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Subject: RE: News: Midterm Evaluation

Hi Emily – I'll add you to our April 10th meeting, and let me know if you want to chat via phone before then.

Nancy – I have not talked with Dave yet, but I'll follow up with him now.

Thanks,
Maggie

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Subject: RE: News: Midterm Evaluation

Maggie – connecting you with Emily Bender in Region 1 – to talk with her about what you are learning about cision alerts. Also, Emily would like to sit in on our meeting with Cision next week – via phone – so can you send her the scheduler.

Also, have you connected with Dave Bryan in region 7 re: cision analytics? Region 1 is meeting with cision on that topic next week, so hopefully we could join in via phone for that.

Thanks ng

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Hi – here's the midterm evaluation clips from last night to this morning. I'm seeing a few duplicates so I'll make note that we should ask Sarah about that when she's here on the 10th.

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tickets are ten dollars in advance and 15 dollars at the ar door. students between the ages of six and 18 will only have to pay five dollars in advance and ten dollars at the door. kids five and under will eat for free. advance tickets my be purchased edby visiting the 'y' on east main street in beckley. april is distracted driving awarness month. reporter jennifer roberts has more about how you can drive safe... "the month of april is dedicated to saving lives while your driving behind the wheel. tune in to our 6pm newcasts and i'll environmental protection agency administrator scott pruitt announced today that obama-era car and truck emmission standards should be revised. e today marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emmissions for carsmm produced from 20-22 through 20-25. following the evaulation, pruitt announced current emissions standardare too high, calling them rushed and unrheealistic. pruitt also said the e-p-a will also work with individual states on the new standards, including california, which has stricter requirements than me other states. anti-apartheid icon winnie mandela, the former wife of south africa's late president nelson mandela, has died at the age of 81 according to a family statement, she died at a johannesburg hospital today after her l health began to fail early this year. along with her former husband, winnie mandela became one of the e most recognizable faces in the es decades-long struggle to end apartheid. she spent time behind bars during her years fighting for the cause, and kept nelson mandela's memory alive during his more than in27 years in prison. coming up... about 80-percent of filers are expected to get a tax refund this year... but all eyes are on millennials on whether they'll spend it or save their refund. efstay with us... for consumer news.

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shenell's twin sister, officer shontrell johnson, already a member of the new orleans police department, a recruit class just like this one, still a memory pretty fresh in her mind. >> just being a part of the community and doing that i love it. i love the job and i am going to be happy when she gets out of the academy and she'll be able to see all the things that i see. reporter: shontrell says her mentor was officer daryle holloway, killed in the line of duty in june of 2015, now as this new group of recruits begins traing, she steps up to mentor her twin, six minutes younger. >> i said if he can do it, i can do it. even though he's not here today, he always pushed me through when i was around him. >> challenges they give me, i will never give up. challenges are my thing. reporter and it will be a : challenge, 32 new recruits going through intense physical and emotional training, gearing up to deal with the often dangerous streets of new portland. -- n orleans. >> we believe in god too and we know that god is going to keep us safe no matter where we are. reporter it's a picture of : community service painted by officer johnson, inspiring recruit johnson, and a group of recruits now depending on each other to make to graduation, it's means a lot to them, and to some, it means twice as much. heath allen wdsu news. sula: environmental protection agcy administrator scott pruitt says the obama-era car and truck emmission standards should be revised. today marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emmissions for cars produced from 2022 through 2025 good following the evaulation, pruitt announced current emissions standards are too high, calling them rushed and unrealistic. they were passed at the end of obama's second term. pruitt also said the epa will work with individual states on the new standards. shaun: all over the world allergies and asthma cases are on the rise. but a new study suggests some medications may be behind the rise of allergies and asthma. according to journal jama pediatrics babies who take acid-supressive meds and antibiotics are more likely to develop allergic diseases later in life. dosage also plays a role. researchers say babies who took certain medications for more than 60 days had a 52% greater risk of being diagnosed with a food allergy. researchers urge doctors to be mindful of over-prescribing but say more research is needed to confirm a direct link. still ahead, 13-year-old trapped in a sewer in california finally sees the light after 13 hours, the length authorities went to, to bring him home safely . and a 17-year-old's reaction to getting a college acceptance letter goes viral. but it isn't his first celebration.

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walking her bike across a road outside phoenix. of the approximately 50 companies in california... said to be workng on self-driving cars.. not one has applied to the state department of motor vehicles... for permits necessary to send a car without a driver onto state roads. checkout line at stores... could speed up soon. four major credit card companies.. are ending the requirement for shoppers to sign receipts... they say.. chip technology has reduced fraudulent use of their cards. "mastercard", "visa", "amer express" and "discover"... eliminating the need for your signature... starting april 14th. it'll then be up to stores to decide if they still want them. environmental protection agency administrator scott pruitt announced today ... obama-era car and truck emmission standards should be revised. today marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emmissions for cars produced from 20-22 through 20-25. following the evaulation, pruitt announced current emissions standards are too high, calling them rushed and unrealistic. they were passed at the end of obama's second term. pruitt also said the e-p-a will also work with individual states on the new standards, including california, which has stricter requirements than other states. tonight...mostly clear. lows 44 to 49. northwest winds 10 to 15 mph. .tuesday...sunny. highs 75 to 80. light winds. .tuesday night...mostly clear. lows 46 to 52. light winds. .wednesday...mostly sunny. highs 77 to 82. light winds. wednesday night...mostly cloudy. lows 48 to 53. northwest winds around 10 mph. .thursday...mostly cloudy. highs 73 to 79. .thursday night...mostly cloudy. slight chance of showers in the evening, then slight chance of rain after midnight. lows 51 to 56. .friday and friday night...showers likely. chance of showers 70 percent. highs 66 to 72. lows 51 to 58. .saturday...showers. highs 69 to 74. .saturday night...mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. colder. lows 44 to 49. .sunday.mostly sunny. highs 68 to 73. .sunday night.mostly clear. lows 44 to 49.

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skies for any signs of falling debris... we have good news... that out-of-control chinese space station fell back to earth last night.. hitting a very remote spot on the planet.. tom costello has the details... what went up ... finally came down.. the chinese space station - tiangong .... burning up almost entirely.. re-entering the earth s atmosphere sunday ... chinese officials confirming... the city bus-sized craft -- landed in the middle of the south pacific... just off the coast of tahiti around 8:15 eastern time last night. the nearly ten-ton tiangong .. which means "heavenly palace" malfunctioned back in 2016 .. and ever since, it s been out-of-control .. orbiting earth every 90 minutes .. at 17- thousand miles an hour .. tiangong s fiery end.. has captured public attention for weeks as scientists and science enthusiasts around the world tracked its uncontrolled descent. brad tucker, astrophysicist, australian national university: " early predictions estimated the craft would land along the 43rd parallel that cuts right across the u.s. from new england to oregon .. raising concerns that debris could land in the backyards of brave onlookers here. sot: ted muelhaupt/the aerospace corporation : take from costello tdy spot 3/23/18 "it s a very uncertai process, and if you re off by half an hour, you re on the wrong side of the planet. if you re off by a minute, you re in the next state." bu by sunday night, those fears... plunged into the sea. and luckily, around the time the space station re-enterted the earth s atmosphere, there was very little commercial air traffic in the area. brad tucker, astrophysicist, australian national university: but environmental protection agency administrator scott pruitt announced monday...that obama-era car and truck emmission standards should be revised.. monday marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emmissions for cars produced from 20-22 through 20-25.. following the evaulation...pruitt announced current emissions standards are too high...calling them rushed and unrealistic.... they were passed at the end of obama s second term.. pruitt also said the e-p-a will also work with individual states on the new standards... another look at your forecast coming up after the break... here s a look at your next nine

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for childhood arrivals is dead...and he's pinning the blame squarely on democrats and mexico. angelica alvarez has details from the white house. president trump watched as kids rolled easter eggs over a finish line...but it was people crossing over the border that was on his mind. "people are taking advantage of daca and that's a shame. it should have never happened." and the president blamed democrats for

failing to protect daca recipients...the so-called "dreamers" w were brought to america illegally as children. "the democrat have really let them down, it's a shame." he tweeted this morning: "dac is dead because the democrats didn't care or act." "mus build wall and secure our borders with proper border legislation." but during the recent budget battle on capitol hill - democrats say it was the president who turned down a deal to fully fund his border wall in exchange for daca protections. virginia/march 23, 2018 "we gave hi every penny he asked for over ten years, and fixed the dreamer problem and he said no." congress gave the president only one-point- six billion dollars for his border wall instead of the 25 billion he requested. so now he's focusing on mexico to stop immigration. "mexico has got to help us at the border. they flow right through mexico. they send them into the united states. can't happen that way anymore." the president claimed "caravans" o undocumented immigrants are coming into the u-s through mexico. "we do come over but we have done more good than bad." the president says he will end nafta...the north american free trade agreement between the u- s, mexico and canada...if mexico doesn't do more to stop illegal immigration. angelica alvarez, cbs news, the white house. the trump administration is asking the supreme court to declare a digital privacy case involving microsoft as moot due to a new law. the case concerns microsoft refusing to give up information from a data center in ireland to government authorities conducting a drug investigation back in 20-14. the government wanted access to emails from microsoft's email service for its probe, but the company argued the law did not cover that. the trump administration argues the "cloud act" passed b congress earlier this month clearly stipulates that such data should be turned over the the government and there is no longer a need for the case. environmental protection agency administrator scott pruitt announced today that obama-era car and truck emission standards should be revised. today marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emissions for cars produced from 20-22 through 20-25. following the evaluation, pruitt announced current emissions standards are too high, calling them rushed and unrealistic. they were passed at the end of president obama's second term. pruitt also said the e-p-a will work with individual states on the new standards. what a difference a

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renewals. california senator kamala harris responded to the president's comments saying this administration doesn't want a solution for they want red meat for their base. the president also tweeted " congress mt immediately pass border legislation, use nuclear option if necessary, to stop the massive inflow of drugs and people." president trump's original plan to address daca didn't get enough support for that so- call nuclear option which requires a simple majority in te.t plan also called for construction of the border wall. n. jeff merkley / oregon The fact is the wal itself dosn't stop people from cong. d the aoesn't stop drugs from coming. So, e ormous waste of money. rep. jim costa / california There's high technology means in h we can better secure our border Than simply building a 2400-mile since daca negotiations fell apart democrats are increasing critical of the boer wall. in washington alexandra limon. tate [take vo] vo The so-called 'Affluenza Teen is out of jail. 20-year old Ethan Coucwa released from a Texas jail this morning. Couch served nearly two years for violating his probation. You might remember him better from a 2013 case, in which a psychologist testified that he was a victim of 'affluenza. In June of 2013, Couch drove a ckup truck while drunk a crasd into four pedestrians, killing them. Prosecutors wanted Couch to serve 20 years in jail, but he wantced only to probation. His attorneys had argued that a wealthy, privileged upbringin had made it impossible for Couch to understand that his actions had consequences. laurie [take vo] vo Environmental Protectigenc ministrator Scott Pruitt anund today that Obama-era car and trk emis standards should be revised. Today marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emissions for cars produced from 2022 through 2025. Following evaluatiPruitt announced current emissions standards are too high, calling them rushed and unrealistic. They were at end of Barack Obama's second term. Pruitt also said the epa will work with individual states the new standards, including California, which has cter ruirements than other states. (music under) Colder than average for the first ten days of April? Your 7day forecast is coming, right up. (stormtracker7 live dual hd ler rar) is showing rain and

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'i think the guys would've jumped in to rescue him, they would do anything to rescue that kid."AUTHORITIES say the boy was trapped in a pipe that's barely four feet wide and at times filled with toxic waste water rushing at 15 miles babies who take acid- supressive meds and antibiotics are more likely to develop allergic diseases later in life. that's according to the journal jama pediatrics.they found babies under six months of age, who took the medications had an increased risk of allergies, asthma and hives. dosage also plays a role. acid-supressive drugs are given to infants who can't keep food down and appear fussy. researchers urge doctors to be mindful of over-prescribing. they also say more research is needed to confirm a direct link. e-p-a administrator scott pruitt says obama-era car and truck emmission standards should be revised. today marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emmissions for cars produced from 2022 through 2025. pruitt claims current emissions standards are too high, calling them rushed and unrealistic. he says the e-p-a will also work with individual states on the new standards, including california, which has stricter requirements than other states.

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Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-CA) released the following statement in response to the Trump Administration's decision to undermine the Environmental Protection Agency's light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas emissions standards adopted in 2012 by the Federal government, auto manufacturers, and more than a dozen state governments:

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Congresswoman Matsui is the lead sponsor of the Clean and Efficient Cars Act of 2018 , which would codify the EPA's light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas emissions standards and the Department of Transportation's Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards for model years 2021 to 2025. It would also block the agencies from creating loopholes in the standards.

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EPA Says Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards For Cars, Trucks Should Be Revised
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the completion of the Midterm Evaluation or MTE process for the greenhouse gas or GHG emissions standards for cars and light trucks for model years 2022-2025, and his final determination that, in light of recent data, the current standards are not appropriate and should be revised.

Administrator Pruitt also announced the start of a joint process with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or NHTSA to develop a notice and comment rulemaking to set more appropriate GHG emissions standards and Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards.

"The Obama Administration's determination was wrong," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "Obama's EPA cut the Midterm Evaluation process short with politically charged expediency, made assumptions about the standards that didn't comport with reality, and set the standards too high."

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EPA to roll back Obama-era fuel efficiency standards
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United Press International

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced plans Monday to relax fuel efficiency standards for motor vehicles.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt determined current standards are "not appropriate and should be revised" after conducting the midterm evaluation process for the greenhouse gas emissions for cars and light trucks for model years 2022 through 2025.

"The Obama administration's determination was wrong," Pruitt said. "Obama's EPA cut the midterm evaluation process short with politically charged expediency, made assumptions about the standards that didn't comport with reality, and set the standards too high."

In March, President Donald Trump promised a review of rules submitted by the Obama administration mandating an increase in fuel economy for all domestic vehicles to an average of 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025.

Pruitt didn't offer specific guidelines for revising the previous standards following the review.

The EPA is also re-examining a waiver granted to California, which allows the state to impose stricter standards for vehicle emissions of certain pollutants than federal requirements established under the Clean Air Act.

Pruitt said a national standard "is in America's best interest" and the EPA will work with California and other states in an effort to achieve such a standard.

"Cooperative federalism doesn't mean that one state can dictate standards for the rest of the country. EPA will set a national standard for greenhouse gas emissions that allows auto manufacturers to make cars that people both want and can afford -- while still expanding environmental and safety benefits of newer cars," he said.

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Apr 02, 2018(Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman: http://www.ag.ny.gov/Delivered by Newstex) News from Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 2, 2018 Attorney General's Press Office / 212-416-8060 nyag.pressoffice@ag.ny.govmailto:nyag.pressoffice@ag.ny.govTwitter: @AGSchneiderman ; A.G. SCHNEIDERMAN STATEMENT ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ROLLBACK OF NATIONAL AUTO FUEL ECONOMY AND POLLUTION STANDARDS New York Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman released the following statement on the Trump Administration's announcement today that it will roll back national fuel economy and pollution standards for automobiles: 'By cooking the books on its review of national auto emissions standards, the Trump Administration is putting special interests ahead of New Yorkers' health and wallets. 'This illegal rollback of achievable, common sense fuel efficiency and pollution standards for cars will result in higher fuel costs and more dangerous air pollution, including the carbon dioxide that drives climate change - creating real, direct, and damaging impacts on New Yorkers and our environment.

'We stand ready to take legal action to block the Trump administration's reckless and illegal efforts to reverse these critical standards and the gains we've made in ensuring cars are more fuel-efficient and less polluting.' Background In 2012, EPA and the National Highway Safety and Transportation Administration jointly adopted national greenhouse gas emissions/fuel economy standards for cars to be sold in 2017-2025. Because of the standards' long time horizon, EPA agreed to perform a midterm evaluation for the standards for 2022-2025 to confirm that the standards remain achievable. Based on an exhaustive record that included state-of-the-art research, input from stakeholders, and published literature and studies, EPA concluded in January 2017 that the 2022-25 standards are feasible at reasonable cost, will achieve significant carbon dioxide emissions reductions, and will provide significant economic and environmental benefits to consumers. But today, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced that EPA will revise the standards. Attorney General Schneiderman has been a leader in forcing the federal government to follow its duty under the federal Clean Air Act to ensure the adoption and implementation of national standards that make cars more fuel-efficient and less polluting. In response to Administrator Pruitt's May 2017 letter to California Governor Jerry Brown contending that the midterm evaluation process was legally flawed, Attorney General Schneiderman led a coalition of Attorneys General who vowed to pursue legal action if necessary[1]. Likewise, during EPA's rulemaking process to reconsider the midterm evaluation, Attorney General Schneiderman led a similar group in submitting a comment[2] demonstrating that the administrative record supports strengthening, not weakening, the standards. [1]: https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/ag-schneiderman-leading-coalition-14-ags-promises-legal-fight-if-trump-administration [2]: https://ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/ny_et_al_comments_on_epa_reconsideration.pdf

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The Golden State got permissions from the Obama administration to issue its own, higher emissions standards. Conservative groups have urged Pruitt to repeal California's waiver, arguing the state can use its influence over automakers to supplant federal standards. The EPA is still examining California's waiver, but Pruitt seemed critical of continuing the policy as it stands. 'Cooperative federalism doesn't mean that

one state can dictate standards for the rest of the country,' Pruitt said. 'EPA will set a national standard for greenhouse gas emissions that allows auto manufacturers to make cars that people both want and can afford while still expanding environmental and safety benefits of newer cars.' 'It's in everyone's best interest to have a national standard, and we look forward to working with all states, including California, as we work to finalize that standard,' he said. The EPA also is moving against[1] former President Barack Obama's emissions pledge under the Paris climate accord, which he joined in 2016. Obama committed the U.S. to cut greenhouse gas emissions 26 to 28 percent by 2025. The Obama rules required cars to get 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025. Officials estimated the rules would cut 540 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions and save consumers money. However, automakers missed[2] fuel efficiency targets for model year 2016 cars and light trucks by about 9 grams per mile. The Obama EPA's own analysis found[3] cars may not meet the 2025 target, likely getting between 50 and 52.6 miles per gallon by then. Content created by The Daily Caller News Foundation[4] is available without charge to any eligible news publisher that can provide a large audience. For licensing opportunities for this original content, email licensing@dailycallernewsfoundation.org[5]; The post EPA Begins Revision of Obama Climate Regulations for Cars, Trucks[6] appeared first on The Daily Signal[7]. The post EPA Begins Revision of Obama Climate Regulations for Cars, Trucks[8] appeared first on Western Free Press[9]. [1]: http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/02/trump-epa-repeal-obama-climate-agenda/ [2]: https://www.wsj.com/articles/auto-makers-miss-emissions-target-despite-record-fuel-economy-1515700853 [3]: https://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/2016/07/18/automakers-fuel-economy-standards-cafe/87256278/ [4]: http://dailycallernewsfoundation.org/ [5]: mailto:licensing@dailycallernewsfoundation.org [6]: https://dailysign.al/2EeXopX [7]: https://www.dailysignal.com/ [8]: http://westernfreepress.com/epa-begins-revision-of-obama-climate-regulations-for-cars-trucks/ [9]: http://westernfreepress.com

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FirstEnergy unit files for Chapter 11

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FirstEnergy Corp., parent of FirstEnergy Solutions and the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co., is not part of the filing.

Donald R. Schneider, president of FirstEnergy Solutions, said the boards of directors for FirstEnergy Solutions and FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co. determined that the Chapter 11 filing represents "our best path forward as we continue to pursue opportunities for restructuring, asset sales and legislative and regulatory relief."

FirstEnergy Solutions and its subsidiaries collectively have more than $550 million in cash, which they believe is "sufficient to continue normal operations and meet post-petition obligations to employees, suppliers and customers as they come due," according to the statement.

The company's aging and costly fleet of coal and nuclear plants has been unable to compete in recent years with the growing number of natural gas power plants in the East and Midwest.

FirstEnergy first warned that it could be forced to close its power plants in Ohio four years ago when it sought to change how it is paid for electricity.

It also has been unable to get financial help from federal and state leaders to keep its nuclear plants operating.

The utility said on March 28 that it intended to shut down its three nuclear plants within the next three years.

Akron-based FirstEnergy supplies electricity to about 6 million customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland and New York.

EPA moves to cut auto mileage rules

The Trump administration announced that that fuel-efficiency regulations for cars and light trucks are too stringent and must be revised, formally beginning a process sought by the U.S. auto industry to roll back anti-pollution targets.

The EPA also said it was considering whether to revoke the waiver that allows California to set its own emissions requirements that exceed the federal standards.

The greenhouse gas emission standards that were a signature element of President Barack Obama's climate-change policy are too aggressive, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt said in a statement Monday outlining the decision.

"The Obama EPA's determination was wrong," Pruitt said in a news release. "Obama's EPA cut the midterm evaluation process short with politically charged expediency, made assumptions about the standards that didn't comport with reality and set the standards too high."

Pruitt's so-called final determination, announced by the agency on Monday, is a step needed to dial back the Obama-era rules, which aimed to slash carbon emissions from cars and light trucks by boosting fuel economy to a fleet average of more than 50 miles per gallon by 2025.

That standard is equivalent to roughly 36 mpg in real-world driving.

In the statement, Pruitt said the agency would begin drafting fresh auto standards for 2022-2025 alongside the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The widely anticipated action drew criticism from consumer and environmental groups ahead of its release. It dovetails with other steps to unwind actions aimed at combating climate change, such as President Donald Trump's withdrawal from the Paris climate accord and the EPA's repeal of a rule slashing carbon emissions from power plants.

The EPA's announcement echoed criticisms expressed by automakers, saying the Obama administration short-circuited the process and rushed out the final determination just days before leaving office.

The decision also puts the Trump administration's tenuous relationship with California officials on an even rockier path.

The state has its own car and truck efficiency standards aligned with the Obama-era targets, made through an agreement reached in 2011 with the support of nearly all major automakers.

"The California waiver is still being reexamined by EPA under Administrator Pruitt's leadership," the agency said. California has been writing its own clean-air rules since 1970, as part of the state's bid to crack down on smog.

Bitcoin researchers see overvaluation

Given Bitcoin's meteoric rise in 2017, and persistent slump this year, it's easy to wonder just how much the digital currency is really worth.

Researchers at ETH Zurich say they may have found an answer: Bitcoin's value is based on the network of people who use it. And they suspect that the currency is overvalued.

Drawing on a modified version of a model that assigns networks a value proportional to the square of the number of active users, and an equation that can capture how speculative bubbles evolve and grow, researchers at the Swiss university were able to observe how the cryptocurrency's value rises with participation.

Additionally, by pulling from past data, the researchers say they can now better track and spot potential future crashes. On at least four occasions — one each in 2011, 2012 and 2013 plus the most recent at the end of 2017 — the model had determined a fundamental value was heavily exceeded by bubbles that grew and burst.

Their analysis "indicates current support levels for the Bitcoin market in the range of $22—$44 billion, at least four times less than the current level," the researchers said, according to a March 29 MIT Technology Review article.

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however, becoming gusty in the afternoon. the snow will end tonight with drier weather on wednesday. snowfall totals over 10 inches are possible. thanks madeline --- as the region braces for some late season snow.. the city of la late season snow.... the city of la crosse is declaring a 48 hour snow disposal period. they ask that vehicle owners in the city park on the odd side of the street on tuesday and thursday... and park on theeven side of the street on wednesday. the snow disposal period will begin today... april third... at 6 a-m... and will end thursday... april 5th... also at 6 a-m. --- and with the snow comes a chilly blast of cold weather across the state... reporter jeff alexander takes a look at how much of april could still feel like winter. --- after a long winter, it's nice to be in a boat, or on a bike. but the extended forecast... "that doesn't sound goo (laughs), that doesn't sound good at all." ...is anything but spring-like. "it's unbelievable, i'm ready for some warm weather." sorry says wbay meteorologist steve beylon. "our average high temperature for today is 47-degrees, and we're going to be looking at highs mainly in the 30's for the next week or two" and get this, the overnight lows could approach single digits in the days to come. it's not the early-april weather walleye fisherman marc dunn banked on when he took a weeks vacation to fish the fox river. "i don't know what we're goin to do with this, going to have to have a little bit of waer in the boat for the minnows and they're going to be freezing all night, all day, and then puting your hand in that, it's going to be a tough wek." "i already packd my skis, cros country skis away, so (laughs) guess i have to ride the indoor bike i guess." "i will have just say one word, patience, we're going to need a lot of patience." --- jeff alexander reporting... to indiana... where a collision between two airplanes kills two people. the pilot and passenger of a small cessna were both killed when taking off from the marion municipal airport... their craft clipped the tail of a larger cessna five-25 citation jet that had just landed. the smaller plane then crashed and caught fire, killing the pair of 31- year-old firefighters on board. none of the five people on the larger jet were injured. the national transportation saty board will investigate the crash. --- environmental protection agency administrator scott pruitt says that obama-era car and truck emmission standards should be revised. monday marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emmissions for cars produced

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, he's accused of causing a deadly crash. , , now a driver is due in court today. 34-year-old dalibor sakotic is charged with manslaughter. police say he was driving a semi last month, that slammed into a car. that car was stopped during a backup on i-69 in genesee county. the crash killed 27-year-old cody thomas and his 3-year-old daughter, aria. sakotic faces a prelim exam 8-30 this morning... to determine whether there's enough evidence to go to trial. armed and dangerous! that's how investigators are describing this man... 26- year-old malcolm gibson. crime stoppers is offering a reward of up to a thousand- dollars for information leading to his arrest. he's wanted on felony warrants of assault and battery.. and assault by strangulation. he stands 6-foot-1 and weighs about 180-pounds... and is believed to be in the flint-area. a former funeral home will find new life as an apartment complex. saginaw city council members signed off of on a 12-year tax exemption-- so a developer can rehab the old 'case funeral home' property at adams and michigan. thomas miller of 'saginaw future' says the success of the bankcroft and eddy transformations downtown... and the condos on the west side of the saginaw river... are providing a coat-tail effect. "it's giving investors an developers some optimism and that's why you're going to see more of these projects popping up." he says the developer plans to spend close to a million- dollars on the renovation... that will add about a dozen market-rate rental units to the riverfront. the head of the environmental protection agency's job could be on the line. the white house is reportedly looking into scott pruitt's housing situation... following reports he rented a room in d-c from two lobbyists. they represented an energy company in oklahoma.. lobbying the e-p-a and offered pruitt the room well below market price. pruitt's already faced scrutiny for flying first-class and staying at luxury hotels on the taxpayers' dime. meanwhile - pruitt has announced that obama-era car and truck emission standards should be revised. monday marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emissions for cars produced from 20-22 through 20-25. following that evaluation - pruitt announced current emissions standards are too high - calling them rushed and unrealistic. they were

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f you invite me. Go with the one that's here to help life go right. State Farm. early clouds scatered showers - high 50 no traffic survivors of the marjory stoneman douglas high schol shoting in florida now have to use clear backpacks. the superinten dent of the broward county public schols sent out a letter saying the school will provide the backpacks - which are mandatory for students. it's the latest security change after a gunman killed 17 students in february. students also now have to go through security barriers and bag check lines before entering the school. a pilot and pasenger are dead after two planes collided at a smal indiana airport. the two men killed were firefighters. the crash hapened yesterday about 50 miles northeast of indianapolis. officials say a single-engine cessna clipped the tail of a larger cesna 5-25 citation jet that just landed. the victims were in the small plane. the five people on the jet weren't hurt. the national transportation safety board is investigating the crash. environmental protection agency officials announce obama-era car and truck emmision standards will be revised. yesterday marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emmissions for cars produced from 20-22 through 20-25.

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we've all been waiting for. And with everything going on in the world today, it's just in time. [Tires screech] ? It's not a phone. It's not a watch... or a tablet. It's the idea of looking out for each other. The thing we've all been waiting for... is us. Huntington. Welcome. new on daybreak - the environmental protection agency is planning to revise its car and truck greenhouse gas emissions standards. epa administrator scott pruitt says the current, obama-era standards are too high.. rushed and unrealistic. those standards are for cars produced from 2022 through 2025. pruitt says the epa will work with individual states on new standards. (drew) russian president vladimir putin could soon make a trip to washington d-c for the first time in more than a decade. the white house says that putin and president trump talked about a number of potential venues.. including the white house.. during a phone call last month. both sides say they have not started any sort of preparations for a visit - but the white house says it is open to one. (lauren) today - many schools are closing for a second day as teachers continue to rally for higher pay and education funding. thousands of teachers from oklahoma and kentucky rallied in their state capitols yesterday. oklahoma state lawmakers raised teacher pay by 3 percent last week - but teachers say it's not enough. in kentucky - lawmakers passed cuts to pensions for new teachers. the protests were inspired by west virgina teachers winning a 5-percent raise after going on strike last month. ((dale lee / president of west virginia education association: it's stronger than the hope. the hope is that 'we think we can do something'. the belief that we can, is what we gave people in west virginia. it's what we gave people in oklahoma, kentucky, arizona, and across this nation.)) arizona teachers are now considering a strike over their demands for a 20 percent salary increase. -- downtown skyline (toss to weather) it will be a wet, and

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this is quickly becoming a bigger and bigger issue. but the president will find himself up against a congress that is reluctant to do much of anything in an election year. they are on their way.... by many reports, more than a thousand central american immigrants in caravans moving through mexico -- and for many, the goal is clear. nats our destination is to reach the united states, this woman said. and there may not be much u-s officials can do about it -- drawing the ire of president trump. at the annual white house easter egg roll, he lashed out at democrats in congress for refusing to reach a broad immigration deal that would included legalization for young immigrants already here - the so called daca recipients. potus: 11:16:37 the democrats have really let them down. they really let them down. they had this great opportunity. many democrats blame the president. senator dianne feinstein tweeting: 87% of americans want a daca fix, democrats are ready to find one when president trump decides to get serious about fixing a problem he created but refuses to solve. meantime, in mexico -- the caravans come as the president is threatening to make significant changes to the north american free trade agreement if the immigration issue isn't addressed. mexico's us ambassador said his country is working on it. gernimo gutirrez: our migration authorities are looking at appropriate either to repatriate this people or to offer humanitarian relief to them in mexico. and the trump administration is also trying to ramp up pressure on the nation's immigration judges, to push them to clear out their backlog more quickly. environmental protection agency administrator scott pruitt announced that obama-era car and truck emission standards -- should be revised. monday marked the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emissions for cars produced from 2022 through 2025. pruitt announced current emissions standards are too high, calling them rushed and unrealistic. they were passed at the end of obama's second term. pruitt also said the e-p-a will also work with individual states on the new standards -- including california, which has stricter requirements than other states. the wall street journal reports that special counsel robert mueller is officially investigating roger stone's ties to wikileaks and julian assange. the former trump campaign

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night...around 300 homes were evacuated in the area...and power was cut due to downed power lines.no word of any injuries.right now the cause of the fire has not been confirmed. meanwhile... this morning..51 year-old -- arthur rudd remains behind bars.. facing two counts of arson. rudd was arrested sunday after he was apparently caught setting fires near cheyenne mountain.springs police and the colorado springs fire department... say rudd -- was caught in the act along highway 1-15.luckily, firefighters were able to put out two fires... just before they got out of control. right now in pueblo -- two deputies are cleared in the august 20-17 shooting of a suspected bank robber. robber.district attorney -- jeff chostner -- decided the deputies acted in self-defense -- and in defense of others -- when they shot & killed 66-year-old dennis flowers. deputies were searching for flowers on the day of the shooting -- because he had a warrant out for his arrest for allegedly robbing the ent credit union in rye. police found flowers inside his home... where they say he moved towards a window... reached into his covered waistband...turned around -- and raised a small gun pointed towards police.that's when deputies opened fire. making more news across colorado -- a man charged with fatally shooting three people at a walmart in thornton..has been deemed competent to stand trial. trial.a judge ruling this week that scott ostrem can be prosecuted for the november shooting... at the store in suburban denver.police say ostrem walked into the walmart..and randomly began shooting people in the checkout area.he is charged with killing 52-year-old pamela marques of denver... 66-year-old carlos moreno of thornton...and 26-year-old victor vasquez of denver. he is also charged with 30 counts of attempted first-degree murder and committing a crime of violence. right now news out of the state capitol -- colorado's republican-led senate -- has voted against -- expelling a g- o-p senator -- accused of inappropriately touching a former legislative aide. aide.senators voted monday to defeat the measure to expel senator randy baumgardner. baumgardner was the second colorado legislator -- to face expulsion this session -- over harassment claims.democratic representative steve lebsock was expelled in march -- over allegations he harassed five women. also -- emission standards for cars and trucks... will soon be lowered. the environmental protection agency making the announcement yesterday.. yesterday..and governor john hickenlooper is not happy about it.. he put a post on facebook..saying in part.. this decision won't prevent colorado from fulfilling an obligation to protect colorado's air.he went on to say the e-p-a is moving backwards..and asked who are they trying to protect. e-p-a administrator scott pruitt said current emissions standards are too high... and called them rushed and unrealistic. the current standards were passed at the end of president obama's second term.the e-p-a's decision...

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Pruitt did not specify what limits would be put in place, saying the EPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would establish a national standard that "allows auto manufacturers to make cars that people both want and can afford."

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The Justice Department lawsuit, filed in Sacramento, is the latest federal effort to roll back California's strict environmental protections as the Trump administration seeks to open more land in the West for mining, drilling and other interests.

At issue in the latest lawsuit is a California law that gives a state lands commission the power to block the sale, donation or exchange of federal lands. It was passed in October after Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced plans to cut protections for 10 national monuments in the state.

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Major U.S. Businesses Call out EPA for Expected Rollbacks to Vehicle Emissions Standards
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As leaders from states across the nation denounce reports of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt's final determination that would lead to a significant rollback of the nation's greenhouse gas emissions standards for vehicles, the Ceres senior director of policy and the BICEP Network, Anne Kelly, issued the following statement.

'The EPA's decision will harm state economies across the nation, pushing up fuel costs for employers and consumers and making the U.S. automotive industry less competitive in the global marketplace. This decision will also increase air pollution, which will raise healthcare costs and lead to less productivity as a result of more missed work and school days. The businesses that drive the American economy need cars and trucks that run on less gas, a healthy workforce, and consumers with more money in their pockets to spend on local goods and services. We believe that a strong and consistent national standard is essential to ensuring key economic and environmental benefits, and we would oppose any attempts to undermine states' rights to realize those benefits."The Ceres BICEP Network represents over 45 major U.S. employers, including General Mills, Adobe, Nike, and Mars, Inc. with a combined annual revenue topping $ 400 billion. In a letter to Administrator Pruitt, the BICEP Network urged the EPA to maintain the standards, which provide a critical opportunity to strengthen the U.S. economy, grow the job market, and enhance the competitiveness of the auto industry.###Ceres is a sustainability nonprofit organization working with the most influential investors and companies to build leadership and drive solutions throughout the economy. The Ceres BICEP Network comprises influential companies advocating for stronger climate and clean energy policies at the state and federal level in the U.S. For more information, visit www.ceres.org and follow @CeresNews.(Distributed by M2 Communications (www.m2.com))

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changes to the north american free-trade agreement if immigration is not addressed. exit close u.s. ambassador right now says that his country is working on it. and just a little over one hour ago president trump took aim at the caravans again on twitter sing the big caravan of people from honduras now coming across mexico and heading to our weak laws border, had better be stopped before it gets there. cash cow nafta is in play, as is foreign aid to honduras that allowed this to happen. congress must act now. >>> scott pruitt is calling for revisions on obama era car and truck standards. yesterday was the end of the midtown -- midterm evaluation for greenhouse gases for cars from 2022 through 2025. pruitt announced the current admission standards are too high calling them rushed and unrealistic. >>> las cruces will rely less on fossil fuels and more on renewable energy. >> the city hopes to utilize renewable energy to power homes, businesses, and cars to improve the local air quality. a state energy profile analysis is that new mexico has the second greatest solar potential, the city of las cruces hopes to double clean energy production by 2030 and by 2050 the goal is to generate 100% of clean energy using wind and solar power. between 2015 and 2017, new mexico solar energy industry produce more than 2000 jobs across the state. >>> water restriction times are in effect in las cruces, people with an even numbered address can water tuesday, thursday and saturdays, odd-numbered addresses can water on wednesday, friday and sundays. there is no watering on mondays and you can only water before

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CEI Commends EPA for Reviewing CAFE Rules
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Washington: Competitive Enterprise Institute has issued the following news release: Today, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the result of its mid-term evaluation. As a result of the EPA's review and analysis, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the

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The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) commends Administrator Pruitt for taking this step forward to ensure the future of automobiles will be cars that are safe, affordable, and what consumers want to buy. CEI has followed the CAFE issue for decades, which includes a major court victory in 1992 regarding CAFE's lethal effects. CEI experts said the following about today's announcement. CEI General Counsel Sam Kazman on CAFE's mandates and safety: CAFE's lethal effects on vehicle crashworthiness were documented by analysts and a federal appeals court years ago. Despite this, CAFE has remained in force, getting even more stringent and more deadly over the years. We hope that the Trump Administration will finally take account of those effects and start to liberalize this program. Director of CEI's Center for Energy and Environment Myron Ebell on CAFE's impact on consumer choice: EPA's announcement is good news for consumers who care about safety, performance, and size, as well as fuel economy in the vehicles they drive. This is the first step in many years toward reducing government control over what kinds of cars people can choose to buy. CEI Senior Fellow Marlo Lewis on CAFE's costs and impact on climate: Fuel economy mandates restrict consumer choice, add thousands of dollars to the cost of new vehicles, and limit vehicle safety. Contrary to the program's original rationale, the world is not running out of oil. And even if you worry about global warming, fuel efficiency standards are a stupendously inefficient climate change mitigation strategy. Congress should end the reign of bureaucrats and put consumers back in charge of telling automakers what kinds of cars and trucks to produce.

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representative steve lebsock was expelled in march -- over allegations he harassed five women. also -- emission standards for cars and trucks... will soon be lowered. the environmental protection agency making the announcement yesterday.. yesterday..and governor john hickenlooper is not happy about it.. he put a post on facebook..saying in part.. this decision won't prevent colorado from fulfilling an obligation to protect colorado's air.he went on to say the e-p-a is moving backwards..and asked who are they trying to protect. e-p-a administrator scott pruitt said current emissions standards are too high... and called them rushed and unrealistic. the current standards were passed at the end of president obama's second term.the e-p-a's decision... also marks the end of the midterm evaluation process for green house gas emmissions for cars produced from 20-22 through 20-25. a bill to accelerate construction -- of high-speed broadband internet service in rural colorado...is now law. governor john hickenlooper signed the bill yesterday. yesterday.the law is designed to bridge the economic divide between rural and urban parts of the state.supporters say...the state's eastern plains...western slope and many mountain towns -- have lagged behind because of sluggish or non-existent service. the bill will take money from a fund that has long subsidized rural telephone service -- and invest it in broadband construction over a five-year period. right now in colorado springs -- if you're looking for a job.. good news.. as there's nearly 40 employers currently looking to hire... this thursday the pikes peak workforce center is hosting a young adult job fair...and high schoolers.. recent college grads and young adults are encouraged to attend.on hand will be representatives from a wide range of industries --including, government, law enforcement and hospitality... just to name a few we've laid it all out for you and made it easy, they are all there, all at once, these employers are ready to talk, theyre ready to hire people and so it really is a great oportunity to just go and you can meet more employers in one day than you could in months of searching on your own. own.AGAIN its all happening this thursday...from 11:30 a.m. until 4...at the southeast armed services ymca on jet wing drivejob seekers should be 16 to 24 years old... bring 10 or more copies of their resume..and dress business professional summer is right around the

corner..and while most kids are jumping for joy --others will face extremely hard times -- dealing with hunger... hunger...care and share food bank -- says food insecurity is more prevalent during the summer time -- because kids are out of school -- and those who rely on free or reduced school lunches -- are in need of your help.to help with the cause --walmart's fight hunger. -- spark change. campaign is back... teaming up with care and share once again -- hoping to secure more meals for kids, families, and inviduals across southern colorado. this is a nation-wide campaign through feeding america and walmart but all donations that are made across southern colorado will go back to our food bank which means it stays here in southern colorado and it helps people out in our

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