also needs to find $50 million more to provide compensatory services to students who were wrongly denied special education services in the past.

In the 2017-18 school year, there were 32,000 teachers serving nearly 500,000 special-education students, about one teacher for every students. Because state and federal law requires special- education students spend as much time as possible in a regular classroom, many of these teachers are not dedicated special-education teachers.

If the state were to keep its current teacher-to-student ratio, Texas would need to hire more than 9,000 teachers by 2021 to keep up with the estimated increase in special-education students.

Kristin McGuire, the director of governmental relations for the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education, said meeting staffing demands remains an open question, but "it has to happen."

"Our members always find a way to make it happen, but I have no idea how it'll happen. We are already in a shortage," McGuire said. "Even with the money, I don't know where we are going to find the teachers. Right now, what districts are going to have to do, as they always do, is look at their staffing models and adjust."

TEA and the Department of Education already have declared a teacher shortage in special education. Several statewide studies show special-education teachers leave the profession or take other jobs at higher rates compared to other subjects. That leaves districts having to find replacements, often opting to hire educators without all the state-required certifications. In the 2016-17 school year, about 15 percent of all special-education teachers were not certified.

As part of its plan to boost special education services, TEA is awarding grants to schools that need staff to meet requests for new special-education evaluations. Schwinn said the agency is establishing policy forums to discuss how to incentivize and retain special-education teachers.

"We haven't established a fail-safe to ensure we have enough teachers in that area," she said. "It is something that we are actively considering and talking about."

PROFILE

From 2B

his last semester at Midland College, he interned in Midland's mental health court with Judge Elizabeth Leonard.

"There are a lot of people out there who have some degree of mental dysfunction," North said. "I want to help them become aware of it and learn how to overcome it so that they, too, can become a contributing member of society. I have learned that helping others allows me to work through my own problems."

North works part-time as a project coordinator for an oilfield service company. He said that even though it is considered a part-time job, he is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To relax, North enjoys "Netflix binging." His favorite show is "The West Wing," and he has watched all episodes four times. He also enjoys reading and all types of music.

"Reading and music kept me sane when I was in prison," he said.

North also gives credit for his new-found emotional well-being to his support system of family and friends, some of whom he met while taking classes at Midland College.

"Being older, I'm classified as a 'nontraditional' student, and this caused me some apprehension when I first enrolled in classes," he said. "However, Midland College made it easy for me. Everyone has been very helpful. Education is a bridge to something better, and my life is definitely headed in a better direction!"

Rebecca C. Bell is executive director of Institutional Advancement at Midland College and the Midland College Foundation.

TRANSFER

From 2B

Lawmakers expressed frustration that many of the challenges they've been working to address remain despite laws that are supposed to require that credits earned in community colleges transfer to universities.

"We're talking about the first two years of college," state Sen. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, said. "There (are) a lot of core courses that every student has to take. We know what they are. I don't think it should be that complicated to get them in line with our universities."

Officials from colleges and universities pointed to partnerships that are working on improving that process for students.

For example, Vistasp Karbhari, president of the University of Texas at Arlington, described his school's work with Tarrant County College to create an official transfer pathway that includes advising to help students take the right courses needed for a degree.

State Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, spearheaded a bill last year that would have created regional consortiums across the state's community colleges and universities to create transfer compacts. He asked Karbhari what the challenges are for such compacts.

"You're opening a can of worms, Sen. West," Karbhari said.

He said that North Texas-area schools are working with the Dallas Regional Chamber to overcome key obstacles to create such a consortium.

The major challenge is getting past the competition for coveted state dollars. The more courses taken at a community college, the less state funding universities receive, Karbhari said. This becomes more of an issue as the state reins in spending.

Then there are logistical issues, such as trying to get institutions to coordinate their processes and tracking technology. Students also have to sign off on allowing their education information to be shared because of federal privacy laws.

Bob Mong, president of the University of North Texas at Dallas, said that many four-year institutions are trying to make it easier where they can. For example, he explained how an incoming student had taken an accounting course that the university's business department didn't find rigorous enough at the outset.

Once the university's business professor met with the community college officials to find out why that accounting class was designed as it was, the course made more sense and UNT-Dallas officials were able to incorporate it into the student's plan.

"We have to work together," Mong said. "The issues are too big and too important not to work together."

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SHUMAN

From 2B

younger students. Second, they foster community across the wider student body. And third, RT groups are a servant leadership program for juniors and seniors. RT groups are fun. They can be silly or serious. But they always have the potential to be a place where MCA's loftiest greatness can be discovered.

The week before school begins, MCA juniors and seniors learn who they are partnered with and which staff member will be helping their RT group. They are told how many younger students will be in their group, but they do not know which students until two weeks later at RT Night.

RT Night is an evening of anticipation, excitement, energy and down-right zaniness. In preparation for RT Night, each group's leaders plan a theme This year's themes included "Star Wars," "The Incredibles," Spice Girls, and Michael Jackson's "Thriller." RT leaders decorate a table in the cafeteria according to their theme and cover it with small prizes, snacks and lots of sweets. Then they head to the gym in their costumes, makeup and props with music blaring to loudly welcome the rest of the student body.

As each group is announced, the leaders walk to center stage to music they have chosen, as the underclassmen sit in the bleachers waiting to be announced. One by one the students are announced to their group, and they run down the bleachers to high fives and hugs from their RT leaders. The members of each group spend the rest of the evening getting to know one another, hanging out and playing silly competitions.

"RT night is the kick-off. It sets the stage for vulnerability with all of its goofiness and ice-breakers," said Matt Waller, an MCA tutor overseeing the RT program this year. "We don't take ourselves too seriously, but the silliness has a purpose. We start by having lots of fun, which allows walls to break down and for students to ease into more meaningful relationships."

RT leaders take their groups to off-campus lunches once a week to further these relationships. Over lunch, leaders get to know and mentor younger students as they navigate the world of adolescence. For many junior high students, RT lunches are the highlight of their week because they get to go hang out with the coolest people on campus, who take a genuine interest in what they think and feel. When you are only 13, it is powerful to be listened to and befriended by an 18-year-old senior who can drive.

Kaleigh Boyt, a junior RT leader, said she loves the fact that the groups are based around a meal because it gives a shared experience for students to become more like-minded. She said she feels ready to take on the challenge of investing in younger students because she has benefited from the example of great RT leaders who invested in her when she was younger.

Additionally, some groups plan extra parties or other outings though out the year. Guys' groups sometimes plan paintball competitions. One of the best things about RT groups is that there is no real agenda besides investing in younger students. Lasting memories and valuable life lessons are gained through RT groups.

So, greatness at Midland Classical Academy is found not only when students apply themselves in academics and athletics. The most lasting greatness is found in the simple acts of love: a senior driving three junior high students to lunch, or an 11th-grader going out of her way to encourage and acknowledge a new freshman girl on campus as they pass each other between classes.

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AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Andrews' Leach off to great start for Mustangs

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Before the season started, Andrews head coach Ralph Mason said he liked the potential of junior quarterback Brett Leach and was confident that he was going to have a good year in his first season as a varsity starter.

After two games, Leach hasn't disappointed.

Leach followed up a good season opener with another good one Friday to help the Mustangs beat rival Monahans, 36-28, at the Mustang Bowl.

Leach completed 14 of 22 passes for 177 yards, three touchdowns and one interception, to go with 61 yards rushing and two TDs on nine carries. He also threw a pair of 2-point conversion passes and added a 2-point conversion run. Leach scored the game winning TD on an 8-yard run and then added a 2-point conversion pass to Mark Solarzano with 4:08 remaining in the game.

Leach

For his efforts, Leach is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Football Player of the Week.

"Brett shined again," Mason said. "He's had two good performances and I think he's just going to get better and better every week as he continues to learn the offense."

Friday's play followed up a game in which he threw for 521 yards, rushed for 65 and accounted for seven TDs in a wild 52-50 loss to Lubbock Cooper.

The biggest difference between the two weeks is that Leach and the team were able to cut down on turnovers.

Leach added that even though it was far from a perfect game against Monahans, it was at least a win and he felt a little more comfortable as a starter.

"I think I made a lot of improvements such as knowing the defense better and just making sure I know the scouting report better," Leach said. "I also trusted my line and trusted my receivers better to be in the position for me to make the throws I needed to make.

"I also did a better job at making my reads and adjusting to the different speed of the game."

Leach and the Mustangs also did a good job of performing in a game that had a lot of hype going into it, especially since these teams had played some nailbiters in recent years, including a 41-37 win by the Loboes last year.

Leach said the Mustangs were eager to

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LOOKING TO BOUNCE BACK

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Logan Acosta (12) closes in on Abilene kicker Colton Wilson on Friday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Here's what to watch for in Week 3

By Oscar LeRoy
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Week 2 of high school football provided its share of surprises and nailbiters and it also saw an end to a streak that no team ever wants.

The highlight of the week was arguably Big Spring's 33-7 road victory over Sweetwater that ended a 26-game losing streak for the Steers.

The bad news is that Midland County teams went just 1-3 after going 5-0 the week before. The lone win was Midland Christian's 22-3 victory at El Paso Americas.

What will Week 3 have in store for us?

Here's an early week look at what to watch, regardless of classification or location.

Here are the top five games this week:

■ **Lee (1-1) at El Paso Montwood (2-0), 5 p.m. CDT Friday, Socorro Student Activities Complex, El Paso** – The Rebels will look to bounce back from last week's home loss to Abilene High against a Montwood team that has held opponents to 13 points a game.

■ **El Paso Franklin (0-2) at Midland High (1-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grande Communications Stadium** – This is one that the Bulldogs need after dropping a 42-38 heartbreaker at El Paso Pebble Hills. Franklin is coming off a 43-27 home loss to Odessa Permian.

■ **Wall (0-1) at Midland Christian (2-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gordon Awtry Field** – The Mustangs have gotten off to a good start and now face a Wall team that is usually one of the better Class 3A teams in the region. The Hawks had their game against Cisco last week cancelled because of the weather.

■ **Monahans (1-1) at Big Spring (1-1), 7:30 p.m., Memorial Stadium, Big Spring** – The Steers are coming off a high of getting their first win in 2 ½ years, while the Loboes lost a tough

Please see **WEEK 3/4C**

Garrett stays course for Cowboys as Prescott's slump deepens

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Dak Prescott's difficulties in the passing game go back further than a loss in the opener at Carolina for the Dallas Cowboys.

Now that the slump has extended into a new season, coach Jason Garrett and his staff must weigh the factors and when or whether to make changes to try to fix them.

Garrett

Six sacks of Prescott and little running room early for star back Ezekiel Elliott magnified two significant questions on the offensive line.

Most of the focus, though, will remain on a revamped and largely unproven group of receivers trying to replace tight end Jason Witten and receiver Dez Bryant.

Then there's the play-calling, with offensive coordinator Scott Linehan under siege from the unemployed Bryant on Twitter, along with the fans.

"I have a tremendous amount of faith in Scott," Garrett said Monday, a day after a 16-8 loss to the Panthers. "We just have to do a better job collectively as a staff and as an offensive unit. That starts with basic execution, play after play not beating ourselves and then finding ways to generate some big plays."

Going into a suddenly important home opener against the New York Giants on Sunday night, Garrett also sounds as if the Cowboys will stick with the same five on the offensive line.

Joe Looney is replacing four-time Pro Bowl center Travis Frederick, out indefinitely with a condition that affects his nerves. Rookie left guard Connor Williams was beaten twice for sacks by Kawann Short.

"Joe Looney ... looked like he did a pretty good job in the game," Garrett said. "Connor Williams, obviously it's a challenging task for him Week 1 to go against that defensive front. There were some good things for him. There's some areas in pass protection that wasn't good

Please see **GARRETT/2C**

Deshaun Watson looks to improve against Titans without key lineman

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Deshaun Watson looked rusty in Houston's season-opening loss to New England, committing two turnovers and failing to move the offense consistently in his return from knee surgery.

Now the second-year quarterback must find a way to improve before Houston begins AFC South play on Sunday at Tennessee where the Texans will be without right tackle Seantrel Henderson.

Coach Bill O'Brien said Monday that Henderson is out for the season with an ankle injury. O'Brien added that Henderson, who was brought in this offseason to improve Houston's line, will have surgery on Tuesday.

O'Brien said that for Watson to play better this week the rest of the offense has to pitch in to help him.

But he did admit that Watson was a little rusty and that he has "to make better reads, better decisions" for the Texans to be successful. O'Brien was also quick to point out that Watson is still a young player so growing pains are to be expected.

"It's only I think his seventh game as a starter in this league," O'Brien said. "He hasn't played football in ... a regular-season game, in a while ... there's a little bit of rust involved in all of those things and I know that he will improve. He'll work very hard to improve, but there's a lot of work to do."

After Henderson was injured late in the first quarter on Sunday the Texans looked to rookie third-round pick Martinas Rankin to fill in. O'Brien thought he did a nice job and could look for him to do more with Henderson out for the season.

Rankin said it was a bit daunting to be thrown into action unexpectedly, but that having a positive attitude helped him succeed.

"Just telling myself: 'No fear. I belong here. They brought me here for a reason and I'm going to represent this organization the best I can,'" he said.

When asked about regaining the tempo the offense had in the six games Watson started last season, O'Brien lamented the fact that they started things off on a bad note when Watson fumbled a handoff on the team's first offensive play.

"That's just horrendous," O'Brien said. "To give the ball on the 15-yard line or whatever it was, 20-yard line, going in first play of the game, that's no way to start a game. So, it starts there."

The good news for the Texans is that

Please see **TEXANS/2C**

Brett Coomer

Houston Texans running back Alfred Blue (28) runs into the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown run against the New England Patriots during the third quarter at Gillette Stadium on Sunday in Foxborough, Mass.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TV

Curling
World Cup, Mixed Doubles: South Korea vs. USA, 5:30 a.m., OLYHD

Cycling
Vuelta a España, Stage 16: Santillana del Mar to Torrelavega, 9 a.m., OLYHD

Major League Baseball
Houston at Detroit, 5:30 p.m., ATTSW
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., MLB
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., FSSW

Men's Soccer
UEFA Nations League: Spain vs. Croatia, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2, UDN

RADIO

Major League Baseball
Houston at Detroit, 5:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas at LA Angels, 9 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa, KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Tennis
Lee at Odessa Permian, 4 p.m.
Odessa High at Midland High, 4 p.m.

HS Volleyball
Midland High at Fort Stockton, 6 p.m.
Monahans at Greenwood, 7 p.m.
Midland Christian at Reagan County, 6 p.m.
Pecos at Trinity, 6 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Assigned RHP Tyler Danish outright to Charlotte (IL). Reinstated 1B Jose Abreu from the 10-day DL.
DETROIT TIGERS — Transferred RHP Artie Lewicki to the 60-day DL.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Reinstated RHP Ian Kennedy from the 10-day DL.
National League
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Assigned LHP Buddy Boshers outright to Indianapolis (IL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Re-signed F Rodney Hood.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Signed F Luol Deng to a one-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Placed OT Avante Collins on injured reserve. Signed G Bryan Witzmann.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Placed TE Delanie Walker on injured reserve. Signed TE MyCole Pruitt from Houston's practice squad.
Arena Football League
WASHINGTON VALOR — Promoted interim coach Barry McDowell to head coach.
HOCKEY
American Hockey League
GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Named Zach Buck ticket operations manager.
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Named Brian McCormack director of broadcasting.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
LA GALAXY — Announced the resignation of coach Sig Schmid. Named Dominic Kinnear interim coach.
COLLEGE
CONCORDIA (ORE.) — Named Adam Riddle track and field throwers coach.
FISK — Named Kenny Anderson men's basketball coach.
NYIT — Named Evan Conti men's assistant basketball coach.

LOCAL GOLF RESULTS

10th Annual Ranchland Hills Ladies Classic
At Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Monday
First Flight
First Place — Lori Owens, Melinda Stephens, Sally Espy and Sherri Bowden
Second Place — Debbie Peden, Lacy Gasser, Paula Bettis and Paula Miller
Third Place — Denise Carbajal, Letha Cox Ims, Lori Carrasco and Tracy Youngs
Second Flight
First Place — Janell Burnett, Judy Hunnicutt, Kandace Bisin and Melissa Peterson
Second Place — Joy Harlan, Kathy Cowan, Kim Bice and Marilyn Westbrook
Third Place — Jan Reed, Judy Hilliard, Karen McDonald and Susan Taylor
Third Flight
First Place — Jerry Whitfield, Mitzi Price, Penny Price and Susan Schwertner
Second Place — Eve Parmelly, Jane Phillips, Pat Wickson and Sharon Brown
Third Place — Elizabeth Moses, Mary Jane Belden, Nancy Lloyd and Fanni Murphy

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
New England	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	48	17
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	3	47
South						
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	20	15
Houston	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	23	34
North						
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	47	3
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	34	23
Cleveland	0	0	1	.500	21	21
Pittsburgh	0	0	1	.500	21	21
West						
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	38	28
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	28	38
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	24	6
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	18	12
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	15	20
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	9	16
South						
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	48	40
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	16	8
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	40	48
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	16
North						
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	23
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	24	16
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	23	24
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	17	48
West						
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	24	27
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	16	24
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	6	24
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0

Scores & Schedule
Monday's scores
N.Y. Jets 48, Detroit 17
L.A. Rams at Oakland, late
Thursday's game
Baltimore at Cincinnati, 7:20 p.m.

WNBA FINALS GLANCE

Finals
(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)
Seattle 2, Washington 0
Friday, Sept. 7
Seattle 90, Washington 76
Sunday, Sept. 9
Seattle 75, Washington 73
Wednesday, Sept. 12
Seattle at Washington, 7 p.m.
x-Friday, Sept. 14
Seattle at Washington, 7 p.m.
x-Sunday, Sept. 16
Washington at Seattle, 7 p.m.

TEXAS LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

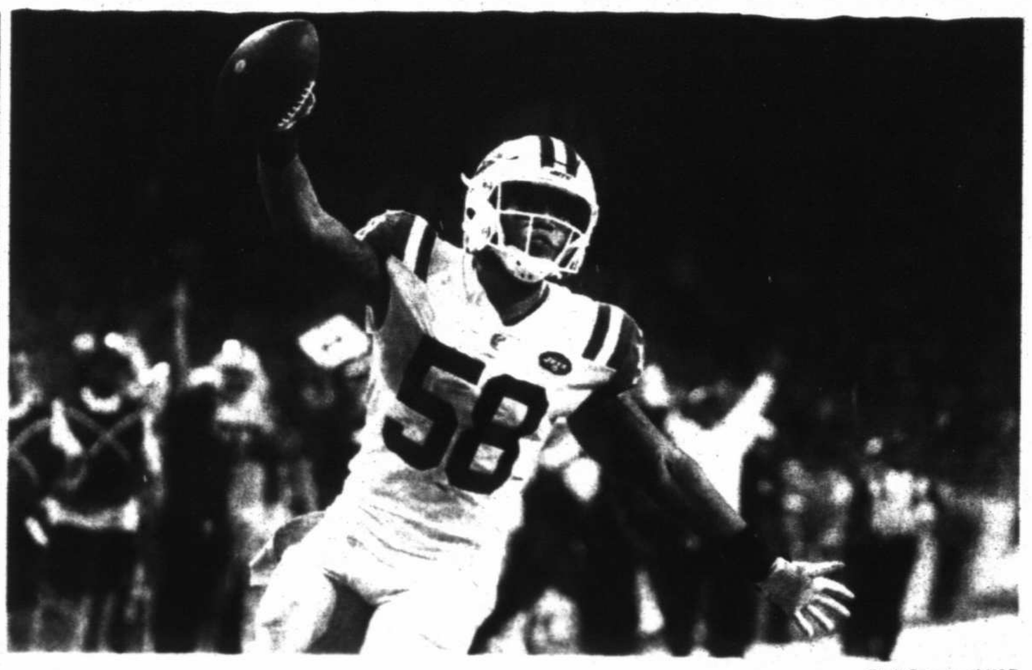
(x-if necessary)
Semifinal
(Best-of-5)
Tulsa 3, Arkansas 2
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Arkansas 5, Tulsa 4
Thursday, Sept. 6
Tulsa 6, Arkansas 0
Friday, Sept. 7
Arkansas 4, Tulsa 3
Saturday, Sept. 8
Tulsa 5, Arkansas 3
Sunday, Sept. 9
Tulsa 5, Arkansas 3

San Antonio 3, Corpus Christi 2
Wednesday, Sept. 5
Corpus Christi 7, San Antonio 0
Thursday, Sept. 6
Corpus Christi 5, San Antonio 1
Saturday, Sept. 8
San Antonio 9, Corpus Christi 8, 11 innings
Saturday, Sept. 8
San Antonio 3, Corpus Christi 1
Sunday, Sept. 9
San Antonio 8, Corpus Christi 1

Championship
(Best-of-5)
Tulsa vs. San Antonio
Tuesday, Sept. 11
San Antonio at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 12
San Antonio at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 14
Tulsa vs. San Antonio, TBA
x-Saturday, Sept. 15
Tulsa vs. San Antonio, TBA
x-Sunday, Sept. 16
Tulsa vs. San Antonio, TBA

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through Sept. 9
All-around
1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, $202,389
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, $167,403
3. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah, $133,804
4. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb., $107,995
5. Kyle Smith, Oakdale, Calif., $107,715
6. Curtis Cassidy, Dunseith, Alberta, $93,237
7. Paul David Tierney, Oklahoma City, Okla., $75,824
8. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif., $65,071
9. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., $62,796
10. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev., $60,005
Bareback Riding
1. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa, $177,570
2. Caleb Bennett, Thermopolis, Utah, $162,462
3. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif., $130,611
4. Orin Larsen, Ingle, Manitoba, $118,098
5. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, Texas, $113,437
6. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas, $111,523
7. Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah, $106,391
8. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb., $101,871
9. Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas, $101,403
10. Mason Clements, Springville, Utah, $99,536
Steer Wrestling
1. Curtis Cassidy, Dunseith, Alberta, $103,204
2. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss., $97,520
3. Scott Guenthner, Provost, Alberta, $91,163
4. Will Lummus, West Point, Miss., $88,330
5. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont., $86,074
6. Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas, $83,711
7. Bridger Chambers, Stevensville, Mont., $81,179
8. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La., $79,155
9. Jacob Talley, Hastings, La., $78,131
10. Tanner Brunner, Pleasona, Kan., $76,892
Team Roping (header)
1. Caleb Driggers, Hohenwald, Ga., $109,864
2. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla., $109,190
3. Dustin Egusquiza, Marana, Ariz., $100,805
4. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., $93,174
5. Bubba Buckaloo, Kingston, Okla., $85,326
6. Luke Brown, Rock Hill, S.C., $81,871
7. Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif., $81,669
8. Aaron Tsinigine, Tohatchi, N.M., $81,012
9. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., $81,004
10. Derrick Begay, Stella Dalton, Ariz., $77,366
Team Roping (heeler)
1. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil, $109,864
2. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo., $109,190
3. Joseph Harrison, Choctaw, Okla., $104,526
4. Rory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas, $100,805
5. Trey Yates, Pueblo, Colo., $95,284
6. Cory Petska, Madera, Ariz., $89,647
7. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla., $88,317
8. John Long, Coffeyville, Kan., $81,871
9. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., $79,812
10. Clint Summers, Lolo City, Fla., $75,483
Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Jacobs Crawley, Stinnett, Texas, $157,555
2. Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah, $153,487
3. Isaac Diaz, Dexterities, Texas, $115,311
4. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah, $113,559
5. Brody Cress, Hilsdale, Wyo., $111,599
6. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta, $111,480
7. Wade Sundell, Bonham, Iowa, $109,140
8. Clay Elliott, Norton, Alberta, $99,136
9. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas, $97,674
10. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb., $94,633
Tie-down Roping
1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, $125,487
2. Tyson Durfey, Weatherford, Texas, $125,014
3. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La., $118,004
4. Kyle Smith, Oakdale, Calif., $91,209
5. Travis Graves, Decatur, Texas, $88,210
6. Jake Pratt, Ellensburg, Wash., $87,663
7. Caleb Smidt, Bethune, Texas, $87,469
8. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, Texas, $86,675
9. Reese Nieman, Stinnett, Texas, $83,793
10. Matt Sherburne, Chubbuck, Idaho, $83,377
Steer Roping
1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas, $84,970
2. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas, $66,887
3. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., $62,225
4. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas, $49,585
5. Chris Dipvte, Keenesburg, Colo., $47,723
6. Travis Graves, Decatur, Texas, $45,343
7. Tony Reyna, Wharton, Texas, $44,717
8. Brodie Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla., $42,979
9. Garrett Hale, Snyder, Texas, $42,753
10. J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, Texas, $41,885
11. Bryce Davis, Cisco, Texas, $38,889
12. Jarrett Pfleuging, Paradise, Texas, $38,432
13. Chet Hunter, Pawhuska, Okla., $36,189
14. Will Gasperson, Decatur, Texas, $37,464
15. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas, $36,449
Bull Riding
1. Sage Kimzey, Stony City, Okla., $276,849
2. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont., $170,663
3. Dustin Boisset, Bourg, La., $111,332
4. Boudreaux Campbell, Crockett, Texas, $106,431
5. Jeff Askey, Athens, Texas, $100,702
6. Chase Dougherty, Corby, Ore., $99,351
7. Rescon Jenkins, New Plymouth, Idaho, $96,072
8. Eli VanBuskirk, Athens, Texas, $93,009
9. Cole Mayhorn, Bolivar, Texas, $92,540
10. Joe Freyd, Randlett, Utah, $92,328
11. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, Texas, $90,441
12. Clayton Sellers, Fruitland Park, Fla., $89,859
13. Elliot Jaynes, Fredericksburg, Texas, $89,350
14. Tyler Bingham, Henrietta, Utah, $88,791
15. Trevor Kastner, Raft, Okla., $88,585
Barrel Racing
1. Hailey Kinsel, Cotulla, Texas, $191,438
2. Nellie Miller, Cottonwood, Calif., $145,805
3. Brittany Pozzi Tonozzi, Victoria, Texas, $139,897
4. Lois Lindgren, Oelrichs, S.D., $123,516
5. Stevi Hillman, Weatherford, Texas, $109,231
6. Tim Bellis, Round Top, Texas, $102,975
7. Jessica Routier, Buffalo, S.D., $95,704
8. Kylie Weigel, Comanche, Okla., $90,074
9. Ivy Carrington, Hudson, Colo., $85,377
10. Stacy Hitcher, Ledbetter, Texas, $81,277
11. Cassidy Pitzsimon, Allingham, British Columbia, $80,847
12. Kelly Bruner, Miles, Texas, $80,657
13. Tracy Houlin, Hewitt, Okla., $64,805



Rick Osentoski/AP

New York Jets linebacker Darron Lee (58) celebrates a 36-yard interception for a touchdown during the second half on Monday against the Detroit Lions in Detroit.

Darnold recovers from 1st-play pick-6, helps Jets rout Lions

By Larry Lage
Associated Press

DETROIT — Sam Darnold made a stellar debut despite throwing a pick-6 on his first NFL snap and the New York Jets intercepted five passes while routing the Detroit Lions 48-17 on Monday night.

The 21-year-old Darnold became the youngest quarterback to start a season opener since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, and he got off to a shaky start. Quandre Diggs intercepted his ill-advised, across-the-field lob toward the left sideline on the first play from scrimmage and returned it 37 yards for a touchdown 20 seconds into the game.

"On that interception, I was pretty nervous," Darnold said. "After that, I put it behind me."

The former USC star shook it off and completed 16 of 21 passes for 198 yards and two touchdowns.

"He didn't flinch," Jets coach Todd Bowles said. "He didn't even blink."

Darnold helped the Jets set a franchise record for points on the road, surpassing the 47 they scored in 1967 against the Boston Patriots. He also outplayed 30-year-old Matthew Stafford.

Stafford threw four interceptions — one shy of his career high — and left the game briefly in the third quarter after being hit from the front and back. He was mercifully taken out midway through the fourth quarter and replaced by Matt Cassel with Detroit down 31. Stafford was 27 of 46 for 286 yards and a TD pass to Golden Tate early in the third quarter to tie it at 17.

The Jets dominated in all phases. They scored 31 straight in the third quarter to pull away, sending Detroit's fans for the exits and setting off a jolly green party in the Motor City.

It was the highest-scoring third quarter in team history and trailed only the 34-point second quarter the Brett Favre-led team scored in 2008 against Arizona.

New York scored on the ground and through the air, on defense and on a punt return. The Jets could've piled on even more in the final minutes but turned the ball over on downs after kneeling to take time off the clock. Darnold flipped the ball to a referee after the final kneel down, and the official gave it right back before shaking the rookie's hand.

It was a miserable coaching debut for Detroit's Matt Patricia.

"Had a couple good plays," Patricia said. "But a couple good plays isn't going to make a game."

New NFL head coaches dropped to 0-6 in Week 1, with Oakland's Jon Gruden the group's final hope for an opening victory in the Monday nightcap.

JETS-LIONS STATS

New York	7	10	31	0—48
Detroit	7	3	7	0—17

First Quarter
Det—Diggs 37 interception return (Prater kick), 14:40
NYJ—Crowell 6 run (Myers kick), 4:20
Second Quarter
NYJ—FG Myers 35, 14:57
NYJ—R.Anderson 41 pass from Darnold (Myers kick), 1:51
Det—FG Prater 21, :11
Third Quarter
Det—Tate 24 pass from Stafford (Prater kick), 13:10
NYJ—Enunwa 21 pass from Darnold (Myers kick), 9:36
NYJ—Lee 36 interception return (Myers kick), 8:07
NYJ—A.Roberts 78 punt return (Myers kick), 7:00
NYJ—FG Myers 32, 5:15
NYJ—Crowell 62 run (Myers kick), :54
A—61,356

	NYJ	Det
First downs	18	20
Total Net Yards	349	339
Rushes-yards	35-169	15-39
Passing	180	300
Punt Returns	3-137	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-45	0-0
Interceptions Ret	5-102	1-37
Comp-Att-Int	16-21-1	29-52-5
Sacked Yards Lost	2-18	0-0
Punts	3-37.3	3-50.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-49	3-15
Time of Possession	33:07	26:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New York, Crowell 10-102, Bi.Powell 12-60, Cannon 6-15, A.Roberts 1-2, Darnold 6-(minus 1), R.Anderson 1-(minus 9). Detroit, Riddick 4-20, K.Johnson 5-17, Stafford 1-6, Cassel 1-(minus 1), Blount 4-(minus 3).
PASSING—New York, Darnold 16-21-1-198. Detroit, Stafford 27-46-4-286, Cassel 2-6-1-14.
RECEIVING—New York, Enunwa 6-83, Pryor 3-49, Sterling 3-27, R.Anderson 1-41, Tomlinson 1-7, Cannon 1-6, Bi.Powell 1-5. Detroit, Golladay 7-114, Tate 7-79, Riddick 5-15, M.Jones 4-54, K.Johnson 3-20, Toilolo 1-7, T.Jones 1-6, Valles 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Detroit, Prater 55, Prater 44.

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enough."

Prescott had fewer than 200 yards passing for the seventh time in nine games. That stretch started when he was sacked a career-high eight times in a loss at Atlanta that triggered the Cowboys' slide out of playoff contention last year. It was also the beginning of Elliott's six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations.

Elliott's presence didn't help much against the Panthers, and the question going forward is how the Cowboys can hope to live off the running game when they haven't shown they can be a threat throwing the ball.

Focused on stopping Elliott first, the Panthers held the 2016 NFL rushing leader to 18 yards before halftime. Nearly half of Elliott's 69 yards, and his touchdown, came in the fourth quarter after the Cowboys had fallen behind 16-0.

If the Cowboys want something resembling the remarkable rookie seasons of Prescott and Elliott two years ago, when they had an NFC-best 13 wins, they will need bigger numbers from the focal point of their offense earlier in the game.

"We've got to start faster," Elliott said after the game. "That's not Dallas Cowboys football. That's not how we've ever played. If we want to succeed, if we want to go out there and win ballgames, we can't come out there and lay an egg in the first half."

Filling the void left by Witten and Bryant will probably look a lot as it did in the opener, except for draft-day trade acquisition Tavon Austin getting shut out. The speedy receiver and returner figures to have more of a role.

Holdover Cole Beasley had the most targets (eight), catches (seven) and yards receiving (73). The rest were split among newcomers Allen Hurns, Deonte Thompson and rookie Michael Gallup.

No. 1 tight end Geoff Swaim had three catches, and backup Blake Jarwin was open for what would have been the biggest play of the game for Dallas if Prescott hadn't underthrown him.

"We think each of those guys has some strengths and they have some different things that they can bring to our offense," Garrett said. "We do think as we go forward that mixing those guys in and giving them all an opportunity to contribute will be a good thing for our team."

The Cowboys have a long way to go to prove it.

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Watson improved as the game went on, leading the team to two touchdown drives late after settling for field goals early in the game. He should get a boost this week with the return of receiver Will Fuller, who missed the opener with a hamstring injury.

The speedy Fuller has shown promise as a deep-play threat in his career, but Sunday was the 11th game he's missed because of injury in his three-year career.

While Watson didn't have a great game against the Patriots, the Texans did get a solid performance from their running game.

Lamar Miller led the way, rushing for 98 yards after not running for more than 75 yards in 16 games last season. Houston also got a nice game from backup Alfred Blue, who added 36 yards rushing and a touchdown.

"The line blocked well. I thought when we got into a rhythm in the running game, it was good," O'Brien said. "We rushed for almost 170 yards, which was obviously one of the highlights for us on offense. I thought that Lamar ran hard. Lamar's a good pro, he does a good job of reading the runs and getting us good yards."

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Verlander saluted back at Comerica, Astros beat Tigers 3-2

By Dave Hogg
Associated Press

DETROIT — Justin Verlander knew this would be one of the most emotional games of his major league career.

He still wasn't prepared.

In his return to Detroit, Verlander received three standing ovations while pitching the Houston Astros to a 3-2 victory over the Tigers on Monday night.

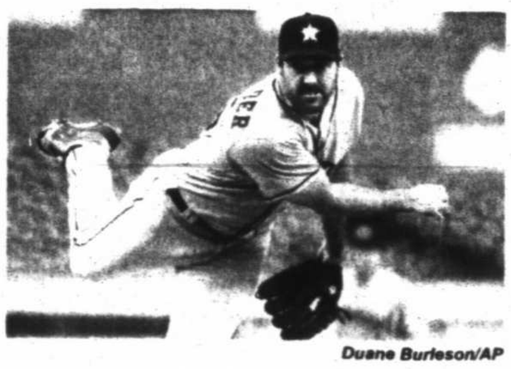
Verlander (15-9) made his major league debut with the Tigers in 2005 and ranks among the top 10 on several of the team's career lists. He struck out 10 over seven innings in his first time on the Comerica Park mound since being traded to Houston in August 2017.

"Our hotel is right near my old house, so I got to spend some time in the neighborhood today," he said. "I was trying to keep my routine as much as possible."

That hope ended early, as the scoreboard played a tribute video as Verlander was walking in from the bullpen after his pregame warmups. He stopped, alone in shallow right-center field, and watched the entire show.

"It was almost normal until the tribute video, but that really got to me," he said. "I had a lot of great memories in my 13 years here, and that brought it all back. I wanted to get to the dugout before it started, but once it started playing, I had to watch."

Verlander received his first ovation at the end of the video, and another when he came out for the first inning. Each time, he tipped his cap and waved to the fans.



Duane Burleson/AP

Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander (35) pitches against the Detroit Tigers during the first inning on Monday in Detroit.

The longest cheer, though, came when he walked off the mound after the seventh, having thrown 104 pitches.

"The one after the seventh really meant the world to me," he said. "The fans here were always great to be here, and they showed that again tonight. That was a really emotional moment."

The crowd was announced at 19,711 — the Detroit Lions opened their season next door Monday night against the New York Jets.

"Tonight mattered a lot to him," Astros manager AJ Hinch said. "It is important to him that he pitched here and succeeded here, so it was special for him to get back on that mound."

The World Series champion Astros opened a three-game lead over Oakland atop the AL West despite a sloppy game that came after a Sunday night loss in Boston.

"I'm proud of our guys, because there was a lot going on today, and we didn't play our best game, but we still found a way to pull out a win," Hinch said.

Verlander allowed two runs on six hits and one walk, improving to 98-50 at Comerica Park. Max Scherzer is second in career wins at the stadium with 46, while Jordan Zimmermann leads current Tigers with 14.

"He got exactly the response he deserved from our fans," Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire said. "He was a great pitcher here for a long time, and he did a lot of great things for this city."

The Tigers put two runners on in the seventh, but Verlander struck out JaCoby Jones and Jeimer Candelario to escape with a 3-2 lead. He tipped his cap again as the fans came to their feet after the final pitch to Candelario.

"This was a special night," Verlander said.

Roberto Osuna worked the ninth for his 16th save, including seven with Houston.

Francisco Liriano (4-10) allowed three unearned runs on four hits and four walks in six innings. He struck out seven in his longest outing since pitching six innings on July 4.

The Tigers took the lead in the second. Niko Goodrum doubled and later scored on a single by Dawel Lugo.

Liriano's wild pitch and an error by shortstop Ronny Rodriguez allowed the Astros to score three unearned runs in the third. Tyler White and Marwin Gonzalez hit RBI singles, while the Tigers failed to turn two potential double plays.

"You have to make plays," Gardenhire said. "When you miss plays, that's what always happens. We had a chance to get some outs, didn't do it, and it cost us runs."

Verlander settled down after the second, retiring the next nine batters. Candelario walked to start the sixth, Christin Stewart followed with his first major league hit and Nicholas Castellanos had a sacrifice fly.

"If someone had told me that I was going to get my first hit off Justin Verlander in my first major league start... geez," Stewart said. "It was a pretty out-of-body experience."

Castellanos made a leaping catch at the right field fence to take an extra-base hit away from Gonzalez in the eighth.

Josh Reddick, in the game for Houston as a defensive replacement, started an inning-ending double play in the eighth with a sliding catch in left field.

Keselowski makes it a Penske sweep

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — First, Brad Keselowski figured out the secret to restarting at the Brickyard 400.

Then he safely and strategically bumped his way into the lead and sped to the finish line.

One year after settling for second in a chaotic, crash-marred race last year, Keselowski redeemed himself by earning his second straight major win and finally giving team owner Roger Penske the elusive Brickyard win.

The 2010 Cup champion got past race leader Denny Hamlin on the second-to-last lap and beat Erik Jones to the finish line by 0.904 seconds. Hamlin finished third.

"Last year, I lost this race almost the exact same way. To bring it home this way, after messing up last year, is just incredible," Keselowski said. "We were hoping this would be No. 500 and the Brickyard, but that's all right."

Penske certainly won't be complaining about getting win No. 499 on the same historic 2.5-mile oval where he has won a record 17 Indianapolis 500 crowns.

His first win 25 Cup tries at his favorite racing venue came on one of the rare days he wasn't actually attending in the pits for the rain-delayed race.

But Penske now joins Chip Ganassi as the only owners to win the Indy double in the same season. Will Power captured his first 500 win in May, while Dario Franchitti and Jamie McMurray both won at the Brickyard in 2010 for Ganassi.

The timing couldn't be better for Keselowski. He heads into the first round of the playoffs with momentum following wins at the Southern 500 and the Brickyard.

And he earned this one the hard way.

He stayed close off the final restart with three laps to go, then quickly chased down Hamlin, running side by side with the race leader briefly on Lap 159. At one point, the cars touched but both drivers maintained control and Keselowski made the decisive move in the front straightaway just as the white flag started to come out.

Nobody got close again.

"Not having guys in the back wreck," Hamlin said when asked what could have gone differently, referring to the late crash involving Landon Cassill and Jeffrey Earnhardt. "That allowed all the guys who take tires to come back up there at the end. It happens sometimes."

Hamlin's consolation prize will be joining Keselowski and Jones in the first round of the playoffs next week.

Seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson and Alex Bowman captured the final two open playoff spots in the 10-race sprint to the championship.

Setting the field

Fourteen drivers went into the race knowing they would compete for this year's title and now they know how they stack up.

Kurt Busch clinched the regular-season title with an eighth-place finish in the No. 18 Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing. His teammates, Jones and Hamlin, are seeded 10th and 13th.

Keselowski, fourth, will be joined by Penske teammates Joey Logano, sixth, and Ryan Blaney, ninth. Stewart-Haas Racing drivers claimed four postseason spots — Kevin Harvick (second), Clint Bowyer (fifth), Kurt Busch (seventh) and Aric Almirola (14th).

Martin Truex Jr., of Furniture Row Racing, is seeded third even though exiting late in the first stage Monday.

The other drivers are: Hendrick Motorsports teammates Chase Elliott (eighth), Johnson (15th) and Bowman (16th), Austin Dillon of Richard Childress Racing and Kyle Larson of Chip Ganassi Racing. Dillon is seeded 11th and Larson is 12th.

Ford will have seven starters in the field, Chevrolet has five and Toyota has four.

Cool & dry

Series officials and race organizers wanted the Brickyard moved out of the searing July heat in hopes of boost attendance with cooler temperatures around the track.

That part certainly worked. The Xfinity Series race started with temperatures in the high 50s. A few hours later, the Cup race started with temperatures in the mid-60s.

What they didn't expect was three solid days of heavy rain, forcing a postponement of all track activity until Monday. No drivers got to practice or qualify before the racing doubleheader began Monday, and the crowd remained sparse for the rare weekday race.

The winners

Bowyer won the first stage Monday by 0.285 seconds over Kurt Busch. Hamlin finished third in that stage, which was marred two competition cautions and the crash that knocked Truex out of the race.

Matt Kenseth took the second stage when several drivers in the lead pack decided to pit before the third and final stage. Elliott finished second and Jones was third.

Keselowski also became the first Ford driver to win at Indy since Dale Jarrett in 1999.

Up next

The series shifts back west to Las Vegas, where the focus will be on the playoff.

AUTO RACING RESULTS

NASCAR Monster Energy Cup-Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard Results
Monday
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Indianapolis
Lap length: 2.89 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (6) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 160
2. (13) Erik Jones, Toyota, 160
3. (10) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 160
4. (2) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 160
5. (9) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 160
6. (4) Kurt Busch, Ford, 160
7. (21) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 160
8. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 160
9. (19) Paul Menard, Ford, 160
10. (17) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 160
11. (8) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 160
12. (29) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 160
13. (5) Joey Logano, Ford, 160
14. (7) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 160
15. (11) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 160
16. (14) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 160
17. (26) Michael McDowell, Ford, 160
18. (20) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 160
19. (22) William Byron, Chevrolet, 160
20. (27) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 160
21. (30) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 160
22. (18) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 160
23. (12) Aric Almirola, Ford, 159
24. (25) David Ragan, Ford, 159
25. (23) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 158
26. (32) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 158
27. (33) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 158
28. (38) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 158
29. (35) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 157
30. (40) BJ McLeod, Ford, 157
31. (34) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, Accident, 150
32. (37) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Toyota, Accident, 150
33. (15) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 142
34. (16) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, Engine, 135
35. (39) Timmy Hill, Toyota, Fuel Pump, 124
36. (31) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, Rear End, 89
37. (24) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, Accident, 68
38. (28) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, Accident, 57
39. (36) David Starr, Chevrolet, Accident, 57
40. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, Brakes, 41

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 128.629 mph.
Time of Race: 3 Hours, 6 Minutes, 35 Seconds. Margin of Victory: 0.904 Seconds.
Caution Flags: 10 for 39 laps.
Lead Changes: 14 among 9 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Kyle Busch 1-11; D. Hamlin 12-82; Kurt Busch 83-94; C. Bowyer 95-97; Kyle Busch 98-107; K. Harvick 108-109; C. Bowyer 110-114; M. Kenseth 115-117; W. Byron 118-119; C. Bowyer 120-121; R. Blaney 122; Kurt Busch 123-125; B. Keselowski 126-142; D. Hamlin 143-159; B. Keselowski 160-160.
Leaders Summary (Driver,Times Led, Laps Led): C. Bowyer 3 times for 37 laps; D. Hamlin 2 times for 27 laps; Kyle Busch 2 times for 27 laps; K. Harvick 1 time for 22 laps; Kurt Busch 2 times for 19 laps; B. Keselowski 2 times for 9 laps; M. Kenseth 1 time for 5 laps; W. Byron 1 time for 3 laps; R. Blaney 1 time for 1 lap.

NASCAR Xfinity Lilly Diabetes 250 Results
Monday
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Indianapolis
Lap length: 2.5 miles
Starting position in parentheses

1. (2) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 100 laps.
2. (9) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 100
3. (1) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 100.
4. (16) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 100.
5. (8) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 100
6. (12) Matt Tifft, Chevrolet, 100.
7. (7) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 100
8. (32) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 100.
9. (22) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 100.
10. (11) Brandon Jones, Toyota, 100.
11. (15) Ryan Reed, Ford, 100.
12. (18) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 100
13. (19) Ryan Sieg, Chevrolet, 100.
14. (18) Jeremy Clements, Chevrolet, 100
15. (21) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 100
16. (28) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 100.
17. (30) Vinnie Miller, Chevrolet, 99
18. (29) David Starr, Chevrolet, 99
19. (20) Alex Labbe, Chevrolet, 98.
20. (23) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet, 98.
21. (36) Chad Finchum, Toyota, 98
22. (13) Ryan Truex, Chevrolet, 97.
23. (26) Caesar Bacarella, Chevrolet, 89.
24. (25) Josh Williams, Chevrolet, suspension, 82.
25. (6) John Hunter Nemechek, Chevrolet, accident, 80.
26. (38) Mike Harmon, Chevrolet, oil leak, 65.
27. (24) Tommy Joe Martins, Chevrolet, 63
28. (3) Ryan Preece, Toyota, accident, 70.
29. (5) Cole Custer, Ford, accident, 71.
30. (27) JJ Yeley, Chevrolet, electrical, 67
31. (17) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, vibration, 51
32. (40) Morgan Shepherd, Chevrolet, fuel pump, 34
33. (14) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, accident, 34.
34. (31) Austin Cindric, Ford, accident, 24.
35. (4) Elliott Sadler, Chevrolet, accident, 22
36. (34) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, accident, 22.
37. (37) Brandon Hightower, Dodge, accident, 20.
38. (35) Josh Bilicki, Toyota, vibration, 19.
39. (39) Bayley Currey, Toyota, vibration, 14.
40. (33) Jeff Green, Chevrolet, vibration, 8.

Average Speed of Race Winner: 112.059 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 13 minutes, 59 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.092 seconds.
Caution Flags: 7 for 31 laps.
Lead Changes: 14 among 9 drivers.
Lap Leaders: 0; J. Allgaier 1-11; J. Yeley 12; T. Dillon 13-14; J. Allgaier 15; T. Dillon 16-17; J. Allgaier 18-69; J. Nemechek 70-71; M. Tifft 72-74; T. Reddick 75-97; D. Hemric 98-99; A. Dillon 100-100; M. Tifft 101-70; C. Elliott 71-89; J. Allgaier 90-100.
Leaders Summary (Driver, times led, laps led): J. Allgaier 4 times for 61 laps; D. Hemric 1 time for 25 laps; C. Elliott 1 time for 19 laps; M. Tifft 2 times for 8 laps; T. Dillon 2 times for 4 laps; A. Dillon 1 time for 0 laps; T. Reddick 1 time for 3 laps; J. Nemechek 1 time for 2 laps; J. Yeley 1 time for 1 lap.

MLB GLANCE

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Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	98	46	.681	—
New York	90	54	.625	8
Tampa Bay	79	64	.552	18½
Toronto	65	78	.455	32½
Baltimore	41	102	.287	56½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	81	63	.563	—
Minnesota	65	78	.455	15½
Detroit	59	85	.410	22
Chicago	56	88	.389	25
Kansas City	48	95	.336	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	90	54	.625	—
Oakland	87	57	.604	3
Seattle	79	64	.552	10½
Los Angeles	71	72	.497	18½
Texas	61	82	.427	28½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	79	64	.552	—
Philadelphia	74	68	.521	4½
Washington	71	72	.497	8
New York	65	77	.458	13½
Miami	56	86	.394	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	83	60	.580	—
Milwaukee	83	62	.572	1
St. Louis	80	64	.556	3½
Pittsburgh	71	72	.497	12
Cincinnati	62	83	.428	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	79	64	.552	—
Los Angeles	78	66	.542	1½
Arizona	76	68	.528	3½
San Francisco	68	76	.472	11½
San Diego	57	88	.393	23

Monday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Houston 3, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 5
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 2
Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Texas at L.A. Angels, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Miami at N.Y. Mets, ppd.
Cincinnati 10, L.A. Dodgers 6
Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 2
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 7
Washington at Philadelphia, late
Arizona at Colorado, late
Atlanta at San Francisco, late

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Houston (Verlander 15-9) at Detroit (Zimmermann 7-6), 5:40 p.m.
Oakland (Fiers 11-6) at Baltimore (Cobb 5-15), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Bieber 9-3) at Tampa Bay (Glasnow 1-5), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Borucki 3-4) at Boston (Sale 12-4), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Gray 10-8) at Minnesota (Stewart 8-11), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (TBD) at Kansas City (TBD), 7:15 p.m.
Texas (Sampson 0-0) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 9:07 p.m.
San Diego (Mitchell 1-3) at Seattle (Gonzales 12-9), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 4-2) at Cincinnati (Castillo 8-12), 5:40 p.m.
Washington (Roark 8-15) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 7-11), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (Urena 5-12) at N.Y. Mets (Vargas 5-9), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Chacin 14-6) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 12-9), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Musgrove 6-8) at St. Louis (Mikolas 14-4), 7:15 p.m.
Arizona (Greinke 13-9) at Colorado (Senzatela 4-5), 7:40 p.m.
San Diego (Mitchell 1-3) at Seattle (Gonzales 12-9), 9:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 10-9) at San Francisco (Suarez 6-10), 9:15 p.m.

Texas box scores

ASTROS 3, TIGERS 2

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Detroit	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	4	1	0	0	Cndlno 3b	3	1	0	0
Altuve 2b	4	0	1	0	Christ lf	4	0	1	0
Bregman 3b	3	1	0	0	Cstllns rf	3	0	2	1
White 1b	3	1	2	1	V.Mrtn dh	4	0	0	0
Reddick pr-lf	0	0	0	0	Goodrum 1b	4	1	1	0
Correa ss	4	0	1	0	Ro.Rdrg ss	3	0	1	0
M.Gnzal lf-1b	4	0	1	1	Adduci ph	1	0	0	0
Gattis dh	3	0	0	0	J.McCnn c	4	0	1	0
Mldnado c	4	0	0	0	D.Lugo 2b	3	0	1	1
Mrnick cf	4	0	0	0	J.Jones cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	33	3	5	2	Totals	32	2	7	2

Houston ..... 003 000 000—3
Detroit ..... 010 001 000—2

E—Ro.Rodriguez (7), Bregman (15). DP—Houston 2. LOB—Houston 7, Detroit 5. 2B—Castellanos (40), Goodrum (27). SF—Castellanos (1).

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Verlander W,15-9	7	6	2	2	1	10
Pressly	1	1	0	0	0	1
Osuna S,16-17	1	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit						
Liriano L,4-10	6	4	3	0	4	7
VanHagen	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	1	1	0	0	0	0
Jimenez	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP—Liriano.
T—2:42. A—19,711 (41,297).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RAYS 6, INDIANS 5
Cleveland ..... 100 012 100—5 9 0
Tampa Bay ..... 040 000 002—6 8 0
Kluber, Olson (2), Perez (4), Otero (5), Miller (6), Ramirez (7), C.Allen (8), Hand (9) and Gomes, Castillo. Beeks (3), Stanek (5), Kolarek (6), Roe (7), Kittredge (8), Schultz (9) and Cuello, Sucre. W—Schultz 2-0. L—Hand 2-5. HRs—Tampa Bay, Choi (6), Beaven (10).

ROYALS 4, WHITE SOX 3, 10 INNINGS
Chicago ..... 003 000 000 0—3 8 1
Kansas City ..... 110 001 000 1—4 9 0
Giolito, Fry (8), J.Gomez (9) and W.Castillo. Jurus, W.Peralta (9), Newberry (10) and S.Perez. W—Newberry 2-0. L—J.Gomez 0-2. HRs—Chicago, Engel (6), Palka (22). Kansas City, Merrifield (12), O'Hearn (10).

YANKEES 7, TWINS 2
New York ..... 000 001 600—7 11 0
Minnesota ..... 000 000 020—2 10 1
Happ, Cessa (7), Holder (9) and G.Sanchez. Gibson, May (6), Busenitz (7), Vasquez (7), Magill (7), Curtiss (8), Drake (9) and Garver. W—Happ 16-8. L—Gibson 7-13. HRs—New York, Sanchez (16).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

REDS 10, DODGERS 6
Los Angeles ..... 001 201 200—6 9 1
Cincinnati ..... 401 203 00x—10 14 1
Wood, Venditte (4), Madson (6), Floro (7), Rosscup (8) and Grandal. Reed, Lorenzen (5), Peralta (7), Hughes (7), Iglesias (9) and Barnhart. W—Hughes 4-3. L—Wood 8-7. HRs—Los Angeles, Grandal (23), Taylor (16). Cincinnati, Suarez (32).

CARDINALS 8, PIRATES 7
Pittsburgh ..... 013 002 001—7 13 0
St. Louis ..... 000 400 04x—8 9 1
T.Williams, Crick (6), R.Rodriguez (7), E.Santana (8), Nieuwenhuis (8) and Cervelli. Wainwright, Shreve (6), Leone (6), Webb (7), Brebbia (8), C.Martinez (9) and Kelly. W—Brebbia 2-3. L—E.Santana 2-5. Sv—C.Martinez (3). HRs—Pittsburgh, Harrison (8), Marte (19). Missed (9). St. Louis, Adams (3).

BREWERS 3, CUBS 2
Milwaukee ..... 110 001 000—3 11 1
Chicago ..... 100 010 000—2 6 0
Miley, Burnes (6), Hader (7), Jeffress (9) and Kratz. Lester, Edwards Jr. (6), Chavez (7), Cishek (8), J.Wilson (9), Kintzler (9) and Contreras. W—Miley 4-2. L—Lester 15-6. Sv—Jeffress (11).

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

RAYS 6
INDIANS 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Ji-Man Choi hit a two-run homer off Brad Hand with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Cleveland Indians 6-5 on Monday night to set a team record with their 12th straight victory at home.

Cleveland ace Corey Kluber was chased in the second inning, but the Indians rallied before blowing a late lead. They started play with a magic number of five to clinch their third consecutive AL Central championship. Second-place Minnesota was at home against the New York Yankees.

Tommy Pham grounded a single to right field before Choi went deep against Hand (0-1).

ROYALS 4
WHITE SOX 3
10 INNINGS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — White Sox reliever Jeanmar Gomez threw away a bunt in the 10th inning Monday night, giving the Kansas City Royals a 4-3 win over Chicago.

Brian Goodwin led off the Royals 10th with a sharp double. Alcides Escobar then bunted and Gomez (0-2) made a wild toss over third baseman Yolmer Sanchez, letting Goodwin score.

Jake Newberry (2-0) pitched one inning.

Whit Merrifield homered on the first pitch from White Sox starter Lucas Giolito. Ryan O'Hearn hit a solo homer in the sixth that made it 3-all — he connected against Chicago in his big league debut on July 31, and now has 10 home runs in 30 games.

YANKEES 7
TWINS 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Gary Sanchez had three hits including a mammoth home run, J.A. Happ tossed six shutout innings and the New York Yankees continued their mastery of the Minnesota Twins with a 7-2 win on Monday night.

The Yankees increased their lead over idle Oakland to three games for the first AL wild-card spot.

New York has beaten Minnesota nine straight times, including last year's wild card game, outscoring the Twins 66-23. The Yankees are 20-4 in the teams' last 24 meetings since July 25, 2015.

Happ (16-6) allowed six hits and struck out three. Acquired from Toronto on July 26, the left-hander has allowed two or fewer runs in six of eight starts for New York, going 6-0 with a 2.70 ERA.

REDS 10
DODGERS 6

CINCINNATI — Scooter Gennett had four hits and three RBIs, Joey Votto hit a two-run double on his birthday and the Cincinnati Reds improved to 5-0 against the Los Angeles Dodgers this season with a 10-6 victory Monday night.

Eugenio Suarez added a solo home run for the last-place Reds, and Jose Peraza had two hits and scored three runs. That helped Cincinnati overcome Chris Taylor's two-run homer and Yasmani Grandal's solo shot.

Los Angeles had just taken two of three in a weekend series at Coors Field that left the Dodgers a half-game behind first-place Colorado in the NL West. The Rockies played later Monday night against visiting Arizona.

CARDINALS 8
PIRATES 7

ST. LOUIS — Matt Adams hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning to rally St. Louis past Pittsburgh.

The Cardinals, who overcame deficits of 4-0 and 6-4, moved two games ahead of the Dodgers in the race for the second NL wild card.

Josh Harrison, Colin Moran and Starling Marte homered for the Pirates, who had their five-game winning streak snapped.

Adams homered off Edgar Santana (2-3) to erase a 6-4 deficit. John Brebbia (2-3) picked up the win.

Carlos Martinez, a former starter, earned his third save in three chances. He gave up a run-scoring double to Josh Bell with two outs but got Francisco Cervelli to ground out to deep shortstop to end the game. The play was reviewed, but Cervelli was ruled out.

BREWERS 3
CUBS 2

CHICAGO — Lorenzo Cain had four hits, Mike Moustakas scored on Carl Edwards Jr.'s wild pitch in the sixth inning and Milwaukee edged Chicago to pull within one game of the NL Central leaders.

Orlando Arcia and Jonathan Schoop each drove in a run as Milwaukee (83-62) won for the seventh time in eight games. It's the closest the Brewers have been to the division lead since they trailed the Cubs by a game on Aug. 5.

Wade Miley (4-2) pitched five effective innings before Corbin Burnes, Josh Hader and Jeremy Jeffress closed it out for wild card-leading Milwaukee. Hader struck out six straight batters and Jeffress got three outs for his 11th save.

Back home after a soggy weekend in Washington, Chicago (83-80) lost for the fifth time in seven games.

National League

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

Associated Press

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

Class 6A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Allen (24)	(2-0)	249	1
2. Lake Travis (1)	(1-0)	219	2
3. Galena Park North Shore	(2-0)	176	4
4. Converse Judson	(2-0)	149	T5
5. Cypress Fairbanks	(2-0)	143	T5
6. Longview	(2-0)	126	7
7. Duncanville	(2-0)	95	8
8. Southlake Carroll	(2-0)	55	10
9. Katy	(1-1)	49	9
10. Austin Westlake	(1-1)	37	3

Others receiving votes: 11, Spring Westfield 26. 12, Euless Trinity 19. 13, DeSoto 11. 13, Klein Collins 11. 15, Cedar Hill 4. 16, Cypress Ranch 3. 17, Temple 2. 18, Humble Atascocita 1.

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (22)	(2-0)	245	1
2. Dallas Highland Park (3)	(2-0)	213	2
3. Denton Ryan	(2-0)	190	3
4. Frisco Lone Star	(2-0)	143	6
5. Lufkin	(1-1)	140	5
6. College Station	(1-0)	102	7
7. Fort Bend Marshall	(2-0)	93	8
8. A&M Consolidated	(2-0)	67	9
9. Manvel	(1-1)	54	4
10. Angleton	(1-0)	34	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Crosby 33. 11, Mansfield Legacy 33. 13, Hutto 24. 14, Richmond Foster 2. 15, Marshall 1. 15, Lubbock Cooper 1.

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Carthage (17)	(2-0)	242	1
2. Argyle (8)	(2-0)	232	2
3. Texarkana Pleasant Grove	(2-0)	152	6
4. Waco La Vega	(1-1)	150	3
5. Gilmer	(2-0)	149	5
6. Stephenville	(1-1)	106	8
7. Midlothian Heritage	(2-0)	91	NR
8. West Orange-Stark	(2-0)	83	10
9. Melissa	(2-0)	50	NR
10. Liberty Hill	(1-1)	43	9

Others receiving votes: 11, Cuero 37. 12, Giddings 12. 13, Kennedale 8. 14, Lubbock Estacado 7. 15, Glen Rose 4. 15, WF Hirschi 4. 17, Lorena 2. 17, Van 2. 19, Liberty 1.

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Newton (21)	(2-0)	245	1
2. Brock (3)	(2-0)	220	2
3. Canadian	(2-0)	174	3
4. Goliad (1)	(2-0)	172	4
5. Gunter	(2-0)	144	5
6. Lexington	(2-0)	117	T6
7. Childress	(2-0)	90	T6
8. Rockdale	(1-1)	46	10
9. New London West Rusk	(2-0)	37	NR
10. Yoakum	(1-1)	31	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Sonora 17. 12, Franklin 11. 13, Atlanta 8. 13, Waskom 8. 15, Shallowater 7. 15, Big Sandy Harmony 7. 15, Coco 7. 18, Malakoff 5. 18, Cameron Yoe 5. 20, Jefferson 4. 21, Mount Vernon 3. 21, Holliday 3. 21, East Bernard 3. 21, Whitesboro 3. 21, Woodville 3. 26, George West 2. 27, Gladewater 1. 27, Buffalo 1. 27, Blanco 1.

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Mart (16)	(2-0)	237	2
2. Mason (4)	(2-0)	213	3
3. Shiner (2)	(2-0)	183	4
4. Wellington (1)	(2-0)	174	5
5. Muenster	(2-0)	153	6
6. Refugio (1)	(1-1)	134	1
7. De Leon	(2-0)	97	7
8. San Augustine	(1-0)	70	8
9. Burton	(1-1)	40	10
10. New Deal (1)	(2-0)	28	NR

Others receiving votes: 11, Falls City 13. 12, Price Carlisle 9. 13, Valley View 6. 14, Stamford 5. 15, Stratford 4. 16, Tenaha 3. 16, Panhandle 3. 18, Thorndale 2. 19, Bonnett West Texas 1.

AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 2-6A Football Standings

	Overall W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Odessa High	2	0	86	18	1.000
Lee	1	1	48	54	.500
Tascosa	1	1	34	35	.500
Midland High	1	1	62	59	.500
Permian	1	1	71	65	.500
Frenship	1	1	77	71	.500

Thursday's score

El Paso Pebble Hills 42, Midland High 38

Friday's scores

Abilene High 31, Lee 24; Odessa Permian 43, El Paso Franklin 27; Odessa High 63, Buckeye, Arizona, 7; Wolfforth Frenship 36, Wichita Falls Hirsch 23; Amarillo High 28, Tascosa 21

Thursday, Sept. 13 game

Amarillo Tascosa vs. Amarillo Palo Duro, 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 14 games

Lee at El Paso Montwood, 5 p.m. CDT; El Paso Franklin at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Southlake Carroll, 7 p.m.; Wolfforth Frenship at Lubbock Cooper, 7 p.m.; Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.

DISTRICT 2-4A DIVISION I

	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
Andrews	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Big Spring	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Lake View	0	0	.000	1	1	500
Seminole	0	0	.000	1	1	500

Last week's scores

Andrews 36, Monahans 28; Big Spring 33, Sweetwater 7; Idalou 21, Seminole 12; San Angelo Lake View 35, Febens 0

This week's games

Andrews at Levelland; Monahans at Big Spring; Pecos at Seminole; San Angelo Lake View at Snyder

DISTRICT 1-4A DIVISION II

District	Overall

	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Fort Stockton	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Snyder	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Greenwood	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Lamesa	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Monahans	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Pecos	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Sweetwater	0	0	.000	0	2	.000

Last week's scores

Hereford 47, Greenwood 10; Andrews 36, Monahans 28; Sonora 40, Lamesa 17; Snyder 31, Brownwood 21; Big Spring 33, Sweetwater 7; Fort Stockton 27, Alpine 21; Kermit 21, Pecos 0

This week's games

Sweetwater at Wichita Falls Hirschi (Thursday); Greenwood at Shallowater; Monahans at Big Spring; Pecos at Seminole; San Angelo Lake View at Snyder; El Paso Riverside at Fort Stockton; Canyon at Lamesa

DISTRICT 2-3A DIVISION II

	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
Abernathy	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Coahoma	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Colorado City	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Idalou	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Lub. Roosevelt	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Stanton	0	0	.000	0	2	.000

Last week's scores

Wink 40, Stanton 21; Coahoma 51, McCamey 27; Colorado City 41, Crane 21; Idalou 21, Seminole 12; Abernathy 48, Sundown 28; Tahoka 63, Lubbock Roosevelt 18

This week's games

Stanton at Forsan; Coahoma at Wink; Post at Lubbock Roosevelt; Abernathy at Wellington; Idalou at Littlefield

DISTRICT 3-2A DIVISION I

	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
Hawley	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Stamford	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Winters	0	0	.000	2	0	.000
Forsan	0	0	.000	0	2	.000
Ozona	0	0	.000	0	2	.000

Last week's scores

Post 29, Forsan 12; Iraan 35, Ozona 15; Hawley 69, Bangs 32; Winters 22, Eldorado 0; Stamford 53, Roscoe 29

This week's games

Stanton at Forsan; Ozona at Reagan County; Stamford at Anson; Hawley Crookston; Bangs at Winters

DISTRICT 6-1A DIVISION I

	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
Borden Co.	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
O'Donnell	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Grady	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Klondike	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Sands	0	0	.000	0	2	.000

Last week's scores

Grady 55, Southland 6; Iraan 46, Sands 0; Rankin 71, Klondike 20; Borden County 52, Westbrook 12; O'Donnell 54, Whiteface 14

This week's games

Silverton at Grady; Whiteface at Sands; Knox City at Borden County; Wilson at Klondike; O'Donnell at Ropes

DISTRICT 8-1A DIVISION I

	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
Garden City	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Sterling City	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Highland	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Water Valley	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Westbrook	0	0	.000	0	2	.000

Last week's scores

Garden City 48, Morton 0; Borden County 52, Westbrook 12; Sterling City 50, Imperial Buena Vista 0; Water Valley 58, Veribest 12; Blackwell 27, Highland 24

This week's games

Balmorhea at Garden City; Hermleigh at Sterling City; Bronte at Highland; Westbrook at Veribest; Water Valley at Zephyr

TAPPS DIVISION I DISTRICT 1

	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
FW Nolan	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
FW All Saints	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Midlnd Christian	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Addison Trinity	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
Argyle Liberty	0	0	.000	0	1	.000

Last week's scores

Midland Christian 22 El Paso Americas 3; Celina at Argyle Liberty, ccd.; Austin Regents 27, FW All Saints 20; China Spring 13, Addison Trinity 10; FW Nolan 55, Burkburnett 0

This week's games

Wall at Midland Christian; Brock at Argyle Liberty; Prestonwood Christian at Addison Trinity; FW Nolan at Celina; FW All Saints at Cedar Hill Trinity

TAPPS DIVISION III DISTRICT 1

	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
FM Coram Deo	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Lub. Christian	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Lub. Trinity	0	0	.000	2	0	1.000
Trinity	0	0	.000	1	0	1.000
Willow Park	0	0	.000	1	1	.500
FW Trngt Chstn	0	0	.000	1	1	.500

Last week's scores

Willow Park Trinity 16, Valley View 8; Lubbock Christian 52, Hale Center 18; Flower Mound Coram Deo 14, Frisco Legacy 0; FW Temple Christian 16, FW Calvary Christian 14; Lubbock Trinity 62, Shamrock 6, at Levelland; Trinity was open

This week's games

Kermit at Trinity; Flower Mound Coram Deo at Shelton; McKinney Christian Academy at FW Temple Christian; Lubbock Christian at Sundown; Frisco Legacy at Willow Park Trinity

LEACH

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get the bitter taste of last year's loss to the Loboes out of their mouths.

"We didn't come out great (a 14-0 deficit) but the defense did a good job of holding them down so we could come back and make some plays on offense," Leach said. "It's always a better feeling to come out of a game with the win. I think it boosts our confidence as a team, especially after all the attention we were getting and the news cameras there. We're not used to that. But that game showed that we play with anyone and beat anyone."

Andrews (1-1) and Leach will look to carry that momentum into Levelland (1-10) on Friday night.

"We just need to come out, be ready to play and be ready in everything we do," Leach said.

Follow Oscar on Twitter @OLeRoy_MRT

Other notable performances from last week:

■ Leach's teammate at Andrews, sophomore Markeese Lawrence, caught four passes for 78 yards and three touchdowns and also batted down a pass late in the game on defense to help secure the win over Monahans.

■ Midland Christian junior QB Riggs McDonald was 10-of-17 passing for 230 yards with one TD and one interception in a 22-3 victory over the El Paso Americas.

■ In Coahoma's 51-27 win over McCamey, junior Isaac Murillo rushed for 178 yards and three TDs on 12 carries and four total tackles on defense.

■ Big Spring snapped a 26-game losing streak with a 33-7 victory over Sweetwater as sophomore QB Ethan Cortez was 11-of-22 passing for 107 yards and a TD, and also rushed for 58 yards and a TD.

■ Garden City's Amando Alegria rushed for 120 yards and scored three TDs in a 48-0 mercy-rule victory over Morton.

WEEK 3

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game at Andrews.

■ **No. 10 Balmorhea (2-0) at No. 5 Garden City (2-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bearkat Stadium, Garden City** – This is a six-man lover's dream as this game features two of the better six-man teams in the state in Division I. Plus it's always intriguing when former Bearkats coach Vance Jones comes back to town.

Here are MRT's Top 6 Teams going into Week 3:

1.Permian (1-1) – The Panthers have one of area's toughest schedule and it certainly won't get any easier when they travel to face No. 8-ranked Southlake Carroll on Friday.

2. Lee (1-1) – The Rebels were stunned at home last week by a former district foe but can get back on track with a road win this week over El Paso Montwood.

3. Midland Christian (2-0) – The Mustangs have beaten a Class 5A Division I team and a Class 6A team so far this season and have a ton of players playing both ways. Yeah, that's impressive.

4. Garden City (2-0) – No surprise that the Bearkats have been rolling through opponents this season but they face their toughest test yet this week against Balmorhea.

5. Coahoma (2-0) – The Bulldogs have gotten off to a good start under first-year coach Chris Joslin and are coming off an impressive 51-27 win over McCamey. They get another test when they travel to face an explosive Wink team.

6. Odessa High (2-0) – The Bronchos are off to an undefeated start after pounding Buckeye Union (Ariz.), 63-7. They have a shot to go 3-0 when they host arguably the best team so far on their schedule in Lubbock Coronado.

Here is this week's schedule in the MRT coverage area:

■ Lee at El Paso Montwood, 5 p.m. CDT

■ El Paso Franklin at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.

■ Odessa Permian at Southlake Carroll, 7 p.m.

■ Lubbock Coronado at Odessa High, 7:30 p.m.

■ Greenwood at Shallowater, 7:30 p.m.

■ Wall at Midland Christian, 7:30 p.m.

■ Kermit at Trinity, 7:30 p.m.

■ Andrews at Levelland, 7 p.m.

■ Monahans at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.

■ Stanton at Forsan, 7:30 p.m.

■ Coahoma at Wink, 7:30 p.m.

■ Silverton at Grady, 7:30 p.m.

■ Balmorhea at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.

Chris Szagola/AP

Keegan Bradley in action during the BMW Championship at the Aronimink Golf Club on Monday in Newtown Square, Pa.

Bradley holds off Rose in playoff to win at Aronimink

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. — Keegan Bradley had bottomed out, crashing from the high of winning the PGA Championship to tumbling out of the top 100 in the world. His chances to represent U.S. teams in international play had dried up, his preferred putting method was banned, and the confidence that once put him on the cusp of greatness was shot.

"It's scary when I look back, because I didn't know I needed this much improvement," Bradley said.

He was like a scientist in the lab, changing his swing, his putting stroke, his fundamentals — investing in the work needed to get to where he was Monday on soggy Aronimink: going head-to-head in a sudden-death playoff against the new No. 1 player in the world, Justin Rose.

For a player who had to reinvent his game, the clutch moment didn't seem so scary.

Bradley topped Rose with a par on the first playoff hole to win the rain-plagued BMW Championship for his first PGA Tour victory in six years.

Bradley's fourth career win meant a bit more than the others — yes, even the major he won in 2011 — because he held more than a trophy and a $1.62 million check. He also got to give his young son Logan a victory toss in the air on the 18th green for the first time. Bradley, who shot a final round 6-under 64 to finish at 20-under 260, thrust his arms toward the gray sky and drizzle in celebration and waved his family toward him to bring them in for a lengthy embrace.

"I've won before, and I win and I finish, and I go home, just me," Bradley said. "Now, I get to go back and we get to have fun and enjoy it together. It's just a completely different experience."

Rose left Aronimink with a new reality as well. Though he was runner-up at the FedEx Cup playoff event, he didn't come up short in the world ranking. Rose moved No. 1 in the world ahead of Dustin Johnson and became the 22nd player to reach the top spot since the ranking began in 1986.

Rose could have won in regulation, but his 16-foot par putt on the final hole lipped out to force the playoff.

He fell short again in the playoff, missing a 5-foot par putt that would have kept him alive. The 38-year-old Rose had grown to love suburban Philadelphia golf courses with wins at the 2010 AT&T National at Aronimink and the 2013 U.S. Open at Merion.

He didn't get a trophy on this trip. But a No. 1 ranking will do for Rose, who joins Nick Faldo, Lee Westwood and Luke Donald as the only Englishmen to reach the top spot. He is the No. 2 seed behind Bryson DeChambeau among the top 30 who advance to the Tour Championship starting Sept. 20 at East Lake in Atlanta, giving him a clear shot at the $10 million prize.

"I'm delighted to be world No. 1," Rose said. "Boyhood dreams, you know what I mean?"

Bradley also had a number in mind — 30. He started the week at No. 52 and needed to crack the top 30 to be eligible for East Lake.

"A lot has happened to me over these six years," Bradley said. "I kind of fell off the radar there for a little while. It's tough to go from being on Ryder Cup teams, being on Presidents Cup teams to being outside the top 100 in the world."

Bradley, who birdied the 16th and 17th holes to storm up the leaderboard, finished with his fourth career victory and first since the 2012 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational. He gets a trip to Maui to start next year for the winners-only Sentry Tournament of Champions.

"I was watching the leaderboard pretty closely. I don't normally," he said. "It made me feel calm, which is rare. That was good."

Bradley had to wait nearly two days before chasing down Rose. Rain soaked the course on Sunday, canceling play and forcing the Monday finish. It rained only lightly on Monday and players had few complaints about the condition of the course, even if the walking paths became a muddy, soggy mess for the gallery.

BMW Championship Scores
Monday
At Aronimink GC
Newtown Square, Pa.
Purse: $9 million
Yardage: 7,207; Par: 70
Final
Bradley won on first playoff hole

Kgn Bradley (2,000), $1,620,000 — 68-64-68-64—264
Justin Rose (1,200), $972,000 — 68-63-64-67—262
Billy Horschel (650), $522,000 — 64-67-68-64—263
Xander Schffle (650), $522,000 — 63-64-67-67—261
Rory McIlroy (440), $360,000 — 62-69-63-68—262
Webb Simpson (380), $312,750 — 68-67-65-65—265
Tiger Woods (380), $312,750 — 62-70-68-65—265
Tony Finau (310), $252,000 — 68-64-67-65—264
Tommy Fleet (310), $252,000 — 71-62-62-69—264
Rickie Fowler (310), $252,000 — 65-65-65-69—264
Francesco Mlnri (310), $252,000 — 70-63-64-67—264
Kevin Na (243), $189,000 — 70-62-67-66—265
Justin Thomas (243), $189,000 — 64-67-66-68—265
Gary Woodl (243), $189,000 — 68-66-66-67—265
Hideki Mtsyma (220), $162,000 — 68-64-67-68—267
Andrew Pnvn (204), $144,000 — 67-68-68-68—267
Bubba Watson (204), $144,000 — 71-65-65-66—267
Aaron Wise (204), $144,000 — 65-67-68-67—267
Bryan DCmbs (172), $108,889 — 67-70-64-67—268
Adam Hadwin (172), $108,889 — 68-68-63-67—268
Brooks Koepka (172), $108,889 — 68-65-65-69—268
Jason Kokrak (172), $108,889 — 68-65-67-67—268
Patrick Reed (172), $108,889 — 68-65-64-71—268
Jason Day (130), $74,700 — 67-64-68-70—269
Chris Hell II (130), $74,700 — 68-65-70-66—269
Dustin Johnson (130), $74,700 — 70-68-64-67—269
Alex Noren (130), $74,700 — 64-68-70-68—269
Jon Rahm (130), $74,700 — 68-68-65-68—269
Byeong Hun An (100), $59,800 — 65-67-68-70—270
Austin Cook (100), $59,800 — 71-67-63-69—270
Tyrrell Hatton (100), $59,800 — 68-68-68-66—270
Henrik Stenson (100), $59,800 — 68-68-67-68—270
Blake Hoston (91), $51,875 — 67-67-69-68—271
Zach Johnson (91), $51,875 — 68-68-68-67—271
Bryce Garnett (80), $46,350 — 70-67-67-68—272
Andrew Landry (80), $46,350 — 68-70-66-68—272
Ted Potter, Jr. (80), $46,350 — 68-64-67-73—272
C.T. Pan (68), $40,000 — 67-67-71-68—273
Chez Reavie (68), $40,000 — 68-70-67-68—273
Peter Uihlein (68), $40,000 — 64-70-71-68—273
Rafa Cabrera Bln (54), $34,000 — 70-68-70-66—274
S Yitu Kim (54), $34,000 — 71-68-68-67—274
Chris Kirk (54), $34,000 — 68-68-69-69—274
Marc Leishman (54), $34,000 — 74-68-68-64—274
Bryan Gay (39), $25,749 — 68-71-69-66—274
Luke List (39), $25,749 — 70-68-67-73—278
Keith Mitchell (39), $25,749 — 67-67-67-74—275
Scott Piercy (39), $25,749 — 70-64-65-76—275
J.J Spaun (39), $25,749 — 67-68-69-71—275
Kyle Stanley (39), $25,749 — 67-70-65-73—275
Abraham Ancer (28), $21,465 — 69-68-69-71—276
Ryan Armour (28), $21,465 — 65-67-69-75—276
Ian Poulter (28), $21,465 — 68-70-67-71—276
Adam Scott (28), $21,465 — 74-68-65-69—276
Patrick Cantlay (23), $20,520 — 71-65-70-71—277
Pat Perez (23), $20,520 — 69-70-69-70—277
Jordan Spieth (23), $20,520 — 67-71-65-73—277
Kevin Kisner (21), $19,880 — 72-67-69-70—278
Phil Mickelson (21), $19,880 — 73-72-67-66—278
Louis Oosthuizen (21), $19,880 — 73-68-69-68—278
Emiliano Grillo (16), $19,440 — 67-70-71-71—279
Chesson Hadley (16), $19,440 — 68-68-71-72—279
Patton Kizzire (16), $19,440 — 68-71-67-73—279
Brendon Steele (17), $19,080 — 74-68-69-68—279
Ryan Palmer (16), $18,810 — 70-68-70-73—281
Cameron Smith (16), $18,810 — 71-71-68-72—282
Brandt Snedeker (16), $18,540 — 71-68-71-72—282
Brian Harman (14), $18,360 — 68-72-70-75—285

Tony Finau added to US Ryder Cup team as captain's pick

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. — Tony Finau has been named to the Ryder Cup team, the final pick by U.S. captain Jim Furyk.

Finau joins Bryson DeChambeau, Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods as Furyk's four wild-card selections. Finau has 11 top-10s this season, including three in majors.

"There won't be any locker room noise with me," Finau said Monday. "I can play with anyone. I feel that my personality is just that way. I can bring the best out of different guys playing with them, and them the same to me. I'm pretty easy to play with. And I'm playing some good golf, some world-class golf."

His appeal is that he makes a lot of birdies, which is critical in match play. He was paired with Furyk the first two days at the PGA Championship, and struggled in the opening round before he tied a championship record by making 10 birdies in the second round.

"He has an unbelievable body of work this year," Furyk said. "All those top-10 finishes, the play in big championships and the majors, and then his current form, a second, a fourth and an eighth in the playoffs. He checked a lot of boxes and made it impossible not to pick him."

Seth Wenig/AP

Tony Finau plays his shot from the ninth tee on June 17 during the final round of the U.S. Open in Southampton, N.Y. Tony Finau has been named to the Ryder Cup team, the final pick by U.S. captain Jim Furyk. Finau joins Bryson DeChambeau, Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods as Furyk's four wild-card selections. Finau has 11 top-10s this season, including three in majors.

Eight automatic qualifiers were set after the PGA Championship, so the start of the FedEx Cup playoffs was effectively an audition. After his top-5 finishes in the first two events, Finau shot a final-round 65 on Monday to tie for eighth at the BMW Championship while Xander Schauffele, making a late run at a pick, finished one shot out of a playoff.

The Ryder Cup team includes three rookies (Finau, DeChambeau and Justin Thomas) and nine major champions.

The matches are Sept. 28-30 outside Paris.

The eight Americans who qualified on their own were Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Rickie Fowler, Bubba Watson, Webb Simpson and Patrick Reed. Throw in Woods and Mickelson, and that gives the U.S. team a lineup that has combined for 31 majors.

That doesn't mean as much in foursomes and fourballs, on a European course before the singing and chanting of Europeans fans.

European captain Thomas Bjorn went with veterans for his four captain's picks, adding Henrik Stenson, Ian Poulter, Paul Casey and Sergio Garcia to a team that had five rookies qualify on points.

Europe's qualifiers were Rory McIlroy, Francesco Molinari, Justin Rose, Thorbjorn Olesen, Jon Rahm, Tyrrell Hatton, Tommy Fleetwood and Alex Noren.

Finau, who turns 29 on Thursday, was invited by Furyk to play as part of a small group at Le Golf National on the weekend before the British Open. Finau, who has one career PGA Tour victory, said he was ready for the pressure of the Ryder Cup.

"I never thought I was on that team until I got that call," he said. "I made sure I played that way; I played like I always had something to prove. And I let the guys on the team know that I'd be a great pick and I'd be ready to go. It's definitely cool to accomplish something like this and to be able to play as well as I have under the circumstances, it's something I'm extremely proud of."

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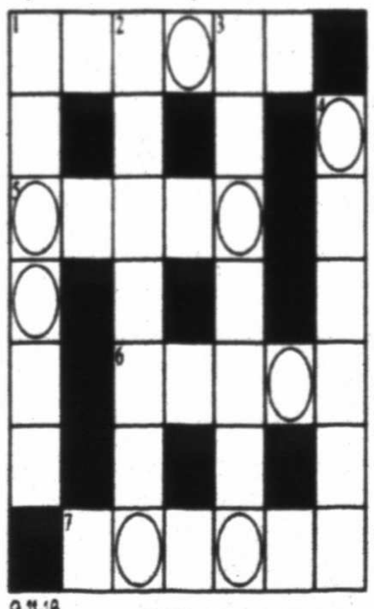
by David L. Hoyt



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DOWN

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1. Asian temple	AAGOPD
2. Intimately	LLYCESO
3. Authorize	EEOMPRW
4. Made smooth	EPLNAD

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Setting for smooth sailing
8 Aptly, it rhymes with "ahh"
11 Cease and desist order?
14 Stuffed oneself
15 Pursue romantically
16 Valuable metal
17 "NCIS: Los Angeles" actress
18 Court order?
20 Remove varnish from
21 NBC weekend fixture, briefly
22 Distinctive flair
23 Modern renewable fuel
27 Reverse order?
30 Assures the sad fate of
34 Easy throw
35 "Angie Tribeca" TV network
36 "Help me out, will ya?"
37 Facilitates
40 Bergen of "Murphy Brown"
41 Stay behind
42 Drunkard
43 Dubai's fed.
44 Former Russian rulers
45 Money order?
48 Words said with an extended fork
50 Continent explored by Marco Polo
53 Talk on and on
54 Scalawag
58 Work order?
60 Shoe cushions
62 Abbr. used to save space
63 Not worth a __
64 Muzzle-loading gadgets
65 Gag order?
66 Kindle download
67 Chart-reading exam

DOWN

1 Some recyclables
2 Going __: fighting
3 Shakespearean king with three daughters
4 Beach city near Hollywood
5 Restraining order?
6 Quite some time
7 Taiwan-born director Lee
8 River in a Stephen Foster song
9 Voting sites
10 Pioneering ISP
11 Wind up like a snake
12 Celestial bear
13 High-schooler, typically
19 Put another roll of film in
21 Incites to attack, with "on"
24 More than occasionally
25 Blots gently
26 Biblical garden
27 Warning
28 Scraps for Fido
29 President between Bush and Trump
31 Poppy product
32 Gambling mecca near Hong Kong
33 Catch some z's
36 Cookie recipe yield
38 Bill for drinks
39 Bart Simpson's sister
40 San Francisco's __ Tower
42 Dance move
45 Postpone one's bedtime
46 Pecking order?
47 Go along with
49 Online admin
50 Quite some time
51 "Family Guy" creator MacFarlane
52 Nagging desire
55 Sunburn reliever
56 Rx items
57 Sibilant summons
59 NATO founding member
60 Fury
61 "Aye? Not!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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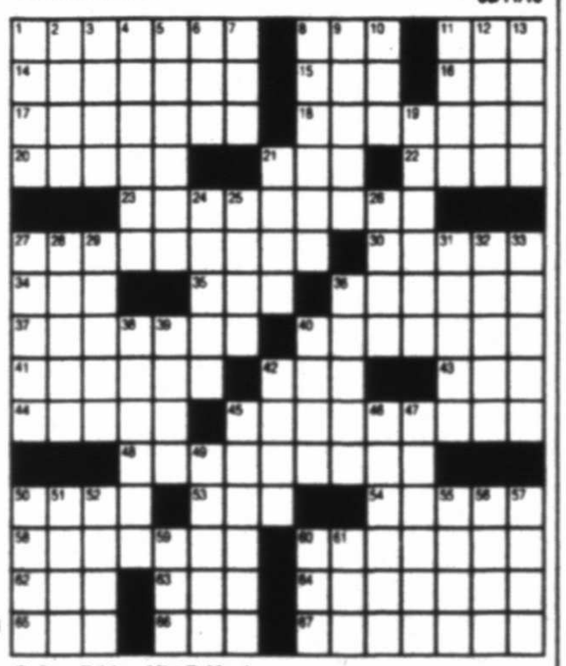

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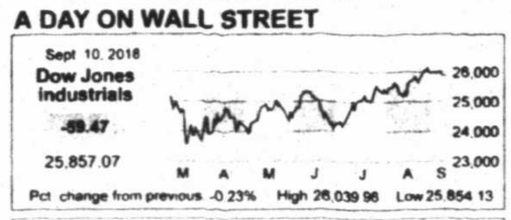

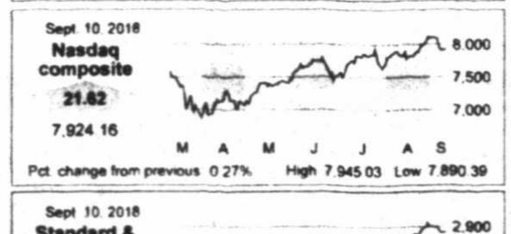

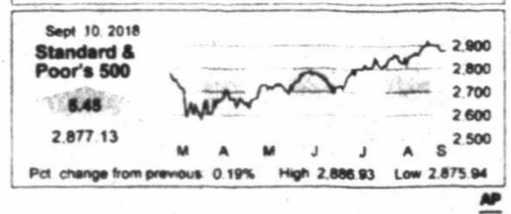

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Most Active ($1 or more)			
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iShEMkts	581650	41.14	-.41
S&P500ETF	499156	288.10	+.50
GenElec	433295	12.51	+.11
Alibaba	390573	156.36	-6.01
VanEGold	366353	17.61	-.27
Gainers ($2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Kingsway	2.70	+.30	+12.5
Carvana A n	68.28	+6.78	+11.0
ParTech	23.89	+2.24	+10.3
ClearOrban	4.90	+.45	+10.1
Eros Intl	12.00	+.95	+8.6
Losers ($2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
JonesEngy rs	5.10	-.98	-16.1
Jupw n	10.97	-1.11	-9.2
SciApplic	81.65	-8.21	-9.1
eHiCarSvc	10.80	-1.03	-8.7
AAC Hldgs	7.12	-.66	-8.5
Diary			
Advanced			1,719
Declined			1,061
Unchanged			118
Total issues			2,898
New Highs			94
New Lows			80
Volume			2,686,263,920

AMEX			
Most Active ($1 or more)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iShIndia bl	70511	33.96	-.61
TrineEnrs	51472	5.28	-.25
IndiaGCap	38853	1.24	+.03
SRC Eng	30492	8.79	-.23
NthnO&G	27386	3.13	+.07
Gainers ($2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VolitnInSci	3.15	+.45	+16.7
BoxwMed	6.90	+.64	+10.2
OrchidsPP	3.04	+.27	+9.7
Cel-Sci rs	3.88	+.27	+7.5
Myomo n	2.10	+.13	+6.6
Losers ($2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Fredsinc	2.97	+1.34	+81.7
ProQRTher	18.65	+2.85	+18.0
SiebertFn	18.84	+2.67	+16.5
RiminiSt n	5.90	+.77	+15.0
Hydrognc	6.50	+.80	+14.0
Diary			
Advanced			145
Declined			140
Unchanged			20
Total issues			305
New Highs			3
New Lows			13
Volume			79,457,042

NASDAQ			
Most Active ($1 or more)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	391936	218.33	-2.97
Fredsinc	361809	2.97	+1.34
MicronT	326617	44.90	+.04
JD.com	216611	26.53	-.42
Intel	212649	46.30	-.15
Gainers ($2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FredsInc	2.97	+1.34	+81.7
ProQRTher	18.65	+2.85	+18.0
SiebertFn	18.84	+2.67	+16.5
RiminiSt n	5.90	+.77	+15.0
Hydrognc	6.50	+.80	+14.0
Losers ($2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AcordaTh	20.80	-6.75	-24.5
XBiotech n	2.78	-.80	-22.3
AytuBioS n	3.04	-.71	-18.9
EnteraBi n	4.74	-.90	-16.0
EvolemBio	4.07	-.63	-13.4
Diary			
Advanced			1,508
Declined			1,359
Unchanged			184
Total issues			3,051
New Highs			122
New Lows			84
Volume			1,976,375,294

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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
26,616.71	21,709.63	Dow Jones Industrials	25,857.07	-59.47	-.23	+4.60	+17.23
11,475.74	9,237.46	Dow Jones Transportation	11,554.08	+206.54	+1.82	+8.87	+21.83
778.80	647.81	Dow Jones Utilities	737.53	+3.93	+.54	+1.96	-2.29
13,637.02	11,783.87	NYSE Composite	12,928.67	+17.55	+.14	+.94	+7.65
8,133.30	6,334.59	Nasdaq Composite	7,924.16	+21.62	+.27	+14.79	+23.19
2,916.50	2,446.55	S&P 500	2,877.13	+5.45	+.19	+7.61	+15.64
2,053.00	1,797.56	S&P Midcap	2,031.78	+4.53	+.22	+6.90	+16.83
30,411.91	25,407.46	Wilshire 5000	29,991.33	+72.04	+.24	+7.91	+16.20
1,742.09	1,391.88	Russell 2000	1,717.47	+4.29	+.25	+11.85	+21.39

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		19	4.24	+.05	-25.1
AT&T Inc	2.00	6	32.39	+.27	-16.7
Abraxas			2.18	+.03	-11.4
AdaDrvsEq	1.32e		16.42		+9.2
AMD			29.89	+2.51	+190.8
Alibaba		46	156.36	-6.01	-9.3
Allstate			93.80	-1.02	-8.7
Alltce n			18.40	+.43	-3.5
Amberv	.05e	6	4.46	-.04	-31.0
Amgen	5.20	18	202.59	+6.20	+16.4
Anadarko	1.80	73	63.18	-.36	+17.8
Annaly	1.20	12	10.51	+.02	-11.8
Apache	1.00	27	43.31	+.44	+2.6
Apple Inc	2.92	26	216.33	-2.97	+29.0
ApldMatl	.80	11	39.80	-.25	-22.5
Archrock	.53f	25	12.25	+.05	+16.7
ATTBOS	1.94	17	93.80	-.82	+8.3
AutoData	2.78f	39	147.02	+.29	+25.5
BP PLC	2.38	22	42.09	+.06	+.1
BcoBrad s	.06e		6.95	-.07	-25.4
BcoSantSA	.21e		4.92	+.07	-24.8
BbstAm	.60f	16	30.82	-.04	+4.4
B rPVxST rs			30.02	-.84	+7.5
BarringsCp s	1.20		15.35	-.09	+.8
BarrickG	.12	54	9.76	-.29	-32.8
BerkHa A			263225	00	+000.00	+8.4
BBt/BbCp	1.90	15	50.73	+.36	-.8
BrMyEq	1.00	60	60.06	-.45	-.7
BrownFA s	.79	31	51.23	-3.45	+2.5
BrownFB s		29	50.71	-3.31	
CBS B	.72	13	55.20	-.86	-6.4
CVS Health	2.00	13	75.64	-1.65	+4.3
CassarsEnt			9.85	+.15	-22.1
CallonPet		21	10.67	+.07	-12.2
CanopyGr n			52.25	+.72	+1.4
Caterpillar	3.44f	17	142.05	+.73	-9.9
Celsetic g		10	12.09	+.02	+15.4
CntryLink	2.16	9	21.81	-.13	+30.8
ChasEng		7	4.08	+.05	+3.0
Chevron	4.48	51	114.48	-.12	-8.8
Chicos	.34	12	8.82	+.31	
Cimarex	.72	12	84.54	+.95	-30.7
Cisco	1.32f	24	47.07	+.02	+22.9
Citigroup	1.80f	12	69.63	-.01	-6.4
CocaCola	1.56	67	46.86	+.34	+.4
ColgPalm	1.68	23	67.16	+.15	-11.8
Comcast s	.76	17	36.36	+.19	-8.8
ConAgra	.85	18	36.62	+.29	-2.8
ConchoRes		20	132.61	-.39	-11.7
ConocoPhil	1.44f	57	71.15	+.93	+29.8
Crocinc rs	5.00f	17	153.75	-1.50	-3.2
CronosGp n			12.10	+.11	+58.8
CrosTim	1.28e	14	14.62	+.10	-1.1
DCP Mid	3.12	91	41.05	-.26	+13.0
DTE	3.53	20	113.40	+.44	+3.6
DenburyR			5.20	+.14	+135.3
DevonE	.32f	26	40.51	+.84	-2.1
DrGMBll rs	.09e		6.87	-.26	-61.3
Disney	1.68	15	110.68	-.29	+2.9
DowDuPnt	1.52	22	70.06	+.06	-1.6
EOG Resrcs	.88f		114.32	-.15	+6.9
Energen	.08	21	71.18	-.39	+23.6
EnPro	.86	42	73.87	+.46	-21.3
EnProgPt	1.72f	21	26.82	-.03	+8.7
Ericsson	.13e		8.53	-.04	+27.7
ExxonMbl	3.28	17	81.71	-.12	-2.3
Facebook		31	164.18	+1.14	-7.0
FordM	.60e	5	9.38	+.11	-24.9
Fredsinc	.24		2.97	+1.34	-26.7
FrptMcM	.20	9	13.20	+.02	-30.4
GATX	1.76f	17	83.76	+.88	+34.7
GblMedT	.80e		9.10	+.16	-1.1
GAlter	1.15e		36.42	+.69	+5.9
GenElec	.48		12.51	+.11	-38.4
GenMotors	1.52		33.87	-.04	-17.4
HP Inc	.56f	9	24.65	-.06	+17.3
HalliBrtn	.72		36.89	-.11	-34.9
HalloAd rs			.02	-.00	-100.0
HP Ent n	.45e	13	16.41	-.12	+14.3
iShGold			11.46		-8.4
iShBrazil	.67e		32.14	-.37	-20.5
iShChinaLC	.87e		46.53	-.38	-12.2
iShEMkts	.58e		41.14	-.41	-12.7
iS Eafe	1.66e		65.83	+.40	-6.4
iSHK2K	1.77e		170.75	+.21	+12.0
Intel	1.20	17	46.30	-.15	+.3
IntcOlfg	1.40	14	51.50		+7.8
iShCorEM	.95e		49.80	-.51	-12.5
ItauUnibH	.56e		10.49	-.09	-19.2
JD.com		14	26.53	-.42	-35.9
JohnJn	3.88f	19	137.21	-.11	-1.8
KimbCls	4.68	23	115.70	+.23	-4.1
KindMorg	.80	22	17.69	-.13	-2.1
Kroger s	.56f	13	31.75	-.62	+15.7
LegacyRes			5.37	+.10	+233.5
Lubys			1.88	+.02	-28.8
MGM Rsts	.48	8	26.95	+.20	-19.3
MarvlFnl rs			1.97	+.19	-15.1
MarvelTch	.24	25	19.03	-.42	-11.4
McDnlds	4.04	25	165.07	+1.17	-4.1
Merck	1.92	26	69.56	-.11	+23.6
MerrMMed		60	60.15	-1.30	+39.2
MexcoEn			4.95	+.03	+26.0
MicronT		4	44.90	+.04	+9.2
Microsoft	1.68	52	109.39	+1.17	+27.9
NXP Semi		34	93.68	-.34	-20.0
Nabors	.24		5.79	+.03	-15.2
NOilVarco	.20		43.65	-.59	+21.2
Netlist h			.75	+.47	+143.5
NSTPfl	.55e		14.52	+.04	-4.4
NTXCl	.65		12.62		-12.8
OccidPet	3.12f	59	76.00	+.23	+4.4
Oracle	.76	56	48.86	+1.05	+3.3
PDC Engy			40.58	-1.13	-8.7
Pandora			9.33	+.48	+93.6
ParTech		82	23.89	+2.24	+155.5
ParkDrl rs			3.20	-.15	
PatUTI	.16		16.10	+.13	-29.7
PennaRE	.84	13	9.00	-.40	-18.5
Pemian	.65e	23	8.32	+.04	-8.2
Petrobras			10.88	-.16	+5.7
Pfizer	1.36	17	42.06	-.14	+16.1
PotNbrl	.32		163.22	+1.03	-5.6
PlatinaAAP	1.95	40	25.03	-.24	+21.3
PrShs QQQ	1.52e		172.74		+10.9
Procotr	3.30	35	108.67	+.84	+.8
PrmEngy			76.96		+49.4
PUVixST rs			8.82	-.39	-13.6
ProctGam	2.87	22	82.30	+.47	-10.3
PShtQQQ rs			12.03	-.10	-44.1
Qualcom	2.48		72.32	+1.94	+13.0
RangeRs	.08	16	14.56	-.09	-14.7
RiteAid		1	1.25	-.04	-36.5
Roku n			68.71	+3.48	+32.7
Rowan	.40	27	15.20	+.34	-2.9
RoyDShllA	3.76	95	62.96	-.40	-5.8
SpdrDJIA	3.96e		258.94	-.60	+4.7
S&P500ETF	4.13e		288.10	+.50	+8.0
SpdrITBd	.92		33.29		-2.7
SpdrOGEx	.73e		40.02	+.07	+7.6
SabreR	2.34e	20	42.95	+.15	-3.7
SandvrFm	1.26	8	105.81	-.01	-24.8
Schlmbrg	2.00	36	59.98	+.28	-11.0
SiriusXM	.04	40	7.14	+.16	+33.2
Smucker	3.40f	13	110.17	+.64	-11.3
Snaplnc A n			9.74	-.19	-33.3
SwstnEngy		6	4.88	+.05	-12.5
Sprint		3	6.05	+.10	+2.7
Square n			89.39	-.58	+157.8
SP CnSt	1.28e		54.56	+.19	-4.1
SP Engy	2.04e		72.77	-.03	+.7
SPDR Fncl	.46e		28.30	-.03	+1.4
SP Inds	1.12e		77.99	+.40	+3.1
SP Tech	.78e		73.81	+.23	+15.4
SP Util	1.55e		64.37	+.27	+3.2
Starbucks s	1.44f	25	54.97	+.11	-4.3
TelefEsp	1.26e		7.89	+.07	-16.8
Tesla Inc			265.50	+22.26	-8.3
3M Co	5.44	29	212.93	+.36	-9.5
Tilray n			84.50	+6.61	+277.4
Torchmark	.84	7	84.46	-3.93	-6.9
Transocn			10.98	+.03	+1.9
TriContl	1.62e		27.77	-.06	+9.1
21stCFoxA	.36	21	44.93	-.28	+30.1
Twitter			30.54	+.05	+27.2
TylerTech		88	247.44	+1.38	+38.8
UBSI	1.36	36	38.25	-.16	+12.9
US OilFd			14.21	-.07	+16.3
Vale SA	.28e	13	12.97	-.04	+6.1
ValeroE	3.20	31	115.25	+.17	+25.4
VanEGold	.06e		17.61	-.27	-24.2
VanE JrGld			25.46	-.39	-22.5
VangEmg	1.10e		39.96	-.48	-12.9
VerizonCm	2.41f	7	54.12	+.12	+2.2
Vipshop		5	5.86	-.42	-50.0
Volkswfl	1.12	23	197.20	-3.63	-16.5
WEC Engy	2.21	22	69.12	+.56	+4.0
Weatherf	1.76f	15	68.80	+.61	-5.3
WeatherM			2.38	+.08	-42.9
WellsFargo	1.72f	14	57.46	+.06	-5.3
WestCon	1.36	11	28.52	-.06	-6.5
XcelEngy	1.62	21	48.01	+.34	+1.9
Xerox rs	1.00	34	27.86	+.11	-7.1
Yamana g	.02		2.37	-.07	-24.0

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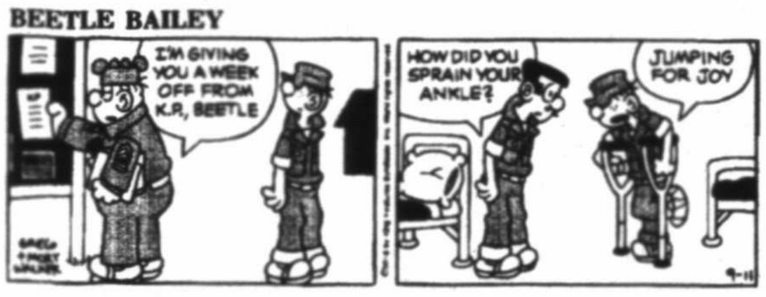

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CLASSIC PEANUTS

BABY BLUES

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CLOSE TO HOME

"We just washed the stairs, so watch your step."

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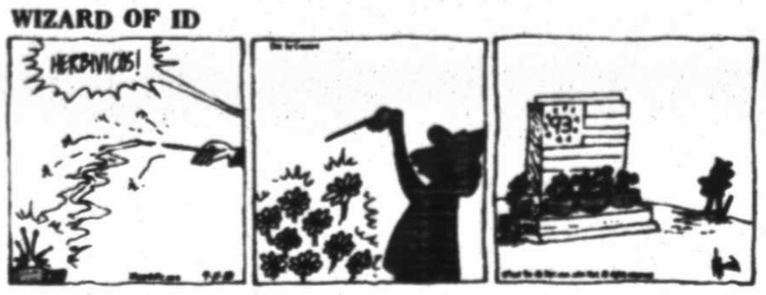

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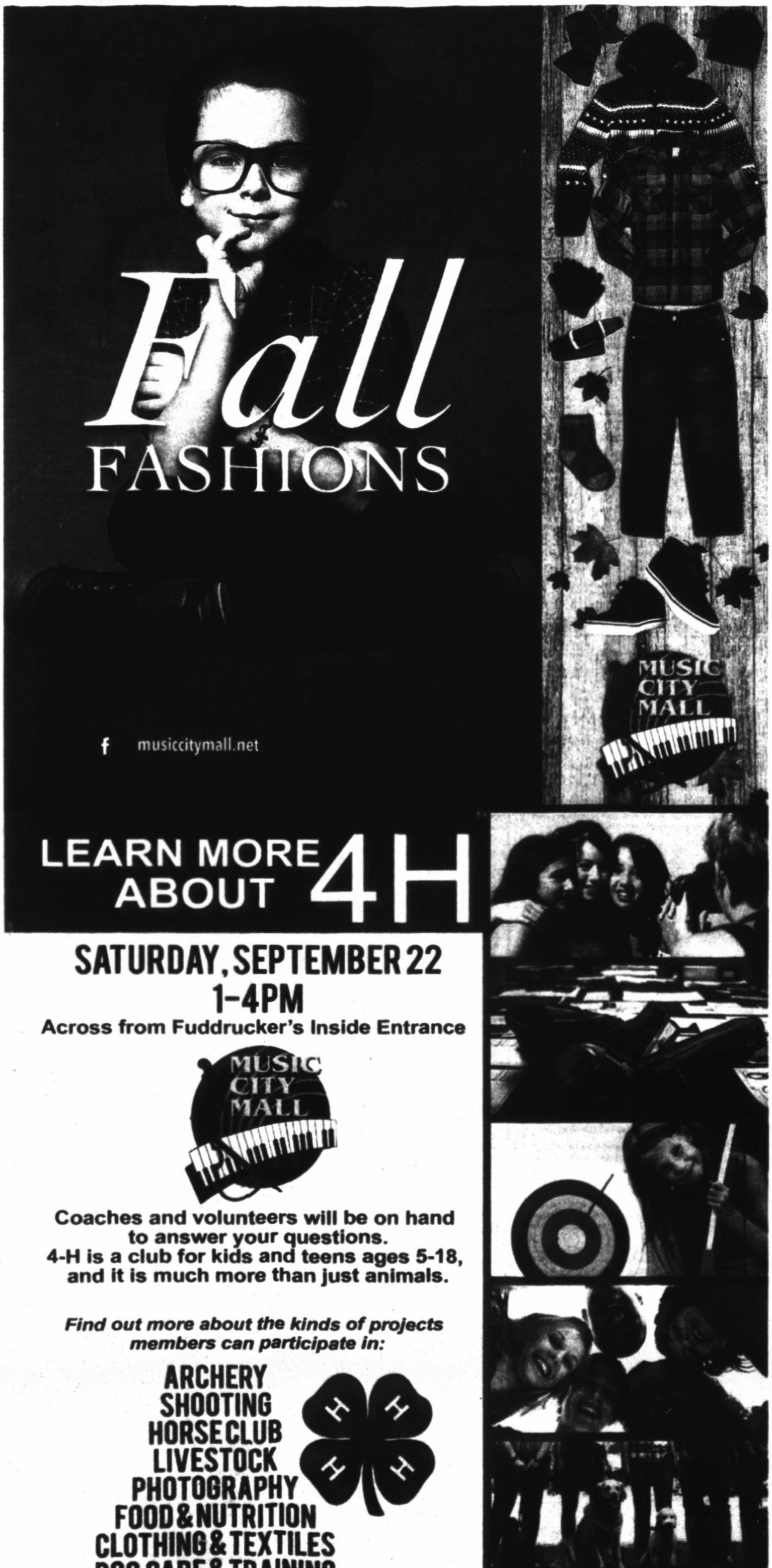
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SALES JOBS

DIGITAL SALES SPECIALIST

Reports to VP of Advertising

Summary
The primary responsibility of the Digital Sales Specialist is to increase digital advertising revenues by actively engaging with clients and Multi-Media Sales Executives (MMSEs) in field calls, client visits, and overall revenue-driving activities. This position directly affects and is responsible for achieving or exceeding individual and team digital revenue targets in the market.

Key Responsibilities

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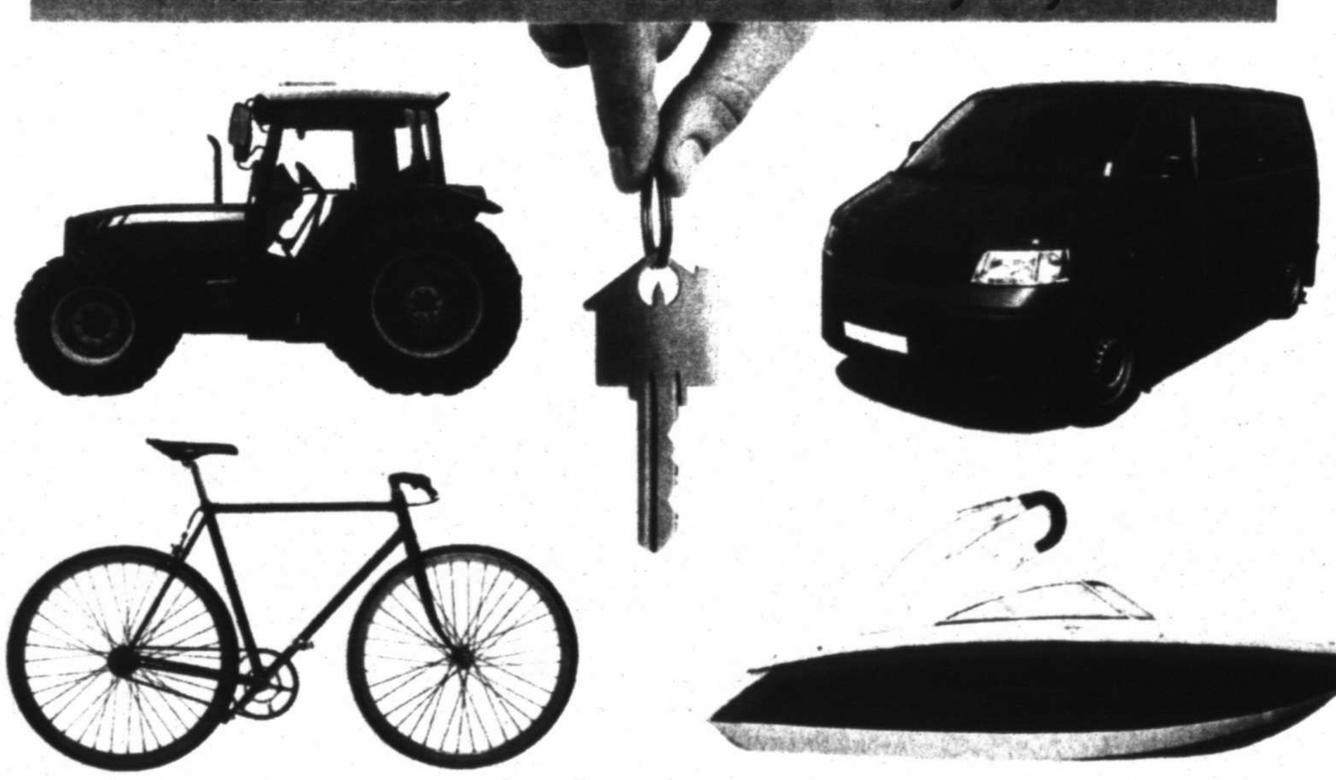

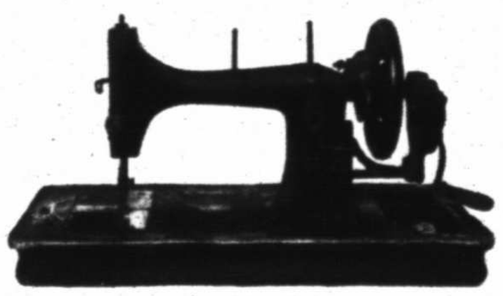

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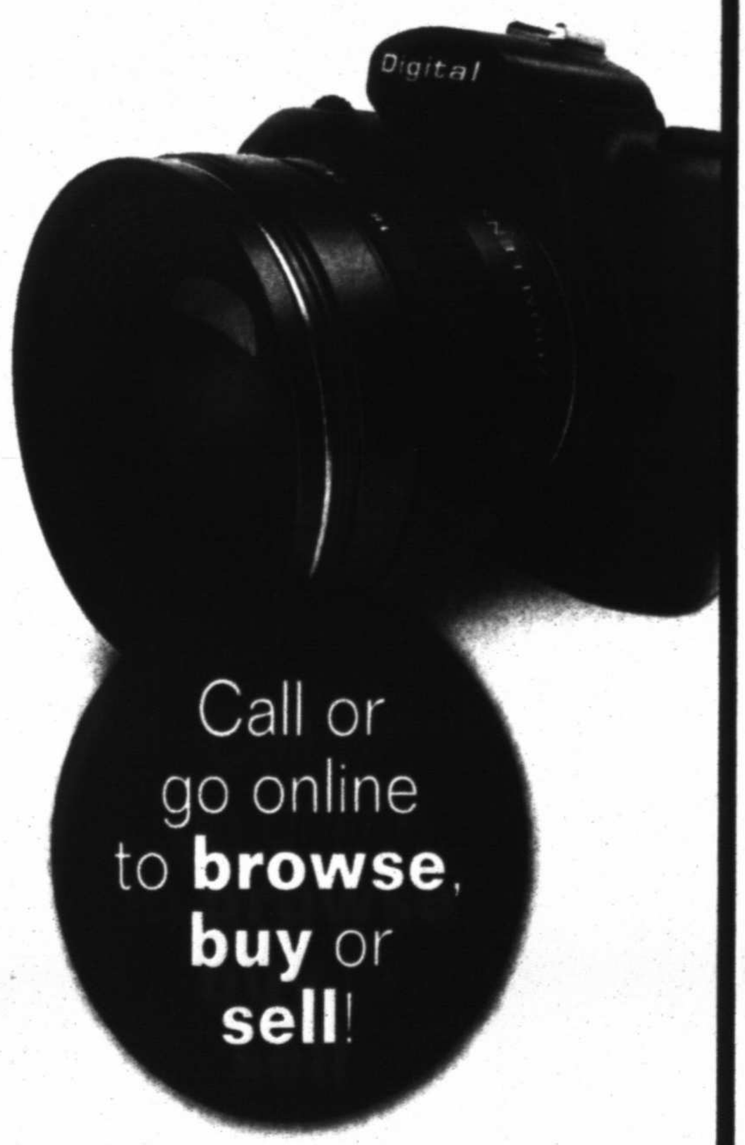

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