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DREW BREES BREAKS NFL RECORD FOR PASSING YARDS

It's all about an all-time great on historic night in the Dome



TIME OUT SCOTT RABALAIS

Before it all unfolded Monday night, all the chills and the tears and the sound of one of sports' most immense records shattering, a mic'd up Drew Brees gathered his New Orleans Saints teammates around him like he always does in the end zone for some fervent words of encouragement.

"Tonight, it's about us!" Brees shouted. "It's about us!"

Sorry, Drew. Noble sentiments, sir. But on this night, it was all about you.

The man.

The legend.

The saint of Saints.

Now, the most prolific NFL quarterback of all time.

It happened just before halftime before the madding "Monday Night Football" crowd inside the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. A little fake to give a Brees freeze to the Washington Redskins' helpless-looking defense and a deep pass up the

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DREW'S CREW

A look at who has been on the receiving end of Brees' passes.

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COMPLETE COVERAGE OF BREES' BIG NIGHT AND THE SAINTS' 43-19 WIN OVER THE REDSKINS IN SPORTS, 1C

Official quits in BREC, ExxonMobil tax battle

Lawsuit filed against assessor

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ExxonMobil's allies in Baton Rouge voiced swift and vociferous opposition to BREC in recent weeks following the parks system's decision to appeal the petrochemical company's property tax assessment, which the agency had claimed was too low.

Emails obtained by The Advocate show that an executive at a firm that supplies workers to ExxonMobil's facilities, Ste-

phen Toups, of Turner Industries, resigned from the BREC Foundation board in protest of BREC's appeal. An ExxonMobil spokeswoman emailed a former ExxonMobil employee a draft "citizen letter to the editor" slamming the agency, a letter that was forwarded to BREC. ExxonMobil also filed a public records request for a wide range of documents and correspondence about the decision.

The emails reveal a wave of pressure put on BREC following its appeal and shed light on the industry giant's clout in

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ExxonMobil's facility on Scenic Highway

La. anti-abortion law on hold for appeal

Doctors challenge recent court ruling

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Enforcement of new anti-abortion restrictions will have to wait as the physicians who challenged Act 620's constitutionality asked for a review of an appellate court decision upholding the law.

The doctors argue in June Medical Services, et al., v. Dr. Rebekah Gee, et al., that requiring them to have admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the abortion clinic

likely would require two of the state's three facilities to close and leave only one doctor with the proper credentials to perform the medical procedure that ends pregnancies.

They want the 16 members of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review the split decision by a three-judge panel before allowing the state to enforce the law.

Two of three 5th Circuit judges on the panel — Jerry Smith, of Houston, and Edith Brown Clement, of New Orleans — found Sept. 26 that Louisiana's Unsafe Abortion Protection

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