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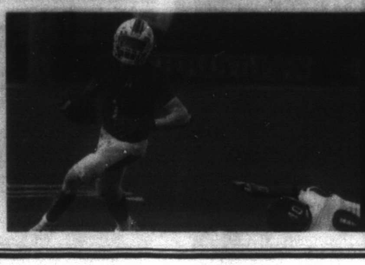

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Peyton Powell is the Area Player of the Week. Read about how he helped Midland Christian beat El Paso Americas Friday.

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Conaway town hall addresses DACA, health care

By Simone Jasper
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ODESSA — Comments about the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and health care led to some spirited exchanges at U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway's town hall meeting on Monday.

One flashpoint was the DACA program. President Donald Trump on Sept. 5 made an announcement about phasing out the program, which shields from deportation immigrants brought to the United States illegally as children.

The president also called on Congress to pass a law to replace the program in six months, and Conaway said U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan is creating a task force to determine legislative options.

Conaway spoke to constituents about other immigration-related topics and said border security is important to U.S. interests. The Midland Republican addressed a few dozen people at the Library Lecture Center at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Other comments also led to verbal exchange after someone asked the congressman to expand upon sentiments he previously shared about the right to health care.

Conaway after the event addressed comments related to welfare.

"The truth of the matter is, it's the federal taxpayers who fund the government, which is then able to make that happen," Conaway said.

The lawmaker also addressed comments related to veterans, tax reform and his role on the House Committee on Intelligence's investigation into the possible involvement of Russia in Trump's presidential campaign.

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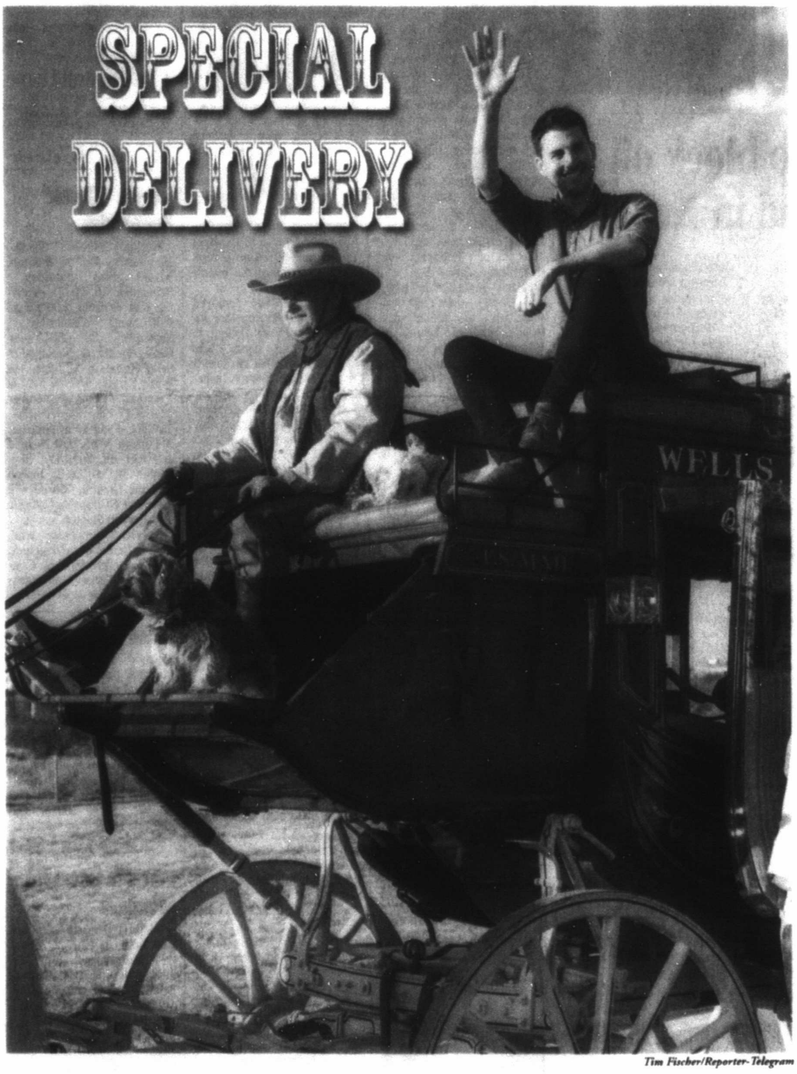

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The Wells Fargo stagecoach pulls up outside Travis Elementary with author Brendan Wenzel on Monday to deliver books as part of the annual Project Literacy. The stagecoach driver is Alan Cartwright, who has worked for Wells Fargo since 1995.

Project Literacy is an initiative between the Reporter-Telegram, Wells Fargo and Midland County Public Library. The eighth annual event also features R.L. Stine, author of the "Goosebumps" series, who spoke at Bowie Fine Arts Academy. Wenzel and Stine appeared at a meet-and-greet Monday afternoon at the library's Centennial branch.

Also having book signings at Centennial are Cory Putman Oakes, author of "Dinosaur Boy," 4:30 p.m. Thursday; Aaron Reynolds, author of "Creepy Carrots," 4:30 p.m. Friday; and Charlie Plumb, a Vietnam War POW and author of "I'm No Hero," 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

As part of the weeklong event, volunteers are reading "They All Saw a Cat" to first-graders at Midland County schools and are distributing copies of Wenzel's book to the students. See more photos from Monday's events on **Page 2A.**

H-E-B on Wadley approved for curbside pickup

From staff reports

H-E-B wants to add curbside pickup to its Wadley Avenue location, and the Planning & Zoning Commission gave the grocer the go-ahead to move onto its next step with the city.

P&Z commissioners on Monday voted 5-0 to approve a zone change at the store, 3325 W. Wadley Ave., that will enable the construction of a 1,178-square-foot curbside pickup station on the southeast portion of the building.

The station will have seven dedicated parking spots, including one that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The new curbside pickup area will reduce the number of the store's parking spaces from 592 to 589.

Construction already is underway for a curbside pickup area at the H-E-B at 5407 Andrews Highway. The 2,882-square-foot

Please see **H-E-B**/2A

Shale producers pumping more despite Harvey's impact on Eagle Ford

By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

U.S. shale drillers are expected to pump more oil this month even though Hurricane Harvey crimped output in the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas.

In West Texas, oil producers in the Permian Basin are projected to boost oil production by 55,000 barrels a day by October, the bulk of a daily 79,000-barrel increase expected across seven major shale plays, the Energy Department said Monday.

That jump will bring U.S. shale oil

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The big number
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Word of the Day: pseudonym
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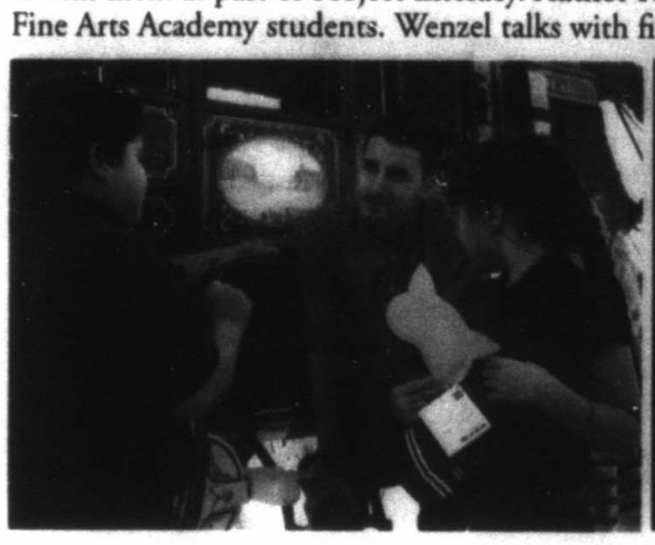
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Author Brendan Wenzel draws an illustration with input from first-grader students at Travis Elementary on Monday after talking with them about writing his book, "They All Saw a Cat," and read it with them as part of Project Literacy. Author R.L. Stine talks with Bowie Fine Arts Academy students. Wenzel talks with first grade students.



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Reporter-Telegram

Lawsuit aims to block oil drilling on US land in Nevada

By Scott Sonner
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Environmentalists have sued a U.S. agency to try to stop it from allowing oil and gas drilling on a vast stretch of federal land in Nevada, where the government is reversing protections put in place nine months ago under the Obama administration.

The Sierra Club and Center for Biological Diversity say the U.S. Bureau of Land Management illegally failed to consider potential consequences of hydraulic fracturing, known as fracking, ranging from harm to the greater sage grouse to contamination of fragile desert water sources and emission of climate-altering greenhouse gases.

The suit filed last week in federal court in Reno seeks an order forcing the bureau to rescind oil drilling leases it sold in June for as low as $2 per acre on three land parcels covering about 9 square miles.

The groups are asking a judge to forbid permits on an additional 103 parcels totaling 296 square miles until the agency complies with the National Environmental Policy Act and other laws they say require a thorough examination of the potential effects of fracking.

"The Trump administration wants to turn public lands into private profits for the fossil fuel industry at the peril of local communities and wildlife," said Clare Lakewood, an attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity's Climate Law Institute in Oakland, California.

President Donald Trump has taken other steps to open up federal lands to energy production, including proposals to eliminate national monuments designated by former President Barack Obama.

Patrick Donnelley, the center's state director in Nevada, said the drilling leases in Nevada mark the first time the Trump administration has reversed a draft proposal by the previous administration to keep some otherwise unprotected lands off limits to drilling. He says the government is flouting environmental rules "to push their oil and gas agenda."

Fracking has led to a boom in natural gas production but raised widespread concerns about possible groundwater contamination and even earthquakes. The method uses huge amounts of pressurized water, sand and chemicals to extract oil and natural gas from rock formations deep underground.

The lawsuit says it can release carcinogens and other hazardous pollutants into the air and water while emitting massive amounts of methane, a significant driver of climate change.

Bureau of Land Management spokesman Steve Clutter said the agency does not comment on pending litigation. But he said federal law directs the agency to conduct quarterly sales of drilling leases for minerals beneath about 880,000 square miles of land that it manages — an area eight times the size of Nevada.

He said domestic production of oil and gas on those lands account for about 10 percent of the nation's gas supply and 5 percent of its oil.

The federal mineral leases don't automatically allow companies to drill but provide a 10-year window to apply for permits for gas and oil exploration.

The land bureau acknowledged when issuing a 280-page draft environmental assessment of the 106 parcels in January that use of the drilling practice was a "real possibility" but maintains it does not have to examine site-specific effects until a developer submits a formal plan to pursue such a tactic.

Such an analysis "would amount to speculation," agency Acting State Director Marcia Todd said in denying the environmentalists' protest of the lease sales in June.

Man charged with aggravated assault

From staff reports

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after he allegedly exhibited a wooden door frame and a wood block during the commission of an assault, according to court documents.

Rios

Randier Antomarchi Rios, 40, was being held Monday on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Midland police were dispatched at about 2:40 a.m. Thursday in reference to a disturbance.

Rios allegedly kicked in a residence's door, entered and grabbed a piece of the door frame that had broken off. Rios struck a woman with the door frame and threw a wood block at her, according to his arrest affidavit.

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

FORD

From 1A

production up to 6.08 million barrels a day in October.

Of that, the Permian would make up 2.64 million barrels a day. The Eagle Ford, meanwhile, is only expected to drop 9,000 barrels a day, to a daily 1.27 million barrels, according to the Energy Information Administration.

A few weeks ago, the Texas Railroad Commission estimated between 300,000 to 500,000 barrels a day of oil production in the Eagle Ford had been shut in as Hurricane Harvey rolled through.

"Folks will be watching how fast the shale oil producers bring back their wells after such a rapid shut in," said Bob McNally, president of the consultancy Rapidan Energy. "The refineries and ports are going to come back and the pipelines are open. The question is the upstream production. That's unexplored territory."

Obituaries

Melba Alyene Bradshaw

Melba Alyene Bradshaw, 96, of Stanton, died on September 16, 2017 in a Stanton Nursing Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at First Baptist Church, Stanton with David Harp officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas with son, Troy Wayne Bradshaw, officiating.

Alyene was born April 19, 1921 in Scott County, Arkansas. She and her family moved to Fannin County, Texas in a covered wagon when she was a young child. She married Troy C. Bradshaw on December 17, 1938 in Honey Grove, Texas.

Alyene and Troy moved to the Lomax community in Howard County in 1942. They then moved to the Courtney community in Martin County in 1945 where they lived for over 55 years before moving to Stanton. Alyene was a superb homemaker and took great delight in cooking, sewing, crocheting, and making quilts for her family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers at time.

Survivors include two sons, Troy Wayne Bradshaw of St. Louis, Missouri and Darrell Bradshaw and wife Nancy of Stanton; two daughters, Martha Byrd and husband Sam of McKinney and Cheryl Jones and husband Jerry of Graham; son-in-law Richard Martel of Frisco; and Martha J. Bradshaw of Dallas; nine grandchildren, Carl Bradshaw, Misha Navarro, Kristi Beard, Lance Martel, Eric Martel, Carrie McGuire, Jarrett Bradshaw, Brandon Jones, and Avery Eenigenberg; and 18 great grandchildren.

Her parents, husband Troy C. Bradshaw, daughter Mary Martel, a brother; a sister, and twin great granddaughters preceded her in death.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas, Midland, Texas 79701 or to the Martin County Senior Citizens Center, PO Box 1233, Stanton, Texas 79782.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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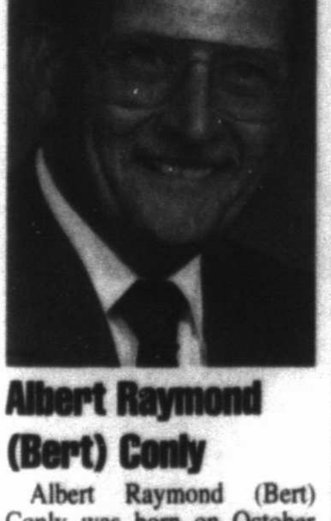

Albert Raymond (Bert) Conly

Albert Raymond (Bert) Conly was born on October 4, 1927 in El Centro, California to George Thomas Conly and Eva Mae Hopkins Conly. After his father's death in 1931, the family moved to Aspermont, Texas to live with his aunt and uncle in several small West Texas towns. Bert moved to Midland in 1939 with his mother, brother and step father Dr. J.O. Shannon, founder of the Shannon Animal Hospital.

Bert graduated from Midland High School in 1945, where he enjoyed sports including football and track. Shortly after high school graduation, Bert enlisted in the United States Navy just before his eighteenth birthday and served on the battleship USS West Virginia at the end of World War II. He was honorably discharged and entered college at Hardin Simmons University where he studied for three years and later graduated from the University of North Texas.

Bert returned to Midland after graduation and in 1953 was introduced to Sue Craddock on a blind date arranged by her sister and brother-in-law, Lela and Bill Midkiff, commencing a sixty-plus year romance. They were married in Hobbs, New Mexico on July 10, 1954 and celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary just before Sue's death in 2013. Based on their own accounts and those of class mates, Bert and Sue were in the same sixth grade class in Midland.

After their marriage and the arrival of two sons (Bert and Gary), they moved to Lubbock so Bert could attend Texas Tech University. He later joined his brother and others in the local accounting firm of Conly, Peters & Smith. Bert and Sue resided in Midland for all of their married life except for a 10-year period when he became involved in the oil business and they lived in Corpus Christi and Houston. He sold his business in 1981 and returned to Midland.

He was a member of The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity and served on several private and charitable boards over the years.

Bert and Sue enjoyed many past-times together including deep sea fishing in Corpus Christi, dance clubs in Midland and all the events at the Haley Library, especially the cowboy stories. Bert, his brother George, and others enjoyed hosting many Midland High School class reunions. He loved hunting and fishing trips with his friends, tennis and golf; shooting even-par at Midland Country Club on a few occasions. There were many tennis matches involving Bert and his sons over the years. It was great family fun.

Bert was a strong, independent West Texan, a faithful friend and wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. As a father, he provided a firm hand at the right time, knew when kindness was needed and instilled a strong work ethic. He felt fortunate to have his picture with his son, granddaughter and great grandson at a lunch outing last year.

Now, Bert is reunited with the love of his life and we will miss him.

The family would like to thank his friends for their support including the Wednesday lunch group and especially Russ Robken for his loyal and dedicated friendship. Also, thank you to all of the staff at Manor Park who provided passionate and tender care for Bert over the last eighteen months. Their patience and compassion for his well-being was obvious and much appreciated.

Bert is preceded in death by his wife, Martha Sue Craddock Conly (November 24, 2013); son, Gary Wayne Conly (February 26, 1978); parents, George Thomas Conly, Eva Mae Shannon and stepfather Dr. J.O. Shannon, and brother, George Thomas Conly, Jr.

Survivors include; son, Albert Shannon Conly and wife Jeanie of Dallas, Texas grandchildren: Shannon Leigh Conly Gozal and husband Joaquin Gozal of Salta, Argentina, Kendall Marie Conly of Dallas, Texas, Lindsey Briscoe Berg and husband Aaron Berg of Denver, Colorado and Mark Briscoe of Dallas, Texas, and great grandchild, Joaquin Gozal, Jr. of Salta Argentina.

He also leaves behind numerous nieces and nephews who included them in the Midkiff and Fitzhugh family events which he enjoyed immensely and Debbie Conly and Andye Conly who stayed in constant contact.

Sue and Bert wanted to make a difference for young people seeking an education and established the Conly Family Endowed Scholarship at Hardin Simmons University. They enjoyed the letters from the scholarship recipients each year. The family requests that interested parties send memorials to the Conly Family Endowed Scholarship, c/o Mike Hammack, 2200 Hickory, Box 16100, Abilene, Texas 79698 or the Haley Memorial Library and History Center at 1805 W. Indiana Avenue, Midland, Texas 79701.

Family visitation will be Monday, September 18, 2017 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Ellis Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 11:00am at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 West Illinois, Midland, Texas.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Death Notices

Carlos "Chuck" Hernandez

Carlos "Chuck" Hernandez, 46 of Stanton, passed away Saturday, September 16, 2017. Viewing will be from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. A Wake Service will be held at 7:00 pm, Friday, September 22, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, September 23, 2017 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Stanton.

Survivors include wife, Missy Hernandez; daughter, Ida Hernandez; parents, Connie and Nestor Hernandez; and one brother.

David Ragan

David Ragan, 53 of Midland, passed away peacefully in his sleep. Private services are pending for a later date with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

David is survived by his son, David Ragan; father, Richard "Dick" Ragan; and siblings, Scott Ragan and Marjorie Mills.

Victoria Decristo Mendoza

Victoria Decristo Mendoza was born in Odessa, Texas on Wednesday, July 19, 2017. She passed away in Dallas, Texas on Saturday, September 16, 2017. There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be held at St. Stephen's on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com

H-E-B

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station is located on the north side of the building.

City staff said H-E-B didn't require P&Z approval for this location because the store is in a "straight zoning district." The Andrews shop is zoned for local retail district 2 (LR2). The Wadley location is zoned as a planned district (PD) for a shopping center with an underlying zoning of LR2. H-E-B had to purse an amendment because of the store's PD zoning.

Also on Monday, the commission voted 5-0 to approve a zone change request by RARE Hospitality International for its under-construction LongHorn Steakhouse.

LongHorn Steakhouse is being built on the north side of the Midland Park Mall property, next to the Bubba's 33 restaurant. Commissioners gave the OK to build four more parking spaces, which will bring the total to 105.

RARE is a subsidiary of Darden Restaurants and does business as LongHorn Steakhouse, according to the Securities Exchange Commission.

The LongHorn Steakhouse in Midland is expected to open this fall and will employ between 80 and 100 people, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

All P&Z decisions are subject to City Council approval.

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■ 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.

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

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

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

■ LGBTQ Peer Support Group hosted by Permian Basin LGBTQ(plus), 7:30 p.m., Sleep Inn and Suites of Midland, 5612 Deauville Road. Free. pblgbtq.org.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Benjamin Ridgley holds 3 year old Ryker during the 27th Annual High Sky Wing AirSho on Saturday at Midland International Airport. Students from around the Permian Basin also watch vintage and modern aircraft Friday morning during practice for AirSho, which was presented Saturday and Sunday by the High Sky Wing of the Commemorative Air Force

The St. Ann's Family Fair
Sept. 28th – Oct. 1st
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Weather

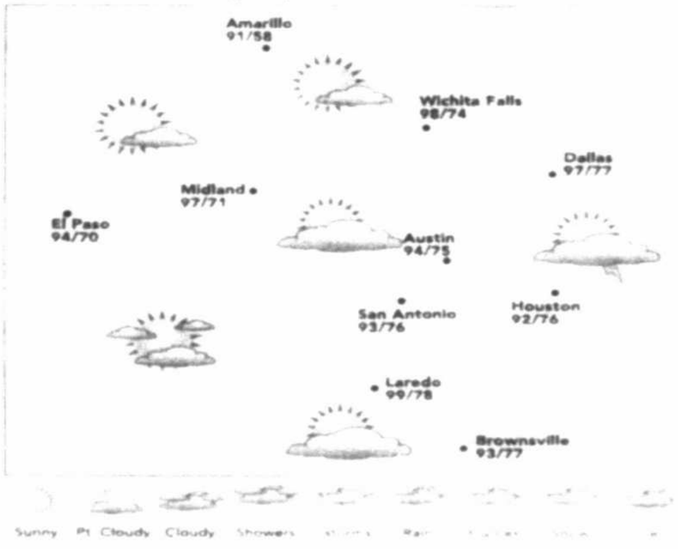
Wednesday's temperatures
High ... 97
Low ... 71
Normal high ... 86
Normal low ... 61

Sept. 18's records
Record high: 98 set in 2002 and equaled in 2005 and 2015
Record low: 47 set in 1971 and equaled in 1991

Precipitation
Saturday ... 0.00 in.
Sunday ... 0.00 in.
Month total ... 0.03 in.
Year total ... 12.77 in.
Normal total (year to date) ... 10.90 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 12 mph
Gust speed: 18 mph

Forecast for Tuesday, September 19, 2017



Sept. 19 forecast
High: 96
Low: 71
Conditions: Mostly sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
Winds: 15 mph during the day and night
Chance of rain: 20 percent during the day and night
Sunrise ... 7:35 a.m.
Sunset ... 7:49 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun and Moon in Virgo.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017:

This year there often is a haze of confusion around you. During these periods, you and others come up with some extraordinary, creative ideas. The lack of clarity creates a wider perimeter, fewer boundaries and the opportunity for more ingenuity. If you are single, you meet people with ease, yet the art of choosing the right person might take more than one try. If you are attached, the two of you often need to confirm plans, times and meeting places. Maintain a sense of humor, as confusion becomes a regular happening. A fellow VIRGO easily could lose his or her temper.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Listen to your inner voice regarding a project that could affect your daily life. Reach out to a friend who always adds an upbeat tone to any task you opt to take on. This person adds that extra zing. You have a lot to do, but others offer to pitch in. **Tonight:** Put up your feet and relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your imagination goes haywire when dealing with a new opportunity. You could be thinking far beyond the here and now. A partner might be a little put off by your changing responses. Attempt to harness a long-term goal. **Tonight:** A friend will be unpredictable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Stay centered as you deal with a key person in your life. Fatigue surrounds an issue that involves your finances. As a result, you might not get the response you want. Your caring attitude emerges around your family. **Tonight:** Confirm plans not once, but twice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Speak your mind with the full expectation that the other party will hear your message loud and clear. You convey caring through your voice and expression, though an element of confusion could surround your interactions. Try a new approach, if need be. **Tonight:** Hang out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You are very aware of the costs of heading in a certain direction. You still are likely to want to explore this possibility, as you could find a way to lower your expenses. Use care with your finances; otherwise, you might go overboard. **Tonight:** Let someone else pick up the tab.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You smile and draw a loved one closer to you. Your personal life will be highlighted right now, perhaps more than you might desire. Share more of yourself with a roommate or loved one, as this person appreciates your vulnerability. Listen to feedback. **Tonight:** As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Take your time with financial and emotional matters. You might not like the results if you rush. Keep communication moving. You don't need to push so hard to express your thoughts. Hang loose, and do a good job of listening. Tonight: Stay mum. Keep a secret to yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You are more in touch with those around you. You know how you feel when you speak with friends. You seem to be juggling many different areas of your life. Take an overview of your desires, and figure out how you can creatively get what you need. **Tonight:** Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You can be difficult and touchy. You might feel as if you must perform to your highest level because someone is observing your performance. You will have a reason to smile. Be careful and be realistic about a key issue. **Tonight:** Know that others are admiring you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Pull back and take in the big picture. You understand where others come from when a controversy arises, which makes it much easier to find a mutually agreeable solution. Confusion surrounds communication. Verify what you think you've heard. **Tonight:** Feed your mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You will see a difference in a close loved one. This person can be erratic and temperamental, and then suddenly become very loving. You cannot change him or her. Remember that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. **Tonight:** Be a duo once more.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You continue to be responsive to a loved one. Know that this person has been difficult as of late. Just go with the flow, and don't worry so much about his or her present mood. What you can count on is that things will change given some time. **Tonight:** Just do not be alone.

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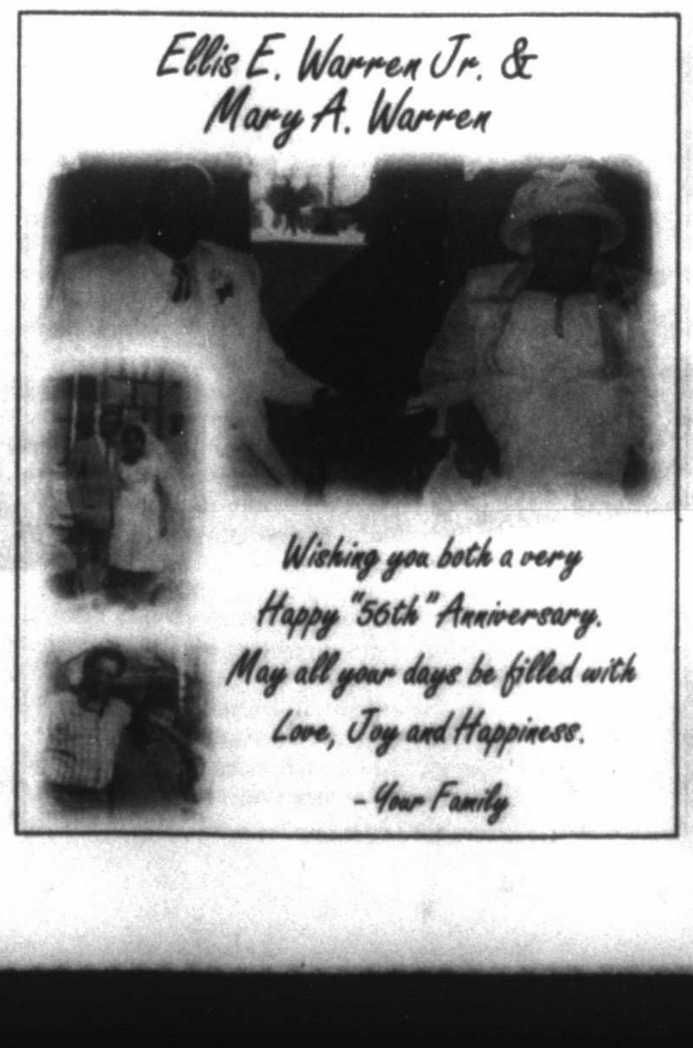
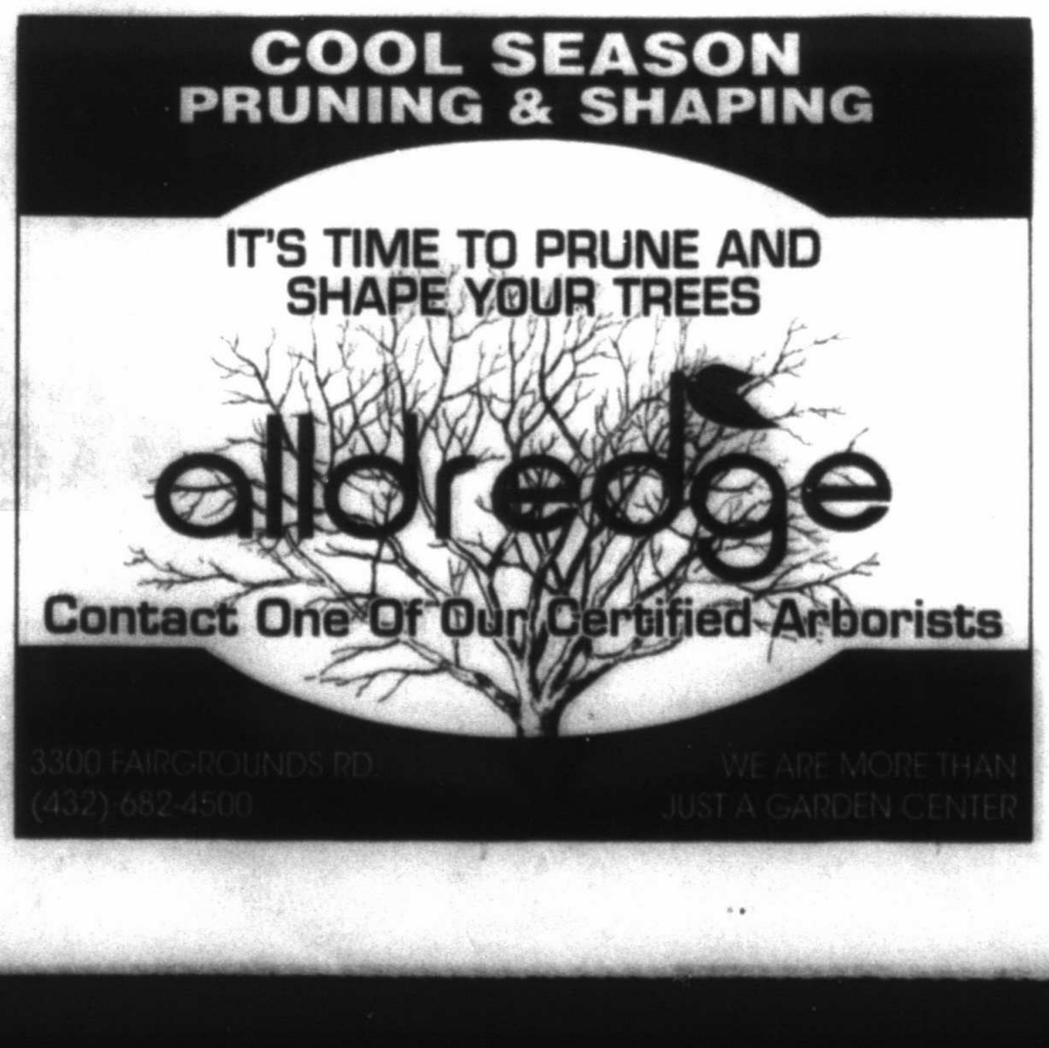




Protesters make good on threat to disrupt St. Louis business

By Jim Salter
Associated Press

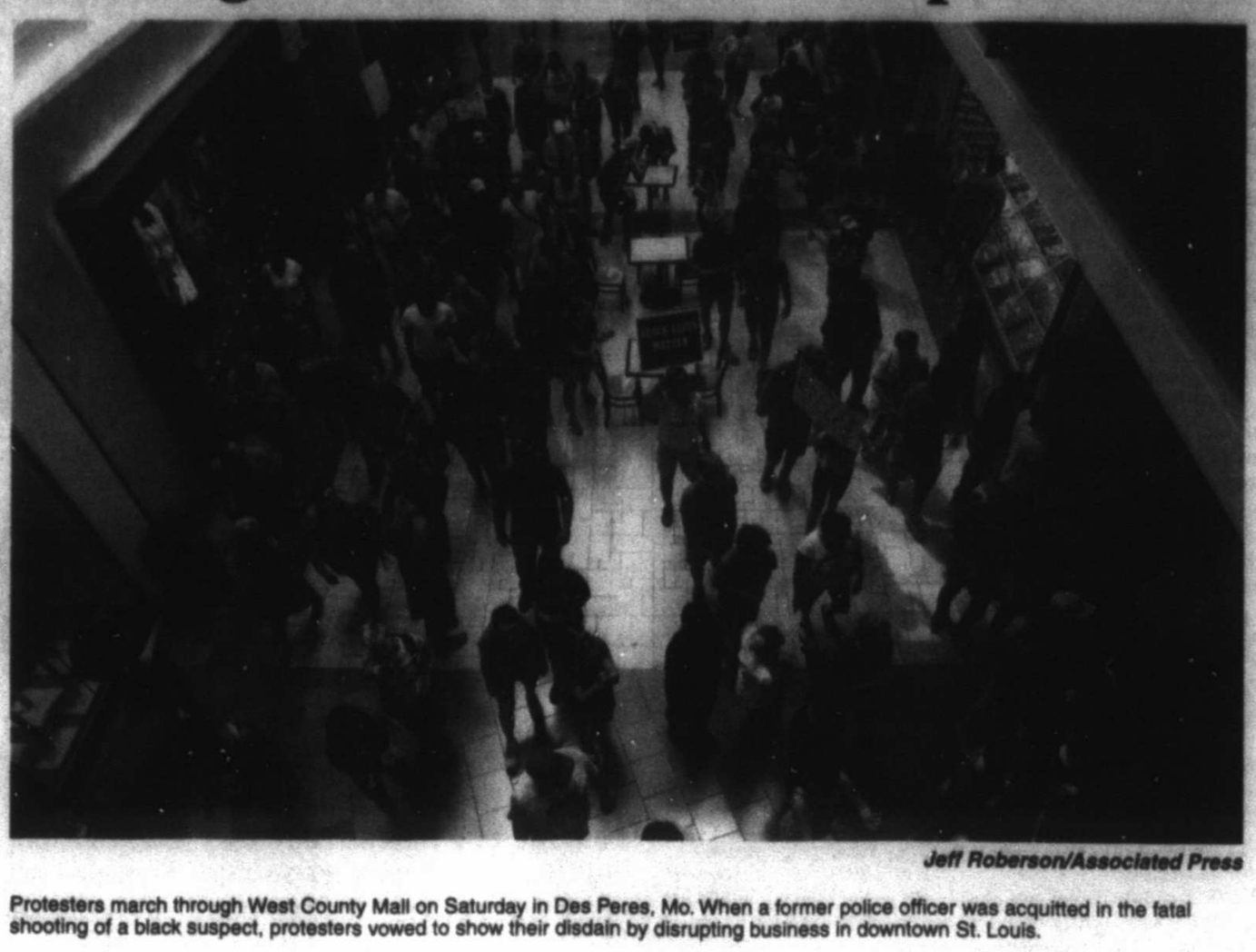
ST. LOUIS — When a former police officer was acquitted in the fatal shooting of a black suspect, protesters vowed to show their disdain by disrupting business in downtown St. Louis. They quickly succeeded.

The unrest that followed Friday's ruling closed large corporate offices, shut down restaurants and bars and even forced U2 to call off a concert that would have drawn 50,000 fans into the heart of the city. And protest organizers may not be done.

The demonstrations engulfed the St. Louis region after a judge acquitted Jason Stockley of first-degree murder in the 2011 death of 24-year-old Anthony Lamar Smith. Within hours, downtown came to a standstill as marching protesters blocked traffic. The demonstrations went on through the weekend, with protest crowds swelling to thousands of people and spilling into a posh area of restaurants and bars in western St. Louis, the hip Delmar Loop area of nearby University City and even into two shopping malls.

More than 140 people were arrested.

The protests forced U2 to cancel a concert at the Edward Jones Dome, St. Louis' largest venue. Police said they could not provide normal protection because of the unrest, the band and concert promoter Live Nation said in a statement.



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Protesters march through West County Mall on Saturday in Des Peres, Mo. When a former police officer was acquitted in the fatal shooting of a black suspect, protesters vowed to show their disdain by disrupting business in downtown St. Louis.

Singer Ed Sheeran also called off a show. The St. Louis Symphony and a Shakespearean Theatre group canceled performances too.

Democratic state Rep. Bruce Franks, a protest organizer, said making the entire community uncomfortable is an important part of the demonstrations. Franks said protests would continue, but he did not say when or where.

"Folks got to pay attention, right?" Franks said Monday. "Do we just say, 'Oh, it's another case where an officer's found not guilty and leave it at that?' No, we get out here and disrupt and make our presence felt."

Joe Reagan, president and CEO of the St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce, said it's too early to put a dollar amount on the economic cost.

"But in the long term, there are greater economic impacts from the racial disparity and the mistrust many have in the criminal justice system," Reagan said. "This is not new to St. Louis or unique to St. Louis, but this is a challenge."

Many business owners are dealing with more than lost time or canceled events. Police said nearly two dozen businesses were damaged Saturday night in University City, mostly by having their windows broken. On Sunday, more windows were broken in downtown St. Louis, and several large decorative pots with plants were smashed.

Chris Rubin de la Borbolla, owner of a clothing, jewelry and accessories store in University City, said his broken window will probably cost him at least $2,000. Damage to merchandise will cost him about $2,000 more.

Joe Edwards, owner of the Blueberry Hill restaurant and concert venue and many other Delmar Loop businesses, said he was particularly frustrated because much of the damage occurred at businesses owned by minorities.

"Forty-five years ago, this street was in great decline and by embracing diversity we overcame it," said Edwards, who is white. "Whoever threw rocks doesn't care. They just want anarchy."

But Edwards said it was heartwarming Sunday when artists from around the region turned out to transform the plywood covering broken windows into art. Restaurants and shops were busy with people who "came in to shop and show support," he said.

Protests resumed for the fourth straight day just after dawn Monday. A racially mixed crowd of roughly 150 people marched silently to City Hall for a rally, then to a city court building for another. Police did not intervene.

It was a far cry from the scene hours earlier, when a small crowd left over from an earlier peaceful protest marched into downtown late Sunday. Once they started breaking windows and throwing things at officers, police reinforcements quickly emerged and protesters scattered.

For the next several hours, hundreds of officers in riot gear lined downtown streets. More than 80 people were arrested, including onlookers who refused orders to disperse. Among those arrested was reporter Mike Faulk of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, according to the newspaper.

The cause for the escalation was not clear. Protesters blamed police for showing up in riot gear. Police said demonstrators began throwing things at them.

Floods, other disasters add stress to state budgets

By Christina A. Cassidy and Bob Salsberg
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A summer of natural catastrophes, from epic hurricanes to scorching wildfires, has exposed another peril in disaster-prone states: How to pay for the rescues, repairs and rebuilding.

The combined tab from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma is expected to hit $200 billion or more. Although the federal government is expected to pay most of that, the affected state and local governments have to start paying for recovery now and eventually could be on the hook for tens of millions of dollars or more.

States vary on how prepared they are to weather such costs. Florida and South Carolina, both hit by Hurricane Irma, are among the dozen or so states that do not have dedicated disaster funds and opt to cover the expenses after the fact, potentially by dipping into reserves or shifting money from other state agencies.

Experts say such pay-as-you-go disaster funding can be risky. Add an economic downturn when reserves are low and budgets are tight, and state and local officials could easily find themselves struggling to pay for recovery and rebuilding.

Even putting money into a dedicated disaster fund may not be enough.

In Montana, where wildfires raged across the state this summer, threatening hundreds of homes and destroying a historic lodge in Glacier National Park, the firefighting costs so far have exceeded the amount set aside in a special disaster fund by $20 million.

John Raoux/Associated Press

Gov. Rick Scott assesses flooding damage over Jacksonville, Fla., in the aftermath Sept. 12 of Hurricane Irma. The combined tab from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma is expected to hit $200 billion or more.

"It took us all by surprise," state Rep. Nancy Ballance said.

All but a handful of states maintain so-called rainy day accounts, but in most cases "rainy day" is a misnomer: The money is typically used to get through economic downturns rather than responding to natural disasters. States tapped, and in many cases depleted, their rainy day funds to avoid massive cuts and maintain critical services after tax revenue plummeted during the recession.

Several states have struggled to rebuild their savings since then because tax revenue hasn't rebounded enough to provide a cushion. In all, 33 states reported tax revenue coming in below forecast last year.

New Jersey's rainy day fund has been empty since 2009. Pennsylvania's is so small it would barely fund government operations for two hours, according to a recent study by the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Texas, hit hard by Hurricane Harvey last month, has the largest rainy day fund of any state — $10 billion — but state officials are keeping that as a last resort. Gov. Greg Abbott has said he wants to consider what other funding might be available first. That could include tapping into money already allocated to state agencies.

Others in Texas, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, have advocated for tapping into reserves now.

"If this isn't a rainy day, I don't know what is," Patrick said last week.

Georgia is one of the states better prepared financially to handle the unexpected costs of a disaster. It has a dedicated emergency fund with roughly $20 million available annually and a rainy day fund with approximately $2.4 billion, England said.

"Thankfully, our economy is in pretty good shape right now," said state Rep. Terry England, chairman of the House budget committee in Georgia, where all 159 counties reported damage from Hurricane Irma. "If this had hit in 2010 or 2011, it might have been a little bit different."

In addition to budget reserves, 28 states have established special funds to help residents and businesses after a disaster. The downside: Several are not currently funded, according to the National Emergency Management Association.

California is among the states with a dedicated disaster fund — for fighting wildfires — but already has burned through more than half the $427 million it set aside this year, with Southern California's fearsome Santa Ana wind season looming. Even if that fund runs dry, however, the state will tap other sources, said H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the state Department of Finance.

"There has never been a situation when the state's finances would be an impediment to deploying crews and materials to knock down a fire as soon as possible to save lives and property," he said.

Montana's wildfire season has left lawmakers there facing difficult decisions.

The state typically keeps between $50 million and $100 million on hand for wildfire costs. This year, after a relatively wet winter and facing an estimate of lower than expected tax revenue, lawmakers authorized the governor to use some of that money to help fill a budget gap — leaving about $30 million in the fund.

Then disaster struck in the form of several large wildfires, which the state estimates have burned about 10 times as much land as last year's fires. So far, the state has spent roughly $58 million on fire suppression since the beginning of July.

Laura Ingraham joins Fox News evening lineup

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Conservative commentator Laura Ingraham is joining Fox News Channel's prime-time lineup with a program that pushes Sean Hannity into a direct competition with MSNBC's Rachel Maddow.

Her show, "The Ingraham Angle," will air weekdays at 10 p.m. ET starting Oct. 30. The radio talk show host is no stranger to Fox viewers since she's been a commentator on the network for a decade, and her ascension to a regular show has been an open secret since earlier this summer.

Fox said her show would "focus on every day, hard-working Americans who serve as the backbone of the nation" and highlight the importance of faith. Ingraham did not immediately return a message seeking comment on Monday.

She's also the founder of the political and cultural web site Lifezette. While she will continue to be listed as an editor there, she will have no daily role, Fox said.

Meanwhile, Hannity will return to the 9 p.m. time slot he occupied for several years starting next week. With the departures of Bill O'Reilly and Megyn Kelly over the past year, the vociferous backer of President Donald Trump has become Fox's most popular personality.

Earth sweltered to 3rd hottest August, summer on record

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Earth just sweated through the third hottest August and summer on record.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Monday the globe last month averaged 61.5 degrees (16.43 Celsius), which was a degree-and-a-half higher than the 20th century average, but behind 2016 and 2015.

The average temperature for June through August was 61.47 degrees (16.41 Celsius).

So far the year to date has edged out 2015 and is the second hottest January through August, averaging 58.88 degrees (14.88 Celsius), behind 2016.

Records go back to 1880.

NOAA climate scientist Jake Crouch says even though records weren't broken, it's been warmer than 99 percent of the other months and a sign of long-term climate change.

Get Started: Tax help for businesses hit by Harvey and Irma

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
Associated Press

Post-hurricane tax help

The IRS has extended filing deadlines for taxpayers including businesses located in areas hit hard by hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

The tax relief is available in federally declared disaster areas in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Taxpayers who got extensions of the April filing deadline for their 2016 income tax returns now have until Jan. 31 to file their returns; they had been due Oct. 16.

Taxpayers required to make estimated tax payments on Sept. 15 and Jan. 16 now have until Jan. 31 to make those payments.

And companies' quarterly payroll and excise tax returns due Oct. 31 may also now be delayed until Jan. 31.

The IRS will not assess late filing or payment penalties on these taxpayers.

Tax relief is also available to workers covered by 401(k) and similar employer-sponsored retirement plans in these disaster areas.

Employers are allowed to relax and streamline rules and procedures for staffers to take out loans against their retirement accounts or make hardship withdrawals. The withdrawals must be made by Jan. 31.

More information about the hurricane-related tax relief is available on the IRS website, www.irs.gov .

Waning optimism?

Small business owners are more pessimistic about the economy and less likely to hire than they were at the end of last year, according to a survey released by the National Small Business Association.

Forty-five percent of the 1,134 owners surveyed in July and August expect the economy to expand in the next 12 months, down from 54 percent in a survey taken in December.

The number of owners expecting the economy to remain the same was 45 percent, up from 34 percent. Ten percent expect a recession, down from 12 percent.

That dip in optimism was reflected in owners' expectations for growth opportunities for their companies.

Eight percent said they foresee opportunities in the next three months, down from 11 percent in December.

Fourteen percent see opportunities in the next three to 6 months, versus 18 percent.

There was little change among those forecasting growth opportunities in the next six months to a year — 30 percent versus 31 percent.

Hiring plans also showed the caution. Thirty-seven percent said they expect to increase their payroll in the next 12 months, compared to 43 percent at the end of 2016.

Video marketing

Business owners who want to use video in their digital marketing can learn how at an online seminar sponsored by SCORE, the organization that provides free counseling to small companies.

The seminar will be held Thursday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. Eastern time. Learn more and register at http://bit.ly/2vaNXXH.

Hurricane Maria grows, threatens storm-battered Caribbean

By Danica Coto
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Hurricane Maria grew into an extremely dangerous Category 4 storm Monday as it barreled toward a potentially devastating collision with islands in the eastern Caribbean, and forecasters warned it was likely to become even stronger.

The storm's eye was expected to pass near Dominica later in the day on a path that would take it near many of the islands already wrecked by Hurricane Irma and then toward a possible direct strike on Puerto Rico on Wednesday.

"This storm promises to be catastrophic for our island," said Ernesto Morales with the U.S. National Weather Service in San Juan. "All of Puerto Rico will experience hurricane force winds."

The U.S. territory imposed rationing of basic supplies including water, milk, baby formula, canned food, batteries and flashlights.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Maria had maximum sustained winds of 130 mph (215 kph) in late afternoon. It was centered about 35 miles (55 kilometers) northeast of Martinique and 45 miles (70 kilometers) east-southeast of Dominica, and was heading west-northwest at 9 mph (15 kph).

The center said Maria would likely continue to gain strength for the next 24 hours or longer and could hit Category 5 status with winds reaching 155 mph (250 kph). "Maria is developing the dreaded pinhole eye," it noted.

That's a sign of an extremely strong hurricane likely to get even mightier, said University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy. Just like when a spinning ice skater brings in their arms and rotates faster, a smaller, tighter eye shows the same physics, he said.

Maria's eye shrank to a small 10 miles (16 kilometers) in diameter.

"You just don't see those in weaker hurricanes," McNoldy said. "It's cranking up the angular momentum."

Hurricane warnings were posted for the U.S. and British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guadeloupe, Dominica, St. Kitts, Nevis, Montserrat and Martinique. A tropical storm warning was issued for Antigua and Barbuda, Saba, St. Eustatius, St. Maarten, St. Lucia and Anguilla.

Forecasters said storm surge could raise water levels by 6 to 9 feet (1.8 to 2.7 meters) near the storm's center. The storm was predicted to bring 10 to 15 inches (25 to 38 centimeters) of rain across the islands, with more in isolated areas.

Officials in Dominica closed schools and government offices and urged people to evacuate and seek shelters.

"We should treat the approaching hurricane very, very seriously," Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit said. "This much water in Dominica is dangerous."

The small, mountainous island could be in trouble even if spared the storm's strongest winds. In August 2015, Tropical Storm Erika unleashed flooding and landslides that killed 31 people and destroyed more than 370 homes.

Officials in Guadeloupe said the French island would experience extremely heavy flooding starting in the afternoon and warned that many communities could be submerged overnight.

In nearby Martinique, authorities ordered people to remain indoors and said they should be prepared for power cuts and disruption in the water supply. All schools and non-essential public services were closed.

The storm's hurricane-force winds extended out about 25 miles (35 kilometers) from the eye, and tropical storm-force winds out as far as 125 miles (205 kilometers).

The current forecast track would carry it about 22 miles (35 kilometers) south of St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands late Tuesday and early Wednesday, according to territorial Gov. Kenneth Mapp.

"We are going to have a very, very long night," Mapp said as he urged people in the territory to finish any preparations.

St. Thomas and St. John are still recovering from a direct hit by Hurricane Irma, which did extensive damage and caused four deaths on the two islands.

GOP eyes popular tax breaks to finance overhaul

By Marcy Gordon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans straining to find about $1 trillion to finance sweeping tax cuts are homing in on two popular deductions that are woven into the nation's fiscal fabric — the mortgage interest deduction that millions of homeowners prize and the deduction for state and local taxes popular in Democratic strongholds.

About 30 million Americans, or about 20 percent of taxpayers, deduct mortgage interest from their income taxes, a deduction Realtors and homebuilders argue is a catalyst to home ownership in the United States. According to the most recent IRS tally, nearly 44 million people claim the deduction for state and local taxes in 2014, especially in the high-tax, high-income states of California, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Republicans are determined to overhaul the nation's tax code after more than three decades, delivering on a top legislative priority for President Donald Trump. Highlighting items that have been modernized since 1986, the last year the tax code was overhauled. Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., made a pitch for reform, saying on Monday, "Just like the rotary phone of the 80s, the American tax code is seriously outdated."

The two deductions are in the cross-hairs as Republicans look to slash the corporate and individual tax rates, according to congressional aides and strong hints from some lawmakers. The aides spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly. The deductions point up how what's seen by some as a special-deal loophole is embraced by others as a revered middle-class touchstone. That's a major reason why an overhaul of the tax system — a political imperative for the GOP — is so difficult.

House Republicans, who have been working behind closed doors, are promising to reveal details of their plan next week.

The Trump administration has thrown its weight behind a revamp of the tax system, but Republicans are split on some core issues.

They are divided over whether to add to the nation's soaring debt with tax cuts. In the Senate, Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who heads the tax-writing Finance Committee, says his panel won't be "a rubber stamp" for the House Republicans' plan. The GOP is at odds over eliminating the deduction for state and local taxes.

There are plenty of GOP lawmakers in Democratic-controlled New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and California, and they're pushing back. A coalition of 70 lawmakers from blue states — including 20 Republicans — lodged their objection formally to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

Repealing the state-local deduction for federal income taxes would subject people to being taxed twice, they say.

Some prominent Republicans come from those four blue states — like House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California, Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, who heads the powerful House Appropriations Committee, and Rep. Barbara Comstock of Virginia, a second-term lawmaker in a competitive district outside Washington.

Rep. Leonard Lance, a New Jersey Republican, is a leader of the coalition. His suburban district has a median household income around $106,000. "If we're going to discuss subsidies, we should discuss subsidies across the board," he said in a telephone interview.

The administration wants the state and local deduction to be eliminated or reduced because, officials say, the federal government shouldn't be subsidizing states and wealthy households.

The federal deduction for state and local taxes along with the mortgage interest deduction cost the government dearly in lost potential revenue. The state and local benefit, one of the biggest, deprives federal coffers of an estimated $1.3 trillion to $2 trillion over 10 years.

Governors and mayors, as well as big companies that pay state and local property taxes, could coalesce into a potent lobbying force defending the deduction.

The same knock is made by critics against the mortgage interest deduction: that it favors wealthy taxpayers at the expense of people of modest means. The benefit allows homeowners to deduct interest on up to $1 million in mortgage debt. Only about 20 percent of taxpayers deduct mortgage interest from their income taxes. It's open only to those who itemize deductions, and those taxpayers tend to have higher incomes.

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Last week, conservative Ben Shapiro gave a speech— at Berkeley. And all across America, people watched their screens to see what sort of violence would erupt.

Reality was anticlimactic. Law enforcement was out in force, at an estimated price tag of $600,000. Concrete barriers were erected to hold back the liberal "antifa," and police obtained permission in advance to use pepper spray. Much of the campus was locked down and cleared out. Nine people were arrested. And so, Shapiro arrived, gave his speech and departed without the mayhem we've become accustomed to seeing at such appearances. And collective relief was sighed.

But how relieved should we be that this is what it takes to maintain order in the face of a speech? On the one hand it shows that even in the heart of antifa territory, police and authorities who are determined to control them can do so. That's good to know (and gives the lie to chicken authorities who would give antifa a heckler's veto). And yet, those authorities could be forgiven for feeling daunted, even aggrieved, when they realize that every speaker antifa doesn't like means vast sums and considerable effort expended on turning your public spaces into a demilitarized zone.

I don't have an ironclad date for when antifa became a recognizable, and destructive, force in our politics. But I really began to notice them around the time of Trump's election, when I saw people defending their actions on the grounds that they were trying to stop Trump from being "normalized." It was argued that protesting-as-usual — show up, mill around for a while, chant a bit and then go home to see how much news coverage you got — was inadequate to our uniquely dangerous historical moment. Stronger action was called for.

I think it's safe to say that Donald Trump has not been normalized by anyone. The media treat him with deep contempt — mostly earned, I'd argue, but still not the normal way you expect to see a president portrayed. Foreign leaders sure don't seem to think he is normal, and nor do the bureaucracy or the courts. And partisans on both sides are behaving distinctly abnormally. They do not see themselves as arguing over policy or even values, but as engaged in an existential battle between good and evil, with President Trump as the avatar for one side or another.

But the process of not normalizing Trump has instead normalized a lot of other things, bad ones. Like public disorder. Like persistent, pervasive anxiety that often looks like mass hysteria. Like people on both sides who try to minimize the illiberal tactics of the radicals on their own side by pointing mostly to the offenses of the other. (Yes, President Trump, I'm looking at you. And also at the folks who held light-hearted debates about whether it was OK to sucker-punch Richard Spencer.)

Much of the debate over antifa has focused on whether the white supremacists on the other side are worse. It seems to be impossible, in fact, to write a column on antifa without noting, at length, that they are not nearly as bad as the neo-Nazis who converged on Charlottesville. And indeed, they are not.

But how does that justify antifa's tactics? It's not as if the police are unable, or unwilling, to deal with white supremacists who commit violent acts. We may wish that they had gotten to those people soon enough to prevent tragedies like the killing in Charlottesville, but it's not as if antifa is a crack team of investigators who can stop crimes before they happen. The only things they can stop, and the police cannot, are things that aren't crimes: notably, people exercising their First Amendment rights to peaceably assemble and speak their minds.

Those rights are not restricted to good people with morally just opinions and majority support. We hold them because we are in the U.S., a nation unified by the freedoms we all share.

Over 200 years, many people have suggested ways in which we might be better off without freedom of speech, or religion, or assembly — or any of the other rights enumerated in the nine other initial amendments. The Bill of Rights is still here, and those people are mostly forgotten. But someone new always comes along to suggest that some of those rights should be eliminated, or at least amended so that they don't protect bad people who are too dangerous to have rights.

That's normal. What should never be normal is what we are now witnessing: those folks appointing themselves a freelance constitutional convention, editing out the rights they find vexing, and enforcing their new rules with the power of their fists. But that is what has happened.

If we have to spend $600,000 to ensure that these people cannot arrogate to themselves powers we won't even allow our government, then that's probably a price worth paying. What we cannot afford to do is become inured to how outrageous it is. Every time it happens, we have to remind ourselves that all this security is the price we're paying to protect ourselves from thieves who want to steal our constitutionally guaranteed freedoms.

And that it is possible to once again live in a world where this is not normal.

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OUR VIEW

It's time for community to focus on November's road bond election

We believe this community has the ability to put the Confederate imagery talk on the back burner and discuss more relevant issues.

It is time to refocus on the most important issue of the day — Midland's roads and the November bond election. Even as we (including this newspaper) were distracted by all things Lee, the roads didn't get any better, and we learned there are more people in Midland. There are about 1,000 more students enrolled in MISD now than this time last year, according to the district, and employment data indicate a larger workforce than a year ago. There doesn't appear to be fewer vehicles on the road; thus, we have every reason to believe Midland has a need for improved infrastructure.

It is time for our readers and this community to re-engage. Thankfully, the League of Women Voters-Midland is a step ahead and has the perfect event planned to help in the engagement process. The LWV-Midland is hosting a road bond forum at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Scharbauer Student Center Carrasco Room at Midland College. Councilman J.Ross Lacy will headline a panel to talk about roads, the tax impact of the election and related infrastructure issues. Also on the panel will be Councilman John Love III and Buddy Sipes, a former councilman.

The event is part of a week of awareness about issues and the opportunity to vote. The League of Women Voters-Midland held a voter registration event Monday at Midland College and will hold two more voter registration events over the next seven days.

Looking at recent elections, registration hasn't really been the problem — apathy is. We hope Midlanders take more seriously the opportunity to vote in the road bond election. No matter the result, our community can't afford to have just 10 percent (or less) of the voting public weighing in on the issues of day. Such low participation is representative of a community that really doesn't care about what is taking place.

We need our community to become more engaged. Attend the forum on Thursday and bring your questions about the bond and its worthiness (which will be the topic of a future editorial).

Thank you to the League of Women Voters-Midland for its hard work on the issue of voter awareness. Thursday night's forum is one example of that.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Road bond forum
7 p.m. Thursday at Midland College in the Carrasco Room. J.Ross Lacy, Buddy Sipes and John Love III will give perspectives on the upcoming road bond election.

Voter registrations
3 to 6 p.m. Friday at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 26 (National Voter Registration Day) at the Scharbauer Student Center at Midland College.

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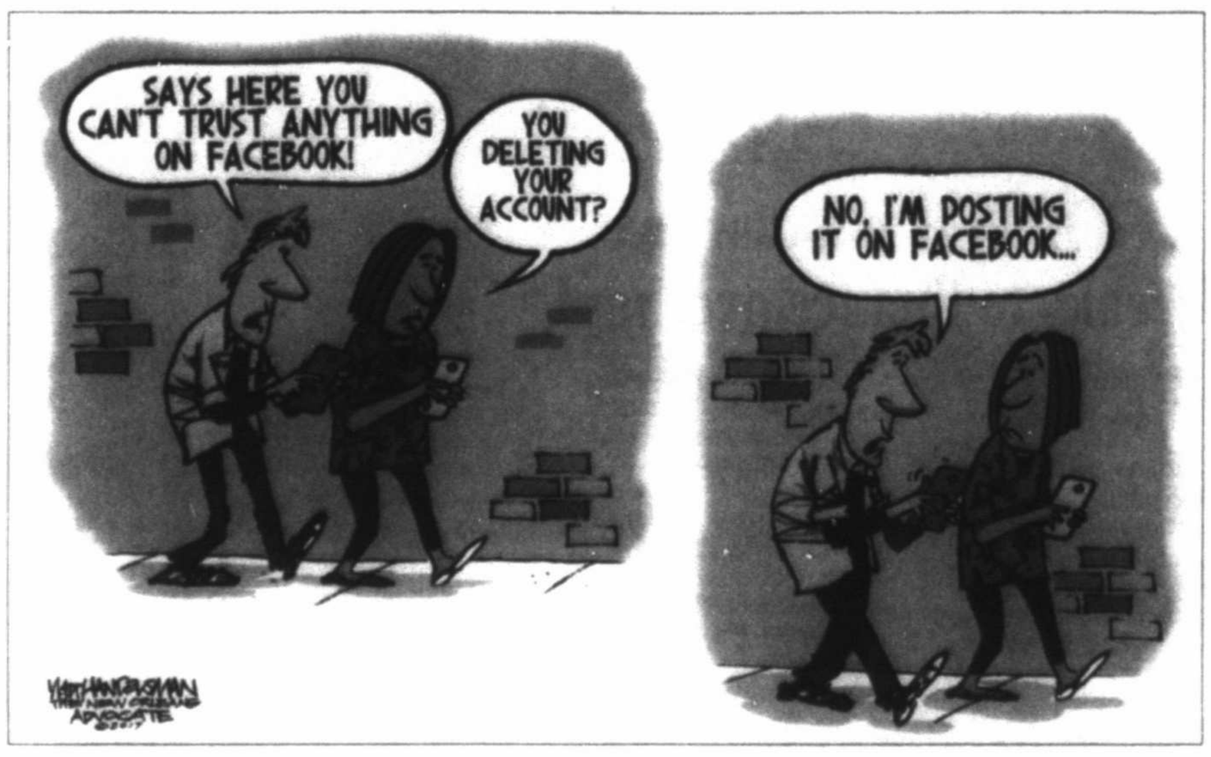

Trump is closing the health gap

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President Trump is killing me.

No, really. He's killing me.

I went for my annual physical last month, and, for the first time in my 49 years, I had to report that I've not been feeling well: fatigue, headaches, poor sleep, even some occasional chest pain. My doctor checked my blood pressure, which had always been normal before: alarmingly high!

What could this mean? I don't smoke, I'm not obese and I swim most days. The doctor hooked me up to electrodes and ran an EKG; it was normal. He suggested I try an ultra-low-sodium diet, and I spent a few weeks living on unsalted rice cakes, undressed salads and unappealing entrees; the pressure dropped a few points, but not enough. We could pretty much rule out sleep apnea and other things that can cause a spike in blood pressure. My doctor had me take a calcium CT scan of my heart, which filled me with enough radiation to melt s'mores but turned up nothing terrible.

At this point, I arrived at a self-diagnosis: I was suffering from Trump Hypertensive Unexplained Disorder, or THUD. For almost five decades, I had been the picture of health, but eight months into Trump's presidency, I was suddenly ailing. Trump is the only variable, I told my doctor. "He sure is variable," my doc replied, endorsing the diagnosis.

I know THUD is a real condition because I have a scientifically valid sample to prove it. I told my editor about my new medical state, and he reported that he, too, has been newly warned by his doctor that his blood pressure has become borderline, and things could go either way. Sort of like with the "Dreamers" (although in my editor's case, dealing with me may be the primary cause of illness).

I also know THUD is real because I performed a longitudinal study to test my hypothesis. I bought a blood-pressure monitor and strapped it around my biceps at various points during the news cycle:

I am spending the evening with friends. Blood pressure: 116/67.

Trump says he is going to respond to North Korea with "fire and fury." Blood pressure: 150/95.

I'm at home with the kids. Blood pressure: 117/69.

Jeff Sessions says they're scrapping the DACA program: 137/92.

Trump agrees with "Chuck and Nancy" to avoid a debt-limit fight. Blood pressure: 122/81.

I remember that Trump's term lasts another 40 months. Blood pressure: 159/97.

I have a strong suspicion that THUD is a widespread phenomenon. Psychotherapists tell me that they are unusually busy and that most clients are talking about Trump, who is exacerbating whatever neurosis, depression or other conditions they had. This is probably quantifiable, but I am too fatigued to do this work. My heart can only take so much.

It stands to reason that THUD is less pervasive in parts of the country that supported Trump: rural areas, the South, the industrial Midwest. Americans here are probably suffering no deleterious effects on their health as a result of Trump's election. Indeed, they may be feeling much better, collectively, as a recent epidemic of Obama Derangement Syndrome subsides.

Trump may be making blue America sick, but he is not causing health conditions to deteriorate in red America. Barack Obama famously spoke of spreading the wealth. Trump is spreading the health.

This, then, may be the essence of Trumpcare. He isn't improving health for anybody. But by making health worse for those who live in parts of the country that opposed him, he is equalizing the health of all Americans. He is uniting us in infirmity.

An article published last week in the American Journal of Public Health finds that life expectancy in the United States closely follows voting patterns in the 2016 election, with Trump winning the most support in counties with the lowest gains in lifespans.

Jacob Bor, an assistant professor at Boston University, found that in counties where life expectancy rose by less than three years since 1980, there was a 9.1 percentage point increase for the Republican share of the vote between 2008 and 2016. In counties where life expectancy rose by more than seven years since 1980, there was a 3.5 point increase in the Democratic share.

Call it the health gap — and Trump is closing it, by making those in blue America ill.

Happily, I have addressed my case of Trump Hypertensive Unexplained Disorder in its early stages, and my doctor has started me on blood-pressure medication. My prescription is renewable until January 2021, at which point I expect it will no longer be medically necessary.

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Trump calls for UN reform, with more restrained tones

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President Donald Trump participates in a photo before the beginning of the "Reforming the United Nations: Management, Security, and Development" meeting during the United Nations General Assembly on Monday at U.N. headquarters.

UNITED NATIONS — President Donald Trump used his United Nations debut on Monday to prod the international organization to cut its bloated bureaucracy and sharpen its ill-defined mission. But he pledged U.S. support for the world body he had excoriated as a candidate, and his criticisms were more restrained than in years past.

"In recent years, the United Nations has not reached its full potential due to bureaucracy and mismanagement," Trump said. "We are not seeing the results in line with this investment."

The president urged the U.N. to focus "more on people and less on bureaucracy" and to change "business as usual and not be beholden to ways of the past which were not working." He also suggested the U.S. was paying more than its fair share to keep the New York-based world body operational.

The short remarks at a forum on U.N. reforms were a precursor to Tuesday's main event, when Trump will address the U.N. General Assembly for the first time, a speech nervously awaited by world leaders concerned about what the president's "America first" vision means for the future of the world body.

Trump riffed on his campaign slogan when asked to preview his central message to the General Assembly, saying: "I think the main message is 'make the United Nations great' — not 'again.' 'Make the United Nations great.'"

"Such tremendous potential, and I think we'll be able to do this," he added.

But even as the president chastised the U.N., he pledged that the United States would be "be partners in your work" to make the organization a more effective force for peace across the globe.

He praised the U.N.'s early steps toward reform and made no threats to withdraw U.S. support. The president's more measured tone stood in sharp contrast to the approach he took at NATO's new Brussels headquarters in May, when he scolded member nations for not paying enough and refused to explicitly back its mutual defense pact.

While running for office, Trump had labeled the U.N. as weak and incompetent, and not a friend of either the United States or Israel. But he has softened his message since taking office, telling ambassadors at a White House meeting in April that the U.N. has "tremendous potential."

Trump more recently has praised a pair of unanimous U.N. Security Council votes to tighten sanctions on North Korea over its continued nuclear weapons and ballistic missile tests.

The annual gathering of world leaders opens amid serious concerns about Trump's priorities. For many world leaders, it will be their first chance to take the measure of the president in person.

The president on Monday praised U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who said he shared Trump's vision for a less-wasteful U.N. that will "live up to its full potential." The U.S. has asked member nations to sign a declaration on U.N. reforms, and more than 120 have done so.

True to form, the president also managed to work into his speech a reference to the Trump-branded apartment tower across First Avenue from the U.N.

His speech began a busy week of diplomacy for Trump, who is scheduled to meet separately with more than a dozen world leaders along the sidelines of the U.N. In his first bilateral meeting, with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Trump declared that they "are giving it an absolute go" on Middle East peace talks.

Trump is to meet with the head of the Palestinian Authority later in the week, but the White House has played down prospects for a breakthrough.

U.S. national security adviser H.R. McMaster said "Iran's destabilizing behavior" would be a major focus of those discussions. While seated next to Netanyahu, a vociferous critic of the Iran nuclear deal, Trump declared "you'll see very soon" when asked if the U.S. would stay in the agreement. Netanyahu, for his part, labeled it "a terrible nuclear deal."

Trump and Netanyahu also discussed Iran's "malign activities" in the Middle East and spoke about the need to prevent Iran from establishing any deep roots or organizing in Syria, according to a readout provided by Brian Hook of the State Department.

The threat posed by North Korea was expected to dominate the week's proceedings. Though Chinese President Xi Jinping did not travel to New York, he and Trump spoke by phone about the need to use a recent U.N. Security Council resolution to pressure North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions.

Trump arrived at the U.N. a few months after announcing that he was withdrawing the U.S. from an international climate agreement — negotiated during the Obama administration and signed by nearly 200 countries — and amid speculation that he might be softening his position.

But Gary Cohn, one of Trump's top economic advisers, reiterated during a meeting with energy ministers that Trump will proceed with the withdrawal plan unless terms more favorable to the U.S. can be negotiated, said a senior White House official. The official insisted on anonymity to discuss details of a private meeting.

Major European powers that support the pact have said it cannot be renegotiated. Trump's meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron included discussion of the agreement, with the U.S. president insisting the original pact was not fair to the United States — though he said he shared the goals of wanting clean air and water.

During his discussion with Macron, Trump also mused about ordering up a military parade down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington to rival the one he witnessed in Paris on Bastille Day.

Senate GOP musters final push to erase Obama health care law

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

AP file photo

Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., left, and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., right, talk while walking to a meeting on Capitol Hill on July 13 in Washington.

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans expressed growing hope Monday for a final push to scuttle President Barack Obama's health care law, an effort that still faces an uphill climb and just a two-week window to pass. Adding more risk, senators would be in the dark about the bill's impact on Americans, since the Congressional Budget Office says crucial estimates won't be ready in time for a vote.

Democrats backed by doctors, hospitals, and patients' groups mustered an all-out effort to finally smother the GOP drive, warning of millions losing coverage and others facing skimpier policies. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer went further, saying the partisan measure threatened the spirit of cooperation between President Donald Trump and Democratic leaders embodied in a recent budget deal and progress on immigration.

"After two weeks of thinking bipartisanship, that flickering candle, might gain some new light, this is the last thing we need," Schumer, D-N.Y., said on the Senate floor.

Two months after one of the GOP's top priorities crashed on the Senate floor, the revived attempt to uproot Obama's law is being led by GOP Sens. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Louisiana's Bill Cassidy.

Vice President Mike Pence was calling senators to seek support, White House officials said. And looking to add momentum, House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said the House would vote on the bill it it passes the Senate. Speaking in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Ryan called it "our best, last chance to get repeal and replace done."

The 140-page bill would replace much of Obama's statute with block grants to states and give them wide leeway on spending the money. It would let states ease coverage requirements under that 2010 law, end Obama's mandates that most Americans buy insurance and that companies offer coverage to workers, and cut and reshape Medicaid.

A victory would let Trump and Republican leaders claim redemption on their "repeal and replace" effort. While the House approved its version of the bill in May, the drive collapsed when the GOP-led Senate defeated three proposals for scrapping Obama's 2010 overhaul in July.

"He's the grave robber," No. 3 Senate GOP leader John Thune of South Dakota said of Cassidy. "This thing was six feet under."

Still, Thune cautioned that leaders needed votes from 50 of the 52 GOP senators to win.

Senate leaders have no desire to lose yet another health care vote. After July's embarrassing Senate setback, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said he'd not revisit it unless he was assured he had the votes to succeed, and many Republicans began refocusing on another big GOP priority, a tax overhaul.

Now, Graham and Cassidy say they believe they are close to the votes they'd need, prompting GOP leaders to check if they can finally succeed.

The sponsors say their proposal would let states decide what health care programs work best for their residents. Opponents say patients would suffer.

The GOP proposal "would weaken access to the care Americans need and deserve," said a statement from 16 patients groups including the American Heart Association and the March of Dimes. The American College of Physicians and the Children's Hospital Association also oppose it.

Looking to solidify GOP support, the bill would reduce spending gaps between states that expanded Medicaid under Obama's law and the mostly GOP states that did not. Details on the measure's exact state-by-state impact were murky.

In a tweet, the Congressional Budget Office said it would have preliminary estimates of the bill's fiscal impact next week. But it said it would be unable to provide projections of the measure's effect on coverage, premiums and overall federal deficits "for at least several weeks."

That timing is crucial because Republicans controlling the Senate 52-48 have only Sept. 30 to succeed with just 50 votes. Pence would cast the tie-breaking vote, and White House officials say Trump would sign it.

Special procedures preventing Democrats from using a filibuster to kill the measure expire after Sept. 30, after which Republicans would need 60 votes to win. They can't reach that number because Democrats unanimously oppose the GOP effort.

The budget agency's evaluations of past GOP repeal plans concluded they would have caused millions of Americans to lose insurance coverage. Some Republican senators are nervous about the measure's impact on their own states, and the lack of CBO projections won't help allay their concerns.

Conservative Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., has said he'll oppose the measure because it doesn't do enough to erase Obama's law. Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said she was concerned the bill would make "fundamental changes" in Medicaid.

Other Republicans who've not yet lined up behind the bill include Alaska's Lisa Murkowski, Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia, John McCain of Arizona and Ohio's Rob Portman.

Collins, Murkowski and McCain provided the decisive votes against the last measure Republicans tried pushing through the Senate in July, which failed 51-49.

"It's better but it's not what the Senate is supposed to be doing," McCain told reporters about the new package.

Arizona GOP Gov. Doug Ducey said he backed the new bill, putting pressure on McCain.

The revived drive comes as Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash., work toward a bipartisan deal to continue federal subsidies to insurers easing some costs for lower-earning customers that Trump has threatened to block.

How Trump's advisers schooled him on globalism

NEW YORK — On a sweltering Washington summer day, President Donald Trump's motorcade pulled up to the Pentagon for a meeting largely billed as a briefing on the Afghanistan conflict and the fight against the Islamic State group.

There, in the windowless meeting room known as "The Tank", Trump was to be briefed on the state of America's longest-running war as he and his top aides plotted ways ahead. But, according to current and former U.S. officials familiar with the meeting, it was, in reality, about much more.

Trump's national security team had become alarmed by the president's frequent questioning about the value of a robust American presence around the world. When briefed on the diplomatic, military and intelligence posts, the new president would often cast doubt on the need for all the resources. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson organized the July 20 session to lay out the case for maintaining far-flung outposts — and to present it, using charts and maps, in a way the businessman-turned-politician would appreciate.

The session was, in effect, American Power 101 and the student was the man working the levers. It was part of the ongoing education of a president who arrived at the White House with no experience in the military or government and brought with him advisers deeply skeptical of what they labeled the "globalist" worldview. In coordinated efforts and quiet conversations, some of Trump's aides have worked for months to counter that view, hoping the president can be persuaded to maintain — if not expand — the American footprint and influence abroad.

The result of the meeting and other similar entreaties may start to become clear this week, as Trump heads to New York for his first address to the United Nations General Assembly. The annual gathering of world leaders will open amid serious concerns about Trump's priorities, his support for the body he is addressing and a series of spiraling global crises.

Trump, who seized as his mantra "America First" and at times unnerved world leaders with his unpredictability, is expected to offer warmth to the United States' allies and warnings to its adversaries, particularly North Korea and Iran. The president's envoy to the global body suggested a presidential message that would focus on the basics on America's role in the world.

"I personally think he slaps the right people, he hugs the right people, and he comes out with the U.S. being very strong in the end," Ambassador Nikki Haley said.

In the weeks since the briefing in the Tank, Trump has split with top adviser Steve Bannon, the engine of many of his nationalist, isolationist policies. He threatened war with North Korea and agreed to send more U.S. troops to Afghanistan, abandoning his promise to withdraw quickly. Announcing the plan, Trump acknowledged the influence of his advisers.

"My original instinct was to pull out — and, historically, I like following my instincts," he said. "But all my life I've heard that decisions are much different when you sit behind the desk in the Oval Office; in other words, when you're President of the United States. So I studied Afghanistan in great detail and from every conceivable angle."

On July 20, Trump, Bannon, then-White House chief of staff Reince Priebus, senior adviser Jared Kushner and others stepped from the presidential motorcade and filed down a corridor adorned with formal portraits of former joint chiefs chairmen and into Room 2E924, identified by a small, unobtrusive plaque as "The Tank," to join Vice President Mike Pence, Mattis and Tillerson as well as a host of briefers.

Armed with charts, maps and diagrams, those briefers spent the next roughly 90 minutes explaining to Trump the critical importance of forward worldwide deployments of U.S. military, intelligence and diplomatic assets, according to two current officials and one former official familiar with the meeting. While the war in Afghanistan and against the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq were major topics, the stationing of U.S. personnel in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin America were also covered, said the officials who were not authorized to discuss details of the highly classified briefing and spoke on condition of anonymity.

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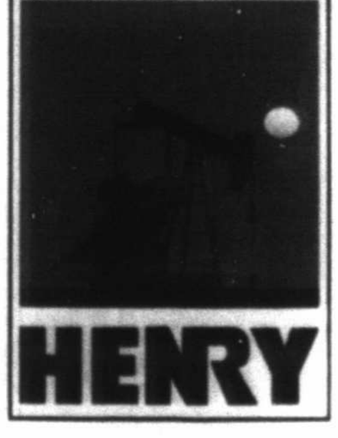

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John 5:24

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Helen Keller

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GAO: Credits lost when students transfer

Texas is among the states using innovative strategies to streamline process

By Danielle Douglas-Gabriel
Washington Post

Students lose nearly half of the college credits they earn transferring from one school to another, placing them at risk of exhausting federal grants and loans to repeat courses, according to the Government Accountability Office.

To save money, some students start at low-cost community colleges before heading to a university to complete their bachelor's degree. They are often frustrated to learn that the math or science courses they took do not meet the standards of their new school, where they must now enroll in classes they've already completed. That means more money and more time before they can graduate.

Using the most recent available data from the Education Department, GAO researchers estimate that students who transferred from 2004 to 2009 lost on average 43 percent of their credits. Two thirds of those transfer students had federal loans and almost half received Pell grants — aid for students whose families typically earn less than $60,000 a year. Both forms of student aid have eligibility limits based on lifetime use or program length, 12 semesters for Pell and six years for direct loans.

"Students who lose credits may use more financial aid to pay for repeated courses at additional cost to the federal government, or they may exhaust their financial aid eligibility, which can result in additional out-of-pocket costs," the GAO said in a report released Wednesday.

At the very least, researchers say schools should be more transparent about their transfer policies. Many public universities have what's known as articulation agreements with local community or regional colleges that make it easier for students to transfer credits. While the Education Department requires schools to post on their websites basic information about transferring, the agency stops short of making schools disclose articulation agreements online. Some schools list the schools they partner with, but nearly a third of the colleges the GAO reviewed did not.

In a letter responding to the GAO report, Acting Assistant Secretary Kathleen Smith said placing special emphasis on articulation agreements could "seriously mislead students" because the lack of such partnerships is not a true measure of whether credits will transfer.

"A community college could have articulation agreements with a number of local four year colleges; but there could be many other colleges that will accept most, if not all, of the credits earned by students at the community college," she wrote. "A student who sees the few schools with articulation agreements listed on the school's website will think that he/she will not be able to transfer credits to any other

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ABOVE: Angelina Siletto, 7, poses with her "3-in-1 Recycling Box" on Wednesday. BELOW: From left, Gabby Vergara, Daniel Siletto, Angelina and Giuliana Siletto pose with Angelina's invention.

Carver student wins invention contest

■ Recycling organizer selected from more than 11,000 entries

By Simone Jasper
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Second-grader Angelina Siletto enjoys creating projects. So, when the Carver Center student noticed small items ended up at the bottom of her home's recycling bag, she started brainstorming a way to organize the objects.

"I decided to make a draft of it, and I thought it was a great idea," said Angelina, who is 7.

Angelina shared the plan with her mom before building "The 3 in 1 Recycling Box" under her parents' supervision. The invention is a cardboard box divided into sections for depositing small cans, papers and plastics. Other repurposed objects contribute to the invention's design.

Angelina's box propelled her to win the Next Great American Inventor Contest this summer. The competition received more than 11,000 entries, and Angelina earned the grand prize in the first- and second-grade category.

Rachael Bassey, a first-grade science and math teacher at Carver in 2016-17, became aware of the competition before summer break and wanted her students to enter.

"My kids had been creating and inventing things all year," Bassey said.

"When I saw it, I was really confident my kids could win — one of them could."

As the winner of the contest sponsored by U.S.A. Gold pencils and Scholastic, Angelina receives a cash prize of $500. Also, Bassey wins a years' supply of pencils for her classroom and a $100 gift card.

Bassey said Angelina's entry was impressive and remembers her former student exhibited creativity.

"I know when she gets an idea, she's going to sketch it out," Bassey said. "And she's not going to stop there. She's going to create it."

At home, Angelina and her younger sister, Giuliana, learn about recycling and reusing items. The girls' parents, Gabriela Vergara and Daniel Siletto, think those teachings influenced Angelina's idea for the competition.

"Because she likes to create things, she was trying to get from our big bag with recycling ... some small things, like little lids or maybe a yogurt cup or something like that," Vergara said.

Angelina hopes to become a chemist and to continue inventing. She already makes "potions" — concoctions that sometimes include oil, water or juice — and stores them in the refrigerator. For now, science is her favorite subject in school.

"You get to make experiments, and you get to discover new things," Angelina said.

Vergara and Siletto are proud of Angelina's recent accomplishment. Siletto finds value in encouraging their daughters to explore while they are young.

"We try to make them try different things," he said. "If you asked me when I was her age, I changed 50 times what I wanted to be. But I think it's great that she has already an idea of what things are out there that she can achieve."

MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

Engineering student wins research award

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

Midland College student Nicholas Mastroianna marked a milestone earlier this month when he accepted an award for his design of an underwater sensor pod to test water quality. Out of about 40 other engineering design entries — most by students at four-year universities — Mastroianna won third place in the engineering, physics and math category at the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation research conference at the University of Texas at El Paso.

Mastroianna

After several years of what he calls "bad decisions," 24-year-old Mastroianna decided it was time to get his life in order, so he enrolled at MC in the fall of 2016. He joined the Engineering Club and discovered his career goal: aerospace engineering.

"I was a terrible student in high school," Mastroianna said. "I didn't attend class much and barely had enough credits to graduate. I definitely never considered a career in engineering. Several years later and lots of 'life's mistakes,' I have discovered that I love solving problems and coming up with ways to fix things. Engineering is how I want to make an impact on the world."

Mastroianna began working on the sensor pod project with his fellow students and engineering faculty member Brian Flowers. The ultimate goal was to design, program, construct and test a sensor pod for the summer 2017 MC multi-curricular water chemistry research project on the coral reef in Roatan, Honduras. Engineering students built a prototype of a water-analysis sensor system so that students in MC's biology and chemistry departments could analyze water samples near and at a distance from the coral reef. The project was led by Tom Ready, MC chemistry professor.

"The sensor pods would need to be deployed at three different depths in order to measure the water quality," Mastroianna said. "Commercial sensor pods cost approximately $15,000. Working with Dr. Flowers, we were able to develop one at a cost of approximately $1,400. We designed several models until we came up with just the right one and shipped it to Honduras so that it would be there when we arrived in early June."

Unfortunately, the sensor pods were held in customs, and the students were not able to use them while they were in Roatan. However, later in the summer,

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Education's ultimate purpose is to provide the good life

Academics are important but they are not the only, or even most critical, concern for a school.

This may sound ironic, perhaps hypocritical, coming from a teacher whose institution linguistically features academics in its last name. But Midland Classical Academy, like most schools, is primarily concerned with inspiring its students with a vision for and empowering them to live a version of what it believes to be the good life. Education's ultimate purpose is not about grades. Its purpose, in a final sense, is not even about knowledge. Education's ultimate purpose is about the good life. It is painfully shortsighted (not to mention disheartening) to envision education for academics alone. Education is for life.

The good life is one of fulfillment and purpose. Living the good life does not require material prosperity. Material comforts and technology undeniably sweeten the good life when they are in their proper place. But when luxury, wealth and technology are mismanaged, they overrun their proper banks and create a flood of problems. The good life is lived by making wise and intentional choices. A good education prepares its students to do this well. It educates them to create the best life possible from their unique circumstances and abilities.

Education casts a powerful vision for what makes a good life. Education expands students' knowledge. It enhances their ability to think. But just as important, if not more so, education influences and trains students' characters. When it comes to living the good life, character matters a great deal. Character is what enables a person to draw from his knowledge, experience and abilities to choose the wisest course available. Both character and know-how contribute to the good life.

Education requires and shapes morality. This is especially true during the early years of formal education. Kindergarten is more about learning to be kind to others and how to respectfully follow a teacher's instructions than it is about counting numbers and sounding out letters. Without this moral foundation in place is it even possible for a kindergartner to learn these basic academic skills? It takes a great deal of patience and self-control from both

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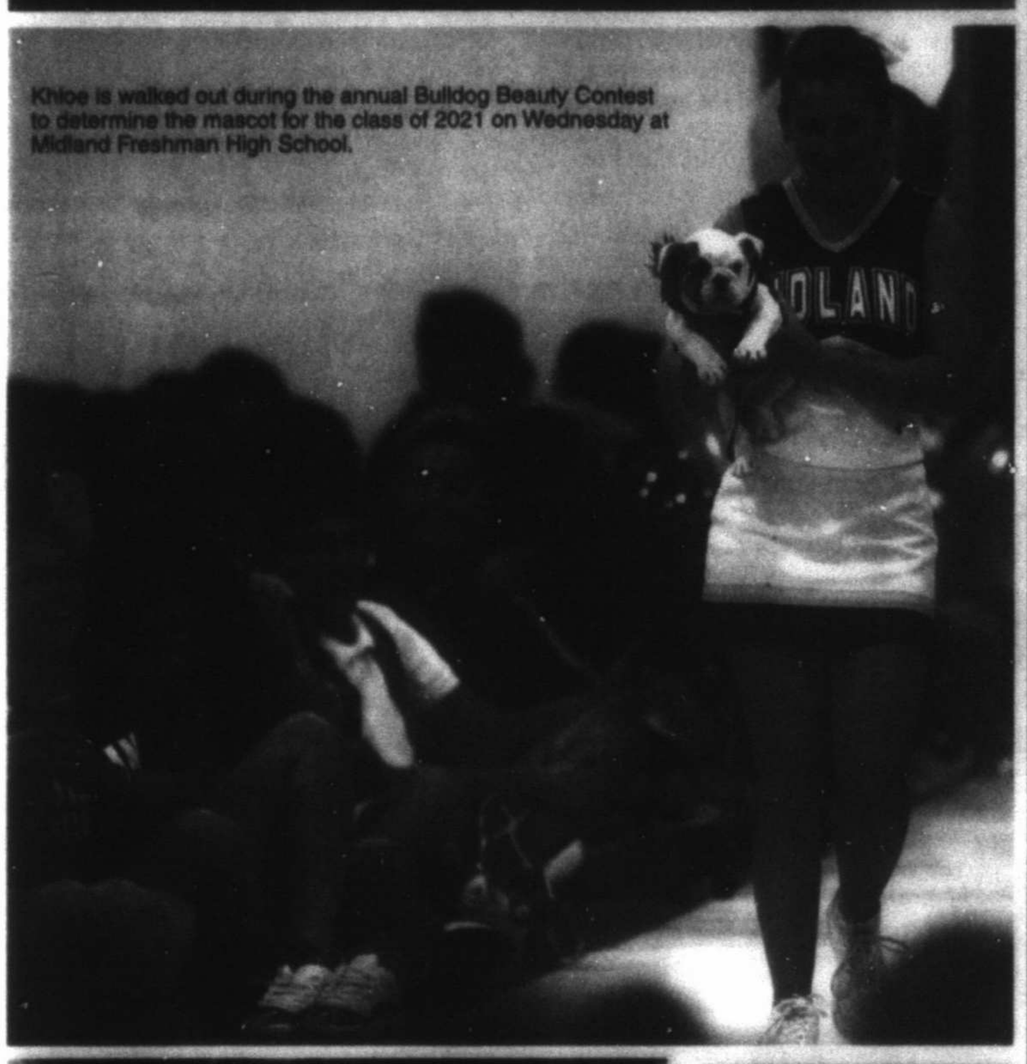
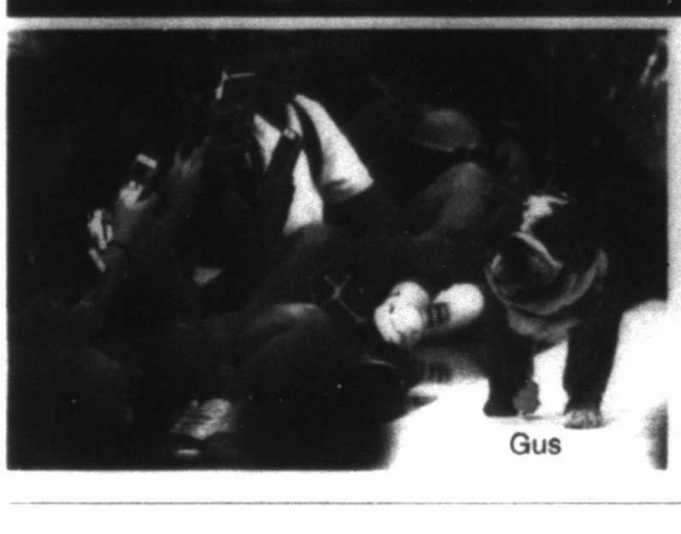

Khloe is walked out during the annual Bulldog Beauty Contest to determine the mascot for the class of 2021 on Wednesday at Midland Freshman High School.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Dallas ISD mulls campus name changes

■ Sam Houston, Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson among schools that 'require further research'

By Corbett Smith
Dallas Morning News

Dallas ISD is researching the histories of Ben Franklin, Sam Houston, Thomas Jefferson and 17 other historical figures, looking into whether their connections with slavery or the Confederacy should prompt reconsideration of their names on DISD campuses.

DISD administration last week recommended changing the names of four elementary schools honoring Confederate generals — Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee, Albert Sidney Johnston and William L. Cabell. During that discussion, it was mentioned that there was a much broader list, of at least 21 names, that bore further investigation, if trustees were compelled to do so.

"This was just a very quick review of looking at the biographies of the individuals," DISD chief of school leadership Stephanie Elizalde told trustees Thursday. "And if there was any association with Confederacy — not making a judgment for or against — just if we saw Confederacy named in it, we then highlighted it. We are now in the process of doing a second (look)."

The Dallas Morning News obtained a copy of that list, which includes Texas revolutionaries and founders such as Sam Houston, James Bowie and William Travis, U.S. presidents Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, and Dallas pioneers James Gaston and William Brown Miller.

Elizalde acknowledged to trustees the difficulty in drawing a line on where to proceed. Some of the schools' namesakes were involved with the Confederacy, but in lesser army ranks or non-combat roles. As examples, Elizalde mentioned John H. Reagan, the Confederacy's postmaster, and Nancy Cochran, who according to Elizalde's research "encouraged her sons" to fight for the Confederacy.

"If we're going to go there, we'll need direction of which are we actually going to talk about changing, and how far down that association," Elizalde told trustees.

"We definitely think three — absolutely, for sure — at a minimum could be considered," she said later. "And we're leaving the rest at this point. We could do some more research and give you some more specifics on other schools if you'd like."

A few trustees — Lew Blackburn, Joyce Foreman and Dustin Marshall — indicated that they'd be interested in further investigation.

Blackburn said if DISD didn't address slave owners such as Miller, "we are in some ways being hypocritical."

Foreman said she wanted to "start with the four," concerned that if more names were included, "we could open it up so wide that we could never get anything done."

"I think, for young children of all races, there should be a removal of any of those types of names, because once you start to research the history, then you begin to understand why it was separate and unequal," Foreman said.

Marshall wanted to look at the list, which wasn't available during the board briefing. He said that he wanted more of the historical context of why the names were selected.

"Because, for me, the bright line distinction that we're looking for here — and I absolutely want to avoid a slippery slope situation — is not whether they were a general or a brigadier general, but whether the school was named in order to honor that individual specifically for their role in the Confederacy," Marshall told Elizalde.

On Saturday night, Marshall posted the list to Facebook. Apart from Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee elementary schools, the only other school from Marshall's trustee district on the expanded list was Benjamin Franklin Middle School, a name that he wouldn't support changing.

"I will not support a name change for Franklin since Benjamin Franklin clearly had many accomplishments that form the basis for why the school was named after him," Marshall wrote. "I don't believe this school was named after Franklin to send a signal of oppression and control."

None of the schools named after those with segregationist leanings made the list.

Foreman said several of her constituents had asked for William H. Atwell Law Academy to be included, since Atwell used his position as a federal district court judge in the late 1950s to stymie desegregation in Dallas schools.

During the board briefing, Dallas City Council member Philip Kingston encouraged the reconsideration of W.T. White High School. That school was named after a longtime Dallas ISD superintendent who did not integrate the district after the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark 1954 ruling Brown vs. Board of Education, until forced by court order. Kingston said White was honored with the naming while still superintendent "because of his successful delay of desegregation."

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Mastroianna, biology student Micah Bigby, several faculty members and the research team's dive coach, Sarah Anderson, tested the sensors at Bottomless Lakes State Park near Roswell, New Mexico.

"Our goal at Bottomless Lakes was to test the sensors at 20 feet, 40 feet and 60 feet," Mastroianna said. "The conditions were not as favorable as those in Honduras. The water was much colder, and we experienced drastic thermoclines — sudden drops in water temperature — as we dove deeper. At one point, the water temperature was 39 degrees Fahrenheit. Also, as we got deeper, it became very dark, unlike Honduras where we could always see light."

Mastroianna said the sensor worked perfectly at 20 feet. It was left for 17 hours, and the team was able to gather water-quality data. However, it was discovered that a simple piece of equipment — a torque wrench — was missing.

"The sensor placed at 40 feet flooded after six hours, and the sensor placed at 60 feet flooded immediately," Mastroianna said. "We needed a torque wrench to tighten the interior access point on the pods that were placed deeper in the water. The mechanics of all three sensor pods are the same, so we believe that the deeper pods would have worked as well as the 20-foot sensor system. The next time, we will definitely put a torque wrench on our supply list."

There will be a "next time." The team already is planning to follow up with another trip to Honduras in summer 2018. They will not only pack a torque wrench, but they will ensure that the sensors get cleared through Honduran customs.

"Before next summer's trip, I'll be working with Dr. Flowers and the Engineering Club to refine calibration methods for the sensor pods," Mastroianna said.

"Nick is an absolute joy to be around," Flowers said. "His enthusiasm for the Engineering Club and engineering in general is infectious and makes what could be considered 'dull' by some to be a fun and exciting time. Engineers typically have a reputation for being shy and reserved, but Nick's outgoing personality and top-notch interpersonal skills will set him up for great success throughout his career. It has been a pleasure getting to know and work with Nick over the last academic year, and I could not be prouder of him for winning third place at his first ever research conference."

Through MC's engineering program, Mastroianna found a career path, plus a new hobby. Because of the water-quality project, the students going to Honduras had to be able to scuba dive. So, Mastroianna, who could barely swim, took scuba lessons and became a certified scuba diver.

Mastroianna grew up in Aurora, Colorado. His mother and stepfather moved to Midland eight years ago while Mastroianna was still in high school. In summer 2016, Nicholas rekindled his relationship with his mother and moved to Midland.

Unlike most Midlanders, Mastroianna doesn't own a car. He relies on EZ Rider transportation to get him to school and he rides his bike most other places, including his weekend bartending job at Saltgrass Steak House.

In his spare time, Mastroianna enjoys scuba diving, longboarding, hiking and art. He dabbles in all forms of painting, but said that he found his true love to be spray paint art. He has designed several works using spray paint and is particularly proud of a piece designed using the hood of an old car. The unique design includes a depiction of the solar system and a zinnia, the first flower ever grown in space. In May 2016, Mastroianna was able to get the piece autographed by astronaut Mark Kelly when Kelly spoke at a Blakemore Planetarium event.

"Midland College has definitely changed my life," Mastroianna said." In fact, it's hard for me to put into words the tremendous impact that this past year has made on me. For the first time in my life, I'm enjoying school and I've made some great friends. Some of my best friends are in Midland. I also value the advice I've received from Midland College faculty. I consider Dr. Ready and Dr. Flowers as my mentors. I'm now able to put priorities into perspective, and I've come to realize that education is the only way to go."

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teacher and pupil and parent and child to teach and learn something as fundamental as handwriting.

As rudimentary as learning to write letters and words is, something far more important is being formed within the hearts and minds of youngsters than the letters and numbers they scribble upon the page. When a child learns to write, they are developing diligence and perseverance. Even in their frustrations they begin to obtain the acquired taste for hard work and a love for the goodness of a job well-done. The same is true the next year when they learn to read and the year after that when they learn multiplication.

It is the developing and building of character in these educational tasks that will enable youngsters to later experience the rich ideas within the winding passages of great literature or retrace the discoveries of science as they explore old wonders anew. And it is both character and knowledge that will enable these students when they are mature to imagine brilliant ideas of their own and laboriously deliver them through the obstacle ridden paths fraught with challenges from conception to realization.

Because schools, including MCA, teach classes organized into subjects and not virtues, it is easy to fall into the trap of assuming that education is primarily about knowledge. No one takes a class on the virtue of honesty. But every class at every institution expects its students to turn in work done honestly. If schools did not demand this, their entire educational enterprise would be a fraud. Education is never so compartmentalized that morality is not an essential part of the equation. Even if were possible for an institution to educate in a morally neutral vacuum, that moral neutrality would itself become the ethos it promoted above all others. The very promotion of the morally neutral ideal would keep it from being morally neutral. At its core, every education is moral. It both assumes and promotes a particular moral vision of how the world is and should be. The question then is not whether a particular education is morally focused, but rather what morality does this education foster?

Morality and character are central to education. But this does not mean academic knowledge is a mere sideshow. One cannot design or construct safe bridges with morality alone. Compassion by itself does not make for a skilled doctor. Good intentions and a firm moral center on their own do not make for good judges. Deep knowledge of engineering and architecture, of the human body and medicine, of the law and Constitution are necessary for these careers. Knowledge is vital. The fruitful blessings that the skillful labors of good engineering, good doctoring and judiciously rendered decisions all contribute to our enjoyment of the good life. Absent of these contributions from such knowledge (and others), humanity would be scratching for survival in caves instead of the cultural flourishing we now enjoy. Without a moral foundation and its cultivation in the first place, such knowledge and their application would never have taken place. Likewise, without a rightly calibrated moral center to guide an individual's knowledge toward what is good and right, his knowledge more likely will harm than benefit mankind and the one who wields these powers.

Character and knowledge are the strands forming the double helix of education's DNA. We cannot separate their life-sustaining connection. We must not attempt to do so nor neglect their nourishment. To do either is to destroy the life of the individuals we are supposed to nurture and demolish the culture in which we thrive. As we educate, let us teach knowledge and the arts of clear thinking and expression, but let us also cultivate the character of our students. In so doing, we enable them to live the good life.

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school."

Smith did agree, however, that the Education Department must do more to provide students and their families with general transfer information, as recommended by the GAO. She said the Office of Federal Student Aid will flesh out the information provided on StudentAid.gov.

Even with transfer agreements between schools, students aren't guaranteed a smooth transition. A National Student Clearinghouse Research Center study of students who entered community college in 2007 found that only 42 percent of those who transferred earned a bachelor's degree within six years of starting school. The results also varied by state and income level, with just a third of low-income community college students earning four-year degrees.

Several state higher education systems, including those in Tennessee, North Carolina and Texas, are using innovative strategies to streamline the transfer process. The University of California system, for instance, has "guided pathways" that chart the sequence of courses needed to transfer. Some schools, such as George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College, offer dual enrollment for some majors.

While the GAO noted difficulties in transferring course credits across the higher education landscape, the problem was most acute for students coming out of for-profit colleges. Students who moved from private for-profit colleges to public schools lost an estimated 94 percent of their credits, while those moving between public colleges — the largest population of transfers — lost roughly 37 percent of their credits, according to the report.

The closure of for-profit colleges ITT Technical Institute and Corinthian College exposed the challenges students face in trying to get public and nonprofit private colleges to accept their credits. In the days following ITT's collapse, the Education Department pleaded with community colleges to welcome the school's former students.

A part of the problem is for-profit schools are typically nationally accredited, whereas public and private nonprofit colleges are regionally accredited, and prefer to accept credits from other regionally accredited schools, the GAO said. National accreditation is seen as less stringent than regional accreditation, and the coursework at career schools can be difficult to transfer because of the focus on vocational education.

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TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "The Plan"		Mom	Mom	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
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Daughter of self-centered mom craves a role model

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My mother is extremely self-centered. Ever since I can remember, everything has always been about her. That's probably why she and Dad split. You can't have a conversation with her without her turning it around and making it about her.

I'm 25. I just want to have a regular conversation with my mom without her somehow bringing the mood down by saying she has demons to deal with on her own and she can't be positive or happy for others.

Abby, there's nothing wrong with her! She's healthy, fit, has a wonderful job she claims to love, and friends she goes out with often and seems to have fun with. She's out literally every weekend. I just don't get why she never makes time for me or any of my siblings.

I'm afraid I'll never have that mother/daughter relationship. Maybe I wouldn't care so much if I had another role model to confide in, but unfortunately, I have neither a mother nor a father figure in my life. My siblings and I have been cheated in the parent department — a father who left us and a mother who thinks only of herself. Advice? — LOST SOUL IN OHIO

DEAR LOST SOUL: This may be of small comfort to you, but other readers over the years have described situations like your own. I'll share with you what I have advised them.

Because your mother apparently feels her parenting job is finished, it's time to build a "family" of your own. Because you crave the wisdom an older woman can provide, consider doing some volunteer work for seniors, perhaps at a senior citizen center. Your efforts will be valued, and in a short time you may begin building relationships with more than one person who can assuage your emptiness while you fill a need in their lives, too.

DEAR ABBY: My sister asked if I would attend a women's conference with her. I hastily agreed, and we kind of dropped it until recently. The conference is eight months away and I just found out the location and who will be the speakers. After reviewing the information, I realize I'm not all that interested in attending.

When I told my sister, she became furious! I apologized for letting her down, but I don't want to spend hundreds of dollars to attend a conference I'm not that jazzed about. She's still mad at me, and I don't want to dismiss her feelings, but I feel that canceling eight months in advance is OK. We hadn't purchased tickets or made hotel reservations yet. Can you give me some advice? — DON'T WANT TO GO

DEAR DON'T WANT TO: Your sister may have had more in mind than just the conference when she invited you to go with her. She may have wanted a bonding experience as well, which may be why she has reacted so strongly.

I agree that eight months in advance is sufficient notice that you want to cancel. It may smooth her ruffled feathers if you call your sister and suggest there might be something else you can do together that would be of greater interest to both of you.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Free finesse

Neither vulnerable. South deals

NORTH
♠ Q 10 9 7 3
♥ K 4
♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ A 10

WEST
♠ 6 5
♥ 10 8 2
♦ A J 10 7
♣ K 9 8 3

EAST
♠ 8 4 2
♥ Q 9 7 6 5
♦ Q 9
♣ Q J 6

SOUTH
♠ A K J
♥ A J 3
♦ K 4 3
♣ 7 5 4 2

The bidding:

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

*Transfer to spades

Opening lead: Eight of ♥

A "free finesse" is a finesse with no risk attached. It usually happens when an opponent leads a suit for you. It gives you an extra trick at no cost, but there are times when it must be spurned. Today's deal is from a youth competition in Australia.

The heart lead offered a free finesse, but it also tangled up declarer's entries. Should declarer accept this free trick, he would end up needing the ace of diamonds to be in the East hand. Young Matt Smith showed us how to do it.

Smith rejected the free finesse by rising with dummy's king of hearts at trick one. He then cashed the ace of clubs and led a heart to his jack. This finesse was not free, but it was successful. The ace of hearts was cashed to discard dummy's remaining club, and a club was ruffed with dummy's queen of spades. Smith crossed back to his hand with a low spade to his ace and ruffed another club, this time with dummy's 10. He led dummy's low spade to his king and ruffed his last club with dummy's last trump, the nine.

At this point, Smith had taken three hearts, one club, two spades in his hand, and three club ruffs in the dummy. That was nine tricks and he still had the high jack of spades for his tenth. The location of the ace of diamonds was no longer relevant. Nicely played!

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Cowboys' Elliott accused of quitting; Garrett plans chat

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Ezekiel Elliott was accused of quitting by Hall of Fame running back LaDainian Tomlinson in Dallas' 42-17 loss to Denver.

Cowboys coach Jason Garrett never directly disagreed Monday.

Although heaping praise on quarterback Dak Prescott for continuing to show fight in his first blowout loss as a pro, Garrett said he eventually would talk to Elliott about the second-year running back twice failing to pursue a defensive back after an interception.

Garrett's comments to reporters came a few hours after his radio show, when he similarly passed on a chance to dismiss Tomlinson's criticism .

"Zeke is one of the most natural competitors I've ever been around," Garrett said. "He loves to play. He loves to practice. I think we've seen that through his first year playing. Those two plays were not indicative of the kind of competitor that he was and we have to get that addressed."

Prescott won NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year honors and Elliott was the league's leading rusher as the dynamic pair debuted with the best record in the NFC at 13-3 before a divisional playoff loss to Green Bay.

Elliott had 15 straight games of at least 80 yards rushing and had never had fewer than 51 before he was held to 8 yards on nine carries against the ball-hawking Broncos, who made it their priority to stop Elliott and force the Cowboys to beat them with the passing of Prescott.

After getting dropped for a 5-yard loss on his first carry of the second half, Elliott had five carries for 0 yards.

"He certainly could have been frustrated," Garrett said. "Obviously he had been very productive as a running back over the course of his career and certainly in the NFL up to this point. There's no question frustration

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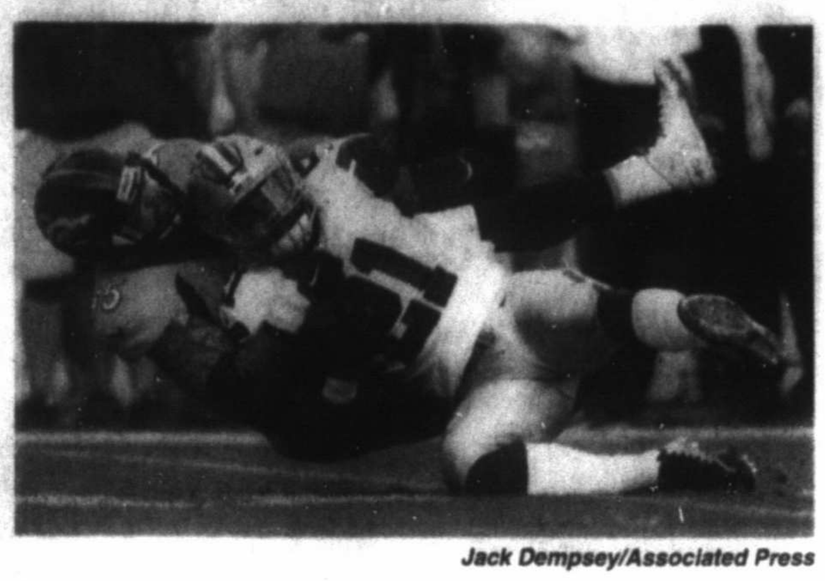

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Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) is tackled during the second half Sunday in Denver.

Breaking through

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian's Peyton Powell gets tripped up going through the line Friday against El Paso Americas at Gordon Awtry Field.

AREA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Powell uses arm, legs to rout Americas

By Oscar LeRoy
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There are times that Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon is standing on the sidelines and is just amazed at some of the things Peyton Powell can do.

"Wow! He got out of there and he did that!" are just examples that the coach says to himself about his 6-foot-1, 170-pound dual threat quarterback.

"One thing I don't do is take it for granted," McClendon said.

Last Friday night in a 54-14 romp over Class 6A El Paso Americas, Powell was his normal solid self, according to the coach as he once again was lethal with his legs, rushing for 197 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries, but he also completed 17 of 28 passes for 205 yards and four touchdowns and no interceptions.

For that effort, Powell is the Reporter-Telegram's Area Player of the Week.

"We wanted to get him off to a good start passing the football and he did a good job throwing the football," McClendon said. "We had a young and inexperienced group of wide receivers and I felt like they grew up. He was his normal self running the football, he was explosive. He poses a lot of issues for defenses. Our responsibility as coaches is to put him in a position to be successful, but what he does on the field is exciting. He does a lot of stuff you can't coach."

Powell said the game plan that McClendon had going into the game worked how it was supposed. All he had to do was trust it and go with the flow.

"The offensive line took the pressure off me," he said. "It gave me time to stay in the pocket and then when it did break down, it gave me opportunities to run."

It's not a secret that Powell is one of the most dangerous runners in the Permian Basin, but now it appears his passing game has improved to the point where defenses have other things to worry about when facing the Mustangs.

McClendon said over the summer, they worked hard in improving the passing game and added that Powell's mechanics have also improved over the last year and he is getting more and more comfortable with the offense.

"That was the best passing game I've had," Powell said. "The wideouts were getting out of their cuts really quick and making the catches. During the summer

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Texas offensive woes start with absent run game

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Tom Herman shed no tears after losing in overtime to Southern California. His emotional outlets, he says, were a couple of "primal screams" once the team got home.

There may be a more of those echoing around Austin as Herman and his staff try to rebuild a running game behind an offensive line struggling with injuries.

In their two losses, the Longhorns are averaging 83 yards on the ground and just 2.5 yards per carry. In both of those games, Texas (1-2) hasn't scored an offensive touchdown in the first half.

"We've got to figure out what we are doing on offense," Herman said Monday. "That problem needs to get fixed this week and next. We've spent a lot of time talking about how we are going to run better."

Puzzling to some has been Texas' reluctance to use junior tailback Chris Warren III , a 250-pound battering ram who averages nearly 6.6 yards per carry over his career and ran for 166 yards in a win over San Jose State. In losses to Maryland and USC, Warren got just 10 carries for 46 yards.

Herman was asked why Warren didn't get the ball more often against the Trojans. Against Maryland, an early

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Texas coach Tom Herman stands on the sideline during the second half against Southern California on Saturday in Los Angeles. USC won 27-24 in overtime.

PRIVATE SCHOOL REPORT

MCS enjoying early season turnaround from 2016

By Christopher Hadorn
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Three games in, the Midland Christian football team has enjoyed a 180-degree difference in its performance from the 2016 season.

The Mustangs are off to an impressive 3-0 start against a challenging schedule that includes two Class 6A schools, El Paso Americas and El Paso Eastwood, and Brock, the No. 7-ranked team in Class 3A.

McClendon

And MCS isn't squeaking by either, as it has outscored its opponents 121-54 in the three wins and is coming off a 54-14 rout of Americas last Friday.

By comparison, the Mustangs were sitting at 0-3 at this point last year while being outscored by a 132-97 margin.

MCS head coach Greg McClendon attributes the night-and-day turnaround to his players' commitment.

"I think it's our culture, it's phenomenal," McClendon said. "They're working together with the younger kids. They're lifting weights and executing at a high level. They are playing hard and starting fast and doing all the things that we ask. It's just a tremendous deal. It makes it a whole lot of fun. I think that's the difference in why we started 3-0."

One facet where the Mustangs have improved considerably has been on the defensive side.

In its last two wins, the MCS defense has allowed only 23 points, including only a combined six points in the second half. In Friday's win, the Mustangs blanked the Trail Blazers after halftime, limiting them to only 96 second-half yards on offense.

A pair of Mustangs seniors led the defensive effort, as defensive tackle Nifemi Esan recorded a team-high 13 tackles, while linebacker David Threadgill pitched in with 12 stops.

MCS' suffocating second-half play on defense has echoed McClendon's emphasis on starting fast and "finishing" while holding leads.

"I think that's probably what surprised most people the most. I said all along I thought our defense was going to be a lot better this year," McClendon said. "I watched them in 7-on-7 breaking on balls and making plays and I think people crossed their eyes when I said it, but it's been proven right out there on the field.

"Our linebackers, our d-line and our secondary are all working well together. We still need to limit some big plays. They've cut down on giving up the third-and-long stuff. They have taken it to heart and they have busted their tail to remedy it."

Amazingly, the Mustangs' schedule gets even tougher this Friday as they host Fort Worth All Saints (3-0) at 7:30 p.m. in a showdown of arguably the two best private schools in the state.

All Saints is ranked No. 1, while MCS holds the No. 2 spot in Dave Campbell Texas Football's latest private school 11-man football rankings.

"They're the best football team

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Baseball
Triple A Championship: Durham Bulls vs. Memphis Redbirds, 6 p.m., NBCSN
Boxing
Mario Barrios vs. Naim Nelson, 9 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
Cycling
UCI Road World Championships: Women's Individual Time Trials, 8:30 a.m., OLYHD
Major League Baseball
Minnesota at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., ESPN
Chicago White Sox at Houston, 7 p.m., ATTSW
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., FSSW
Cleveland at LA Angels, 9 p.m., ESPN
Men's Soccer
Bundesliga: Borussia Mönchengladbach vs. VfB Stuttgart, 11:30 a.m., FS2, UDN
La Liga: Valencia vs. Malaga CF, 12:50 p.m., beIN, beIN2
Bundesliga: FC Schalke 04 vs. Bayern Munich, 2:30 p.m., FS1, FXDEP
Bundesliga: VfL Wolfsburg vs. SV Werder Bremen, 2:30 p.m., FS2
Bundesliga: FC Augsburg vs. RB Leipzig, 2:30 p.m., FSP, UDN
La Liga: FC Barcelona vs. Eibar, 2:50 p.m., beIN, beIN2
WAFU Cup of Nations: Senegal vs. Ivory Coast, 4 p.m., FSP
Copa Sudamericana: Estudiantes de La Plata vs. Club Nacional (PAR), 5 p.m., FXDEP
WAFU Cup of Nations: Niger vs. Benin, 6 p.m., FSP
Copa MX: CF Monarcas Morelia vs. Club Tijuana, 6:50 p.m., UDN
Copa Sudamericana: Junior FC vs. Club Cerro Porteno, 7:30 p.m., FXDEP
Copa MX: Club America vs. Cruz Azul FC, 7:50 p.m., UniMas
Copa MX: CD Guadalajara vs. Club Atlas, 9:30 p.m., UDN
National Hockey League
Chicago at Columbus, 6 p.m., NHL
Vegas at Colorado, 9 p.m., NHL
Tennis
WTA: Toray Pan Pacific Open, 10:30 p.m., beIN
ATP: St. Petersburg, ATP: Metz, 5 a.m., TENNIS
Women's College Volleyball
UTEP at New Mexico State, 8 p.m., FCSP
Women's National Basketball Association
Semifinal, Game 4: Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m., ESPN2
Women's Soccer
Friendly: USA vs. New Zealand, 7 p.m., FS1
RADIO
Major League Baseball
Chicago White Sox at Houston, 7 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas at Seattle, 9 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Tennis
Lee vs. Odessa High, 4:30 p.m., Bush Tennis Center
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.
HS Volleyball
Lee at Odessa Permian, 6 p.m.
Odessa High at Midland High, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Trinity, 7 p.m.
Lubbock Trinity at Midland Christian, 7 p.m.

LATE HS SPORTS

ANDREWS THRIVES AT OWN TOURNEY

ANDREWS — The Andrews tennis team excelled at its host Andrews Fall Team Tournament Thursday through Saturday as boys singles players Justin Moore, Tyler May, Julio Cortes and Chris Curry, and girls singles players Tatum Rondan, Kaiti Jeppesen, Nevaeh Galvan, Lauren Smith and Makaila Slaughter all won titles in their respective flights.

Andrews also got titles from Rondan and Bry Alvidrez in flight one girls doubles; Galvan and Smith in flight 3 girls doubles and Luis Ramos and Shyanne Durham in flight 1 mixed doubles.

Midland Christian had runner-up showings by Garrett Bushman in flight 2 boys singles and Josh Ramos and Jonathan Cheatham in flight 1 boys doubles.

STEERS PLACE 2ND IN ABILENE

ABILENE — The Big Spring boys took second in the team standings during Saturday's Abilene Cross Country Invitational at Sherrod Park.

The Steers excelled with Aaron Martinez finishing in first place (17 minutes, 47.34 seconds), Manuel Marquez in third place (18:10.90), Eric Stinson in fourth place (19:07.46), Ismael Collazo in 15th place (20:22.21), Juan Lugo in 18th place (20:46.24), and Augustine De Los Santos in 19th (21:02.43).

The Big Spring girls came in sixth place with Chloe Bustamante finishing 18th individually (13:18.96).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Assigned C Alfredo Gonzalez outright to Birmingham (SL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Reinstated 2B Jason Kipnis from the 10-day DL.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Reinstated 3B Colin Moran from the 10-day DL.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Assigned RHP Barrett Astin outright to Louisville (IL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Extended their player development contract with Boise (NWL) through the 2020 season.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled OF Travis Jankowski, OF Hunter Renfroe and RHP Tim Melville from El Paso (PCL). Selected the contracts C Rocky Gale and INF Christian Villanueva from El Paso. Designated INF Dusty Coleman and RHP Jose Valdez for assignment.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DENVER NUGGETS — Agreed to terms with C Mason Plumlee on a three-year contract.
National Football League
HOUSTON TEXANS — Waived WR Jaelen Strong. Released WR Riley McCarron from the practice squad. Signed WR Andy Jones and OT Jah Reid. Signed WR Cobi Hamilton and TE MyCole Pruitt to the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed QB Ryan Nassib. Placed S Calvin Pryor on injured reserve.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Waived WR Tavarres King. Signed LB Curtis Grant from the practice squad.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed OT Pace Murphy to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Placed S Su'a Cravens on the reserve/left squad list.

SPORTS ODDS

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
		College Football		
		Thursday		
SOUTH FLORIDA	18	20½	OFF	Temple
		Friday		
BOISE ST	13	13	OFF	Virginia
UNLV	3½	2½	OFF	ARIZONA
		Saturday		
Wake Forest	3	4	OFF	APPALACHIANST
Duke	1	3	OFF	NORTH CAROLINA
Michigan	8	10	OFF	PURDUE
GEORGIA TECH	7½	7½	OFF	Pittsburgh
Penn St	13½	11½	OFF	Pitt
CLEMSON	32½	34	OFF	Boston College
FLORIDA ST	14	10½	OFF	NC State
GEORGIA	6½	7	OFF	Mississippi St
SOUTH CAROLINA	10½	8	OFF	Louisiana Tech
TENNESSEE	27	26	OFF	UMass
West Virginia	21	20	OFF	KANSAS
Florida	5½	2½	OFF	KENTUCKY
MARYLAND	4½	4	OFF	UCF
LOUISVILLE	37	38½	OFF	Kent St
E MICHIGAN	1½	2½	OFF	Ohio U
CENT MICHIGAN	PK	2½	OFF	Miami (Ohio)
VIRGINIA TECH	29	26	OFF	Old Dominion
Georgia St	23		OFF	CHARLOTTE
INDIANA	23	22½	OFF	Georgia Southern
BUFFALO	1½	2½	OFF	FAU
NEBRASKA	12	14	OFF	Rutgers
MIAMI	14½	13	OFF	Toledo
Washington	8	10	OFF	COLORADO
NEW MEXICO ST	16½	17½	OFF	UTEP
NAVY	11	11½	(OFF)	Cincinnati
OHIO STATE	39	39½	OFF	UNLV
Notre Dame	3½	4	OFF	MICHIGAN ST
WYOMING	6	7	OFF	Hawaii
TULSA	11½	12	OFF	New Mexico
LSU	23	23½	OFF	Syracuse
TROY	13½	15½	OFF	Akron
MIDDLE TENNESSEE	OFF	OFF	OFF	Bowling Green
Auburn	18½	18½	OFF	MISSOURI
HOUSTON	4½	6	OFF	Texas Tech
SMU	-3	4½	OFF	Arkansas St
Alabama	18½	18½	OFF	VANDERBILT
TULANE	2	4	OFF	Army
OKLAHOMA ST	9½	12	OFF	TCU
W KENTUCKY	8	9½	OFF	Ball St
NORTH TEXAS	10	10	OFF	UAB
UTSA	14	13	OFF	TEXAS STATE
San Diego St	7	3½	OFF	AIR FORCE
Texas A&M	3	2½	OFF	Arkansas
RICE	3	2½	OFF	FIU
SOUTH ALABAMA	4½	4	OFF	Idaho
LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE	OFF	OFF	OFF	Louisiana-Monroe
Oklahoma	27½	26	OFF	BAYLOR
SOUTHERN CAL	16	17	OFF	CALIFORNIA
WASHINGTON ST	26½	28	OFF	Nevada
Oregon	13	15	OFF	ARIZONA ST
STANFORD	10	7½	OFF	UCLA
Utah St	+2½	3	(OFF)	SAN JOSE ST
		Sunday		
UCONN	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	East Carolina
		NFL		
		Thursday		
LA Rams	2½	2½	(41)	SAN FRANCISCO
		Sunday		
Baltimore	5½	4	(40½)	Jacksonville
Cleveland	2	1	(41)	INDIANAPOLIS
Pittsburgh	7½	7	(48)	CHICAGO
Miami	5½	6	(41)	NY JETS
Denver	PK	2½	(41)	BUFFALO
NEW ENGLAND	12	13	(44)	Houston
CAROLINA	6	6	(OFF)	New Orleans
MINNESOTA	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Tampa Bay
Atlanta	3	OFF	(OFF)	DETROIT
PHILADELPHIA	3½	3½	(OFF)	NY Giants
TENNESSEE	+1	2	(43½)	Seattle
Kansas City	1½	2½	(45½)	LA CHARGERS
GREEN BAY	10	OFF	(OFF)	Cincinnati
Oakland	3½	3½	(53½)	WASHINGTON
		Monday (9/25)		
Dallas	3½	3½	(47)	ARIZONA

HS VOLLEYBALL CAPSULES

ODESSA HIGH AT MIDLAND HIGH
When/where: 6 p.m. today, MHS gym
Records: Odessa High 6-19, 0-2 in District 2-6A; MHS 21-12, 3-0 in District 2-6A
Last match: Odessa Permian 3, OHS 1, Sept. 12; MHS 3, Odessa Permian 1, Friday
Three things to watch:
■ The Lady Bulldogs are off to a fine start a quarter of the way through their district slate, as they have won nine of their first 11 sets to begin 3-0. Following a road-heavy first two weeks, today is MHS' district home opener.
■ MHS' junior outside hitter Hayley Branco is coming off a 20-kill, 21-dig performance in Friday's road win at Odessa Permian. Look for her to help set a purposeful tone in her team's debut at home.
■ Judging by its record alone, Odessa High is off to another difficult start this year. But the always-scrappy Lady Bronchos have usually been a challenge, as they seem to elevate their play against favored district opponents.
Next: Amarillo Tascosa at MHS, 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26; Lee at Odessa High, 5 p.m. Friday

LEE AT ODESSA PERMIAN
When/where: 6 p.m. today, Permian field house
Records: Lee 21-12, 2-0 in District 2-6A; Permian 16-11, 1-2 in District 2-6A
Last match: Lee 3, San Angelo Central 1, Saturday; MHS 3, Odessa Permian 1, Friday
Three things to watch:
■ The Lady Rebels are coming off a more convincing performance in their four-set win over San Angelo Central at home Saturday. Lee successfully defended its home court to open its district schedule, going 2-0.
■ Lee now begins a four-game road trip that will take them through Oct. 3, which includes a date with rival MHS on Sept. 29.
■ Against Central, the Lady Rebels produced an evenly distributed box score, with a number of players contributing offensively and on the block. Led by Emily Hillman's 17 kills, four players recorded eight or more kills, while the team also totaled 16 blocks. That balance will be key in today's challenging road match.
Next: Odessa Permian at Amarillo Tascosa, 5 p.m. Friday; Lee at Odessa High, 5 p.m. Friday

- Compiled by Will Korn

COWBOYSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FRISCO

Texas judge denies NFL bid to reinstate Elliott suspension

A federal judge in Texas has denied the NFL's request to suspend his injunction that blocked a six-game suspension for Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott.

The ruling from U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant on Monday was expected and came after the NFL had already moved on to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans with the same request.

In his ruling, Mazzant criticized the NFL for not waiting for his decision after using the argument of premature filings against the NFL Players Association in Elliott's request for the injunction. The judge wrote that the "irony is not lost on the court."

The NFL filed a request for an emergency stay with the appeals court Friday, and the union issued a response the next day. The league responded to the union's filing Monday. All the filings make similar arguments from the original lawsuit the NFLPA filed on Elliott's behalf in Mazzant's court.

Cowboys are world's most valuable team at $4.8 billion

The Dallas Cowboys not only are the NFL's most valuable franchise for the 11th straight year, they are the top-valued team in the world.

According to Forbes magazine, their worth increased 14 percent in the last year, reaching $4.8 billion. That's more than $1 billion ahead of the Patriots ($3.7 billion).

Rounding out the NFL's top five are the Giants ($3.3 billion), Redskins ($3.1 billion) and 49ers ($3.05 billion).

On average, an NFL franchise is worth $2.52 billion, an increase of 8 percent since 2016. Much of that can be attributed to rights fees and new stadiums or stadium renovations.

Every team is worth at least a billion, with the Buffalo Bills last at $1.6 billion. Forbes reported earlier this year that the average baseball franchise is worth $1.54 billion.

The Falcons had the highest increase in value, up 16 percent to more than $2.47 billion The team just moved into a $1.5 billion stadium in Atlanta.

Globally, according to Forbes' rankings of July, the Cowboys are followed by baseball's New York Yankees at $3.7 billion, a figure the Patriots have now tied. Next in those rankings are three European soccer giants: Manchester United at $3.69 billion, FC Barcelona at $3.64 billion and Real Madrid at $3.58 billion.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Ex-financial adviser ordered to pay McFadden attorney fees

The former financial adviser to Dallas Cowboy Darren McFadden is being ordered to pay McFadden's attorneys because he failed to provide court-ordered information in a lawsuit by McFadden.

McFadden, a former Arkansas Razorback, is suing Michael Vick in federal court in Little Rock for allegedly misappropriating millions of dollars of McFadden's money.

Court records first reported by the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette show U.S. District Judge James Moody last Tuesday ordered Vick to pay $3,382.50 for McFadden's attorney's efforts to get Vick to reply to requests for information.

Vick's attorney said in documents that he was in contact with McFadden's attorneys and trying to negotiate a lawsuit settlement, but Moody wrote that Vick was unjustified in failing to respond to the requests.

Vick isn't the former NFL player of the same name.

Stafford throws for 2 TDs as Lions beat Beckham, Giants

By Tom Canavan
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Matthew Stafford threw for two touchdowns, rookie Jamal Agnew broke the game open with an 88-yard punt return in the fourth quarter and the Detroit Lions beat the New York Giants 24-10 on Monday night.

The Lions (2-0) sacked Eli Manning five times and Stafford put together another big game while sending the Giants (0-2) to a second straight disappointing performance in a season where so much was expected. Star receiver Odell Beckham Jr. returned from a sprained left ankle, but New York still struggled offensively.

Stafford found Marvin Jones for a 27-yard touchdown in the first quarter and passed to Eric Ebron for a go-ahead 7-yarder in the second. Matt Prater added a 56-yard field goal just before halftime that bounced off and over the upright, helping the Lions to a 17-7 lead at the break.

MONDAY'S BOX
LIONS 24, GIANTS 10

Detroit	7	10	0	7—24
New York	0	7	3	0—10

First Quarter
Det—M.Jones 27 pass from Stafford (Prater kick) 4:00

Second Quarter
NYG—Engram 18 pass from Manning (Rosas kick) 14:55
Det—Ebron 7 pass from Stafford (Prater kick) 8:43
Det—FG Prater 56, 30

Third Quarter
NYG—FG Rosas 25, 4:58

Fourth Quarter
Det—Agnew 88 punt return (Prater kick) 12:56

	Det	NYG
First downs	12	14
Total Net Yards	257	270
Rushes-yards	32-138	18-62
Passing	119	208
Punt Returns	3-101	2-9
Kickoff Returns	1-15	1-21
Interceptions Ret.	1-18	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	15-21-0	22-32-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-3	5-31
Punts	5-41.8	5-47.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-56	7-60
Time of Possession	32:47	27:13

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Detroit, Abdullah 17-66, Stafford 3-23, Riddick 9-20, D.Washington 3-9. New York, Vereen 9-28, Darkwa 3-17, Perkins 7-10, Shepard 2-7.
PASSING—Detroit, Stafford 15-21-0-122. New York, Manning 22-32-1-239.
RECEIVING—Detroit, Ebron 5-42, Tate 4-25, Riddick 3-17, M.Jones 1-27, Golladay 1-8, Fells 1-3. New York, Engram 4-48, Beckham 4-36, Vereen 3-27, Shepard 2-23, Ellison 2-21, Lewis 2-13, Perkins 2-12, J.Adams 1-38, Marshall 1-17, Darkwa 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NFL STANDINGS
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	19	17
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	44	21
New England	1	1	0	.500	63	62
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000	32	66
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	53	42
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	45	44
Houston	1	1	0	.500	20	38
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	22	62
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	44	10
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	47	27
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	9	33
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	28	45
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	66	38
Oakland	2	0	0	1.000	71	36
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	69	47
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	36	43

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	50	44
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	36	45
Washington	1	1	0	.500	44	50
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	13	43
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	57	40
Carolina	2	0	0	1.000	38	9
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	29	7
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	39	65
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	2	0	0	1.000	59	33
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	38	45
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	40	43
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	24	52
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	21	26
L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	66	38
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	39	48
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	12	36

ELLIOTT

From 1C

could have set in, but I have not had a conversation with him yet."

After the game, Elliott flatly rejected the notion that his mind is elsewhere with all the legal drama surrounding his six-game suspension over a domestic case in Ohio. The NFL wants a federal appeals court to overrule an injunction that blocked the suspension while the case plays out.

Elliott simply had nowhere to run, and didn't fare much better when the Cowboys tried to throw to him on the outside. He had four catches for 14 yards.

"I feel like if he would have made some of those plays on the outside, it would have probably forced them to get in the zone more than their man coverage that they were in a majority of the night," Prescott said. "That's when our run game hits."

Tomlinson's comments didn't surface until after Elliott had appeared in the visiting locker room, where the former Ohio State star acknowledged being frustrated but said he wouldn't be discouraged.

"You can't forget about it," said Elliott, who was averaging 108 yards per game in his career before facing Denver's vaunted defense for the first time. "You've got to evaluate what happened and you got to build on it."

On the first Denver interception, Elliott stopped and just watched from nearby as Chris Harris Jr. started a 23-yard return to the Dallas 23. On the second, Elliott had fallen down away from the sideline where Aqib Talib started his 103-yard return for the punctuating touchdown.

Although Elliott made no effort to run down Talib, Prescott desperately tried to shed the blocks of linebacker Brandon Marshall before finally surrendering as Talib turned toward the middle of the field to finish the score.

"One of the things that is the foundation of our football team is fight," Garrett said. "That's one of the reasons we love Zeke Elliott. Again those plays were uncharacteristic of him. We'll certainly address it with him but we have to address that with our entire team."

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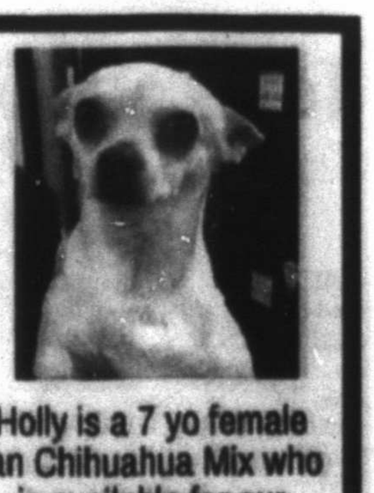

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All-Around

1. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $207,082
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $160,692
3. Caleb Smidt, Buffalo, Texas $131,200
4. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $130,283
5. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil $126,430
6. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $126,252
7. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $112,795
8. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $105,470
9. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $104,200
10. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $97,022
11. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas $89,284
12. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. $88,375
13. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $75,241
14. Trell Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $75,671
15. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $74,931
16. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $56,733
17. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $55,146
18. Josh Frost, Randlett, Utah $55,111
19. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $54,841
20. Seth Hall, Albuquerque, N.M. $52,544

Bareback Riding

1. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $197,963
2. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $135,149
3. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. $119,258
4. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $112,094
5. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev. $109,353
6. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $104,473
7. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $101,051
8. Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas $97,985
9. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas $97,434
10. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, Texas $96,832
11. Orin Larsen, Ingle, Manitoba $92,001
12. R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif. $84,888
13. Mason Clements, Santaquin, Utah $83,356
14. Justin Miller, Billings, Mont. $81,368
15. Steven Dent, Merriam, Neb. $80,392
16. Ty Breuer, Minden, N.D. $79,539
17. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $77,129
18. Shane O'Connell, Rapid City, S.D. $64,413
19. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $62,612
20. Jesse Davis, Power, Mont. $62,121

Steer Wrestling

1. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $156,479
2. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $105,975
3. Olin Hannum, Malad, Idaho $104,031
4. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $103,944
5. Scott Guenthner, Provost, Alberta $97,347
6. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah $97,136
7. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $91,850
8. Tanner Miles, Cochrane, Alberta $82,988
9. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $81,531
10. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $80,053
11. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $76,330
12. Jon Ragatz, Bertram, Wis. $74,923
13. J.D. Struxness, Appleton, Minn. $73,317
14. Rowdy Parrott, Mamou, La. $72,309
15. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $70,942
16. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $67,529
17. Chason Floyd, Buffalo, S.D. $67,339
18. Jacob Talley, Keatchie, La. $66,001
19. Will Lummus, West Point, Miss. $65,344
20. Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, Texas $63,440

Team Roping (header)

1. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $133,641
2. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $129,105
3. Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla. $112,223
4. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas $103,370
5. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $93,805
6. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $87,889
7. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $81,356
8. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $79,549
9. Jr. Dess, Aurora, S.D. $75,964
10. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $75,288
11. Tom Richards, Humboldt, Ariz. $77,489
12. Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif. $76,145
13. Dustin Egusquiza, Manteca, Pa. $75,055
14. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $74,146
15. Garrett Rogers, Baker City, Ore. $73,291
16. Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta $65,351
17. Hayes Smith, Central Point, Ore. $61,949
18. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. $59,915
19. Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz. $57,975
20 Lane Ivy, Adrian, Texas $56,501

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $133,641
2. Junior Nogueira, Presidente Prudente, Brazil $129,835
3. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $117,212
4. Billie Jack Saebens, Nowata, Okla. $100,585
5. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $99,774
6. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $95,109
7. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. $95,041
8. Travis Graves, Joy, Okla. $86,241
9. Jade Corkill, Felton, Del. $81,356
10. Tyler McKnight, Wells, Texas $78,750
11. Joseph Harrison, Overbrook, Okla. $78,387
12. Wesley Thorp, Throckmorton, Texas $77,960
13. Jake Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $73,291
14. Kory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas $72,270
15. Jeremy Buhler, Arrowwood, Alberta $65,351
16. Buddy Hawkins II, Columbus, Kan. $65,136
17. Kyle Lockatt, Visalia, Calif. $56,491
18. John Robertson, Polson, Mont. $52,249
19. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $49,836
20. Clint Summers, Lake City, Fla. $48,264

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Jacobs Crawley, Boerne, Texas $179,343
2. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $167,499
3. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $119,657
4. Colburn Bradshaw, Beaver, Utah $115,918
5. Layton Green, Meeting Creek, Alberta $110,613
6. Hardy Braden, Welch, Okla. $102,774
7. Brody Cress, Hillsdale, Wyo. $94,119
8. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $91,570
9. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas $90,446
10. Clay Elliott, Nanton, Alberta $89,332
11. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La. $84,483
12. Ryder Wright, Milford, Utah $84,350
13. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $79,824
14. Audy Reed, Spearman, Texas $74,915
15. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $74,745

Smashing: MLB home run record on track to fall today

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

Lynne Sladky/Associated Press

Miami Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton runs the bases after hitting a three-run home run during the fourth inning against the New York Mets, Monday in Miami.

NEW YORK — Giancarlo Stanton's smacks, Aaron Judge's jolts and all those dizzying long balls helped Major League Baseball move another poke closer to the inevitable.

Nearly two decades after the height of the Steroids Era, the sport is on track to break its season record for home runs on Tuesday — and not just top the old mark, but smash it like one of those upper-deck shots that have become commonplace in the Summer of the Slugger.

There were 5,663 home runs hit through Sunday, 30 shy of the record set in 2000.

Juiced balls? Watered-down pitching? Stanton's renaissance? Sensational starts by Judge and Cody Bellinger?

"I don't think that we are ever going to have a single explanation for exactly why we've see so many," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said. "But players are bigger and stronger. They're playing a little differently, in terms of the way they swing. Pitchers throw harder. The one thing I remain comfortable with: Nothing about the baseball, according to our testing, is materially different."

There were 5,610 homers last year, an average of 2.31 per game, and this year's average of 2.53 projects to 6,143. That would be up 47 percent from 4,186 in 2014.

In just three years, home runs will have increased by 1,957 — an extra 149 miles of long balls at this year's average home run length of 400 feet, or 15 miles more than the driving distance between Philadelphia's Citizen's Bank Park and Washington's Nationals Park.

"The game has changed," New York Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "From when I started, there's a lot less stolen bases, there's a lot less bunting, there's a lot less hitting-and-running. You don't give outs away, and you let guys swing the bat."

Already 107 players have hit 20 homers this year, just three shy of the record set last season — and up from 64 in 2015, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"The ball seems to soar from people that are hitting it farther than maybe they did a year ago ... and they kind of look like the same person," Minnesota manager Paul Molitor, a Hall of Famer hitter, said before Monday night's game at Yankee Stadium.

Along with sailing shots come strikeouts, which will set a record for the 10th consecutive year. There were 36,964 whiffs through Sunday, an average of 8.25 per team per game that translates to 40,099.

"The focus is hitting homers and tolerating strikeouts," Reggie Jackson said. "I don't really like all the strikeouts, and I was the king."

Baseball officials are worried about decreasing action and have been alarmed by the strikeout rise. This year's total is up from 38,982 last year and an increase of nearly 8,000 from the 32,189 in 2007. The strikeout spike coincides with a rise in fastball velocity; four-seamers have averaged 93.2 mph this year, up from 91.9 mph in 2008, according to MLB data.

"These bullpens are making it extremely difficult. From basically the starter on you're going to have elite, hard-throwing guys that are looking to strike you out every single time," said Baltimore's Mark Trumbo, last year's home run champion. "The game right now is as max effort as I've seen it. Guys are throwing harder. At the plate sometimes you have no choice. It's hard to steer the ball around when it's 98 miles an hour and up in the zone."

Jackson set a record with 2,597 career strikeouts, maxing at 171 in 1968. Six players already have reached 171 this year, led by the Yankees' Judge at 197. He could break Mark Reynolds' season record of 223, set in 2009.

"You'd have been on the bench," Jackson said. "But I don't know if you set a guy on the bench with 90 RBIs and 40 homers. That's Judge. You ain't going to sit that on the bench."

Steroids fueled the home run surge in the late 1990s and early 2000s, and power subsided after the start of drug testing with penalties in 2004. The home run average dropped in 2014 to its lowest level since 1992, then started rising during the second half of the 2015 season.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

RED SOX 10 ORIOLES 8

BALTIMORE — Andrew Benintendi hit a two-run single in the 11th inning, Mookie Betts had four RBIs and the Boston Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-8 Monday night for their ninth win in 12 games.

Xander Bogaerts homered and scored three runs for the Red Sox, who maintained their three-game lead over the second-place Yankees in the AL East and reduced to four their magic number for clinching a playoff berth.

Boston erased a five-run deficit with a six-run fifth inning and needed 10 pitchers to beat a skidding Orioles team that has now lost 10 of 12.

YANKEES 2 TWINS 1

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge hit his 44th home run, Aroldis Chapman pitched out of big trouble in the eighth inning and the New York Yankees edged the Minnesota Twins 2-1 on Monday night to increase their AL wild-card lead.

Todd Frazier hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the sixth, and Jaime Garcia gave the Yankees a splendid performance against the team that traded him this year after only one start. New York, still chasing first-place Boston in the AL East, won the opener of a three-game series that could serve as a potential postseason preview two weeks from now.

The Yankees have built a five-game cushion for the league's top wild card with 12 to play. Minnesota is in the second spot, 1 1/2 games ahead of the idle Los Angeles Angels. So if the standings hold, New York will host the Twins in the one-game playoff on Oct. 3.

Judge homered to right-center in the first off hard-luck loser Ervin Santana (15-8), who won his previous four decisions. The All-Star righty gave up seven hits in 5 2/3 innings.

David Robertson (9-2) retired all four hitters he faced, improving to 5-0 since the Yankees reacquired him from the Chicago White Sox in July.

ATHLETICS 8 TIGERS 3

DETROIT — Matt Olson homered, Jed Lowrie drove in three runs and the Oakland Athletics beat the Detroit Tigers 8-3 on Monday night.

Olson became the first A's player to homer in four straight games since Coco Crisp in 2013, and now has 30 home runs in his last 20 games.

Tigers reliever Jeff Ferrell left the game in the eighth inning after getting hit in the head with a line drive off the bat off Ryon Healy. The hit was measured at 102.6 mph by StatCast and hit Ferrell in the right side of the head.

He never went down, but jogged immediately toward the Detroit dugout and was escorted to the clubhouse.

Nicholas Castellanos had three hits for the Tigers, extending his career-best hitting streak to 15 games.

Raul Alcantara, who started when Jharel Cotton strained his groin during pre-game warmups, pitched 3 2/3 scoreless innings, allowing two hits. Liam Hendriks (4-2), the third of six Oakland pitchers, got the win with 1 2/3 scoreless innings.

National League

PHILLIES 4 DODGERS 3

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Altherr hit a grand slam, the first ever given up by Clayton Kershaw, to lead the Philadelphia Phillies past the Los Angeles Dodgers and their ace, 4-3 on Monday night.

Chris Taylor and Justin Turner led off the game with consecutive homers and Curtis Granderson also went deep for the Dodgers, who opened play with a magic number of four to clinch the NL West. At 96-54, Los Angeles still has the best record in baseball.

The Phillies have been a thorn in the side of Kerhshaw (17-4). The Dodgers' ace left-hander dropped to 3-5 in his career versus Philadelphia, one of just three teams he has a losing record against.

The three-time NL Cy Young Award winner was cruising until the sixth, when he allowed a bloop single by Freddy Galvis between a pair of walks to load the bases for Altherr. The Phillies outfielder crushed Kershaw's 1-1 breaking ball 418 feet to left to give Philadelphia a 4-2 advantage.

BREWERS 3 PIRATES 0

PITTSBURGH — Brent Suter pitched five efficient innings, Ryan Braun homered and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-0 on Monday night to gain ground in the NL playoff chase.

Milwaukee pulled within 3 1/2 games of the Cubs in the NL Central and two games behind the Rockies for the final NL wild card. Chicago and Colorado were both off Monday.

Suter (3-2) allowed five hits and struck out four, throwing just 64 pitches before handing off to the bullpen. Five relievers split the final four innings, with Corey Knebel pitching the ninth for his 36th save in 41 tries.

Braun's solo shot, his 17th of the season, came in the fourth inning off starter Jameson Taillon (7-7). In the sixth inning, former Pirates infielder Neil Walker added on with an RBI single that ended Taillon's night.

MARLINS 13 METS 1

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton hit his 55th homer — and his first in nine days — while driving in four runs to help the Miami Marlins beat the New York Mets 13-1 Monday night.

Batting third for the first time this year, Stanton hit a three-run line drive into the home run sculpture at Marlins Park in the fourth inning against Matt Harvey. With that, the MLB home run leader ended a drought of 29 at-bats without one.

Stanton's homer total is the highest since Ryan Howard hit 58 in 2006. Stanton added a run-scoring single in Miami's seven-run fifth.

The Marlins, back home after a trip extended by three games due to Hurricane Irma, won for only the fourth time in the past 21 games.

Marcell Ozuna had four hits, including his 34th home run. Dee Gordon also had four hits, among them a two-run triple. Ichiro Suzuki added two hits and an RBI, while rookie Brian Anderson drove in two runs with his first career triple.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	86	64	.573	—
New York	83	67	.553	3
Tampa Bay	73	77	.487	13
Baltimore	73	78	.483	13½
Toronto	70	80	.467	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	93	57	.620	—
Minnesota	78	72	.520	15
Kansas City	73	76	.490	19½
Detroit	62	88	.413	31
Chicago	60	89	.403	32½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	91	58	.611	—
Los Angeles	76	73	.510	15
Seattle	74	76	.493	17½
Texas	73	76	.490	18
Oakland	67	83	.447	24½

x-clinched division

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	90	59	.604	—
Miami	70	80	.467	20½
Atlanta	67	81	.453	22½
New York	65	85	.433	25½
Philadelphia	59	91	.393	31½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	83	66	.557	—
Milwaukee	80	70	.533	3½
St. Louis	77	72	.517	6
Pittsburgh	68	83	.450	16
Cincinnati	66	84	.440	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Los Angeles	96	54	.640	—
Arizona	87	63	.580	9
Colorado	82	68	.547	14
San Diego	75	75	.443	20½
San Francisco	58	93	.384	38½

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

Wild Card standings

American League

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	83	67	.553	—
Minnesota	78	72	.520	—
Los Angeles	76	73	.510	1½
Seattle	74	76	.493	4

National League

	W	L	Pct	WCGB
Arizona	87	63	.580	—
Colorado	82	68	.547	—
Milwaukee	80	70	.533	2

Scores

American League

Monday's Scores

Boston 10, Baltimore 8, 11 innings
N.Y. Yankees 2, Minnesota 1
Oakland 8, Detroit 3

Today's Games

Boston (Pomeranz 16-5) at Baltimore (Gausman 11-10), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Berrios 12-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 11-5), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 4-11) at Toronto (Stroman 11-8), 6:07 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 6-8) at Tampa Bay (Snell 3-6), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Gossett 4-9) at Detroit (Boyd 0-3), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Giolito 2-2) at Houston (McCullers 7-3), 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Clevinger 10-5) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 2-5), 9:07 p.m.
Texas (Perez 12-11) at Seattle (Leake 10-12), 9:10 p.m.

National League

Monday's Scores

Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 4, L.A. Dodgers 3
Miami 13, N.Y. Mets 1
Arizona at San Diego late

Today's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Darvish 9-12) at Philadelphia (Nola 11-10), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 10-3) at Pittsburgh (Williams 6-8), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 6-8) at Tampa Bay (Snell 3-6), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lugo 6-5) at Miami (Despaigne 0-3), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 12-5) at Cincinnati (Stephens 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 14-7) at Atlanta (Gohara 1-1), 6:35 p.m.
Arizona (Godley 8-7) at San Diego (Lamet 7-7), 9:10 p.m.
Colorado (Marquez 10-7) at San Francisco (Cueto 7-8), 9:15 p.m.

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 2, TWINS 1

Minnesota .....000 010000—1 4 2
New York .....100 00100x—2 8 1

E: Santana. Hildenberger (6). Rogers (7). Duffey (8) and J.Castro. Gimenez. Garcia. Robertson (9). Betances (8). A.Chapman (8) and Sanchez. W—Robertson 9-2. L—Er Santana 15-8. Sv—A.Chapman (15). HRs—New York, Judge.

ATHLETICS 8, TIGERS 3

Oakland .....104 200010—8 14 0
Detroit .....000 020100—3 9 1

R.Alcantara, S.Castro (4), Hendriks (5), Casilla (7), Hatcher (8), Treinen (9) and Maxwell. Farmer, Lewicki (3), V.Alcantara (6), Ferrell (8), Jimenez (8), Labourt (9) and McCann. W—Hendriks 4-2. L—Farmer 4-4. HRs—Oakland, Olson. Detroit, Kinsler.

RED SOX 10, BALTIMORE 8

Boston .....000 160 10002—10 12 2
Baltimore .....131 120 00000— 8 11 0

Fister, Hembree (3), Abad (5), Workman (5), Scott (7), J.Kelly (7), Reed (8), Kimbrel (9). M.Barnes (10). C.Smith (11) and Vazquez. Swihart, Bundy, Bleier (5), Givens (5), Hart (6), O'Day (7), Brach (8), Britton (9), M.Castro (10), Valaika (11) and Castillo. W—M.Barnes 7-3. L—M.Castro 3-2. Sv—C.Smith (1). HRs—Boston, Bogaerts. Baltimore, Alvarez.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILLIES 4, DODGERS 3

Los Angeles .....200 000 001—3 5 0
Philadelphia .....000 004 00x—4 4 0

Kershaw, Avilan (7), Ciangrani (8) and A.Barnes; Pivetta, Siegrist (7), Arano (7), Garcia (8), Neris (9) and Alfaro. W—Pivetta 6-10. L—Kershaw 17-4. Sv—Neris (22). HRs—Los Angeles, Granderson, Turner, Taylor. Philadelphia, Altherr.

BREWERS 3, PIRATES 0

Milwaukee .....000 101 010—3 10 0
Pittsburgh .....000 000 000—0 8 0

Suter, Jeffress (8), Hader (8), Swarzak (8), Knebel (9) and Vogt. Pina, Taillon, Schugel (8), Ed.Santana (7), Kontos (8), Barbato (9) and Diaz. W—Suter 3-2. L—Taillon 7-7. Sv—Knebel (36). HRs—Milwaukee, Braun.

MARLINS 13, METS 1

New York .....000 100 000— 1 8 1
Miami .....101 370 10x— 13 19 1

Harvey, Milone (5), Robles (6), Gowdeau (6), Flexen (6), Rhame (7), Callahan (8) and d'Arnaud. Nolin, Straily, McGowan (6), Worley (7) and Telis. W—Straily 10-9. L—Harvey 5-6. Sv—Worley (1). HRs—Miami, Ozuna, Stanton.

IndyCar needs to push Newgarden as its new star

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — It has been five years since IndyCar last had an American champion as the face of the series. This time, the series is far better positioned to properly wield its newest asset.

Ryan Hunter-Reay was largely ignored after his 2012 title, lost in the shuffle as IndyCar went through a tumultuous leadership change. With a stronger infrastructure and the power of the Penske brand, IndyCar has a shot to really push new champion Josef Newgarden to its audience.

Newgarden, in his first season driving for Roger Penske, won his first IndyCar title on Sunday with a steely showing at Sonoma Raceway. He's only the third American series champion in the last 11 years. At just 26 years old, the Tennessee native is the youngest champion since Sam Hornish Jr. in 2002.

With almost six months to go before the 2018 season begins, IndyCar should have Newgarden carry them through the offseason.

"Look, I'll carry the flag happily. I love the IndyCar Series," said Newgarden. "I think it's got the whole world in front of it. I'll do the best that I can to help spread the word and show people how great this sport is.

"I think people have been catching on, to be honest with you, over the last couple years," he said. "It's not one big step, it's going to be little steps at a time, and I think in the next five years hopefully we can be in an amazing place. I think we're in a good place right now, but we want to be in an amazing place."

A fresh face in Newgarden is a start, but IndyCar has a lot of work ahead.

The series will introduce a new car next season, and the driver lineups could look considerably different.

Helio Castroneves appears headed to sports cars in a Team Penske shuffle, and the move will cost the series one of its most popular drivers. The Brazilian is a 20-year series veteran, a "Dancing With the Stars" winner and a three-time Indianapolis 500 champion. Indianapolis Motor Speedway may be the only place he represents IndyCar next season.

Tony Kanaan, also in his 20th year, is ending a ho-hum tenure with Chip Ganassi Racing that produced only one victory in four seasons. Also one of the most popular drivers, Kanaan at least appears to be staying in the series, albeit with a smaller team in A.J. Foyt Racing.

■ ANALYSIS

The entire Ganassi organization could go from four cars to just two. There's massive jockeying for seats in the paddock and movement is afoot, even for Indianapolis 500 winner Takuma Sato, who is leaving Andretti Autosport after just one Indy-winning season.

Penske understands that it's difficult to groom young drivers in IndyCar, which doesn't have the deeper feeder system of NASCAR. He planned accordingly for a changing of the guard in NASCAR, and next season will field three cars at the top level, with 33-year-old Brad Keselowski at the top of the age group.

Penske made the move a year ago to snag Newgarden in free agency, even though it meant taking a seat away from Indianapolis 500 winner Juan Pablo Montoya. It was a move done for the future of his organization, and it resulted in a 15th IndyCar title for Penske.

The team also won 10 of 17 races, 11 poles and all four of its drivers finished in the top five of the final standings.

"The quality of the drivers coming up, we want to see that, and we have to be the catalyst to go out and look for this young talent because we don't want to be changing drivers every year," Penske said. "We need to hook ourselves into these young people, and I think you're going to see a lot of them."

Penske team President Tim Cindric has a 19-year-old son, Austin, who is literally racing in any series he can right now. Where he ultimately ends up — NASCAR, IndyCar, sports cars — is uncertain. But like his boss, Cindric understands the need to help young drivers along.

"I think it's all of our responsibility to continue to promote the next level because it's not just on the racetrack," Cindric said. "These personalities are the ones that everybody needs to see and understand, and you see the same type of thing happening in NASCAR right now. You look at Dale (Earnhardt) Jr. and some of these guys going away and retiring, and already there's guys that are coming up — the Kyle Larsons and the Ryan Blaneys and the Chase Elliotts of the world. That's what IndyCar needs to continue to focus on, too.

"We need to figure out ways off the racetrack to continue to build these personalities because they're there. We just need to get the word out."

Newgarden is quite happy to do his part.

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we've seen this year and it will be a real challenge," McClendon said. "We're excited for that challenge. It will be a great opportunity to see where we are and where we stand right now."

All Saints wasn't on the Mustangs' 2016 schedule, but the game was scheduled after McClendon received a call from Saints head coach Aaron Beck about his interest to visit Gordon Awtry Field to fill both teams' open dates.

All Saints, a TAPPS Independent team, fields a talented roster, which includes Oklahoma commit Jaylon Robinson at safety, Northwestern commit Grayson Mann at linebacker and Rice commit Brendan Harmon at wide receiver.

"This will be the biggest challenge we faced to this date and I am anxious to see our kids play and respond," McClendon said. "We live with whatever the outcome is. This isn't a state championship. This is a football game in the preseason. It will be a great opportunity to gauge what we need to fix, what we need to work on and the rest of that is details."

Trinity has second straight bye week

Trinity (0-2) was idle last week and has another open date this week before it begins TAPPS Division III, District 1 play against Fort Worth Calvary Christian (3-0) at 7 p.m. on Sept. 29 at Coombes Field.

The Chargers' district appears to be formidable in the early going as Calvary Christian, Lubbock Christian (3-0), Willow Park Trinity (3-0) and Lubbock Trinity (2-0) are all unbeaten in non-district play.

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2017 MIDLAND CHRISTIAN STATISTICS
(3-0, 0-0)

Opponents	10	21	16	7	–54
MCS	35	43	20	23	–121

RUSHING

Player	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Peyton Powell	54	327	6.0	6
Luke Sheppard	36	174	4.8	3
Bryson Harper	5	75	15.0	1
J.T. McCollum	1	5	5.0	0
Rhett Clark	2	5	2.5	0
Josh Keeling	2	-1	-0.5	0
Totals	110	625	7.5	10

PASSING

Player	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.	TD
Peyton Powell	33	66	1	393	4
Luke Sheppard	1	1	0	4	1
J.T. McCollum	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	68	1	397	5

RECEIVING

Player	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Silas Crews	8	86	10.8	2
Randall Blanscett	7	86	12.3	1
Joe Rawicki	5	82	16.4	0
Coy Stewart	7	75	10.7	1
Luke Sheppard	6	64	10.7	0
Peyton Powell	1	4	4.0	1
Totals	34	397	11.7	5

SCORING

Player	TD	PAT	2PT	FG	TP
Peyton Powell	7	0	0	0	42
Joe Rawicki	0	13	0	2	19
Luke Sheppard	3	0	0	0	18
Bryson Harper	2	0	0	0	12
Silas Crews	2	0	0	0	12
Coy Stewart	1	0	0	0	6
Josh Brown	1	0	0	0	6
Randall Blanscett	1	0	0	0	6
Totals	17	13	0	2	121

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	ST	AT	TT	TFL	S	FC	FR	INT	PD
Threadgill	26	16	42	0.0	1	0	1	0	1
Esan	16	21	37	1.0	0	1	0	0	0
Harper	11	12	23	3.0	1	0	0	0	0
Loftis	14	6	20	2.2	0	1	0	0	0
Breeding	12	7	19	0.0	1	0	1	1	1
Cross	13	3	16	1.1	0	0	0	0	2
Murdock	9	4	13	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Gilbreath	4	7	11	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown	7	3	10	0.0	0	1	0	1	1
Strahan	7	1	8	0.0	0	0	1	0	0
Thomason	2	4	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Bailey	3	2	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Carter	3	2	5	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Z. Lujan	5	0	5	0.0	0	0	0	1	2
Brunson	1	4	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Gower	1	3	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Graniczny	2	2	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibbs	2	1	3	0.0	0	1	0	0	0
Fisher	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Stewart	2	0	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlisle	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibson	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Shoemaker	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
S. Lujan	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0

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

OFFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
825	275.0	397	132.3	1,222	407.3

DEFENSE

Rush	RPG	Pass	PPG	Total	TPG
627	209.0	499	166.3	1,126	375.3

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me and some wideouts we were out here every day and every night. I see the improvement coming along as we go and just every day in practice we do it exactly how we're going to do it in a game. That adds a lot. It makes the defense not just worry about keeping eight men in the box to stop the run. They have to leave some guys out there to cover our wideouts. I like running but if I have the opportunity to throw it to my wideouts and show them some love, I like to do that too.

"This year whenever we're set up to throw the ball and the wideouts are making catches that makes the game a whole lot easier."

Powell — who has gotten game invites to Texas Tech, Houston and Sam Houston State this year — added that having running backs like Luke Sheppard and Bryson Harper in the backfield have helped to take some of the pressure off him carrying a huge load.

It is that balance on offense and the standout play of the defense that has the Mustangs off to a 3-0 start to the season with a big game coming up against another private school power in Fort Worth All Saints at Gordon Awtry Field on Friday.

Powell added that the team's chemistry and brotherhood has also helped the Mustangs get off to a great start.

"Last year compared to 0-3 to this year being 3-0 shows how much we improved," he said. "We're just getting ready for this game and have our best game yet."

Other notable performances from last week:

■ Forsan's senior QB **Bryce Hergert** completed 13 of 15 passes for 217 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions, and he ran for 115 yards and a TD on just three carries in helping his team to a 44-14 win over Stanton.

■ Greenwood junior QB **Jake Somers** completed 17 of 27 passes for 281 yards, three touchdowns and one interception, to go with 40 yards rushing and a TD on 11 carries in a 54-34 loss to Shallowater.

■ In Andrews' 47-31 win over Levelland, senior RB **Brittin Garcia** rushed for 66 yards and scored three touchdowns on 10 carries and caught six passes for 68 yards and a TD.

■ Monahans' senior FB **Tylan McCalister** rushed for 210 yards and three touchdowns on 23 carries to help the Loboes roll past Big Spring, 45-20.

■ In a 42-35 loss to Reagan County, Coahoma had a pair of 100-yard receivers as **Adam Clark** had 121 yards and two TDs on seven catches, while **Gage Clark** had 104 yards and a TD on four catches to help **Mason Moore** have a 239-yard night though the air.

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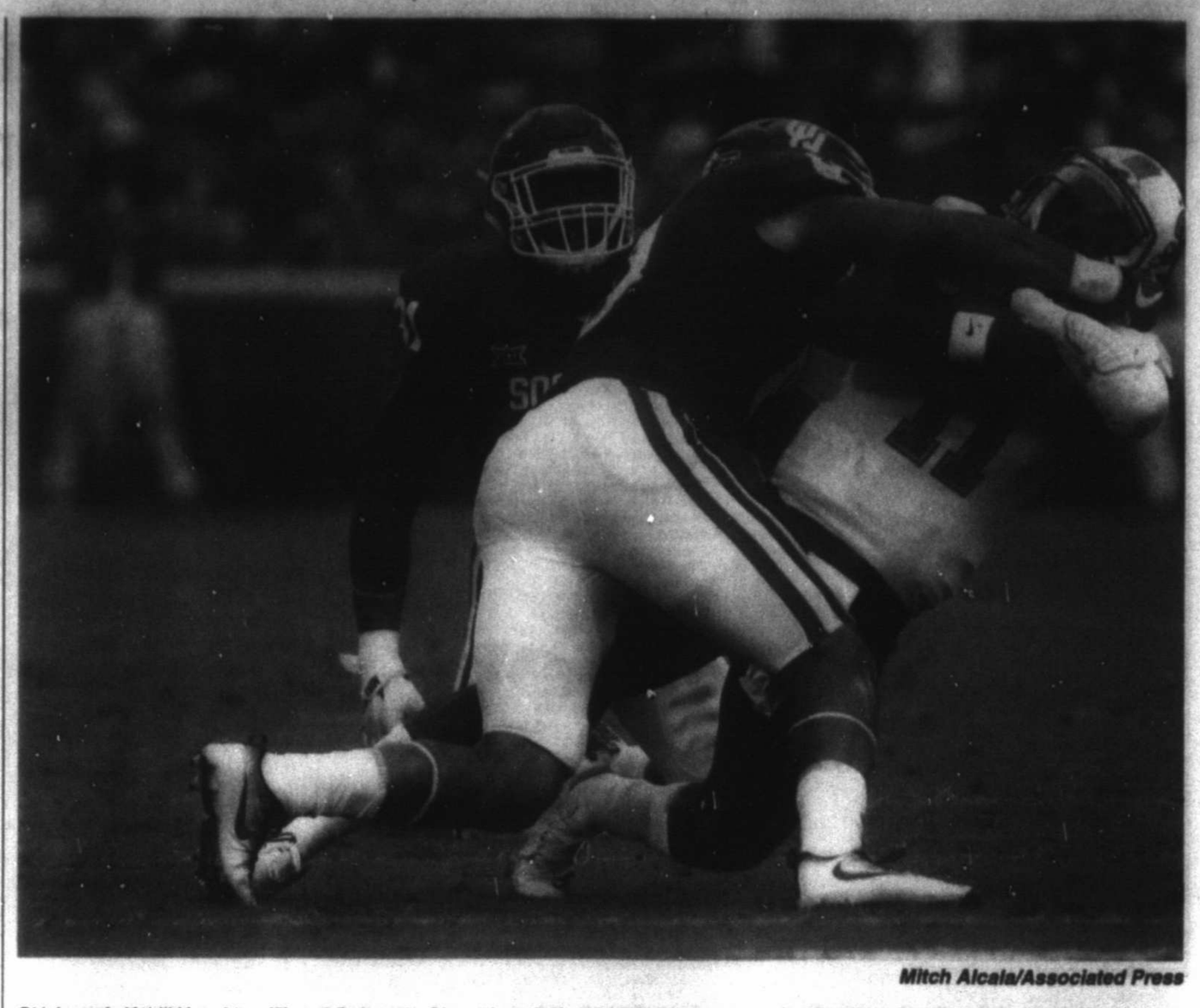
27-7 deficit forced Texas to abandon its running game, but the Longhorns never trailed USC by more than seven. Warren carried the ball just once in the second half against USC and caught one pass for 11 yards in the fourth quarter.

Herman noted that Warren averaged only 3.8 yards on his four carries against USC. By that measure, Warren would have scored from the USC 3-yard line in overtime. Instead, the play call had freshman quarterback Sam Ehlinger try to power his way in over left tackle and his fumble set up the Trojans' winning field goal . Texas' first drive of the game was stopped on 4th-and-2 when, instead of testing USC's strength with Warren, Ehlinger was dropped for a 3-yard loss.

"We've got to find a way to get (Warren) more yards, but in the middle of a game when you see how that is shaking out, the definition of insanity is repeatedly performing the same act and expecting different results. To keep going back to 3.8 yards per carry, I think there would be some criticism there, too. 'Tom, why did you give Chris Warren the ball 20 times if he only had 70 yards?'" Herman said.

Herman said he is down to five total healthy offensive linemen he'd feel comfortable putting in a game. Even if Warren gets the ball more, he may not have anywhere to run.



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Oklahoma's Kahlil Haughton (8) and Ogbonnia Okoronkwo (31) tackle Tulane quarterback Johnathan Brantley (11) during the second quarter on Saturday.

Mike Stoops has Oklahoma defense rolling after rough '16

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — A year ago, Mike Stoops was a very unpopular man.

Oklahoma's fans were looking for scapegoats after the Sooners lost two of three to start the season and allowed at least 40 points to Ohio State, TCU, Texas and Texas Tech. Stoops, the Sooners' defensive coordinator, took most of the blame.

Even though the defense improved the second half of the season, some weren't sure he'd be around for long after Lincoln Riley took over as head coach this summer. He was retained, and he was vindicated when Oklahoma posted a resounding 31-16 win at Ohio State in between dominant performances against UTEP and Tulane. The third-ranked Sooners (3-0) have one of the nation's top defenses heading into Saturday's conference opener at Baylor.

"They are starting to build pride and confidence and want to play consistent football," Stoops said "We didn't have any consistency a year ago. We were up and down, quarter by quarter, game by game."

Stoops has been around long enough to realize that he could be in the crosshairs in a week.

"You have to handle prosperity well, too," he said. "People tell you how great you are for a week straight and then, again, you have to block out the noise. It's a week-to-week season, and you have to be smart enough to realize that."

Riley said Stoops took last year's struggles personally. Now, the Sooners rank 13th out of 129 schools in points allowed per game, seventh in passing yards allowed per game and 20th in total defense. Oklahoma held Ohio State to 350 yards and only allowed the Buckeyes to reach the end zone once.

"Mike and them do a great job, but they've done an even better job this year with our guys' heads, making sure that we're in the right frame to play great team defense and to play the type of defense that this university has been known for for a long time," Riley said.

Oklahoma cornerback Parnell Motley has been a key reason the Sooners have improved. He had an interception against Ohio State, and his 77-yard interception return for a touchdown against Tulane turned the momentum in a 56-14 win .

"He's confident," Riley said. "He's physically better. Mentally, he's more comfortable with what we're doing. He's not thinking, he's just kind of letting his natural ability take over, his instincts take over. As a DB, there's probably nothing more important than that."

Linebacker Ogbonnia Okoronkwo has evolved from a pass-rushing specialist to an all-around player. He has at least two tackles for loss in each of the first three games and is second on the team with 19 tackles.

Defensive back Steven Parker is the veteran leader of the secondary. He's fourth on the team with 14 tackles. Linebacker Emmanuel Beal leads the way with 21 tackles. Freshman linebacker Kenneth Murray is third on the team with 16 stops.

First-year assistant head coach Ruffin McNeill, who is helping with the defensive line, has made an impression helping Stoops.

"He brings a lot mentality-wise, to us, there's no doubt," Riley said. "He's got a presence out there that, not just defensively, I think the whole team feels it."

The Sooners got off to rough starts against UTEP and Tulane but rallied and posted shutouts in the final three quarters of both games.

"The staff has made the adjustments necessary," Riley said. "I think the players, though, have had a good mentality. Even though you don't start off right, you've got to keep swinging. They've done that. They've settled in. I think they've got a lot of confidence in what we're doing defensively, and that shows in situations like that."

TEXAS AP HS FOOTBALL POLL

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Allen (14)	(3-0)	227	1
2. Converse Judson (5)	(3-0)	209	2
3. Katy (2)	(1-0)	186	3
4. DeSoto (3)	(3-0)	181	4
5. Austin Westlake	(3-0)	155	5
6. Lake Travis	(2-1)	105	7
7. Garland Sachse	(3-0)	80	10
8. The Woodlands	(0-1)	52	6
9. Waco Midway	(3-0)	30	NR
10. Spring Westfield	(1-0)	17	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Mansfield 14. 12. Klein Collins 13. 13. Galena Park North Shore 9. 14. Fort Bend Ridge Point 8. 15. SA Northside O'Connor 7. 16. Longview 5. 17. Cibolo Steele 4. 18. San Benito 3. **18. Amarillo Tascosa 3.** 18. Austin Bowie 3. 21. Arlington Martin 2. **21. Odessa Permian** 2. 21. Tyler 2. 24. Southlake Carroll 1. 24. Beaumont West Brook 1. 24. Coppell 1

Class 5A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Aledo (18)	(3-0)	233	1
2. Manvel (5)	(1-0)	211	2
3. Denton Ryan (1)	(3-0)	193	4
4. CC Calallen	(3-0)	163	5
5. Richmond Foster	(1-0)	104	9
6. Dallas Highland Park	(2-1)	101	7
7. Temple	(2-1)	73	3
8. Cedar Park	(2-1)	71	NR
9. Frisco Lone Star	(3-0)	42	NR
10. Angleton	(2-0)	38	NR

Others receiving votes: 11. Mansfield Legacy 17. 12. Fort Bend Marshall 16. 13. Dripping Springs 12. 14. A&M Consolidated 10. 14. West Mesquite 10. 16. Lancaster 9. 17. College Station 6. 18. Lubbock Coronado 3. 18. N. Richland Hills 3. 20. Hutto 2. 21. Port Neches-Groves 1

Class 4A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Carthage (21)	(3-0)	235	1
2. Gilmer (1)	(3-0)	201	2
3. West Orange-Stark (1)	(1-0)	178	3
4. Argyle	(3-0)	164	4
5. Waco La Vega	(3-0)	147	5
6. Cuero (1)	(2-0)	127	6
7. Kennedale	(2-0)	106	7
8. Midlothian Heritage	(3-0)	60	9
9. Van	(3-0)	48	10
10. Abilene Wylie	(2-1)	19	8

Others receiving votes: 11. Kilgore 8. 12. Sweetwater 7. 12. China Spring 7. 14. Henderson 4. 15. Liberty Hill 3. 16. Graham 2. 16. Celina 2. **18. Andrews** 1. 18. Boerne 1

Class 3A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Gunter (14)	(3-0)	224	1
2. Hallettsville (2)	(2-0)	186	2
3. Lexington (3)	(3-0)	171	3
4. Wall (3)	(3-0)	170	4
5. Newton (2)	(2-0)	147	5
6. Malakoff	(2-0)	115	7
7. Brock	(2-1)	88	8
8. East Bernard	(2-0)	75	9
9. Canadian	(3-0)	72	10
10. Cameron Yoe	(1-2)	24	6

Others receiving votes: 11. New London West Rusk 17. 12. Yoakum 11. 13. Jefferson 9. 14. Sonora 8. 15. Big Sandy Harmony 2. 16. Woodville 1

Class 2A

School	Total	Points	Prv
1. Refugio (18)	(1-0)	234	1
2. Tenaha (6)	(3-0)	213	2
3. Mason	(3-0)	177	4
4. Muenster	(3-0)	152	5
5. Mart	(2-1)	125	6
6. Albany	(3-0)	118	7
7. Abernathy	(3-0)	102	8
8. Irion	(3-0)	63	9
9. Bremond	(2-1)	41	3
10. Crawford	(2-1)	37	10

Others receiving votes: 11. De Leon 21. 12. Milano 10. 13. Centerville 7. 14. Price Carlisle 5. 15. Wellington 4. 15. San Augustine 4. 17. Shiner 2. 17. Post 2. 17. Joaquin 2. 20. Stratford 1

AREA HS FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 2-6A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Lee	3	0	166	72	1.000
Amarillo Tascosa	3	0	162	53	1.000
Odessa Permian	3	0	109	65	.000
San Angelo Central	3	0	135	44	1.000
Odessa High	2	1	76	66	.666
Midland High	0	3	89	147	.000
Wolfforth Frenship	0	3	71	166	.000

Last week's scores
Sept. 15 scores
Lee 48, El Paso El Dorado 34; DeSoto 41, Midland High 14; Lubbock Coronado 21, Odessa High 20; Permian 49, El Paso Eastwood 27; Lubbock Cooper 41, Wolfforth Frenship 9; San Angelo Central 57, Kerrville Tivy 6

Thursday's games
Lee at Lubbock Monterey, 7 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Killeen Shoemaker, 7 p.m.; Odessa High at Abilene High, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's games
Keller at Midland High, 7:30 p.m.; Amarillo Tascosa at Amarillo High, 7:30 p.m.; Wolfforth Frenship at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m.

District 2-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	3	0	181	80	1.000
Clint	3	0	91	54	1.000
Fabens	2	1	50	41	.667
Mountain View	1	2	58	65	.333
San Elizario	0	3	25	140	.000

Last week's scores
Andrews 47, Levelland 31; Clint 36, El Paso Austin 21; Mountain View 35, El Paso Irvin 16; El Paso Jefferson 35, Fabens 19; El Paso High 42, San Elizario 0

This week's games
Monahans at Andrews; Clint Mountain View at Tornillo; Pecos at Fabens; San Elizario at El Paso Cathedral; Clint is open

District 3-4A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stephenville	3	0	128	54	1.000
Aq Wylie	2	1	110	47	.667
Brownwood	1	2	158	144	.333
Snyder	1	2	44	58	.333
Big Spring	0	3	68	139	.000

Last week's scores
Monahans 45, Big Spring 20; Denison 24, Abilene Wylie 23; Liberty Hill 70, Brownwood 49; Seminole 40, Snyder 0; Stephenville 34, Everman 21

This week's games
Canyon at Big Spring; Abilene Wylie at Argyle; Brownwood at Alvarado; Sweetwater at Snyder; Stephenville at Decatur

District 2-4A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Pecos	3	0	101	64	1.000
Sweetwater	3	0	143	48	1.000
Fort Stockton	2	1	76	61	.667
Greenwood	2	1	97	75	.667
Lamesa	2	1	105	79	.667
Monahans	2	1	81	91	.667
Seminole	2	1	93	30	.667

Last week's scores
Shallowater 54, Greenwood 34; Monahans 45, Big Spring 20; Seminole 40, Snyder 0; Fort Stockton 27, Denver City 17; Pecos 21, Alpine 16; Lamesa 49, Lubbock Roosevelt 12; Sweetwater 52, San Angelo Lake View 18

This week's games
Greenwood at San Angelo Lake View; Monahans at Andrews; Amarillo River Road at Seminole; Fort Stockton at Uvalde; Pecos at Fabens; Sweetwater at Snyder; Lamesa is open

District 2-3A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Colorado City	2	1	41	43	.667
Coahoma	1	2	85	107	.333
Idalou	1	2	55	95	.333
Lub. Roosevelt	0	3	24	163	.000
Stanton	0	3	49	125	.000

Last week's scores
Reagan County 42, Coahoma 35; Forsan 44, Stanton 14; Idalou 36, Littlefield 24; Colorado City 33, Christoval 13; Lamesa 49, Lubbock Roosevelt 12

This week's games
Sands at Coahoma; Stanton at Christoval; Idalou at Post; Colorado City at San Angelo TLCA; Lubbock Roosevelt at Littlefield

District 4-2A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Anson	2	1	98	93	.667
Forsan	2	1	97	44	.667
Hawley	2	1	83	53	.667
Post	2	1	106	27	.667
Stamford	2	1	66	59	.667

Last week's scores
Forsan 44, Stanton 14; Jim Ned 55, Anson 16; Hamlin 28, Hawley 18; Post 41, Coleman 0; Stamford 39, Merkel 20

This week's games
Reagan County at Forsan; Anson at Roscoe; Lubbock Christian at Hawley; Idalou at Post; Stamford at Haskell

District 5-1A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Garden City	2	0	144	26	1.000
Robert Lee	2	1	175	119	.667
Westbrook	2	1	103	63	.667
Sterling City	1	2	118	120	.333

Last week's scores
Sterling City 62, Meadow 28; Robert Lee 52, Santa Anna 6; Westbrook 51 Loop 6; Garden City was open

This week's games
Garden City at Balmorhea; Aspermont at Sterling City; Robert Lee at Ira; Water Valley at Westbrook

District 7-1A Division I
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Buena Vista	3	0	130	34	1.000
Marfa	2	0	133	67	1.000
Fort Davis	2	1	120	121	.667
Rankin	2	1	147	102	.667

Last week's scores
Rankin 68, Sanderson 21; Imperial Buena Vista 51, El Paso Faith Christian 6; Fort Davis 70, Sierra Blanca 20; Balmorhea at Marfa, ccd.

This week's games
Grady at Rankin; Fort Hancock at Imperial Buena Vista; Sanderson at Fort Davis; Grandfalls-Royalty at Marfa

District 8-1A Division II
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Sands	3	0	152	92	1.000
Dawson	1	1	70	100	.500
Loop	1	2	70	119	.333
Wellman-Union	1	2	59	112	.333
Grady	0	3	72	180	.00

Last week's scores
Water Valley 60, Grady 14; Sands 58, New Home 34; Westbrook 51, Loop 6; Richland Springs 62, Wellman-Union 0; Dawson was open

This week's games
West Texas Homeschool at Sands (Thursday); Grady at Rankin; Loop at Silverton; Plainview Christian at Wellman-Union; Dawson is open

TAPPS Division II, District 1
Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Midland Christian	3	0	121	54	1.000
FWSW Christian	2	1	95	52	.667
FW Christian	1	1	55	19	.500
Legacy Christian	1	1	76	28	.500
Grapevine Faith	1	2	80	80	.333

Last week's scores
MCS 54, El Paso Americas 14; Brook 42, Grapevine Faith 21; Dallas Christian 18, Fort Worth Christian 14; Frisco Legacy 54, Dallas Conrad 0; Fort Worth Southwest Christian 41, Arlington Pantego 0

This week's games
Fort Worth All Saints at MCS; Grapevine Faith at Dallas Lincoln; Gainesville State School at Fort Worth Christian; Lindsay at Frisco Legacy; Arlington Grace Prep at Fort Worth Southwest Christian

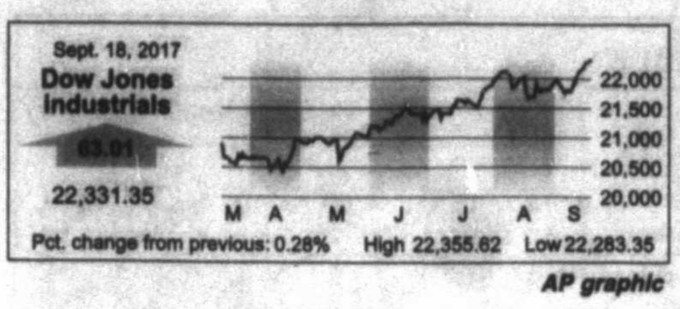
TAPPS Division III, District 1
Overall standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
FW Calvary	3	0	128	25	1.000
Lubbock Chr	3	0	127	23	1.000
WP Trinity	3	0	118	10	1.000
Lubbock Trinity	2	0	45	06	1.000
Lake Country	2	1	111	60	.667
Sacred Heart	1	2	92	63	.333
Trinity	0	2	24	64	.000

Last week's scores
Fort Worth Calvary 40, Garland Christian 7; Lubbock Christian 54, Morton 0; Willow Park Trinity 18, Fort Worth Temple Christian 10; Fort Worth Lake Country 49, Perrin Whitt 19; Valley View 35, Muenster Sacred Heart 27; Trinity and Lubbock Trinity were open

This week's games
Dallas Home School at Fort Worth Calvary; Lubbock Christian at Hawley; Kennedale Fellowship at Willow Park Trinity; Sudan at Lubbock Trinity; Flower Mound Coram Deo at Fort Worth Lake Country; Muenster Sacred Heart at Era; Trinity is open

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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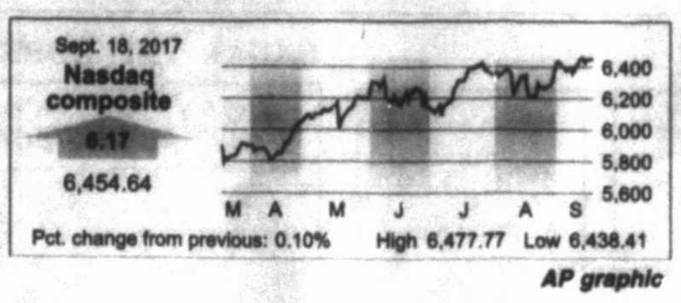

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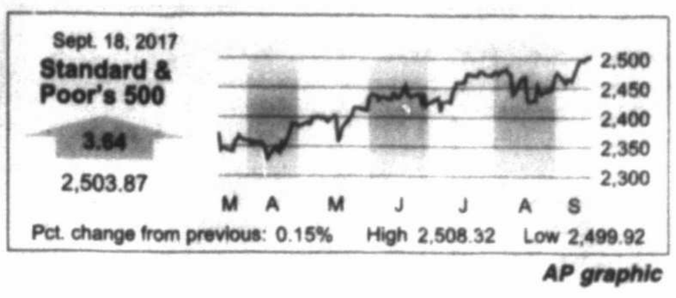

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $49.91
Previous: $49.89

POSTED

Monday: $46.75
Previous: $46.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $43.85
Previous: $43.35

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $3.146
Previous: $3.024

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BioMrn	634502	24.70	+.32
RiteAid	508328	2.73	+.10
GenElec	494274	24.46	+.53
VanEGold	454875	23.73	-.40
SPDR Fncl	435151	25.06	+.29

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SilvStNet	16.10	+3.10	+23.8
OrbitATK	132.25	+22.21	+20.2
EnovaInt	13.80	+1.50	+12.2
Voxeljet	5.73	+.59	+11.5
Eros Intl	14.65	+1.40	+10.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Aarons	38.41	-4.49	-10.5
CSVInvN rs	20.64	-2.29	-10.0
Pier 1	4.71	-.49	-9.4
PUVixST rs	22.51	-2.18	-8.8
GalPwr pfA	25.35	-2.42	-8.7

Diary

Advanced	1,658
Declined	1,254
Unchanged	127
Total issues	3,039
New Highs	169
New Lows	15
Volume	3,034,411,828

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	58089	3.77	-.11
22ndCentry	36392	3.17	-.04
BtgoldI g	26998	2.61	-.10
TransEnix	29327	1.49	+.01
SRC Eng	25242	8.02	-.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
InfuSystem	2.15	+.40	+22.9
GSE Sy	2.75	+.40	+17.0
NTN Buzz rs	7.25	+.81	+12.6
Allo Gld rs	4.67	+.44	+10.4
VirnetX	4.30	+.35	+8.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CRH Med	2.60	-.30	-10.3
CommdSec	2.94	-.25	-7.8
Myomo n	5.07	-.51	-7.8
US Geoth rs	3.91	-.29	-6.9
ErinEn rs	3.00	-.20	-6.3

Diary

Advanced	179
Declined	156
Unchanged	27
Total issues	362
New Highs	13
New Lows	6
Volume	95,183,095

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Nvidia	404617	187.55	+7.44
MicronT	326500	35.43	+.76
Comcast s	263061	37.11	+.18
Apple Inc	260054	158.67	-1.21
PwShs QQQ	232881	145.55	-.51

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DimenTh n	5.90	+1.70	+40.5
Nabriva n	8.87	+2.01	+29.3
GlycoMim	13.97	+2.15	+18.2
Cohu	23.27	+3.24	+16.2
Fanhua	12.08	+1.59	+15.2

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
XcelBrnds	3.60	-.65	-15.3
SB FnOp pf	15.75	-2.75	-14.9
Pwmed wt	2.30	-.35	-13.2
Kala Ph n	21.99	-3.28	-13.0
LM FdgA n	2.84	-.41	-12.6

Diary

Advanced	1,739
Declined	1,153
Unchanged	208
Total issues	3,100
New Highs	241
New Lows	28
Volume	1,777,915,709

Northrop deepens space-defense push on $7.8 billion Orbital deal

Bloomberg

Northrop Grumman Corp.'s $7.8 billion purchase of Orbital ATK Inc. will expand its space and missile businesses just as the U.S. sharpens its focus on defending against a possible strike by North Korea.

The transaction cements a turnaround for Northrop, which had been the target of breakup speculation before it scored an upset win in 2015 to build the next U.S. stealth bomber. The combined company would be firmly positioned as one of the four largest U.S. defense contractors, with about half of roughly $29 billion in sales last year having come from Pentagon prime contracts.

The cash offer represents a 22 percent premium over Orbital's closing price last week, and it ranks as the largest defense deal since Lockheed bought the Sikorsky helicopter division of United Technologies Corp. in 2015. U.S. defense companies have soared this year on prospects for greater weapons spending under President Donald Trump and from governments overseas, amid rising perceived threats.

"As we watch what's happening around our globe, the rather rapid advance of some of our potential adversaries is quite concerning," Northrop Chief Executive Officer Wesley Bush said Monday on a conference call with analysts to discuss the transaction. "This issue of technological superiority for the U.S. and our allies is a real issue. It's something that our customers are struggling with."

The tie-up extends the broad reshuffling of the aerospace industry after United Technologies said this month that it will buy Rockwell Collins Inc. for $23 billion. It will also test the Trump administration's tolerance for consolidation among prime defense contractors. Under Barack Obama following the Sikorsky deal, the Pentagon had signaled that it would frown on such deals because they were reducing competition.

"Given that Northrop already operates in the space field, it is possible that there could be some overlapping activity or increased vertical integration that could prompt regulatory scrutiny," Robert Stallard, an analyst at Vertical Research Partners, said in a note to clients. "We have also not had a prime contractor acquisition under the current U.S. administration, and so this is a test case as to whether concerns over the scale of the primes is still an issue."

Orbital holders will receive $134.50 a share in cash, the companies said in a statement. The total transaction is valued at $9.2 billion including the assumption of $1.4 billion in net debt. Orbital jumped 21 percent to $132.95 at 10:47 a.m. in New York. Northrop rose 1.4 percent to $270.75.

The Orbital acquisition expands Northrop's product line-up with rocket propulsion, composites and munitions. The contractor is competing with Boeing Co. to develop the next ground-based missile interceptor system in the U.S., a contract that could be worth as much as $85 billion.

Orbital "is a leader in solid rocket propulsion" while Northrop "is strong in sensors and networks, enabling a comprehensive ballistic missile defense solution," Jefferies analyst Howard Rubel said Monday in a note to clients.

Northrop, known for its Global Hawk drones, recently won a contract to build the next generation B-21 stealth bomber. It also supplies frames for Lockheed Martin Corp.'s F-35 fighter jet.

The acquisition marks a bold bet on growth for Falls Church, Virginia-based Northrop, which has recently focused on returning cash to shareholders through stock buybacks and dividends. Bush hinted at the change in July, telling investors during the second-quarter earnings call that he was looking for acquisition opportunities to expand the contractor's business.

Orbital will operate as a fourth business unit within Northrop following the close of the transaction, expected in the first half of 2018, the companies said. The deal is expected to add to Northrop's earnings in the first full year after closing, and to yield annual pretax cost savings of $150 million by 2020, according to the statement. It is subject to customary closing conditions, including approval by regulators and Orbital shareholders.

Orbital, which has about 13,000 employees, was formed in 2015 through the combination of Orbital Sciences and Alliant Techsystems. The Dulles, Virginia-based company competes to hoist payloads to space with Space Exploration Technologies Corp.'s Falcon 9 and United Launch Alliance's Atlas family of rockets.

Orbital has also designed propulsion systems on Minuteman III missiles in the past, giving Northrop potentially greater exposure to intercontinental ballistic missile business.

Orbital CEO David Thompson could get as much as $15 million in severance, benefits and equity awards, based on the transaction price, if he's dismissed.

The payout would include $5.94 million in severance and a prorated target bonus of $855,000, according to the proxy statement. He also holds equity awards worth $7.95 million at the $134.50 offer price that would vest early, some of which are prorated and tied to performance conditions, data compiled by Bloomberg show.

JPMorgan Chase committed to provide a senior, unsecured bridge facility of as much as $8.5 billion related to the deal, according to a regulatory filing. Northrop said Monday it will seek to maintain a strong credit rating and will use cash flows to help reduce debt.

Bankers from Perella Weinberg Partners are advising Northrop Grumman, while Cravath, Swaine & Moore is the company's legal counsel. Citigroup is advising Orbital, with Hogan Lovells US as legal adviser.

Banks lead US stocks modestly higher; oil prices slide

Banks and other financial companies led U.S. stocks modestly higher Monday, nudging the stock market to another record high.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index and Dow Jones industrial average closed at new highs as the market extended its gains from last week.

Investors continued to bid up bank shares as interest rates rose. Banks benefit from higher rates, which can translate into higher profits from lending money.

The rise in bond yields also weighed on utilities, real estate companies and other bond proxies. Big retailers like Amazon.com were among the biggest decliners. "This is really a day which is characterized by rates moving and equities being influenced by interest rates," said Bill Northey, senior vice president with U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

The S&P 500 index rose 3.64 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,503.87. The Dow gained 63.01 points, or 0.3 percent, to 22,331.35. Both indexes closed at record highs on Friday. The Nasdaq composite added 6.17 points, or 0.1 percent, to 6,454.64. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 9.37 points, or 0.7 percent, to 1,441.08.

Metal prices mixed

Gold fell $14.40, or 1.1 percent, to $1,310.80 an ounce. Silver slumped 55 cents, or 3.1 percent, to $17.16 an ounce. Copper added 2 cents to $2.97 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $123.05 Up 0.21

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.10 Down 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $95.15 Up 1.18

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.27 Up 0.03

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.55 Up 0.15

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $25.05 Up 0.90

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $12.34 Up 0.45

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $31.76 Up 0.53

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $13.17 Up 0.15

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.37 Down 0.03

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	14	5.61	+.05	-45.1
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	37.42	+.32	-12.0
AbbVie	2.56	17	85.32	-2.05	+36.3
Abraxas	...	43	1.72	+.07	-33.1
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	15.00	-.02	+18.0
AMD	...	...	13.08	+.56	+15.3
Alibaba	...	51	179.98	+3.28	+105.0
Ambev	.06e	6	6.70	-.11	+36.5
Amgen	4.60	16	186.47	-1.00	+27.5
Anadarko	.20	...	43.76	+.21	-37.2
Apache	1.00	...	42.30	-.22	-33.4
Apple Inc	2.52	19	158.67	-1.21	+37.0
ApldMatl	.40	16	48.05	+.91	+46.9
Archrock	.48	...	11.70	+.40	-11.4
ATMOS	1.80	25	86.50	-.63	+16.7
AutoData	2.28	29	106.55	-.23	+3.7
BP PLC	2.38	27	36.65	+.07	-2.0
BcoBrad s	.37e	...	11.56	+.07	+60.8
BioMrn	.48f	15	24.70	+.32	+11.8
B rPyXST rs	...	...	41.00	-1.60	...
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	15.73	-.24	+1.6
BasicEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	...	...	182724	80.00	+2280.00
BlkHillsCp	1.76	20	58.95	-.68	+12.4
BrMySq	1.56	25	62.70	+.22	+7.3
BrownFA s	...	33	55.99	+.49	+21.1
BrownFB s	...	...	54.23	+.32	+20.7
CF Inds s	1.20	...	35.10	+2.21	+11.5
CVS Health	2.00	14	83.31	+.14	+5.6
CaltonPet	...	34	10.87	+.36	-29.3
Caterpillar	3.12	32	123.83	+2.46	+33.5
Celestic g	...	9	12.46	-.01	+5.1
ChtryLnk	2.16	8	18.32	-.66	-23.0
ChesEng	...	9	4.05	+.05	-42.3
Chevron	4.32	65	115.19	+.56	-2.1
Chicos	.33	11	8.35	+.04	-42.0
Cimarex	.32	34	107.25	+.53	-21.1
Cisco	1.16	17	32.52	+.08	+7.6
Citigroup	1.28	14	70.60	+1.56	+18.8
CocaCola	1.68	28	46.11	-.07	+11.2
ColgPalm	1.60	25	72.39	+.11	+10.8
Comcast s	.63	21	37.11	+.18	+7.5
ConAgra	.88f	20	34.69	-.12	-11.8
ConchoRes	...	...	123.05	+.21	-7.2
ConocoPhil	1.06	38	47.09	+.58	-6.1
CrackerB	4.80f	23	147.08	-5.33	-11.9
CSVixSh rs	...	...	12.40	-1.20	-87.0
CSVLgNG rs	...	...	13.91	+1.27	-69.9
CrosTim	1.10e	14	14.67	-.07	-18.4
DCP Mid	3.12	16	33.32	+.53	-13.2
DTE	3.30	23	110.53	-.92	+12.2
DevonE	.24	...	33.97	+.32	-25.6
DrGMBll rs	...	...	19.48	-1.52	...
Disney	1.56	17	98.10	-.42	-5.9
EOG Resrc	.67	...	93.05	-.17	-8.0
EldorGld g	.02e	29	2.32	...	-28.0
EnCana g	.06	21	10.67	+.23	-9.1
Energen	.08	...	52.81	+.16	-8.4
EnPro	.88	51	75.30	+.67	+11.8
ENSCO	.04	2	5.19	+.01	-46.6
EntProdPt	1.68f	20	26.14	+.03	-3.3
Equifax	1.56	18	94.38	+1.40	-20.2
Ericsson	.11e	...	5.72	-.04	-1.9
ExxonMbl	3.08	30	80.09	+.02	-11.3
Facebook	...	35	170.01	-1.63	+47.8
FstData n	...	...	18.15	+.19	+27.9
FordM	.60a	12	11.63	+.01	-4.1
FrptMcM	...	...	14.13	+.25	+7.1
GATX	1.68	10	59.16	+.33	-3.9
GabWutT	.94e	...	9.37	+.05	+29.4
GAInv	1.15e	...	38.34	+.13	+13.3
GenElec	.96	23	24.46	+.53	-22.5
GenMotors	1.52	6	38.59	-.29	+10.5
Gerdau	.02e	...	3.87	...	+23.2
GSPrimEn	1.10	20	30.56	-.28	+11.7
Hallibrtn	.72	...	42.62	+.31	-21.2
HP Ent n	.26	19	13.54	+.02	+.7
HuntBncsh	.32	19	13.09	+.33	-1.0
iShBrazil	.67c	...	43.13	-.22	+29.4
iShSilver	...	...	16.27	-.35	+7.7
iShChinaLC	.87e	...	44.82	+.48	+29.1
iShEMMkts	.59e	...	45.75	+.16	+30.7
iS Exfin	1.66e	...	68.15	+.09	+18.0
iShR2K	1.77e	...	143.38	+.97	+6.3
Itus Cp hrs	...	...	1.28	+.59	-76.3
Intel	1.09	18	37.00	...	+2.0
InterDig	1.40f	8	74.40	-.25	+18.6
JD.com	...	...	44.74	-.17	+75.9
JPMorgCh	2.24f	14	92.92	+1.30	+7.7
JohnJn	3.36	20	136.38	+.93	+17.5
Keycorp	.38	17	18.09	+.17	1.0
KimbCk	3.88	20	121.87	+.77	+6.8
Kinross g	...	65	4.53	-.29	+45.7
LegacyRes	...	...	1.30	+.07	-38.7
Lubys	...	...	2.86	-.02	-37.9
MarathnO	.20	...	12.02	+.02	-30.6
Mattel	.60	20	14.87	-.99	-46.0
McDnlds	3.76	27	156.68	-.24	+28.7
Merck	1.88	17	65.99	-.17	+12.1
MerMMed	...	53	41.65	+.15	+57.2
MexcoEn	...	...	4.55	+.15	-9.0
MicronT	...	13	35.43	+.78	+61.6
Microsoft	1.56	26	75.16	-.15	+21.0
Nabors	.24	...	7.64	+.20	-53.4
Nabriva n	...	...	8.87	+2.01	+48.8
NOVArco	.20	63	34.77	+.32	-7.1
NokiaCp	.17e	...	6.21	+.05	+29.1
NSTFB	.55e	...	14.99	-.02	+5.8
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Nvidia	.56	52	187.55	+7.44	+75.7
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Oracle	.76	22	48.33	-.41	+26.2
PDC Engy	...	32	44.32	+.52	-38.9
ParTech	...	25	10.38	+.15	+86.0
ParkDri	...	...	1.20	+.05	-53.8
PattUTI	.08	...	18.71	+.05	-30.5
Penney	...	10	4.15	-.06	-50.1
PennaRE	.84	7	10.47	-.23	-44.8
Pmian	.63e	24	8.74	-.21	+13.4
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Pfizer	1.28	18	35.55	+.19	+9.5
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PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	145.55	-.51	+22.8
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PrmEgy	...	...	90.86	-1.30	-6.2
PUVixST rs	...	...	22.51	-2.18	...
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USSteel	.20	...	25.53	+.44	-22.7
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ValeantPh	...	3	13.79	.19	-5.0
ValeroE	2.80	23	72.20	+1.07	+5.7
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.73	.40	-13.4
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Vipshop	...	21	10.11	+.08	-8.2
VulcanM	1.00	36	115.59	+2.38	-7.6
WEC Engy	2.08	22	65.48	.59	+11.6
WalgBoots	1.60f	17	82.60	+.10	2
WealthfIntl	...	...	4.43	+.01	-11.2
WellsFargo	1.52	13	52.71	+1.05	-4.4
WhitngPet	...	...	4.90	+.04	-59.2
WmsCos	1.20	44	30.58	+.28	1.8
XcelEngy	1.44	22	48.62	.46	+19.5
Xerox rs	.25p	12	32.29	.35	+40.4
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755.37	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	738.71	-7.54	-1.01	+11.99	+8.81
12,080.69	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	12,111.46	+31.33	+.26	+9.54	+14.65
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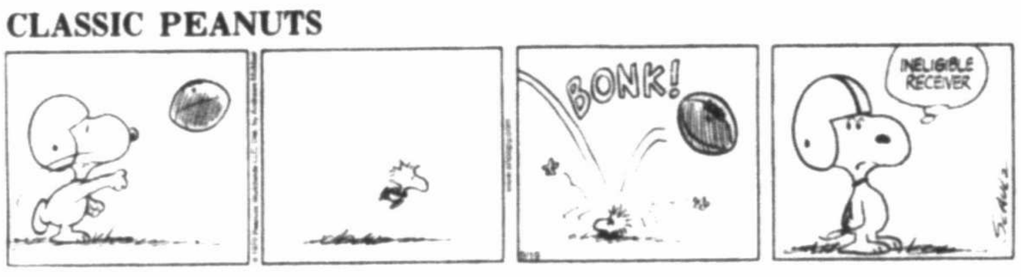

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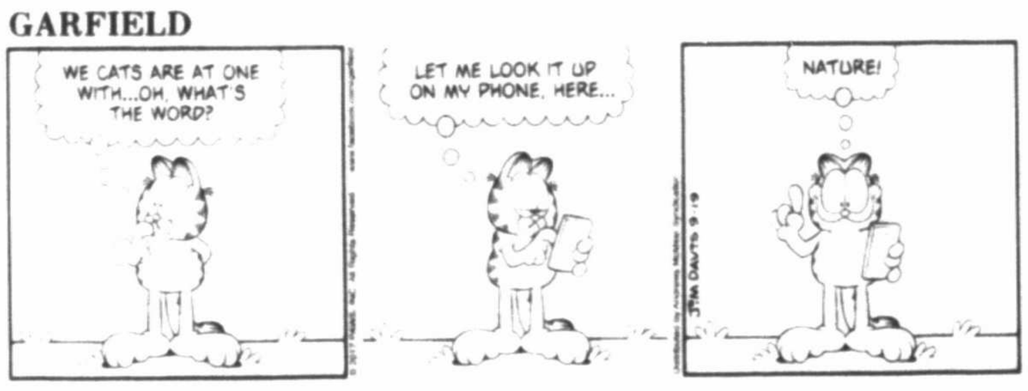

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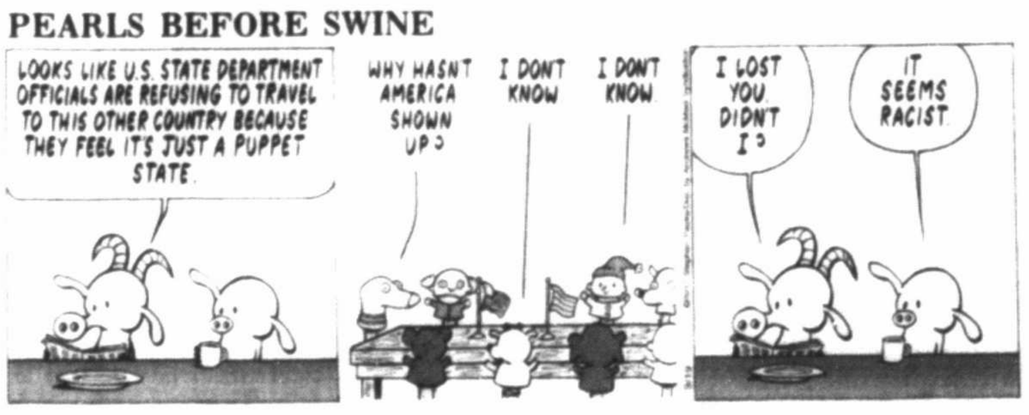

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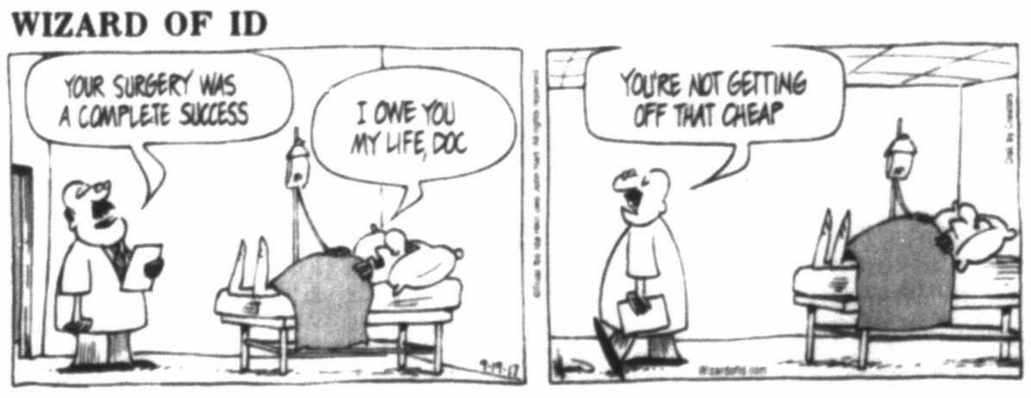

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"I'LL BET YOU GUYS WERE REALLY BORED BEFORE I CAME ALONG, HUH?"

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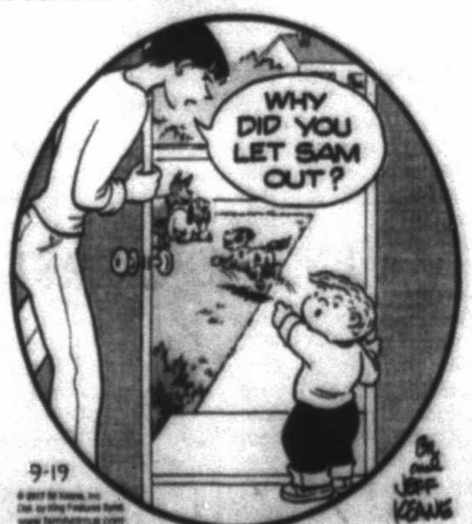

"He wanted to go talk to his friends."

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

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

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

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 "More or less" suffix
4 Rose and fell on the waves
10 Tax pros
14 Cohort of Larry and Curly
15 Not widely understood
16 Boffo review
17 Extemporaneous, as a speech
19 Theater honor
20 "Firework" singer Perry
21 Near-perfect bridge feat
23 Amigo
26 Liam of "Michael Collins"
27 Appointed White House overseer
32 __ Vegas
33 Peaceful
34 Dalai Lama's homeland
38 Planets, in poems
40 Not suitable for military service ... or an apt description of 17-, 27-, 49- and 64-Across
43 Thick book
44 Salami type
46 Nevada senator Harry
48 Red wine choice, for short
49 Laundry service option
53 '60s dance craze
55 Opus __: "The Da Vinci Code" sect
56 DJ known for playing novelty tunes
59 Surrealist Salvador
63 Geological age
64 Beanstalk giant's chant
67 Unclothed
68 Like bears
69 Alias, on police blotters
70 List of appts.
71 English writer Edward Bulwer-__
72 "Oedipus __"

DOWN

1 "Didn't hurt a bit!"
2 Living room seat
3 Lift with effort
4 Scoff from Scrooge
5 Calif. neighbor
6 Covertly sends an email dupe to
7 "The Wizard of Oz" author
8 __ terrible: difficult child, in French
9 Rid of parasites, as a dog
10 Multi-discipline strength-training program
11 Painter Picasso
12 Like many nest-builders
13 Look (like)
18 Tap out a text, say
22 Departed
24 N.Y. Jets' org.
25 Bread shape
27 Bathtub blockage
28 Cocksure Aesopian racer
29 Library ID
30 Mel's Diner waitress
31 Blue toon
35 Memorable clown
36 Disney's "__ and the Detectives"
37 See to
39 Began to melt
41 Stephen of "Michael Collins"
42 Locate
45 Grad
47 Pres. before JFK
50 Beneficial
51 Fancy duds
52 Pal of Rover
53 Perpetrate, as havoc
54 Love to pieces
56 Pats gently
57 Exam
58 "Think nothing __"
60 Many miles off
61 "Use the Force, __"
62 Big-screen format
65 Masculine Italian suffix with bamb-
66 Marshland

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

C	H	A	P		B	R	E	R		M	A	P	L	E
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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS™

by David L. Hoyt

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Goddess of the dawn	ORURAA
5. Jumped	PATEL
6. ___ circle	RINEN
7. Hold, keep back	NATEDI

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Partnered	DAILEL
2. Become aware of	ZELERAI
3. Hall, entrance, gallery	TRUNDOA
4. Be faster on foot than	UOTUNR

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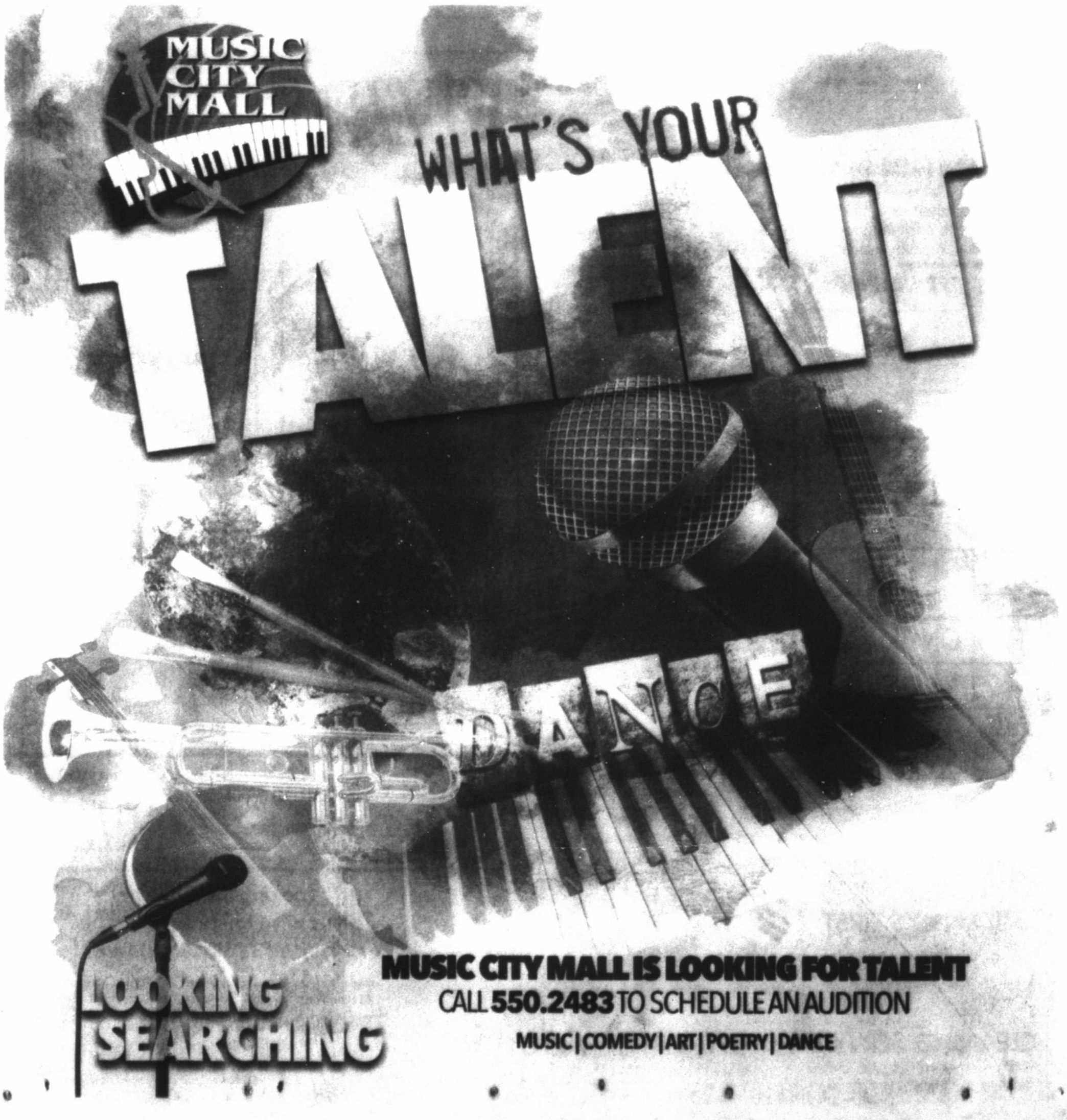

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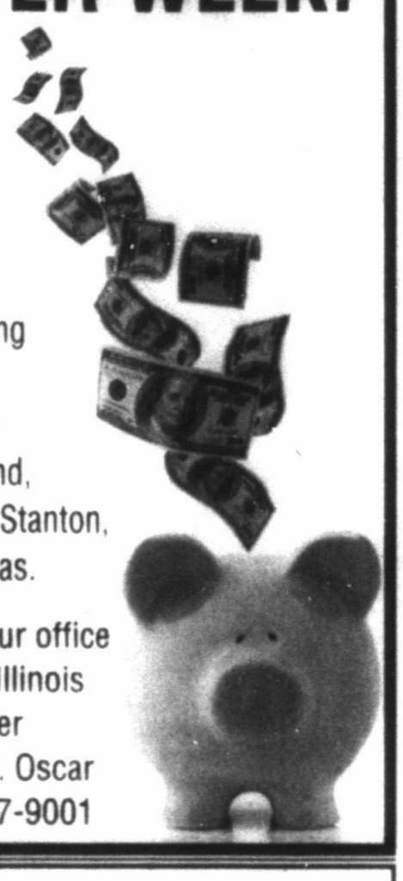

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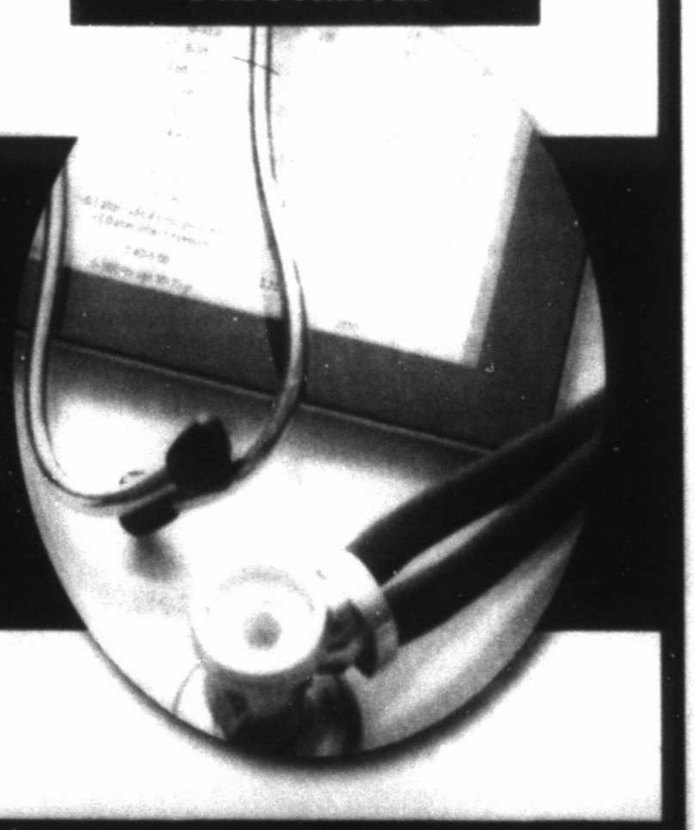

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Status/Permit No. 830479

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COG OPERATING LLC, [RRC Operator No. 166150] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 58, Blk. C, CCSD&RGNG Survey, A-<N/A>, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)Field, UPTON County, being 19.8 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848.** If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Oct 13, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name		NEAL RANCH 57 UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.		5702BH
Lease/Unit Acres		230.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)		101.0
Lease Lines	310.0 F NORTH L,	2602.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines	310.0 F NORTH L,	2602.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 310.0 F NORTH L
2602.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 41 Block: 40 Abstract: Survey: CCSD&RGNG
Lease Lines: 11.0 F NORTH L
48.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 2652.0 F SOUTH L
2257.0 F EAST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Tammy Aylesworth, at (432) 683-7443.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 7C
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Sep 8, 2017
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Oct 13, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

Rule 37 Case No. 0306683
Status/Permit No. 830481

N O T I C E O F A P P L I C A T I O N

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COG OPERATING LLC, [RRC Operator No. 166150] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit. Applicant also seeks exception to the density requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 58, Blk. C, CCSD&RGNG Survey, A-<N/A>, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, UPTON County, being 19.8 miles N direction from RANKIN, Texas.

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name		NEAL RANCH 57 UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.		5701BH
Lease/Unit Acres		230.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)		101.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)		330.0
Lease Lines	310.0 F NORTH L,	2600.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines	310.0 F NORTH L,	2600.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 310.0 F NORTH L
2600.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 41 Block: 40 Abstract:
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 10.0 F NORTH L
48.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 2652.0 F SOUTH L
2310.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0306640
Status/Permit No. 830480

N O T I C E O F A P P L I C A T I O N

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name		NEAL RANCH 57 UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.		5728AH
Lease/Unit Acres		230.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)		101.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)		330.0
Lease Lines	310.0 F NORTH L,	2645.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines	310.0 F NORTH L,	2645.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 310.0 F NORTH L
2645.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
BH County: UPTON
Section: 41 Block: 40
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Autos For Sale-Lease

Passenger Cars

2013 BMW 328i sedan. Excellent condition! 38k miles. Full maintenance and mechanical warranty until 6/2019. Price $22,500. Call 432-661-7723.

Events and Notices

General Announcement

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Passenger Cars

CORVETTE 2014 Stringray convertible premier #33 of 550 produced, Z51 performance package, 3LT equipment package, 6 speed paddle shift automatic, Lime Rock Green (dark Metallic green), brownstone suede interior, custom Corvette luggage, 3459 miles, $57,000. Joe Lynch (432)-553-6205 Lynn Lynch (432)553-6201 http://joelynch.smugmug.com/.../2014-Lime-Rock-Gre.../n-2CP9f8/

MAZDA 2011 CX9 Grand Touring, all options, wholesale $13,500. 80K miles. 432-230-7275

MERCEDES 2014 GLK 350, red, excellent condition. 54K miles, $24,500. 432-559-1821

Antique and Vintage

1966 SHELBY Cobra Replica 7,500 miles, Re-built 302 w/200 miles; 300 hp Tremec 5 speed manual transmission, Centerforce Dual Friction Clutch $35,000. (432) 638-4080

Antique and Vintage

CORVETTE 1975, 350 automatic. T-tops, New: tires, steering column, steering wheel, seats, front suspension, headlights, door actuators, exhaust. $9,800. 432-557-1438.

Pickup Trucks

CHEV. 2016 1500 crewcab, Texas edition, V8, tow pkg. 13,300 miles. $30,000 OBO. 432-940-3037

FORD RAPTOR, 2017, blue black interior, loaded, all options, 19K miles, non smoker, highway miles, garage kept. 432-413-0794.

Vans and Mini Vans

CHRYSLER 2013 Town & Country, Stow & Go, GPS, leather seats, rear view camera, Blue Ray & DVD, MPV, automatic start. Great condition, 81K miles. $13,000. One owner. 432-528-0395

Vans and Mini Vans

FORD 2017 150 Transit Van, 10 passenger, many options, sticker price $48,000, asking $35,000. 432-557-2688.

4WD and SUV

2011 CHEVROLET Tahoe LTZ for sale. Good condition! 93.5k miles with extended warranty. LTZ package comes fully loaded. $22,000. 409-291-1069.

FORD 2004 Eddie Bauer, black, $3,000 OBO. 432-218-6960 or 432-212-2866 Midland.

Motorcycles

1000 Lb. Steel Motorcycle Lift, Lift range 7" to 29 1/2". Hydraulic lift. Removable steel ramp $300. 432-528-9991.

Recreation Vehicles

2008 HARLEY Electra glide lots of chrome, 32,000 miles $10,000. 432-634-2397

2010 35' CKQ Challenger by Keystone 5th wheel with gooseneck adapter, 4 slide outs, new queen bed & carpet, 32" TV, Call after 5pm or text anytime. $26,000. 432-557-2789 or 432-528-3944

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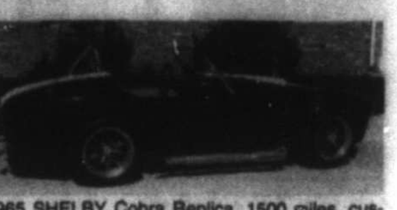
COACHMAN 2007 Legend Motor Home 40', diesel pusher, 4 slideouts, Onan diesel generator, plus all the extras. Selling due to not driving anymore. Call Jack or Mickey 432-520-2818 for more information.



1965 SHELBY Cobra Replica, 1500 miles, custom built small block 427, 528 HP, 5 speed Tremec transmission. $45,000.00 You will get attention! (432) 661-0233.

Garage-Estate-Yard Sale

Yard - Garage Sales

79703

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79706

10506 ECR 105 Friday & Saturday 8am-5pm Large estate sale. Collectible western memorbilia, classic country vinyl, antiques collectible glass, sterling silver. Some furniture, jewelry, Harley, Ford & Peterbilt parts, large shop items and two treadmills.

Area Sales

5608 ECR 57 &

Merchandise

Furniture

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Miscellaneous 4-Sale

6' FISH tank complete with wooden cabinet, heater, 3 filters, fish, & gravel. 180 gallons. $500 OBO. 432-553-2468

SCHECTER OMEN Extreme 4 string bass, super new condition with case. Used it for only 2 hours. $500. 432-352-8419

Musical Instruments

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Residential Rentals

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Rooms for Rent

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Residential Sales

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3BDR, 1BATH, living, dining, storage building, nice yard. Fresh updates. Possible owner finance WAC. $10,000 down @ 5%, $980 pr mnth covers Ins. & taxes, 17 years . You supply credit report. 3207 Mariana 432-634-2397

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Lawn and Garden

AFFORDABLE TREE shrub pruning, removal, sprinkler repairs. Licensed & Insured. Call Williams Tree Lawn Sprinkler 561-8802, 638-6163.

Landscape and Tree Maintenance

Lawn and Garden

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Professional Landscape & TreeCare. Schedule your fall feeding starting in Sept. Taylor Maxwell Degreed Horticulturist Certified Arborist TX3606A 432-528-1737

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Lawn and Garden

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Lots and Land

Acreage

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Lots and Land

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Commercial

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*4,212 ac. Maveric Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail $825/ac
*1,771 ac. windmill, creek, blinds and faeders, great w-tail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850
• Nolan County
*646 ac. over 1 mile SOLD creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak $3,550/ac
*565 ac. Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $4,425/ac
• Howard County
*842 ac. canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some oilfield traffic $750/ac
*150 ac. big canyon, SOLD anks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav $895/ac
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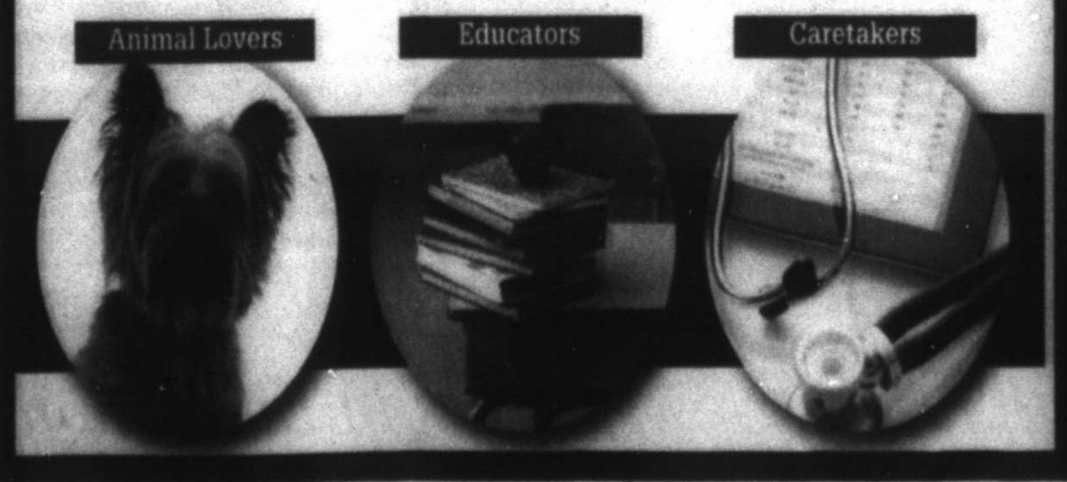

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Corrine Coffman, with the Bureau of Land Management-operated Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, holds great horned owl Archimedes as inmates from Snake River Correctional Institution look on Sept. 8. The lecture took place at Snake River Correctional Institution

Lectures 'bring science and nature' into prison

By Hunter Marrow
Argus Observer

ONTARIO, Ore. — More than 20 inmates at the Snake River Correctional Institution minimum-security facility were given the chance to take part in some community education when two presenters from local wildlife and ecology groups visited to educate them about owls within the state of Oregon.

Nancy DeWitt, from the Institute of Applied Ecology, along with Corrine Coffman, from the Bureau of Land Management operated Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, were on hand to offer information about the number of species of owls within Oregon. They also discussed distinguishing traits and characteristics, along with interesting facts about the different species.

The presentation is part of a lecture series by the Institute of Applied Ecology that DeWitt, specifically, has been bringing to SRCI since March this year. The educational lectures have been happening every month since then. Topics have covered sagebrush, invasive plants and even bees.

"The idea is to bring science and nature into the prisons," she said.

There are 19 species of owls that are native to North America. Of those, 15 species find habitat in Oregon, DeWitt told to the inmates.

From the small Northern Saw-whet and Flammulated owls, to the medium-sized northern hawk and barn owls and, even, the large great horned and great gray owls, DeWitt took the inmates through their physical characteristics, behavior and habitat.

When talking about the Spotted Owl, for example, DeWitt mentioned the controversy surrounding the loss of its population in relation to the loss of its habitat within Oregon. The owl is known to thrive in old growth forests — forests that the logging industry had used for its timber.

Another was the great gray owl. For this, DeWitt described how the distinctive disc-shaped face helps them, and other owls, with drawing sound to their ears. The ears are asymmetrical, to help owls like the great gray owl triangulate their prey. In fact, according to DeWitt, these owls are able to hear small rodents up to 30 feet away under 2 feet of snow.

Coffman came in to describe a special adaptation that owls have, allowing near silent flight when hunting their prey. The feathers of these birds of prey are covered in small structures that break up the air into small turbulences. These turbulences roll to the edge of the owl's wing, which has a flexible fringe, further break up the air and reduce noise, almost all of which is absorbed by the velvety down of the feathers.

Coffman demonstrated this by grabbing owl feathers and flapping them as hard as she could, comparing the noise made to that of hawks.

Then Archimedes, the education owl, made an appearance.

The male great horned owl is about 2 and a-half years old and serves in its teaching role because it is missing an eye, a surgery required after being hit by a car.

The inmates who were present for the presentation watched with interest and asked plenty of questions as Archimedes sat perched atop a glove worn by Coffman.

"They are so hungry for education," DeWitt said after the presentation. "They're so grateful to have volunteers come in and speak to them."

When asked what their favorite tidbit of information they learned was, inmates shouted out interesting owl adaptations, such as silent flight, asymmetrical ears and one artery that allows owls to spin their heads 270 degrees.

Wayne State College teaching students to make beer, wine

Associated Press

WAYNE, Neb. — A new academic program at Wayne State College sounds like a dream major for certain students who fit the partying, fun-loving stereotype.

Learn about brewing beer and making wine, plus get college credit for it.

But the college's new fermentation science major isn't designed to help party animals find a better way to catch a buzz, the Sioux City Journal reported .

Anyone who's serious about the major must be ready for a lot of time in chemistry labs, learning the ins and outs of the brewing process, plus how to analyze a product's contents to determine what makes a batch of brew good or bad.

"The perception of the degree has a lot of fun aspects," said David Peitz, a chemistry professor and chairman of the Wayne State chemistry department. "That's kind of the hook. They're all interested in it, but it is a research-based degree. A lot of people just want tne brewing class, how to get started in their basement. That's not what this is."

What it is is a response to a growing need brought to the attention of college administrators.

Tammy Evetovich, dean of Wayne State's School of Natural and Social Sciences, discovered that need about a year and a half ago during a conversation with members of the Nebraska Wine and Grape Growers Association. They told her of a shortage of people with knowledge of the science behind making wine and beer.

"Breweries are popping up everywhere," Evetovich said. "I think there's a need for people who have a knowledge of science in those fields. I realized there are not a lot of colleges offering this."

With a little research, she and professors discovered the growing number of wineries and breweries in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. They saw a niche they believe Wayne State can help fill.

"It's just an area we don't have a lot of graduates in, but it's a growing area," Peitz said.

Those who view the program as a free academic pass or a source of free booze better take a closer look at the program's requirements.

Among the 57 hours needed to get the chemistry degree with a concentration in fermentation science are seven chemistry classes, including two semesters of organic chemistry. There's microbiology, plus three chemistry classes specifically designed for the program that teach the principles of fermentation, including the one that attracts most students' attention: sensory analysis of beer and wine. Or, tasting.

It's not the BYOB blowout some might envision. Brewing will be done in small amounts for tasting and testing purposes only.

"It's all research, it's all chemicals. We're technically not brewing beverages," Peitz said. "We can't bottle and sell. We'll make it in small quantities."

That doesn't mean students won't be coming up with new and better brews. One of the program's goals is to develop relationships with private business and industry to provide students with internships and other professional opportunities. If students come up with a new beer recipe, Peitz said, perhaps a local brewery could brew it and sell it.

If 5G meets goals, it will zip across network in seconds

Dear PropellerHeads: I like to watch The Chew on my iPad while I'm on the Stairmaster at the gym. It seems like I spend half my time staring at the word "Buffering…" under the Hulu logo. Are phones ever going to get faster? It's 2017!

A: Wow, talk about First World Problems. I know how you feel, though — it's like that time I had to take an Uber from the airport because the limo company got the pick-up time wrong and then the car didn't have seat warmers in the back. What am I, Amish?

If you don't mind waiting a few more years — and something tells me that you do — then 5G is going to change your life. Current mobile networks are using fourth-generation ("4G") technology, but telecom companies in the U.S., Europe and Asia are now designing, building, and testing the next generation of equipment, which we'll be using in 2020.

That brick-sized phone that Gordon Gekko carried around in the '80's film "Wall Street" was an 1G phone. The 2G tech brought us text messages, and mobile browsing came along with 3G phones. We have streaming video now with 4G, so what will 5G bring us?

The goals for 5G include faster speeds, of course — so a file that takes minutes to download now could zip across the network in mere seconds. A speed of 1 gigabit per second (1 Gbps) is possible (but rare) for 4G equipment now, but AT&T has reported speeds in excess of 10 Gbps with Ericsson equipment in early lab trials (bit.ly/2bvkSuv) and the organizations defining the 5G technical specifications are aiming for 20 Gbps before it's rolled out (bit.ly/2bkEgOt).

Another major goal is lower latency. Latency is a measure of the time between a data source (like Netflix or Hulu) sending something and you receiving it — the lower the better. Whereas you might see a delay of 50 to 200 milliseconds (1/20th to 1/5th of a second) on today's networks, the goal for 5G is less than 5 milliseconds — ten times the speed of 4G on a good day — and eventually under 1 millisecond. Goodbye buffering!

Other goals include increased efficiency which will let the carriers offer all this extra speed at a lower cost of investment (bit.ly/2bbzS1x). I'm sure you'll see that reflected on your bill, right? And having a higher-capacity network will eliminate problems like calls not going through in certain areas during a natural disaster.

One interesting development with 5G is how creative the technology companies are getting in their thinking. Previous upgrades were mostly limited to improving cell phone towers and the phones themselves. That will happen with 5G too, but some companies may add satellites to their networks. (Contrary to popular opinion, your calls today don't leave the atmosphere.)

Individual buildings or rooms inside a building might have access points installed that are the size of smoke alarms to better work with the new wireless frequencies involved (bit.ly/2bvsQUi). Google is even testing self-flying drones that can provide 5G speeds to areas of the world that don't have the necessary infrastructure (bit.ly/2bvsFZe).

Besides zippier video streaming, 5G is likely to open up all kinds of new applications. The faster speed means it could replace home internet connections, so there are no more cables or wires running from your house to the street, and no need for installers to visit before you have service.

Increased capacity and better coverage means that cars might use 5G to provide better internet access to passengers. Lower latency means cars can use the network to communicate with other cars and sensors embedded in the road or in nearby street lights to manage traffic and make driving safer. Look for self-driving car technology to make its way into cheaper cars partly as a result of these advantages.

Phones and tablets will get better games (including virtual reality), and advanced applications like remote robotic surgeries might be performed over wireless connections instead of today's wired networks. The "Internet of Things" — various networks of sensors used in warehouses, on farms, in cities, and on the battlefield to monitor and report on inventory levels, air and water quality, troop movements, etc. — will also see benefits from the faster speeds and lower latencies.

We're still a few years away from 5G taking over the world, but it's coming. I look forward to the end of buffering, when your biggest problem will be that you got to the cupcake store too late and have to settle for red velvet because they're out of salted caramel. What is this, a prison cafeteria?

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