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3 dead in fire at Honolulu high-rise fire

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER and AUDREY McAVOY
 Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — At least three people died and 12 were injured Friday in a fire at a Honolulu high-rise that was not equipped with sprinklers, authorities said, and hundreds fled the giant condominium complex as smoke billowed from the upper floors.

The dead were found on the 26th floor, where the fire broke out around 2:15 p.m. and then spread to the 28th floor of the Marco Polo residences, Fire Chief Manuel Neves said.

Firefighters were searching the

damaged areas to make sure no additional people perished.

The 36-floor building near the tourist mecca of Waikiki was built in 1971, before sprinklers were required.

"Without a doubt if there were sprinklers in this apartment, the fire would be

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contained to the unit of origin," he said.

Four of the injured, including a firefighter, were hospitalized in serious condition, officials said.

Karen Hastings, 71, was in her 31st floor apartment when the fire broke out. She smelled smoke, ran on to her balcony and looked down to see flames below her.

"The next thing we know the fire causes the windows to blow out, and we can see glass flying all the way down," Hastings said. "I says, 'my goodness, anybody who is outside is going to get clobbered with glass.'"

Then, she said, "the fire just blew up and went flying right out the windows. And that was like a horror movie. Except it wasn't a horror movie, it was for real."

She and a neighbor ran through the haze down 14 floors until they found a safe stairwell to get some air.

"We actually saw a person laying on

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On the rise

Most local sales tax rebates jump in July



By LYNDEL MOODY
 Staff Writer

Most Howard County communities saw a significant jump in sales tax rebates from the state of Texas' July payouts, according to information released by the Texas Comptroller's Office.

The city of Big Spring saw a 21.85 percent increase in sales tax rebates over last year at this time. Big Spring received \$778,858.47 in tax rebates compared to \$639,164.82 in July 2016. At this time, the city has received \$4.8 million for the year, a 6.36 percent increase in rebates compared to this point in 2016.

Coahoma and Ackerly also saw significant jumps. Coahoma received \$9,876.03 from the state in sales

tax payouts compared to \$8,123.83 this time in 2016. That's a 21.56 percent jump. However, the city is still down in sales tax for the year compared to last by -19.61 percent.

At this point, Coahoma has received \$76,869.14 for 2017.

Ackerly's sales tax rebate jumped by a whopping 66.52 percent, as the community received \$7,153.19, compared to \$4,295.57 last year. Currently, the far north Howard County town has garnered \$36,195.74 for the year, 50.93 percent more in sales tax rebates compared to last year.

However, the city of Foran breaks the upward trend. The city received \$9,940.05 this July compared to \$10,898.98 in July 2016. That's about a 8.79 percent decline. Overall, the city is about breaking even with sales tax rebates for the year. It has received \$89,984.70 this year, which is about a 0.65 percent increase over 2016.

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SM Energy employees give hands-on help



HERALD photo/Robert Barlow

SM Energy recently donated \$5,000 to the local YMCA, along with a few of their employees for volunteer work, to help finish a project that, according to YMCA Executive Director Dathan Jones, will help alleviate an increasing problem within the area. "It's always easy to write a check and give money, but when you actually put your hands on it you get to see it come to life," Jones said.

YMCA soon to offer new program thanks to \$5,000 donation

By ROBERT BARLOW
 Staff Writer

The YMCA is now able to introduce a new program for children 18 months to 2 years, thanks to a donation from SM Energy.

A newly renovated classroom will be the start of a new program that will hopefully put a dent in an issue residents of the area are facing.

"Some of the centers here in town, I know one center in particular has a waiting list until 2019, so if you have a kiddo and you need to go to work, there's no place for the kiddos to go," said Dathan Jones, Executive Director of the YMCA. "So either one of the parents has to stay at home or they go to grandma or grandpa, they have to find someone to watch them."

SM Energy donated \$5,000, which went to paint, tools, and toys for the classroom. However, in addition to donating the money, several SM Energy employees are also helping with part of the renovations themselves.

"In addition to us giving the money, what we wanted to do was actually dedicate some of our time," said Kate Noble, external affairs advisor for SM Energy.

"It's always easy to write a check and give money, but when you actually put your hands on it you get to see it come to life," added Jones.

Jones said the renovation will turn the room from just a normal day care center to an area structured just for that age group.

"The thing were really striving for here is were going education based, so these kids will have a head start," Jones continued. "When they get ready to go to school, they're already going to have a good foundation of education laid out behind them. That's why the teachers we're bringing in have been doing this for 15, 16 years already."

Jones said this has been a problem within the com-

munity, and he hopes that the program can continue to grow in the future to allow them to help further alleviate the issue.

"It's a true need for our community to have another area to offer that age group, because everywhere else there is a huge waiting list," said Jones. "We can really impact the community by offering this."

The room was near its final stages with just some final painting and furnishing to get done, and with the help of the SM Energy employees Jones doesn't expect it to take long at all.

Inside the Life today

Courtesy photo
Morgan Callender, 12, poses with mom Ceresa at the Church of the Nazarene's World Quiz June 24. Morgan competed with 2,000 kids from around the world in the test of Bible knowledge and answered 38 of 40 questions correctly, nabbing a gold medal. For more pictures and the story, see page 1C.



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Obituaries

Fred "Freddy" Mears



Fred "Freddy" Mears, 70, of Tacoma, Wash., formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 8, 2017, at his home.

Memorial service will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel with Randy Cotton officiating.

He was born Nov. 3, 1946, in Big Spring, Texas, to Winifred and Obara Mears. He graduated from Big Spring High School and was a Vietnam veteran. He married Marilyn Groesbeck in 1969.

Mary Lee Newsom



Mary Lee Newsom, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, July 8, 2017, at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

She was born July 19, 1934, in Gainesville, Texas, to Retha Julia Hendershot Maner and Drue Martin Maner. She married Owen Lee Newsom in 1963, and he preceded her in death in 1967. She was a Reg-

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Mears of Tacoma, Wash.; two daughters, Cindy Brookins and husband Dillon of Big Spring, and Debbie Rawls and husband Brian of Tacoma, Wash.; three grandchildren; one great-grandson; one sister, Zonell Sneed and husband Leonard of Big Spring; one niece; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Winifred and Obara Mears.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials in his name to Calvary Baptist Church, 6511 S C Street, Tacoma Wash., 98404.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

istered Nurse and retired from Austin State Hospital. After retiring, she worked in nursing homes and also did private duty nursing. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 2009 coming from Niederwald.

She is survived by two sisters, Donna King of Big Spring and Lois Pettis of Sacramento, Calif.; two brothers, Jerry Maner of Big Spring and Joe Maner of Conroe; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Take Note

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

• The Big Spring Salvation Army is holding a fan drive to collect and distribute electric fans to those in Howard County who need one but can't afford it. Those wishing to donate can take new or gently used box or pedestal fans to the Salvation Army headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

People who need a fan should call the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239 to register and receive the distribution date.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

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

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

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

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins

at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

Virginia Mahaney

Virginia Mahaney died Jan. 30, 2017. She was born Oct. 14, 1929.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2017, at Lamesa Memorial Park Cemetery, with Randy Mathis of Ackerly Church of Christ officiating.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **CHRISTOPHER LEE VASQUEZ**, 35, of 2616 Ent Dr. was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

• **CALEB MORRIS**, 36, of 400 Dickey Lane in Columbia, Miss., was arrested on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750)/shoplifting.

• **RENEA RENNA BOOKER**, 35, of 1009 S. Scurry St. was arrested on a warrant for failure to obtain a Texas driver's license within 90 days.

• **SAMUEL DAVID PITTMAN**, 34, of 1621 E. 17th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **SAM STEVENSON WALKER JR.**, 26, of 1002 N. Main Apt. #47 was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

• **NATHAN CARL GARRARD**, 25, of 1107 Wood St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).

• **EMMETT EARL WOODARD**, 55, of 1819 S. Benton St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **JUSTIN M. RAMIREZ**, 30, of 710 Willia St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **COREY M. LAWLER**, 40, of 3205 S. Highway 87 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ROY GARCIA JR.**, 27, of 627 State St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• **THEFT** was reported on Highway 176 and in the 200 block of West FM 700.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of East 11th Place and in the 1000 block of North Main Street.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of Connally Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 600 block of Settles Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Matt Loop Road.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of East Fourth Street.

Support Groups

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

• 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.

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

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Papers reveal pot dealer's grisly confession to 4 slayings

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A marijuana dealer gave police a grisly account of killing four men on his family's farm, saying he crushed one of them with a backhoe after shooting him and tried to set three of the bodies on fire in a metal bin with the help of his cousin, according to court papers filed Friday.

Cosmo DiNardo, who graduated from a Catholic prep school two years ago, said he killed a former schoolmate when he arrived with \$800 to buy \$8,000 worth of pot. DiNardo, who's charged along with his cousin, said he shot another man in the back as he tried to run away.

DiNardo, 20, pinned one of the deaths on his cousin, who was charged Friday, although the cousin told police that DiNardo shot all four of the victims.

The only motive disclosed by investigators was that DiNardo said he wanted to set the victims up when they went to the farm to buy marijuana. One man vanished July 5, and the others vanished two days later.

Three of the slain men were buried at the farm, in Solebury, in an oil tank that had been converted into a cooker. The FBI found them Wednesday after four days of methodical hand-digging and sifting in a spot on the 90-acre farm that dogs had sniffed out.

Cuba's Raul Castro dismisses harsher US tone under Trump

HAVANA (AP) — Cuban President Raul Castro denounced President Donald Trump's tougher line on relations with Havana on Friday, calling it a setback but promising to continue working to normalize ties between the former Cold War rivals.

Castro's comments to Cuba's National Assembly were his first on Trump's June announcement of a partial rollback of the Cuba-U.S. detente achieved by then-President Barack Obama. They contained echoes of the harsh rhetoric of the past.

"Any strategy that seeks to destroy the revolution either through coercion or pressure or through more subtle methods will fail," Cuba's president told legislators.

He also rejected any "lessons" on human rights from the U.S., saying his country "has a lot to be proud about" on the issue.

Surrounded by Cuban-American

exiles and Cuban dissidents in Miami, Trump announced last month that the U.S. would impose new limits on U.S. travelers to the island and ban any payments to the military-linked conglomerate that controls much of the island's tourism industry. He said the U.S. would consider lifting those and other restrictions only after Cuba returned fugitives and made a series of other internal changes including freeing political prisoners, allowing freedom of assembly and holding free elections.

Turkey marks 1 year since July 15 coup attempt quashed

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkey is commemorating the first anniversary of quashing last summer's coup attempt with events over the weekend in Istanbul and Ankara.

Thousands are expected at "national unity marches" in the two cities, and speeches are planned in parliament and at an iconic Istanbul bridge.

Turkish soldiers attempted to overthrow the government and President Recep Tayyip Erdogan using tanks, warplanes and helicopters on July 15 last year. The coup plotters bombed the country's parliament and other locations but their attempt failed.

Heeding a call by the president and ignoring a curfew announced by the coup plotters, thousands of people went out on the streets to resist the coup. Some 250 people were killed and more than 2,000 were injured. Thirty-five coup plotters were also killed.

China cremates body of jailed Nobel laureate Liu Xiaobo

SHENYANG, China (AP) — China cremated the body of imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo, who died this week after a battle with liver cancer amid international criticism of Beijing for not letting him travel abroad as he had wished.

The government of the city of Shenyang in northeastern China, where Liu had been treated for advanced liver cancer, said in a briefing that the cremation took place early Saturday morning in a ceremony attended by family, including his wife.

Liu died Thursday from multiple organ failure that followed a battle with liver cancer while serving an 11-year sentence for incitement to subvert state power. He was 61.

The briefing, at which officials also provided images of the funeral, was

the latest in a tightly orchestrated Chinese government propaganda campaign seemingly aimed at countering criticism that Beijing has failed to handle Liu's case in a humanitarian way. A video about Liu's hospital treatment released on the website of the city's judicial bureau Friday appeared aimed at the same objective.

The wife and other family members of China's best-known political prisoner have been closely guarded by authorities and remain largely out of contact with the outside world even after Liu's death. Governments around the world have urged China to free Liu Xia from the strict house arrest she has lived under for years even though she has not been convicted of any crime.

Analysis: Slow leak of Russia news flooding White House

NEW YORK (AP) — As Air Force One flew home from Europe, news was set to break about a meeting that Donald Trump's eldest son had with a Kremlin-connected lawyer, promising yet another round of unwelcome headlines about the president and Russia. And that happened twice within a week.

The day-after-day drip-drip-drip of revelations over the past week about Donald Trump Jr.'s contact with the Russian lawyer in 2016 underscores the White House's inability to shake off the Russia story and close the book on a narrative that casts a shadow over Trump's presidency. No matter how presidential Trump may have looked on his back-to-back trips to Europe in recent days, the persistent questions about connections between Trump's team and Russia prevent him from savoring a public relations victory and building momentum for his stalled legislative agenda.

"No successful crisis management model works the way they are doing things," said Lanny Davis, who worked as special counsel to President Bill Clinton during his impeachment hearings. "If your mission is to control a story or try to end a story, you need to tell it early, tell it all and tell it yourself."

Trump Jr.'s account of his Trump Tower meeting has seemingly changed on an almost daily basis. At first, the meeting was said to be about a Russian adoption program. Then, it was to hear information about campaign rival Hillary Clinton. Finally, Trump Jr. was forced to release emails — mere moments before The

New York Times planned to do so — that revealed he had told an associate that he would "love" Russia's help in obtaining negative details about the Democratic nominee.

Even the number of people who attended the meeting has changed. On Friday, a prominent Russian-American lobbyist told The Associated Press that he, too, had been part of the discussion.

Hawaii dad, mom, grandma accused of starving girl to death

HILO, Hawaii (AP) — A Hawaii father, mother and grandmother are charged with murder after allegedly starving a 9-year-old girl.

Police on Hawaii's Big Island on Friday arrested 49-year-old Kevin Lehano (leh-hah-noh), 33-year-old Tiffany Stone and 59-year-old Henrietta Stone.

Hawaii County Prosecuting Attorney Mitch Roth, reading from a grand jury indictment, says they are accused of denying the girl food, water and medical treatment for about a year before she died in June 2016.

Police say officers and firefighters called to the Hilo (hee-low) home found the severely malnourished and unconscious girl lying on the floor. She was taken to a hospital, where she died.

It was not clear if the suspects have attorneys. They are being held at a police cellblock on \$100,000 bail each. Court hearings are scheduled for Monday.

Uber, Lyft take down not just cab drivers, but also lenders

NEW YORK (AP) — Ride-hailing apps such as Uber and Lyft have been so disruptive to New York City's taxi industry, they are causing lenders to fail.

Three New York-based credit unions that specialized in loaning money against taxi cab medallions, the hard-to-get licenses that allow the city's traditional cab fleet to operate, have been placed into conservatorship as the value of those medallions has plummeted.

Just three years ago, cab owners and investors were paying as much as \$1.3 million for a medallion.

Now they are worth less than half that, and some medallion owners owe more on their loans than the medallions are worth.

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REBATES

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The following figures are the July's pay-out sent to area cities from the state from sales tax collected in May. Listed are the city followed by the sales tax allocation then the percentage of net gain or loss compared to payment prior year.

Abilene:	\$3.2 million, 6.22 percent
Ackerly:	\$7,153.19, 66.52 percent
Amarillo:	\$5.8 million, .67 percent
Big Spring:	\$778,858.47, 21.85 percent
Coahoma:	\$9,876.03, 21.56 percent
Colorado City:	\$48,693.42, 1.47 percent
Forsan:	\$9,940.05, -8.79 percent
Lamesa:	\$118,240.91, 8.48 percent
Lubbock:	\$5.4 million, 8.91 percent
Midland:	\$4.9 million, 27.51 percent

Odessa:	\$4.1 million, 43.77 percent
San Angelo:	\$2 million, 13.50 percent
Snyder:	\$223,003.30, 18.11 percent
Stanton:	\$51,747.69, -37.89 percent
Sterling City:	\$17,974.53, 38.28 percent
Sweetwater:	\$298,048.83, .43 percent

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FIRE

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a ledge and I don't know whether he made it not," Hastings said.

The building is vast and wave-shaped, and has several sections. The blaze was mostly confined to a single section, and only the units immediately above it and to the side of it were evacuated, while many residents stayed inside.

The blaze was still burning some four hours after it broke out as the sun set, but it was down to mostly embers by then, official said.

Most evacuations went calmly and smoothly, security guard Leonard Rosa said.

Cory La Roe, who is from Florida and stationed in Hawaii with the Air Force, works night shifts and was asleep when siren sounds woke him at about 2:15 p.m.

"First thing, I was kind of disoriented and confused about what was going on, so I

looked out my window and saw people running away from the building, looking back toward it."

La Roe said he didn't hear any verbal announcements and there were no flashing fire alarm lights in the building, but "after I saw people running out and went out to the hallway, I knew it was a fire alarm."

He saw an elderly couple come down that looked "sooty" who were taken to the hospital. He saw other people brought out on stretchers.

He didn't realize that the building didn't have a sprinkler system and was surprised that was the case.

"That's one thing that

I wasn't aware of prior to moving in," La Roe said. "It was definitely shocking for me to know that there weren't any sprinklers installed in the building."

Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell said the city needs to look at passing a law requiring older buildings be retrofitted with sprinklers.

"The biggest argument is the affordability," Caldwell said. "Residents have to pay. It's pretty expensive. But if it saves a life and it's your life, it's worth the cost."

No one from the building said they remembered recent fire drills, but Anna Viggiano, who lives on the 6th floor, said there were some af-

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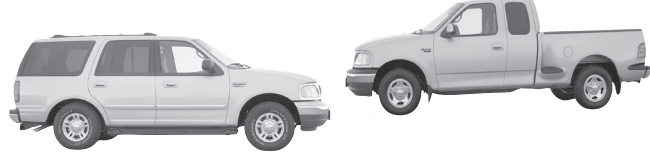
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Salado Legends celebrates 25 years

When Jackie Mills took over the operation of Salado's Tablerock outdoor theater in 1992, there was \$1.34 in the bank account and some unpaid bills. “It was the first time I had done anything like this and I was an easy mark,” she says. “I just thought it could be a great thing for Salado and surrounding communities.”



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She wanted to present an extravaganza on the Tablerock stage featuring costumes, lights, singing, dancing and the early days of Salado, all performed by a cast of 50 people. Some of the original cast members are still playing their parts. “There's a story to it and a love story,” says Jackie. “All the music is original.” Jackie wrote the lyrics but had to get help with the music. She worked with a composer many late nights in a recording studio.

“It took me nine months to write the story. And I still didn't have the end of it written when we started rehearsals. Cast members would look at the script and wanted to know about how the

play would end. I told them just to be patient, that it was coming. Finally I figured out how I was going to end it. The title is Salado Legends.”

One scene is about the Civil War and has black powder rifles and a cannon. Jackie says it's very noisy. When Salado was first founded, it was a town of teetotalers. Residents were seri-

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ous about that. When someone tried to open a saloon, it was a big flop. “All the women went to the building, brought chairs and their knitting and sat down in front of the door. Do you think a man would cross that threshold? Of course not. So the saloon moved to a nearby community.”

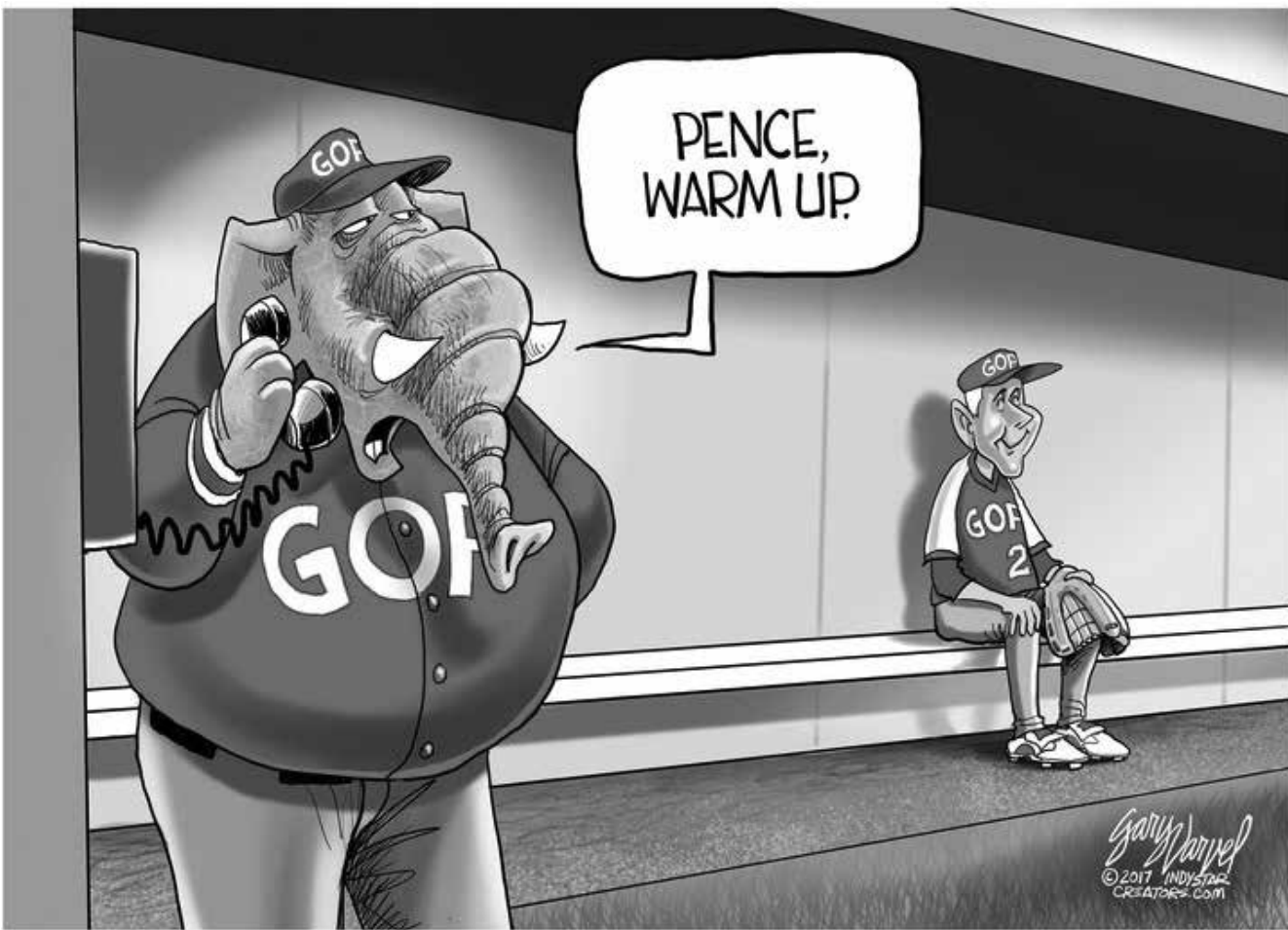
When Jackie took on the job of running the theater, it had been abandoned and weeds had just about taken over the audience area. That had to be addressed first, then came building sets and getting the theater ready for a

show. “There was no place to go but up, so we did.” Jackie's husband is an engineer and helped design an overall layout of the theater. For those first performances, the audience either sat on grass or bought their lawn chairs. Now there are seats for 600.

“For those first performances I borrowed costumes from Baylor, lights from the Temple Community Center and all kinds of things from several people. Some were afraid to see me coming for fear I'd ask them for something. But we made money with the very first performance, enough to buy lights. And the next performance we made enough to get something else.”

Apparently Tablerock is in good financial shape now (nobody working on the show gets paid). It just purchased a new sound system for \$5,000. About a thousand people attend the annual three-night run. “It always the last two Saturdays in July and the first Saturday in August. This year it'll be July 22, July 29 and August 5th.”

Tablerock is named for a huge flat rock on a nearby creek. “Indians went there to sun and drink the water for medicinal purposes. It's loaded with minerals. Tablerock is a place of healing.”



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DAILY PRAYER

You, Lord, are always there to listen when we have a problem.
Thank You. Amen.

The more things change

Authorities usually offer specifics when asked about origins of expressions. “The more things change, the more they stay the same,” however, is not one of them. Attempts to pinpoint its first use are baffling to some and invite “waffling” for others.

Most linguists agree that the idiom began as a French expression in the mid-19th century.

Hardliners maintain that its genesis is biblical, birthed by the scripture about “nothing being new under the sun.”

I do not wish to enter the debate. First of all, I'm not an authority on anything. And, though I've seen more than my share of sunrises, I've not seen nearly enough to qualify me to determine what constitutes sameness. Old Sol's rays were blazing down on folks long before I got here.

Hesitantly, though, I suggest to you that for more than a half-century, my wife and I have witnessed-yea, even participated in-undertakings that are Americana to the utmost.

Garage sales have changed little, if at all.

In our early days of marriage, we rose early on Saturdays to seek garage sales in affluent neighborhoods, rarely to buy

items we needed, but more often to purchase items we might find useful up the way.

Once I bought a tackle box full of old lures. I never flung them from a reel, and decades later handed them off to a fellow who collects old lures.

On a recent Saturday, I almost participated in another garage sale. Adding to the allure was the proximity. New neighbors Michelle and Allen had a sale to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

I hastened next door, my eyes locking on a couple of frilly dresses that had been gently worn, if at all. I pictured granddaughter Addison in them. I was permitted to take them to seek approval at her home a couple of blocks away. During the drive, I imagined her eyes glistening, her hands clapping, and possibly even occasional shrieks of delight.

I was wrong. Still in her PJs and not yet excited about starting a new day, she quickly perused each frock.

She quickly punctured my picture of her being “delighted.” She wanted to know if I had already bought them and then confessed she couldn't think of any place in the world where she'd wear them.

Admitting she was probably right, I hastened back to the garage sale to hang the dresses back on the rack.

My musing continued. Where, but at garage sales, would one see BMWs and jalopies parked bumper to bumper?

Where else in the Metroplex could one see friendly haggling, and learn that items priced at 25 cents each weren't moving, but were snapped up when priced three for a dollar?

And where else do prospective shoppers get up “rooster early” to reach garage sales before the hoarders get there? Finally, where else, within a matter of feet, does a customer ask if the seller can make change for a \$100 bill, while another, huddled nearby, is counting nickels and pennies, hoping to come up with 75 cents for a clothing item? (She counts 62 cents, and Michelle says that's close enough.)

Later in the morning, Addison and cousin Kedren (visiting from Tyler) dropped in at the sale as it was winding down. At once the 10-year-olds spotted an electrical item with which they were unfamiliar. It was priced at 50 cents, so how could they go wrong?

I recognized it immediately, an old time piece providing “high time.” You remember them, the old bedside clocks that project the time on the ceiling.

Last I heard, they hadn't decided if they'd share it for weeks or months at a time, or one would buy the other one out. At least they didn't buy any fishing lures. And, without expending even one penny, I was reminded that current garage sales are pretty much the same now as they were many sunrises ago.

Pipeline rupture spills 50,000 gallons of Permian Basin crude oil in Bastrop County

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio-Express News via AP

A pipeline rupture in Bastrop County spilled an estimated 1,200 barrels of crude oil — around 50,000 gallons — and prompted an evacuation Thursday morning, county officials said.

Contractors doing maintenance work for pipeline owner Tulsa, Okla.-based Magellan Midstream Partners accidentally punctured the pipeline just before 9 a.m., according to the company.

The pipeline was in operation at the time, but Bastrop County officials said that no injuries were reported. The pipeline was shut down, and Magellan said that no crude oil reached a waterway before it was contained.

The spill happened about 4 miles southwest of Bastrop, which is about 30 miles southeast of Austin.

Magellan said about 15 homes nearby had to be evacuated, but that by late Thursday, everyone was expected to be able to return home. Public safety officials asked the public to stay out of the area.

The spill shut down a section of FM 20, and the Texas Department of Public Safety said the road would remain closed at least until 8 a.m. Friday.

Magellan's Longhorn pipeline carries crude oil from the Permian

Basin in West Texas to the Houston area, the nation's biggest refining center. Magellan did not say how long the pipeline might be out of service.

"If it's down for a substantial period of time, it's going to impact crude oil available in the Houston market," Andy Lipow, president of Lipow Oil Associates LLC in Houston, told Bloomberg News. "If it was a significant problem, some refiners might have to reduce their runs."

U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration said it had responded to the spill and is investigating the cause.

The Railroad Commission of Texas, the state's oil and gas regulator, also had an investigator at the scene, and will oversee the spill containment and cleanup.

"There are approximately 100 representatives currently working at the site including emergency responders, clean-up and environmental specialists, state and federal regulators and Magellan employees," Magellan said in a statement. "Actions have been taken to contain the crude oil release to minimize environmental impact and to ensure public safety. The oil has been contained in a small area around the pipeline release and no crude oil has reached any water."

Cleanup was expected to continue overnight.

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#4 Dodson Trust "12", drill, El: NA
Cedar Flats (Mississippian) Field
10.40 miles southeast of Stanton
A-528, Section 12, Block 35, R.R. Wade survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 032.015988, Longitude -101.391994. Datum: NAD 27
990' FSL, 1920' FEL of 319.8-acre lease
1650' FNL, 1920' FEL of the survey

#1D Wrage "16", drill, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
4.70 miles southeast of Spraberry
A-1232, Section 16, Block 36, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 5500 feet
Latitude 032.534098, Longitude -101.452525. Datum: NAD 27
600' FSL, 2231' FWL of 329.3-acre lease
600' FSL, 2231' FWL of the survey

#2LS WH "48" Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39089
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
3.46 miles northwest of Knott
A-1680, Section 48, Block 34, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8995 feet
Latitude 032.265789, Longitude -101.394319. Datum: NAD 27
903' FWL, 270' FNL of 480-acre lease
1785' FEL, 270' FNL of the survey

#3LS WH "48" Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39091
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
3.46 miles northwest of Knott
A-1680, Section 48, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9015 feet
Latitude 032.265773, Longitude -101.394387. Datum: NAD 27
843' FWL, 270' FNL of 480-acre lease
1845' FEL, 270' FNL of the survey

#3WA WH "48" Unit, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39090
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
3.46 miles northwest of Knott
A-1680, Section 48, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9285 feet
Latitude 032.265781, Longitude -101.394353. Datum: NAD 27
873' FWL, 270' FNL of 480-acre lease
1845' FEL, 270' FNL of the survey

#1SH Ryan "A", drill horizontal, El: NA, API #42-227-39157
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
13 miles north of Big Spring
A-276, Section 27, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.250754, Longitude -101.282227. Datum: NAD 27
1780' FEL, 2292' FNL of 480-acre lease
1780' FEL, 2292' FNL of the survey
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Trump denies disaster declaration for Dakota Access pipeline

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Trump administration rejected North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum's request for a "major disaster declaration" to help cover some of the estimated \$38 million cost to police protests of the Dakota Access pipeline, a spokesman for the Republican governor said Thursday.

Burgum publicly announced in April his letter to President Donald Trump seeking the disaster declaration to pave the way federal aid. The governor was notified in May that the request was denied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Burgum spokesman Mike Nowatzki said. The governor's office didn't announce the denial until reporters asked about it this week.

The denial was not unexpected because such declarations typically involve natural disasters, and not "civil-unrest-related disasters," Nowatzki said.

"It wasn't a surprise to us," Nowatzki said. "We knew it was a longshot." The state had 30 days to appeal but did not, he said.

North Dakota's costs resulted from about six months of protests against the \$3.8 billion pipeline built by Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners to move North Dakota oil to Illinois. Hundreds and sometimes thousands of opponents camped on federal land in southern North Dakota, often clashing with police and National Guard soldiers who set up a staging area nearby that morphed into a small village. There were 761 arrests in the region between early August and late February.

Burgum, in his 11-page letter to Trump, said the federal government bore "significant" responsibility for the costs because it failed to "enforce

its regulations and maintain law and order on its property."

The state has borrowed money from the state-owned Bank of North Dakota to cover the law enforcement costs. It also is anticipating up to \$10 million from a Justice Department grant, Nowatzki said.

The state also has a longstanding offer from the pipeline's developer to help the state recoup the costs.

Energy Transfer Partners spokeswoman Vicki Granado said in an email to The Associated Press on Thursday that the offer still stands because "we know it placed a great burden on the state."

Nowatzki said Burgum has not yet dismissed the offer.

"Everything is on the table," Nowatzki said. "The governor believes North Dakota taxpayers should not have to foot this bill."

The long-delayed project was finished after Trump took office and called for its completion. On June 1, the pipeline began moving North Dakota oil to a distribution point in Illinois, from which it's shipped to the Gulf Coast.

North Dakota Tax Commissioner Ryan Rauschenberger said the pipeline "is already having a positive impact on state tax revenue because of the cheaper transportation."

Industry officials have estimated the pipeline could shave shipping costs by more than \$3 a barrel. Rauschenberger said it already has lowered shipping costs by about \$2.50 a barrel for drillers.

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US approves Alaska offshore drilling from gravel island

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Petroleum exploration has largely ceased in federal waters off Alaska but an Italian multinational oil and gas company has received permission to move ahead with modest drilling plans on leases sold in 2005.

The federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management late Wednesday announced conditional approval of an exploratory drilling plan submitted by Eni US Operating Co. Inc., part of Eni S.p.A.

The company plans to drill four exploration wells from the Spy Island drill site, an 11-acre (.04-square kilometer) artificial gravel island constructed in state of Alaska waters 6 to 8 feet (1.8 to 2.4 meters) deep. It's one of four artificial islands in the Beaufort Sea off Alaska's north coast that support oil production.

Former President Barack Obama last year banned oil and gas exploration in most of the Arctic Ocean. President Donald Trump in April ordered Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to review the ban with the goal of opening offshore areas. Environmental and Alaska Native groups in May sued to maintain the ban.

Environmental groups say potential Arctic Ocean spills put polar bears, bowhead whales and other marine mammals at risk.

Eni's leases would have expired at the end of 2017, said Kristen Monsell, an attorney for the Center for Biological

Diversity, in a prepared statement. Eni's plan calls for extended-reach wells that could stretch more than 6 miles (9.7 kilometers) into federal waters. The Trump administration provided the public only 21 days to review and comment on the exploration plan and only 10 days to comment on scoping for an environmental assessment, she said.

"Approving this Arctic drilling plan at the 11th hour makes a dangerous project even riskier," Monsell said. "An oil spill here would do incredible damage, and it'd be impossible to clean up."

Personnel at Eni's office in Anchorage said they could not comment and forwarded a request for comment to company officials in Milan.

The artificial island currently supports production wells on state of Alaska leases.

The federal exploration plan proposes two extended-reach main holes and two "side-tracks" to evaluate oil and gas at federal leases. The exploration wells would begin from the island and extend to the ocean floor to the federal leases.

Armstrong Oil and Gas submitted the original winning lease bids at a 2005 federal lease sale. Eni proposes winter-only drilling starting in December and ending in May 2019.

The permit does not authorize Eni to produce oil. That would require submission and approval of a development and production plan.

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#4 Thompson "48", drill, El: NA
Rose Petal (Lower Mississippian) Field
5.70 miles northwest of Forsan
A-1460, Section 48, Block 33, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 032.082602, Longitude -101.273595. Datum: NAD 27
475' FNL, 2150' FEL of 323.4-acre lease
475' FNL, 2150' FEL of the survey

#2352WA Bob Wiley, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39019
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
6.30 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-139, Section 23, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
X=788137.0, Y=263870.7. Datum: NAD 27
320' FNL, 563' FEL of 480-acre lease
320' FNL, 563' FEL of the survey
#2351WA Bob Wiley "A", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39017
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
6.30 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-139, Section 23, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
X=788107.7, Y=263864.3. Datum: NAD 27
320' FNL, 593' FEL of 620-acre lease
320' FNL, 593' FEL of the survey

#2332LS Bob Wiley "B", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39018
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
6.30 miles northeast of Big Spring
A-139, Section 23, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8000 feet
X=788166.3, Y=263877.2. Datum: NAD 27
320' FNL, 533' FEL of 620-acre lease
320' FNL, 533' FEL of the surveys

#2D Walters "34" SWD, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39186
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
7.30 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-1349, Section 34, Block 34, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 13,300 feet
Latitude 032.134383, Longitude -101.1355103. Datum: NAD 27
923' FNL, 1803' FWL of 640.3-acre lease
923' FNL, 1803' FWL of the survey

#1SH Big El "45-04", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39187
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
3.94 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-297, Section 45, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.488701, Longitude -101.513495. Datum: NAD 27
305' FNL, 330' FWL of 639.94-acre lease
305' FNL, 2208' FEL of the survey

#2705WA Turnberry Talon, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39142
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
2.20 miles west of Big Spring
A-315, Section 27, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,500 feet

US, Mexico eye closer energy ties as NAFTA talks loom

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The United States and Mexico are looking to boost energy ties as the two countries prepare for the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement, officials said Thursday.

U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry, who met in Mexico with his counterpart, Pedro Joaquin Coldwell, called the United States' southern neighbor "a very, very important partner" on energy.

Joaquin Coldwell said his country plans two new pipelines to import U.S. natural gas in addition to the 17 that already exist.

Mexico's energy sector was wholly state-run for decades until a 2013 energy overhaul allowed some private-sector activity, and Perry noted that NAFTA did not cover energy when the trade pact was implemented in 1994.

"I'm very supportive of the renegotiation," Perry said. "To renegotiate this is good for all participants, particularly in the energy sector."

The talks, expected to begin about a month from now, will also include Canada, NAFTA's third partner.

Perry said he expects to start exchanging letters on NAFTA with his counterparts in the coming weeks and hopes a new trade deal will allow for a North American energy strategy that "will make the entire region a powerful energy source for the world."

Mexico is the United States' second-largest partner in energy trade, with 58 percent of U.S. gas exports and 40 percent of U.S. oil exports crossing the border.

President Enrique Pena Nieto's office said in a statement that he met privately with Perry and both parties agreed to cooperate on energy security and market integration.

Turkey sends frigate to monitor gas drilling ship off Cyprus

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey's military says it has deployed a frigate in the eastern Mediterranean to monitor a drilling ship that is believed to have begun searching for oil and gas off ethnically divided Cyprus despite Turkey's objections. The island's internationally-recognized Greek Cypriot side has said this week that drilling for oil and gas would go ahead following the collapse of talks aimed at reunifying the island.

Turkey strongly opposes the drilling efforts by the Greek Cypriot south, insisting they infringe on the rights of Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots to the island's potential mineral wealth. A brief military statement said Thursday the TCG Gokceada was "performing the task of monitoring the ship, West Capella, which is considered to be capable of drilling for the Greek Cypriot administration."

US rig count remains unchanged, stays at 952

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of rigs exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. remained unchanged this week, staying at 952.

A year ago, just 447 rigs were active.

Houston oilfield services company Baker

Hughes said Friday that 765 rigs sought oil and 187 explored for natural gas this week.

Among major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas gained three rigs, Utah increased by two and Colorado and North Dakota each increased

by one.

Alaska, Louisiana and Oklahoma each declined by two.

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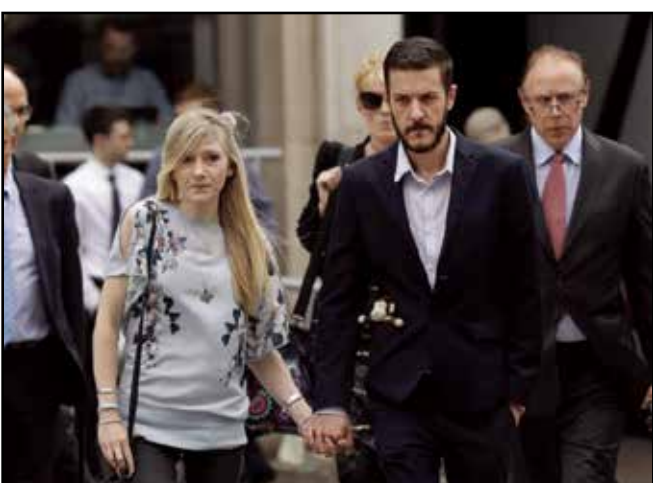
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The parents of critically ill baby Charlie Gard, Connie Yates and Chris Gard arrive at the High Court in London, Friday, July 14, 2017.

American doctor to travel to UK in Charlie Gard case

LONDON (AP) — An American doctor who specializes in conditions such as that affecting Charlie Gard will travel to Britain next week to assess the critically ill baby.

High Court Judge Nicholas Francis said Friday he is "open-minded about the evidence" to come after the visit of Dr. Michio Hirano of Columbia University.

The 11-month-old boy suffers from mitochondrial depletion syndrome, a rare genetic disease that has left him brain-damaged and unable to breathe unaided. Hirano's research focuses on mitochondrial diseases and genetic myopathies and he has treated others with conditions similar to Charlie's.

They boy's parents are fighting an emotional legal battle with Britain's most famous children's hospital over whether trying an experimental treatment is in Charlie's best interest. The case attracted international attention after Pope Francis and President Donald Trump weighed in.

They have been fighting to take him to the United States for treatment.

Hirano will assess Charlie, meet his current immediate-care team and other specialists, including a doctor from the Vatican children's hospital. Charlie's mother, Connie Yates, fought to attend and was given permis-

Former US President Jimmy Carter out of hospital in Canada

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter was back at a Habitat for Humanity worksite Friday, a day after he was hospitalized for dehydration while working with the organization to build homes for needy families in Canada.

A smiling Carter showed up in blue jeans and a work shirt to the site in the St. James neighborhood of Winnipeg, where hundreds of Habitat for Humanity volunteers joined the former president and his wife, Rosalynn, to build 25 homes.

Carter, 92, was discharged earlier in the morning from St. Boniface General Hospital where he was treated "as a precaution" for dehydration, Carter spokeswoman Deanna Congileo said.

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Borden County

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
11.50 miles southeast of Gail
A-975, Section 46, Block 32, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9000 feet
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704' FSWL, 1438' FSEL of 643.48-acre lease
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Social Security projects biggest payment increase in years, about \$28 a month

WASHINGTON (AP) — Good news for seniors: Millions of Americans who rely on Social Security are projected to receive their biggest payment increase in years this January.

Bad news for seniors: It's just a 2.2 percent increase, or about \$28 a month for the average recipient.

The trustees who oversee Social Security and Medicare released their 2018 projections Thursday, along with their annual warning about the long-term financial problems of the federal government's two bedrock retirement programs.

Social Security recipients have gone years with tiny increases in benefits because inflation has been low or non-existent. This year they received an increase of 0.3 percent, after getting nothing last year. The last time they got a bigger increase was in 2012, when the hike was 3.6 percent.

In recent years, many Social Security recipients have seen their cost-of-living adjustments erased by higher premiums for Medicare Part B. The trustees say that shouldn't be a problem next year. They project that Medicare Part B premiums will remain unchanged — \$134 a month for most, though retirees with higher incomes pay more.

Both Social Security's cost-of-living adjustment and the Medicare Part B premium are to be announced in the

fall.

More than 61 million retirees, disabled workers, spouses and surviving children receive Social Security benefits. The average monthly payment is \$1,253. Medicare provides health insurance to about 58 million people, most of whom are at least 65 years old.

Unless Congress acts, the trust funds that support Social Security are estimated to run dry in 2034, the same year as last year's projection. Medicare's trust fund for inpatient care is projected to be depleted in 2029, a year later than last year's forecast.

If Congress allows either fund to be depleted, millions of Americans living on fixed incomes would face steep cuts in benefits.

Neither Social Security nor Medicare faces an immediate crisis — they both currently have surpluses. But the trustees warn that the longer Congress waits to address the programs' problems, the harder it will be to sustain Social Security and Medicare without steep cuts

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114' FNL, 2047' FWL of 1,912.16-acre lease
114' FNL, 2047' FWL of the survey

in benefits, big tax increases or both.

For example, in 2034, Social Security is projected to have a \$546 billion shortfall, which would grow to more than \$3

trillion in the first five years.

"Congress must act to ensure the long-term fiscal viability and sustainability and survival of Medicare and Social Security," said Health

and Human Services Secretary Tom Price. "There are a great many ways that the situation can be addressed. The bottom line is that it must be addressed."

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Beltre, Napoli homer as Rangers rally to 5-3 win over Royals

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Adrian Beltre's three-run homer had knotted the game, and with the momentum swinging the way of the Texas Rangers, manager Jeff Banister gazed at Mike Napoli sitting on the bench.

"It was time to pull the trigger," Banister said.

So he summoned Napoli to pinch hit for Joey Gallo with a runner aboard in the seventh, and the veteran first baseman responded with a go-ahead two-run homer to left field, sending the Rangers to a 5-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals to open the second half Friday night.

"We've got him on the bench. That's what he's here for," Banister said about Napoli, who homered for the fifth time in his last eight games.

"We just felt the better matchup was Napoli."

Martin Perez (5-6) allowed eight hits and a walk over seven innings, but kept all that traffic to just three runs. Two of those came in the second, when Alcides Escobar homered to left.

Beltre connected in the sixth off Royals starter Jason Hammel, who had just surrendered back-to-back singles — the first hits off him all night. Napoli followed with nobody out in the seventh, sending a poor pitch from reliever Mike Minor (5-2) soaring over the left-field wall.

Matt Bush breezed through a perfect eighth and Alex Claudio handled the ninth for his second save, giving the Rangers their 10th straight win over Kansas City dating to last July.

"What happened in the

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AP Photo
Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre, right, celebrates with Elvis Andrus after hitting a three-run home run during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals, Friday, July 14, 2017, in Kansas City, Mo.

McCann, Gonzalez power Astros past Berrios, Twins 10-5



AP Photo
Houston Astros' Marwin Gonzalez (9) celebrates after hitting a home run against the Minnesota Twins during the third inning of a baseball game Friday, July 14, 2017, in Houston.

HOUSTON (AP) — After cranking out 19 runs in Toronto on Sunday, the Houston Astros' bats stayed hot all the way through the All-Star break.

Brian McCann hit a three-run home run to cap an eight-run second inning, Marwin Gonzalez had a solo homer and the Astros opened the second half of the season with a 10-5 win over the Minnesota Twins.

Gonzalez, Alex Bregman, George Springer, Josh Reddick and Carlos Correa each had an RBI to chase starter Jose Berrios (8-3).

"That inning just continued to go, and it's one of the things I love the most about our team," Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "We just keep coming at you. ... When we put at-bats like that together in a row, we're pretty dangerous."

McCann, who struck out to start the second inning, greeted Phil Hughes with his homer.

"We have been swinging the bats from Day One," McCann said. "Our lineup is deep, and as a pitcher, you have to make pitches. We don't go out of the strike zone. We put together professional at-bats."

The Astros have scored eight or more runs in an inning four times this season,

including twice against the Twins after scoring 11 runs in the eighth on May 29 in Minnesota.

Gonzalez finished with three hits and two RBIs. He smacked his solo shot in the third before Reddick hit an RBI single as the Astros built a 10-1 lead. Every Astros hitter had at least one hit.

Charlie Morton (7-3) allowed five runs — four earned — and three hits with 10 strikeouts and a career-high tying five walks in five innings.

"It was kind of a weird outing because I felt like my stuff was good," Morton said. "I made a bunch of good pitches, but at the same time, there were some pitches right there that weren't executed."

Berrios allowed a career-high tying seven runs — two earned — and four hits in a season-low 1 2/3 innings.

"It just seemed from the get-go for whatever reason he looked uncomfortable," Minnesota manager Paul Molitor said. "He had trouble getting settled in."

Berrios has allowed at least four runs in his last four starts.

"I don't know if I can say I didn't feel comfortable," Berrios said through a translator. "I'm not going to use

that as an excuse. ... It was just one of those days where it didn't go my way."

Brian Dozier hit his 21st career leadoff homer, setting a franchise record. Dozier hit a bases-clearing double in the fourth, and Jorge Polanco had a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

TRAINING ROOM

Twins: 1B Joe Mauer (back) worked out prior to Friday's game and participated in batting practice. "I'd be surprised if he's not ready to be active tomorrow," Molitor said. ... OF Byron Buxton left the game in the sixth with left groin soreness. He was listed as day to day. ... 1B Kennys Vargas was pulled in the seventh with a left foot contusion.

Astros: LHP Dallas Keuchel (neck) threw a bullpen Thursday and will likely go on a rehab assignment soon, Hinch said. "We need to identify what that means and how he feels and whether it's multiple (rehab assignments) or not," Hinch said. ... RHP Collin McHugh (right elbow) will make a fourth rehab assignment Sunday at Double-A Corpus Christi, with the plan for him to go five or six innings and throw over 90 pitches. .

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Chris Paul looks to get over playoff hump in Houston

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Chris Paul didn't talk about his legacy, and never uttered the word "championship" on Friday when he was officially introduced as the newest member of the Houston Rockets.

Still, Paul's motivation for opting into the last year of his contract so the Los Angeles Clippers could orchestrate his trade to Houston was clear. He and the Rockets believe that adding him to a team headlined by James Harden gives both parties a much better shot to chase a title.

"It's not just about me coming here

to help him," Paul said. "He's going to help me. We're going to help each other, and we're going to help this team hopefully get to where we want to be at."

The Rockets haven't won a championship since winning back-to-back titles in 1994-95, and knew they had to add another superstar to this team which was ousted by the Spurs in the second round last season to have any chance to get another one.

"This is a moment that our whole organization has been working toward to get ourselves back to a champion

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AP Photo
Chris Paul, center, holds his new jersey as he is joined by Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey, left, and coach Mike D'Antoni, right, during a news conference Friday, July 14, 2017, in Houston.

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ship," general manager Daryl Morey said. "We really do think this is a historic pairing with Chris Paul and James Harden and the great players we have around them ... that really gives us an unbelievable chance at getting back and getting our third championship."

Not only has Paul never won a title in his 12-year career, he's been widely criticized for his inability to advance past the second round of the playoffs. In the past when that fact was brought up, it would invariably elicit a prickly response from Paul.

That wasn't the case on Friday when Paul smiled and joked throughout a news conference that preceded a party where thousands of fans including "Modern Family" star Rico Rodriguez welcomed him to the team.

"Really? I didn't know," he deadpanned when his playoff shortcomings were broached by a reporter.

Then he got serious. "I'm ultra-competitive," he said. "There's no reason in playing unless you're playing to win ... we have one goal here and it's to win."

Houston coach Mike D'Antoni looked absolutely giddy, smiling broadly almost the entire time he sat next to Paul as the nine-time All-Star discussed joining the team.

"You hate to play against him," D'Antoni said. "But I've been on his side and I've been against him and it's much better to be on his side. He brings a special type of competitiveness. He'll be on my butt, too. We'll all get better with him."

Paul, who said he once thought he'd never leave Los Angeles, feels rejuvenated since the trade and expressed his excitement at not only playing for the Rockets, but also all the work that he'll have to put in before a game is ever played.

"I haven't been this excited about basketball in a while to tell you the truth," Paul said.

He's been one of the top point guards in the NBA over the last decade, averaging 18.7 points, 9.9 assists, 4.4 rebounds and 2.3 steals over his career. His role could evolve a bit in Houston after Harden took over as the team's

point guard with great success in D'Antoni's first year with the Rockets last season.

How these two point guards will work together next season has been a major point of discussion since Paul was acquired for seven players, including Patrick Beverley and Lou Williams.

Paul had not one, but two comical responses to those worried about how they'll share the ball. The first one came unprompted when he was asked what he and Harden have talked about since he joined the team.

"There was a basketball in the room and we was fighting over it," he said before cracking up.

Later, he was specifically asked how he thinks the pairing will work out.

"It's definitely going to be an adjustment," he said. "But I'm excited about it. I'm truly excited about it."

Then, after a short pause, he turned to D'Antoni and said: "That's coach's problem."

In a room that contained not only his wife and two children, but also numerous members of his extended family and several friends, he talked about how he has already been embraced by the team and said that he's been with Trevor Ariza and Bobby Brown every day.

And then he finally put aside the jokes and got down to the meat of his conversations with Harden.

"We talked about the ultimate goal and that's winning. Neither one of us



Chris Paul waves to fans after being introduced as the newest member of the Houston Rockets Friday, July 14, 2017, in Houston. The nine-time All-Star was traded from the Los Angeles Clippers late last month.

AP Photo

have had the opportunity to do that," Paul said. "We talked about how good that would feel, and that's probably what I'm most excited about is to be on this journey with somebody else that wants it as bad as I do."

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first half happened," said Claudio, whose team now sits just a game below .500 and squarely in the playoff race. "It's time to do what we do."

The Royals jumped ahead 2-0 in the second, when the light-hitting Escobar ripped a 2-0 pitch from Rangers starter Perez off the foul post in left field. The ball caromed into the Royals bullpen as Escobar trotted around the bases for a two-run homer.

Jorge Bonifacio made it 3-0 when he drove in Whit Merrifield with a single in the fifth.

The Rangers, crossed up all night by Hammel, finally managed their first hit with one out in the sixth when Elvis Andrus beat out an infield single. Nomar Mazara made it consecutive hits before Beltre cracked the 453rd homer of his career, passing Carl Yastrzemski for 38th on the career list.

The three-run shot also gave Beltre 1,601 RBIs in 20 big league

seasons.

"We let them back in the door there," Hammel said. "A slider in the dirt, that's just got to be a better-executed pitch there. For a guy who's sitting and from what I know and the experience of just facing him, he sits soft with two strikes. I've thrown him quite a few to him already. So he was looking for it and it stayed up enough for him to put a good swing on it."

Minor entered a couple batters later and finished the sixth, but he surrendered a single to Carlos Gomez in the seventh before Napoli's homer gave the Rangers the lead for good.

"Very nice win," Banister said, "a very nice comeback win."

STATS AND STREAKS

The Royals' Eric Hosmer singled in the sixth, extending his hit streak to 16 games. ... Beltre went 2 for 3, pushing his average to .347 against Kansas City. That trails only Ichiro Suzuki (.355) for career best against the Royals. ... Hammel hasn't won since June 19 at Boston.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers RHP Keone Kela (right shoulder soreness) was "all smiles" after throwing Thursday, manager Jeff Banister said. The next step is to throw off a mound. ... Banister said the All-Star break probably helped 1B Joey Gallo, who has been dealing with a sore left knee tendon all season. But Banister said, "I don't think four days gets rid of (the injury) completely."

ROSTER MOVES

The Royals put RHP Neftali Feliz on the paternity list and recalled RHP Miguel Almonte from Triple-A Omaha. Almonte has appeared in two games for the Royals this season.

UP NEXT

Rangers LHP Cole Hamels and Royals LHP Danny Duffy square off Saturday night. Hamels has tossed 13 1/3 scoreless innings over his last two starts, the third-longest streak in the majors, while Duffy will be trying to bounce back from a poor outing against the Dodgers before the break.

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RHP Will Harris was placed on the 10-day disabled list with right shoulder inflammation, retroactive to July 11.

PAUL THROWS FIRST PITCH

New Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul threw out the ceremonial first pitch prior to Friday's game. Paul, who was joined by his son and daughter, threw the pitch to Keuchel, then walked over to the Astros dugout where Jose Altuve shook his hand.

COLON DEBUTS IN TRIPLE-A

RHP Bartolo Colon debuted at Triple-A Rochester on Thursday night, picking up the loss after allowing four runs in 3 2/3 innings. Colon, who was released by Atlanta at the end of June after going 2-8 with an 8.14 ERA, signed a minor league deal with the Twins last week. Molitor said he hopes to have a decision on Colon in the next 24-48 hours.

UP NEXT

Twins: RHP Ervin Santana (10-6) will start his 19th game of the season Saturday. Santana threw a complete game in his last outing but suffered the loss, while allowing two runs.

Astros: RHP Joe Musgrove (4-7) will start his 15th game of the season looking to rebound after allowing four runs in 5 2/3 innings in his last start.

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Pitching at premium before trade deadline; Who might move?

By ROB MAADDI

AP Sports Writer
Teams always seek more pitching before the trade deadline.

Whether its aces, closers, back-of-the rotation starters or middle relievers, new arms are welcome in every clubhouse.

Of the 10 teams sitting in postseason spots at the All-Star break, eight clubs are in the top 10 in ERA.

Yes, pitching is that important. The defending World Series champion Chicago Cubs already bolstered their rotation by acquiring 2016 All-Star Jose Quintana from the White Sox on Thursday.

Here are 10 more pitchers who could be changing teams before the July 31 non-waiver deadline:

Gerrit Cole, Pittsburgh Pirates, RHP: Cole has struggled since going 19-8 with a 2.60 ERA in 2015. He's 7-7 with a 4.43 ERA, but he's only 26 and won't be a free agent until 2020. His upside, age and contract could bring the Pirates a hefty return.

Jeremy Hellickson, Philadelphia Phillies, RHP: Hellickson is 5-5 with a 4.49 ERA after starting the year 4-0. He's making \$17.2 million and will be a free agent after the season so it won't take too much to get him from the rebuilding Phillies.

Scott Feldman, Cincinnati Reds, RHP: Feldman is 7-6 with a 3.94 ERA. He's 34 and will be a free agent after the season. Feldman pitched well out of the bullpen for Houston last season so he's a nice fit for a contender that needs a starter who could pitch in relief in a postseason series.

Sonny Gray, Oakland A's, RHP: Gray is 10-15 with an ERA approaching five the past two seasons after winning 14 games in 2013 and 2014. But he's been outstanding in his last four starts — 1.33 ERA, 21 strikeouts, 11 hits in 27 innings. The 27-year-old won't be a free agent until 2020, so he's another starter who can find a new home and be part of the rotation for a few years.



Oakland Athletics pitcher Sonny Gray works against the Cleveland Indians during the first inning of a baseball game Friday, July 14, 2017, in Oakland, Calif.

Edinson Volquez, Miami Marlins, RHP: Volquez is 4-8 with a 4.19 ERA after signing a two-year, \$22 million contract. The well-traveled veteran has postseason experience and won a World Series with the Royals two years ago.

Pat Neshek, Philadelphia Phillies, RHP: Neshek was one of the best relievers in the first half, posting a 1.27 ERA and earning his second trip to the All-Star Game. He has 36 strikeouts and only five walks in 35 1/3 innings. The 36-year-old will be a free agent after the season. He can pitch the seventh, eighth or ninth innings.

Brad Hand, San Diego Padres, LHP: Hand has a 2.30 ERA in 42 appearanc-

es but he's more than a lefty specialist. He pitched a scoreless inning in the All-Star Game and has been one of the most consistent relievers in baseball the last two seasons.

Addison Reed, New York Mets, RHP: The big righty has 15 saves, a 2.53 ERA and is versatile. Reed had 101 saves from 2012-14 and can close or pitch in the late innings. He'll be a free agent after the season.

Drew Storen, Cincinnati Reds, RHP: Storen has rebounded nicely after a tough season in the American League. He has a 2.72 ERA in 38 ap-

pearances and has been a successful closer in the past.

David Robertson, Chicago White Sox, RHP: Robertson is the best closer on the market. He has 13 saves this season and 123 saves since 2014. His contract, which has one year at \$13 million remaining, might be a deterrent for some teams.

Lichaj tries making US World Cup qualifying team

CLEVELAND — There's plenty of stress for players trying to make the United States World Cup soccer team. Nothing like what Eric Lichaj has already faced this year, though.

The 28-year-old right back played his first game for the U.S. in more than a year at the CONCACAF Gold Cup on Wednesday, helping the team to a 3-2 victory over Martinique that tied the U.S. atop its group with Panama. The Americans conclude group play against Nicaragua on Saturday in Cleveland.

Lichaj joined the team after playing a crucial role in a tumultuous season for Nottingham Forest in England's Championship, the second-tier league in England behind the Premier League. He was voted Player of the Year by the team's fans and captained the team when its regular leaders were injured.

However, Forest needed to win its last game of the season by a comfortable margin to ensure it avoided relegation from the Championship to the third-tier League One. They scored a 3-0 victory over Ipswich Town to secure a place in the 2017-18 Championship.

"It was nerve-racking to say the least. I don't want to experience that again, and I wouldn't suggest anyone else experience it. For myself, I care about the club and everything like that, and if we went down, there's a lot of staff members that probably would have lost their jobs," Lichaj said.

"I don't think there will be a game that will be more stressful than I'm going to play."

Coach Bruce Arena has rested several of his first-choice players

for the CONCACAF Gold Cup and selected a number of fringe players, including Lichaj. All are hoping to force their way onto the U.S. squad for the remainder of World Cup qualifying and next year's World Cup in Russia, should the team qualify.

Lichaj played six internationals in 2011 but has made just three appearances between then and last month. But with Arena returning to coach the team, Lichaj has been given another chance.

Lichaj played an important role in the second U.S. goal against Martinique, finding space on the right wing and delivering a pinpoint cross that Jordan Morris converted. He said his attacking ability is something he's working on.

"It's something in my game that's probably not my strongest point," he said.

"I always think, 'What if something happens and I have to get back?' That's how my mindset is a little bit, but sometimes I know I need to trust my players on the ball and just make more overlapping runs and I'll probably get more assists."

Though he is primarily a right back, Lichaj has also played left back, and his versatility could



Martinique's Johnny Marajo (22) heads the ball past United States' Eric Lichaj (15) during a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match, Wednesday, July 12, 2017, in Tampa, Fla.

be helpful as he tries to force his way into the squad.

He is also hopeful his leadership skills and experience will prove useful for the United States.

"Hopefully for the U.S. team, I'm more vocal now," he said. "This year's experiences have helped me be more vocal, so I want to relay that here and make sure everyone hears me, especially in the tough moments."

"I think the tough moments bring out the best in me."

Lichaj's first goal at the tournament is to stay in the squad, as the team has the option of making roster changes for the knockout stage. He then has extra reason to try to help the U.S. win the Gold Cup.

"I haven't won anything in my career," Lichaj said.

"Hopefully I stay, hopefully we advance, and I'm hoping to stay and win the final."

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Treasure in Heaven

A local 12-year-old travels to Indianapolis and brings home the gold for her Bible knowledge



By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Twelve-year-old Morgan Callender knows her stuff – about the Bible, that is. Morgan, a member of Big Spring's First Church of the Nazarene and daughter of the Rev. Cavalry and Ceresa Callender, traveled with her family to the church's international General Assembly in Indianapolis, where she competed with 2,000 kids in the church's World Quiz June 24, a competition that tests the participants' knowledge of specific sections of the Bible. And Morgan brought home the gold!

"Every year it is a different emphasis. This year it was 1 and 2 Samuel. All of the zone and the district and the world-level quizzes were on 1 and 2 Samuel," said Rev. Callender.

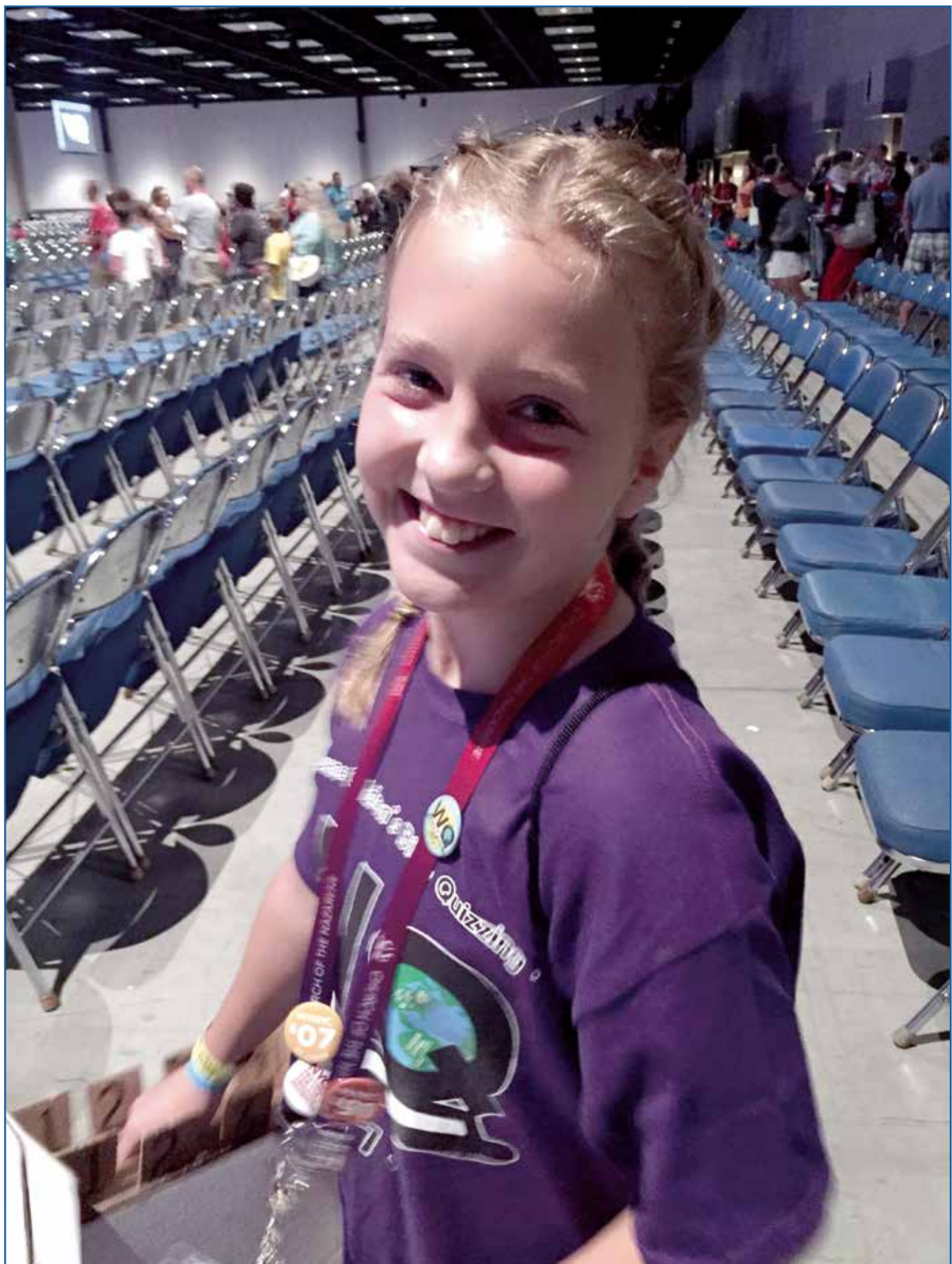
Morgan said she prepared for the event by putting in the hard work.

"On the way there, I read the Book," she said. "I read 1 and 2 Samuel from my phone, the Bible app." Morgan said her parents helped prepare her the best they could, but since there are no set questions, it's hard to develop a strategy for studying.

"We asked questions. It's hard to prepare for what questions they may ask, because they change it," Rev. Callender said. "They do provide a book with questions and answers, but the way they ask the questions vary from quiz to quiz, so the kids don't just memorize the questions. They want them to read through the Bible."

Since the international Church of the Nazarene consists of about 2 1/2 million people from 162 countries worldwide, and all of the children have the opportunity to compete to participate in the quiz, it's quite an honor just to qualify for the event.

"As part of that, children's quizzing, we have quizzes here locally, and then, our structure, after local we have zone, and after zone it's district, and after district, you know, it expands out. So she participat-



ed in the zone-level quiz, and then the district quiz, and at the district quiz, which is the West Texas District, everything from the Panhandle down to Fort Worth. She competed in that and qualified to compete in the World Quiz.

At Worlds, the event consisted of 40 multiple-choice questions, given to all the competitors at once. One scorekeeper for every five participants helped keep track of each quizzers' score.

According to Morgan, each participant has a box with four numbers in it. A question is flashed on a screen, along with four possible answers, one of which is correct. Quizzers select their answer from their box, and then the scorekeepers tally up the results.

When the dust settled, Morgan had missed only two questions, placing her solidly within the 90 to 99 percent required for gold-medal status.

Morgan's mom Ceresa said she was very proud of her daughter.

"Honestly I had been in the Nazarene Church since I was a kid and I knew about World Quiz, but didn't realize the scale at which it happened. You know, 162 countries from all over the world, and there's only 2,000 quizzers that come, that make it to the World Quiz. She was one of 1,250 in her age group, and one of like, 200 to 300 that got the gold medal, so I was just ecstatic, just because she worked really hard."

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Clockwise from top: Morgan Callender, 12, prepares to compete in the Church of the Nazarene's World Quiz in June; the bustle in the competition room on quiz day; Morgan high-fives other competitors from around the world; Morgan participates in a church ceremony, passing out gold coins to those whose lives have been changed by Christ; back home at Big Spring's First Church of the Nazarene, Morgan poses with her medal and parents, the Rev. Cavalry and Ceresa Callender.



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How hot is too hot aboard an airliner? The law doesn't say



AP photo

This June 22, 2017 photo provided by Maria de Los Angeles-Baida shows Emily France with her 4-month-old son Owen in Denver. France who says the infant overheated on a delayed United Airlines flight at Denver's airport, has hired an attorney and hopes the Federal Aviation Administration takes note.

By **THOMAS PEIPERT**

Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Every day, tens of thousands of U.S. airline passengers settle into their seats, lower the window shades and reach up to twist the air vents without the benefit of something that might do even more to keep them cool: a rule setting temperature limits inside the cabin.

Airlines have their own guidelines — some allowing the mercury to hit

90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) — and federal regulations cover air flow and, more generally, passenger safety and comfort.

But nowhere do authorities say how hot is too hot when a plane is sitting on the ground — a fact illustrated this summer when a mother holding her beet-red infant had to plead to be let off a broiling regional jet stuck on the tarmac at Denver International Airport.

Emily France said she and her

4-month-old son, Owen, sweltered aboard the 50-seat "oven with wings" for more than an hour June 22 before it returned to the gate and passengers were allowed off briefly.

When they re-boarded the United Airlines flight to El Paso, Texas, the cabin felt even warmer, France said. With the flight delayed again, she stripped off Owen's clothing and applied ice bags brought by flight attendants, but his condition deteriorated.

"I heard a cry from my son that I have never heard before, and his skin looked a color that I had never seen before, and I knew he was in trouble," she said. "Then he just stopped crying. And he went limp in my arms."

"I said, 'Get an ambulance and get me off the plane,'" she recalled.

She and the boy were taken away by ambulance. Doctors determined the baby suffered no lasting effects.

France said she hopes federal regulators take note, and she has hired a lawyer who specializes in airline safety law. He is demanding an explanation.

"There is no reason why heat bad enough to cause people to pass out is happening in cabins," said the attorney, David Rapoport.

Authorities have heard complaints for years about stifling heat aboard airliners, though the Federal Aviation Administration does not keep track of how many.

To save fuel, pilots sometimes turn off the air conditioning when the plane is at the gate or taxiing, though some airports have ground AC units at the gates that pump cool air into the aircraft while it waits to push back. Sometimes the onboard air conditioning malfunctions or can't keep up.

During the summer of 2013, several passengers on a delayed Allegiant Air flight fell ill as their plane sat on the tarmac in the blazing desert heat in Las Vegas. A month later, more than 150 Allegiant passengers were forced to sweat it out for 2½ hours in Phoenix after a maintenance problem knocked out air conditioning on the plane.

Allegiant decided in September to spend more than \$1 million on six, 60-ton cooling units for use at the Las Vegas airport, said Michael Bowers, director of base operations.

The FAA declined to comment on the need for specific rules on cabin temperature when a plane is on the ground. But the agency noted in a statement that it specifies how many pounds of fresh air planes must pump through the cabin per minute and per passenger.

And it said it expects airlines to "take appropriate action if a cabin temperature condition occurs on the ground that could potentially affect passenger safety."

The 50,000-member Association of Flight Attendants has been lobbying Congress for years to set a maximum cabin temperature of 80 degrees (27 Celsius).

"Bottom line, the airlines and regulators do not consider temperature to be a safety issue," union spokeswoman Taylor Garland said. "Therefore, it's low on the list of priorities when it comes to on-time departures."

United, which was hit with bad publicity three months ago when a passenger was dragged off an overcrowded flight in Chicago, apologized to the baby's mother but had no explanation of what went wrong.

"This should never have happened," United spokeswoman Maggie Schmerin said. "We are profoundly sorry to our customer and her child for the experience they endured. We are actively looking into what happened to prevent this from occurring again."

A spokeswoman for Trans States Airlines, which operated the flight for United, did not respond to a request for comment.

United already requires flight crews to keep the cabin comfortable during delays, but the policy does not mention a specific temperature. Schmerin said that as temperatures rise this summer, United will make sure air conditioning is running while planes are parked at gates or taxiing.

New TV network to focus on Olympics making debut on Saturday

By **DAVID BAUDER**

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — While too early in the morning for a torch lighting, a new television network designed to highlight Olympic sports and American athletes chasing gold medal dreams is set to debut Saturday.

The Olympic Channel: Home of Team USA network launches at 6 a.m. ET in some 35 million American homes with NBC's Mike Tirico previewing the live sports, archival footage and documentaries that will make up most of its programming. The show will repeat several times over the weekend for those sleeping in.

World championships in track and field, swimming and diving and beach volleyball will fill considerable airtime during the infant network's first two months. A lengthy tribute to the 1992 United States "Dream Team" in men's basketball will lead into Labor Day.

The launch comes at a time of cord-cutting and contraction in the cable business; NBC Universal shuttered its Esquire network earlier this year. But NBC Universal is sharing costs and control with the

International Olympic Committee and United States Olympic Committee, although representatives wouldn't outline how that responsibility is divided. The network's unwieldy name is to avoid confusion with the IOC's digital Olympic Channel.

Multiple ownership situations can also be unwieldy in creative operations. But promoting the Olympics is the IOC's and USOC's business. NBC Universal also wants to build interest in the Olympics because it has the rights to broadcast summer and winter Games through 2032.

Many fans follow Olympic sports and athletes for only a couple of weeks every four years.

"The Olympic Games will now have a home between these Games being played," Tirico said.

A big part of the network's appeal for NBC is to give viewers the chance to build relationships with athletes as they qualify for the games, said Jim Bell, executive producer of NBC's Olympics telecasts.

The Dream Team programming is expected to be a draw. Over eight nights, the new Olympic channel will fully

air the games played by the team that featured Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Patrick Ewing and other Hall of Famers.

The games were such blowouts, with USA never winning by less than 30 points, that NBC never televised all of them in full when they happened.

A 2012 documentary on the team will be featured and the games will be rebroadcast in a Labor Day marathon.

Operators are also setting a goal of establishing a sports documentary franchise along the lines of ESPN's "30 for 30." One film already in the works is about Cuban boxers.

The new network has access to archival foot-



AP photo

In this Aug. 7, 2016, file photo, rowers are seen through a screen decorated with the Olympic rings as they practice at the rowing venue in Lagoa at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Olympic Channel, a new Olympic-themed television network makes its debut on Saturday, July 15.

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Roger's Reviews

War for the Planet of the Apes



(Doug Chapman) who reaches for a gun. Exploring the village, they discover the man's young daughter (Amiah Miller), who is unable to speak. Maurice insists on bringing her along.

The group avoids a soldier convoy, and discover that the soldiers have left three of their number shot. One survives the wound, and the apes discover that, like the girl, he's unable to speak. Caesar mercifully kills him.

Following the convoy, they discover an abandoned ski lodge. In the gift shop they find a strange ape who calls himself "Bad Ape" (Steve Zahn), who is able to speak English as fluently (or more so) than Caesar. He wears clothing for warmth and seems quite comfortable among the trappings of humanity. He gifts the mute girl a shiny silver brand plate from a Chevy Nova (Easter egg, anyone?).

I'll stop the summary there.

"War for the Planet of the Apes" offers a fairly convoluted story that combines elements of 1963's "The Great Escape" with a little of 1979's "Apocalypse Now" and possibly a touch (though I admit this was a comment I overheard at the theater, it still fits) of 1993's "Schindler's List."

My favorite parts were the interplay between Maurice, Nova (they decide to call the girl that), and Bad Ape; and the

theme of emotion (Caesar and the apes) versus reason (the Colonel and his "Alpha Omega" soldiers).

On the downside, while the animation was pass-

able, I felt it might have been a step below what is cutting edge animation technology.

I am no expert, I

could certainly be wrong, but the apes' movements seemed stilted and subtly wrong. Perhaps that was intentional, but it disturbed me. Contradicting that statement, I did like the facial expressions of the apes, which displayed their intelligence so openly that Harrelson's "Colonel" character comments on it in the film.

Harrelson and Serkis both do outstanding jobs of acting their roles, as does Miller as Nova. I also enjoyed Zahn's Bad Ape as the film's comic relief.

It's a good film, but it's not a great film. It's a little too complicated to be perfect, and I want slightly better animations. Seven stars out of 10.

War for the Planet of the Apes

Director: Matt Reeves

Writer: Mark Bomback and Matt Reeves, based on characters created by Rick Jaffa and Amanda Silver
Production company: Chernin Entertainment
PG-13; 2 hrs. 20 min.; Action/Adventure/Drama;
July 14, 2017

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

In 1968, the original movie version of "Planet of the Apes" posited a society where intelligent, talking apes (the furry kind, not the naked variety) rule the world, while humans are primitive, can't talk, and are kept in cages. The recent saga of "Planet of the Apes" films, the most recent two of which were directed by Matt Reeves, explores how such a world might come to be. This week's review is on "War for the Planet of the Apes," the latest in the series, which was released this week.

As "War" opens, a group of human soldiers are stealthily making their way through a forest on horseback. They spot a group of apes, who they refer to as "kongs." The soldiers are also accompanied by some apes as kind of intelligent beasts of burden; the slave apes, who are loyal to the humans, are called "donkeys" (Donkey Kong, get it?). The humans attack the apes, and a battle begins. One ape flees on horseback to get help; a horde of apes has been alerted by the explosions and sounds of combat, and arrive in time to destroy the human force, capturing two human soldiers and a red-haired ape "donkey" (Ty Olsson). The leader of the apes, Caesar (Andy Serkis) arrives and orders the humans released to take a message to their leader, "The Colonel"; Caesar will end the violence if the humans will allow the apes to live in peace in the forest. Winter (Aleks Paunovic), an albino ape, is overpowered by the red donkey, who escapes.

The apes return to their home, and we meet Caesar's wife Cornelia (Judy Greer), son Blue Eyes (Max Lloyd-Jones), and toddler son Cornelius

(Devyn Dalton). We're also re-introduced to wise orangutan Maurice (Karin Konoval) and apes Rocket (Terry Notary) and Luca (Michael Adamthwaite). For those unfamiliar with the previous

films, Caesar is able to speak English fluently, and Maurice is able to speak slowly and haltingly. The other apes use facial expressions, hoots and grunts, and sign language to speak, but are seeming as (or nearly as) intelligent as humans. The apes discuss leaving the forest for safer territory, but Caesar decides to wait and see what impact his "message" might make. That night, the ape home is attacked by a group of soldiers, including the Colonel (Woody Harrelson), who infiltrate the apes' cavern. In the battle, Caesar discovers Cornelia and Blue Eyes killed. After a brief search, he discovers Cornelius hiding.

Caesar decides to send his people to safety while he goes after the Colonel. He leaves Cornelius with Lake (Sara Canning), Blue-Eyes' mate, and heads off. He's shortly overtaken by Maurice, Rocket, and Luca, who have decided to go with him (and aren't taking no for an answer). They discover Winter at the human encampment, a new donkey; he had let the red donkey escape on a promise that the humans would let him live. Winter tells the group about a meeting between the Colonel and more soldiers from the north near the "border." Having no idea where the border is, the group continues on. They find an abandoned village and kill a human man



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HEATHER MASSEY

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- The photography shows a perfect home. Don't be fooled by photography. Scammers will post beautiful photos of homes and condos, some real and some fake. It may be a good idea to ask for additional photos—an honest landlord will always have them.
 - The deal sounds too good to be true. Scammers will often list a rental for a very low price to lure in victims, so if rental comes in suspiciously low, consider walking away. If you find the same ad listed under a different name or with different contact information, it may be a scam.
 - The landlord is located elsewhere and prefers to communicate via email. Scammers get you this way because often you won't live within a distance to visit the property and check it out. If they avoid talking on the phone or sound like they live in another country, that's a red flag.
 - You're asked to wire transfer money or to pay in cash. Scammers will usually ask for payment in the form of cash, gift cards or via wire transfer. Never pay with cash; instead, use a credit card as most will allow you to recover money you lose to fraud.
- Steps you can take to avoid this scam:
- Search online for the owner and listing with words like review, scam or complaint. Type in the given address of the property to confirm its legitimate and matches the photos you've viewed.
 - Read the reviews and ratings from others. Legitimate websites exist to protect renters by providing secure payment solutions, visitor comment sections and rating systems.
 - Find out how comparable listings are priced.
 - Remember, be cautious when looking at classified ads online.

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Permits

Benny Pickett, 809 E. 13th St., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: \$32
 Tommy Dale Churchwell, 606 Highland Dr., res re-roof, Val.: \$17,057.75, Fee: \$100
 Penny Lyn Phillips, 2802 Coronado Ave., res re-roof, Val.: \$16,060.07, Fee: \$95
 Ismael Lujan, 2402 Allendale, res re-roof, Val.: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
 Chix Construction Inc., 908 S. Aylesford St., demolition, Val.: \$50, Fee: \$50
 Virgle Garza, 1300 Wright St., res re-roof, Val.: \$2,600, Fee: \$25
 Judith Spivey, 1909 Runnels St., res plumb, Val.: \$2,000, Fee: \$32
 Maria Carrasco, 505 N.W. Seventh St., res elec, Val.: 0, Fee: \$25
 Patrick Kyle Heckler, 509 E. Third St., com elec, Val.: \$25, Fee: \$25
 Limestone Ridge Apartments, 1401 N. Highway 87 Apt. #1803, com plumb, Val.: \$1,500, Fee: \$30
 J.W. Ray, 1715 Harvard Ave., res gas, Val.: \$2,500, Fee: \$32
 Zhi Xiong Liu, 1405 E. 19th St., res re-roof, Val.: \$3,500, Fee: \$30
 Jeffrey Aaron Sommers, 3623 Hamilton St., res re-roof, Val.: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
 Janet F. Deleon, 106 N.W. Eighth St., res re-roof, Val.: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
 Joshua Ryan Thompson, 2206 Lynn Dr., res HVAC, Val.: \$4,600, Fee: \$45
 Kerr Management Inc., 2527 Langley Dr., res elec, Val.: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
 Carmen Briseno, 801 Timothy Lane, res water tap, Val.: \$357, Fee: \$357
 Patricia Sneed Thomas, 2301 Roberts Dr., res re-roof, Val.: \$7,500, Fee: \$50
 Dwain Thomas Reeves, 107 Washington Blvd., res re-roof, Val.: \$6,800, Fee: \$45
 Sue Dolan Riddle, 700 Highland Dr., res gas, Val.: \$1,100, Fee: \$32
 Deborah Lynn Morton, 717 Tulane Ave., res re-roof, Val.: \$4,500, Fee: \$35
 Andrea LeeAnn Hilario, 1406 Lexington Ave., res elec, Val.: 0, Fee: \$25
 Juanita Aguilar, 1101 E. 12th St., res elec, Val.: 0, Fee: \$25
 Timothy Horton, 1603 N. Service Rd. Interstate 20, res elec, Val.: \$1,700, Fee: \$25
 Brenda Parker, 2400 Main St., res addition (sheet rock), Val.: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 Jeffrey Aaron Sommers, 3623 Hamilton St., res addition, Val.: \$9,500, Fee: \$60; res elec, Val.: \$7,200, Fee: \$35.50;

res plumb, Val.: \$4,000, Fee: \$46; total, Val.: \$20,700, Fee: \$141.50
 Teresa Thomas, 1100 Nolan St., res gas, Val.: \$1,800, Fee: \$32
 Terry M. Carter, 5 Highland Cove, res gas, Val.: \$400, Fee: \$32
 Ronald Maupin, 2901 Robb Dr., structure (fence), Val.: \$7,500, Fee: \$50
 Tandi Dawn Stockton, 905 Mountain Park Dr., res re-roof, Val.: \$7,800, Fee: \$50
 Hector Cansino, 3801 Connally St., res re-roof, Val.: \$1,750, Fee: \$25
 Donnie Baker, 1101 S. Lancaster St., structure (fence), Val.: \$3,800, Fee: \$30
 Darla Lynch, 1806 Wallace St., res HVAC, Val.: \$4,950, Fee: \$45
 Mark Daily, 602 Baylor Blvd., res plumb, Val.: \$4,500, Fee: \$32
 Steven Chase Nichols, 1606 Mesquite St., res elec, Val.: \$25, Fee: \$25
 Brenholtz Holdings, 2509 Cheyenne Dr., res re-roof, Val.: \$1,900, Fee: \$25
 Mitesh Dinu Patel, 906 Birdwell Ln. Apt. C, res HVAC, Val.: \$2,500, Fee: \$45
 Teresa S. Thomas, 3913 Hamilton St., res gas, Val.: \$1,500, Fee: \$32
 Richard Kriesen, 605 N.E. 10th St., res elec, Val.: \$500, Fee: \$25
 Raymond Urbina, 2114 Carl St., res addition (carport), Val.: \$895, Fee: \$25
 Jimmy Billings, 2107 Cecilia St., res re-roof, Val.: \$7,689, Fee: \$50
 Lupe Lopez, 1200 Nolan St., res gas, Val.: \$500, Fee: \$32
 Kentwood Townhomes, 2500 Joshua Dr., com elec, Val.: \$5,800, Fee: \$25
 Deann Michelle Curtis, 108 Airbase Rd., res gas, Val.: \$1, Fee: \$32
 Howard County Fair Barn, 2901 W. Old Highway 80, com gas, Val.: \$20,000, Fee: \$32
 Gary Phillips, 619 Tulane Ave., res re-roof, Val.: \$6,500, Fee: \$45
 Cashea Brianne Shockley, 2614 Ann Dr., res re-roof, Val.: \$10,600, Fee: \$65
 Tex-Span Bilingual Safety Solutions LLC, 608 E. Fourth St., com re-roof, Val.: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
 Dustin Ray Wright, 2002 N. Monticello St., res re-roof, Val.: \$5,600, Fee: \$40
 Robert Craig Bronaugh, 1609 Canary St., res elec, Val.: \$780, Fee: \$25
 Melissa Puga, 1217 Lindberg St., res elec, Val.: \$25, Fee: \$25

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. #19, Big Spring
 Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring
 Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
 Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
 Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
 Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake
 Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa
 Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
 Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
 Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
 Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
 Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
 Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
 Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring
 Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
 William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
 Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
 James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta
 Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
 Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
 Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo
 Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring
 Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa
 Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
 Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring
 Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
 Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
 Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring

Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
 Nicole Preston, 1605 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
 Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
 George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
 Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
 Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
 Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
 Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring
 Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring
 Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
 Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

Colby Ross Thurman, 34, of Lubbock and Deanna Lynn Herm, 46, of Roswell, N.M.
 Gilbert De Los Santos, 46, of Corpus Christi, and Madalena Flores, 39, of Rio Grande City.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Melora Wiesner, individually and as administrator of the estate of Donald Wiesner, and as next friend of a minor child
 Respondent: Edwards Well Services LLC dba EWS; Tall City Operations LLC; Phoenix Services LLC; and Pioneer Consulting and Services LLC dba Light House Energy Solutions Inc.
 Type of case: Injury/Damage
 Date: July 11, 2017
 Plaintiff: Ally Financial Inc.
 Respondent: Dominic Tenney and Lisa Tenney
 Type of case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
 Date: July 6, 2017
 Plaintiff: Ally Financial Inc.
 Respondent: Contract - Raheem Farr
 Type of case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
 Date: July 6, 2017

Plaintiff: State of Texas
 Respondent: Toron Williams, \$9,000 U.S. currency
 Type of case: Seizure
 Date: July 6, 2017

Plaintiff: Mark Ryerson
 Respondent: State of Texas
 Type of case: Writ of Habeus Corpus
 Date: July 6, 2017

Plaintiff: Angela Smith
 Respondent: Richard Arenibaz
 Type of case: Divorce
 Date: July 7, 2017

County Court Judgements
 (The State of Texas is listed as the prosecutor in all county court judgements)

Defendant: Patrick A. Ramirez
 Offense: Criminal trespassing
 Sentence: \$500 fine, \$294 court costs, one-time payment
 Date: July 5, 2017

Defendant: Ginger B. Coates
 Offense: Evading arrest/detention
 Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$250 fine, \$342 court costs, 51 days in jail.
 Date: July 5, 2017

Defendant: Jonathan Faz
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$500 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated 12 months.
 Date: June 20, 2017

Defendant: Kennath McPherson
 Offense: Failure to identify/fugitive giving false information
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Date: July 5, 2017

Defendant: Monica Soliz
 Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
 Sentence: \$500 fine, \$244 court costs, one-time payment
 Date: June 20, 2017

US stocks move higher in afternoon trading; crude oil gains



AP photo

This Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016 file photo shows the New York Stock Exchange. U.S. stocks edged higher in early trading Friday, July 14, 2017 as investors sized up quarterly results from JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup and other big banks.

By **ALEX VEIGA**

AP Business Writer

U.S. stocks were on track late Friday afternoon to finish modestly higher, led by gains in technology and health care companies. Energy companies also rose following an increase in oil prices. High-dividend stocks like real estate companies and utilities were posting big gains following a drop in bond yields. The lower yields and a weak forecast from JPMorgan Chase were weighing on bank stocks.

KEEPING SCORE: The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 12 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,459 as of 3:12 p.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 86 points, or 0.4 percent, to 21,639. The Nasdaq composite added 38 points, or 0.6 percent, to 6,312. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks was up 5 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,430. The Dow, S&P 500 and Russell 2000 were all on track to set new highs.

investment strategist at CFRA Research.

QUARTERLY RESULTS: Several big banks kicked off the second-quarter earnings season. Among them were JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup and Wells Fargo, each of which posted results that beat Wall Street's expectations. But it wasn't all good news. JPMorgan, the nation's largest bank by assets, said it expects weaker net interest income. Falling bond yields also weighed on the sector. When bond yields decline, it forces interest rates on loans lower, which makes it harder for banks to make money from lending. JPMorgan fell 98 cents, or 1.1 percent, to \$92.12, while Citigroup slid 34 cents to \$66.68. Wells Fargo lost 70 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$54.90.

"It's an encouraging sign that the market is rotating outside of financials, but (investors) didn't use it as a catalyst to take down the whole market," said Victor Jones, trading director at TD Ameritrade.

Technology companies were among the big gainers. NetApp rose \$2.29, or 5.5 percent, to \$43.68. Seagate Technology added \$1.21, or 3.2 percent, to \$39.53.

YIELD PLAY: High-dividend companies like real estate investment trusts moved higher as bond yields decreased. General Growth Properties added 58 cents, or 2.5 percent, to \$23.51. Iron Mountain gained 86 cents, or 2.5 percent, to \$34.80.

Despite the June decline in retail sales, investors were bidding up shares in several retail chains after some analysts upgraded the sector a day after Target raised its second-quarter forecasts and said sales and customer traffic increased. Ulta Beauty gained \$4.67, or 1.8 percent, to \$262.07, while Gap rose 57 cents, or 2.5 percent, to \$23.35.

US retail sales fall for a 2nd month as consumers pull back

By **JOSH BOAK**

WASHINGTON (AP)

Americans curtailed their shopping in June, with less spending at restaurants, department stores and gasoline stations. The spending pullback came despite a healthy job market and suggests that economic growth could remain sluggish.

Retail sales fell 0.2 percent after declining 0.1 percent in May, the Commerce Department said Friday. Spending at retailers has grown 2.8 percent over the past 12 months, a relatively modest pace given that the sales figures aren't adjusted for inflation.

Michael Dolega, a senior economist at TD Bank, called the report "a disappointment as far as the resilience of the consumer is concerned."

The decline reflects in part a transformative shift by consumers toward Amazon and other online retailers. Sales at department stores, once the anchors of shopping malls and the pride of local communities, have dwindled. The rise of online shopping has left more retailers competing on price or striving to offer deeper discounts — factors that can limit overall sales figures.

Even former sources of strength in retail, like restaurants and auto dealers, have faced weakening sales in recent months.

The spending figures are closely watched because consumers account for roughly 70 percent of U.S. economic activity. If their spending slows, it can drag down growth across the broader economy.

The economy has expanded at a tepid annual pace of roughly 2 percent since the Great Recession ended eight years ago. President Donald Trump has pledged to elevate that rate above 3 percent. But it's doubtful he can do so without a jolt in retail spending that would reflect greater consumer confidence and sustained income gains.

Sales slipped 0.6 percent at restaurants and bars in June. They fell 0.7 percent at department stores and 1.3 percent at service stations, likely because of lower gasoline prices.

But not all sectors suffered declines in June. Spending improved 0.4 percent at non-store retailers, a category that includes online outlets. Building materials stores enjoyed a 0.5 percent increase in sales. Auto dealers and furniture stores also reported slight gains of 0.1 percent.

Despite the slight improvement of sales by auto dealers, overall motor vehicle sales, which can include purchases by rental car companies, fell 3 percent in June.

RECORDS

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Defendant: Pablo Viera
Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 40 days in jail.
Date: June 14, 2017

Defendant: David Westbrook
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$337 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Date: June 21, 2017

Defendant: Damian Bailey
Offense: Driving while intoxicated
Sentence: \$750 fine, 180 days in jail, 90 days license suspension. Probated 24 months.
Date: June 29, 2017

Defendant: Mark Lindem
Offense: Possession of a dangerous drug
Sentence: \$1,000 fine, 365 days in jail. Probated 24 months.
Date: June 20, 2017

Defendant: Johnny R. Reyes
Offense: Failure to identify/fugitive giving false or fictitious information
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 20 days in jail.
Date: June 21, 2017

Defendant: Kimberly McGee
Offense: Driving with a suspended license with previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292.10 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Date: June 21, 2017

Defendant: Steven Hildebrand
Offense: Criminal mischief \$750 to \$2,500
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 30 days in jail
Date: July 5, 2017

Defendant: Bradley A. Dalton
Offense: Criminal trespassing
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$294 court costs, 20 days in jail.
Date: July 5, 2017

Defendant: Steven Ray Johnson
Offense: Evading arrest or detention
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$287 court costs, 23 days in jail.
Date: July 6, 2017

Defendant: Melissa Puga
Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$542 court costs, six months probation. Deferred adjudication.
Date: June 29, 2017

Defendant: Donna E. Aleman
Offense: Displaying fictitious registration or inspection
Sentence: \$750 fine, \$244 court costs, one-time payment
Date: July 5, 2017

Defendant: Cody DeJuan Hawkins
Offense: Driving with an invalid license with a previous conviction or suspension without financial responsibility
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$500 fine, \$382.10 court costs, 73 days in jail.
Date: June 21, 2017

Defendant: Cody D. Hawkins
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
Sentence: Revocation of probation: \$750 fine, \$347 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Date: June 21, 2017

Defendant: Monica R. Cervantes
Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
Sentence: \$100 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated six months.
Date: June 20, 2017

Sentence: \$100 fine, 180 days in jail. Probated six months.
Date: June 20, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Juanita R. Gomez
Grantee: Debra L. Lusk, Eric Lusk, Sonia Lusk
Property: S/2 Lot 8, Blk. 2, Wrights 2nd Addition
Date: July 10, 2017

Grantor: Tom K. Pitts and Tamara J. Pitts
Grantee: Tamara Pitts Designs Inc.
Property: A 10.0-acre tract in SW part of Sec. 3, Blk.32, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: July 10, 2017

Grantor: William Derrell Parker Jr.
Grantee: Cody Hodges
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 1, Buckner Place addition
Date: July 10, 2017

Grantor: Jennifer Tanis aka Jennifer Peffer
Grantee: Stephen Shane Peffer
Property: Lot 18, Blk. 4, Kentwood (Unit No. 1) addition
Date: July 11, 2017

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Feral hogs are problem pork

By JUDY
TERELETSKY

District Clerk HSWCD

Feral hog control has been a hot topic in recent years. Descendants of domestic hogs that either escaped or were released, the hog's characteristics have changed each generation so that they can survive in the wild. Feral hogs are extremely adaptable and have a high reproductive rate. Hogs are prized by hunters but despised by many landowners who suffer from their damage.

Texas is home to an estimated 2 million feral hogs and can be found in almost every county in Texas. Early settlers viewed hogs as an important livestock however in times of war or hard economics some had to abandon their livestock on short notice. This left animals to fend for themselves and many free-ranging domesticated hogs became feral (wild) over time. Ranchers and sportsmen released Eurasian wild boars (Russian boars) for hunting in the 1930's. Many of these escaped and then later bred with the domesticated hogs that had become free ranging. This resulted in three types of feral hogs- the Eurasian, the feral and the hybrid.

Feral hogs are smaller and leaner with more muscle mass than their domestic counterparts weighing about 130 pounds though some have been documented to be more than 400 pounds. Some develop a mane or crest of hair on their necks and backs that can be raised in anger thus the nickname "razorback". Feral hogs tend to travel in family groups numbering from two to sometimes 50 animals depending

on seasons and drought conditions. They can easily travel more than 15 miles in search of food or water. Usually active at night, these nocturnal animals may be active for a while in early morning or late afternoon depending on temperature. They require food with lots of protein but will eat almost anything and everything they find. They prefer green vegetation but feed on grasses, forbs, agricultural grains (such as wheat and corn), peanuts, watermelons, cantaloupes, etc.

They will also consume beetles, reptiles, eggs, birds, small mammals and the young of livestock. Hogs root or dig in the ground to find food. Their rooting and trampling also damages crops and the financial loss to farmers can be extensive. Rooting creates troughs or mounds that can cause damage to farm equipment and injure livestock. Plant composition of a pasture is affected by promoting the growth of undesirable plants where hogs have destroyed the desirable forage grasses. Once pastures are degraded by the hogs the landowners must spend considerable money and time to restore the land. They eat supplemental foods and damage feeders and food plots intended for livestock or preferred wildlife.

Once feral hogs frequent a site other animals will begin to avoid those areas. This can threaten endangered species or livestock because they have to find other sites for food and water. Hogs wallow in ponds and streams to stay cool. This can cause bank erosion, effect water quality and promote algae blooms that can

kill off fish populations. In addition to damage to land and crops the feral hogs can damage fencing allowing livestock to wander and give easier access to predators not to mention the cost of repairs.

Along with the environmental damages feral hogs can transmit disease to other wildlife, livestock, and even to humans.

Three diseases that cause much of the concern are swine brucellosis, pseudorabies and tularemia. Swine brucellosis causes flu like symptoms but can lead to lameness, infertility and even death in pigs. It can show up as a false positive in cattle. When this bacterium causes the false positive of Bovine brucellosis the cattle herd has to be quarantined resulting in an economic loss for the rancher. Pseudorabies is not rabies like the name implies but this disease can be spread to domesticated livestock and dogs causing them to experience intense itching and sometimes neurological problems resulting in death. Tularemia is commonly known as "rabbit fever" and can be spread to humans resulting in pneumonia, blood infections, meningitis and swollen lymph nodes in severe cases.

Once feral hogs have become established in an area it is almost impossible to remove all of them.

Hogs are currently caught with snares, cage traps, shot when the opportunity arises or with proper permits killed by aerial hunting. With feral hogs causing an average of \$52 million in damage annually to the agricultural industry of Texas and reports of some showing

up in Texas towns, the latest proposed means of control is by the use of the drug Warfarin. This drug is a blood thinner that is also the main ingredient in rat poison. This has been a hot button issue as hunters and meat processors fear the drug will make the meat unusable while others have raised concern over the long time effects on ecosystems and other wildlife.

Due to the efforts of hunters, animal rights advocates, conservationists and meat processors the use of the poison has been challenged in the court system. In April of 2017, the manufacturer decided to pull the registration of this chemical in Texas.(1) Whatever the future holds for the war against the feral hogs in Texas no doubt it will be a lengthy one with ripple effects throughout agricultural industry and ultimately the cost of producing food.

Each fall and spring semester the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District provides the Conservation Roundup magazine to the local public and private schools of Howard County. The 2017 spring edition of this publication featured a story about the feral hogs of Texas. The HSWCD hopes the fourth and fifth grade students of Howard County find the Conservation Roundup informative and fun to read.

Information for this article was researched from the Texas AgriLife Extension Service at <http://texasextension.tamu.edu> and the Texas Parks and Wildlife <http://tpwd.texas.gov>.

(1)<http://www.kaput-products.com/solutions-by-pest-type/feral-hog/>

JPMorgan's Dimon lashes out at Washington over gridlock



AP photo

In this June 13, 2012, file photo, JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon testifies before the Senate Banking Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

By KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Jamie Dimon, the chief executive of the nation's largest bank, vented his irritation with politicians and the news media on Friday, arguing that the nation is spending too much time bickering instead of solving real issues.

His comments came during calls with reporters and Wall Street analysts to discuss JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s latest results — profits of more than \$7 billion in the last 90 days, a record for the nation's largest bank by assets.

Dimon has a reputation for speaking with little to no filter, and his position means people tend to listen. His remarks are not out of tune with previous comments under both President Barack Obama and President Donald Trump,

when he's argued that U.S. government policymakers spend too much time arguing rather than improving the economy.

But Dimon's comments were more direct and blunt this time.

The U.S. economy has been expanding at less than 2 percent a year since the Great Recession, which is below the typical growth after an economic downturn. Dimon said that U.S. economy growth would be higher if Washington gridlock would ease.

"It's almost an embarrassment being an American citizen traveling around the world ... listening to the stupid (expletive) we have to deal with in this country," he said in a call. "At one point we all have to get our act together or we won't do what we're supposed to do for the average Americans."



Courtesy photo

The feral hog in Texas averages 130 to 300 pounds but some have been found as much as 400 pounds.



Courtesy photo

Feral hogs root in the ground for food causing extensive damage to the property.

Gov. Brown makes dire plea to save California climate law

By JONATHAN J. COOPER

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— Gov. Jerry Brown warned of a California ravaged by forest fires, disease and mass migration if lawmakers fail to renew the state's signature program to fight climate change, which he called "a threat to organized human existence."

California's longest-serving governor, who has spent most of his life in and around public service, told lawmakers "this is the most important vote of your life." Brown, 79, even warned lawmakers and his critics it's them, not him, who will be around to experience the worst devastation wrought by global warming.

"A lot of you people are going to be alive," he said Thursday, turning to a room packed with lobbyists and advocates on both sides of the debate. "And you're going to be alive in a horrible situation that you're going to see mass mi-

grations, vector diseases, forest fires, Southern California burning up. That's real, guys."

The urgency of Brown's pitch comes as he scrambles to line up support to renew California's cap-and-trade program in the face of opposition from conservatives who warn about costs and liberals who say it doesn't do enough to protect the environment and clean dirty air.

"It does not get us to the real, rapid emission reductions that our planet and our communities desperately need," said Amy Vanderwarker, executive director of the California Environmental Justice Alliance.

Despite the opposition, Democrats on a key Senate committee passed a package of bills Thursday, one to renew cap and trade and another aimed at improving local air quality.

Both are facing a critical hurdle next week: Votes on the floor of the Assembly and Senate. The

cap-and-trade plan needs two-thirds to support to pass, and almost every Republican is opposed to it.

The governor is deeply invested in the outcome of those votes, which would bolster his efforts to position California as a global climate leader.

California governors rarely appear at legislative proceedings, but Brown sat through an entire four-hour hearing, taking notes as his critics spoke and occasionally shaking his head or muttering his disagreement.

Cap and trade puts a limit on carbon emissions and requires polluters to obtain permits to release greenhouse gases.

The governor touts the program around the world as an effective way to affordably address climate change, but its legal authorization expires in 2020. The current proposal would expand the program until 2030.

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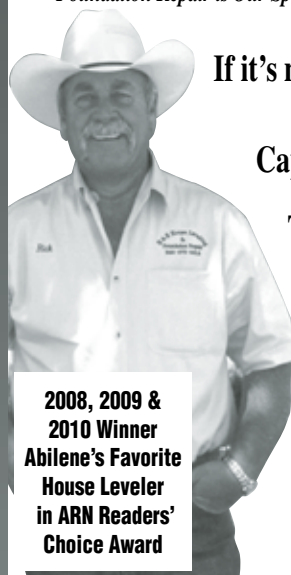
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Each bid should include: 1) the unit price per cubic yard (or per ton) bid for the specified graded base material and 2) the location in Glasscock County of the pit or stockpiled material; and shall be signed by the Bidder. Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Glasscock County Judge. The envelope should have the name of the Bidder and "August 2017 Graded Base Bid" typed or written on the outside of the envelope. If submitted by mail or delivery service, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to the Glasscock County Judge, P.O. Box 67, 209 S. Myrl Street, Garden City, Texas 79739. Any bid received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

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Payment shall be monthly. Invoices submitted to the Glasscock County Treasurer at least seven days prior to the Glasscock County Commissioners Court's regularly scheduled meeting, will be paid within two days after that Court meeting.

#9447 July 16 & 23, 2017

The Howard County Appraisal District makes this request for proposal/bid for the purpose of acquiring aerial orthophotography and oblique images for the entirety of Howard County Texas. For requirements of contract, please contact HCAD at (432) 263-8301. Sealed bids must be submitted by 5PM on July 31, 2017. Bids will be opened at the Board of Directors meeting on August 9, 2017 at 315 S. Main, Big Spring, TX.

#9441 July 9 & 16, 2017

**CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas the City of Big Spring will receive sealed proposals on the following date/time for the purchase of the items/services listed below:

Date/Time: Thursday, July 20, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

- RFP #17-002 Utilities Valves and Fittings

Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at regularly sched-

Public Notice

uled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

#9434 July 2 & 16, 2017

COLLEEN BARTON, DISTRICT CLERK
312 SCURRY
BIG SPRING, TX 79720

JOSHUA HAMBY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P O BOX 2199
BIG SPRING TX 79720

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF DEFENDANT:
"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

To: Deeanna Kay Woodard, Defendant, Greeting:

Respondent Greeting:
The petition of William Dean Woodard, Petitioner has been filed in the 118th District Court of Howard County, Texas, on 13th day of June, 2017 against Deeanna Kay Woodard, Respondent, numbered 51966 and styled:

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF: WILLIAM WOODARD Vs. DEEANNA WOODARD.

This case requests divorce. The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property which will be binding on you.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office on this the 15th day of June, 2017.

COLLEEN BARTON
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas

By: Jury Padron, Deputy

#9429 June 25 & July 2, 9, 16, 2017

The State of Texas
County of Glasscock

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Deputy BRIAN PETERSON, who after being by me duly sworn deposes

Public Notice

and says:
After the herein described estray was impounded, I made a diligent search of the register of record brands in our county where said estray was found. The search did not reveal owner.

I did then advertise the impoundment of said estray in the Glasscock County News and the Big Spring Herald and a duly verified printed copy thereof is returned herewith

I also posted a copy of the Notice of Estray and Notice of Impoundment of Estray on the public notice board of the courthouse in which the estray were found.

Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 31ST day of JULY, 2017, said estray will be sold at public auction/Sheriff's Sale at the GLASSCOCK COUNTY COURT HOUSE, GARDEN CITY, TEXAS 79739.

The said estray are listed and described as follows:

Kind of animal: BOVINE
Breed: ANGUS
Color: BLACK
Sex : BULL
Age: 8-10 MONTHS
Weight : 500 LBS

Brand/Earmark: NONE

#9442 July 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2017

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Surge Operating, LLC, located at 7850 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Ste. 300, Houston, TX 77064, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation that is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Pennsylvanian, Canyon, Strawn, Atoka and Mississippian formations, Elrod-Antell lease, Well Num-

Legals

ber 1D. The proposed injection well is located 4.75 miles NE of Knott, Texas, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8850' - 10,200'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:
Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of The Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for a further information concerning any aspect of the application, should be submitted, in writing with fifteen days of the publication, to the Environmental Services Division, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711. Telephone (512) 463-6792.

#9453 July 16, 2017

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#9454 July 16, 2017

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The bidding tells the tale

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 10 3
♥ J 4
♦ 10 7 2
♣ K Q 9 6

WEST **EAST**
♠ 9 4 2 ♠ J 8 7 5
♥ 9 7 5 2 ♥ A 6
♦ K J 8 4 ♦ A 9 6 3
♣ 5 3 ♣ 8 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♥ K Q 10 8 3
♦ Q 5
♣ A J 10 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♣ Pass 3♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass

Opening lead — four of diamonds.

Assume you're East, defending against four hearts reached in the manner shown. Partner leads a diamond, which you win with the ace, and you return a diamond to partner's king. Partner continues with the jack, and declarer ruffs.

South leads a low heart to dummy's jack, and it is at this point that the outcome hangs in the balance. If

you take the ace, declarer makes the contract; if you duck, he goes down one.

Let's say you win the jack with the ace, as most players would do. If you return a diamond, declarer ruffs in dummy and scores the rest of the tricks; if you return anything else, declarer likewise takes the rest.

Now let's assume you duck the jack of hearts, as you should. What can South then do to make the contract? If he leads another trump, you win with the ace and return your last diamond. If declarer ruffs, he will only have one trump left to West's two and must go down one. If South discards on the fourth diamond, he goes down that much sooner.

How can you tell that ducking the jack of hearts is the right play? Well, you can't be certain it will beat the contract, but all the evidence points in that direction.

The main clue lies in the bidding. South is unlikely to have six hearts, because he would be more inclined to rebid a six-card major suit at his second turn than name a minor suit.

Once you credit South with only five hearts — which means West has four — you are sure to beat the contract by refusing to win the first heart.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Lunar Shift From Headstrong to Determined

People have defining qualities, not to be confused with the wins and losses that occur along the way; those are merely circumstances, not definitions. A person who may be failing but who is determined will be defined by quality of determination, not the circumstance of failure. The shifting moon to Taurus seconds the motion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's smart to store up what you will later need. It's wise to know what that will be; it's a trick question of sorts, too, as your basic needs will stay the same but what fulfills them will change considerably through time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're getting more and more specific in your de-

sires. Not everyone will understand you, but the ones who do will feel an immediate bond and form a lasting kinship.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you keep making the same goals but you don't seem to be getting any closer to them, that's a sign to give them a rest. Maybe having no goal is better than having one that keeps you stuck.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The good things, such as winning the lottery, seem to happen to someone else. The bad things seem that way, too. But don't forget, you're "someone else" to someone else!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Each state of mind and mood has its purpose, and most only last as long as we let them go on. Sadness is like entering a dark room. Happiness can be as simple as reaching your hand out to turn on the light.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The same people who bring out the best in you also bring out the stress in you. The grace of the day is that those two

things won't happen at the same time. If you keep on the sunny side, so will those around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Those who are slow to anger will reap the best outcome from today's situation, which will require patience, a lack of ego and great flexibility of mind. The gentle answer will bring the best results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Success isn't a number you reach; it's a ratio. Even if you have the means you desire, if you are not satisfied, you are not successful. If you are satisfied, even if you are not rich, you can consider yourself a success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When time and distance don't seem to make you forget someone, it's a sign of true love, which is impervious to the effects of miles, clocks and calendars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The fact that everyone is running around saying there's a problem doesn't necessarily mean there's a problem. Check it out for your-

self. Avoid wasting your time with issues that aren't.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stay away from the kind of people who have a problem for every solution. It's not funny, and it's not charming. What it is -- a dark cloud obscuring the sunshine you need so much today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The true sign of intelligence is not in the accumulation of knowledge but in the ability to change. Exercise your right to alter things -- your mind, your choices, yourself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 16). This year, you'll develop a whole new list of things you want to try. The experts often make things look easy that have in fact taken long hours of hard work to perfect. This doesn't scare you. Your ambition will make your life interesting, and you'll be very attractive to the new friends coming into your world. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 11, 32 and 17.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Point to any moment in the history of the universe and chances are that humans couldn't control what happened before it or after it. Could it really be said that we have "free will" when what we do doesn't cause an outcome? The solar square to Uranus isn't helping the argument this week, and many will doubt their own power over this situation called life. Though it is healthy to question how much influence you have, what's much better is to simply exercise your influence, however mighty or small it may be. To behave as though you can make a difference -- all the while knowing this may not be true -- is, in fact, an act of heroism.

The term "privilege" is gaining all kinds of new and nuanced meaning these days. By those who are regularly harassed, it is considered a privilege not to be. And those to whom acceptance is automatically granted do not feel the privilege in this

acceptance, as it seems like an inalienable right. As Mars and the sun shift to egocentric Leo, consider whether we are actually privileged. We must take into consideration the freedoms, rights and means of others, as privilege is a subjective state that cannot be assessed without comparison.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Will Ferrell joins his friend Amy Poehler in the New Line Cinema comedy "The House." They play a couple who start an illegal casino in their basement after blowing their daughter's college fund. The Cancer comedian was born when Mercury was also in Cancer, showing extraordinary sensitivity and a stellar intuitive sense. Lucky Jupiter's being in Leo lends an entertaining edge.

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Annie's Mailbox

Sunday School or High School?

Dear Annie: I have never seen a question like this in your column, but here goes. My Sun-

day school class mostly consists of senior adults. My best friend of 30 years, "Trisha," is in the class. My neighbor "Jamie," who is definitely not my friend,

is also in the class. Jamie is very critical -- not just of me, though mostly of me. If I venture a thought, she feels free to verbally attack me. If Trisha and I are talking

quietly and privately, Jamie horns in and gives me her opinion on how I am wrong. Needless to say, I am so tired of it. The Sunday school teacher, "John," is aware of it but says that if he were to correct her, it would be as bad as what she does. He thinks she may have a bit of dementia. But I have known her for years, and she has always been this way. Everyone in the class is aware of it.

To compound the problem, John and I are in love. He wants to tell the class that we are dating, but I feel that Jamie would cause a horrible scene, because I get the sense that she has a crush on him. I think that's the source of a lot of her

anger toward me. If it were not for our relationship, I would leave the class, even though I love the class. I am sure she wouldn't leave. I'm at my wits' end trying to maintain a Christian attitude. I feel that when we announce our wedding plans, she is going to get really nasty. -- Exhausted by a Woman With a Jezebel Spirit

Dear Exhausted by a Jezebel: This sounds more like a high-school class of temperamental teenagers than a Sunday school class of fully grown adults. Clearly, something is lacking in Jamie's life if she feels the need to try to put you down to build herself up. She deserves your pity, not your disdain.

Let John announce your relationship (and marriage, if that's truly in the works). The chips will fall where they may. Jamie will run her mouth till it gets tired. But she's already doing that, so what have you got to lose?

Dear Annie: Why do so many churchgoers sit at the end of the pew instead of moving in to make room for others? It is difficult to climb over them to get to the empty seats in the middle. I am mys-

tified as to what is so special about the end seats. Besides creating a falling/tripping hazard, these end-seaters often look perturbed when anyone wants to enter "their" pew. This seems to be a common phenomenon in all churches we have attended. -- Mystified

Dear Mystified: The only good excuse I can think of for this behavior is a medical issue that could make an easy exit necessary. True, that's probably not the case for each of these people, but you never know. I'm printing your letter on a Sunday in hopes that any pew-hoggers reading might think twice at today's service and scoot on in.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. To find out more about Annie Lane and read features by other Creators Syndicate columnists and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Dan Addams IV
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
1 Open for use
4 Screening need
8 "Negative" alternative
13 Thai condiment often mixed with mayonnaise
15 Verb from the French for "live coals"
16 Informal "Amen"
17 Went with the flow, say
18 Star's beginnings
20 Emulated Edison, vis-à-vis Westinghouse
21 ___ fan
22 Bottom part of a tank
24 Word that sounds like a vowel it hasn't
25 Pal
28 Hard to see through
29 Flat tip
30 Undulate unsteadily
32 Another way to say ballerino
34 Not missing
35 Zip
36 Big West Conference team
39 Rock samples
43 Comprise
44 First speaker of "Nothing can come of nothing" (1606)
46 Chalice, for instance
47 Legal predecessor of NBCUniversal
48 Hollows
50 First musician to be a Time Person of the Year
51 What Dr. Frankenstein called "white and shining pyramids"
- 53 Certain teen's spring fever
56 Dish antenna enclosure
58 Center of many ranges
59 First Northern Plains equestrians
60 Order not to follow
61 Tail, e.g.
62 ___ forma (amorphous; Lat.)
63 Networking protocol, initially
- DOWN**
1 Female fashion features
2 Coming
3 Pope who supported Cesare Borgia
4 He named his dad
5 Returned call
6 Metaphorical mistreatment
7 '62 Wayne film set in Africa
8 Grp. promoting the Great American Outdoor Show
9 They're error-prone
10 Place
11 Cry of discovery
12 Elk's only close African kin
14 Pipe organ mechanism
15 "You got this"
19 Got back to 100%
23 Bearer of energy
26 Total Recall autobiographer's nickname
27 Tenants' taxpaying arrangements
31 Part of many ritzy resort names
33 Far from accepting
36 Mustangs' competitors
37 One flooding the streets circa 1890
38 16.4% into some years
40 Under wraps?
41 Disputants
42 28-year 20/20 reporter/co-anchor
45 Asks for more
49 Asia-Africa land bridge
52 Mr. Hyde's home
54 Hopkins, in Marvel movies
55 ___ cap
57 "The cruelest animal," per Nietzsche

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ANSWERS

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8	3	7	1	9	2	6	5	4
9	4	1	7	6	5	2	8	3
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Answer to previous puzzle

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Fired voice of Kermit the Frog says he's 'devastated'

By **ANDREW DALTON**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It isn't easy being green. But no longer being green is apparently even harder.

Steve Whitmire, the puppeteer who was fired after 27 years as Kermit the Frog said Thursday he is "devastated to have failed" Muppets founder and his mentor Jim Henson.

Whitmire has been with the Muppets since 1978, and took over as Kermit after Henson died in 1990. He wrote an emotional blog post in response to his firing a day after it was made public.

He said he was let go against his will, and would never have left voluntarily.

"For me the Muppets are not just a job, or a career, or even a passion. They are a calling, an urgent, undeniable, impossible to resist way of life," Whitmire wrote. "This is my life's work since I was 19 years old. I feel that I am at the top of my game, and I want all of you who love the Muppets to know that I would never consider abandoning Kermit."

Whitmire said he was informed that Kermit would be recast in October, and has

kept silent in the ensuing months in the hopes that he could get his bosses to change their minds. He said he offered "multiple remedies" to the reasons he was given for his firing.

He would not say what those reasons were, nor would Muppet Studio or its parent company Disney, who have not responded to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

Muppets Studio said in a statement to Time magazine that it "thanks Steve for his tremendous contributions to Kermit the Frog and the Muppets franchise. We wish him well in his future endeavors."

The Hollywood Reporter and ABC News reported Wednesday that longtime Muppets performer Matt Vogel will take over as Kermit.

Kermit was Henson's signature character, and the centerpiece of the Muppets franchise, from 1955 until 1990, and when he died it was unthinkable for many to imagine someone else doing it.

But Whitmire took up the role, and became the only Kermit many of today's young adults and kids have



AP photo

In this July 11, 2015, file photo, Kermit the Frog, left, and puppeteer Steve Whitmire attend "The Muppets" panel on day 3 of Comic-Con International in San Diego. ABC News and The Hollywood Reporter reported July 10, 2017, that Whitmire is no longer performing the character.

ever known.

The two made TV appearances on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon," "30 Rock" and "Saturday Night Live" and in films like "Muppets Most

Wanted" and "The Muppets."

Addressing friends and fans, Whitmire wrote on his blog that "I just want you all to know that I am sorry if I have disappointed any of you

at any point throughout our journey, and to let everyone know that I am devastated to have failed in my duty to my hero."

Judith Light remembers late manager after Emmy nomination

By **JOSEPH LONGO**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Judith Light's third Primetime Emmy nomination came Thursday morning, but not without a pang of grief.

This will be Light's first awards season in 36 years without her manager, Herb Hamscher, who died in October. Light dedicated her nomination to him during an interview Thursday after-

noon.

"I think of him now because I think, 'Oh I want to call him and tell him.' We would be jumping up and down together," Light said.

This is Light's second nomination for playing Shelly Pfefferman, the ex-wife of Jeffrey Tambor's character in Amazon's "Transparent."

She won two Daytime Emmys for her role on the soap "One Life to Live."

Light was nominated for "Transparent" last year when Hamscher was sick.

She said Hamscher managed to pull himself through the awards ceremony, but died a few weeks later.

Hamscher was alongside for most of her career including her first Primetime Emmy nomination in 2007 for "Ugly Betty."

"In a way, I feel him watching over me. That means a

great deal to me," she said. After a brief pause, she continued, "Oh yeah, you guided this for so long."

Light, 68, isn't new to acclaim. She's a two-time Tony Winner and a Golden-globe nominee. However, she said industry awards are often viewed too heavily as competition.

She is focused on promoting the importance of arts education through her work.

She said she takes great responsibility in her "very privileged position."

"We are in service to the people who watch it, and we can't do this without them," she said. "We have an opportunity to do that, to give and to be out there doing our service through our art."

Light is also a longtime LGBT advocate. It's also how she's celebrating her nomination.

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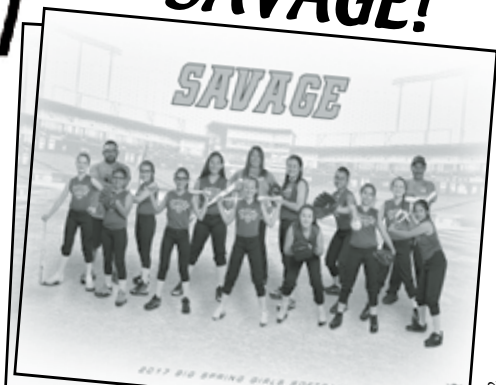


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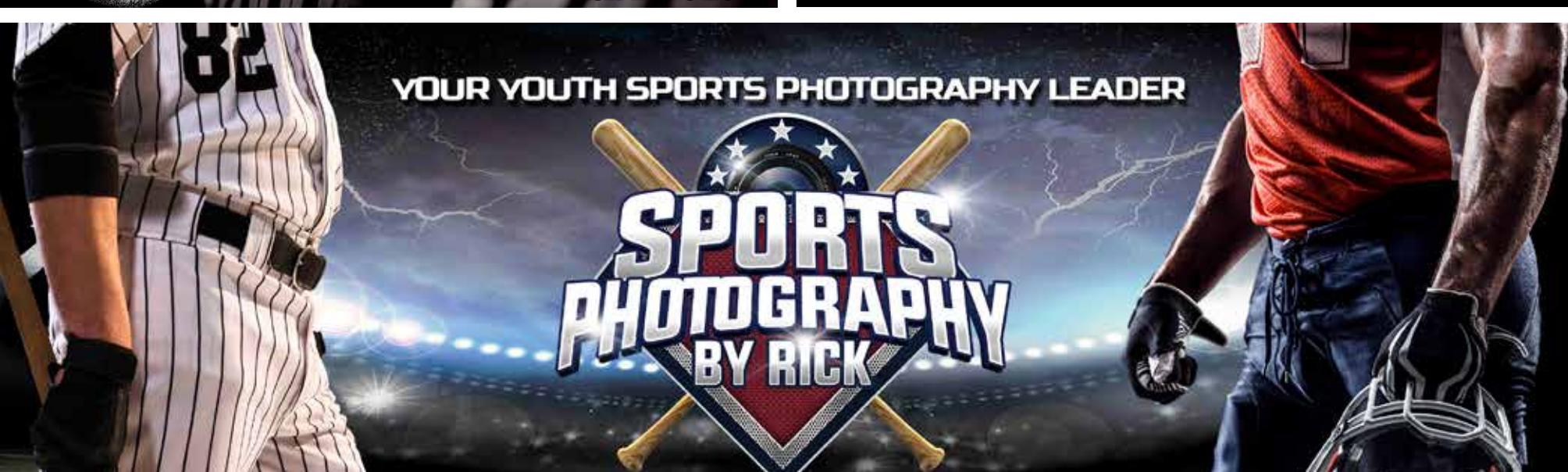
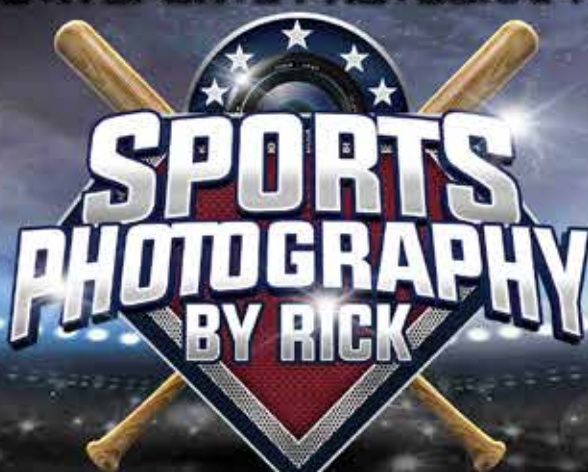
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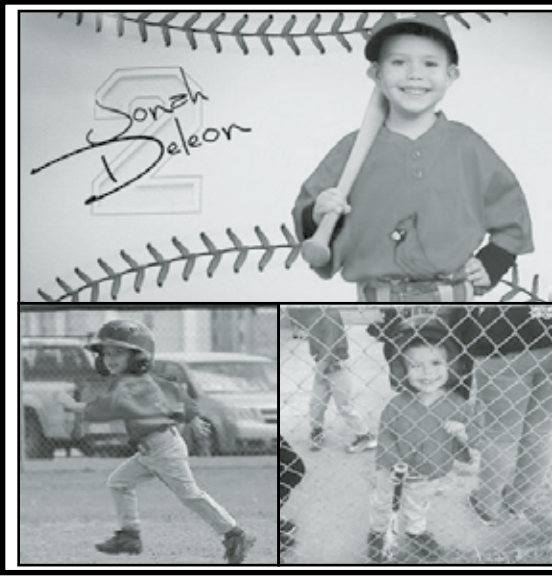
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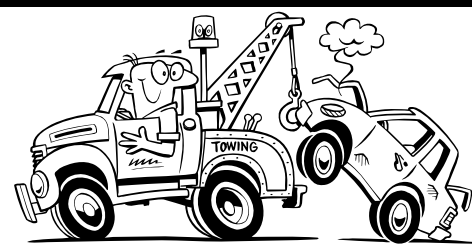
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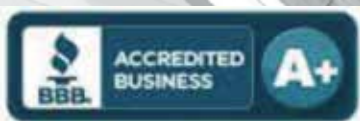
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