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Texas budget spared on drilling tax case

By Jim Malewitz
 Texas Tribune writer

A Texas Supreme Court ruling has spared the state from having to issue billions of dollars in tax refunds to oil and gas drillers — a prospect that had threatened to shake up the next legislative session.

The justices on Friday sided with Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar in an arcane tax dispute that the Republican feared could have far-reaching consequences for the state's budget outlook.

Denying Midland-based driller Southwest Royalties' request for a refund, the court ruled that state law did not exempt metal pipes, tubing and other equipment used in oil and gas extraction exempt from sales taxes.

"Southwest did not prove that the equipment for which it sought a tax exemption was used in 'actual manufacturing, processing, or fabricating' of hydrocarbons within the meaning" of the tax code, Justice Phil Johnson wrote in a unanimous opinion that affirmed decisions in lower courts.



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"Thus, Southwest is not entitled to an exemption from paying sales taxes on purchases of the equipment."

Though Southwest Royalties, a subsidiary of Clayton Williams Energy, sought to recoup \$500,000 from purchases between 1997 and 2001, the stakes were far higher.

A Texas loss could have spurred up to \$4.4 billion in refund filings for 2017 alone, Hegar's office estimated, and \$500 million each subsequent year that the exemption remained in place.

If accurate, the \$4.4 billion transfer would have wiped out the state's projected budget surplus.

In a statement released after the ruling, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton praised the court's ruling.

"The Comptroller is faithfully executing the law and treating taxpayers fairly, in accordance with the wishes of the Texas Legislature," Paxton said. "Bottom line: we saved the State, and taxpayers across the State, over \$4 billion."

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No ruling yet in cause of structure fire at Luther

By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

LUTHER — The cause of a suspicious fire that destroyed a vacant church in the Luther community is still under investigation, according to the Big Spring Fire Marshal's office.

Big Spring Assistant Fire Marshal Dan Hendricks said Friday morning that the investigation to determine a cause of the blaze continues.

Firefighters were called to the scene at 3:52 a.m. Tuesday and were informed before arriving at the site that the structure was fully engulfed in fire, according to Tommy Sullivan, chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. Arriving on the scene, firefighters discovered that the church's sanctuary roof had already collapsed.

The church—last called Christ in the Country Fellowship—had not been active for a year or longer, and the structure was vacant, Sullivan said. The building's electricity and gas had been turned off, he added.

No injuries were reported related to the incident. The community of Luther is located in northeast Howard County approximately 12 to 14 miles from Big Spring.

WILD NIGHT AT THE RODEO

Pictured at top, Derek Ware from Forsan hangs on during the Mutton Bustin' at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Friday night. At right, professional rodeo clown Keith Isley entertains the crowd by trying to get his horse to stand up by using his 'horse whisperer' skills. The rodeo begins at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Encana Rodeo Bowl. See story, Page 1B.

Photos by Tony Claxton
 (www.tonyclaxtonphotography.com)



GIVE BLOOD GIVE LIFE

Blood drive at SMMC Monday

A blood drive has been scheduled on Monday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Donors get a Texas Hero T-Shirt, July 4th Goody Bag. To schedule a donation appointment, call 877-UBS-HERO 877-827-4376 or go online to www.bloodhero.com and enter sponsor code: smmc

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian. Donors can save about 20 minutes by completing their Fast Track Health History the day they donate. It's at www.UnitedBloodServices.org.

See, **DRIVE**, Page 3A

CASA seeking volunteers

Special to the Herald

For many children, Father's Day means giving gifts, enjoying traditions and making memories with their fathers, grandfathers and father figures. But for children in the foster care system, the day can be a painful reminder of their past.

Unfortunately, many children in foster care do not have a reliable father figure in their lives. Removed from their homes due

loved ones. It is a constant cycle of uncertainty.

However, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers from CASA of West Texas can help provide stability for these children. CASA volunteers, everyday members of the community who are specially trained and appointed by judges to advocate for children in the foster care system,

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Beaty, Hudson make eight seconds

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

Following an opening night where no cowboys lasted eight seconds on their bulls, Saturday night saw two take the lead by scoring in the 80s at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

David Hudson scored an 80.5 to take second, and Seymour's Colten Beaty took the lead by scoring an 83.5 on Pete Carr Livestock's bull named Day Money. Beaty is a sophomore attending Vernon College on a rodeo scholarship.

Shane Hadley's impressive steer wrestling run was another exciting moment on the night. He wrestled the steer to the ground in just 3.7 seconds, making for a hard time to beat in Saturday's finale.

Tyler Berghuis and Jake Springer, who took first and second place in bareback riding into Friday night, slipped to third and fourth as Evan Jayne scored 81 points and Tray Chambliss III scored 79.5.



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)
Seymour's Colten Beaty rides Day Money on his way to an 83.5 score and first place Friday night at the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

Rodeo results

Bareback riding:

1. Evan Jayne, 81 points, \$865
2. Tray Chambliss III, 79.5, \$649
3. Tyler Berghuis, 70, \$432
4. Jake Springer, 69, \$216.

Steer wrestling leaders:

1. Shane Hadley, 3.7 seconds
 2. Justin Locock, 5.6
 3. Monty Eakin, 5.9
 4. Justin Wilson, 17.2
 5. Matt Reeves, 21.7
- no other qualified runs.

Team roping leaders:

1. Casey Hatley/Jay Dee Logan, 6.0 seconds
2. Casey Gattis/Kirt Jones, 6.1
3. Josh Morris/Steve Purcella, 6.2
4. Bobby Baize/Corban Livingston, 6.6
5. Shanece Pieprzycza/Jim Coffman, 8.0
6. Tye Tew/Landon Williams, 10.6.

Saddle bronc riding leaders:

1. Taos Muncy, 82.5 points
 2. Jacobs Crawley, 81
 3. Audy Reed, 77
 4. Clint Hopping, 73
 5. Sterling Crawley, 70
- no other qualified rides.

Tie-down roping leaders:

1. Kelsey Garrison, 9.3 seconds
2. Joseph Gernentz, 9.9
3. Landon Williams, 10.3
4. Todd Loesch, 10.5
5. Jake Harris, 11.1
6. Tye Thompson, 11.2.

Barrel racing leaders:

1. Becky Dillard, 16.63 seconds
2. Jill Wilson, 16.74
3. Shea-Lynn Leach, 16.84
4. Kortni McConnell, 16.90
5. Jana Bean, 16.94
6. Billie Ann Harmon, 17.03.

Bull riding leaders:

1. Colten Beaty, 83.5 points
 2. David Hudson, 80.5
- no other qualified rides.

Total payoff: \$26,546

Hamels pitches Rangers to 1-0 win over Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Cole Hamels has been a road warrior for the Texas Rangers.

Hamels pitched 7 2/3 innings and Rougned Odor homered as the Rangers beat the St. Louis Cardinals 1-0 on Friday night, improving to 6-2 on their 10-game trip.

Hamels (7-1) allowed three hits while striking out six and walking three. It was his longest scoreless outing of the season and longest since he threw a no-hitter against the Chicago Cubs on July 25, 2015, as a member of the Phillies.

"I think I was able to execute pitches with a little more authority," Hamels said. "It does help when you have some velocity behind some of your pitches, you can get away with

some of your mistakes. I felt like I was really down in the zone and on the outside parts of the zone. I wasn't really down the heart of the plate much tonight."

Hamels improved to 5-0 on the road and lowered his road ERA to 1.64 this season. He turned in his fourth consecutive quality start.

"I think he's comfortable pitching in any ballpark," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "I think he's comfortable pitching in any situation. He's a front of the rotation guy."

Hamels scattered five baserunners and allowed only one to reach second.

"All my pitches seem to do what I want them to do," Hamels said. "It's just a matter of now going out there



AP Photo/Jeff Roberson

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Cole Hamels throws during the third inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals, Friday, June 17, 2016, in St. Louis.

and executing pitches. When you have the purpose behind it, then it's just letting it happen. I think that's what I've been able to build off of every game this month."

Hamels' strong start followed a complete game by Colby Lewis against Oakland on Thursday.

"I just can't let Colby

walk away and make it easy. I've got to challenge him. I think for us we like to feed off each other," Hamels said. "We're trying to push each other and help this team out the best we can."

Odor homered on the first pitch he saw in the fifth, hitting it 433 feet to straightaway center. It was Odor's third homer

in as many games and the 19th for the Rangers in their last eight games.

Sam Dyson picked up his 12th save.

The Rangers have won four straight, improving to an AL-best 43-25. Texas improved to 4-0 all-time at Busch Stadium in the regu-

See **TEXAS**, Page 4B

Astros waste chances, lose 4-2

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros lamented missed opportunities after an extra-inning loss to the Cincinnati Reds on Friday night.

"We had ample opportunity to beat them with a single," manager A.J. Hinch said. "We just couldn't scratch one across in the end."

Eugenio Suarez hit a tie-breaking RBI double in the 11th inning, and the Reds held on for a 4-2 victory.

Adam Duvall started the 11th with a single off Pat Neshek (2-1). He scored when the double by Suarez landed in the corner of left field, and the throw home rolled out of reach of catcher Jason Castro. The Reds added an insurance run on a sacrifice bunt by Ramon Cabrera with one out in the inning.

Houston left 14 players on base and went 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

The game went to extra innings after a solo homer



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

Cincinnati Reds' Jose Peraza, left, slides safely past Houston Astros catcher Jason Castro to score a run on Cincinnati Reds' Zack Cozart's RBI double during the fifth inning of a baseball game Friday, June 17, 2016, in Houston.

by Houston's Carlos Correa knotted it up at 2-2 in the eighth.

Zack Cozart put Cincinnati up 1-0 with an RBI double in the fifth inning. Carlos Gomez tied it at 1-all with a run-scoring single in the

sixth inning.

The Reds regained the lead when Billy Hamilton scored on a groundout by Jose Peraza in the seventh inning.

J.J. Hoover (1-1) allowed

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AP Photo/LM Otero

In this photo made Friday, June 3, 2016, work continues on the new Dallas Cowboys headquarters practice fields in Frisco, Texas. The development, named The Star, will be home to the Cowboys' offices, two outdoor practice fields and a 12,000-seat indoor stadium that will be shared with the Frisco Independent School District.

Stars and dollar signs: Cowboys set for big move to new facility

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — Charlotte Jones Anderson wants to save a few special details for her father to see when Dallas owner Jerry Jones moves into the team's

new headquarters this summer.

None of those surprises will involve money, though.

The billionaire boss of the Cowboys knows full well how much he's spending to forge

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A life of music



Before a full sanctuary June 11, Jack Bowers and more than 60 of his former students gave Big Spring a gift of music.

Bowers, who was a Big Spring High School choir director in the 1970s, directed his one-time pupils in a concert called "Big Spring's Best Singers" in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church.

"Oh, it was awesome!" gushed FUMC Pastor Bill Ivins following the show. "It was a tremendous experience just to see all these singers from Jack Bowers' era just come together. It's a real tribute to him. Just a wonderful tribute to all the hard work that all these singers have put in. It was just an amazing experience."

Concert organizer Beverly Beil Newsome, who also sang in the program, said Bower's impact on the lives of his students—many of whom went on to careers in the arts—was

astounding.

"This little town came with all these professional singers," she said. "All these people branched out from this man who got us started in the arts. Jack Bowers is a legend, and this will be his last big concert."

After getting his choir directing start in Midland, Bowers taught for four years in Denver City before moving to Big Spring High School. In the eight years Bowers spent in Big Spring, his choir was twice selected as Texas State Honor Choir, and was selected to sing at the American Choral Directors National Convention in Kansas City. It performed a world premiere work called "Trilogy" written by Robert Beadel.

In 1973, the Big Spring Choir was invited to sing on a tour throughout eastern Europe, including Vienna, Budapest, and Prague. During the trip, the choir performed in several of Europe's famous cathedrals.

The choir was always highly successful in UIL and festival competitions, including All-Region and All-State events. The Big Spring Music Department also produced Broadway-style musicals under Bowers' direction.

The "Big Spring's Best Singers" concert also included music penned by Randol Bass, a Midland resident. Bass is a composer and arranger with many notable credits. He has received commissions by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the National Symphony of Washington, D.C., the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. His piece "Gloria"—performed at the local concert—premiered at Carnegie Hall in 1990 by the New York Pops Orchestra. Bass also contributed a medley of familiar folk tunes entitled "Southwestern Suite" to the concert, and sang with the chorus and as a soloist.

**Story and photos
by Roger Cline**

Clockwise from top: Director Jack Bowers shares an anecdote with the audience during the "Big Spring's Best Singers" concert June 11; the men's section provides a strong foundation during the concert; the audience filling the First United Methodist Church sanctuary delivers a standing ovation after the show; Midland composer Randol Bass, who provided two of the pieces in the show, also served as a chorus member and soloist; choir members focus their attention on Bowers' direction during the concert.



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Obituaries

Delbert "Ray" Cox



Delbert "Ray" Cox, 73, of Big Spring died June 16, 2016, in a Midland Hospital.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Leandro Gonzales officiating.

Ray was born Dec. 19, 1942, in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Olen and Lorene (Layne) Cox, and married Oketa Ruth Follis on Oct. 6, 1967, in Dimmitt, Texas.

Ray worked for 43 years for The Trinity Company in Hart, Muleshoe, Ralls and Stanton, Texas. He retired to Big Spring after 20 years of working as a cotton compress manager. Ray loved to fish and

garden in his spare time, and was an avid World War II historian. He served in the United States Army from 1965 through 1967.

Ray is survived by his wife, Keta Cox of Big Spring; one son, Michael Cox of Manvel, Texas; two daughters, Cristy Gonzales and husband, Leandro of Lenora, Texas, and Kaycie Flood and husband Cody of Anchorage, Alaska; three grandchildren, Cooper and Kerbi Flood, and Sydney Gonzales; and one sister, Rose Mary Mahan of Colorado City.

He was preceded in death by parents, Olen and Edna Lorene (Layne) Cox; and one brother, James Wallace Cox.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **HOWARD FOSTER**, 40, of 1002 N. Main St. was arrested on a charge of criminal trespassing.

• **JOHN STILWELL**, 29, of 303 E. Sixth St. in Forsan was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ANGEL VILLA**, 18, of 503 S. San Jacinto St. was arrested on warrants for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and burglary of a vehicle; and on other outstanding warrants.

• **BRANDEE LEANN CASTILLO**, 18, of 1425 E. Sixth St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **JUSTYCE BRIANNA SMALL**, 18, of 10965 E. Emerson in Gardendale was arrested on charges of possession of a dan-

gerous drug and display or possession of an altered driver's license.

• **RICHARD DEAN ANDERSON**, 49, of 1303 Barnes Avenue was arrested on warrants for noise, failure to appear, and failure to maintain financial responsibility; and on another outstanding warrant.

• **RAYMOND EARL OVERTON JR.**, 37, of 2005 Highway 176 was arrested on warrants for operating an unregistered motor vehicle, driving with an invalid license, and failure to appear.

• **TROY DANIEL AUSTIN**, 29, of 101 Jonesboro Road was arrested on outstanding warrants.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of Wood Street and the 1200 block of

Pickens Avenue.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near where Highway 80 splits into Third and Fourth streets, in the 200 block of West FM 700, and at the intersection of FM 700 and Gregg Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 100 block of Jefferson.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane, the 2300 block of Wasson Road, and the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2700 block of Carol Drive, the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, and the 1000 block of North Main.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Langley.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942

• VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Take Note

• The Howard College Continuing Education program is offering a short course designed to help a person get started on an autobiography. The class is called 'Events I Remember.' It will meet for six Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 starting this Tuesday. Susan King, a long-time professor at Howard College, will be the instructor. The course is \$69. To sign up for the class, call Courtney in continuing education program at 264-5131. Enrollment in the class is limited to twelve people.

• Come dancing. The Mitchell County Senior Citizen Center dance will be held this Thursday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The center is located at 157 E. 2nd St. in Colorado City, Texas. The cost is \$5 per person. Bring a covered dish to share. Live music will be provided by Kevin and Travis.

• Once again it is time to have the Flower Grove Reunion. The date has been set for July 2, 2016. Due to construction at Lamesa High School, the Reunion has been moved to the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 401 North 3rd Street in Lamesa. The Fellowship Hall is at the corner of 3rd St. and Austin Avenue.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and a catered meal will be served at 1 p.m. The Flower Grove School started in 1922. It consolidated with the Klondike district in 1973. To attend contact: Brenda L. Walters, P.O. Box

1232, Lamesa, Texas 79331 or call 806-872-9318.

• The Big Spring High School Art Club will host an Art Camp this Monday through Friday at the high school art room in the vocational building. The camp is for seven to 12 year olds and the cost \$100 per child. The class has a limit of 20 students per session. Two sessions are available, 10 to 12 years old, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and seven to nine year olds, noon to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Andrea Phinney at anphinney@bsisd.esc18.net or call 432-264-3641 and leave a message.

• Bailey Pittman is raising money to go on an 11 month mission trip to 11 countries. It's called the The World Race with the non-denominational ministry, Adventures in Missions. She and her teammates will be living in tents most of that 11 months while serving the needy and spreading the Gospel. Despite the primitive conditions she needs to raise at least \$17,000 to join her mission team. Would you consider helping Bailey? If you want to donate directly to Bailey or follow her journey, see her blog at www.baileypittman.theworldrace.org. Also, Dr. David Ward is collecting for Bailey. Checks should be made to "Adventures in Missions" and also put "

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 6/19	Mon 6/20	Tue 6/21	Wed 6/22	Thu 6/23
92/68 Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 92F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph.	90/68 A few clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	93/70 Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.	97/71 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	98/72 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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Austin	97	74	P Cloudy	Longview	94	72	P Cloudy
Beaumont	95	74	M Cloudy	Lubbock	102	70	Sunny
Brownsville	94	76	P Cloudy	Lufkin	94	72	M Cloudy
Brownwood	97	72	M Sunny	Midland	105	74	Sunny
Corpus Christi	93	76	M Sunny	Raymondville	97	76	M Sunny
Corsicana	95	75	P Cloudy	Rosenberg	95	76	P Cloudy
Dallas	96	75	P Cloudy	San Antonio	99	75	P Cloudy
Del Rio	103	78	Sunny	San Marcos	97	73	M Cloudy
El Paso	107	75	Sunny	Sulphur Springs	91	72	P Cloudy
Fort Stockton	104	72	Sunny	Sweetwater	98	71	Sunny
Gainesville	93	71	P Cloudy	Tyler	94	72	P Cloudy
Greenville	94	72	P Cloudy	Weatherford	96	73	P Cloudy
Houston	98	76	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	97	75	P Cloudy

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Denver	97	65	Sunny	San Francisco	66	54	Sunny
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• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat. Cost is \$8 per person.

• The Howard County Fair needs people to cross stitch squares for the annual Quilt Fundraiser. Complete kits may be picked up from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674

Meetings

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

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Touchdown! Former NFL standouts coach daughters toward Rio

By PAT GRAHAM

AP Sports Writer

The teenage high jump phenom lives at home and car-pools to practice. Same with the 30-year-old American record-holder in the shot put.

These two medal hopefuls at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics also have this in common: A father for a coach whose last name is certainly recognizable to most football fans.

Vashti Cunningham's dad is longtime NFL quarterback Randall Cunningham, who built a track club in Las Vegas to help his daughter — and son — soar to new heights in the high jump. Michelle Carter's father is Michael Carter, a stalwart defensive lineman who used to routinely drive 340 miles roundtrip to offer her shot put tips.

Anything for their kids.

Being down a touchdown on the football field isn't nearly as pressure-packed as watching their children from the stands.

"The heart is invested," said Cunningham, a second-round

pick of the Philadelphia Eagles in 1985 who played 16 seasons for four teams. "Whenever your heart is invested, you're going through all the emotions."

Randall began coaching his daughter and his son, Randall II — now at Southern California — when they were just kids. A standout in the high jump in high school, he turned his focus to football at UNLV because the school didn't have men's track and field.

He's part mentor, part instructor but most of all, dad.

And dad certainly knows his stuff. Three months ago, 18-year-old Vashti became the youngest woman to win the event at world indoor championships in Portland, Oregon. Soon after, she signed a deal with Nike. Her brother recently won an NCAA high jump title.

"Good genetics," said Randall, who coaches a track team in Las Vegas called the Nevada Gazelles. "I put confidence in her to jump (high).

She trusts her dad. A lot of people who don't know the sport and try to coach their kid fail because their kid doesn't trust them."

She diligently listens, too.

"We have a good relationship, because he knows my limits, as far as my father and my coach," Vashti said. "I can't go in there and mess up with the knowledge he's transferred to me."

Growing up, Michelle never really knew her father as Michael Carter the shot putter, only Michael Carter the San Francisco 49ers defensive lineman.

It's not like the silver medal he captured at the 1984 Summer Olympics was hanging around the house or anything.

In seventh grade, Michelle expressed a desire to try the shot put. At first, dad was a little hesitant, thinking maybe she was enticed by someone who informed her that he was once a thrower.

Not the case, she insisted.

"He just wanted us to pick

it for ourselves," Michelle explained. "When I picked it up, he said, 'Well, if you're going to do this, I'm going to teach you how to do this and you're going to do it right.'"

Michael worked with her through a record-breaking high school career, and thought his coaching days

were done once she went to the University of Texas. But he was asked to help out and so he drove from Dallas to Austin every two weeks to offer some guidance.

Dad certainly knew his shot put, too. Michelle has blos-

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AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File

FILE - In this March 20, 2016, file photo, Vashti Cunningham holds the U.S. flag after she won the women's high jump final during the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Portland, Ore.

BOYS

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a unique relationship with Texas high school football, part of a sprawling complex centered around a 12,000-seat indoor stadium and eventually including a hotel, sports medicine facility, restaurants and maybe even something the Jones family hasn't thought of yet.

Once the idea took hold in Frisco, a sports-centric suburb 30 miles north of Dallas, Jones grew comfortable with the idea of spending more on The Star — world headquarters of America's Team — than he personally did on his \$1.2 billion stadium in Arlington less than a decade ago.

"I will say there is not a dollar spent that he doesn't know about," said Jones Anderson, chief marketing and brand officer. "As the vision grew, so did the checkbook."

At the moment, Jones puts his bill

around \$800 million, just shy of his share of the showplace with the giant video board hanging over the home field of the Cowboys.

The new outdoor practice fields will be a right turn out of a football-shaped locker room adjacent to the stadium. But when quarterback Tony Romo and company come home from training camp in California in August, the Texas heat will likely mean several weeks of left turns to the indoor field — the same one that Frisco high schools will use on game nights in the district's third stadium.

"This just totally has blown me away in terms of what we can do, the visibility, the tying it in the football, then regular athletics," Jones said. "This area will be a template and an example far beyond Frisco, all over the country, of an example of Romo walking off on Thursday, Friday practicing and then high school quarterbacks coming in to play football, side by side, talking to each other about the game tonight. I can see that."

Jones acknowledged a case of "stadium fatigue" financially coming off the massive project in Arlington, about 35 miles to the southwest. But the Cowboys knew they were getting closer to replacing their aging Valley Ranch complex, which had its indoor field destroyed in a storm in 2009. The last practice at the 31-year-old facility in Irving was the final day of minicamp Thursday.

The deal with Frisco came together quickly three years ago, with the city's total capped at \$90 million on the stadium and a parking garage. The school district agreed to contribute \$30 million. The original plan didn't call for any money from the Cowboys up front, only for them to handle remaining costs and assume responsibility for developing most of the 90-acre site.

Ron Patterson, Frisco's assistant city manager, says the current cost of the city-owned stadium and garage is around \$260 million. Jones estimates that the club ultimately will spend more than \$1.5 billion on the site. There has been little known opposition in an area that has gained national attention over costs of high school stadiums.

"You could almost say that Jerry Jones has been writing the city of Frisco checks," Mayor Maher Maso said. "We have a well-educated community. And they understand the finances of what the Cowboys can bring to the community. I think that's been borne out in a multitude of ways, that this is a return to the city."

The five-story headquarters building is on the south side of the practice fields. Fans will be able to see the fields from the main entrance or offices on the top three floors. Team executives and other personnel will be on the first two floors. That includes Jones having an office view of the fields, something he didn't have at Valley Ranch.

The team sold out 800 memberships for a private club that will also have a view of the practice fields, and will be open as many as 18 hours a day with the idea of members eating, working and socializing there.

"You don't see that around the NFL

cities around the country," Maso said. "They're fairly independent, fairly private for their practice and their corporate home. What the Jones family has done here is the exact opposite of that. They've opened it up and said to us, let's sit down and figure out some new things we can do."

The financial return for Jones figures to be similar to what he pioneered not long after buying the Cowboys when he fought for the right to break from the NFL's sponsorship deals in order for money to flow directly to the team.

"I think what you're really trying to see team owners do throughout sports is leverage their brands in a way to generate non-shared revenue," said David Carter, executive director of the University of Southern California's Sports Business Institute. "I think it's about building brand and about generating incremental revenue."

And Carter sees Texas high school football as a brand as well.

"Marry that with arguably one of the biggest sports brands in the world and do it in that kind of a complex, which will have so much offer all the visitors ... it's very consistent," Carter said.

The team's rehab facilities will include a pool with an underwater view for athletic trainers, and one of the state's largest hospital networks just announced plans for a facility on site that will specialize in sports medicine.

Jones Anderson said "A-plus" real estate in a high-growth area was one of the catalysts for the family's latest spending spree.

Rather than bleachers, the Cowboys wanted chair-back seats like those at AT&T Stadium, and a video ribbon that is a staple in most pro arenas. The plaza leading to the main stadium entrance will have a shorter turf field where youth can play under bright lights and video boards.

"It's one of a kind and quite possibly irreplicable," Jones Anderson said. "It's actually not smart business to be in the high-rent district if you're running a football team, unless you can build a community around it."



AP Photo/LM Otero

In this photo made Friday, June 3, 2016, Charlotte Jones Anderson, Dallas Cowboys Executive Vice President and Chief Brand Officer, talks about work on the new Dallas Cowboys headquarters in Frisco, Texas. The development, named The Star, will be home to the Cowboys' offices, two outdoor practice fields and a 12,000-seat indoor stadium that will be shared with the Frisco Independent School District.

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Singer Meat Loaf collapses during concert in Canada

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Rock singer Meat Loaf collapsed on stage during a concert in Edmonton, Alberta, on Thursday night and was taken to a hospital.

A statement on the 68-year-old's Facebook profile later said he had suf-

ferred severe dehydration but is "is expecting a speedy and full recovery." "His vital signs are stable and normal — additional tests are being performed but he is responsive and recovering well," the statement said.



MEAT LOAF

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Meat Loaf had canceled two other concerts in recent days — in Moose Jaw on Saturday and in Calgary on Tuesday — citing ill health.

A video of the performance at Edmonton's Jubilee Auditorium

showed the singer dropping his microphone and falling to the floor amid a performance of his classic "I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)." Musicians went to his side to help, and the music eventually stopped.

Attendees were asked to vacate the arena, concertgoer Mikey McBryan said.

Meat Loaf had appeared to be struggling earlier in the performance, McBryan, 33, said.

"It was him forgetting words, he wasn't on cue, but it was forgivable," he said. "We're all loving it and going crazy, and then it just took a turn for the worst."

Born Marvin Lee Aday, Meat Loaf made his name with theatrical stage productions and operatic songs, including "Paradise by the Dashboard Light," "Two out of Three Ain't Bad" and "Bat out of Hell."

He won a Grammy Award for "I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)." He also appeared in the films "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" and "Fight Club."

He has collapsed on stage before. In 2011, medics rushed to his aid during a concert in Pittsburgh but he got up and finished the show. In 2003, he collapsed at Wembley Arena in London and was admitted to a hospital.

The singer said he suffers from asthma and from a medical condition that causes an irregular heartbeat.

Hollywood superhero proves to be Kryptonite to fraud scheme

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A criminal scheme worthy of Lex Luthor unraveled with the help of Supergirl, authorities said: An international identity-theft ring so complex, prosecutors say that even with the arrest of four people Thursday they have only just begun to uncover its full extent.

The schemes, which allegedly roped in hundreds of victims and millions of dollars, relied in part on scouring the internet for mugshot-type photos that could plausibly be plugged onto fake IDs that could be used in credit applications, charges and financial transactions, according to investigators who tracked the ring for two years.

That's where actress Laura Vandervoort, who played Supergirl on TV, comes in. On one fake passport, the suspects used a photo of Vandervoort, said Joshua Stueve, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, which is prosecuting the case. Vandervoort's picture was a mugshot-style photo used as a prop when she played the role of Lisa on the sci-fi show V.

While combing through evidence in the early stages of the case, one agent instantly recognized her picture as Supergirl from another sci-fi show, Smallville. The discovery helped agents realize the extent to which the ring had gone to support its scheme.

As the investigation continued, prosecutors found increasingly elaborate schemes, according to court records: In one instance, they created a fake company called the Deutche Group. Job advertisements for Deutche Group were placed on Craigslist, and unwitting applicants would supply personal data like Social Security numbers on their applications that would then be used to further the scheme, according to court records.

The ring created fake travel companies called triparenaonline and flycheap.com, which would offer discount air and hotel reservations, according to FBI affidavits. Unsuspecting customers would pay for the travel, but the schemers would keep the money, authorities said. Then, to preserve the perception the transaction was legitimate, the ring would book customers' travel using stolen credit cards.

Occasionally a traveler would get lucky and take their trip without incident. Frequently, though, customers would arrive at the airport to find the tickets canceled because the fraud had been discovered. In some cases, travelers were stranded when they were able to arrive at their destination only to find their return flights canceled.

The ring had extensive contacts in India, including an insider at an American Express call center who supplied stolen card numbers, according to court documents.

Authorities arrested four people Thursday, including two from northern Virginia: Amit Chaudhry, 44, of Ashburn and Jacqueline Green-Morris, 40, of Woodbridge. Two others were arrested in Georgia.

Chaudhry — who headed up an Ashburn company called The Knowledge Center, which prosecutors believe is part of the fraud — is charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering, and Green-Morris is charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud.

Both are being held pending detention hearings scheduled for Monday. Neither had attorneys.

Chaudhry, in particular, seemed caught off guard by his arrest Thursday, telling a magistrate at his initial appearance in federal court in Alexandria that he didn't understand the charges against him and denying he had any significant ties to India.



VANDERVOORT

'Finding Dory' takes in a record \$9.2M in Thursday previews



NEW YORK (AP) — The Pixar sequel "Finding Dory" took in \$9.2 million in Thursday previews, a record for an animated film.

The strong start surpasses the best previous Thursday opening night of \$6.2 million for last year's "Minions." At such a pace, "Finding Dory" should top \$100 million at the weekend box office and could potentially pass "Toy Story 3" for Pixar's biggest opening. That 2010 film opened with \$110.3 million.

If moviegoers really turn out for "Finding Dory," it could challenge (without accounting for inflation) the animated movie record of "Shrek the Third," which debuted with \$121.6 million in 2007.

Opening night previews were once midnight screenings. But they have in recent years been moved up to earlier Thursday evening, making it possible for family-friendly films to capitalize on eager moviegoers.

A look at the winners and losers of E3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With some publishers splitting from the show floor and more gamers sliding on virtual reality headsets than ever before, this year's Electronic Entertainment Expo moved the video game industry in decidedly different directions than past installments of the annual interactive extravaganza.

The event drew more than 50,000 industry insiders to the Los Angeles Convention Center this week, while 20,000 gamers attended an all-new fan fest held outside. The attention-seeking competition for eyeballs and hashtags was fierce as rivals showcased new hardware and software.

Who won E3?

MICROSOFT VS. SONY

The titans of the gaming industry faced off this year utilizing very different strategies. Sony solely focused on a mix of established series and original games coming to PlayStation 4 and PlayStation VR. Meanwhile, Microsoft boasted slimmer and more powerful versions of Xbox One, as well as the ability to buy and play games across devices. Sony's games felt more solid than Microsoft's line-up, but the Xbox maker proved it isn't afraid to break down barriers.

WINNER: Tie.

"STAR WARS" VS. "STAR TREK"

During its press conference, EA played a video highlighting its studios working on "Star Wars" games around the world. However, they didn't actually show any of them off. The next day, Ubisoft beamed "Star Trek" actor LeVar Burton onto its stage to hype "Star Trek: Bridge Crew," a multiplayer VR game that casts players as Starfleet officers set for release this fall. EA certainly has The Force, but its upcoming "Star Wars" titles were far, far away from E3.

WINNER: "Star Trek."

ROBOTS VS. ZOMBIES

There was no lack of games featuring either undead or mechanized beings at E3. "Dead Rising 4," "Days Gone" and "State of Decay 2" were just a few of the titles tasking players with mowing down brain-hungry hordes, while "ReCore," "Horizon Zero Dawn" and "Detroit:

Become Human" all feature assembly lines of super-smart bots. At this point, haven't we reached peak saturation with the undead? It's time for an upgrade. Hasta la vista, zombies.

WINNER: Robots.

OCULUS RIFT VS. HTC VIVE VS. PLAYSTATION VR

It's a three-way battle for VR domination! After years of hype, the immersive medium is really here and made a huge mark across the show floor with almost every major publisher demonstrating VR creations. Oculus and HTC touted impressive exclusives, such as the black-and-white mystery "Wilson's Heat" and a VR version of "Fallout 4." However, with VR titles that put users underneath Batman's cowl and in the pilot's seat of an X-Wing, Sony can't be beat.

Winner: PlayStation VR.



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Religious conservatives attempt balance in Orlando response

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The massacre at a gay nightclub has tested the limits of the “love the sinner, hate the sin” approach to homosexuality by conservative religious leaders.

The faith leaders have overwhelmingly expressed grief over the loss of life in Orlando, led vigils around the country, offered counseling for the crowds of mourners and free funerals for the victims. But it has been less common for religious conservatives to note that the gunman specifically targeted lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. Gays and lesbians say the omission compounds the pain of the shooting.

“This was a place where people came together — LGBT people — and if you erase that part of them, you’re not actually praying for people, you’re praying for an abstraction,” said the Rev. Paul Raushenbush, a gay American Baptist pastor and a vice president at Auburn Seminary in New York. “In order to truly honor these lives, we’re not going to erase them and we’re not going to erase them in church.”

Authorities are still trying to understand the motivation of gunman Omar Mateen, who had expressed hatred of gay people and sympathy for Islamic extremists before his rampage left 49 people dead at Pulse dance club last Sunday. The shooting has laid bare

ideological divisions over gay rights, gun control and Islamic terrorism. Many conservatives argue that LGBT advocates are trying to politicize the attack by complaining about the wording of statements of prayer and concern.

However, Presiding Bishop Yvette Flunder of the Fellowship of Affirming Ministries Network, an association of mainly black and gay churches, pointed to the shooting at the historically black Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina a year ago, and noted, “we did not hesitate to say that the victims in Charleston were black.”

“This is a time to grieve, to mourn and to consider what it means to stigmatize people,” said the Rev. Raphael Warnock of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, who supports gay marriage as a civil right. “Religious communities have played a particular role in ... marginalizing gay and lesbian and transgender people.”

The tragedy prompted an outpouring from more liberal religious groups that included special attention to LGBT people. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, said the gunman seemed to believe that “the LGBTQ community was severed from our common humanity.” The Central Conference of American Rabbis, which represents Reform Jewish clergy, said the group was “outraged that LGBTQ people have been massacred because of their gender identity and sexual orientation.”

Conservative religious leaders were just as vocal and emotional in their remarks, but the focus of their statements varied.

The Rabbinical Council of America, the major association for Orthodox rabbis, decried “murderous attacks in the name of religion” and said “no individual or group should be singled out” the way the victims were. The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, offered prayers and called for “ever greater resolve in protecting the life and dignity of every person.” The Southern Baptist Convention, at its annual meeting this week, passed a resolution extending “love and compassion” to all affected by the shooting and saying they consider the victims “fellow image-bearers of God and our neighbors.”

But none of these statements specifically mentioned that gays and lesbians had been singled out.

On the other hand, the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, an association for Latino evangelicals, which helped local churches organize a vigil Wednesday in Orlando, issued a statement calling for “radical love” for all, citing gays in particular, despite the conference’s theological opposition to same-sex relationships.

“We’ve preached to our people that everyone — every race, every culture, every orientation — they’re made in the image of God,” said the Rev. Tony Suarez, executive vice president of the leadership group, in a phone interview. “That doesn’t always mean we agree with everyone’s decision, but we respect their human dignity.”

Howard and Martin County Water Level Averages

STANTON — Each year the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) conducts measurements on observation wells in Howard and Martin Counties. The results of those measurements help determine the annual change of the aquifers in this area.

The difference in the average of the wells of 2014 and the average of the wells of 2015 were calculated and show a rise of 1.18 feet for Howard

County and of 0.87 feet for Martin County.

In addition, the District calculates a cumulative average drawdown beginning with the year 2012. The cumulative average drawdown in Howard County is -3.46 and Martin County is -3.72.

For more information regarding water levels, please call the PBUWCD office at 432-756-2136.

LAWSUIT

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Petroleum industry representatives expressed disappointment in the ruling.

“It is undeniable that oil and natural gas exploration and production today is more and more a manufacturing process,” Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil and Gas Association, said in a statement. “For a healthy oil and natural gas industry, our operators, who compete globally, need equitable tax treatment.”

The high-dollar case involved a mix of accounting terms and science.

In oral arguments last March, attorneys on both sides sparred over the mechanics of petroleum extraction and how it related to a tax exemption for goods and services used in the “actual manufacturing, processing, or fabrication of tangible personal prop-

erty.” Southwest Royalties argued that the company’s equipment “processes” West Texas crude by separating it into marketable oil and gas. Once the crude is brought up from the ground, it is no longer part of a mineral owner’s estate, its legal team argued.

The state contended that minerals are not “tangible personal property,” and that Southwest’s equipment was not necessarily responsible for transforming the crude.

The justices agreed.

“There is no evidence that the equipment acted upon the hydrocarbons to modify or change their characteristics,” Johnson wrote. The changes in the substances were caused not by the application of equipment and materials to them, but by the natural pressure and temperature changes, as oil travel through the equipment to the surface.

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CASA

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are often the only consistent adult presence in these children’s lives.

“Our advocates volunteer and devote their own time to get to know the child, and for that reason, judges seek their recommendations regarding placement as well as the child’s mental and physical health and educational needs,” said Patty Pisklak, executive director of CASA of West Texas. “Ultimately, CASA volunteers work diligently to find the child a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible.”

CASA volunteers advocate first and foremost for reunification with the child’s family. When there is not an able or willing relative to care for the child, CASA volunteers work to help

place him or her with a caring adoptive family.

There are 136 children from Howard County in the custody of Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and currently there are only 28 CASA volunteers in Howard County.

“We need more involved members of the community to step up and make a difference by becoming that one present and engaged adult in a child’s life,” said Pisklak. “Please consider becoming a CASA volunteer so that more children in foster care can celebrate Father’s Day and start making memories with loving adults and families.”

For more information, visit www.casawtx.org or call 432.683.1114. The next volunteer training starts July 11, 2016. Interested applicants must register prior to the training date.

DRIVE

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Although the US Food and Drug Administration recently changed its guidance about blood donation by men who have had sex with men, United Blood Services is still in the process of changing its computer system to address the change, and currently must defer men who

have had sex with men, according to a release by UBS.

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Women's soccer: US looks for gold and brings the drama

By ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writer

With a labor dispute simmering at home, the U.S. women's national soccer team travels to Rio de Janeiro as the favorite to win its fourth straight Olympic gold medal.

The Rio Games approach as a U.S. federal agency looks at a wage discrimination complaint filed by a group of national team players who claim they make less money than their male counterparts. The team's union also is looking for a new contract with U.S. Soccer.

Intrigue is nothing new for the top-ranked Americans.

Unlike the men's tournament, which requires teams to field under-23 squads, women's Olympic soccer brings together the best players in the world.

Seeking to clinch its fifth gold medal since women's soccer became an Olympic sport in 1996, the U.S. makes its debut against New Zealand on Aug. 3 — two days before the opening ceremony in Rio. That'll be followed by games against powerhouse France and Colombia in Group G.

Second-ranked Germany, fifth-ranked Australia, sixth-ranked Sweden and host Brazil loom as potential quarterfinal opponents.

The tournament will be played in



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seven venues across Brazil, including the jungle city of Manaus, in the Amazon rainforest, where the U.S. faces Colombia on Aug. 9.

Last year, U.S. players led a protest against the artificial turf used in the World Cup in Canada before winning their third title in the tournament. Now, probably the main concern before Rio is the status of reigning FIFA Player of the Year Carli Lloyd's injured right knee.

Lloyd, who wowed fans with three goals in 16 minutes in the 5-2 win over Japan in July's World Cup final, sprained her MCL in an April game with her club team, the Houston Dash. Her expected recovery time was three to six weeks, and the striker has said she will be ready to play for her third gold medal.

Lloyd also scored the deciding goals in the gold medal matches in both the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games.

ANOTHER KEY INJURY: While Lloyd likely will play in Brazil, the status of midfielder Megan Rapinoe is far less certain. The winger tore her right ACL during a training session in Hawaii before a scheduled World Cup victory tour match last year (the match was ultimately canceled because of poor artificial turf conditions). The injury required her third ACL surgery, and there has been no timeline for her return.

On her blog, the 30-year-old Rapinoe wrote on June 9: "My Olympic dream is still alive! This blonde ain't gone!"

MARTA'S MOMENT: Marta is one of the biggest stars in women's soccer. The 30-year old Brazilian striker was voted FIFA Player of the Year for five consecutive years from 2006 to 2010. Yet despite her success she is not a household name in her country, where the focus will be on Neymar and the men's squad to win Brazil's first Olympic gold.

Marta and the rest of the Brazil women's team will face less pressure to win their first gold than their male counterparts, and the squad should benefit from friendly home crowds.

The woman that Pele himself dubbed "Pele in skirt" showed she is ready for Olympic duty, scoring both goals in a 2-0 victory over Canada in Toronto in June.

Russian track and field athletes banned from Rio Games

VIENNA (AP) — In an unprecedented move, Russia's track and field athletes have been banned from competing for their country at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics because the country has failed to do enough to clean up a deep-rooted doping system that tainted athletes who may be clean.

The landmark decision Friday left a narrow possibility for some Russian athletes to compete individually if they had been living outside Russia and had undergone testing in a recognized foreign anti-

doping system.

"But don't run away with the idea that it's a large number," IAAF president Sebastian Coe said after announcing the ruling loaded with geopolitical ramifications.

The IAAF upheld its ban on Russia's track and field federation, saying the country had made some progress in cleaning up since the suspension was imposed in November but failed to meet the requirements for reinstatement and would be barred from sending its athletes to the Rio

Games that begin in 50 days.

"Russian athletes could not credibly return to international competition without undermining the confidence of their competitors and the public," Coe said.

President Vladimir Putin condemned the decision as "unfair," telling a meeting of leaders of major international news agencies in St. Petersburg that athletes who compete without doping "shouldn't suffer."

Russia does not accept "collective punish-

ment" for all athletes, he said, comparing the ban for the entire team to a prison sentence that "an entire family" could get if one of its relatives has committed a crime.

"I hope we will find some solution here, but it does not mean that we will get offended and stop battling doping. On the contrary, we will intensify our fight on doping," Putin added.

The Russian track federation said it was considering an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport — the sports world's highest court.

The IAAF said it was

necessary to ban the entire track and field team because there was no way to verify which athletes could be considered clean.

"The system in Russia has been tainted by doping from the top level down," said Rune Andersen, the Norwegian anti-doping expert who headed the IAAF task force which determined that Russia's reforms were not enough.

"We cannot trust that what people might call clean athletes are really clean. If you have one or two or five with negative tests, it does not mean

the athletes are clean. History has shown that is not the case," Andersen said.

"There must be clean athletes in Russia but because they are under the system, we cannot be sure. We have no confidence in the system, that's the problem," Andersen said.

Coe dismissed suggestions there were any political motivations behind the decision.

"There were members from all four corners of the world, and the decision was unanimous," he said. "Politics did not play a part today."

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Roger's Reviews: Warcraft



By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

I'm relieved. Really, honestly, relieved.



I went and saw "Warcraft", the new movie based on the video game series by Blizzard Entertainment, Friday night after working all day. I left the movie feeling frustrated, confused, and befuddled. I really wanted to like "Warcraft". I am a long-time aficionado of the "World of Warcraft" game, and my Blood Elf Paladin has slaughtered many a foul creature in the name of the Horde. But I felt when I left the movie that Friday night that it was a confused mess of unresolved plot threads.

I saw it again Tuesday evening, and the second viewing resolved most of my complaints.

There was a lot in the movie that spoke to me. The computer-generated art, beautifully rendered by Industrial Light and Magic, is stunning. It somehow manages to keep the cartoony feel that is a trademark of the Warcraft computer games and make it gorgeous and compelling. The magical effects felt magical. The CG orcs felt almost more human than the humans.

Also, it was great to see the settings from the game rendered in their three-dimensional glory. The craggy majesty of the Dwarf home Ironforge. The eerie presence of the Dark Portal separating Azeroth and the orc homeworld Draenor, rising above the twisted desert plains. I almost cried a little when the griffin steed flew a character into the arched stable at Stormwind City. I laughed out loud when I heard a murloc "mmmmrrrrrrg-ggggglllll" in the background.

I saw a lot of beats and Easter eggs that I enjoyed as a gamer, but after my first watch, I was lost by the storyline as a whole. The problem, which I deduced after my second time in the theater, was that I must have dozed off for a few minutes at a critical point in the plot development and missed some connections. The story, while still complex, was certainly followable the second time around.

The movie tells the story of the pink-skinned orcs of Draenor, led by the evil warlock Gul'dan (Daniel Wu). Gul'dan has destroyed the orcs' world with the corrupting power of the Fel (a life-sucking green magical energy), and now seeks new lands to conquer. By slaughtering hundreds of slaves, he opens the Dark Portal and unleashes the orc horde upon an unsuspecting Azeroth.

The forces of Azeroth rally around their magical Guardian Medivh (Ben Foster) who may be hiding

a dark secret of his own.

Other memorable characters in the movie

include Sir Anduin Lothar, commander of the forces of Azeroth; the assassin Garona (Paula Patton), a half-orc woman on a mission to infiltrate Azeroth; King Llane Wrynn (Dominic Cooper), king of Stormwind; Durotan (Toby Kebbell), an orc who realizes Gul'dan is destroying his people; Khadgar (Ben Schnetzer), a rogue wizard; Orgrim (Robert Kazinsky), Durotan's friend and ally; and Lady Taria (Ruth Negga), queen of Azeroth, sister of Lothar and King Llane's wife.

And the list of characters is itself a treasure trove of Easter eggs for WoW players. These are some of the very names that recur throughout the World of Warcraft. The vast savannah of Durotar is named for Durotan. The orc capital city is Orgrimmar, named after good old Orgrim. The Wrynn dynasty still rules Stormwind, and Khadgar the Mage is still around, now a powerful arch-mage, and his name is attached to a plant beloved by herbalists, Khadgar's Whisker.

Of course, all this lore must be just a bunch of wind to those of you unfortunate enough to have never played any of the Warcraft/World of Warcraft series. A bunch of orcs. A bunch of non-orcs. Blah blah blah.

I predict that fans of Warcraft are the target audience for this film, although my brother who isn't involved in the games said he found it enjoyable. My score for this film is a 7.5 out of 10, but I expect that those who are Warcraft newbies—especially those who dislike swords and sorcery fare such as The Lord of the Rings—will have a much worse experience.

Director: Duncan Jones

Writer: Duncan Jones and Chris Leavitt, screenplay; Chris Metzen, story and characters

Production Company: Legendary Entertainment, Atlas Entertainment, Blizzard Entertainment

PG-13, 123 minutes, Action/Adventure/Fantasy, June 10, 2016

Roger usually watches movies at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4 in the Spring City Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring; but Warcraft isn't playing in Big Spring, so I had to see this one in Midland.

Hansons celebrate

50 years



Courtesy photos

Robert Lavell Hanson and Gloria Jean Tubbs Hanson will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, June 25.

The couple will celebrate the occasion with a trip to Ruidoso, N.M.

Lavell and Gloria were married June 25, 1966, at Lake View Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Lavell, a graduate of Big Spring High school, worked at Texaco and retired from Unichem where he worked in chemical/oil field sales. He enjoys golf and working around the house.

Gloria, is retired from Brandon and Clark, an electric motor company in Hobbs, N.M., where she worked in office management. She enjoys shopping and gardening. Both Lavell and Gloria enjoy spending time with their granddaughter.

The couple have two sons, the late Jay Todd Hanson, and Kyle Dee Hanson of Pecos, Texas; and one granddaughter, Destiny Royal Hanson of Big Spring.



Menus: Big Spring ISD and Senior Center

The Big Spring ISD is now serving free summer meals Monday through Thursday. Meals are not served on Fridays. Meals are served at Big Spring High School through June 30, while service at Big Spring Junior High School ends Wednesday. Meal service at Marcy Elementary ended June 16. Meal times are:

Breakfast: 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at both schools.

Lunch: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the High School, 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Junior High.

Meals are available free for any children 18 and younger. For more information call 264-3635.

The Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler Dr., will offer the following menu this week. Lunch is served from noon to 12:20 each week day:

MONDAY: Porcupine meatballs, squash casserole, carrot salad with pineapple, mixed fruit, bread, and milk.

TUESDAY: Beef steak fingers, French fries, mixed vegetables, sugar cookies, bread, and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken fajita burrito, Spanish rice, guacamole salad, chips and salsa, fruited orange Jell-O, and milk.

THURSDAY: Roast beef, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, snickerdoodle cookies, and milk.

FRIDAY: Butter beans with ham, country-style greens, angel cake with strawberries, cornbread, and milk.

The menu is subject to change due to availability of food. For more information, contact the Senior Center at 267-1628.

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KBSB plans clean-up

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met June 6th, in the Cactus room of Howard College. President Lisa Brooks opened the meeting and led the committee members present in the Pledge to the Flag.

Kathryn Wiseman gave the invocation.

Members welcomed guests, including Kara Daniels of Compass Hospice, Tim Fitzhugh of Wal Mart, Reani King, and Rebecca Thevenoi.

Reani was the featured speaker, and told those present of her personal efforts to encourage recycling in the area. The group applauded all she has done, and Jim DePauw assured her that KBSB wants to support her project.

Teri Belchik reported on plans to plant in the Main Street area in the fall.

The refurbishment of the sign at the park entrance was a success.

The group has registered to help clean up after the "Pops in the Park" Independence Day festival and concert held July 3 at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater. Volunteers are welcome to help with the cleaning.

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This letter is to inform you that I have made a decision after much consideration to close my private practice in Big Spring, Texas, effective June 1, 2016. We will still be seeing limited patients thru June 30.

It has truly been my pleasure to serve you and your families' health care needs, and have appreciated your confidence in me. I extend my best wishes for your future health and happiness.

With this decision made I am leaving my practice in the care of Family Medical Center.

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to this letter please do not hesitate to call our office 432-264-1300 and we will gladly assist you.

Charleta Butrum will be located at Dr. Johnson's office beginning 7/5/2016.

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Thank you: Cezary Kuprianowicz M.D.

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DAILY PRAYER

May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

Crosses in America

Rick Vanderpool of Lubbock doesn't hesitate to follow up on his brainstorms, no matter how bizarre they might seem or how far he will have to travel to make them happen. He is a photographer and finds fascinating ways to make a living with his camera. During the 500th anniversary of Columbus discovering America, he went to every city in the country with the name Columbus and did a photographic display.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

You've probably seen some of his posters. They're 18 by 24 inches and cover all kinds of topics: wildflowers, hamburger and barbecue joints, the word Texas, stars, birds, windmills and so forth. He has done 34 of them. Numbers 33 and 34 of his photographic montages are pictures of crosses.

In May of last year, Rick set out to photograph crosses in America. "I think I was only traveling eight weeks over a

four-month period," he says. "By the first of September last year I had logged right at 27,000 miles, had taken 8,000-plus photographs, and had visited all 48 contiguous states. I made arrangements with two friends to photograph for me in Alaska and I came up with two shots in public domain records that I needed for the two earliest churches in Hawaii. Of course I did the research and wanted a cross to represent each Christian denomination. I was looking for the original site of Christian activity state by state. With Christianity originating in this county on the east coast in San Augustine, Florida and up in New England, where the first Christian pilgrims settled, those states have quite a few more than one example."

He framed 20 of his photos and exhibited them at the Legacy Event Center in Lubbock. "The facility was once a Presbyterian church. How appropriate is that? It's the first exhibition of the project. It wasn't easy to edit 8,000 photographs down to 20. I gritted my teeth and wanted the collection to be as dramatic as it could be. I'm honored to be in

this venue. It's stellar. Everybody in Lubbock knows it well. There are lots of weddings here."

The two posters he created sell for \$24.95 each. "There are about 135 photos on each one," says Rick. "There are just a shade under 300 of the crosses that I photographed selected for the posters. I actually visited 165 different sites. There are at least two images from each state."

Rick gives programs on the crosses. "I put together a slide show and have a rambling narrative about the project. I can tailor it to any age group, any Christian activity, any travel group, any photography group, or any writing group. Churches and schools have shown interest in having me do a program. Usually when I do those, I give a slight discount on the price of the posters."

He calls his project "Crossin' America." "I was crossing America but I dropped the 'g' because I was also looking for the cross in America. It was a different type of project for me. I hope I have been as reverent as necessary considering the subject."

www.tumbleweedsmith.com



A tip-off for truckers

Somewhere between pig Latin and social media's abbreviations substituted for words — perhaps a quarter-century ago — American drivers communicated on CB (citizens' band) radios.

Truckers used CBs best, and probably still do, warning of wrecks up ahead, bad weather and "smokies" — the "do right" guys who write tickets when excessive speed is detected.

I miss the chatter, including such expressions as "breaker one/nine" and "got your ears on?" I also enjoyed random chats with "good buddies" on the "super slab." A preacher caught up in "CB talk" ended a prayer one Sunday with "catch you on the flip/flop" rather than "amen." And a trucker asked, "Hey, Van Gogh, got your EAR on?"

Since most truckers still have CBs, I'm counting on them to spread the news about food that's "larrapin' good" at a restaurant in the innards of a swanky resort hotel in San Diego.

Though the hotel is unique, the eatery — in appearance, anyway — isn't. Tucked away at the Town and Country Resort on Interstate 5, "Charlie's" depends on clientele who arrive there "on purpose."

It has true "Texan appeal," meat cooked on a custom stainless steel smoker on a trailer. The servings are so generous the plates need sideboards. Once drivers of 18-wheelers visit, they

depart with enough left-overs for their next meals. And they spread the news on their CBs.

Texans know the secret to finding good grub is to stop where trucks are stacked up. Truckers know.

Town and Country has been around more than 60 years, beginning with 47 units when many travelers called road lodgings "tourist courts." There are almost 1,000 units now, and they're on the front-end of an \$80-million makeover.

While we were there, hundreds of ballroom dancers converged from across the nation. The resort — awash in conventions — recently hosted men's and women's body building competition. Another, a "Steampunk" gathering, featured guests dressed in period costumes. (Truckers may gawk, of course, but are reminded their stops are for victuals.)

Chef Paul McCabe, who doesn't have enough walls or shelves to display his awards, directs food and beverage operations. Charlie's seems to be a pet project, featuring his "Texas-style" brisket.

We were encouraged to try his "poutine appetizer," a dish of Canadian origin. With ingredients including fries, burnt brisket ends, gravy, fried cheese curds and celery, one order would feed a scout troop, perhaps even a fleet of truck drivers.

Enough said.

San Diego is a favorite destination, for us and millions of others. It's the largest city in the world with a single airport runway — it stays hot. The arrival gate is one of the happiest anywhere, but boarding on return flights is sad. It's a city

tough to leave.

We loved the "hop on, hop off" trolley tour. Timed correctly, visitors can hop off at Old Town, if only to grab grub at the world-famous Coyote Café, then hop back on.

At our stop in Coronado, American flags flew in great numbers. Riders grew silent upon learning the flags honored the memory of a Navy seal, slain by ISIS and trained at the Coronado seal training school. Such poignant moments are too rarely experienced.

Little wonder that the late Dr. Theodor Geisel resided in nearby La Jolla during the last half of his life. Most of his writing was inspired by experiences there. A wise and unique author, he founded the Geisel Foundation. It continues to support many causes, locally and beyond.

He didn't mind the "Dr. Seuss" pen name that was always mispronounced. It is, indeed, his middle name. Correct pronunciation of "Seuss" — of Bavarian origin — actually rhymes with the word "choice." They said he preferred the mispronunciation; it rhymes with "goose." Worse would have been use of his nickname: "The Kaiser."

Folks with at least casual interest in the life of this brilliant writer should "Google" away. Better yet, visit his museum in La Jolla, Calif. It's just a few pebbles tossed from San Diego, a destination city that's the starting point for many adventures. In the words of Dr. Seuss, "Try it, try it, you will see."

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Inquiries/comments to: newbury@speakerdoc.com.

Warriors limping to finish, hope home-court helps in Finales finale

CLEVELAND (AP) — The level of tension is growing rapidly for the Golden State Warriors. Someone gets suspended, someone gets hurt, someone gets ejected, and lots of someones make no effort to hide their frustration. A comfortable two-game lead in the NBA Finals becomes a dicey one-game lead, then no lead at all.

The biggest moment awaits. The biggest challenge does, too.

Shots aren't falling for the Warriors at the same rate they were in the regular season, stops aren't coming like they were a couple months ago either, the aches and pains are piling up and what looked like a sure-fire title not long ago is at best a shaky proposition now. Game 7 of the finals is on Sunday against the Cleveland Cavaliers, and Golden State is hoping being at home helps deliver a championship-saving elixir.

"Things haven't gone our way despite how the regular season went," Warriors guard Stephen Curry said. "The playoffs haven't been easy. Hasn't been a breeze. Hasn't been anything perfect about it. So, yeah, it's frustrating, but the work we've put in and the opportunity we've

given ourselves with a Game 7 to win the finals at home, you've got to be excited about that."

The Warriors got questions for months — starting around December, believe it or not — about whether they were concerned that the strain of chasing Chicago's 72-win mark that stood as the NBA's gold standard for 20 years would leave them ailing or fatigued at playoff time.

Questions like those seem a bit more valid now.

To be clear, Andrew Bogut's left knee didn't become susceptible to season-ending bone bruises because of how difficult becoming the league's first 73-win regular-season team was; J.R. Smith crashing into him in Game 5 of this series took care of that. Curry's combination of fouling out, mouthpiece-throwing and getting ejected in Game 6 on Thursday night wasn't because the first 82 games left him



AP Photo/Ron Schwane

Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry answers questions after Game 6 of the NBA basketball Finals against the Cleveland Cavaliers, Friday, June 17, 2016, in Cleveland. The Cavaliers won 115-101.

tired and cranky. And the Warriors' inability to corral LeBron James in this series can be best explained by acknowledging again that when James is at his best he's the most unstoppable force in the game.

But it can certainly be argued that even though the Warriors spent about half the season without head coach Steve Kerr while he recovered from back surgeries and got every opponent's best shot in every game, the playoffs have delivered more challenges in 20-something games than the first 82 offered combined.

RIO

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tsomed into one of the world's top throwers, winning six U.S. outdoor titles. She also set the American outdoor record of 66 feet, 5 inches (20.24 meters) in 2013 and broke the nation's indoor mark with a throw of 66-3 3/4 (20.21) to capture a world title in March.

Usually not one to show much emotion, Michael bubbled over when he hugged her

back stage after her record-setting win.

"My daddy is a big, old teddy bear," Michelle said. "I'm glad we're able to share those moments together."

These days, he's dad, coach and roommate.

Not too long ago, Michelle tried to buy a house. When it fell through, she moved in with her parents until after the Olympics.

Michelle and her dad carpool to practice most days, along with their dog named Ryder. While Michelle throws

the shot at practice, Michael tosses the ball to Ryder.

And when they get home, they talk shot. They're always talking about the shot put, even when they say they're not going to.

Occupational hazard.

"It's hard for my dad to leave it out of the conversation," Michelle said. "It consumes your whole life."

Just like football once did — for Michael and Randall.

The two gridiron greats hadn't seen each other in decades before crossing paths

last March at the world indoor. At first, Randall didn't recognize Micheal until he scrambled to put on his glasses and read the name on the credential of the big man standing in front of him.

Oh yeah, Michael Carter, the San Francisco 49ers Pro Bowler who used to chase Cunningham around the football field.

"I was like, 'I see now that you're old,'" Michael chuckled.

Honest mistake, Cunningham asserted.

"Of course I remember him — a great player," Randall said.

Now they're both coaching their daughters, who are both strong contenders for Olympic medals.

"No one can teach our child better than we can because of knowledge we had in the beginning," Michael explained. "If there was someone to come along and take it beyond where we can take it, that would be fine. So far, haven't found anybody."

ASTROS

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one hit in two scoreless innings for the win and Tony Cingrani yielded one hit in the 11th for his eighth save.

Red starter John Lamb allowed three hits and one run while fanning a season-high eight in 5 1/3 innings.

Houston starter Lance McCullers yielded eight hits and two runs with six strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings.

"I felt good out there," McCullers said. "My stuff felt better coming out of my hand. I'm happy with that. Disap-

pointed that we didn't get the win though."

The Astros trailed 2-1 in the eighth when Correa sent Blake Wood's first pitch to left-center field for a homer to tie it. It was the first home run Wood had allowed since Casey Kotchman connected off him on Aug. 8, 2011, snapping the longest active homerless streak in the majors. It had been 58 games and 63 2/3 innings since he had allowed a long ball.

A walk by Colby Rasmus loaded the bases and chased Lamb with one out in the sixth. He was replaced by JC Ramirez, who was greeted with the RBI single by Gomez that tied it at 1-1.

"You feel like you should come out of that inning with more than one run, even though we were happy to tie the score," Hinch said. "All in all there were enough opportunities where one single could have made the difference."

Peraza got on with a bunt single and scored on Cozart's double to right field to make it 1-0 in the fifth. The throw home was close, but Peraza slid in behind Castro to evade the tag.

ROSE IN HOUSTON

Pete Rose, MLB's all-time hits leader and longtime Reds' star, watched the game from a seat in the second row right behind home plate. The 75-year-old

Rose, who was clad in a crisp white Cincinnati cap, sat one row behind pitching great Nolan Ryan. Rose was 21 for 71 with a .296 average all-time against Ryan.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Houston activated RHP Luke Gregerson from the family medical emergency list on Friday and optioned 1B Tyler White to Triple-A Fresno to clear a spot for him on the roster.

Reds: Hamilton was activated from the seven-day concussion list before the game and OF Steve Selsky was optioned to Triple-A Louisville to make room for him on the roster. Cincinnati manager Bryan Price said Hamil-

ton, who was hit in the head sliding into third base on June 8, has been symptom-free for several days.

UP NEXT

Reds: LHP Cody Reed will make his major league debut when the series continues Saturday. Reed will be Cincinnati's 26th pitcher and 12th starter this season, which are both most in

the majors. Reed, who is ranked as the franchise's No. 2 prospect by Baseball America, is 6-3 with a 3.20 ERA in 11 starts for Louisville this season.

Astros: LHP Dallas Keuchel is set to make his 15th start on Saturday. Last year's AL Cy Young Award winner has lost his last three decisions.

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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives joined the staff of Jaybug's to celebrate the boutique's grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony recently.

Finding trustworthy pet care this summer

For pet owners looking for a safe place to house their furry friend, locally kenneling or boarding your animal is a great option. Still, the thought of leaving your family pet with strangers can be worrisome. Before you head out on your summer vacation, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin has advice for finding trustworthy pet care.

If you're heading out for a long trip this summer, family, friends or neighbors may not have the experience or time to properly look after your pet, according to the U.S. Humane Society. It is recommended that you leave pet care to the professionals, such as a pet sitter or boarding kennel. However, it's important to know what to look for when searching for trustworthy care.



HEATHER MASSEY

In 2015, BBB received more than 350 complaints against pet day care, boarding, kenneling and sitting services nationwide. Complaints allege problems with billing, as well as concerns about the treatment of their pet. Some owners allege their pets were neglected and without access to food and water for several hours after staying with these facilities. A few even allege their pet became ill after their brief stay at certain kennels.

For those looking to board their pets this summer, BBB offers the following tips:

- Ask for recommendations. Turn to friends and family members who own animals for recommendations on where they take their furry friend. Do your research, select a few kennels and confirm that there will be availability for your pet when you need it. Additionally, check out any recommendations at bbb.org to see their BBB rating and history of complaints.

- Schedule a visit. Ask to tour the facilities and make sure the conditions are livable and in good condition. Check for cleanliness outside and inside and note the overall safety of the kennel and cages. If your pet is prone to running away, ask about steps the kennel takes to make the facility secure.

- Ask about interactions between animals. Some kennels let animals play together while others keep them separate at all times. Make sure the facility requires that all entering pets have proof of immunization. Also, ask about its policies regarding flea and tick control.

- Take notice of the staff. Ask about the background and experience of company staff and take a few moments to see how they interact with the other pets that are being boarded. Find out who will be feeding your pet and what they will be fed. Also, find out if staff members play with or take pets on daily walks, especially if you have a dog.

- Thoroughly read the boarding agreement. Verify it includes the feeding and exercise schedule, as well as pick up and drop off hours. Some facilities offer bathing, nail trimming and immunization as additional services. Make sure these and any other additional fees, like medical emergencies or other care, are included in the agreement.

- Be prepared. Before you board your pet, make sure that you have your pet's medications and special food (if any), your veterinarian's phone number and emergency contact numbers. If your pet has a specific meal plan or medications, make sure to write down the amount and schedule that is unique to your pet.

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin. Heather is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: 432-741-2592 or email: hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org.

US stocks slip in afternoon; British vote remains focus

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks moved lower on Friday, erasing all of the previous day's gains, as investors continued to monitor Britain's frenzied debate on whether to leave the European Union. The debate took on a new level of concern after the killing of a member of parliament.

KEEPING SCORE: The Dow Jones industrial average lost 72 points, or 0.4 percent, to 17,661 as of 12:30 p.m. Eastern. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost nine points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,069 and the Nasdaq composite fell 42 points, or 0.9 percent, to 4,802.

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Putin calls on Europe to improve ties

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin called on European leaders Friday to heal ties with his country despite sanctions after meeting with European investors who said they want to expand their businesses there.

Speaking at Russia's top economic conference, Putin said top German and French investors expressed their interest to invest more in Russia despite the weight of the sanctions, some of which the European Union extended just as Putin was speaking.

"Politicians should meet the businessmen halfway, show wisdom, long-term thinking and flexibility," Putin said. "We need to bring back trust to Russia-

European relations and restore the level of cooperation." Russia, he said, doesn't need a new Cold War.

He made a point to stress that Russia's ban on EU foodstuffs and other retaliatory measures were imposed "in response" to the EU sanctions.

"We don't bear grudges and we are willing to meet our European partners halfway — this, however, must not be a one-way street," he added.

Putin criticized the West for ignoring Russia's legitimate interests. He said there is no reason for NATO's continued expansion, and noted that the U.S.-led NATO missile defense plans pose a threat to Russia.

Western leaders and company executives went to Russia's St. Petersburg Economic Forum this year after a two-year break that felt like a boycott, signaling a growing fatigue in some parts of Europe over the sanctions. The Russian ban on food imports has hurt agricultural exporters like Greece and Italy.

Putin had a meeting with the CEO of Royal Dutch Shell on Thursday and other international executives, telling them that Russia is open to Western investment despite the strained ties.

Alexei Pushkov, the chairman of the foreign affairs committee at the Russian parliament, said

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

- Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
- Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. #19, Big Spring
- Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
- Timothy Tod Beck, 910 E. 6th St., Big Spring
- Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
- Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morning-side Way, Canyon Lake
- Vanessa Malu Calderon, 2600 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
- Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Pedro Chavarria, 1404 Wood St., Big Spring
- Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
- Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
- Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder

- Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
- Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 2521 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
- Jose Enrique Faz, 602 N.W. 7th St., Big Spring
- Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
- Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave Apt 901, Midland
- William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
- Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
- James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta
- Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
- Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
- Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo
- Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
- Ammie Lee Howell, 1507 Hilltop Road, Big Spring
- Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa

- Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
- Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
- Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
- Saprina Lea Martinez, 2521 Chanute Dr., Big Spring
- Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
- Clinton Aaron Muse Jr., 700 Ohio, P.O. Box 2104, Big Spring
- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
- David Parrish, 911 Boykin Rd., Big Spring
- George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. No. 14, Big Spring
- Andy Rodriguez, 1904 Runnels Street, Big Spring
- Christina M. Rodriguez, 624 State Street, Big Spring
- Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring
- Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
- Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road,

- Big Spring
- Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
- Stacie Lyanne Salas, 5102 Wasson Road, Big Spring
- Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring
- Belinda Ellen Strong, 1900 Martin Luther King Apt. No. 409, Big Spring
- Kendra D. Tatum, 412 S. Moss Lake Rd., Big Spring
- Joe Anthony Villarreal, 2206 Cecilia, Big Spring
- Ricky Lynn Waltenbaugh, 538 Westover Road Apt. No. 133, Big Spring
- Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
- Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

- Matthew Jared Wynn, 28, and Angela Grace Maran, 25, both of Coahoma.
- Xavian Devonte Parnell, 24, and An

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Weekly oil report

New Locations:

Glasscock County

Energen Resources Corporation #107H Angelina "SN 33-28 07", drill horizontal, El: NA
3510 N. "A" St., Bldgs. A and B Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37133
Midland, TX 79705-0000 14 miles southeast of Garden City
Jenifer Sorley, Assistant Supervisor A-185, Section 33, Block 33, T-5-S, T& RR Co. survey
(432) 818-1732 Total Depth: 9500 feet
1050' FEL, 1011' FSL of 565.71-acre lease
1050' FEL, 2339' FSL of the survey

Energen Resources Corporation #207H Angelina "SN 33-28 07", drill horizontal, El: NA
3510 N. "A" St., Bldgs. A and B Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37132
Midland, TX 79705-0000 14 miles southeast of Garden City
Jenifer Sorley, Assistant Supervisor A-185, Section 33, Block 33, T-5-S, T& RR Co. survey
(432) 818-1732 Total Depth: 9500 feet
1000' FEL, 1011' FSL of 565.71-acre lease
1000' FEL, 2340' FSL of the survey

Veritas Energy, LLC #1 Hirt "27", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-173-33075
P.O. Box 10850 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
Fort Worth, TX 76114-0000 4.50 miles west of Garden City
Dave Schmitt, Regulatory Analyst A-349, Section 27, Block 35, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(940) 249-9456 Total Depth: 8271 feet
1830' FSL, 607' FEL of 160-acre lease
1830' FSL, 607' FEL of the survey

Dyad Petroleum Company #1 Calverley "14-A", drill, El: NA, API #42-173-37373
505 N. Big Spring St., Suite 603 Cobra (Wolfcamp) Field
Midland, TX 79701-4396 9 miles northwest of Garden City
Amy Bushong, Executive Assistant A-755, Section 14, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(432) 683-9290 Total Depth: 8200 feet
467' FNEL, 864' FSEL of 160-acre lease
467' FNEL, 864' FSEL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

RSP Permian, LLC #2A Calverley "12", drill, EL: NA, API #42-173-36980
3141 Hood St., Suite 500 Garden City, NW (Strawn) Field
Dallas, TX 75219-5020 12.40 miles southwest of Garden City
Celeste Dale, Regulatory Specialist A-997, Section 12, Block 36, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(432) 818-1312 Total Depth: 12,000 feet
1924.4' FSL of 798.6' FWL of the 648.8-acre lease
1924.4' FSL, 798.6' FWL of the survey

Energen Resources Corporation #108H Angelina "SN 33-28 08", drill horizontal, El: NA
3510 N. "A" St., Bldgs. A and B Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37107
Midland, TX 79705-0000 14 miles southeast of Garden City
Jenifer Sorley, Assistant Supervisor A-185, Section 33, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(432) 818-1732 Total Depth: 9500 feet
430' FEL, 1011' FSL of 565.71-acre lease
430' FEL, 2340' FSL of the survey

Energen Resources Corporation #208H Angelina "SN 33-28 08", drill horizontal, El: NA
3510 N. "A" St., Bldgs. A and B Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37106
Midland, TX 79705-0000 14 miles southeast of Garden City

US rig count rises 10 this week to 424 in 3rd week of gains

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. rose by 10 this week to 424, marking the third-consecutive week the count has increased after a slide that lasted months and pushed the count to record-low levels amid depressed energy prices.

A year ago, 857 rigs were active.

Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday 337 rigs sought oil and 86 explored for natural gas. One was listed as miscellaneous.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas gained 13 rigs and West Virginia increased two.

Alaska and Louisiana fell by one apiece.

Arkansas, California, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Utah and Wyoming were unchanged.

The U.S. rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981. It bottomed out last month at 404.

Nebraska utility to shutter nation's smallest nuclear plant

By MARGERY A. BECK

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Omaha Public Power District voted Thursday to shutter the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Station, which is the nation's smallest nuclear power plant.

The board decided it was in the best financial interest of the utility and its customers to close the plant by the end of this year, the utility said in a statement after the vote. The plant sits on the Missouri River across from Iowa and is about 15 miles north of Omaha.

"This was a difficult vote and one we did not take lightly," said Mick Mines, the board's chairman.

"The industry is changing, and it is imperative that we make strategic decisions to better position the district in the future for all our 365,000 customer-owners."

Among the factors cited in the decision to close the plant was the low price of natural gas, which makes it a cheaper way to generate electricity, and a federal energy plan that doesn't offer carbon-free generation credit for existing nuclear plants.

The board also noted the recent early retirement of several other U.S. nuclear power stations.

The utility said that as a result of the closure, it doesn't expect a general rate increase in the next five years, through 2021.

The move was expected. OPPD president and CEO Tim Burke told the board last month that operating the plant was no longer

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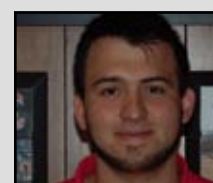
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BRITAIN FOCUS: Investors' focus has increasingly turned to Britain's vote next week on whether to leave the EU. The campaigning became heated this week but was halted after the killing of a British politician in favor of staying in the EU. The vote will be held June 23.

Investors interpreted the assassination as something that could sway more voters to stay in the EU. U.K. and European stocks and the British pound rose against the euro and dollar. The pound traded at \$1.4319 compared with \$1.4205 the day before.

ANALYST TAKE: "This tragic event may have dampened the 'leave' campaign's momentum somewhat," said Daniel Vernazza, analyst at UniCredit bank. He noted the movement in the pound was the most significant indicator that investors believe this would be positive for the 'remain' campaign.

APPLE WOES: Technology giant Apple fell \$1.68, or 2 percent, to \$95.85 after news reports came out that Chinese officials ruled that Apple infringed on a patent of a major competitor, which could cause iPhone sales to be suspended in the country.

BEAUTIFUL MERGER: Elizabeth Arden shares rose \$4.54, or 49 percent, to \$13.85 after hair and makeup company Revlon said it would buy the company for \$14 a share, or \$419.3 million.

IN THE CLOUDS: Software company Oracle rose \$1.06, or 2.8 percent, to \$39.71 after the company reported earnings that beat analysts' expectations.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude added \$1.18 to \$47.39 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, gained \$1.38 to \$48.57 a barrel in London.

BONDS, CURRENCIES: U.S. government bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.61 percent from 1.58 percent a day earlier. The dollar fell to 104.23 yen from 104.31 yen while the euro gained slightly to \$1.1277 from \$1.1236.

Wounded Warrior Project gets new leader

HONOLULU (AP) — The head of the military agency that searches for and identifies the remains of missing servicemen is resigning after just one year to take over a troubled nonprofit that cares for wounded troops.

Michael Linnington became the director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency last summer.

He plans to leave next month to become the CEO of the Wounded Warrior Project.

Linnington became the leader of the POW/MIA mission at the Pentagon after Congress and groups that advocate for families of the missing had criticized the way the military was handling identifications.

Since Linnington took the helm, the agency's laboratories have nearly dou-

bled the identifications of missing servicemen.

At the Wounded Warrior Project, Linnington will lead a nonprofit that has been criticized for lavish spending. The New York Times and CBS News in January reported employees, veterans and charity watchdogs were complaining the organization was profiteering off veterans.

Linnington said in a phone interview he hadn't planned on leaving the POW/MIA agency so soon and wasn't looking for a new job.

But he said the opportunity at the Wounded Warrior Project was for "incredibly noble work."

Reports on the Wounded Warrior Project by CBS News and The Times described extravagant parties and last-minute, business-class air travel at the nonprofit. One former

employee compared it to "what the military calls fraud, waste and abuse."

The Jacksonville, Florida-based organization's directors fired two executives after hiring outside legal counsel and forensic accounting consultants to conduct an independent review of its records and interview current and former employees.

The military's efforts to find and identify missing remains have suffered from many problems over many decades.

In 2014, the AP disclosed an internal Pentagon report that said a DPAA predecessor organization — the Hawaii-based Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command — was wasteful, acutely dysfunctional and often mismanaged.

Shortly afterward, the Government Accountability Office issued a report

saying the MIA accounting effort was hampered by weak leadership, infighting and a fragmented approach to planning.

The Pentagon later streamlined the change of command and made other organizational changes.

Linnington, who retired from the Army as a lieutenant general before assuming a civilian role at the Pentagon, said consolidating the Defense Department agencies responsible for identifying missing servicemen has helped.

Ann Mills-Griffiths, chairwoman of the board at the National League of POW/MIA Families, said she was surprised by Linnington's announcement. She said he had told her group last year he was at the agency for the long haul, meaning the next 10 years.

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on Twitter on Friday that "the dynamics" at the St. Petersburg gathering "shows that the restoration of ties between Russia and the EU will be slow and contradictory but inevitable."

The United States and the European Union slapped Russia with economic sanctions in 2014 after it annexed Ukraine's Crimea peninsula and threw its backing to separatist rebels in eastern

Ukraine. Moscow retaliated by banning imports of meat, vegetable and dairy products from the EU.

As Putin was delivering his speech in St. Petersburg, the EU extended for another year some of its sanctions targeting Russia. They target imports from the Crimean peninsula and investment there, among other measures. On top of that, cruise ships from the EU cannot call at ports there, in an attempt to hurt the tourism industry.

The EU currently also has other sanctions targeting Russia more di-

rectly, limiting access to Russian companies to Western capital markets, banning arms trade and limiting access to sensitive oil industry technologies. It also has slapped asset freezes and travel restrictions on 146 people and 37 entities. Some of these sanction need to be extended in the coming weeks and months.

The announcement came a day after EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker met with Putin in St. Petersburg. Juncker, the highest ranking EU official to visit Russia since the Crimean

annexation, told the forum on Thursday that the EU needs to engage with Russia despite the painful sanctions exchanged over the past two years.

Vladimir Chizhov, Russia's envoy to the EU, told the RIA Novosti news agency that Friday's decision by the EU to extend the sanctions was no surprise for Russia. But he suggested it was not a foregone conclusion that the other, more direct sanctions against Russia would be extended in coming weeks.

"Let's see what happens next," he said.

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gelina Rose Castillo, 21, both of Big Spring.

Jesse Perez, 57, and Mary Helen Anguiano, 61, both of Big Spring.

Matthew Ralph Cline, 54, of Big Spring, and Cheryl Woodard Cline, 56, of Killeen.

Christopher Ray Bustamante, 29, and Crystal Renee Worley, 27, both of Big Spring.

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Rolando Hilario Ledesma, 35, and Brandy Olivias Johnson, 29, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Christopher Olivarez vs. Megan Olivarez, divorce

Kate Cathey vs. Lucille Nichols, Injury/damage-motor vehicles

John Brode vs. Jill Brode, divorce

Cashea Shockley vs.

Michael Shockley, divorce
Tina Kinsey vs. Ricky Kinsey, divorce

County Court Judgments

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all listed county court judgments)

Defendant: Sherrod Wilder

Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500
Sentence: Revocation of probation/\$100 fine, \$287 court costs, time served
Date: June 16, 2016

Defendant: Chad D. Hern

Offense: Driving while intoxicated/open container
Sentence: Revocation of probation/\$1,000 fine, \$462.10 court costs, 7 days in jail
Date: June 6, 2016

Defendant: Andrew I. Shobar

Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$347 court costs, 1 day in

jail
Date: June 14, 2016

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Garland and Stephanie Gilbert

Grantee: Dero Shaw
Property: 7.35-acre tract in E/2 of Sec. 20, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 7, 2016

Grantor: Royce and Linda Walker

Grantee: Filiberto Martinez
Property: A 170-foot by 100-foot tract in Sec. 32, Blk. 33, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 10, 2016

Grantor: HET L.L.C.

Grantee: Michael Wilkerson
Property: A 1.0-acre tract in NE/4, Sec. 43, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 8, 2016

Grantor: Melinda R. Lopez, fka Melinda Norman

Grantee: Melinda R. Lopez and Lucas Lopez

Property: a 0.342-acre tract in Lot C, Tract No. 8, Kennebec Heights in Sec. 12, Blk 33, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 3, 2016

Grantor: Tim and Terri Blackshear

Grantee: Kelly and Jennifer Chesworth
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 3, Worth Peeler Subdivision, Sec. 4, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 9, 2016

Grantor: Tim and Terri Blackshear

Grantee: Kelly and Jennifer Chesworth
Property: A 0.53-acre tract in Sec. 4, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 9, 2016

Grantor: David A. Wesseloh

Grantee: Vimal K. Patel
Property: Lots 13 to 16, Blk. 15, Old Town of Coahoma
Date: June 9, 2016

Grantor: Oscar R. Da-

vila
Grantee: Irene J. Hinojosa and Angelica A. Carlos
Property: Lot 8., Blk. 3, Piner Heights Addition
Date: June 7, 2016

Grantor: Tam H. Le

Grantee: Linh My Tran
Property: Lot 11, Blk. 1, Monticello Addition
Date: May 16, 2016

Grantor: Eric J. Pride and Lauren Pride

Grantee: Bryce and Courtney Samsel
Property: Lot 4, Allen Subdivision in NE/4 Sec. 47, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 3, 2016

Grantor: Maria Melendez

Grantee: Servando Gutierrez
Property: S/50 feet of Lots 1 and 2, Blk. 13, Jones Valley Addition
Date: May 16, 2016

Grantor: Gary and Janet Reed

Grantee: Caleb and Selena Karns
Property: Lots 1, 2, and

3, Balch Subdivision No. 7, S/2 Sec. 32, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.

Date: June 4, 2016

Grantor: Ronny and Dee Babcock

Grantee: John and Clarissa Womack
Property: Lot 17, Blk. 6, Replat of Highland South No. 3 Addition

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Roberto A. Venzor

Grantee: Garrido Cruz
Property: Lot 29, Blk. 4, Central Park Addition

Grantor: Tim Walsh and Kym Walsh

Grantee: Reyna Valenzuela
Property: Lot 23, Blk. 4, Douglass Addition

Grantor: Paul A. and Angela L. Platt

Grantee: Sylvester O. Marenya
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 10, Parkhill Addition
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Jenifer Sorley, Assistant Supervisor A-185, Section 33, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
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Total Depth: 9500 feet
380' FEL, 1011' FSL of 565.71-acre lease
380' FEL, 2340' FSL of the survey

Adventure Operating Company, LLC #1A SF "9", drill, El: NA
P.O. Box 11354 Garden City, NW (Strawn) Field
Midland, TX 79702-0000 12.80 miles southwest of Garden City
Ann Ritchie, Agent Section 9, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey
(432) 684-6381 Total Depth: 12,000 feet
660' FWL, 880' FSL of 160-acre lease
660' FWL, 880' FSL of the survey

Howard County

Surge Operating, LLC #8AH FGR "27", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38786
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
Suite 300 4.25 miles southeast of Knott
Houston, TX 77064-0000 A-331, Section 27, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Connie Swan, Agent Total Depth: 9500 feet
(918) 621-6533 300' FSL, 600' FEL of 320-acre lease
300' FSL, 600' FEL of the survey

Sharp Image Energy, Inc. #2 Primero "42-A", re-completion, API #42-227-36225
P.O. Box 1888 Big Spring (Strawn) Field, El: NA
Big Spring, TX 79721-0000 6 miles northeast of Big Spring
Ryan Bergeron, Consultant A-1306, Section 42, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
(512) 478-3456 Total Depth: 10,000 feet
658' FWL, 653' FNL of 41.5-acre lease
1976' FWL, 1980' FNL of the survey
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Oxy USA, Inc. #1502WA Robb Walter Unit, drill horizontal, El: NA
P.O. Box 4294 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38631
Houston, TX 77024-0000 4.60 miles southwest of Big Spring
Amanda Maxian, Reg. Coordinator A-365, Section 15, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(713) 840-3036 Total Depth: 12,500 feet
821' FSL, 2200' FWL of 1,287.61-acre lease
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Surge Operating, LLC #4AH Shroyer-Wilson Unit "A 23-14", drill horizontal,
El: NA
7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38787
Suite 300 4.50 miles northeast of Knott
Houston, TX 77064-0000 A-1106, Section 14, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Connie Swan, Agent Total Depth: 9500 feet
(918) 621-6533 350' FNL, 330' FEL of 475.86-acre lease
350' FNL, 2403' FWL of the survey

Haimo Oil & Gas, LLC #5 Powell "48", drill, El: NA, API #42-227-38782
2901 Wilcrest Drive, Suite 285 Hill Ranch (Fusselman) Field
Houston, TX 77042-0000 7.50 miles northeast of Forsan
Ron Yang, Principal Geologist A-1166, Section 48, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
(832) 858-8176 Total Depth: 10,000 feet
1423' FNL, 496' FWL of 642.5-acre lease
1423' FNL, 496' FWL of the survey

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financially sustainable. That was based on a third-party analysis that found that shutting the plant would save the district \$735 million to \$994 million over the next 20 years. Utility officials estimated last year that the plant was costing about \$250 million a year to operate.

The power district has amassed about \$388 million for the decommissioning effort.

The vote drew condemnation from the Nuclear Energy Institute, an industry lobbying group in Washington, D.C.

"Fort Calhoun's closing will take about one-quarter of the state's clean electricity off the grid," group president and CEO Marvin Fertel said in a written statement. "It will no longer prevent the emission of 3.4 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of putting 800,000 cars back on Nebraska's roads."

Once closed, a nuclear plant must undergo a decommissioning process to remove or decontaminate materials and equipment that have been exposed to radioactivity. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission requires decommissioning to be completed within 60 years of a plant's closing.

Cleaning up the site after its closure is estimated to cost \$1.2 billion, the utility said.

Federal Reserve of Dallas sees hope for oil price recovery

By Collin Eaton

Houston Chronicle, writer

The oil crash has forced energy companies to delay \$1 trillion in new projects through the end of the decade and slash nearly 150,000 U.S. jobs, but the cycle of layoffs that has left thousands of Texans out of work could end soon, according to an analysis by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

If crude prices hold near \$50 a barrel, it could take just three to four months for the job losses in the industry to reach bottom after two years of painful reductions, said Michael Plante, senior research economist at the Dallas Fed. That would mark a dramatic turn for an industry that just a few months ago was reeling from massive layoffs by companies such as BP, Chevron and Royal Dutch Shell, as well as independent drillers taking scores of drilling rigs out of operation.

The forecast is based on an analysis of employment trends, rig counts and oil prices.

"It's not exactly like we're going to see a resurgence of hiring in the oil sector," Plante said, "but if employment stabilizes, it would certainly be the most optimistic thing we've seen in this sector for quite some time."

Oil last week climbed above \$50 a barrel for the

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Two giant sinkholes in West Texas expanding

By Tom Uhler

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, writer

A couple of giant sinkholes in the West Texas oil patch are apparently expanding, and might eventually converge into one gigantic hole.

The sinkholes are about a mile apart and sit between Wink and Kermit off I-20 west of Midland-Odessa. They were caused by lots of oil and gas extraction, which peaked from the mid-1920s to the mid-1960s, according to researchers at Southern Methodist University.

Satellite radar images indicate that the giant sinkholes are expanding and that new ones are forming "at an alarming rate" as nearby subsidence occurs, they report in the scientific journal Remote Sensing. One is 361 feet across, about the size of a football field; the other is larger, 670 to 900 feet across.

"A collapse could be catastrophic," said geophysicist Jin-Woo Kim, who leads the SMU geophysical team reporting the findings.

In addition to Wink and Kermit

(combined pop. about 7,000), there's lots of oil and gas production equipment and installations and hazardous liquid pipelines in the area, Kim said in the report. The fresh water injected underground in the extraction process "can dissolve the interbedded salt layers and accelerate the sinkhole collapse."

There's something not too dissimilar happening in Daisetta, east of Houston.

Officials have fenced off the area around the sinkholes between Wink and Kermit and they'll be monitored, but residents don't appear to be worried about them.

"They're a ways off from the highway; if nobody mentions it, then nobody is interested in it," Kermit City Manager Gloria Saenz told the New York Daily News.

A preacher of the Apocalypse from Indiana had a decidedly different take, exclaiming on YouTube: "Here's my concern. It's like hell is being enlarged, and that without measure."

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News in brief

Texas unemployment rate for May holds steady at 4.4 percent

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas' statewide unemployment rate held steady in May at 4.4 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported Friday.

The jobless average last month remained the same as the April figure. Nationwide unemployment for May was 4.7 percent, according to a TWC statement.

Amarillo had the lowest jobless rate in Texas last month at 2.8 percent. The Austin-Round Rock area had a 2.9 percent unemployment rate for May, the TWC said. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area had the highest statewide unemployment rate at 7.0 percent, commission officials said.

Texas has added an estimated 171,800 seasonally adjusted jobs over the past year, including 200 non-farm positions added in May. The state has added jobs in 13 of the last 14 months, the Texas Workforce Commission reported.

Employment rose in the financial activities industry by 4,800 jobs in May. Education and health services added 3,700 positions, according to the state agency.

DiCaprio deposition ordered in 'Wolf of Wall Street' lawsuit

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — A federal judge says actor Leonardo DiCaprio can be questioned for litigation stemming from "The Wolf of Wall Street."

U.S. Magistrate Judge Steven Locke, in Central Islip (EYE'-slihp), New York, issued the ruling Thursday in a lawsuit brought by Andrew Greene against Paramount Pictures Corp. and others in 2014.

Greene contends that the portrayal of a character who engaged in illegal and morally questionable acts in the 2013 film defames him. He is seeking over \$50 million. Paramount says the character is a fictional composite.

Lawyers for the 41-year-old DiCaprio opposed the deposition request, saying DiCaprio did not write the screenplay or direct the film. In the movie, DiCaprio portrayed Jordan Belfort, a notorious stock swindler who cost investors millions of dollars in the 1990s.

US probes complaints of steering trouble on Toyota SUVs

DETROIT (AP) — U.S. safety regulators are investigating complaints that the wheels on some older Toyota SUVs can unexpectedly pull to the right.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says it has received 135 complaints about the problem in Toyota Sequoia models from the 2001 and 2002 model years.

About half the complaints were blamed on a faulty sensor in the electronic stability control system.

About 60 percent complained of pulling at highway speeds, with many reporting a jerk to the steering wheel.

The safety agency says it will check how often the problem occurs and what the consequences are. A recall is possible but none has been issued yet.

US home construction down slightly in May

WASHINGTON (AP) — Construction of new homes nudged down slightly in May, with builders pulling back in the Northeast and Midwest.

Housing starts ticked down 0.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.16 million units, the Commerce Department said Friday. The government's residential construction report can be volatile on a monthly basis, which might explain the slight decrease.

Home construction has improved much of this year, with single-family houses accounting for much of the gains unlike recent years when developers focused more on apartments. Housing starts have climbed 10.2 percent compared to the first five months of 2015, a sign that healthy demand exists because of ultra-low mortgage rates and a relatively healthy job market with unemployment at 4.7 percent.

Single-family house starts have climbed 14.5 percent this year, evidence that builders are actively seeking homeowners rather than renters.

"Single family builders are slowly, but surely, gaining ground on what has been a strong four years for multifamily construction," said Ralph McLaughlin, chief economist at the online real estate firm Trulia.

Analysts at Bank of America Merrill Lynch expect that single-family construction will total 800,000 this year. That would mark solid growth, yet remain significantly below the 1960 to 2000 average of 1.04 million in a sign of how sluggish the recovery from the housing bust and recession has been.

Ford cuts week off SUV plant shutdown to handle sales rise

DEARBORN, Michigan (AP) — Ford is knocking a week off the traditional two-week summer shutdown at three SUV plants to handle increased demand.

The company says it will use the extra week of production to make another 22,000 SUVs at factories in Louisville, Kentucky; Oakville, Ontario, and Chicago.

The factories make the Ford Escape, Edge, Flex and Explorer sport utility vehicles and Lincoln counterparts.

Sales of the four Ford SUVs are up 8.5 percent through May to just over 305,000.

Ford's pickup truck plant in Louisville also will

shut down for only a week as it switches to a new Super Duty F-Series truck. The rest of the company's North American plants will close for maintenance and machine retooling for two weeks in July. Closing dates will vary.

Philadelphia is 1st major American city with soda tax

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia became the first major American city with a soda tax on Thursday despite a multimillion-dollar campaign by the beverage industry to block it.

The City Council gave final approval to a 1.5 cent-per-ounce tax on sugary and diet beverages. The tax is set to take effect Jan. 1.

Only Berkeley, California, has a similar law. Soda tax proposals have failed in more than 30 cities and states in recent years, including twice in Philadelphia. Such plans are typically criticized as disproportionately affecting the poor, who are more likely to consume sugary drinks.

Democratic Mayor Jim Kenney sold the council on the idea with a plan to spend most of the estimated \$90 million in new tax revenue next year to pay for prekindergarten, community schools and recreation centers.

"Thanks to the tireless advocacy of educators, parents, rec center volunteers and so many others, Philadelphia made a historic investment in our neighborhoods and in our education system today," he said.

The tax, which passed 13-4, was a hard-fought win for the city. The soda industry spent millions of dollars in advertising against it, arguing it will be costly to consumers. The plan also attracted national attention and dollars, with former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Texas billionaires John and Laura Arnold, advocates for less consumption of sugary drinks, funding ads in support.

The American Beverage Association called the soda tax "discriminatory and highly unpopular."

Union authorizes July strike against 5 Atlantic City casinos

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Atlantic City's casino workers say they'll go on strike against five of the city's eight casinos on July 1 if a contract isn't reached by then.

Members of Local 54 of the Unite-HERE union voted Thursday to authorize a strike against Bally's, Caesars, Harrah's and the Tropicana. The union had already authorized a strike against the Trump Taj Mahal.

A spokesman said Thursday several thousand workers cast ballots, which were 96 percent in favor of a strike.

The remaining three casinos— Borgata, Golden Nugget and Resorts — have been given an indefinite extension by the union.

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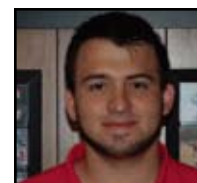
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SWR 36 (H2S)

#4AH Hots Unit "34", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38788
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
3.15 miles southwest of Vealmoor
A-1235, Section 34, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
300' FSL, 338' FEL of 257.82-acre lease
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2 Houston Center, Suite 1350
909 Fannin Street
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Leah Moon Becton, Operations Tech
(832) 701-1776, Ext. 125

#1LS Tackleberry "43-42 A", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38789
9.70 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-1570, Section 6, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8000 feet
850' FNL, 707' FWL of 480-acre lease
850' FNL, 707' FWL of the survey

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Purvis Operating Co.
P.O. Box 51990
Midland, TX 79710-1990
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#5 Whiteface "36", drill, El: NA, API #42-335-35946
Purvis Ranch (Wolfcamp) Field
9.60 miles southeast of Iatan
A-1559, Section 36, Block 19, LN Co. survey
Total Depth: 5800 feet
1500' FSL, 2116' FEL of 602-acre lease
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#1 Crockett, drill, El: NA
High Plains (Ellenburger) Field
7.70 miles southwest of Colorado City
A-1279, Section 82, Block 27, T&P RR Co. survey
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A-418, Section 31, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
2019' FNL, 1723' FEL of the survey
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first time in nearly a year but has declined in each of the last five trading session. It settled at \$48.01 in New York on Wednesday, down 48 cents.

The Dallas Fed estimates that the industry downturn that began nearly two years ago has cost the United States 134,900 oil and gas jobs through April, and likely thousands more in May and June.

Texas absorbed about 70 percent of those job cuts.

The collapse of crude prices from more than \$100 a barrel in June 2014 to about \$26 a barrel in February also has forced the industry to retreat from \$1 trillion in planned projects and leave about 7 billion barrels of crude in the earth, research firm Wood Mackenzie estimated in a new report Wednesday.

Earlier this year, for example, Chevron canceled its deep-water Buckskin-Moccasin project in the Gulf of Mexico and Shell withdrew from its Carmen Creek oil sands project in Canada, both multibillion-dollar ventures thwarted by falling energy prices.

In the United States, drillers have idled more than 1,500 rigs in the Eagle Ford Shale and Permian Basin in Texas, and North Dakota's Bakken Shale, among other shale regions.

The once-booming oil fields account for 70 percent of production expected to be cut, ultimately curbing global output 3 percent this year and 4 percent next year, Wood MacKenzie said.

But there are signs of a nascent recovery.

Over the past two weeks, U.S. drillers have brought a dozen rigs back into production.

"As long as prices don't go back below \$40 a barrel, you'll probably see growing investment in the United States going forward," said R.T. Dukes, an analyst at Wood Mackenzie. "Companies have stripped down to bare bones. Increasing activity again starts with spending more money and adding back more jobs."

Still, analysts at some major banks, including Goldman Sachs and Barclays, see the recent rebound in oil prices as fragile.

Crude production in Canada and Nigeria has fallen off amid sharp disruptions from wildfires and militant attacks, respectively.

But beyond the supply disruptions, which have played a big role in pushing crude prices to \$50 a barrel, the market still hasn't worked off much of its surplus, Goldman Sachs said in a report Wednesday.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is putting out more oil than expected and climbing energy prices could spur producers in the United States and other countries to pump more oil, bringing new pressures on prices.

Seasonal trends heat up natural gas prices

By **Mella McEwen**

Midland Reporter Telegram

Each click of the air conditioner is adding to the price of natural gas these days.

After falling below \$1.70 per Mcf earlier this year, prices have rebounded to the \$2.50 range.

"The sentiment is, this summer is going to be a hot one," said Michael Banschbach, an oil, gas and power marketing consultant in Midland.

"As the heat increases, air conditioning runs will increase, electricity

demand will increase and demand for natural gas will increase," he said.

But if it doesn't get as hot as expected, prices could well retreat, Banschbach said.

Also threatening gas prices is the amount of fuel in storage, he said. There is an estimated at 3,000 billion cubic feet in storage, up about 20 percent from the typical 2,400 Bcf in storage this time of year, as seen in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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Advertisement for Sealed Offers

RFO# 16-007 SURPLUS MOBILE HOMES

The Howard County Junior College District is accepting sealed offers for five surplus mobile homes.

Documents may be obtained from Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 264-5175. Responses will be accepted through 2:00 PM, Tuesday, July 12, 2016, in Old Main South Annex, Room 131, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record.

All questions should be directed to Steven A. Smith, Chief Business Officer, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432) 264-5175. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all responses.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is @7am June 30, 2016 at 1409 N. FM 700, Big Spring, TX. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Cleanup and removal deposit will be required. Seller reserves right to withdraw property from sale. Property includes contents of space of following tenant: Alicia Morales, household items, tools, large outside Christmas ornaments, 5.5 x 2 3/8 TAC. Contact Kathy Sheppard, 432-816-9416 or BK Self Storage, 432-267-1810. 1409 N. FM 700, Big Spring, Tx 79720.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker More than just a guess North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ Q J 9, ♥ 5, ♦ 9 7 3 2, ♣ K 8 6 4 3. WEST: ♠ A 6 5, ♥ 9 8 2, ♦ A Q J 4, ♣ Q J 10. EAST: ♠ K 10 8 7, ♥ 7 4, ♦ K 10 6 5, ♣ 9 5 2. SOUTH: ♠ 4 3 2, ♥ A K Q J 10 6 3, ♦ 8, ♣ A 7. The bidding: North Pass, East Pass, South 4♥, West Pass. Opening lead — queen of clubs. Consider this deal where South is in four hearts and must make a critical guess to make his contract. Let's say he wins the club lead with the ace, plays the A-K-Q of trumps, discarding two diamonds from dummy, leads a club to the king and ruffs a club. Declarer now plays a spade to dummy's jack. East takes the king and returns a diamond. West wins with the jack and continues with the ace. South ruffs and leads another spade. When West follows low, the declarer must guess whether to play the queen or the nine from dummy. If he thinks West has the ten, South should play the nine; if he thinks West has the ace, South should play the queen. Many players may think that the card declarer should play from dummy in this situation is an out-and-out guess. This is not correct, however. Without going into the mathematical details of why the right play is the queen, the fact is that in those cases where declarer's play matters — and assuming there are no clues to indicate otherwise — the queen play will be successful approximately twice as often as the nine play. These odds presuppose that West, who knows from the earlier plays that declarer started with three spades, is a first-rate defender who would not go up with the ace if he originally held A-x-x, A-x-x-x or A-x-x-x-x of spades. He would follow low to give declarer a chance to go wrong. He would also follow low each time if his spades were headed by the king instead of the ace. The only pertinent cases are therefore those where East holds the ace and ten, the king and ten or the ace and king of spades. The first two cases therefore occur twice as often as the last case, and that is why the odds are 2-to-1 in favor of playing the queen on the second round of the suit. Tomorrow: Famous Hand. ©2016 King Features Syndicate Inc.

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OIL

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Yates 1900' Daily Potential: 694 Bbbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 658 BWPD
 Seven Rivers 2020' Pumping. GOR: 992
 San Andres 4000' Spud: 4-14-15. Completed: 7-25-15. Pay: NA
 Glorieta 4460' 8-5/8" @ 7122 feet w/ 930 sx.
 Clear Fork 5000' 5-1/2" @ 16,019 feet w/ 700 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7053 feet
 Spraberry 6300' Perfs: 8005-15,808
 Dean 7637' 8005-15,808: Frac w/ 2,725 Bbbls 15% HCl
 Wolfcamp 7668'

Encana Oil & Gas, Inc. #3401C West "34", API #42-227-38636
 370 17th Street, Suite 1700 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2545' GR
 Denver, CO 80202-0000 3.70 miles northeast of Big Spring
 (720) 876-5176 A-1148, Section 34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
 550' FNL, 2050' FWL of the survey
 Latitude 032.29535, Longitude -101.44033
 Total Depth: 9453 feet. PBT: 9451 feet.
 Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)
 Contractor not listed Daily Potential: 23 Bbbls 41.0 gravity oil w/ 199 BWPD
 Pumping. GOR: tstm
 Spud: 11-13-15. Completed: 4-02-16. Pay: NA
 Yates 1516' 5-1/2" @ 9453 feet w/ 786 sx.; MS tool @ 3838 feet w/ 299 sx.
 San Andres 3135' 2-7/8" @ 7390 feet
 Clear Fork 3911' Perfs: 6866-9410
 Spraberry 5882'
 Leonard 6930'
 Dean 7034'
 Wolfcamp 7109'
 Canyon 8867'
 Strawn 9042'
 Atoka 9180'
 Mississippian-Fusselman 9425'

Harmonia Petroleum Corporation #1 Shafer "12", API #42-227-38511
 1 Sugar Creek Center Blvd., Suite 1010 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2375' GR
 Sugar Land, TX 77478-0000 15 miles northeast of Big Spring
 (432) 684-6000 A-1091, Section 12, Block 25, H&TC RR Co. survey
 660' FSL, 660' FEL of the survey
 Latitude 032.4839333, Longitude -101.2454472
 Total Depth: 7777 feet. PBT: NA.
 Logs: Induction/Neutron/Density
 Contractor not listed Daily Potential: 63 Bbbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 256 BWPD
 Pumping. GOR: 634
 Spud: 4-21-15. Completed: 4-22-16. Pay: NA
 Clear Fork 3458' 8-5/8" @ 3200 feet w/ 650 sx.; 5-1/2" @ 7734 feet w/ 810 sx.
 Spraberry 5191' 2-7/8" @ 5000 feet
 Dean 5836' Perfs: 5004-5007, 5137-5140, 5680-5682, 5756-5759,
 Wolfcamp 6006' 6048-6052, 6141-6145, 6350-6353, 6409-6412, 6532-6535,
 Pennsylvanian 6665' 7379-7382, 7442-7445
 Canyon 7572' 7379-7594: Frac w/ 2,000g 15% HCl, 8,494# 100 mesh sand,
 Strawn 7810' and 1,011 Bbbls 2!# X-linked gel
 Mississippian-Fusselman 8244' 6350-6535: Frac w/ 3,000g 15% HCl, 99,929# 20/40 sand and
 3,094 Bbbls 21# X-linked gel
 6048-6145: Frac w/ 3,000g 15% HCl, 169,990# 20/40 sand and
 4,358 Bbbls 21# X-linked gel
 5680-5759: Frac w/ 2,000g 15% HCl, 42,254# 20/40 sand and
 2,227 Bbbls 21# X-linked gel
 5004-5140: Frac w/ 2,500g 15% HCl, 267,075# 20/40 sand and
 3,780 Bbbls 21# X-linked gel

Encana Oil & Gas, Inc. #2902G Etheridge "29", API #42-227-38632
 370 17th Street, Suite 1700 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2565' GR
 Denver, CO 80202-0000 3.40 miles northeast of Big Spring
 (720) 876-5176 A-142, Section 29, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey

TRENDS

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The Energy Information Administration reported earlier this month that U.S. production hit a record high 79 billion cubic feet per day in 2015, up 5 percent from 2014 levels. The agency said five states -- Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Oklahoma, and North Dakota -- were responsible for most of this growth, offsetting declines in much of the rest of the United States.

"A hot summer could deplete that storage in a hurry," Banschbach said. "Several months of hot weather and storage could fall below levels seen the last few years, stabilizing prices."

Just as a hot summer could deplete natural gas supplies, a rebounding oil market could restore supplies, he said. Higher oil prices could prompt producers to complete a number of the thousands of oil wells that have drilled but not completed amid low prices, bringing to market the natural gas that is produced alongside the crude.

"People look at the storage numbers every week," he said. "It's a big driver of futures prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Traders pay a lot of attention to drawdowns and additions."

He said the price of natural gas hasn't increased enough to prompt producers to implement more active drilling programs. In oil basins such as the Permian, natural gas is typically 25 percent of a producer's revenue stream, while oil comprises the remaining 75 percent. Oil prices still drive whether or not a new-drilled well is completed, he said. "Add another \$1 (to gas prices) and it would be a different story," he said.

Still, Banschbach has a bullish outlook for the fuel. He noted that the 18-month futures strip averages about \$3 per natural gas, something that hasn't been seen in quite some time.

Prices could be supported by new demand, or demand shifting from coal, for natural gas to fuel electric-generating plants, especially amid growing concern about fossil fuel impact on the environment.

"Even though it's not the chosen child of the green movement, natural gas is better than coal," he said.

There are also efforts to increase the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel, with compressed natural-gas fueling stations cropping up across the country, including in Midland.

Using more natural gas in transportation won't be rapid or soak up the huge overhang of natural gas "but it will be a component of demand," Banschbach said.

The EIA forecasts domestic consumption of natural gas will rise from 28 trillion cubic feet in 2015 to 34 Tcf in 2040, increasing an average 1 percent annually. Demand from the industrial and electric power sectors will comprise 49 percent and 34 percent of this growth, respectively. Demand from the residential commercial and transportation sectors will be far lower.



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Solstice Countdown

It's the last day of the Gemini sun in 2016. Did you say what you wanted to play? Did the mischievous energy of good twin/evil twin inspire you to delve in two sides of a problem? It's not too late to have some fun with the duality of life. If you've been very, very good, play devil's advocate today and see what happens.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Who has the biggest piece of pie? Children (and the childish) know the answer, especially the siblings of the biggest piece eater. Adults and the adult-ish make it a point not to notice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While lives are filled with joy, heartbreak and comedy, today seems merely filled with different degrees of air and weather. The uneventfulness of the morning will be the perfect offset to a very eventful evening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). No one is in perfect

social form all of the time, but if someone could fill those shoes, it would be you. In your gracious position, you'll throw some class and compassion in the direction of one who is a little rough and in need.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The children make it worth it. That's the message that comes with your sign, which rules parentage, domesticity, stability and habits that make us feel at home. You'll witness the wisdom of children today and feel the profundity of that.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Bad people do good things and good people do bad things, and you never quite know who you're dealing with until you know the full scope of things. It's why you want to get the whole story today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you're wondering whether you won or lost, the answer is both. With that brilliant imagination of yours, you can spin it in any direction. What is your sincere desire?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Yours is the best idea of the group, though unless the group also feels a part of its germination,

they won't adopt it. In short, make it seem like their idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have been known to confess your small foibles and it's a far better idea than trying to hide them. Beware though of the person who confesses small flaws just so people will believe that he or she hasn't any big ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Empty what's full -- the trash, the inbox, the overstuffed bag, a stressed mind -- take it out, and let it go. Make room for something better and something better will come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you're going to be a performer (and everyone is to some extent) expect a few flops. They are part of the deal. There is learning in both the flops and the hit runs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Are you able to do what you want, relax and be who you want to be for long stretches of time? This is what's going to keep you balanced. Make room for you being you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your natural talents are with you

now, have always been with you and will always be with you for as long as you are. The day's agenda is easy enough: find them, tap them and be happy.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 19). You don't need anyone to tell you what to do and what not to do -- you've a good instinct on your own. But when that special coach walks into your life this year, you'll be in a place to accept the guidance and soar with it. Next month shows a real estate investment. September brings a zesty feeling of new love. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 29, 22, 43 and 17.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The sun gods have been worshiped throughout human history in almost every part of the world. Egyptian Isis has a solar disc in her crown. Nyambi, an African sky god, lives inside of the sun. Ra rides the sun around in a boat, while a Nordic god pulls the sun in a horse-drawn chariot.

One doesn't have to

ascibe to any of these religions to appreciate that the sun deserves a proper nod now and again. It is, after all, the life force of our little part of the sky. Solstice enthusiasts will gather at sites such as the Native-American Sun Dagger site in New Mexico, Stonehenge in Britain and the more modern Carhenge in Nebraska (which is quite like Stonehenge, but not as old, and made out of cars) to celebrate the Sun's entrance into Cancer. However, travel isn't necessary to give sun salutations on the longest day of the year. It will bring tremendous good fortune to celebrate the sun with a ritual that's personal and specific to you. Even though

it seems like summer already, what happens post-solstice will get to the heart of what this summer is about.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Chart-topper Macklemore is among several Gemini rappers. The bright energy and rapid-fire wit of the twins is expressed eloquently in his poetic pop music. Macklemore's latest collaboration with Ryan Lewis, "This Unruly Mess I've Made," capitalizes on Gemini's social leanings to communicate the message with friends, including Ed Sheeran and Chance the Rapper.

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Readers: Happy Father's Day to all of the men in our reading audience who have had the pleasures and responsibilities of raising children. Studies have shown that fathers also are tremendously important to a child's emotional, academic and moral development. Children who maintain close relationships with loving fathers do better in school and are more likely to stay off drugs. And you don't have to be a biological father. You can be a stepfather, grandfather and anyone who is a father figure for a child who needs him. Having a caring father is one of life's great joys. Please call yours today to say you are thinking of him.

Here's one of our favorite poems for fathers. We don't have an author, but we know the piece appeared in the Danbury, Connecticut, NewsTimes many years ago. Here it is:
"Father"
4 years old: My daddy can do anything.
7 years old: My dad knows a lot, a whole lot.
8 years old: My father doesn't know quite everything.
12 years old: Oh, well, naturally, Father doesn't know that, either.

14 years old: Father? Hopelessly old-fashioned.
21 years old: Oh, that man is out-of-date. What did you expect?
25 years old: He knows a little bit about it, but not much.
30 years old: Maybe we ought to find out what Dad thinks.
35 years old: A little patience. Let's get Dad's assessment before we do anything.
50 years old: I wonder what Dad would have thought about that. He was pretty smart.
60 years old: My dad knew absolutely everything!
65 years old: I'd give anything if Dad were here so I could talk this over with him. I really miss that man.

Dear Annie: My ex-husband and I split when our youngest child was 7. He left me to raise six children by myself. He did not have much of a relationship with the kids. He did not acknowledge their accomplishments or even tell them that he loved them. They had to stay in their bedrooms when he was around. After our divorce, I always urged the kids to call him on Father's Day and on his birthday, even though he never called or sent a card for them.

He never acknowledged Christmas. He never came over to spend time with them. But I knew my children were hurting and that they needed their father. I never disparaged him to them. I encouraged them to have whatever relationship was possible. Today, my children are close to their father, and I am glad that they are letting go of some of the anger. I have never felt threatened by him being in their lives. If you love your children with all your heart, you will always want what is best for them. -- Raised Six Caring People
Dear Raised: Thank you for being such a wonderful mother that you recognize how important a father can be to his children.

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Newsday Crossword

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1 Dish akin to jambalaya
7 Kosovar, formerly
15 Far from flush
16 Properly warned
17 Say plenty of nothing
18 Condensation product
19 Clinch, with "up"
20 Opposite of "pawns"
22 See 4 Down
23 Plagiarize
25 Steady beat
26 "The Impossible Dream" adverb
27 Uprightness
29 Spot for a family, quite possibly
30 Fox, in three films
31 Big name in "A Ghost Story of Christmas"
33 Easter precursor
34 Works on a clog or pump
35 Antedating
39 Keep away
40 Henry Ford's home
41 Name at the bottom of an Ali serigraph
44 Spousal ____
45 Song with the lyric "Don't you tell me you're full"
46 Gemini mission highlights
47 "Cedars of Lebanon" source
49 Cockpit dial
50 Dissenter's comment
51 Assenter's comment
53 Minimus, to podiatrists
54 Merry

- 8 Discord
9 Namia underling
10 Lame apology substitute
11 Holder of 11 WS wins
12 Hold back early in a race
13 Veritable
14 Where collection plates are kept
21 Repetitions, so to speak
24 Chimp cousins
26 Flipper, for instance
28 Electromagnet + armature
30 Op Art effect
32 School influenced by Taoism
33 UK target-shooting group
35 Artist Raphael, Titian or Rubens

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- 36 Make a switch with
37 Topper favored by Frederick the Great
38 Present for filming
40 Clothing, on sculptures
41 DVD datum
42 Morph slowly
43 DVD datum, perhaps
44 Beta carotene, to carotene
47 Audio-jack label
48 Former tenant of the MLB Network's home
51 "Common sense ____"
52 Hard to grasp, perhaps
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Great summer reads

By **STEVE BENNETT**

San Antonio Express-News

A summer book is traditionally a quick, mindless read, a book you wouldn't really mind being buried in the sand or left on the shelf at the lake cabin. Summer books can — and should — be so much more. Here's a look at some books that might keep you from dozing off as you're roasting by the pool. And while you're at it, you might just find a good read for dad as well.

The City of Mirrors

By Justin Cronin

Random House, \$28, out now

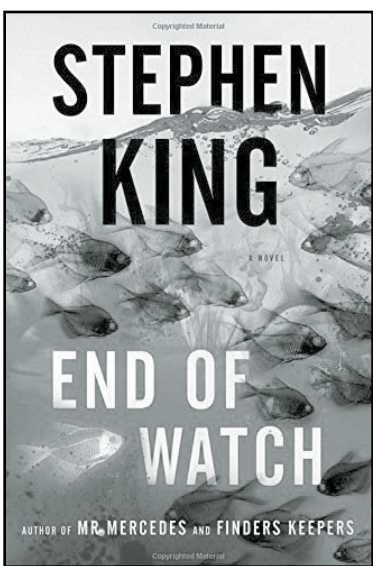
Houston writer Cronin's terrifying series about an apocalyptic world overrun by bloodthirsty "virals" comes to a close with the light-vs.-dark clash of *Zero*, the father of the ravenous zombie creatures, literally the root of all evil, and Amy, the girl who's lived 1,000 years — and is humanity's final hope.

End of Watch

By Stephen King

Scribner, \$30, out now

Where the first two books in King's latest trilogy — "Mr. Mercedes" and "Finders Keepers" — were fairly straightforward police procedurals about a crusty retired detective trying to catch a twisted young man who drove into a crowd at a job fair, the final chapter is more like the King we've come to expect. Ret-Det. Bill Hodges is back, but his nemesis, Brady Hartsfield, has developed some pretty effective new mental gifts, including the ability to move objects — and people — with his mind.



LaRose

By Louise Erdrich

Harper, \$27.99, out now

Erdrich, who previous novel "The Round House" won the National Book Award, returns with "LaRose," the complex story of two tribal families inextricably entwined by the murder of a 5-year-old boy. A North Dakota man hunting a buck he's been tracking all summer discovers he has instead shot and killed his neighbor's son. He finds an ancient solution in giving his own son, LaRose, to his neighbors. "Our son will be your son now," he tells them.

The Fireman

By Joe Hill

William Morrow, \$28.99, out now

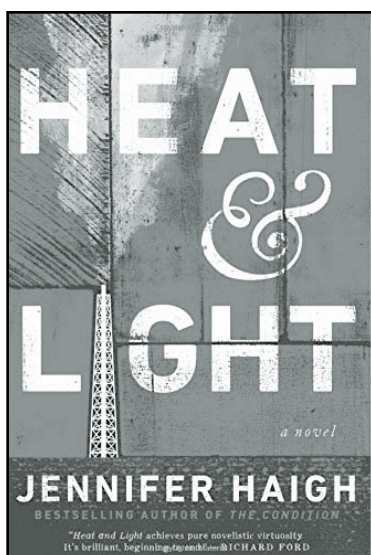
"Horns" author Hill is back with his most ambitious book yet, a 700-plus-page novel that has already hit number one on the bestseller lists. The son of Stephen King is back with a macabre tale of a plague that affects millions, literally like wildfire: Victims of the highly contagious Dragonscale spore spontaneously combust. Only a mysterious stranger known as the Fireman has figured out how to battle the plague.

Heat & Light

By Jennifer Haigh

Ecco, \$26.99, out now

The author of the best-selling "Baker Towers" returns to Bakerton, a played-out coal town that is sitting atop the Marcellus Shale, one of the country's largest deposits of natural gas. To drill or not to drill? Fracking, says Haigh, is just the "catalyst" for a story about human relationships "and how they change when money is involved."



The Second Life of Nick Mason

By Steve Hamilton

Putnam, \$26, out now

Two-time Edgar Award winner Hamilton introduces a new character who will likely carry the underrated author through many sequels. Nick Mason is a Chicago petty hood sent to prison for participating in a robbery in which a drug agent was killed. Five years into his sentence, he is miraculously released, the crime wiped from his record on a technicality. But there's a catch. A crime kingpin in prison wants Mason to be his avatar in the outside world, which means Nick has to get his head around murder.

Lawyer for the Cat

By Lee Robinson

Thomas Dunne, \$24.99, out now

Hill Country poet Robinson, a former attorney, did well last year with her first novel, "Lawyer for the Dog," about a couple in an acrimonious divorce fighting over custody of Sherman the schnauzer. Sounds silly, you say? Not in Robinson's hands. Now, equal time, she's back with the feline angle in "Lawyer for the Cat," about Beatrice, a black cat who is the disputed beneficiary of a million-dollar trust and a plantation.

Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution

By Nathaniel Philbrick

Viking, \$30, out now

If he were alive, George Washington himself couldn't get tickets to "Hamilton." Here's a cheaper alternative: Philbrick ("In the Heart of the Sea") offers a new look at the first American president and contrasts him with our most famous traitor.

Barkskins

By Annie Proulx

Scribner, \$32, out now

We'll be talking about Proulx's latest fictional work for a while — those of us who like our lit long, epic and historical. If you do, too, dive into this 700-plus-page behemoth about woodcutters in 17th-century Canada.

Pierced by the Sun

By Laura Esquivel

AmazonCrossing, \$14.95, July 1

The author of "Like Water for Chocolate" and "Malinche" returns with a novel about a woman who runs afoul of the corrupt Mexican government and seeks peace in discovering her culture's old ways.

Here Comes the Sun

By Nicole Dennis-Benn

Liveright, \$26.95, July 14

The sun and the seas of Jamaica are beautiful, but there's a dark side to paradise in Dennis-Benn's debut, about three women whose village is threatened by a hotel development.

How to Set a Fire and Why

By Jesse Ball

Pantheon, \$24.95, July 5

Ball's last novel, "A Cure for Suicide," made the National Book Award's long list for fiction in 2015. Now he's back with an intriguing story about a teenager who joins her new school's Secret Arson Club.

The Light of Paris

By Eleanor Brown

Putnam, \$26, July 12

So you can't afford tickets to Paris (although they're easier to come by than "Hamilton" tickets). Perhaps the follow-up to Brown's delightful dysfunctional-family comedy "The Weird Sisters" will cure your stay-at-home blues. It's about a frustrated wife who creates a special summer for herself in the City of Light.

White Bone

By Ridley Pearson

Putnam, \$27, July 19

The unlikely pair John Knox, an ex-military contractor, and accountant Grace Chu find themselves in deep trouble this time around in Kenya. In "White Bone," the new white-knuckle thriller from Pearson ("Peter and the Starcatcher"), Chu is abandoned in the bush with little chance of survival. She's tracked by Knox, who must face ivory poachers, Al-Shaabab militants, national rangers and morally questionable safari sahibs to save her.

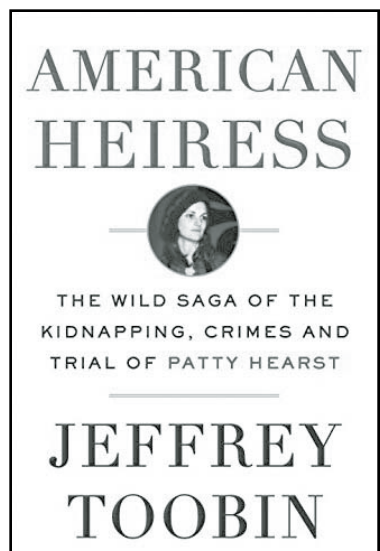
American Heiress: The Wild Saga of the Kidnapping, Crimes and Trial of Patty Hearst

By Jeffrey Toobin

Doubleday, \$28.95, Aug. 2

New Yorker staff writer Toobin, who wrote perhaps the smartest

book about the O.J. saga in "The Run of His Life," tackles the truly weird tale of "Tania" and the Hearst family's roller-coaster ride in trying to secure Patty Hearst's freedom. The book features a cast of characters ranging from Bill Walton to the Black Panthers, the largest police shootout in U.S. history and a theatrical trial that introduced us to the term "Stockholm syndrome."



First Comes Love

By Emily Giffin

Ballantine, \$28, July

Giffin is back with the touching story of two childhood friends who grow up to live very different lives as a first-grade teacher and a lawyer. They learn that the book title is more than just an old adage as the anniversary of an old tragedy looms.

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Firing up the grill is an American tradition. The farm families who produce the food so many people enjoy at backyard cookouts want to share some of their favorite grilling recipes, as well as an appreciation for how food gets from the farm to the table.

Farmers like Amanda Folkens, from Iowa, Danell Kalcevic, from Colorado, and Nicole Small, from Kansas, have joined with more than 70 other farmer volunteers across the country in the CommonGround program as a way to talk with home cooks about how food is grown and raised.

"On our farm, animal care is top priority, as it is for thousands of other family farms in the U.S." said Amanda. "By keeping our animals indoors, we make sure they are protected from predators, disease and bad weather."

To learn more about family farms and facts about your food, visit www.FindOurCommonGround.com.

Here are some of Amanda, Danell and Nicole's favorite grilling recipes.

Safe Minimum Internal Temperatures

145°F	Beef, pork, veal and lamb (roasts, steaks and chops)
160°F	Ground meat
165°F	Poultry (whole, parts or ground)

Things to Know Before You Shop the Meat Case

- There's no need to pay extra for poultry or pork that's labeled hormone-free. USDA prohibits farmers from using hormones to raise chicken and pigs.
- Nearly all beef cattle, whether raised organically or conventionally, spend the majority of their lives on pastures eating grass.
- Purchasing organic, grass-fed and free-range meats does not make them safer to consume. These labels refer to how the animals are raised, but all meat and poultry can contain bacteria that could cause illness.
- Most cases of foodborne illness can be prevented with proper processing, handling and cooking of food to destroy bacteria.



Grilled Hawaiian Ham Sandwich

By Amanda Folkens

Serves: 1

- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon seasoning pepper
- 1 to 2 1/4-inch thick ham slices (about the same thickness as the bread)
- Cooking spray
- Pineapple slices (can be fresh or canned)
- 2 slices sourdough bread

Preheat grill for high heat.

Mix brown sugar with pepper to create a rub mixture.

Using your hands, massage the rub onto both sides of the slices of ham. Ham slices should be completely covered (front and back) with brown sugar mix.

Place ham slices on sheet of lightly greased foil, then place onto grill.

On separate sheet of greased foil, lay pineapple slices out, uncovered.

Cook for 6 to 8 minutes or until brown caramelization appears around edges of ham and pineapple.

Remove ham and pineapple from heat and assemble onto toasted sourdough bread.

Beef Rack of Ribs

By Danell Kalcevic

Serves: 4 to 6

- Salt (to taste)
- 1 tablespoon black pepper (to taste)
- 1 tablespoon seasoned garlic salt (to taste)
- Cayenne pepper (optional)
- 1 to 2 racks of beef ribs (number of racks based on number of people)
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- One bottle of favorite barbecue sauce

The night before serving, prepare rub for beef ribs (salt, pepper, seasoned garlic salt and optional cayenne pepper). Sprinkle both sides of ribs and then rub vigorously. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

In the morning, place on medium temperature grill and spread yellow mustard and brown sugar on each side of the ribs. Grill for 5 to 8 minutes until each side is slightly browned and caramelized.

Remove ribs from grill and slice with sharp knife. Place individual ribs in a crock pot on low. Add one bottle of your favorite barbecue sauce. Let simmer 6 to 8 hours.

Country Barbecue Potatoes

By Nicole Small

Serves: 4 to 6

- 2 pounds small red potatoes
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 3 teaspoons seasoned salt
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 450°F.

Coat 9 x 13 baking pan with nonstick spray.

Cut potatoes into small to medium-sized pieces and put in pan.

Melt butter and honey, and then drizzle over potatoes. Sprinkle with seasoned salt, salt, garlic powder and pepper. Toss well to coat.

Bake, uncovered, for 25 to 30 minutes, or until potatoes are tender and golden brown. Stir potatoes at least once.

Pick your cherries and eat them too

(Family Features) Now that sweet cherry season is officially here, these summertime rubies are a must-have for any barbecue or party, whether they're baked in a pie, crushed into a cocktail or eaten as a fresh out-of-hand snack. But first things first, what should someone look for when searching for the perfect cherry?

The Perfect Cherries

Cherry enthusiasts should keep an eye out for firm, shiny and smooth skins. In general, the darker the cherry, the sweeter, and with most varieties darkness is a sign of ripeness. The stems should be green and flexible. Northwest cherries, in particular, are known for their extraordinarily sweet flavor, due to the area's excellent growing conditions. There are a wide variety of sweet cherries, ranging up to the extra-sweet, yellow-fleshed Rainier cherries. Though so similar they're often sold as their collective "dark sweet cherries," the most common varieties include Bing, Sweetheart, Chelan, Lapins, Tieton and Skeena.

Keeping Your Cherries Fresh

Fresh cherries should be kept in a tightly sealed bag or container and can keep for approximately two weeks in the fridge. While this cherry season will be short, you don't have to limit these tasty, healthy treats to just the summer. Buying an extra bag (or two, or three) to freeze allows you to have sweet cherries all year long.

To create festive cherry dishes for the summer season, try this Cherry Martini or Cherry Almond Pie and find more recipes and cherry tips at nwcherries.com.

Cherry Almond Pie

Servings: 8

- 1/2 cup sliced almonds, divided
- 1 pastry (9 inches), for double crust pie
- 1 egg, beaten
- 4 cups pitted Northwest fresh sweet cherries
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons red wine
- Red Wine Glaze
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup red wine

Heat oven to 375 F.

Finely chop 1/4 cup almonds.

Roll dough into circle approximately 16 inches in diameter and sprinkle chopped almonds over top; roll gently to embed nuts in dough.

Transfer dough to lightly greased baking sheet lined with parchment

paper, if desired. Brush with beaten egg.

Mix cherries, sugar, cornstarch, cinnamon, salt and wine. Spoon cherry mixture onto dough, leaving 4-inch border. Lift edges of dough over fruit, leaving 5-inch circle of cherries showing in center. Fold in edges of pastry to form circle.

Brush pastry with remaining egg

mixture; sprinkle with remaining almonds. Bake 30 minutes, or until pastry browns and filling bubbles.

Let stand 15 minutes before cutting. If desired, serve with Red Wine Glaze to drizzle over each serving.

To make Red Wine Glaze, mix together powdered sugar and red wine.



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