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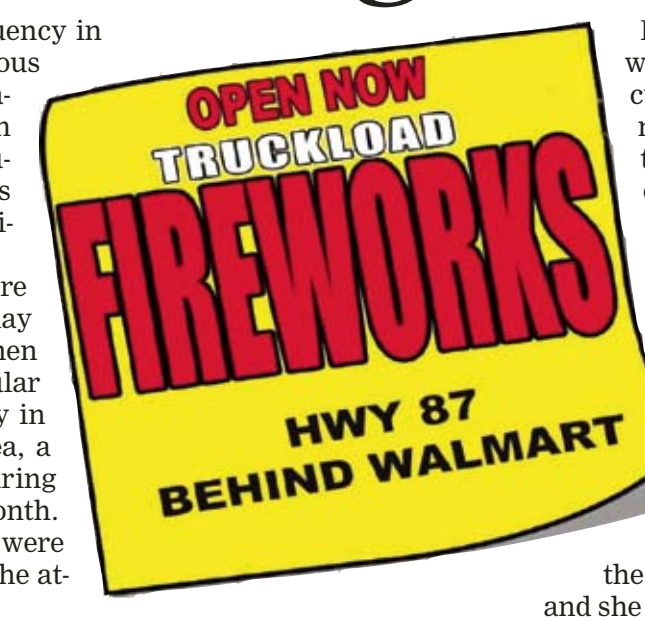


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20 killed in Bangladesh attack

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Bangladeshi forces stormed an upscale Dhaka restaurant to end a hostage-taking by heavily armed militants early Saturday, killing six of the attackers and rescuing 13 captives including foreigners. The military said 20 hostages were killed during the 10-hour standoff, and a survivor's father said the attackers spared people who could recite verses from the Quran.

The attack marks an escalation in militant violence that has hit the traditionally moderate Muslim-majority nation



with increasing frequency in recent months. Previous attacks involved machete-wielding men singling out individual activists, foreigners and religious minorities.

About 35 people were taken hostage Friday night when gunmen stormed the popular Holey Artisan Bakery in Dhaka's Gulshan area, a diplomatic zone, during the Ramadan holy month. Two police officers were killed at the start of the attack.

Paramilitary troops who mounted the rescue operations in the morning killed six attackers and recovered explosive devices and sharp weapons from the scene, Brig. Gen. Nayeem Ashfaq Chowdhury said. He did not identify the hostages.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina condemned the attack, which was claimed by the Islamic State group, and she said security officials arrested one of the militants.

"Because of the effort of the joint force, the terrorists could not flee," Hasina said in a nationally televised speech, vowing to fight militant attacks in the country and urged people to come forward.

"Anyone who believes in religion cannot do such act," Hasina said. "They do not have any religion, their only religion is terrorism."

Japan's government said a Japanese hostage was rescued with a gunshot wound

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Retiring Old Glory



Courtesy Photo

The Boy Scouts and the Big Spring Fire Department gave a helping hand to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) in replacing the hospital's tattered flag Friday afternoon. The Boy Scouts held a flag replacement ceremony, but the rope ended up breaking in the process. Fire fighters came out and replaced the rope so the new flag could be hoisted. SMMC will have a new flag flying over it this Fourth of July weekend, thanks to teamwork, said Amanda Duforat, hospital spokesperson.

Holiday closings

City, county, and federal offices will be closed on Monday in celebration of July 4th, Independence Day.

The city of Big Spring will close all offices Monday, including the landfill and sanitation. County employees will also have a three-day holiday as offices are closed on Monday also.

All city and county law enforcement, fire and EMS services will continue with normal operations. The city's Emergency Utilities Department will also continue and can be contacted at 264-2392.

The Russ McEwen Family Aquatic Center will be closed Sunday for the annual Pops in the Park celebration. However on Monday, July 4, the city will reopen the park from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Howard College administration office will be closed for the holiday.

New leaders at the SA



Courtesy Photo
 Lts. Rachel and Joshua McKain took over leadership of the Salvation Army last week.

Special to the Herald

The Salvation Army received new leadership this past week.

Corps Officers (church leaders), Lieutenants Joshua and Rachel McKain assumed their position on Monday.

Salvation Army Officers are periodically transferred to different locations, typically every three to four years. The McKains came to Big Spring from Houston, where for the last four years they were responsible for the programs and services of the Houston Temple Salvation Army Corp.

The couple first met while attending The Salvation Army training college in Atlanta, Ga., in 2010. Joshua is a first generation salvationist while Rachel is a fifth generation. She is the daughter of Salvation Army officers. Joshua and Rachel were commissioned and ordained in 2012 and were married shortly after, before taking up their first appointment in Houston.

They have three children; Tucker, who is three, Marlie, who is two, and Landyn, who is almost one.

"It has been exciting to meet the people of Big Spring and discover the opportunities for ministry here," said Josh.

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It's a parade



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Coahoma residents held their annual Freedom Parade Saturday morning. The parade kicks off a number of patriotic activities held in the Crossroads area this weekend. On Sunday, the Big Spring city-wide Pops in the Park will be held at the amphitheater. Parking for the event begins at 4 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Park. On Monday, the Highland 4th of July neighborhood parade will begin at 10 a.m. in the Highland neighborhood.

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Martinez ready to get started

Howard's new head baseball coach set to take reins from Smith

By DREW WILLIAMS
Sports Editor

The search for the new Howard College head baseball coach didn't take long, and a long-time Hawk will be taking over for Britt Smith.

"Was I hoping for it? Yes. But you never know until those papers are signed," Howard's new head baseball coach Rob Martinez said. "They know my work ethic, and they know how much I love this place. But you never know."

Martinez spent last year running the offense and as the recruiting coordinator. Smith said he had no doubt the best decision was to give his old job to Martinez.

"I can't speak for Dr. Sparks or anyone there, because they're the ones doing the hiring. But to me, he was always the best fit," Smith said. "He knows the school, he knows the people, he knows the campus. The people on campus love him, and Howard has been a part of his life."

Smith said the continuity factor and the ease of the transition period were big reasons why he felt Martinez was a good fit.

"I think the transition will be completely smooth. He's very organized, very detail-oriented, and very prepared for the job, and I know it means something to him. This is the only job he really ever wanted, so he's completely invested in it. So it'll be good for Howard College, it'll be good for Rob, and it'll be good for the community as well."

Martinez said the same, adding that because of the relationships he doesn't expect any of them to transfer out of the program.

"We've got a lot of the same beliefs, and I played for Smitty and I coached for him even before this year for three years. So obviously it's going to be an easier transition than going to a com-



Tony Claxton photo (www.claxtonphotography.com)

Coach Rob Martinez stands with Hawks catcher Robbie Lammons during a game against Vernon College earlier this year.

pletely new place where the players don't know you," Martinez said. "The good thing about it is that I recruited this whole class that's coming in. So I have a relationship with the kids, and I told them how it is, and they were all excited for me. I didn't lose any players to it. Even though my job was to sell Smitty like crazy, I built the relationship with them."

Another factor that will make the transition easier is that the Hawks had already made plans to bring in a new volunteer, who would act as a

third coach. Jon Coyne, a coach from Cisco College, was recruited to come to Howard before the news of Smith's resignation and is now in line for Martinez's old gig before even stepping on the field for Howard. Coyne will also take over Martinez's recruiting duties.

"We had brought him in and I told Smitty I wanted him with us," Martinez said. "So I recruited him here to come as a volunteer, and the next thing you know he just got a pay raise. But he's good, he recruited the

team that went to the World Series with Cisco this year. He's young, but he's done it for a while, and I think we both work just as hard, and he's just a good fit."

With the instant promotion for Coyne, Martinez will need to find a new volunteer, and he said he can't wait to get to work.

"It's kind of exciting, taking over a place that I love," Martinez said. "I've been around it for a while and been a part of this school for a while, so I'm definitely excited."

'Slow talker' David Pierce takes job at Texas baseball

By JIM VERTUNO
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — For over 100 years, Texas had just four head coaches lead one of the most successful college baseball programs in the country. The last two left a legacy of winning national titles and thousands of career victories.

Now the Longhorns turn the program over to David Pierce, a self-described "slow-talking Texan" who doesn't yet have 200 total wins in a career spent mostly as an assistant and just

five seasons as a head coach.

Texas introduced Pierce at a campus news conference on Thursday, a day after hiring him away from Tulane after just two seasons there. The former Texas high school coach and player called landing the Longhorns' job at age 53 "a special day, a special journey."

"I hope you can handle a slow-talking Texan, because that's what you got," Pierce said.

How fast he speaks will be of little importance to Texas fans so long as he quickly returns the

program to the College World Series.

Texas reassigned former coach Augie Garrido — the winningest coach in college baseball history — after 20 years and with a year still left on his contract because the Longhorns had missed the NCAA post-season three times in the last five years. Garrido liked to say "Omar is the standard" at Texas.

Pierce said he's ready to embrace that expectation, although he didn't make any immediate

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Associated Press/Eric Gay

New Texas baseball head coach David Pierce (left) talks with Longhorns men's basketball coach Shaka Smart following a news conference where Pierce was introduced on June 30, 2016, in Austin.



AP Photo/Brandon Dill

Forward Chandler Parsons (25) shoots against Memphis Grizzlies guard Vince Carter (15) during an NBA basketball game.

NBA players cash in big as free agency opens

Former Mav Parsons gets 4 years, \$94 million from Memphis

By BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

Mike Conley and All-Stars Andre Drummond and DeMar DeRozan are staying put. So are Hassan Whiteside and Nicolas Batum.

Dwight Howard, Joakim Noah and many more players are on the move — and some are getting paid like they never could have imagined.

Howard and Noah both returned to their hometowns Friday, with the Atlanta Hawks and

New York Knicks hoping the former Defensive Players of the Year have plenty left to offer.

Howard agreed to a three-year deal worth \$70.5 million with the Hawks, with the Knicks gave Noah \$72 million over four years.

Kent Bazemore also re-signed with the Hawks for \$70 million over four years, joining players such as Chandler Parsons, Evan Turner and Timofey Mozgov in cashing in during the first day of free agency — and really, of a

new era — in the NBA.

With revenues rising and the salary cap soaring right along with it, good players were being paid like All-Stars, while All-Stars were getting contracts that used to go only to superstars.

And former players couldn't help but be a little jealous.

"Um.....it might be time for a comeback.....#freeagency," former Miami forward Shane Battier wrote on Twitter.

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POPS IN THE PARK WEATHER REPORT

Sunny and hot
High temperature: 98 degrees
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Wind: 19 mph
Precipitation: Little to no chance of rain until after 11 p.m.



Clockwise from left: 2015 Pops attendees display their patriotism; Symphony director Keith Graumann addresses the crowd in 2015; 2015 fireworks; local Cub Scouts carry Old Glory in 2015; Jimmy and the Johnsons.

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer
"From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam..."

Monday is Independence Day, but Big Spring's traditional celebration comes the evening before America's birthday on July 3, with the annual Pops in the Park celebration and fireworks show. The annual show is a great time, but what can people do to keep things enjoyable and minimize frustrations? Here's some information for you to make informed decisions about the celebration.

First, be aware of the schedule of events. Things kick off at 5 p.m., when Pops helpers begin parking those attending the festivities. Vendors also open for business at 5. At 6 p.m., the music shifts into gear. Big Spring band Jimmy and the Johnsons will provide the opening act.

"It's going to be a great show; they're excited," said Jeremiah Peters, booking agent for the group. "For this event, they've got some great, very patriotic covers that they've been working on."

At about 7:30, the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Keith Graumann will take to the stage. At 8, patriotic activities begin, including tributes by the branches of the U.S. military, a fly-over by aircraft from the Commemorative Air Force, and a slide show honoring veterans and cur-

rent military personnel from the Howard County area. When the military tributes, accompanied by the orchestra, will begin.

Kelly Seales, chairperson of the Pops in the Park planning committee, said to be aware that parking at the event can be hectic.

"The sooner you can come, the better, because parking is limited."

There are some things you should leave at home, Seales emphasized.

"There is no alcohol in the amphitheater," she said, "No coolers or ice chests. Also, no pets. Only service animals with proper identification."

Be aware of the hot weather, and plan accordingly. According to the National Weather Service, the high for Sunday will be 98 degrees, with fairly high humidity for West Texas at 44 percent. A list of hot-weather safety tips, taken from the CDC website, is provided below.

Use common sense and have a fun, safe, and festive Fourth of July celebration at Pops in the Park.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 5 p.m. - Parking for Pops begins, vendors open
- 6 p.m. - Jimmy and the Johnsons perform
- 7:30 p.m. - Big Spring Symphony Orchestra perform
 - 8 p.m. - Patriotic activities:
 - Tributes to branches of the U.S. military
 - Fly-over by the Commemorative Air Force
 - Slide show honoring veterans and current military personnel
- Around 9 p.m. - Fireworks display and Orchestra performance

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Ice chests or coolers
- Pets other than service animals with proper identification

TIPS FOR PREVENTING HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS

- Drink plenty of fluids (non-alcoholic) regardless of your activity level. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- Don't drink liquids that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar—these actually cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- NEVER leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Although anyone at any time can suffer from heat-related illness, some people are at greater risk than others. Check regularly on:
 - Infants and young children
 - People aged 65 or older
 - People who have a mental illness
 - Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure
- Limit your outdoor activity to morning and evening hours.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat (also keeps you cooler) and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher (the most effective products say "broad spectrum" or "UVA/UVB protection" on their labels).

Tips from CDC website (emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.asp)



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Obituaries

Clifton Lee "Pete" Cook



Clifton Lee "Pete" Cook, 88, passed away Monday, June 27, 2016, in Granbury, Texas.

Graveside service was held Thursday, June 30, 2016.

Pete was born Aug. 15, 1927, in Big Spring, Texas, to Manley and Avenelle Cook. He graduated from Big Spring High School and Texas Tech University. He met the love of his life, Annabelle, and was married June 25, 1949. Pete loved sports. As a West Texas boy,

he played every sport available. He refereed football, basketball and baseball for over 40 years. He

owned Cook Appliance with his dad, Manley, for over 25 years. He retired to own Cordova Mobile Home Park in Granbury for 32 years. He enjoyed scuba diving, golfing and traveling. Annabelle and Pete loved living on the lake, and all things fun in the sun. Their hospitality was renowned, including their Fourth of July celebrations.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Annabelle Cook; sister, Mary Nell Shaffer; grandson, Tyler Pirtle; and son-in-law, Jan Whatley.

Pete is survived by his children, Cliff and Bennie Cook, Cynthia Cook, and Peggy Cook; grandchildren: Casey Chapa, Jace and Kristi Whatley, J. Lee Whatley, McKenna Pirtle, and Lexi Pirtle; great-granddaughter, Annabell Marshall; and his sister, June Brown.

Paid obituary

Bobby Aaron Norris

Bobby Aaron Norris, 24, of Midland died Thursday, June 30, 2016.

The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home of Midland from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Funeral

services will be at Greenwood Baptist Church at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, with interment following at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He is survived by his parents, Paula and David Norris; brother, Adam Norris; sister, Jennifer Ann Norris; grandparent, Bobby Dodson; and numerous friends.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **HEATHER HUDGINS**, 32, of 108 N. Johnson St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **DENA GAYE COKER**, 59, of 605 W. 17th St. was arrested on a

charge of public intoxication.

- **ROBERT DIAZ JR.**, 33, of 1425 E. 6th St. was arrested on several outstanding warrants.
- **CARLOS MUNOZ**, 29, of 1104 Sycamore St. was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance (4 to 200 grams)

and unlawfully carrying a weapon on alcohol premises.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1200 block of Mulberry Avenue.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.

Support Groups

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.

- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The weekly weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Every weigh-in is conducted confidentially, and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

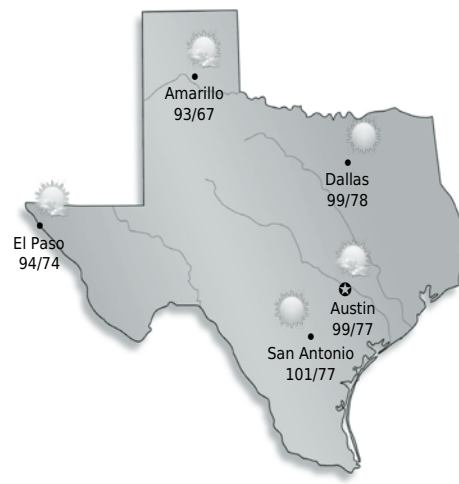
Jeannie Cox

Jeannie Cox, 40, of Big Spring died Friday, July 1, 2016, at her home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sun 7/3	Mon 7/4	Tue 7/5	Wed 7/6	Thu 7/7
99/72 A mainly sunny sky. High 99F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.	99/75 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	99/73 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	97/74 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.	96/73 Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
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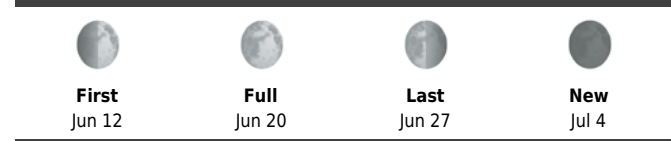
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Austin	99	77	P Cloudy	Longview	97	75	Sunny
Beaumont	92	77	Sunny	Lubbock	95	73	M Sun/Wind
Brownsville	95	79	M Sunny	Lufkin	95	73	Sunny
Brownwood	98	75	Sunny	Midland	98	78	P Cloudy
Corpus Christi	94	80	M Sunny	Raymondville	100	80	Sunny
Corsicana	98	77	Sunny	Rosenberg	95	77	Sunny
Dallas	99	78	Sunny	San Antonio	101	77	Sunny
Del Rio	102	79	Sunny	San Marcos	99	75	M Sunny
El Paso	94	74	P Cloudy	Sulphur Springs	97	77	Sunny
Fort Stockton	93	75	P Cloudy	Sweetwater	95	76	Sunny
Gainesville	96	76	Sunny	Tyler	97	75	Sunny
Greenville	96	76	Sunny	Weatherford	98	76	Sunny
Houston	96	77	P Cloudy	Wichita Falls	99	79	Sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	94	72	Sunny	Miami	88	80	Iso T-Storms
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Dallas	99	78	Sunny	Phoenix	103	83	P Cloudy
Denver	81	58	Cloudy	San Francisco	63	51	Cloudy
Houston	96	77	P Cloudy	Seattle	74	56	Cloudy
Los Angeles	78	61	Cloudy	Saint Louis	72	61	Cloudy

Moon Phases



UV Index

Sun 7/3	Mon 7/4	Tue 7/5	Wed 7/6	Thu 7/7
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Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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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.

Take Note

- The Perry family is adopting a baby from Texas and is currently in the process of raising funds in order to do so. On Saturday, July 2nd, the Perry's 5-year-old son Dallas will be having a bake sale at the Big Spring Tractor Supply from 8:30 am to 11:30 am to help raise funds. For more information or to donate to the Perrys, go to gofundme.com/x5qhbz98.

- Once again it is time to have the Flower Grove Reunion. The date has been set for Saturday 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.

- 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 "Bailey Pittman" on the note section of your check.

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Desmond, Dyson lead Rangers past Twins 3-2 in 10 innings

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The surging Texas Rangers passed their latest test in resiliency, reaching the midpoint of their season on a resounding note.

Ian Desmond homered to lead off the 10th inning for Texas, and the Rangers held on for a 3-2 victory Friday night over the Minnesota Twins.

“There’s nothing wrong with a little adversity, especially to kind of see what we’re made of,” said Desmond, who leads the majors this season with five go-ahead home runs in the seventh inning or later.

After losing back-to-back games to the Yankees in New York on the last at-bat, including a six-run rally Wednesday against relievers Matt Bush and Sam Dyson, the league-leading Rangers improved to 18-6 in one-run decisions this year.

“Sometimes they’re gifts. They show us what are flaws are,” manager Jeff Banister said.

Dyson surrendered a lead-off single in the 10th, but he struck out the next two batters and notched his 17th save in 19 attempts. Bush (3-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win, which lifted the Rangers to a club-record 52-29 at the 81-game mark.

“It’s a good number. It’s a much better number than be-



Texas Rangers' Ian Desmond, right, and Adrian Beltre celebrate Desmond's solo home run off Minnesota Twins pitcher Fernando Abad to provide the winning edge in the tenth inning of a baseball game Friday.

AP Photo/Jim Mone

ing the other way around,” Banister said. “We’re not going to toast to halfway.”

Flip their record, and it’s still three games better than the Twins (25-54).

Trevor Plouffe tied the game for the Twins with a two-run home run in the seventh that spoiled Martin Perez’s shut-out bid, but Desmond took Fernando Abad (1-3) deep to start the extra session. Abad has taken the loss in three of his last four appearances.

“Obviously that fastball

wasn’t where he wanted it,” Twins manager Paul Molitor said.

Ervin Santana turned in his third straight sturdy start for the Twins, though he needed 117 pitches to log 6 1/3 innings. Two of his three walks came in the seventh, when pinch-hitter Jurickson Proffar put the Rangers in front with a two-run single off reliever Ryan Pressly. Santana struck out five and allowed only three hits.

Perez retired the first 10 bat-

ters he faced and finished the fourth, fifth and sixth innings with double plays.

In the fifth, after Max Kepler sacrificed to move the runners up to second and third, Kurt Suzuki tried to bunt, too. Plouffe broke for home with the pitch, but the ball popped high enough in the air for first baseman Mitch Moreland to catch it and throw across the diamond for an easy out. Just the type of ugly mistakes that have made a bad season much worse for the Twins.

“It didn’t work out. We didn’t get the ball down,” Molitor said.

Throwing strong in his first full season since Tommy John ligament replacement surgery on his elbow, Perez hasn’t lost in eight starts. The left-hander allowed five hits and three walks in seven innings while striking out three, taking his second no-decision during that span.

IAN IS IN A GROOVE

Desmond, in his first season with the Rangers, leads the majors with 34 multi-hit games. He hit .358 in June and is tied for the team lead in homers (15) and RBIs (52), making quite the case for the All-Star team.

“He just continues to impress us every single night he goes out there,” Banister said.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Yu Darvish (shoulder) took another step toward returning to the rotation, throwing a smooth bullpen session before the game. He’ll start a rehab assignment Monday with Double-A Frisco. RHP Keone Kela (elbow) could be back in the bullpen after the All-Star break. He’ll pitch Monday for Triple-A Round Rock.

Twins: Miguel Sano played 3B in his return from rehab (hamstring), and he threw Adrian Beltre out with an off-balance, bare-handed grab of a slow grounder to end the sixth.



AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith

Houston Astros' center fielder Carlos Gomez reacts after hitting a two-run home run off Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Miguel Gonzalez in the seventh inning of a baseball game, Friday, July 1, 2016, in Houston. It was his fourth home run of the season.

Gomez hits 2-run homer to help Astros win

HOUSTON (AP) — A veteran of 10 major league seasons, Carlos Gomez insists he didn’t panic when he got off to a slow start to begin this year.

However, he’s certainly feeling a lot better now that he’s started to turn things around.

Gomez hit a two-run homer and Mike Fiers and three relievers combined for a shutout to help the surging Houston Astros to a 5-0 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Friday night.

Gomez has started heating up after a tough start to the season that included a May when he hit just .136. He has hit four homers, five doubles and driven in 15 runs since June 5 to boost his average from .182 to .225.

“That makes you better,” Gomez said of fighting through his struggles. “You have to continue to do your job. When you do this for 10 years that’s because you’re a pro. The only thing you can do is continue to believe in yourself and work hard.”

It was Houston’s

fourth straight victory and 11th in the last 12 games.

Fiers (6-3) scattered four hits over six innings. Ken Giles and Luke Gregerson didn’t allow a hit in an inning each and Chris Deven- ski threw a scoreless

ninth.

The Astros didn’t have a baserunner until Miguel Gonzalez (1-4) plunked George Springer to start the fourth inning. He then walked Luis Valbuena before Jose Altuve grounded into a double play that

left Springer at third.

Houston’s first hit came next when Carlos Correa’s strange infield popup dropped in front of shortstop Tim Anderson and allowed Springer to score and make it

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Man at center of 'Serial' podcast granted new trial



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Officials escort "Serial" podcast subject Adnan Syed from the courthouse following the completion of the first day of hearings for a retrial in Baltimore on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016.



Adnan Syed

BALTIMORE (AP) — After spending 16 years in prison for the killing of his former high school girlfriend, a man at the center of popular podcast "Serial" has a chance at freedom.

Retired Baltimore Circuit Judge Martin Welch ruled Thursday that Adnan Syed, 35, deserved a new trial because his lawyer didn't challenge testimony in the case that became the focus of the podcast, which captivated mil-

lions of listeners around the world.

Syed was convicted in 2000 of murdering Hae Min Lee a year earlier and burying her in a shallow grave in a park in northwest Baltimore. He was sentenced to life in prison.

During a post-conviction hearing in early February, Syed's attorneys argued he deserved a retrial on the grounds that his original attorney, Cristina Gutierrez, did not contact Asia McClain Chapman, an alibi witness who said she saw Syed at the Woodlawn library about the same time prosecutors say Lee was murdered.

Additionally, Syed's current attorneys argued cell tower data linking Syed's phone to the burial site on the day of Lee's murder was misleading because it was presented to jurors without a cover sheet warning that incoming call data was unreliable.

In Welch's order, he disagreed that Gutierrez erred when she failed to contact Chapman, or that prosecutors breached their duty by withholding exculpatory evidence. But Welch did agree that Syed's attorney provided "ineffective assistance for the failure to cross-examine the state's cell tower expert about the reliability of cell tower location evidence" that placed him near the burial site.

The state had argued that because Syed didn't raise the issue of his trial attorney's failure to cross-examine the state's cell tower expert in a prior proceeding, he waived his right to make it an issue now. But the judge ruled that Syed didn't "intelligently or knowingly" waive his right to raise the issue, noting that he never completed his high school degree.

"Requiring a layman who lacks a complete high school education to understand the intricacies of cellular network design and the legal ramifications of trial counsel's failures to challenge the evidence would be inconsistent with the spirit of the Sixth Amendment," the judge wrote.

The judge said the attorney's performance "fell below the standard of reasonable professional judgment" when she failed to confront the state's expert about the reliability of the cell tower evidence.

At a news conference, Syed's attorney Justin Brown said he "fully expects" the state to appeal the judge's decision. But he said he and the rest of the defense team have "dug our heels in" and remain determined to fight on Adnan Syed's behalf, including requesting that Syed be released from jail while he awaits retrial.

"This is obviously an incredible victory," he said. "We know the state is not going to give up, and we're ready."

Brown said earning a new trial in Baltimore is "very difficult."

"This was us getting over the hill," he said. "There's a lot more work to be done, but we're feeling pretty confident."

In a statement, the state attorney general's office said that although Welch ruled in its favor on some issues, "there does appear to be at least one ground that will need to be resolved by the appellate courts."

"The State's responsibility remains to pursue justice, and to defend what it believes is a valid conviction," the statement concludes. During the extensive hearing, defense attorneys and prosecutors called witnesses and vigorously cross-examined others. Chapman spent nearly two days on the stand, testifying she and Syed spent about 15 minutes chatting in the library on Jan. 13, 1999, but that despite repeated efforts to reach Syed's defense team at the time with an offer to be an alibi, she was never contacted. Chapman wrote a pair of letters and sent them to Syed in jail days after the man's arrest, detailing their meeting.

This was Syed's second attempt at a new trial. Welch denied the earlier post-conviction relief bid in 2014 after determining that Gutierrez's decision not to pursue Chapman was the result of reasonable trial strategy, not neglect.

In his Thursday order, Welch reiterated his stance that failing to contact Chapman didn't constitute a failure of duty because her testimony, which pertained to the time of the Lee's murder, had little to do with Syed's defense strategy — instead pertaining primarily to the timeline of Lee's murder.

Brown also called witnesses to testify that cell tower data — an important piece of the state's case against Syed — should have never been presented to jurors without an instruction sheet warning that any incoming call data is inconclusive.

Brown showed the judge an affidavit from the radio frequency technician who testified at Syed's trial for the prosecution that said his testimony would have been different had he seen the instruction sheet prior to taking the stand. But prosecutors countered that the instructions didn't pertain to any relevant data placing Syed's phone in Leakin Park during the time Lee was buried.

This was the issue that persuaded Welch to grant Syed a new trial. The judge wrote, "there is a substantial possibility that the result of the proceeding would have been different but for trial counsel's failure to cross-examine the State cell tower witness about the disclaimer."

The podcast, which debuted in the winter of 2014, attracted millions of listeners and shattered records for the number of times a podcast has been streamed and downloaded. The loyal army of listeners often acted as armchair detectives, uncovering new evidence and raising new questions about the case.

When asked if Syed would have likely won a new trial without the fanfare surrounding "Serial," Brown said, "I don't think so."

Gomez graduates at top of class



Ayanna M. Gomez, the daughter of David and Anna Gomez, Ayanna has completed the course in surgical technology at Covenant School of Technology in Lubbock, Texas.

While completing her studies, Ayanna worked and did her practicum at UMC Health System in Lubbock. Ayanna graduated at the top of her class receiving the honor of class valedictorian on June 10, 2016.

In addition to receiving top honors in her class, she was recognized for perfect attendance and received an excellence award as well. Upon graduating, Ayanna has accepted employment at UMC Health System in Lubbock.

But in his ruling Welch directly addressed the issue.

"Regardless of the public interest surrounding this case, the court used its best efforts to address the merits of the petitioner's petition for post-conviction relief like it would in any other case that comes before the court; unfettered by sympathy, prejudice or public opinion," he wrote.

In a footnote, he added that he didn't listen to the podcast because it is not part of the evidentiary record.

Associated Press writers Alana Durkin Richer, Brian Witte and Kasey Jones contributed to this story.

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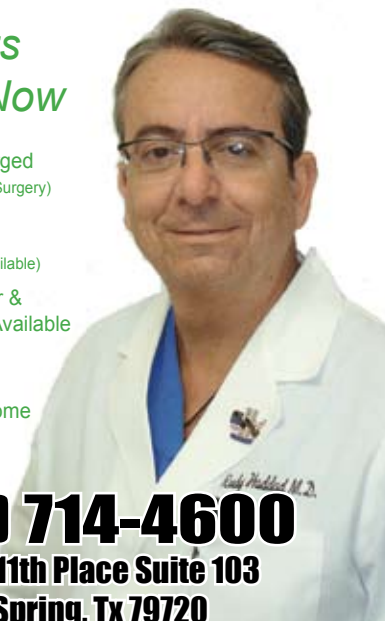
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ATTACK

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but seven others are unaccounted for. Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Hagiuda said the eight were together at the restaurant during the attack.

India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj confirmed that a young Indian woman was among those killed in the attack.

"Extremely pained to share that the terrorists have killed Tarushi, an Indian girl who was taken hostage in the terror attack in Dhaka," Swaraj tweeted, adding that she had spoken with the girl's father.

Indian officials said Tarushi Jain, 18, was a student at University of California, Berkeley, who was visiting her businessman father in Bangladesh.

Two Sri Lankans also were rescued, said Lt. Col. Tuhin Mohammad Masud, commander of the Rapid Action Battalion that conducted the rescue operations. Others included an Argentine and two Bangladeshis, local media reported.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadist activity online. The Amaq news agency, affiliated with IS, also posted photos purportedly showing hostages' bodies. The authenticity of the images could not be confirmed.

With the sound of gunfire and explosions, local TV stations reported that the rescue operation began at 7:40 a.m. It included army personnel with automatic weapons and at least seven armored vehicles and ambulances. The attackers did not respond to authorities' calls for negotiation, Masud said.

The audacious attack came during Ramadan, when devout Muslims fast during the day and eat after dark.

On Friday evening, many people headed to the popular bakery and restaurant that serves Spanish food and is patronized by residents of Gulshan, an affluent neighborhood where most of the foreign em-

bassies are located. The restaurant overlooks a lake and on pleasant evenings, diners often chose to eat outdoors.

Kitchen staffer Sumon Reza, who escaped, said the attackers chanted "Allahu Akbar" (God is Great) as they assaulted around 9:20 p.m. Friday, initially opening fire with blanks.

Another survivor said the gunmen ordered bakery workers to switch off the lights in the restaurant. The militants then covered close-circuit cameras with black cloth.

The bakery worker, who was not identified, told ATN News, a Bangladesh television channel, that when the first attacker entered the gate he thought it was someone taking shelter in the restaurant's doorway.

"Then I saw that he had weapons. On seeing that, I ran toward the back of the restaurant. He fired while I was running but I was not sure if he was targeting me because I did not look back," the survivor said.

He said he ran and told everyone working inside the bakery, and many people ran out using the back door.

"Those who could not hear me, or understand me, did not leave because this happened in a short span of time," he said.

Rezaul Karim, the father of a Bangladeshi businessman who was rescued along with his family, said the attackers did not harm any hostage who could recite verses from the Islamic holy book, Quran.

Karim said his son, Hasnat, had gone to the restaurant along with his wife and two children to celebrate the birthday of his elder daughter when the attack happened. "He told me, 'Please save us, please!' And he hung up," he said.

Karim said his son told him that the attackers "did not hit people who could recite verses from the Quran. The others were tortured," he said.

"The gunmen asked everyone inside to recite from the Quran. Those who recited were spared. The gunmen even gave them meals last night," Karim said.

He said detectives were questioning his son and his family as part of the investigation.

Police said the two officers died at a hospital after being wounded in the initial gunfire. Ten of 26 people who were wounded when the militants opened fire were in critical condition, and six were on life support, according to hospital staff. The injuries ranged from broken bones to gunshot wounds. Only one civilian was among the wounded.

The government did not directly comment on the IS claim of responsibility but has denied in the past that the extremist group based in Syria and Iraq has a presence in Bangladesh, instead blaming the recent attacks on its political enemies.

In Washington, a White House official said President Barack Obama was briefed on the attack by his chief counterterrorism adviser Lisa Monaco. The president asked to be kept informed as the situation develops, said the official, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the president's meetings.

State Department spokesman John Kirby says the U.S. is in contact with the Bangladesh government and has offered its assistance to bring those responsible to justice.

The recent attacks in Bangladesh have raised fears that religious extremists are gaining a foothold in the country, despite its traditions of secularism and tolerance.

About two dozen atheist writers, publishers, members of religious minorities, social activists and foreign aid workers have been slain since 2013. On Friday, a Hindu temple worker was hacked to death by at least three assailants in southwest Bangladesh. IS and al-Qaida affiliates have claimed responsibility for many of the attacks.

Hasina's government has cracked down on domestic radical Islamists by making scores of arrests. It has accused local terrorists and opposition political parties — especially the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its Islamist ally Jamaat-e-Islami — of orchestrating the violence in order to destabilize the nation, which both parties deny.



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Howard County Clerk Donna Wright gives up an hour of her time Friday to donate blood during the Back-in-Motion/KBST blood drive. Donations are used for area hospitals including SMMC.

Forsan reunion Aug 5-6

The biennial Forsan Reunion is scheduled for the first weekend in August, 5-6. Festivities kick off with a dinner for former students, teachers, parents and spouses at Spanish Inn. Following the dinner, all participants are invited to an open house reception in the banquet room at La Quinta Inn at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 6, reunion day activities begin at 9 a.m. in the Forsan School

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Stroke for stroke: Phelps edges Lochte at US trials

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Matching each other stroke for stroke, Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte surged to the wall in almost perfect sync.

Phelps got there first, just ahead of the guy who's pushed him hard for more than a decade.

It was like so many races they've had before.

There's one more to go in Rio.

In the latest epic of their longtime rivalry — and billed as the last showdown in their home country — Phelps edged Lochte in the 200-meter individual medley at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials Friday night.

"Ryan and I always have a great race with one another," said Phelps, who plans to retire again after his fifth Olympics. "When we race each other, we bring each other to a different level."

Phelps led from start to finish, but Lochte was right with him all the way. In fact, he seemed to pull even midway through the final lap, but the most decorated athlete in Olympic history managed to get to the wall in 1 minute, 55.91 seconds.

Lochte was next at 1:56.22 and had no complaints about the consolation prize: his only individual race at the Olympics.

"I knew going into this race it was definitely going to be a dogfight to the end," Lochte said. "It's been a long journey, but the journey's not over.

We still have another month to get ready and show the world that the U.S. is number one."

Lochte, an 11-time medalist, injured his groin on the very first day of the meet, struggled in his next few races and was down to his final chance to get a swim of his own at the Summer Games.

Now, that's out of the way, which means Phelps and Lochte will get another crack at each other in South America.

As a three-time defending gold medalist in the 200 IM, Phelps will be the favorite.

But he knows Lochte won't be far behind, especially with a month to get over the groin issue.

"I don't know of another person in this world who brings out the best in me like he does," said Phelps, who has 18 golds and 22 medals overall. "Neither one of us likes to lose."

Phelps and Lochte actually had their first encounter on the way to the deck. Lochte, walking out right behind Phelps, stepped on the back of his sneaker.

"I gave him a flat tire by accident," Lochte said. "He's like, 'What are you



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

Ryan Lochte, left, reacts with Michael Phelps, right, after the men's 200-meter individual medley final at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials, Friday, July 1, 2016, in Omaha, Neb. Phelps won the race and Lochte finished in second.

doing, trying to mess me up?' I was like, 'No, no, no.'"

All was forgiven when it was over, Phelps and Lochte holding up their arms together on the deck while the sellout crowd roared.

It was the end for another defending Olympic champion.

Tyler Clary finished third in the 200 backstroke and called it a career, having missed out on a chance to defend the gold he won in London. He finished behind California Aquatics teammates Ryan Murphy and Jacob Pebley, who earned the two spots for Rio.

Murphy grabbed the lead on the second lap and pulled away to win easily

in 1:53.95, completing a sweep of the backstroke events.

Pebley held on for the second spot, touching in 1:54.77 to earn his first trip to the Olympics.

Clary was next at 1:55.33. He clung to a lane rope while Murphy and Pebley celebrated, before swimming over to congratulate them both.

"That's it," Clary said. "I couldn't be happier to be sending Team USA off with two backstrokers that I have a lot of respect for, and I know they are going to represent Team USA well in Rio."

There was another sweep in the

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6 players eligible for NFL's second draft

Former Longhorn Overstreet among six to enter

NEW YORK (AP) — Six players have been declared eligible for the NFL's supplemental draft, which will be held July 14.

Defensive linemen Ra'Zahn Howard of Purdue and Cameron Walton of Concordia (Alabama), which shut down its program last year; running back Jalen Overstreet of Sam Houston State; defensive back Tee Shepard of Mississippi; wide receiver Rashaun Simonise of Calgary, Alberta (Canada); and long snapper Eddie D'Antuono of Virgin-

ia Tech received approval from the league Friday.

Any team selecting one of these players would forfeit a matching pick in the 2017 regular draft.

Overstreet, who first attended Texas, was indicted in 2016 in that state on a felony charge of credit or debit card abuse. He played as a freshman for the Longhorns before spending two seasons at Sam Houston State, where he was suspended by coach K.C. Keeler for one game after being arrested on a misde-

meanor charge of possession of marijuana. He also was charged with stealing an iPad from an apartment complex.

Shepard originally signed with Notre Dame. He wound up at Ole Miss, which he left in October, soon after saying he was transferring to Miami (Ohio). He's almost completely deaf and Mississippi coaches said communication on the field was sometimes an issue.

Howard started for three seasons at Purdue, but got suspended after the season.

Former Mav disqualified from NBA

NEW YORK (AP) — O.J. Mayo was dismissed and disqualified from the NBA on Friday for violating the terms of the league's anti-drug program, the first player to receive that punishment in a decade.

The league said the No. 3 overall pick in the 2008 draft out of USC is eligible to apply for reinstatement in two years.

Mayo, 28, spent the past three seasons with the Milwaukee Bucks.

According to rules of the NBA/NBPA Anti-Drug Program, information regarding the testing or treatment of a player can't be disclosed by the league, his team or the union. However, there are

only a few violations that would lead to Mayo's punishment.

A player can be dismissed or disqualified from the NBA for testing positive for a drug of abuse, or if he is convicted of or pleads guilty to the use, possession or distribution of a drug.

The list of drugs of abuse includes amphetamines, cocaine, LSD and opiates such as heroin, codeine and morphine.

A third positive test for a performance-enhancing drug also leads to a player being dismissed and disqualified, as does being convicted of or pleading guilty to a crime involving the use, possession or distribution of one.

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Roger's Reviews: Independence Day: Resurgence



By **ROGER CLINE**

Herald Staff Writer

Big-budget action/sci-fi/disaster blockbusters like "2012", "Armageddon", and, in particular, 1996's "Independence Day" often get a bad rap from movie snobs due to logical errors, heartstring-tugging emotionalism, and (probably mostly) their insane box-office popularity.

Personally, I see these movies as fun joyrides. I like to sit back and watch the explosions; wonder how the vastly outmatched heroes can possibly win (while knowing all the time that they will); and if you stop to wonder how Jeff Goldblum can upload a virus to an alien computer from a laptop, you're thinking too hard.

"Independence Day: Resurgence", released this week from sees Goldblum reprise his role of science geek David Levinson, now promoted to national science director. Several other stars from the 1996 movie are also back for the new one, notably Bill Pullman as President Thomas J. Whitmore, now a retiree; Brent Spiner as Dr. Brakish Okun, recovering from a 20-year coma; Judd Hirsch as David's dad Julius Levinson; Vivica Fox as Jasmine Hiller, widow of hero pilot Captain Steven Hiller, now a hospital administrator, and John Storey as Dr. Isaacs, an Area 51 science guy with a deep-seated fondness for Okun.

Notably, Will Smith, who starred in the original film as Captain Steven Hiller, is not back. Apparently his bad experience with 2013's "After Earth" soured him on father/son relationship-driven sci-fi flicks, and he backed out. The new movie explains his absence with a story of his heroic death between the two films. Look for a prominent picture of him as a nod to his former contributions.

Hiller's son played by young Ross Bagley in the original, and here by Jessie T. Usher, is a star of the new show. Captain Dylan Hiller is now the leader of the "Legacy Squadron", an honorary wing of fighter pilots from around the world. Whitmore's daughter Patricia, played by Mae Whitman originally and now by Maika Monroe, is another grown-up kid from the original movie. Now a White House aide, she has been a pilot at some point between the movies, and is the love interest of the show's other hero.

Jake Morrison (Liam Hemsworth), a military pilot who operates a space tugboat along with brainy friend Charlie (Travis Tope), has bad blood with Hiller over an incident at flight school.

Ok, enough characters. What about the plot?

Just like in real life, it's been 20 years since the events of the original Independence Day movie. Humanity has drawn together into a tighter-knit planet, and begun reverse-engineering the alien tech left over from all the wrecked spaceships on Earth. Jake and Charlie deliver a new space weapon to the moon, and no sooner do they get it set up, when a spaceship appears out of a wormhole. Despite the fact that it looks nothing like the original attacking saucers, the president (played by Sela Ward) orders it shot down. Exploring the wreckage, David and his love interest Catherine Marceaux (Charlotte Gainsbourg) (no explanation what happened to his wife Constance [Margaret Colin] from the first film), chauffeured by Jake and Charlie and accompanied by African warlord and alien

hunter Dikembe Umbutu (Deobia Oparei) discover an alien artifact and cart it back to Area 51.

As they travel back, a humongous alien saucer uncloaks near the Earth. When I say "humongous", someone in the movie claims it is 3,000 kilometers in diameter. The thing literally covers most of Europe as it lands upon the Earth and begins drilling toward the planet's core.

As in the previous film, the main characters uncover a potential weakness in the alien's set-up, and must attempt to exploit it as the humongous ship dispatches a merely gigantic ship to attack Area 51.

I enjoyed "Resurgence" very much. It doesn't seem to have as many logic lapses as its predecessor (though I may have simply overlooked them—I'm sure people will tell me if I did).

The one annoying thing about the movie to me was the way the "leader" characters kept trying to recapture the power of Whitmore's "Today, we celebrate our Independence Day!" speech from the first movie. And failing miserably.

But that's a minor gripe; it's kind of funny listening to them try.

"Resurgence" is a worthy follow-up to the original "Independence Day"; if you liked that movie, chances are you'll enjoy this one too, unless Will Smith is the sole reason you liked it. If you didn't like it, you might give this one a skip. Seven stars out of 10.

Independence Day: Resurgence

Director: Roland Emmerich

Writers: Screenplay: Nicholas Wright, James A. Woods, Dean Devlin, Roland Emmerich, James Vanderbilt; Story: Dean Devlin, Roland Emmerich, Nicholas Wright, James A. Woods; Based on characters created by: Dean Devlin and Roland Emmerich.

Production: Centropolis Entertainment, TSG Entertainment, Electric Entertainment

PG-13; 120 minutes; Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi; June 24, 2016

Note: In last week's review of "Finding Dory", the info box from "Warcraft" was inadvertently substituted for the correct info box. Here is the correct info box for "Finding Dory":

Finding Dory

Directors: Andrew Stanton, Angus MacLane

Writers: Original story: Andrew Stanton; Screenplay: Andrew Stanton and Victoria Strouse; Additional screenplay material: Bob Peterson; Additional story material: Angus MacLane

Production: Pixar Animation Studios, Walt Disney Pictures

PG; 97 minutes; Animation/Adventure/Comedy; June 17, 2016

Roger watched this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located in the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700. For more information about the theater, visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP code 79720.

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Behind famed hot dog contest, a whopper of a legend

MICHAEL BALSAMO

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Nathan's Famous may be in the hot dog business, but for decades they've been peddling a whopper.

Showmen behind Nathan's annual Fourth of July hot dog eating contest have long claimed the tradition began in 1916 as a showdown between patriotic immigrants on the Coney Island boardwalk.

That would make this Monday's contest a centennial, except for an inconvenient truth: The contest and its backstory were invented in the 1970s by PR men trying to get more attention for Nathan's, which had just become a publicly traded company.

"Our objective was to take a photograph and get it in the New York newspaper," acknowledges Wayne Norbitz, who served as president of Nathan's for 26 years and still sits on the board of directors.

Norbitz is careful to say that the company's source for the 1916 story is "legend has it." He says the first contest actually happened in 1972, and the early chowdowns were all small, sparsely attended affairs.

"We'd honestly wait for a couple of fat guys to walk by and ask them if they wanted to be in a hot dog contest," he says.

The legend of the hot dog contest conveniently dates to 1916, the same year Polish immigrant Nathan Handwerker opened his Coney Island hot dog stand using a \$300 loan from two friends.

As the story goes, an Irish immigrant named James Mullen had been walking in Coney Island when he challenged a group of recent immigrants to prove who was the most American. Of course, they decided to settle it by eating hot dogs. It was a tale repeated over the years in stories by numerous news organizations, including The Associated Press.

Mortimer Matz, one of the contest's hype men, unapologetically admitted to The New York Times in 2010 that "in Coney Island pitchman style, we made it up."

The winner of that first contest in 1972 was able to shove 14 hot dogs and buns down in 12 minutes.

It remained on a small scale until the 1980s, when competitive eaters from Japan began joining the contest, growing it quickly into a full-fledged competition with weigh-ins and elaborate introductions similar to those of a heavyweight championship fight.

Joey "Jaws" Chestnut set the world record in 2013 when he polished off 69 dogs in 10 minutes. His run of eight straight victories ended last year when he lost the Mustard Yellow International Belt in an upset.

He'll be vying to regain the title this year before a huge crowd. Millions more will watch on ESPN.

Associated Press writer Ezra Kaplan contributed to this report.

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DAILY PRAYER

You, Lord, care for us and that makes our life wonderful.

Amen

A toast to America

In 1969, when Thomas Padilla of Big Spring was in the Army stationed in Europe, he visited a tavern in Innsbruck, Austria. One of the patrons went to Thomas's table and knocked three times, indicating he wanted to visit. Thomas returned the knock and the man sat down. Thomas was able to speak some German, so the two started a conversation. They exchanged cigarettes and found out a little about each other. Then the man got up and announced to the crowd that an American sergeant from Texas was on the premises. That was enough to get the party started.

"I was being bombarded with questions," says Thomas, "like 'do you have a gun?' 'do you have a horse?' 'do you have a ranch?' 'how many oil wells do you have?' 'do you ride with a posse to chase bad people?'" They started bringing me these one-liter beers. I don't know how many I had on my table. Then in unison they all said, 'prost, America' and repeated it three times. I raised my glass in appreciation."

The oompah band struck up a Texas tune.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

"I was sitting there with all the commotion going on and wasn't listening very close, then it started sounding familiar. I finally recognized the melody. It was The Yellow Rose of Texas."

Thomas says everybody was having a good time and all of a sudden it got real quiet, like somebody turned off the switch. People who were sitting down stood up. A twelve-year-old girl entered, followed by an elderly

"I was sitting there with all the commotion going on and wasn't listening very close, then it started sounding familiar. I finally recognized the melody. It was The Yellow Rose of Texas."

gentleman. Thomas thought he must be somebody extremely important in the community. The girl walked up to Thomas and asked if he was an American. Before he answered, Thomas thought to himself, "in Innsbruck I'm considered an Ameri-

can. In Texas I'm considered a Mexican."

He proudly replied yes, he was an American. The young girl said the man with her was her grandfather and he wanted to tell Thomas something. The man didn't speak English, so the girl said she would translate.

"When the Nazis were here," said the gentlemen through his granddaughter, "we were being suppressed and being controlled and it was horrible. Then one morning, there was a lot of commotion outside, lots of screaming and hollering. I ran out and asked one of the citizens what was going on. The citizen replied that the Nazis were running. 'They're getting out of town. The Americans are coming. Right now they're on the outskirts of the city with tanks.'"

The grandfather continued, "The Americans came through, but they didn't bother to stop. They just kept on going. I wanted to stop them and give them thanks for getting the Nazis out. But I never had the opportunity to see another American military person. One of the citizens that was in this gasthaus ran over to my house and told me that an American soldier was here. So here I am. I want to thank you for getting the Nazis out of Innsbruck."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Problems with Big Spring roads

To the Editor:

The recent article regarding the bypass was encouraging. I feel that this is something which is long overdue. The large trucks have succeeded in breaking up the repairs which were made to Greg street just a few years ago. The bridges over the railroad tracks and FM 700 are in a sorry state of repair due I feel in large part to the very large trucks which were passing through town during the boom of the past few years.

And yet, I see problems with the bypass. Why is it that there is water seeping through the pavement at the intersection of RM 33 and the bypass service

roads? Why is it that there was the requirement to tear up a portion of the newly laid pavement, and re-do it? Why has there been a grinding down of some of the newly laid pavement? Why does the service road pavement (which is the only surface which is useable at this time) have more waves and dips than the old highway 87? Why is there a rather pronounced irregularity on the overpass which is open on 87 which can cause some slight loss of stability if hit at just the wrong angle?

I hope the DOT is aware of these problems and will see to it that we get a good road after all of the delays and disruptions.

Alan Abel
Big Spring

Chauvinism back in the day

Strange, isn't it, how issues lodged far back in the recesses of our memory seemed critically important at the time, but considered in the here and now, are hardly even yawned about?

On the front end of my career, students streaking on college campuses caused uproars as well as countless furrowed brows on college administrators across the land. We now look back on it as a short-lived fad. School leaders these days face, instead, face life and death issues of various hues, and sometimes wonder if they give right answers when asked directions to restrooms.

Chauvinism has dropped to a lower rung on the ladder of concern. Back when, we men often were called chauvinists—usually with good reason. When women folk were really steamed, they added emphasis by adding "pigs" to the "male chauvinist" label. And about all we did in response was "oink."

The topic came to mind recently when I was attempting to "go with the flow" on a busy Metroplex freeway. In front of me was a tow truck, and the sports allegiance of the owner was clear. The truck was painted in silver and gold—the very shades Jerry Jones uses throughout his sports empire—where everything shouts "Dallas Cowboys."

In fact, the trucker perhaps is able to avoid infringement issues by changing but one letter in his company's name. He calls it "The Dallas Towboys."

The name suggests, of course,

that his drivers are male. Perhaps he has a fleet of trucks, with an equal number bearing the name of "Dallas Towgirls," but I doubt it.

Another truck—an 18-wheeler no doubt carrying precious cargo—had a warning message on the tail end.

It was sobering to anyone who might have even thought about forcing it to the road side for examination of contents.

The sign read: "Two trips each month, a marksman 'at the ready' rides inside the cargo bay with an arsenal of automatic weapons. You guess which trips."

We old-timers, with teeth growing long enough to overlap, are able to see "signs" of generation gaps widening in day-to-day

I've been hearing lately that we of a certain age often are linked to the expression about "drawing lines in the sand." Many of us - 'dizzied' by technology whizzing past at warp speed — apply the expression to the use of cell phones.

banter. Let a few seconds pass, and grandchildren will send us a message warranting exclamation points that emphasize the chasm between their world and ours.

I've been hearing lately that we of a certain age often are linked to the expression about "drawing lines in the sand." Many of us—"dizzied" by technology

whizzing past at warp speed—apply the expression to the use of cell phones. I admit to having drawn such a line several years ago upon surrendering to multiple naggings to get a flip phone. "I'll go not one step further no matter how many bells and whistles they put on cell phones," I bragged.

And I will NEVER give way to texting. I'm making good on that promise, well, half-way. I do read MOST texts, but if I respond, it'll be orally.

I digress. Recently, Addison, our youngest granddaughter who is nine, accompanied me to the grocery store. Upon arrival, I handed her my flip phone. "Call your mom to see if she needs us to pick up anything," I suggested. Immediately, she handed it back gingerly, as if it might be radioactive.

"I don't know how to use an old phone like yours," she declared. At first, I felt a slight tingle of triumph. Finally, I knew how to use something she didn't!

Reality set in quickly, however, when I "did the math." She was probably in diapers the last time "antique phones" like mine were in general use.

On the way home, I noticed a grimy-looking tanker truck. It was hauling sewage. A sign on the back read, "Keep Back. We Ain't Haulin' Whipped Cream." Then, Addison asked, "What's sewage?" Stumbling, I waxed rhetorical. "Wanna play Monopoly when we get home?" She did. And she won. And that's okay.

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SWIM

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women's breaststroke, where Lilly King added a 200 victory to her earlier triumph in the 100. The 19-year-old from Indiana won in 2:24.08, while Molly Hannis claimed the second Rio spot at 2:24.39, giving the U.S. team yet another Olympic rookie.

Then again, it wasn't totally a night for the upstarts.

Anthony Ervin and Nathan Adrian were the top two qualifiers in the semifinals of the 50 freestyle. The 35-year-old Ervin led the way in 21.55, while Adrian was second quickest in 21.60. Both men are already on the team, with Ervin still seeking an individual event to go

with his relay duty and Adrian set to defend his 100 free title from the London Games.

Don't forget Cullen Jones, a silver medalist in this event four years ago. The 32-year-old was third quickest in 21.93.

Katie Ledecky's bid to add another relay to her Rio program took a big blow when she finished seventh in the 100 freestyle. Abbey Weitzeil (53.28) and Simone Manuel (53.52), a pair of 19-year-olds heading to their first Olympics, earned the individual spots. Olympic veterans Amanda Weir, Lia Neal, Allison Schmitt and Dana Vollmer took the next four spots to put themselves at the head of the 4x100 free relay pool.

Ledecky will likely have to settle for three individual events and one relay at these games.

ASTROS

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1-0.

"It was a lucky base hit. I'll take it," Correa said. "Obviously throughout the season we hit a lot of balls hard right at people so it's good to every once and awhile get a hit like that. It wasn't the best at-bat but it worked out."

Gonzalez lamented that no one was able to get to it before it dropped.

"Looking back on it

for the future, someone's just got to go all out for it," he said. "It's just such a tough play and you almost never see it. It was really tough because it cost us a run, but it won't happen again. We'll make that play."

Gomez padded the lead when he sent one into the seats in left field with one out in the seventh to make it 3-0. Correa reached on an error by third baseman Tyler Saladino before Gomez's shot.

Gonzalez yielded three hits and two runs in a season-high seven in-

nings.

Houston first baseman A.J. Reed got his first major league hit with a single with two outs in the fifth inning. He was 0 for 16 since being called up on Saturday before the hit.

"Kind of a weight lifted off your shoulders and now I don't have to come to the ballpark and think 'Today's the day,'" he said. "So go out and relax and have fun."

Valbuena added an RBI double in the eighth and Colby Rasmus had a run-scoring single in that inning to make it 5-0.

HORNS

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promises and insisted he won't be consumed by the pressure for postseason success.

"There's absolutely no waiting," Pierce said. "If you view it as greater than it is, it will control you."

Pierce noted his Texas roots, serving as director of the state high school coaches association. He's also been a

pitching and hitting coach at the college level.

"All these stops along the way truly set me up for this," Pierce said. "I've done everything, including dragging the dirt."

Pierce spent nine seasons as an assistant at Rice before head coaching jobs at Sam Houston State and Tulane. He won four conference titles in five seasons as a head coach. His teams made the NCAA postseason every year but he's yet to reach a super regional.

Texas fans expected the program to name one of the big-name coaches in the country and got nervous as athletic director Mike Perrin's job search lasted for a month.

Perrin said Pierce was the only coach he offered the job, but joked that his search resulted in pay raises for several coaches at other top programs in recent weeks.

Perrin interviewed Pierce on June 18 but didn't offer him the job until Wednesday. Perrin said he wanted to wait until Texas President Greg

Fenves returned from a trip to China. Fenves has shown to have a strong hand in Texas coaching searches, most notably making a flight with Perrin and football coach Charlie Strong to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in December to hire offensive coordinator Sterlin Gilbert.

"I couldn't be happier with the decision we made," Perrin said. "Throughout the search, his name came up time and time again."

Perrin refused to release Pierce's contract terms,

which under Texas law will be public record. Perrin said those details will be announced when Pierce's contract goes before Texas regents in August.

Withholding contract information for several weeks would be a change at Texas, which typically releases those details when coaching hires are announced. Fenves' office did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Pierce said he feels like Texas' No. 1 choice. After all, he's the one who got the job.

NBA

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Conley is in a class of his own — for now — after agreeing to a \$153 million, five-year deal to remain in Memphis, the biggest deal handed out yet.

And the players at the top of the class haven't even started agreeing to deals yet. Kevin Durant and Al Horford probably can't wait to see what they get after watching what lesser players on the market have already received.

For example:

Parsons — four years, \$94 million from Memphis.

Turner — four years, \$70

million from Portland.

Mozgov — four years, \$64 million from the Lakers.

Their timing was even better than their play, as they became free agents at the ideal moment. With the NBA's national TV contracts worth more than \$2.6 billion annually beginning with next season, the salary cap that's tied to revenues will soar well beyond its previous record to between \$90 million to 95 million.

Some players didn't have to wait long to claim their share of it.

Drummond's five-year maximum contract to stay in Detroit will be worth \$130 million, just a share more than the \$128 million Bradley Beal

got to remain in Washington. DeRozan will do a little better in Toronto and Charlotte kept Batum for about \$120 million.

But the Hornets lost a couple of key players from their 48-win team, as Jeremy Lin got a three-year, \$36 million contract from Brooklyn, and the Pacers lured Al Jefferson to Indiana with a three-year, \$30 million contract.

None of the contracts can be signed until July 7, after next season's salary cap is set and the moratorium is lifted.

Missing out on the money was O.J. Mayo, the former No. 3 overall pick who finished last season in Milwaukee and was a free agent. But he was dismissed and disquali-

fied from the NBA on Friday for violating the terms of the league's anti-drug program, the first player to receive that punishment in a decade. He will be eligible to apply for reinstatement in two years.

His old team was busy, as the Bucks agreed to terms with free agent shooter Mirza Teletovic on a three-year deal worth \$30 million, and also agreed to terms on a four-year, \$38.4 million offer sheet with restricted free agent Matthew Dellavedova. The Cleveland Cavaliers have the option to match that deal.

Durant had his first discussions with another team, meeting with the Golden State Warriors. He met with his Oklahoma City Thun-

der on Thursday, before free agency opened, as the former NBA MVP decides whether to remain with the franchise that selected him with the No. 2 pick in 2007.

The other MVP available is LeBron James, who opted to become a free agent. But he said last week he intends to return to Cleveland to defend the city's first championship in 52 years.

The Cavaliers' biggest decision could be what to do with free agent forward J.R. Smith, whose 3-point shooting — and defense — helped Cleveland rally to beat Golden State in the finals. Smith fits in well with Cleveland because he follows James' lead and he's embraced a stopper's role.

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Cricket Wireless, 111 E. Marcy Drive 160, recently became a member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

US auto sales expected to hit record in first 6 months

By DEE-ANN DURBIN

AP Auto Writer
DETROIT (AP) — U.S. auto sales may be slowing, but they're still expected to set a record in the first six months of this year.

Sales through June were expected to be up 2 percent over last year to 8.66 million, according to Kelley Blue Book.

That was partly due to a strong June, which saw sales rebound after a disappointing May. Sales were expected to rise 5.4 percent to more than 1.5 million, according to the car buying site TrueCar.com. Ford, Honda, Fiat Chrysler and Nissan all reported gains for the month. Sales were down at General Motors, Toyota and Volkswagen.

After six straight years of growth — and record sales of 17.5 million last year — U.S. sales are beginning to plateau. In the first six months of last year, for example, sales were up 4 percent, or double the pace of this year. But low gas prices, low interest rates, enticing new vehicles and strong

consumer confidence should keep them at a very high level.

"As long as economic conditions — like low unemployment and easy access to credit — continue, the industry will be in a strong position through the busy summer sales months," said Jessica Caldwell, director of industry analysis for the car shopping site Edmunds.com.

General Motors Co. said its sales dropped 2 percent to 255,210, due in part to ongoing cuts in sales to low-profit rental car companies. GM said its rental sales are down 37 percent so far this year. Cadillac sales were up 6 percent and Chevrolet sales were flat compared to last June, but Buick and GMC sales were down.

Ford Motor Co.'s sales rose 6 percent to 240,109. Sales of its F-Series pickup — the nation's best-selling vehicle — jumped 29 percent to nearly 71,000 vehicles, or more than one every minute. But car sales fell 12 percent thanks to Americans' growing preference for SUVs. Sales at Fords luxury Lincoln brand were up 6 percent.

Toyota Motor Corp.'s sales fell 6 percent to 198,257. The company said short supplies of Toyota SUVs were partly to blame, along with weak sales of cars like the hybrid Prius, which sales slump 27 percent. Sales of the company's luxury Lexus SUVs were up 11 percent.

Fiat Chrysler said its June sales rose 7 percent to 197,073. Jeep sales jumped 17 percent and Ram truck sales were up 14 percent. But car sales suffered. Chrysler brand sales fell 20 percent, while Fiat sales dropped 19 percent.

Honda Motor Co.'s sales rose 3 percent to 138,715 vehicles. The Honda brand saw increases in both car and truck sales, but sales at the company's luxury Acura brand dropped 27 percent.

Nissan Motor Co.'s sales jumped 13 percent to 140,553. Sales of its new Maxima sedan more than doubled over last year.

Volkswagen brand sales dropped 22 percent to 23,809, the victim of the company's diesel emissions cheating scandal.

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Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
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Online ticket scams

Summertime is full of many exciting events: music and food festivals, baseball games and concerts with big-name headliners. Now is the time many people will be looking to buy tickets for local events or upcoming tours that sell out quickly. Whether you're heading to a concert venue or festival this summer, Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin advises consumers to be on alert for fake event tickets.

Many consumers go online to purchase tickets — it's convenient, and some websites may offer opportunities to purchase tickets before box office sales start. Many sites also offer buyer protections and money-back guarantees. Remember, when purchasing tickets online it is important to know you are working with a trustworthy seller.

There are currently thousands of tickets listed on classifieds sites — however, they offer no guarantees and do not require identification from sellers. Buying tickets in person is not always a sure thing either, as it has become easier for scammers to make fake tickets look real.

In another twist on scamming ticket buyers out of money, scam artists have reportedly promoted food festivals, concerts and similar events on social media sites, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). People buy the tickets, but when they show up to the "event" or venue, they unfortunately discover there is no event and they've just been scammed.

BBB offers the following tips for safe ticket purchases:

Do your research. Do an online search using the name of the festival, event and its promoters, along with key words such as "scam," "fake" or "fraud" to see if others have been scammed. Check to see if the event has taken place in other towns, too. If you're looking to purchase tickets through an online broker, check out their BBB Business Review at bbb.org for details about the company, history of complaints and customer reviews. You can also check to see if they are a member of the National Association of Ticket Brokers, an organization that works with law enforcement agencies, professional sports teams and other organizations to fight against counterfeit tickets.

Check policies. Research the ticket broker's refund policy before purchasing. Assess the company's policy for customer satisfaction and details on reimbursement for cancelled events.

Verify the tickets are real. Search for guidance online about how the tickets should look and compare them to the ones you want to buy. Also, compare the price of the tickets to the price of others being sold. Scam artists will often list tickets at a very low price to lure victims. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Look for contact information. If purchasing tickets on a ticket website or online classified, make sure the contact information is listed and is correct. Try out the email or phone number, and if those methods don't work or you don't get a response within a reasonable time, it may not be a reliable option.

Watch for hidden fees. Some websites include service charges and additional shipping fees. While these charges should be identified on the website and disclosed to you before the transaction is finalized, read the fine print to make sure you know the total cost that will be billed to your account.

Pay with a credit card. Always use a credit card as additional protection, and don't share your credit card number or any other personal information with someone you don't know.

Never wire money. Money sent via wire transfer service is extremely difficult to retrieve. Once the scammers have picked it up, there is little recourse, if any, for getting your money back.

Never communicate only via email. If the seller doesn't provide a physical address or phone number as another option to communicate, that's a red flag. With email, there's no way to tell where the person is emailing from, or who the person is. Ask questions!

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin. H



HEATHER MASSEY

World War I centennial seeks information to honor upcoming anniversary

Special to the Herald

On April 6, 2017, Texans will observe the 100th anniversary of America's entry into World War I. In observance of the upcoming centennial, the Texas Historical Commission, Military Sites Program, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711-2276. Please note, the agency is not requesting information on personal items held in family or private collections.

The THC is asking for the public's help in identifying visitor-accessible sites where World War I is interpreted or preserved in Texas. County Historical Commissions and preservationists can help create an inventory of locations housing World War I-related exhibits, archives, trophy artillery, memorials, markers, and monuments. The information gathered by this request for assistance will benefit heritage tourists, plus historians and public school students actively conducting research during the centennial.

Please email information to TXinWWISurvey@thc.state.tx.us,

noting what is located in your community. If possible, include a photo, the street address, or GPS waypoint for the location of the resource. You can also mail information to: Texas Historical Commission, Military Sites Program, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711-2276. Please note, the agency is not requesting information on personal items held in family or private collections.

The THC's Texas First World War Centennial Commemoration will officially observe a period from April 6, 2017 (date of the U.S. Declaration of War on Germany) through June 28, 2019 (signing of the Treaty of Versailles). Additional projects for the commemoration will include a new dedicated page on the agency's website, and a mobile app tour for travelers to use as they explore related sites throughout the state.

For more information, please contact Alicia Downard at alicia.downard@thc.state.tx.us or 512-936-0849.

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#128 Dora Roberts, re-completion, El: NA, API
Howard Glasscock (Consolidated) Field
2 miles east of Forsan
Section 137, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 3300 feet
330' FNL, 715' FEL of 480-acre lease
2310' FSL, 715' FEL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#1AH Hamlin "19-30", drill horizontal, API #42-227-
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
6 miles northeast of Knott
A-272, Section 19, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
7' FNL, 330' FWL of 956.06-acre lease
2625' FNL, 330' FWL of the survey

#8SH Hamlin "19-30", drill horizontal, API #42-227-
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
7 miles northeast of Knott
A-272, Section 19, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
324' FNL, 330' FEL of 956.06-acre lease
2299' FSL, 330' FEL of the survey

#1WA Turnberry "2703", drill horizontal, API
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
4.90 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-315, Section 27, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,500 feet
531' FNL, 1192' FWL of 948.04-acre lease
2137' FSL, 1192' FWL of the survey

#1704G Ward "17B" "H1704", drill horizontal,
El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38601
5 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-310, Section 17, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 7627 feet
258' FSL, 352' FWL of 402-acre lease
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UK shelves balanced budget goal as Brexit vote roils economy



Danny Lawson/PA via AP

Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne prepares to lay a wealth at the Cenotaph in St Peter's Square, Manchester, England, where a commemoration is being held to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the World War I battle of the Somme Friday July 1, 2016. Uncertainty about the country's future ties with the EU is weighing heavily on the British economy, prompting Treasury chief George Osborne to announce he was abandoning the government's long-held goal of achieving a budget surplus by 2020.

By **JILL LAWLESS**

Associated Press
LONDON (AP) — Britain's Treasury chief on Friday abandoned the government's long-held goal of balancing the nation's books by 2020, warning that the country's vote to leave the European Union had sent shock waves and instability through the U.K. economy.
In a sign of that uncertainty, a leading contender to become the country's next prime minister said he would not trigger formal EU exit talks before next year — even as senior European officials urged Britain to hurry up and go.
George Osborne, Britain's finance

minister, said the referendum result is "likely to lead to a significant negative shock for the British economy."
"We will continue to be tough on the deficit but we must be realistic about achieving a surplus by the end of this decade," he said in a speech in Manchester, northwest England.
The Conservative government elected in 2010 has cut billions from public spending in a bid to eliminate a budget deficit that's expected to hit 75.6 billion pounds (\$100 billion) this year. Before the EU referendum last week, the Office For Budget Responsibility had forecast a budget surplus of 10.4 billion pounds in 2019-20.
Osborne, who argued during the

campaign that Britain should stay in the EU, had estimated that a vote to leave would hurt public finances to the tune of 30 billion pounds.
He said Britain must "reduce uncertainty by moving as quickly as possible to a new relationship with Europe and being super competitive, open for business and free trading. That's the plan and we must set to it."
Those who campaigned for a British exit, or Brexit, say any economic pain will be temporary, and that leaving the EU will open up new trading possibilities with other regions.
But that could be a long way off. Prime Minister David Cameron announced his resignation after losing the referendum and said his successor should oversee EU exit talks. Five Conservative lawmakers are vying to replace him in a contest whose winner will be announced Sept. 9.
The new leader will be the person to invoke Article 50 of the EU constitution — the formal mechanism that begins two years of divorce negotiations.
One of the Conservative front-runners, Justice Secretary Michael Gove, said Friday that he was passionately committed to leaving the EU — but had "no expectation that Article 50 would be triggered in this calendar year."
Gove also said he would "only trigger it after extensive preliminary talks" — even though EU officials have said no such talks can be held until Article 50 is invoked.
Gove's comments are likely to annoy EU leaders, who have put strong pressure on Britain to start talks soon on leaving the 28-nation bloc.
German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier told news website Spiegel Online that "what we can expect from London, and quickly, is a timetable for when exit negotiations with the EU are supposed to begin and how the British foresee these negotiations."
But like other German and European officials this week, he didn't define what he meant by "quickly."
Gove also said he would not call an early election to seek a personal mandate for change. Britain's next scheduled election is in 2020.
Gove, one of the leaders of the victorious campaign to quit the alliance, said at a campaign launch that the next Conservative leader should be a true supporter of Brexit — a cause he has espoused for 20 years. That was a slap at his leading rival for the Tory leadership, Home Secretary Theresa May, who backed the "remain" campaign.
Also in the running are Work and Pensions Secretary Stephen Crabb, Energy Minister Andrea Leadsom and former Defense Secretary Liam Fox.
"The best person to lead Britain out of the European Union is someone who argued to get Britain out of the European Union," Gove said. "This country voted for change, and I am going to deliver it."
Gove's surprise entry into the leadership race led former London Mayor

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Marriage Licenses

Lynn Baize Gunnaway, 69, of Big Spring and Jerry Carr Smith, 60, of Sterling City.
Alvin Ray Scheller Jr., 23, and Whitney Shahelen Kiser, 27, both of Big Spring.
Jeremy Anthony Pena, 29, and Alexis Amara Ruiz, 25, both of Big Spring.
Jason Lloyd Henry, 37, and Brashara Kaye Brown, 23, both of Big Spring.

District Court Judgments

Dean Blake, et al, vs. Kandise Willinham, et al., Civil case
Israel Muniz vs. Jean Betty, divorce

Keveen Ramey vs. Braeson Ramey, divorce
Jerry Barnard vs. Sara Barnard, divorce
In The Estate of Jimmy Gomez Aleman, Deceased, Civil case
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company as Subrogee of Martin Griego vs. Majias Logistics Brokerage Corp., Injury/damage – motor vehicles
Lisa Cisneros vs. Ray Cisneros, divorce
Angela Campbell vs. Merrill Campbell III, divorce
Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Tonya Lincoln, Contract – consumer/commercial debt
Kayla Barraza vs. Codee Barraza, divorce
Discover Bank vs. Leslie Martin, Contract – consumer/commercial debt
Carolyn Mills vs. Henry Rodriguez, Protective order
Tedric McCalister vs. Amber McCalister, divorce
Capital One Bank (USA) vs. Anastacio Munoz, Contract – consumer/commercial debt
Mary Saiz vs. Joseph Saiz, divorce
Beate Johnson vs. Justin Joy, Injury/damage – motor vehicles

County Court Judgments

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

Defendant: Jesse Moreno Marquez

Offense: Criminal mischief \$750 to \$2,500
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 6 months.
Date: June 23, 2016
Defendant: Jonathan Arrendondo
Offense: Assault causing bodily injury/family member
Sentence: \$1,500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: June 23, 2016
Defendant: John F. Nolte
Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: June 13, 2016
Defendant: Jasper Joe Pence
Offense: Unlawfully carrying a weapon
Sentence: 12 months probation / deferred adjudication
Date: June 23, 2016
Defendant: Tradero Green
Offense: Resisting arrest, search, or transport
Sentence: \$50 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: June 7, 2016
Defendant: Comanecki Loper
Offense: Failure to identify fugitive/giving false information
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, time served.
Date: June 10, 2016
Defendant: Virginia DeLeon

Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500
Sentence: \$500 fine, \$180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: June 13, 2016
Defendant: Gilbert Rodriguez
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: June 9, 2016
Defendant: Criselda Chavera
Offense: Hinder secured creditor \$500 to \$1,500
Sentence: \$100 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: June 7, 2016
Defendant: Mikeal L. Chavera
Offense: Resisting arrest, search, or transport
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: June 7, 2016
Defendant: Forrest H. McJunkin
Offense: Theft of property \$50 to \$500
Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: June 9, 2016
Defendant: Wendy M. Schumacher
Offense: Driving while intoxicated / open container
Sentence: \$200 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
Date: June 7, 2016

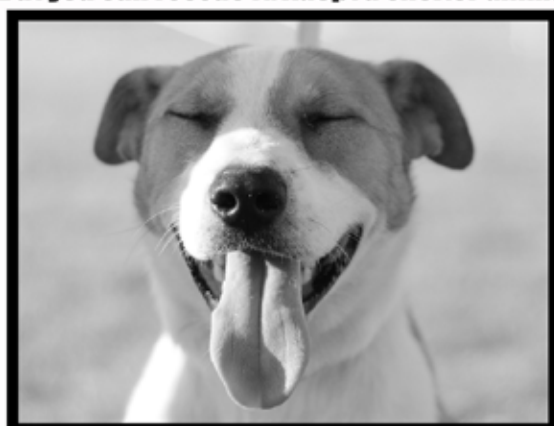
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<p>Encana Oil & Gas, Inc. NA 370 17th Street, Suite 1700 Denver, CO 80202-0000 Chelsea Carpenter, Regulatory Analyst (720) 876-5176</p>	<p>#1706G Ward "17B" "H1706", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38603 5 miles northwest of Big Spring A-310, Section 17, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 7657 feet 259' FSL, 451' FWL of 402-acre lease 2396' FNL, 2199' FEL of the survey</p>
<p>Oxy USA, Inc. zontal, El: NA P.O. Box 4294 Houston, TX 77024-0000 Amanda Maxian, Reg. Coordinator survey (713) 840-3036</p>	<p>#1WA Stallings Domino Return "2807", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38736 3 miles west of Big Spring A-1079, Section 28, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 12,500 feet 466' FNL, 1341' FEL of 966.86-acre lease 537' FSL, 1341' FEL of the survey</p>
<p>Oxy USA, Inc. zontal, El: NA P.O. Box 4294 Houston, TX 77024-0000 Amanda Maxian, Reg. Coordinator survey (713) 840-3036</p>	<p>#1WA Stallings Domino Return "2805", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38735 3 miles west of Big Spring A-1079, Section 28, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 12,500 feet 463' FNL, 1381' FEL of 966.86-acre lease 534' FSL, 1381' FEL of the survey</p>
<p>Surge Operating, LLC 7850 N. Sam Houston Pkwy West Suite 300 Houston, TX 77064-0000</p>	<p>#8SH Moby Dick "31-30", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38800 1.75 miles southeast of Vealmoor A-290, Section 31, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet 2301' FSL, 332' FEL of 499.03-acre lease 2301' FSL, 332' FEL of the survey</p>
<p>Connie Swan, Regulatory Analyst (918) 621-6533</p>	<p>#4 Allar "19A", drill, El: NA Petey (Fusselman) Field 5 miles southwest of Sand Springs A-113, Section 19, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet 660' FSL, 656' FEL of 320-acre lease 660' FSL, 1980' FWL of the survey</p>
<p>Hannathon Petroleum, LLC 223 W. Wall St., Suite 800 Midland, TX 79701-0000 Ryan Bergeron, Consultant (512) 478-3456</p>	<p>#6 Allar "30", drill, El: NA Petey (Fusselman) Field 5.20 miles southwest of Sand Springs A-669, Section 30, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet 910' FNL, 1980' FEL of 480-acre lease 910' FNL, 1980' FEL of the survey</p>
<p>Hannathon Petroleum, LLC 223 W. Wall St., Suite 800 Midland, TX 79701-0000 Ryan Bergeron, Consultant survey (512) 478-3456</p>	<p>#4 Robinson "12", drill, El: NA Petey (Fusselman) Field 3;.90 miles southwest of Sand Springs A-1275, Section 12, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet 2072' FSL, 578' FWL of 640-acre lease 2072' FSL, 578' FWL of the survey</p>

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US rig count up 10 this week to 431

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. increased by 10 this week to 421.

A year ago, 862 rigs were active. Oil and gas exploration has plummeted amid depressed energy prices.

Houston oilfield services company Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday 341 rigs sought oil and 89 explored this week for natural gas. One was listed as miscellaneous.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas and Oklahoma each gained four rigs, Colorado was up two and Louisiana one.

Alaska and New Mexico declined by two apiece. Arkansas, California, Kansas, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming were unchanged.

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

Texas energy company to end merger with pipeline business

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A Dallas-based energy company's decision Wednesday to terminate a merger with a Tulsa-based pipeline company has relieved city officials who worried the merger would lead to an exodus of high-paying jobs from Oklahoma.

Energy Transfer Equity announced Wednesday in a filing it intends to terminate a merger agreement with Williams Cos., citing a Delaware Court of Chancery's ruling last week that it could back out of the deal if its attorneys could not deliver a required tax opinion.

Williams has appealed the ruling to the Delaware Supreme Court, and said in a statement it believes Energy Transfer Equity breached the merger agreement by failing to "use necessary efforts" to close the deal, including the delivery of the tax opinion.

"Williams recognizes the practical fact that ETE has refused to close the merger," the Tulsa company's statement reads. "Williams has concluded that it is in the best interests of its stockholders to seek, among other remedies, monetary damages from ETE for its breaches."

Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett said he was relieved to hear of the Dallas company's plans to end the deal, calling it "a huge win" for Oklahoma.

"Williams has been part of Tulsa for over a century, and we look forward to the next 100 years," Bartlett said. "Going forward, Tulsa is here to support Williams, its employees, its board of directors, and its shareholders as the company retains its independence and navigates a tough energy market."

Williams shareholders had voted Monday to complete the merger deal, which was agreed to in September with a completion period that was set to end Tuesday.

Williams previously claimed Energy Transfer Equity was using the tax opinion as a ruse to miss a deadline and was deliberately trying to scrap the agreement. The Delaware judge said that even though it would be in the best interest of the Texas company for the agreement to end, it did not prove that ETE's leadership failed to do everything in its power to obtain the tax opinion from attorneys.

US energy secretary sees oil market coming into balance

BEIJING (AP) — The U.S. energy secretary said Friday he sees the global oil market coming into balance over the next year as rising demand catches up with a two-year-old supply glut that depressed prices.

Ernest Moniz said supplies should be adequate after the market comes into balance. He said Saudi Arabia has made clear it will maintain spare production capacity if it is needed by the market.

Moniz spoke after meeting with his Saudi coun-

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US income gap widened last year as top 1 percent gained most

By **JOSH BOAK**

AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Financial inequality became even wider in the United States last year, with average income for the top 1 percent of households surging 7.7 percent to \$1.36 million.
Income for the richest sliver rose twice as fast as it did for the remaining 99 percent of households, according to an updated analysis of tax data by Emmanuel Saez, an economics professor at the

University of California, Berkeley.
Still, the incomes of households outside the top 1 percent appear finally to be recovering from the Great Recession, which officially ended seven years ago. After accounting for inflation, their average income rose 3.9 percent last year to \$48,768 — the strongest annual gain since 1998. Contrast that with the period from 2008 to 2011, when the economy remained in a rut and inflation-adjusted income for the bot-

tom 99 percent of households was falling.
“It is indeed the best growth year for the bottom 90 percent and bottom 99 percent since the late 1990s,” Saez said. “At the same time, top incomes grow even faster, leading to a further widening of inequality, which continues an alarming trend.”
Income inequality has been a rallying cry of the 2016 election, with more Americans turning fearful and angry about a shrinking middle

class. Donald Trump has pledged to restore prosperity by ripping up trade deals and using tariffs to return manufacturing jobs from overseas. Hillary Clinton has backed a debt-free college option and higher minimum wages to help the middle class.
Much of the debate has been fueled by research conducted over the years by Saez and his collaborator Thomas Piketty. The IRS data reviewed by Saez shows that income growth last year was greatest

among the super-wealthy — the top 0.1 percent of households. Their incomes climbed nearly 9 percent to an average of \$6.75 million.
The tax data helps capture income inequality more fully than government surveys, which often fail to include the tiny fraction of ultra-rich Americans who play professional sports, star in Hollywood blockbusters, manage global corporations or trade successfully in the financial markets.

RECORDS

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Defendant: Miguel A. Arenivaz Jr.
Offense: Hinder secured creditor \$500 to \$1,500
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Date: June 13, 2016

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Cynthia R. Trevino
Grantee: Sovereign Land Property
Property: Lot 2 Blk. 1, Canyon View Addition
Date: June 28, 2016

Grantor: Donnie Reid
Grantee: J. Hopper Homes Inc.
Property: 0.346-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 6, Blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 1, 2016

Grantor: Linda Boney
Grantee: Nathan and Scarlet Hannum
Property: 106 Merrick, Big Spring
Date: June 21, 2016

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Grantee: Bryce and Courtney Samsel
Property: Lot 3, Allen Subdivision in NE/4 Sec. 47, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 6, 2016

Grantor: Maria Torres
Grantee: Sammy Torres
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Date: June 21, 2016

Grantor: Sheila Carter, independent administratrix of the estate of Patricia Dover
Grantee: Noel Scott Allen
Property: Lot 16, Blk. 5, Avion Village Addition
Date: June 16, 2016

Grantor: Fernando Rodriguez III and Kerry J. Rodriguez
Grantee: Brookfield Relocation Inc. of Colorado
Property: Lot 1 Blk. 1 Caham Subdivision in Sec. 4, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey

Date: May 2, 2016
Grantor: Mary Alice Yanez
Grantee: Chon Albert Gonzales
Property: Lot 45, Blk. 1, of M.N. Parker Addition
Date: June 20, 2016

Grantor: Anderson Street Church of Christ
Grantee: Ackerly Church of Christ
Property: Tract 1: Part of N/2, Sec. 33, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey; Tract 2: Lot 7, Blk. 2, William Green Addition No. 1, N/2 Sec. 33, Blk. 32 T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.
Date:

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Liens

Grantor: Gary Feaster
Grantee: John William Jones and Jessie Jones
Property: A 1.87-acre tract in NE/4 of Sec. 6, Blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 28, 2016

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes
Grantee: Alfonso Men-

doza
Property: A 2.87-acre tract in NE/4, Sec. 6, Blk. 31, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 24, 2016

Grantor: Rachel Gee and Danibelle Gee
Grantee: Dustin Aaron Gutierrez
Property: Lot 15, Blk. 2, College Park Estates
Date: June 20, 2016

Grantor: Lee Harris Management L.L.C.
Grantee: Leslie Harris Williams
Property: Tract 1: Lot 1, Blk. 18, Edwards Heights Addition; Tract 2: A strip of land 40 feet wide and about 158 feet long in Edwards Heights addition; Tract 3: A 0.014-acre tract in the SE part of Lot 2, Blk. 18, Edwards Heights Addition.
Date: June 20, 2016

Grantor: George W. Poage Jr. and Nancy Poage
Grantee: Joseph Richter
Property: A tract in NE/4, Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: June 20, 2016

BREXIT

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Boris Johnson — his erstwhile ally in the EU “leave” campaign — to drop out Thursday. Gove had been expected to back Johnson for the top job, and some Conservatives are furious at his betrayal.

Kenneth Clarke, a former justice secretary, said Friday that Gove “would all do us a favor if he were to stand down now.” Clarke said a leader needed to have “the trust, as far as possible, of your colleagues.”

Gove said he was a reluctant candidate aware of his limitations — “whatever charisma is, I don’t have it.” He claimed that “I did almost everything I could not to be a candidate for leadership of this party.”

But he said while Johnson had campaigned “with passion and brio,” he had concluded the flamboyant former mayor did not have what it took to be prime minister.

Conservative lawmakers will whittle the field down to two leadership candidates before the final decision is made by a postal vote of all party members.

Several Cabinet ministers have announced their support for May, considered a tough politician capable of standing up to EU officials. Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin said “her track record shows that when Theresa arrives in Brussels, Europe’s boss sit up and listen.”

Survey: US manufacturing accelerates in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — American manufacturing expanded for the fourth straight month in June, hitting the strongest reading in 16 months as the outlook for new orders and production improved.
The Institute for Supply Management said Friday its manufacturing index rose to 53.2 last month from 51.3 in May. Anything above 50 signals growth.

The report suggests U.S. factories are showing some signs of stability after being pummeled at the beginning of last year by a rising dollar, shuttered oil production and weak global economic growth.
The ISM index stayed below 50 from October through February, before shaking off these setbacks beginning in March. Orders began to rebound as factories

adapted to the financial headwinds and as the dollar’s appreciation became tempered and oil prices stopped plunging.
“Today’s report is clearly a positive development and suggests that the long-suffering manufacturing sector may finally be starting to recover,” said Andrew Hunter, assistant economist at Capital Economics.



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BALANCE

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terpart, Khalid al-Falih, while both were in Beijing for a gathering of energy ministers from the Group of 20 major developed and emerging economies.

The Saudi minister told the Houston Chronicle on June 22 the oversupply of oil was ending and he expected markets to come into balance this year.

"That's reasonable, although it could also go into next year," said Moniz. "Let's say, within the next year, most of the people would expect a balance in the market."

Crude prices tumbled from 2014 highs of more than \$100 a barrel to a 13-year low of less than \$30 in mid-February before rising to just under \$50.

"We still are in a situation of more production than demand," said Moniz. "The gap is narrowing as global demand goes up slowly and production is not going up."

Moniz said higher prices could lead to more supply as operators develop additional U.S. wells.

"As prices go up — \$50, \$60, \$70 — you probably will see more of those wells being completed," he said. "The market seems to be pretty well supplied, and there is no reason to think there will be a big change over the next couple of years."

Moniz said the Saudi minister has made clear his government wants to rely on market forces to set prices instead of quotes.

"He has made it very clear that Saudi Arabia intends to maintain spare capacity should that be needed in the market," he said.

Company tries again to build power line in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A Houston-based company on Thursday reapplied to build a power line across Missouri for a multistate wind energy project despite an earlier rejection by state regulators.

Clean Line Energy Partners says that since the Missouri Public Service Commission denied its request last year, it's changed plans to address landowner concerns and has built a case for why the Grain Belt Express is needed. The cost of the proposed power line is estimated at more than \$2.3 billion.

"Over the last year, we have made tremendous progress in developing the Grain Belt Express so that it will benefit Missourians for years to come," Clean Line President Michael Skelly said in a statement. He said he's hopeful the Missouri Public Service Commission will recognize "the many long-term benefits that this project will bring to the Show-Me State."

The Grain Belt Express would cut from Dodge City, Kansas, through northern Missouri and Illinois to a substation in Sullivan, Indiana. A little more than 200 miles of the 780-mile power line would stretch through Missouri, and state utilities would have access to some of the electricity it would carry.

Weekly oil report

OIL REPORT

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Tom Green County

Maverick Operating, LLC
193 Falling Hills
New Braunfels, TX 78132-0000
Bonnie Seggelink, Agent
(214) 432-8002, Ext. 221

#1 Flying B Ranch, drill, El: NA, API #42-451-32847
Wildcat Field
19 miles southwest of Water Valley
A-1005, Section 73, Block 6, H&TC RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 6600 feet
1980' FNL, 660' FEL of 640-acre lease
1980' FNL, 660' FEL of the survey

New Oil Completions:

Howard County

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Houston, TX 77024-0000
(713) 840-3036

#2124WA Young "A", API #42-227-38493
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2548'

Contractor not listed

5.30 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-368, Section 21, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey
1463' FNL, 433' FEL of the survey
Latitude 032.1844418, Longitude -101.5210775
Total Depth: 7427 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs: Neutron/
Density
Daily Potential: 1,141 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/
393 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 1054
Spud: 2-26-15. Completed: 8-19-15. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 6207 feet w/ 310 sx.; MS tool @ 4450 feet
w/ 620 sx.
2-7/8" @ 6418 feet
Perfs: 7515-13,515

Yates 1614'

Seven Rivers 1940'
Glorieta 3974'
San Andres 4000'

Clear Fork 4614'
Spraberry 5924'
Dean 6980'
Wolfcamp 7070'

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P.O. Box 10848

API #42-227-38583
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well,
2658' GR
8 miles north of Big Spring
A-285, Section 45, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. sur-

Midland, TX 79702-0000
(512) 469-0064

Contractor not listed

1689' FEL, 600' FNL of the survey
Latitude 032.40014, Longitude -101.48443
Total Depth: 7122 feet. PBTD: NA. Logs:
Gamma Ray (MWD)
Daily Potential: 1,059 Bbls 40.5 gravity oil
w/ 1,877 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 590
Spud: 11-04-15. Completed: 4-18-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 4546 feet w/ 1,300 sx.
5-1/2" @ 15,397 feet w/ 3,250 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6674 feet
Perfs: 7641-15,327

Yates 1846'

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Death sparks 'Autopilot' car probe; man had speeding tickets



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In this Monday, April 25, 2016, file photo, a man sits behind the steering wheel of a Tesla Model S electric car on display at the Beijing International Automotive Exhibition in Beijing.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first American death involving a car in self-driving mode presents a dilemma: How aggressively to embrace the potentially life-saving technology after a fatal crash. The driver's history of speeding complicates the question.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is investigating the design and performance of the Tesla Model S vehicle's "Autopilot" system after an-

nouncing the death of a driver on Thursday. The system was engaged at the time of the crash, but that is only part of the story.

The driver, Joshua D. Brown, a 40-year-old technology company owner from Canton, Ohio, was so enamored of his sedan that he nicknamed it "Tessy" and praised the Autopilot's safety benefits. Brown published videos on Youtube of himself behind the wheel with the system active.

He was killed May 7 in Williston, Fla., when his car's cameras failed to distinguish the white side of a turning tractor-trailer from a brightly lit sky and didn't automatically activate the brakes, according to statements by the government and the automaker. Brown didn't take control and brake, either.

Brown's family said in a statement that it wanted to help the government and Tesla so that "information learned from this tragedy will trigger further innovation which enhances the safety of everyone on the roadways."

His death comes at an awkward time for the U.S. government and car makers.

NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind was expected later this month to announce guidelines on self-driving cars for states and automakers. The transition to the new technology could radically transform how people travel in the future.

Rosekind has stressed the potential life-saving advantages. In theory,

automated vehicles will eliminate the human errors that are responsible for an estimated 94 percent of traffic fatalities. With more than 35,000 people killed on the nation's roads last year, the benefits could be enormous. Still, experts say some crashes and deaths will continue occurring.

Expecting "defect-free," self-driving cars is unreasonable, said Timothy Carone, a Notre Dame professor and author of "Future Automation: Changes to Lives and to Businesses." Still, he said the technology will become safer as it matures.

A former NHTSA administrator, Joan Claybrook, said the government should ensure car companies test self-driving software to eliminate defects before vehicles hit the road. She said automakers shouldn't make guinea pigs of their customers.

"There is nothing unique about software that it can't be tested," Claybrook said.

Friends described Brown as having a "need for speed," and state records obtained by The Associated Press show he had eight speeding tickets over six years.

Terri Lyn Reed, an insurance agent in north-eastern Ohio who insured Brown's business, described her friend as "kind of a daredevil" who loved excitement and speed, and was fearless. A former employee of Brown's, Stan Staneski, said Brown drove fast, but he considered him a safe driver.

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Yates 1754'
Seven Rivers 1949'

San Andres 3300'
Glorieta 4025'
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Spraberry 5929'
Dean 7120'
Wolfcamp 7214'

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Logs: Mud Log showing Lithology
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BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 351
Spud: 11-14-15. Completed: 4-06-16. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 6370 feet w/ 970 sx.
5-1/2" @ 16,785 feet w/ 1,640 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6712 feet
Perfs: 7666-16,564

There are no New Gas Completions this week.

Dry Holes:

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API #42-335-31888
Spud: 10-23-81
Plugged: 2-15-13

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distance and direction from nearest town not listed
Section 4, Block 97, Cuthbert Vacancy survey
Total Depth: 3485 feet
Survey lines: NA
Open intervals and Perfs: 2670-3127
3,430 feet of 4-1/2" left in the hole.

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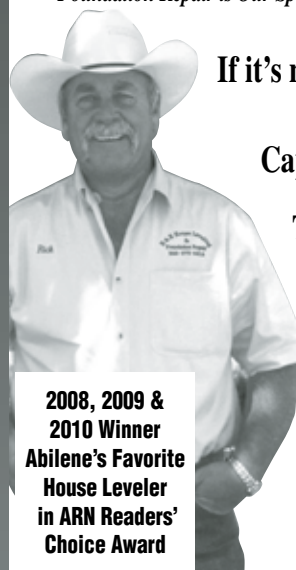
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#9086 July 3 & 10, 2016

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#9082 July 3 & 10, 2016

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9	4		5				1	
	2	8						
				9		6	4	
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2	6	9		7				1
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By Steve Becker
The winning edge

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♠ Q 5 3
♥ A 8
♦ A 10 3
♣ Q 10 7 5 2

WEST

♠ K
♥ Q J 9 2
♦ 8 6 5
♣ K 9 8 4 3

EAST

♠ 10 9 8 4
♥ K 7 6 5 4
♦ 9 2
♣ A J

SOUTH

♠ A J 7 6 2
♥ 10 3
♦ K Q J 7 4
♣ 6

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1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

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mond. South won and, when West next showed out on the queen of spades, had to concede down one, losing two spades, a heart and a club.

South bemoaned his bad luck in losing a trick to the singleton king of spades, but the outcome was really his own fault. Had he considered his approach to the trump suit more carefully, he might have seen the wisdom of playing the ace on the first round of spades rather than the jack. This would have felled the king and limited South to one trump loser.

The play of the ace is not based on a peek at West's hand, but on simple probabilities. Declarer should reason that if the opposing spades are divided 3-2, he cannot lose more than one trump trick no matter how he plays the suit. Similarly, if the spades are 4-1, with the king guarded, two spades will have to be lost regardless of how South plays.

There is, however, one 4-1 division where declarer's play matters — and that is when the king is singleton in either opponent's hand. If East has the singleton king, it will appear when the first spade is led from dummy. But if West has it, the ace must be played to avoid losing an extra spade trick.

The chance of West's holding the lone king is slightly less than 3 percent — not a very high number. But it is approximately that small percentage that enables casinos the world over to show millions of dollars in profits every year.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

children, money or body stats, size up the facts and find out exactly where you're at.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may be surprised by a sudden awareness of a responsibility you didn't know you had. Probably, it's something you've already been taking care of, though now, instead of acting automatically, you see the choice in this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Was it something bad that happened or was it a wisdom-building experience? Well, if you never thought of it that way before, you'll run with the idea today and apply that wisdom all over the place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The computing power that's woven into almost everything you do will have a definite effect on a main relationship today. It could, if used well, bring you much closer to your love. If used badly, it could cause a wedge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You want to excel, but when you do, there is a set of feelings on the other side of it that catches you off guard. Remember how it was last time. You're going to succeed again, so it's important that you prepare yourself for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The pertinent question is whether your current sense of what you're capable of is actually balanced or it's a distortion you've created based on the expectations and needs of those around you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). On your way to the next evolution, the one in which you gain what you've been wanting, something gets lost. It's most commonly something you weren't using and don't need anyway, but grieving may be called for.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 2). You see yourself as not only a person, but also a producer of a kind of feeling that you give the people lucky enough to be around you. Your warmth and the quirky way you look at life will add much joy to the lives of others. There's a big payoff in Au-

gust. You'll meet one you've long admired before 2016 is up. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 14, 33 and 42.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: On July 4, 1776, representatives from 13 colonies in America assembled to declare themselves autonomous, outside of British rule, free at last. Free to do what? Well, that would be sorted out in the years to follow and is, of course, still being sorted out in this government of the people by the people. The United States of America's birthday falls under the sign of the crab, which is the symbol of patriotism, and the Cancer planets are aligned aptly this year in celebration, with Mercury and the moon conjunct in Cancer on July 3 and the new moon in Cancer on July 4.

Nationalism and patriotism are extended forms of Cancer's expression. At its core, the energy of this sign is about a sense of home. Home can be as much about a place as it is about a group of people or a set of ideas. Whatever your personal criterion for feeling safe, secure, comfortable and nurtured, you can expect it to be challenged by Pluto's antagonistic stance on Thursday, July 7. Don't worry: Pluto is only playing devil's advocate by helping us understand what we care most about so we will not be tempted to take it for granted.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My spouse (born Oct. 26, 1979) is having issues coping with life and it's creating a huge gap between us. I am her only support system. She wants me to solve it all. Do you see it getting any better? Because if not I see a divorce. And I don't want that because I do love her. My birthday is Sept. 5, 1980."

As compassionate people, part of our human commitment involves helping one another during health crises. It's not easy, but it's one face of love. Virgo, you're a natural caretaker, but with Saturn in Virgo, that role feels thrust upon you, and you easily see its hard edges and demands. I wonder if she's bringing up your fears about being forced

Lunar Shenanigans

Lunar shenanigans suggest the day will not be without struggle -- though short-lived, the intensity will likely be dialed up. It is said that a drowning man isn't picky about who throws him a rope. Just know that if you call out for help and your savior of the moment comes in an act of common decency, this should not be tied to future obligation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Though you don't like to dwell on upsetting experiences of the past, you can now see them as though you were a casual observer, not the one at the center of the scene. Doing so will help you work out today's dilemma.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've discharged quite a lot of emotional energy as of late, and now there's a hum of mental calm to accompany your every move. It's a good soundtrack.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Speaking in abstract principles won't help what's going on for you personally. Ground your conversation and anecdotes in the facts and happenings of your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're tough and so you have to do the tough work. After you clear up this bit of gnarly (or perhaps just inordinately tedious) business, you'll be back to your charismatic, hilarious, sparkly self.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You sometimes wonder if the person you're being in a relationship is intrinsic to who you are or only showing up because of the circumstances present in that particular dynamic. Take yourself out of it and see.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's an ideal day to assess your current status in concrete measures. Whether it's counting your blessings,

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to be responsible for someone who can't do for herself. But why even go there? Think about it: You're both young. You didn't mention what illness she's facing, but youth is resilient. In all likelihood, neither of you have any reason to believe this will last forever, or can't be managed over time. Enlist your medical support team for help in coping with both the physical and the emotional implications of illness.

Tisdale was born when the moon was also in Cancer, suggesting she's guided by strong intuition. Venus in Leo points to a true love of entertaining people, a playful nature and a special connection with children.

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CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Soulful Cancer Ashley Tisdale will lend her powerful voice and comedic talent to the role of Cinderella in the animated comedy musical "Charming" along with fellow diva Demi Lovato.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Idiosyncrasies
 - 5 Buckle
 - 9 Lay away
 - 14 Its flag has four crescents
 - 15 Elizabeth knighted him in '59 for "services to the arts"
 - 16 Shadow-box piece
 - 17 Certain state-run game
 - 18 Evokes recollection
 - 20 Consumed by
 - 21 Ever-increasing statistic
 - 22 It's debated in song in *Hamilton*
 - 23 Self-starter's byword
 - 26 *Batman v Superman* villain
 - 27 Public transportation to Wimbledon
 - 28 Ecstatic
 - 32 Many an eco-house
 - 35 Bypass via the high way
 - 37 Wound or unwound
 - 39 Colleague of Emile's who signed his Dreyfus manifesto
 - 40 Aeschylus trilogy that inspired *Mourning Becomes Electra*
 - 42 California company with a Rocket Road address
 - 43 Lippy or cheeky
 - 44 Brilliant circle
 - 46 Modern
 - 47 '94 Oscar nominee as Jo March
 - 51 Train technology
 - 55 End of a shift
 - 56 Meeting places
 - 57 Extravagant
 - 59 Exit events for some VCs
 - 60 Dashing
 - 61 Cliché drawing time
 - 62 Insulate
 - 63 Airbn listing
 - 64 "___ these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me": Lazarus
 - 65 Builder of the last London Olympics' rowing venue
- DOWN**
- 1 Carvings first made as boundary markers
 - 2 Madame Curie daughter
 - 3 Construction support
 - 4 Mind number
 - 5 Word derived from an alchemist's measure
 - 6 Settle down
 - 7 Parquetry supplies
 - 8 12-lead test
 - 9 Redoubtable
 - 10 Project Mercury food source
 - 11 Confines
 - 12 Grains larger than sand
 - 13 ___ orders
 - 19 Rose holders
 - 24 Take to the next level
 - 25 Cloud composition
 - 28 Burr, for one
 - 29 Tapas garnish
 - 30 A subject of Warhol's "Athlete Series"
 - 31 Green beast in *Toy Story*
 - 32 Coin for David Copperfield, say
 - 33 Inimitable
 - 34 Temptation for Pooh
 - 36 It might be ruled by a professor
 - 38 Name in the subtitle of the bio *Woman in the Mists*
 - 41 Song performed at both Obama inaugural parades
 - 45 Possible pickup limit
 - 47 Single-minded about
 - 48 Polish
 - 49 Word on motel-chain listings
 - 50 Clear of the horizon
 - 51 Bottom-drawer label, perhaps
 - 52 Angry Birds birds, essentially
 - 53 Gangster film stock character
 - 54 Tarzan title
 - 58 Grp. dealing with drips

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Game of Thrones villain blast politicians over refugees



AP photo

Maisie Williams is shown here as Arya Stark in a scene from "Game of Thrones," on HBO.

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — On screen she's a homicidal maniac.

But as the world watched Cersei Lannister unleash devastating revenge on her enemies, the actress who plays the brooding Game of Thrones villain was in Greece displaying a far more compassionate side.

Lena Headey went to Lesbos, the island at the heart of Europe's refugee crisis, and two migrant camps in northern Greece to visit refugees stranded by Europe's closed-door policies.

On Friday, she told *The Associated Press* the trip had been life-changing.

Co-stars Maisie Williams and Liam Cunningham joined her on the trip organized by the U.S.-based relief agency, the International Rescue Committee.

They had little to say about Season 7, recently confirmed by U.S. pay television channel HBO after drawing a domestic audience of 8.9 million for the Season 6 finale last Sunday.

But when asked about the refugees they met, they finished each other's sentences.

More than a million migrants and refugees have traveled from the shores of Turkey to Greek islands since early 2015.

Families crossed in dinghies and unsafe boats and continued to mainland Europe during the crisis, which triggered border closures across the continent.

It also started an explosive political debate that emerged as a key issue in Britain's referendum to leave the European Union, and is likely to play a role in upcoming elections in Germany and elsewhere.

Headey described Europe's treatment of people fleeing war in Syria and other countries as "utterly ridiculous." Here are some of the actors' thoughts about the situation:

The British actress spoke with refugees who have been trapped in Greece for months.

"They just want a voice. That's what they all said to each of us — 'tell my story, tell my story' — and that's what we're going to do," Headey said.

"It was a life-changing trip to see firsthand the enormity of the loss of humanity that's at stake. These people can and want to contribute to the world. They are smart with education and skills and we're not allowing them to. We just stop them living. It can't continue."

Refugees, she said, were being deliberately misrepresented as a financial burden and security threat.

"I'd like to just erase the complacency and fear and replace it with humanity," she said.

"You go to these camps, and people communicate with their hearts. They have nothing left. It's a connection that we've lost in our complacent society. So it's incredible moving, and uplifting, and inspiring, and horrifying. We need to re-find ourselves and not shut our doors."

VEGETABLE GARDEN

Dozens of refugee camps have sprung up across Greece this year, most set up by the army and assisted by aid agencies like the IRC.

Maisie Williams, who plays orphaned teenage noble-turned-assassin Arya Stark, was struck by her visit to Lesbos and a camp where dwellers tend to a small vegetable patch.

"They came up with the idea to give this fresh produce that they worked so hard to grow to the poorer families of Lesbos. These people have nothing, absolutely nothing, and they are still giving back. They don't want to come (to Europe) to take from these other countries. They are just people."

The 19-year-old native of Bristol, England, said she was concerned about the migration debate back home,

where a surge of anti-immigrant hate crimes has been reported since the EU referendum.

"For me the scariest thing about leaving Europe is just the unknown," she said. "The general consensus is just to shut the door and walk away, and that really disappoints me. The responsibility for us is to hear (refugees') stories, bring them back and diminish this weird, false stigma around them."

"APPALLING HUMAN BEINGS"

The harshest criticism of Europe's policymakers came from Liam Cunningham, the bearded Irish actor popular for his portrayal of philosophical smuggler Davos Seaworth.

"There is a desire (by politicians) not to have these people here. They won't come out and say it. They won't be honest about it. So they do the old foot-dragging, bureaucratic foot-dragging. They want to make Europe undesirable to visit. That's the intention," the 55-year-old said.

"I'd love to grab those people by the back of the neck and take them to the camps and say: 'Look what you've done.' ... They are right-wing appalling human beings."

He added: "There are (refugees) in these camps who are oncologists, judges, successful people who've had everything taken away from them ... I was angry before but when you meet these beautiful people who are our children, our brothers, our sisters and you see what's been done to them. It's shameful."

Musician Paul Simon doesn't let on if he's the retiring type

NEW YORK (AP) — If Paul Simon is serious about calling it quits, he didn't let on to a hometown crowd.

The first of Simon's two concerts in his native Queens, the conclusion of the singer's North American tour, took on an added resonance when he mused to *The New York Times* in an interview this week that he may be nearing retirement. Simon turns 75 in October.

Simon didn't address the subject Thursday in a two-hour show at Forest Hills Stadium.

With nearly 60 years of music to choose from, Simon's heart — and much of his song selection — seemed to be in the period of multicultural exploration from his "Graceland" album on.

"It's kind of a time warp," said Simon, looking up at the sky over the U.S. Open tennis tournament's former home. "I'm trying to get over whether it's strange or just a beautiful dream."

The audience loudly cheered references to New York City in his music — a New York City winter in "The Boxer," the Statue of Liberty in "American Tune."

After getting people dancing to "Me and Julio Down by the Schoolyard," Simon slyly noted, "and I know just where that schoolyard is."

He grew up in Forest Hills, Queens, and was 15 when he and a school buddy, Art Garfunkel, had a minor hit with the song "Hey, Schoolgirl" under the name Tom and Jerry. The

folk-rock duo they formed under their own names was among the biggest-selling acts of the 1960s.

Simon, the writer of the duo, went on to a fruitful solo career capped by this spring's "Stranger to Stranger." The album was praised by critics and, somewhat surprisingly in a youth-obsessed industry, also has proven to be a commercial success.

Simon and Garfunkel have reunited occasionally in the more than four decades since breaking up, with their last show together in Forest Hills Stadium. The two are now estranged, and no reference was made to Garfunkel on Thursday. Simon played only two songs from their collaboration, "The Boxer" and "Homeward Bound."

Simon's nine-piece band skillfully navigated the swath of musical territory Simon explores in his music, from Africa to Brazil to Peru to New Orleans to Memphis and, of course, to New York. Simon covered Elvis Presley's "That's Alright, Mama" and dedicated it to Presley's former guitarist, Scotty Moore, who died this week.

Some of Simon's folk-era songs were given a new spin, like the bluesy take on "Slip Slidin' Away."

He ended the night in a guise familiar to many of his older fans: alone on stage with his acoustic guitar, singing "American Tune."

After a show Friday in the same venue, Simon is booked for a European tour this fall.

Matthew McConaughey teaching filmmaking course at Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Matthew McConaughey is heading back to school this fall to teach a course on filmmaking at the University of Texas at Austin.

The university says in a social media post that the Oscar winner will teach at his alma mater

alongside "Hunger Games" director Gary Ross.

The university tells the *San Antonio Express-News* that the actor will take 30 students behind the scenes of McConaughey and Ross' latest film, "The Free State of Jones" through

recorded videos. The school says McConaughey will make at least one visit to campus for the class.

The 1993 Texas grad has a home in Austin and has been seen on the sidelines at Longhorns football games.

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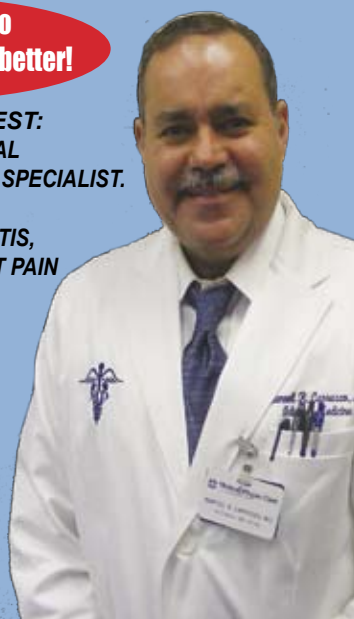
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