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Howard County Grand Jury indicts 12

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

The Howard County Grand Jury indicted 12 people Thursday, including a man who claimed the prize of an allegedly stolen lottery ticket.

Victor Wilbur Smith, 58, of Big Spring, was indicted on a charge of "claim lottery ticket," according to documents released by the Howard County District Attorney's Office. Smith claimed the prize of a \$1,000 lottery scratch-off ticket, the DA's office said. On the prize claim form, Smith — who was an employee of a convenience store in town — stated

he purchased the ticket at another convenience store in Big Spring, the DA's office said. However, an audit revealed that the ticket was never sold, and was connected to the convenience store Smith was employed at, the DA's office stated. If convicted,

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Smith could face up to two to 10 years in jail, and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Also indicted Thursday were:

(Cases presented to the court by 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, prosecutor)

- Raul Ayon, 46, of 2841 NW 23rd Ave, Miami, Fla., possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram (state jail felony).

- Rosalinda Lopez, 53, of 1309 Utah St., theft of property, more than \$1,500, with two or more previous convictions (state jail felony).

- James Clarence Love, 39, of 1164 Greenbrie Lane, Chicago, possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram), (state jail felony).

- Shimeon Rashad Magers, 34, 1511 Tucson, evading arrest (state jail felony).

- John Anthony Mier, 29, of 607 Calin St., aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (enhanced to a first-degree felony).

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Celebrating 30 years



Courtesy photos

Pictured above, Chalet Co-Chairs Ruth Nanny and Jobeth Corwin, center, cut the ribbon celebrating The Chalet's 30th anniversary with Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Director Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Acting Superintendent Traci Phillips and Bianca Mireles, who directed the painting of the mural on the side of The Chalet. At right, the children who contributed to the mural project on the side of The Chalet pose for a photograph as volunteers look on prior to the ribbon cutting. The Chalet is a downtown resale shop run by the Volunteer Services Council benefiting the patients of Big Spring State Hospital.



37 arrested in multi-agency human trafficking, online solicitation operation

Special to the Herald

MIDLAND — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced Friday the arrests of 37 suspects during a multi-agency operation in the Midland area targeting alleged sexual predators, and the rescue of human trafficking victims.

The 10-day investigation, led by DPS Special Agents, was an online undercover effort to identify and apprehend sexual predators participating in the online solicitation of minors.

The Midland Police Department, Midland County District Attorney's Office, Homeland Security Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were also involved in the operation.

The following suspects were arrested for various charges and booked into the Midland County Jail:

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Wright retires as County Clerk

By **ROBERT BARLOW**
 Staff Writer

Donna Wright is saying goodbye after 40 years of working with Howard County, and nearly two decades in her most recent position: County Clerk.

For the last 18 years, Wright has held the position of county clerk for Howard County.

"I've been here 40 years June 1 of this year full time, and I've been clerk since Jan. 1 of 1999," Wright continued. "There have been a lot of changes since I've been here."

A retirement party was held at the courthouse on Tuesday with family, friends, and coworkers showing up to show their support and thanks for Wright, whose career began with the county before she even graduated high school.

"I've worked in the courthouse in some form or fashion since I was a sophomore in high school," said Wright. "I started full time June 1 of

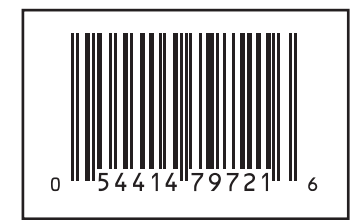


Wright

1977, and I had worked in the office two years prior to that. I went to school half a day in the VOE program, and I worked my junior and senior year in high school."

In addition to that, Wright said her mother was actually working in the county clerk's office

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North Korea says 2nd ICBM test puts 'entire' US in range

By **ERIC TALMADGE and MARI YAMAGUCHI**

Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said Saturday the second flight test of an intercontinental ballistic missile demonstrated his country can hit the U.S. mainland, hours after the launch left analysts concluding that a wide swath of the United

States, including Los Angeles and Chicago, is now in range of North Korean weapons.

The Korean Central News Agency said that Kim expressed "great satisfaction" after the Hwasong-14 missile reached a maximum height of 3,725 kilometers (2,314 miles) and traveled 998 kilometers (620 miles) before accurately landing in waters off Japan. The agency

said that the test was aimed at confirming the maximum range and other technical aspects of the missile it says was capable of delivering a "large-sized, heavy nuclear warhead."

Analysts had estimated that the North's first ICBM on July 4 could have reached Alaska, and said that the latest missile

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Obituaries

Shane Kemper



Shane Kemper, 44, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 27, 2017, in a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. David Morgan and Brian Marlar officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017, at the funeral home.

Shane was born Nov. 17, 1972, in Big Spring, and married Shaundra Walker Oct. 10, 2010, in Big Spring.

Shane graduated from Borden County High School in 1991 and received his Registered Nursing degree from Midland College. He had worked for Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring VA Medical Center, and was currently working for GEO Group in the medical department.

Shane was an avid golfer, a hardcore Pittsburg Steelers fan, and a Texas Rangers fan. He loved any activity Kaylee was involved with, and going to the movie theater with Scarlet. He enjoyed dove hunt-

ing with his family and loved life.

Survivors include his wife, Shaundra Kemper; two daughters, Kaylee Kemper and Scarlet Kemper; his mother and stepfather, Brenda and Richard Wilkinson; one brother, Clint Kemper and wife Monica, and their children, Halen and Luis Casillas; his grandparents, Juanita and Bill Briley; nine aunts and uncles, Aletha and Brian Marlar, Nobie Reid and Kenneth Casbeer, Joe and Jodie Wright, Jimmy Kemper, Boyce and Laura Kemper, Jackie and Jerry Tredaway, Trish Jones, Bill and Denise Jackson, and Johnny and Tracy Jackson; and his mothers- and fathers-in-law, Connie and Mike Shaw, and Wendell and Charla Walker.

He was preceded in death by his father, Bruce Kemper; his grandparents, Myra and Velah Kemper; his grandfather, Billy Wayne Jackson; and an aunt, Sherry Jones.

The family suggests memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105.

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

Paid obituary

Richard Bernard "Rick" Torina Jr.



Richard Bernard "Rick" Torina Jr., 58, of Big Spring died Thursday, July 27, 2017 at his home.

Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday, July 31, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Richard was born July 7, 1959, in Memphis, Tenn., to Lynne Catherine Snyder Torina and Richard Bernard Torina Sr. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving for eight years. He worked for computer companies after his discharge. Richard moved from Oregon to Big Spring five years ago. He had lived in California for 10 years prior. He was a Catholic.

Richard is survived by his mother, Lynne Her- ring of Big Spring; his father, Richard Bernard Torina Sr. of Bowman, Ga.; one sister, Angela Parks and husband Bob of Big Spring; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Stephanie Stricker.

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

Oscar Cervantes Jr.

Oscar Cervantes Jr., 42, of Big Spring died Friday, July 28, 2017. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Anaelle Jade and Ariel Rose Mata

Anaelle Jade and Ariel Rose Mata, infant girls, died Tuesday, July 25, 2017, in an Odessa hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **CHRISTOPHER BRYAN WESTLING**, 25, of 2404 Merrill Ave. in Snyder was arrested on a warrant for unlawfully carrying a weapon; and on another outstanding warrant.
- **WILLIAM CHARLES COLEMAN**, 63, of 1100 Lloyd St. was

arrested on an outstanding warrant.

- **SONIA MICHELLE BARLOW**, 38, of 4215 Parkway was arrested on a charge of prohibited weapon.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 900 block of East Interstate 20.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 900

block of East Interstate 20.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 2100 block of South Gregg Street.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of North First Street, the 3600 block of West Highway 80, and the 1100 block of West Interstate 20.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd.

Take Note

the Howard County Library.

- School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., begins Aug. 1 for the fall term. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see www.aceministries.com for more information). School and office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. week days. Tuition is reasonable. For more information visit the office or contact Dr. Lillian Bohanan at 432-213-1046.

- 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 a 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 ½ 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.

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.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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WRIGHT

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when she was pregnant with her, and ended up leaving to have the baby.

Wright stated she was attracted to the job since she was younger, and knew she had picked the right occupation after she stayed for another few decades.

"It's just so versatile, there's just something new that comes up everyday," Wright said. "You don't get bored, and of course I'm a people person, and you deal with the public all the time and I enjoy that."

After holding an important position for the county for so long, Wright has seen her share of problems, controversies, and

resolutions. However, one monumental task Wright was faced with required some careful planning and patience to help push Howard County into the digital age.

"When I took office, we were not computerized at all, and I pretty much have everything digitized now," Wright continued. "We now have our land records online, I just helped get us into the digital age."

Wright went on to say she thinks the process is just about as complete as it can be for now, and that "Brent (Zitterkopf) (the new County Clerk) will have to decide what his next challenge is."

Zitterkopf was recommended by Wright for the position and was accepted by the commissioners court at a previ-

ously held meeting.

Wright said she didn't have anything in particular planned for her retirement other than to enjoy her new free time and remain a part of the Howard County and Big Spring communities.

"I really don't have any great big plans, I'm going to stay active in the community," Wright stated. "I'm on the United Way Board and I don't intend to drop that, I just plan to stay active as a part of this community."

Wright's last official day as the Howard County Clerk is Monday, marking an end to a long and memorable career with the county and the people she worked with.

"I would like to say 'thanks' to my staff; you can't be great if you



HERALD photo/Robert Barlow

Friends and family gathered on Tuesday at Donna Wright's retirement party. Wright has been serving Howard County as the County Clerk for the last 18 years, and has been working with the courthouse for the last 40. A celebration was held in the courtroom at the courthouse, along with food and refreshments, and had a nostalgic display of photographs from the years Wright, pictured second from left, has spent working with the county.

don't have great employees, and they've just been phenomenal," said Wright. "So I couldn't

have done it without them."

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GRAND JURY

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- Julio Marcos Olvera, 27, of 836 CR 432, Rockdale, Texas, two counts of forgery (state jail felony).
- Gloria Ramirez, 53, of 601 McEwen St., driving while intoxicated with child passenger (state jail felony).

ARRESTS

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- JAIME ADAM CORTEZ, 27, online solicitation of a minor, a second-degree felony
- BRUCE ALAN GARAND, 57, online solicitation of a minor, a second-degree felony
- EDUARDO JIMENEZ, 23, online solicitation of a minor, a second-degree felony
- JUSTIN RYLEY MARTINEZ, 21, online solicitation of a minor, a second-degree felony
- GABRIEL C NATIVIDAD, 63, online solicitation of a minor, a second-degree felony
- SHAWN ROY PLATERO, 28, online solicitation of a minor, a second-degree felony
- HUGO CIRILO SANCHEZ CAMPOS, 27, online solicitation of a minor, a second-degree felony
- JACOB ADAM JOSEPH SMITH, 21, online solicitation of a minor, a second-degree felony
- GLENN CURTIS VINYARD JR, 57, online solicitation of a minor, a second-degree felony
- OLUKAYODE OYEWOLE AKINTERINWA, 21, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- JASON ROBERT CHARRON, 36, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- DALTON MICHAEL HAWK, 22, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- DAVID GOMEZ MARTINEZ, 49, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- SEBASTIAN MENDEZ JR, 35, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- HECTOR JAVIER MONTOYA, 20, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-

- Deland Wayne Savell, 59, of 1605 Sycamore, driving while intoxicated, third or more (state jail felony).
 - Victor Wilbur Smith, 58, of 1600 Lincoln, claim lottery prize (third-degree felony).
- (Cases presented to the court by 118th District Assistant Attorney Lindsay Phillips, prosecutor)
- Silvestre Gonzalez, 31, of 101 First St., Ackerly, indecency with a child by sexual contact (second-

- degree felony
- HECTOR PARRA, 36, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- COLIN JARED TAYLOR, 23, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- DANIEL TREVINO JR, 28, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- OSCAR ANTONIO URBINA, 32, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- EARL WAYNE WADE JR, 59, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- CHRISTOPHER ALLEN WADLE, 40, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- JOHNATHON LEE YOUNG, 24, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- ADRIANNA ELENA CHACON, 19, prostitution, Class B misdemeanor
- ASHLEE ELIZABETH THORNTON, 25, prostitution - enhanced, state jail felony
- DALILA SOLLANO, 29, promotion of prostitution, Class A misdemeanor
- CHRISTOPHER DANIEL NUNEZ, 37, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- JOHN EDWIN OFFER II, 33, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- ARON JAMES DOBBINS, 20, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- CHRISTOPHER CARL DEARMIN, 50, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony

- degree felony).
- Krystal Kay Henderson, 31, of 2102 S. Scurry, two counts of theft (more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000) and theft (all state jail felonies), debit card abuse (state jail felony).
- Marvin Wade Tedford, 46, of 1002 N. Main No. 18, possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram) (state jail felony).

- EXIQUIO RAMIREZ, 31, prostitution-solicit person less than 18 years of age, a second-degree felony
- JESUS CRUZ, 19, provide harmful material to a juvenile, Class A misdemeanor
- JACOB SANCHEZ LARA, 33, provide harmful material to a juvenile, Class A misdemeanor
- ARON OLIVAS (four counts), 24, provide harmful material to a juvenile, Class A misdemeanor; sexual performance by minor, a second-degree felony
- CHRISTIAN RAY WILSON, 31, provide harmful material to a juvenile, Class A misdemeanor
- JESSE DON CRAWFORD (three Counts), 40, sexual performance by minor, a second-degree felony
- PAUL E. MACK, 42, sexual performance by minor, a second-degree felony
- JAVIER SANIEL SALCIDO, 28, sexual performance by minor, a second-degree felony

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Praxedis "Pry" Gonzales, 56, died Tuesday. Mass was at 10 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial was at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jerry W. Roach, 67, died Tuesday. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel.

Freddie Eugene Puga, 74, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Richard Bernard "Rick" Torina, Jr., 58, died Thursday. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday. Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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appeared to extend that range significantly.

Immediately after the launch, U.S. and South Korean forces conducted live-fire exercises. South Korean Defense Minister Song Young-moo called for the deployment of strategic U.S. military assets — which usually means stealth bombers and aircraft carriers — as well as additional launchers of an advanced U.S. anti-missile system.

Japanese government spokesman Yoshihide Suga said the missile, launched late Friday night, flew for about 45 minutes — about five minutes longer than the first. The missile was launched on very high trajectory, which limited the distance it traveled, and landed west of Japan's island of Hokkaido.

The KCNA quoted Kim as saying that the launch reaffirmed the

reliability of the country's ICBM system and an ability to fire at "random regions and locations at random times" with the "entire" U.S. mainland now within range. The agency said that the test confirmed important features of the missile system, such as the proper separation of the warhead and controlling its movement and detonation after atmospheric re-entry.

Kim said the launch sent a "serious warning" to the United States, which has been "meaninglessly blowing its trumpet" with threats of war and stronger sanctions, the KCNA said.

On the streets of Pyongyang, North Koreans welcomed the news of their country's latest missile test while state media broadcast images of a projectile launched into the night sky. Kim Jong Un was seen in the company of military commanders near a mobile missile launcher.

"I feel really confident. From now on, we will develop and have the strongest weapons, strategic weapons, so we can safeguard our sovereignty and independence, so that we can end up winning against the imperialists and against America," said Pak Gi Nam, a student. It is normal for North Koreans talking in front of TV cameras to stick to the official version of events.

The North Korean flight data was similar to assessments by the United States, South Korea and Japan.

David Wright, a physicist and co-director of the global security program at the Union of Concerned Scientists, said that if reports of the missile's maximum altitude and flight time are correct, it would have a theoretical range of at least 10,400 kilometers (about 6,500 miles). That means it could have reached Los Ange-

les, Denver or Chicago, depending on variables such as the size and weight of the warhead that would be carried atop such a missile in an actual attack.

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—FIRST AMENDMENT

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A Texan surprises pub crawlers in London

If you haven't seen Don Warren of Weatherford use his hypnotic powers, you're missing something. Although he is two years away from retiring from his pipeline job with Conoro-Phillips he is getting known around the country as the Cowboy Hypnotist. A few years ago he saw a hypnotist in Las Vegas and decided he wanted to do some of that. So he started talking to professional hypnotists, learning from them while attending their seminars.

Don is the epitome of a cowboy. He wears the traditional cowboy outfit: a cowboy hat and boots, starched white shirt and jeans. When he's performing at major events, he wears glittery jackets. He's making good money hypnotizing people at corporate events, resorts, festivals and even high school graduation parties. He is a popular attraction at the July 4th activities in Fort Davis.

He is good at what he does. He

can take people who think hypnotism is a fake and have them under his power within two minutes. When he's hypnotizing people on stage, some people in the audience become hypnotized, too.

Last November, Don attended a hypnotism seminar in London. The place where the seminar took place was about a mile or so from his hotel. He walked it the first couple of days, then found which bus would get him there and take him back to his hotel. One night when he was returning to his hotel, about two dozen people in their twenties and thirties got on his bus. They were on a pub crawl, going to 26 pubs and getting a half pint of beer at each one.

“When they got on,” says Don, “they had been to 13 pubs, so they were halfway through their pub crawl and were pretty well lit. And there I was wearing my cowboy hat and boots and they immediately started talking to me. When I told them I was from Texas and was in London for a seminar on hypnosis they immediately wanted me to hypnotize one of their group. So, as the city bus was going down a busy

London street. I hypnotized a guy. He was just tipsy, not completely drunk. It's impossible to hypnotize someone who's drunk because they can't concentrate.

“I was afraid this guy might fall down from the movement of the bus, so I made him think his right hand was glued to the pole he was standing by. I don't know whether I should mention this or not, but I made him think he had a severe case of jock itch. And the more he scratched, the more it itched. Well, people on the bus were watching this and laughing so hard when the bus got to their stop, they didn't get off. They stayed on watching this guy with his hand glued to the pole and scratching his crotch. More people came on the bus and didn't know what was happening but soon got involved. We rode for a while and finally got to their stop where the next pub was. Before they got off, I took the glue away and got rid of his jock itch.”

Don missed his stop but didn't really care. He caught another bus back to his hotel and didn't hypnotize anyone on that one.



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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, You turn our pain and anxiety into warmth and gladness.

Amen.

Can I get an Amen?

With so much surveillance going on in this country, it won't be long before we're able to spell the word, even if it is contrary to the old rule of “i” before “e” except after “c.”

Videos of protestors and other “assorted angsts” dominate the news these days, so one might reasonably ask if there is any good news.

Though acts of kindness don't usually make the news cycles, a few simple recent “giveaways” at the State Capitol in Austin are evidence that at least one Texan adheres to the signage that “kindness matters.” On July 19, Johnson County's Jim Hogan loaded several family-size watermelons into his pick-up truck. He steered toward the capital city, stopping off to see the Round Rock Express play baseball before “making nice” the next day in Austin.

Seeking a capitol grounds parking space, Hogan spotted Sid Miller, the man who defeated him a couple of years ago for State Agriculture Commissioner. “Hey, Sid,” he yelled. “Do you like watermelons?”

Miller answered in the affirmative, so Jim lugged a big red meat up the steps to the lobby elevator for an 11-floor ride to the Ag office.

Hogan put feet to the signs claiming “kindness matters.” Where is the surveillance showing there still are some folks out there being kind to other folks out there?

As he left the capitol, a receptionist told Hogan she likes homegrown melons, too. He had one left in his truck, so she got one, too.

You may wonder who Hogan is. He's a longtime dairy farmer who ran for State Agriculture Commissioner back in 2014, promising he would run for ONE TERM, print no promotional material, buy no ads and accept no donations.

Clearly his approach was “old school.”

Further, he planned to make good use of the Internet, email and telephone. He granted interviews in person to folks (mass media and otherwise) who'd meet him at his farm or for a burger in Cleburne. (He didn't “go to them.”)

You may recall he got 36.8% of the popular vote in the Democratic Primary, and took out veteran candidate Kinky Friedman, 105,887 to 91,282 in the run-off.

Republicans swept the general election, but even then, Hogan got 1,697,083 votes to Miller's 2,698,694. His showing in his one-and-only political race cost him \$.0023 per vote, and most of that was the \$3,750 filing fee....

He's as transparent as a window pane, as happy in his skin as anyone I know and determined to spread good cheer wherever he goes. Most days, his

destination is Cleburne, a mere 10-minutes from his farm.

Several times a month, he visits the Johnson County Library. The 66-year-old widower checks his email there every few days, reads in air-conditioned comfort and “chews the fat” with the library staff.

Yep, they've reaped benefits, too, salivating at the thought of watermelons and bodacious tomatoes.

He feels like he's “on vacation,” having spent more than three decades in dairy farming. Hogan got out of the dairy business in 2006.

Just two years later, his wife began a three-year battle with cancer. He was by her side all the way; she died at age 49 in 2010. His daughters, 22 and 24, live in East Texas and California. Now, he has time to be mostly about giving away smiles daily and produce seasonally.

“I may be the only farmer around who gives away watermelons, and delivers 'em fully guaranteed.” (Some years, he harvests as many as 600 melons; this year, the figure was nearer to 200.)

Hogan reminds me of Will Rogers, offering such gems as “just because we can doesn't mean we ought to,” and, “I'm not sure if the Lord is mad at us, or scratching His head, wondering what He ought to do next.”

You get the picture. He's dead certain he won't run again for any political office. If he did, I'd campaign for him, even without a watermelon.

British baby Charlie Gard dies, was center of legal battle

LONDON (AP) — Charlie Gard, the terminally ill British baby at the center of a legal and ethical battle that attracted the attention of Pope Francis and U.S. President Donald Trump, died Friday. He was one week shy of his first birthday.

Charlie suffered from a rare genetic disease, mitochondrial depletion syndrome, which left him brain damaged and unable to move his limbs or breathe unaided.

A family spokeswoman, Alison Smith-Squire, confirmed Charlie's death on Friday, a day after a judge ordered that he be taken to a hospice for his final hours.

"Our beautiful little boy has gone, we're so proud of him," his mother Connie Yates said in a statement.

Charlie's parents raised more than 1.3 million pounds (\$1.7 million) to take him to the United States for an experimental medical therapy they believed could prolong his life. But Charlie's doctors at Great Ormond Street Hospital in London objected, saying the treatment wouldn't help and might cause him to suffer.

The dispute ended up in court.

Charlie's case became a flashpoint for debates

on the rights of both children and parents, on health-care funding, medical interventions, the responsibilities of hospitals and medical workers and the role of the state.

After months of legal battles, High Court judge Nicholas Francis ruled Thursday that Charlie should be transferred to a hospice and taken off life support after his parents and the hospital failed to agree on an end-of-life care plan for the infant.

Under British law, it is common for courts to intervene when parents and doctors disagree on the treatment of a child. In such cases, the rights of the child take primacy over the parents' right to decide what's best for their offspring. The principle applies even in cases where parents have an alternative point of view, such as when religious beliefs prohibit blood transfusions.

The case made it all the way to Britain's Supreme Court as Charlie's parents refused to accept decisions by a series of judges who backed Great Ormond Street. But the Supreme Court agreed with the lower courts, saying it was in Charlie's best interests that he be allowed to die.

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#2D Shroyer, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39198
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
4.44 miles northeast of Knott
A-329, Section 23, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,550 feet
X=745225.09, Y=296170.75. Datum: NAD 27
105' FNL, 200' FEL of 3.62-acre lease
1561' FNL, 1795' FWL of the survey

#1D Elrod-Antell, drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39197
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
4.75 miles northeast of Knott
A-323, Section 11, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,550 feet
X=744481.28, Y=304150.75. Datum: NAD 27
105' FNL, 200' FEL of 3.62-acre lease
1250' FSL, 2672' FWL of the survey

#6AH Evans-Antell Unit "B 03-46", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39195
4.22 miles northeast of Knott
A-319, Section 3, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.444287, Longitude -101.587660. Datum: NAD 27
325' FSL, 1703' FEL of 981-acre lease
325' FSL, 1703' FEL of the survey

#1AH Wolfe-Jones Unit "A 04-09", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39193
3.18 miles northeast of Knott
A-1086, Section 4, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.444819, Longitude -101.614988. Datum: NAD 27
100' FNL, 1099' FWL of 462.39-acre lease
2506' FSL, 1099' FWL of the survey

#4 Higgins "1", drill, El: NA, API #42-227-39194
Petey (Fusselman) Field
5.30 miles southeast of Big Spring
A-152, Section 1, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.253448, Longitude -101.387344. Datum: NAD 27
839' FNL, 1815' FEL of 320-acre lease
1789' FSL, 1815' FEL of the survey

#7AH Stanley Unit "48-01", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39196
3.60 miles southeast of Vealmoor

Do I have a hernia? Five symptoms that point to "yes"

An estimated 20 million hernia repairs are performed globally every year according to the National Center for Biotechnology Information. Most people have heard of this common condition, but not everyone understands what a hernia is and how to recognize one. In the simplest terms, a hernia occurs when an organ pushes through something it shouldn't, like muscle or tissue.

All hernias are caused by this combination of pressure and an opening, but hernias can appear in different parts of the body. Common places include the outer groin, belly button, upper stomach or through an abdominal incision or scar. However, more than 70 percent of hernias occur in the inner groin and are referred to as inguinal hernias, which are 25 times more likely to affect men than women.

Hernia symptoms can appear gradually or suddenly and cause varying degrees of pain or discomfort. Although symptoms may differ by individual or type of hernia, some frequent indicators include:

- A noticeable bulge or lump
A bulge is the most common hernia symptom. It can sometimes be pushed back in or disappear when lying down. Often located in the groin or scrotum, the bulge can increase in size over time and cause aches or pain at the site.
- Pain or discomfort when coughing, straining or lifting
Experiencing pain when coughing or sneezing, lifting heavy objects, or even when laughing or crying can be a sign of a hernia. Usually this discomfort will be felt in the lower abdominal area.
- Acid reflux or difficulty swallowing
Frequent heartburn, indigestion and regurgitation can be indicators of a hiatal hernia. This type of hernia occurs when part of the stomach protrudes up through the diaphragm and stomach acids leak into the esophagus.



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trudes up through the diaphragm and stomach acids leak into the esophagus.

- Feeling full or constipated

When a section of the intestine has become trapped, feeling bloated or full and being constipated can indicate a hernia caused by a bowel blockage. These symptoms usually develop rapidly and are accompanied by a feeling of heaviness in the abdomen.

- Severe pain, nausea and vomiting

When a portion of the intestine becomes so firmly wedged against the abdominal wall that it cuts off the blood supply, a strangulated hernia occurs. It is accompanied by severe pain, nausea, vomiting and constipation, and could be life-threatening. You should seek immediate medical attention if you experience these types of intense symptoms.

An untreated hernia in adults will not go away, but the good news is hernias are treatable. If you are not experiencing any pain or complications, your doctor may choose to simply watch the hernia to make sure it does not cause further problems. If your hernia is growing larger or causing pain; however, your doctor may recommend surgery to repair the opening.

To lessen your chances of getting a hernia, consider not smoking, maintaining a healthy body weight, avoid straining during bowel movements, using good form when lifting objects or heavy weights, and seeing a doctor for chronic coughs or constipation.

If you experience any of these hernia symptoms, make an appointment with your physician. With an early diagnosis or lifestyle changes, you can avoid serious complications.

Dr. Ladd Hoffman, general surgeon, is part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Group. His office is located in the West Texas Medical Plaza Suite 100. To find out all the services he provides, visit mybigspringfmc.com or call to schedule an appointment. 432-263-6018.

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Italy approves hotly contested mandatory vaccine program

MILAN (AP) — Italy's parliament on Friday gave final approval to making a slate of childhood vaccinations mandatory for school children up to age 16, a move aimed at countering an anti-vaccine trend that officials have attributed to misinformation.

The packet approved Friday was hotly contested in Italy, where the number of children being vaccinated has sunk since mandatory inoculations were dropped for school admissions nearly 20 years ago.

Health Minister Beatrice Lorenzin hailed the 296-92 vote with 15 abstentions as providing "a shield for our children against very serious diseases that are still among us."

But the sharp tones of the debate before the vote didn't dissipate. Noisy protesters gathered outside parliament with signs: "Don't touch our children," and shouted at lawmakers as they passed by. A top health official in Liguria, Sonia Viale, was quoted as saying the measure marked "a return to fascism," drawing rebukes.

During the vaccine debate, Italian health offi-

cialists confronted a measles outbreak that drew a U.S. travel warning and a scandal in northern Italy that involved a nurse who claimed for years to have vaccinated children but had not. Earlier this week, Italy's highest court issued a ruling that found no connection between childhood vaccines and autism, as alleged by a parent seeking legal relief. The correlation has been widely dismissed by the scientific community.

Not only in Italy, but around Europe and the United States, parental fears about vaccines' safety have caused tens of thousands of parents to avoid vaccinating their children. World Health Organization says measles killed 35 children across Europe in the last year, calling it "an unacceptable tragedy" and noting the disease is preventable with a vaccine.

Under Italy's new requirements, parents must present proof of vaccinations to gain admission into preschools, while parents of children of mandatory school age face fines of up to 500 euros (\$588) for noncompliance.

the hospital said in a statement.

Following news of Charlie's death, U.S. Vice President Mike Pence posted on Facebook: "Saddened to hear of the passing of Charlie Gard. Karen & I offer our prayers & condolences to his loving parents during this difficult time."

The intervention of two of the world's most powerful men made the case a talking point for the planet. Images of Charlie hooked to a tube while dozing peacefully in a star-flecked navy blue onesie graced websites, newspapers and television news programs.

Medical ethicist Arthur Caplan said the Charlie Gard case shows how the medical profession is struggling to adjust to the age of social media, which puts the general public in the middle of decisions that in the past would have been private issues for doctors and the family.

"I do think that in an era of social media, it is possible to rally huge numbers of people to your cause," said Caplan, of New York University's Langone Medical Center. "The medical ethics have not caught up."

The heated commentary prompted Judge Francis to criticize the effects of social media and those "who know almost nothing about this case but who feel entitled to express opinions."

In the end, the increased attention did little for Charlie. His parents gave up

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their legal battle on Monday after scans showed that Charlie's muscles had deteriorated so much that the damage was irreversible.

"Mummy and Daddy love you so much Charlie, we always have and we always will and we

are so sorry that we couldn't save you," his parents wrote when they announced their decision. "We had the chance but we weren't allowed to give you that chance.

"Sweet dreams baby. Sleep tight, our beautiful little boy."

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Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.469683, Longitude -101.556296. Datum: NAD 27
13' FNL, 990' FEL of 869.68-acre lease
1900' FSL, 990' FEL of the survey

#1HJ Clark "1G", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37642
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
5.60 miles west of Garden City
A-805, Section 48, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 031.513069, Longitude -101.343240. Datum: NAD 27
406' FNL, 280' FEL of 1,312.96-acre lease
406' FNL, 280' FEL of the survey

#2HK Clark "1X", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37643
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
5.60 miles west of Garden City
A-336, Section 1, Block 35, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 031.513075, Longitude -101.343219. Datum: NAD 27
406' FNL, 230' FEL of 1,312.96-acre lease
406' FNL, 230' FEL of the survey

#3HJ Clark "1X", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37645
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
5.60 miles west of Garden City
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Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 031.513087, Longitude -101.343162. Datum: NAD 27
406' FNL, 180' FEL of 1,312.96-acre lease
406' FNL, 180' FEL of the survey

#2D Wrage "33", drill, El: NA, API #42-173-37676
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
5.70 miles southeast of Spraberry
A-407, Section 33, Block 36, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 5000 feet
Latitude 031.514457, Longitude -101.444765. Datum: NAD 27
1000' FNL, 2300' FWL of 642.8-acre lease
1000' FNL, 2300' FWL of the survey

#3D Wrage "28", drill, El: NA, API #42-173-37678
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
5.70 miles southeast of Spraberry
A-1079, Section 28, Block 36, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 14,020 feet
Latitude 031.522655, Longitude -101.444975. Datum: NAD 27
533' FWL, 485' FSL of 164.1-acre lease
2165' FEL, 2165' FNL of the survey

#17 Cook "21", re-completion, El: NA, API #42-173-34988
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
3.60 miles southwest of Garden City
A-251, Section 21, Block 34, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 11,000 feet
Latitude 031.821710, Longitude -101.518229. Datum: NAD 27
2173' FNL, 2173' FEL of 639-acre lease
2173' FNL, 2173' FEL of the survey

#105HB Calverley "B"-Reed "50", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37674
15.10 miles southwest of Garden City
A-431, Section 33, Block 36, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8740 feet
X=1572691, Y=761149. Datum: NAD 27
2294' FEL, 515' FNL of 1,308.72-acre lease
2294' FEL, 515' FNL of the survey
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#105HA Calverley "B"-Reed "50", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37674
15.10 miles southwest of Garden City
A-431, Section 33, Block 36, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 8500 feet
X=1572661, Y=761142. Datum: NAD 27
515' FNL, 2324' FEL of 1,308.72-acre lease
515' FNL, 2324' FEL of the survey

#301H Calverley "22-27 D", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37679
14.10 miles northeast of Garden City
A-422, Section 15, Block 36, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 031.470784, Longitude -101.422454. Datum: NAD 27
450' FSL, 1373' FWL of 1,285.5-acre lease
450' FSL, 1373' FWL of the survey

#303H Calverley "22-27 D", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37680
14.10 miles northeast of Garden City
A-422, Section 15, Block 36, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 031.470805, Longitude -101.422365. Datum: NAD 83

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Offers of help for Charlie came from Dr. Michio Hirano, a neurology expert at New York's Columbia Medical Center and from the Vatican's Babino Gesu pediatric hospital. Both said an experimental treatment known as nucleoside therapy had a chance of helping Charlie.

Great Ormond Street Hospital disagreed. It said the proposed treatment had never been tried on a human with Charlie's condition and no tests had ever been done on mice to see whether it would work on a patient like Charlie.

The case caught the attention of Trump and the pope after the European Court of Human Rights refused to intervene. The two leaders sent tweets of support for Charlie and his parents, triggering a surge of grassroots action, including a number of U.S. right-to-life activists who flew to London to support Charlie's parents.

The hospital, Britain's premier children's hospital, reported that its doctors and nurses were receiving serious threats over Charlie's case. London police were investigating.

On Friday night, the hospital offered its condolences to Charlie's family.

"Everyone at Great Ormond Street Hospital sends their heartfelt condolences to Charlie's parents and loved-ones at this very sad time,"



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Gulf Coast wind farms become essential for Texas wind energy

HOUSTON (AP) — Wind farms on the Gulf Coast are becoming important contributors to wind energy in Texas.

Although the generating capacity and wind speeds on the Gulf are lower than those on west Texas wind farms, Gulf wind is more reliable during peak power demand periods in the morning and afternoon, the Houston Chronicle reported.

West Texas produces more than 70 percent of the state's wind energy and accounts for a quarter of the nation's wind power.

However, West Texas winds are strongest in the evening when demand is low and weakest during the summer when demand is high, making it an inconvenient source of energy despite its abundance.

"West Texas tends to be very erratic," said Chris Coleman, senior meteorologist for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. The council oversees 90 percent of the state's power grid.

Temperatures differences between the Gulf and land means generators have steady winds at least twice a day at the Gulf. Wind energy from the Gulf can lessen price spikes on hot summer days and decrease customer bills.

North Carolina-based Duke Energy developed its first wind farm on the Gulf in 2012. There are nine wind farms between Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

They have a capacity of 3,000 megawatts, which is about 15 percent of the state's total wind generating capacity.

Another four projects are in development.

One megawatt can provide energy for about 200 homes on a hot day.

The wind farms have helped the economy in rural stretches along the Gulf. Duke has invested more than \$1 billion in five south Texas wind farms.

Improvements to turbine and blade technology, such as taller turbines and wider rotors, have allowed Duke to generate electricity at lower wind speeds, said Andrew Dickson, the company's managing director for business development of renewable projects.

Apex Energy is also becoming interested in wind power on the Gulf.

The company has one wind farm under construction and two more are in the planning stages.

"There is no way that this won't be a sought-after energy resource," said Mark Goodwin, CEO of Apex Energy.

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450' FSL, 1453' FWL of 1,285.5-acre lease
450' FSL, 1453' FWL of the survey

#302H Calverley "22-27 S", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37681
14.10 miles northeast of Garden City
Section 15, Block 36, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 031.470794, Longitude -101.422409. Datum: NAD 27
450' FSL, 1413' FWL of 1,125.4-acre lease
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#304H Calverley "22-27 S", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37685
14.10 miles northeast of Garden City
A-222, Section 15, Block 36, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 031.470816, Longitude -101.422321. Datum: NAD 83
450' FSL, 1493' FWL of 1,125.4-acre lease
450' FSL, 1493' FWL of the survey

#4301H Brunson "42-43", drill horizontal, API #42-173-37682
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA
11.90 miles west of Garden City
A-1212, Section 42, Block 35, T-3-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9037 feet
Latitude 031.515196, Longitude -101.410073. Datum: NAD 27
389' FNL, 130' FWL of 1,131.6-acre lease
389' FNL, 130' FWL of the survey

#5009 Canon Ranch Unit, API #42-033-32413
Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field, new well, El: 2858' GR
15 miles southwest of Gail
A-446, Section 45, Block 33, T-5-N, T&P RR Co. survey
970' FSL, 186' FEL of the survey
Latitude 032.6831095, Longitude -101.6831456
Total Depth: 7711 feet. PBT: 7621 feet. Logs: Resistivity
Daily Potential: 10 Bbbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 331 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 1400
Spud: 3-20-17. Completed: 6-07-17. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 3428 feet w/ 920 sx.; 5-1/2" @ 7708 feet w/ 270 sx.
MS tool @ 5606 feet w/ 315 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7320 feet
Perfs: 7399-7529
7399-7529: Acidize w/ 1,250g 15% NEFE HCl

#5H Guitar "8X", API #42-227-38754
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2533' GR
6 miles west of Big Spring
A-557, Section 8, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
815' FSL, 542' FEL of the survey
Latitude 032.2530496, Longitude -101.5778678
Total Depth: 7750 feet. PBT: NA. Logs: Gamma Ray (MWD)

Shell preparing for world economy that shifts away from oil

LONDON (AP) — Royal Dutch Shell is planning for the day when demand for oil starts fading as major economies move away from oil and increasingly turn to electric-powered cars, Chief Executive Ben van Beurden said Thursday.

Van Beurden welcomed recent proposals to phase out passenger vehicles powered by fossil fuels in Britain and France, saying they are needed to combat global warming. Shell is looking at "very aggressive scenarios" as it makes plans to remain competitive in a world that gets more of its energy from renewable sources and less from crude oil, or "liquids," he said.

"The most aggressive scenario - much more aggressive than what we are seeing at the moment, by the way - with maximum policy effect, with maximum innovation effect, can see us peaking in liquids consumption somewhere in the early thirties," he said as Shell reported second-quarter earnings. "If there are a lot of biofuels in the mix, that may mean that oil will peak in the late twenties, but then everything has to work up."

Van Beurden's comments come amid increased focus on the future of the industry after the Paris climate agreement saw governments commit to tougher action on emissions and shareholders push for more long-term plans.

Britain this week pledged to ban the sale of new cars and vans using diesel and gasoline starting in 2040 as part of a sweeping plan to tackle air pollution. France announced a similar initiative earlier this month.

Car makers are also moving in this direction. Volvo says that by 2019 all of its cars will be powered by electricity or hybrid engines.

"It's not a surprise that the international super-majors are starting

to accept a future with the question of just how much oil and gas is needed," said David Elmes, an energy industry expert at Warwick Business School. "They realize that is now in their planning horizons and therefore needs to be discussed with shareholders because it is influencing the decisions today, and one might argue that has been prompted by shareholder activism."

Shell has already begun to respond to changing energy demand by increasing its focus on natural gas, van Beurden said. But the company also needs to get involved in electricity and renewable energy and expand its petrochemicals business, he said.

Van Beurden also stressed that while developed nations are moving away from gasoline- and diesel-powered passenger vehicles, the world will continue to depend on these fuels for many years.

Developing nations don't yet have the money or electricity networks needed to shift away from fossil fuels, and aviation, shipping and trucking can't easily shift to non-hydrocarbon energy sources, he said.

"As far as oil and gas are concerned, and certainly as far as oil is concerned, you have to bear in mind that if we have a peak and then go into decline, this doesn't mean that it is game over straight away," van Beurden said.

Shell's discussion of the future came as it said second-quarter earnings more than tripled due to cost cuts and recovering oil prices.

The Anglo-Dutch energy giant said profit adjusted for changes in the value of inventories and excluding one-time items rose to \$3.60 billion from \$1.05 billion in the same period last year. Net income rose 31 percent to \$1.55 billion.

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5th person dies trying to cross Rio Grande into Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Even as the deaths of 10 immigrants found in the back of a sweltering tractor-trailer in Texas have captured international attention, the deaths of five others who drowned this week while trying to get into the U.S. by swimming across the Rio Grande have largely gone unnoticed.

The latest death was discovered Thursday, when U.S. Border Patrol agents conducting a river patrol with Mexican law enforcement officials found the body of a man believed to be in his 30s. The bodies of three people, all Guatemalan nationals, were recovered Tuesday. Another person who was pulled from the water this week later died at a hospital.

The number of deaths is unusual for the Border Patrol's El Paso sector, which extends from the Arizona border to the west down to just southeast of El Paso in Texas. Three water-related deaths were reported there during the last fiscal year, compared with eight so far this year, according to Border Patrol spokesman Joe Reyes. Meanwhile, the number of people apprehended while attempting to enter the U.S. illegally in that sector has dropped slightly.

Officials say at least 15 people have attempted

to cross the river in the same area this week. The five deaths reflect some of the hazards immigrants may face when trying to enter the U.S. illegally.

Reyes said the difference this year for people trying to cross the Rio Grande is more rainfall than usual that's resulted in elevated water levels. Heavy rain that began Sunday had pushed the river water nearly 2 feet higher than normal and produced an undercurrent that moved about 25 mph.

"We haven't seen it this bad in the last few years," Reyes said.

Border Patrol has distributed Spanish-language public service announcements to Mexican media warning of the dangers of crossing the border, he said. The announcements also are played in U.S. detention centers.

Investigators believe the case involving the tractor-trailer found Sunday in a Walmart parking lot in San Antonio may involve a larger organization involved in human smuggling. Dozens of immigrants were pulled from the rig. Ten died, while others were treated for extreme dehydration and heatstroke.

Heat is a hazard immigrants can face when crossing on foot as well. Federal officers regularly find the bodies of

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migrants, one or two at a time, who succumb to heat or exposure in the remote landscape of western or southern Texas.

Many of the bodies go

unclaimed, resulting in their burial in unmarked graves in Texas cemeteries.

Javier Prieto, a Border Patrol spokesman southeast of El Paso in

Daily Potential: 759.30 Bbls 42.0 gravity oil w/ 2,396 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 671
Spud: 4-27-16. Completed: 4-02-17. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 6998 feet w/ 512 sx.; MS tool @ 4588 feet w/ 791 sx.
5-1/2" @ 17,242 feet w/ 2,318 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6831 feet
Perfs: 8131-16,951

#3 Flanagan "13", API #42-227-39000
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2482' GR
5.70 miles southeast of Big Spring
A-158, Section 13, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
1980' FWL, 2150' FNL of the survey
Latitude 032.2280281, Longitude -101.3850293
Total Depth: 9650 feet. PBTD: 9648 feet.
Logs: Acceptable cased hole logs
Daily Potential: 182 Bbls 43.0 gravity oil w/ 561 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 1368
Spud: 2-18-17. Completed: 5-05-17. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 4108 feet w/ 875 sx.
5-1/2" @ 9648 feet w/ 1,250 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7954 feet
Perfs: 6488-9580
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#3 Higgins "A", API #42-227-38947
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2341' GR
5.70 miles southeast of Big Spring
A-152, Section 1, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
330' FSL, 336' FEL of the survey
Latitude 032.2507097, Longitude -101.3819454
Total Depth: 9490 feet. PBTD: 9488 feet.
Logs: Acceptable cased hole logs
Daily Potential: 230 Bbls 43.0 gravity oil w/ 398 BWPD Pumping. GOR: 1200
Spud: 12-29-16. Completed: 3-28-17. Pay: NA
8-5/8" @ 4029 feet w/ 875 sx.
5-1/2" @ 9499 feet w/ 1,260 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7856 feet
Perfs: 6428-9408
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the Big Bend sector, said those whose bodies have been found in isolation likely were not traveling alone.

"If there's a group and one or two are not

feeling well or aren't strong enough to make it across or they get hurt or become sick, usually they get left behind, unfortunately," Prieto said.

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Beltre at 2,998 hits after 2 more in 8-2 Texas win over O's



AP Photo

Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre breaks his bat hitting a run-scoring single off a pitch from Baltimore Orioles' Chris Tillman in the third inning of a baseball game, Friday, July 28, 2017, in Arlington, Texas. It was Beltre's 2,997th career hit and scored Nomar Mazara.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Adrian Beltre needs to get to 3,000 hits as soon as possible. The Texas Rangers third baseman could reach that rare milestone in his next game.

Beltre had two more hits Friday night, pushing his career total to 2,998 with two RBI singles in the Rangers' 8-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

"I got closer, and I want to get it over with," Beltre said. "Hopefully I can get it done sooner than later."

The 38-year-old third baseman, in his 20th major league season, will soon become only the 31st player in the 3,000-hit club — maybe Saturday night. He is 9 of 14 in the four games since the Rangers returned home this week.

"High energy inside that dugout. A lot of energy from Adrian. It's fun to watch," manager Jeff Banister said. "A total buzz at the dugout when he's at the plate. Watch, everybody's on the rail. They want to watch. They want to see it. They want to be part of it."

After grounding out in the

first, Beltre shattered his bat on a bloop single to center in the third, grounded a ball up the middle for a hit in the fifth, and had an infield popout in the seventh.

"You pull for him, but you'd rather it be against somebody else," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said. "I think everybody in baseball is proud of the way he's handled himself through the years."

Beltre, who won his fifth Gold Glove last season, has also played 62 consecutive games at third base without an error — a career best and the club record.

Ichiro Suzuki is the only current active player in the 3,000-hit club after reaching that milestone last season.

Elvis Andrus homered and Nomar Mazara had three doubles. Mazara put the Rangers ahead to stay when he drove in two runs in the first, then doubled again in the third and fifth innings — scoring both times on singles by Beltre.

Andrew Cashner (6-8) allowed only a solo homer by Jonathan Schoop in his seven innings. The Rangers right-hander struck out four

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Reddick drives in 5, Astros rally for 6-5 win over Tigers

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT — After two sacrifice flies earlier in the game, Josh Reddick came up in the eighth inning with men on first and second and the Astros down by two.

"I told him, 'Go get another RBI,'" Houston manager A.J. Hinch said. "He said, 'How about three?'"

Reddick hit a three-run homer, lifting Houston to a 6-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Friday night. His five-RBI performance helped the Astros over despite getting only three innings from starter Dallas Keuchel in the left-hander's return from a neck injury.

The Astros trailed 5-3 when Detroit brought in reliever Bruce Rondon (1-2) to start the eighth. He allowed singles to Derek Fisher and Jose Altuve before Reddick's drive sailed well beyond the wall in right field.

"Didn't really have the option of a sac fly again," Reddick said. "Fortunately, it got out."

Brad Peacock (9-1) allowed two runs in four innings of relief for Houston, then Chris Devenski pitched the eighth and Ken Giles finished for his 22nd save in 24 chances.

Marwin Gonzalez also homered for the AL West-leading Astros, who were without injured slugger George Springer. Nicholas Castellanos and Miguel Cabrera went deep for Detroit.

Keuchel, who hadn't pitched since June 2, allowed three runs and six hits, walking three and striking out three. Hinch indicated before the game that he would be on a pitch count, and he was pulled after throwing 79.

"We were hoping to be in the 75-80 range over five innings. It happened over three," Hinch said. "It's great

to see him on the field, and we feel good when he's on the mound. He wasn't as sharp as he's going to be."

Keuchel is 9-0 this year and has won his last 11 decisions, a streak that only stayed alive because of Houston's late rally. He allowed a three-run homer to Castellanos in the second that put the Tigers ahead 3-1.

"As much as it stings to give up a three-run homer, it felt good to get back out there," Keuchel said.

Cabrera's home run made it 4-2 in the fifth, but Gonzalez answered the following inning with a solo shot.

Mikie Mahtook gave the Tigers a 5-3 lead in the seventh when he hustled all the way around from first and scored on Victor Martinez's single to right.

Reddick hit sacrifice flies in the first and third innings.

Jordan Zimmermann allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings for the Tigers, but Detroit squandered the lead immediately after his departure.

Rondon was ejected from the Detroit's previous game, a 16-2 loss to Kansas City on Wednesday night, for hitting Mike Moustakas with a pitch. He retired only one batter Friday — and by then he had already given up the lead.

"When Bruce is into the outing, he's a lot more effective," manager Brad Ausmus said. "On Wednesday, he was just mopping up, but this was a close game, so I thought he would be focused and get a chance to redeem himself."

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Altuve had three hits, extending his hitting streak to 19 games and raising his American League-leading average to .369. He finished a home run short of the cycle and is batting .506 (44 for 87) in July.

"I thought I threw good



AP Photo

Houston Astros' Josh Reddick rounds the bases on his three-run home run off Detroit Tigers relief pitcher Bruce Rondon during the eighth inning of a baseball game, Friday, July 28, 2017, in Detroit.

itches to him in the first two at-bats and he got a triple and a double," Zimmermann said. "The third time, I threw a fastball down the middle and got him out. That's just how it works."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: Springer, Houston's leader with 27 home runs, went on the disabled list before the game. He's been dealing with left quadriceps discomfort.

UP NEXT

Astros: RHP Collin McHugh (0-0) starts Saturday at Detroit. McHugh returned last weekend for his first start of 2017 after being out with shoulder problems.

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Long road to recovery nearing end for Cowboys' Jaylon Smith



AP Photo

In this June 13, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys outside linebacker Jaylon Smith runs through a drill during an NFL football practice at the team's training facility, in Frisco, Texas. Jaylon Smith was mostly hidden from view rehabbing a knee injury during his first training camp with the Dallas Cowboys a year ago. Now the former Notre Dame standout, taken in the second round of the 2016 draft with the Cowboys, is finally on the field.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Jaylon Smith found himself being greeted by Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones after the linebacker's first day off at training camp, and following his first stretch of three consecutive practices in about a year and a half.

Nobody has been more optimistic about Smith's recovery from a devastating knee injury in his final college game than Jones, the general manager who drafted the Notre Dame standout in the second round even though the Cowboys were almost certain he wouldn't play in 2016.

Jones got another glimpse of the same Smith who stood out to coach Jason Garrett and the Dallas staff at the NFL combine 17 months earlier: smiling, upbeat, seemingly incapable of having a bad day in the face of an injury so severe there was no guarantee he would play again.

Now Smith has been through his first padded practice with the Cowboys. He anticipates his first preseason game, which he hopes is no more than a couple of weeks away.

And while there's still plenty of caution, Smith just smiles and responds rhetorically with "What do you think?" when asked if he'll be ready for the season opener Sept. 10 against the New York Giants.

"It's all about patience," said Smith, who figured to be a top-five pick before tearing the anterior cruciate ligament and sustaining nerve damage in his left

knee in the Fiesta Bowl against Ohio State on New Year's Day 2016.

"But with sitting out a year, I learned so much about myself as a man. Like I said, everything I do is with a clear-eye view. It's a focused vision, a determined belief and earned dream. So it's something that I live by and I walk with every single day."

The "vision ... belief ... dream" mantra turned up in Smith's answer about every fifth question in frequent interviews through the first few days of camp. Everyone wants to talk to one of the more intriguing NFL players going into the season. And they want pictures and video of him going through drills.

After practice, they want to know whether there's apprehension about a foot brace that's supposed to help him while the nerve continues to regenerate. Or what the next benchmark might be. Or when he started to believe he could make it all the way back.

"It's what comes with the territory," he said. "I understand that and I'm very welcome to it. I answer all the questions truthfully. There's no hiding anything. It's just a constant work."

A year ago, most of what Smith did at training camp was rehab work behind the scenes. While it wasn't any more complicated than rehab associated with most ACL recoveries, it left him somewhat isolated. Most days he showed up on the field near the end of practice.

Now Smith, an All-American his final season as a junior with

the Irish, is on the field from the start. He's getting work in 11-on-11 drills, which first happened in offseason practices. He's another one of the guys, which is all he ever wanted to be.

"Sometimes those days can feel like dog years when you're coming off an injury," Garrett said. "He spent so much time on his rehab and worked very hard at it."

The Cowboys gambled on Smith near the top of the second round coming off a 4-12 season in 2015 because they were hearing others would be interested later in the round. "Sick" was a word used to describe Dallas' sense if Smith hadn't been around early in the third.

If Smith becomes a significant piece in a defense seeking playmaking improvement, the draft class will go down as an all-timer for the Cowboys.

Running back Ezekiel Elliott, the fourth overall pick, and quarterback Dak Prescott, a fourth-rounder, formed a dynamic rookie duo that carried the Cowboys to the best record in the NFC. Sixth-round cornerback Anthony Brown showed plenty of promise.

"When you see him, you believe in him," vice president of player personnel Will McClay said of Smith. "He's got some of the 'Dak factor' in that people believe in him because of who he is and how he approaches his job and the things that he overcomes and his infectious spirit

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AP Photo

Rangers' Elvis Andrus jogs to first after hitting a two-run homer off a pitch from Orioles' Chris Tillman in the third inning of a game, Friday, July 28, 2017.

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and walked two.

Chris Tillman (1-6) allowed eight runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings. He struck out six, but trailed 2-0 before recording his first out of the game — Shin-Soo Choo drew a leadoff walk before Andrus singled and Mazara hit his first double. Tillman has allowed 17 runs in the first inning of his 14 starts.

"A couple bad pitches get away from me, and then I get back on track, and then get away from me again," Tillman said. "Just inconsistent all around."

ADDING A PITCHER

The Baltimore Orioles acquired RHP Jeremy Hellickson from the Philadelphia Phillies for OF Hyun Soo Kim and a Double-A left-hander. The deal was announced after the game. Hellickson is 6-5 with a 4.73 ERA in 20 starts for the Phillies this season.

BREAKING OUT

Mazara was mired in an 0-for-26 slump before going 7 for 12 the last three games. Banister said Mazara was stubborn and stayed consistent with his process and approach. Mazara said he watched a lot of video and everything was fine. "I just wasn't lucky enough to get a hit," he said.

SHORT HOPS

Schoop's 23rd homer of the season was his eighth in July ... Chris Davis had an RBI single in the eighth for the other Orioles run.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Orioles: OF Anthony Santander (elbow/shoulder), a Rule 5 draft pick, had two doubles in his first rehabilitation game for Double-A Bowie on Thursday night. Bowie's scheduled game Friday night was rained out.

Rangers: C Robinson Chirinos was back in the lineup for the first time since spraining his left ankle in a home-plate collision last Sunday at Tampa Bay. ... RHP Jake Diekmann (colon) plans to throw another bullpen session Saturday, two days after throwing 35 pitches. He hopes to make his season debut by mid-August.

UP NEXT

Baltimore RHP Kevin Gausman is 4-0 in his last six starts, and the only run he allowed over 24 1/3 innings in the wins was scored by the Rangers on July 19.

RHP Austin Bibens-Dirkx (3-0, 4.53 ERA), the 32-year-old Rangers rookie, makes his first start since June 30. He pitches in the spot of RHP Tyson Ross, who went on the 10-day disabled list with a blister on the index finger of his pitching hand after his start Sunday in Tampa Bay.

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Candace Parker becomes 6th WNBA player with triple-double

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Candace Parker had 11 points, 17 rebounds and 11 assists to become the sixth WNBA player with a triple-double, and the Los Angeles Sparks beat the San Antonio Stars 85-73 on Friday night.

Earlier this week, Atlanta's Layshia Clarendon had a triple-double rescinded after two of her assists were later taken away in a league review. Parker's statistical feat is the first since Temeka Johnson's on July 24, 2014.

Odyssey Sims led Los Angeles (16-6) with a season-high 22 points on 9-of-12 shooting. Jantel Lavender added 18 points.

Lavender made a 3-pointer on two straight possessions to extend Los Angeles' lead to 66-54 early in the fourth quarter. San Antonio pulled to 75-70 with 4:05 to go but the Stars went scoreless for three-plus minutes and trailed 85-70.

Kayla McBride scored 18 of her 20 points in the second half for San Antonio (3-20).

The Stars closed the first half on a 12-0 run to pull to 39-35.



AP Photo

In this June 13, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys outside linebacker Jaylon Smith reaches up to catch a pass as he participates in drills during an NFL football practice at the team's training facility, in Frisco, Texas. Jaylon Smith was mostly hidden from view rehabbing a knee injury during his first training camp with the Dallas Cowboys a year ago. Now the former Notre Dame standout, taken in the second round of the 2016 draft with the Cowboys, is finally on the field.

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that he does it with."

Jones never wavered in his optimism, even suggesting during and after last season that he thought Smith could have helped the Cowboys late in 2016. They lost a divisional playoff at home against Green Bay.

In his camp-opening remarks, Jones had a convoluted way of saying Smith was high enough on their draft

board for the risk to be worth it. The owner has always had a hard time containing his enthusiasm for a player who was such an unknown.

"The caveat is what we all wonder, can he play like he had the career playing at that particular time?" Jones said, referring to Smith's Notre Dame years. "So that's what we're here to see. To me, he's just like looking at a No. 1 draft pick out here coming out on the field for the first time."

Smith smiles for his owner the same way he does everyone else.

Fresh faces: Half of US roster could change for World Cup



AP Photo

In this Wednesday, July 26, 2017, file photo, United States' Michael Bradley hoists the trophy as the team celebrates after beating Jamaica 2-1 in the Gold Cup final soccer match in Santa Clara, Calif. U.S. coach Bruce Arena has used 47 players in 14 games since replacing Jurgen Klinsmann last November, including seven who made their national team debuts. He redefined roles of Clint Dempsey, Michael Bradley and Fabian Johnson, and boosted Jorge Villafana and Kellyn Acosta to the top tier of his depth chart.

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. coach Bruce Arena has used 48 players during a 14-game unbeaten streak since replacing Jurgen Klinsmann last November, including seven who made their national team debuts.

There could be many fresh faces for next year's World Cup, led by teenager star Christian Pulisic. Arena's roster projects to include only about half the players who made the trip to Brazil in 2014.

Arena redefined roles for Clint Dempsey, Michael Bradley and Fabian Johnson, and elevated Jorge Villafana, Kellyn Acosta and Darlington Nagbe on the depth chart. With

10 months left, Arena's process to select his 23 World Cup players has become clear.

"We've made progress, but we have a long way to go," Arena said after the Americans beat Jamaica in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final on Wednesday night. "Doing this well past mid-stream I found to be a difficult challenge."

Bradley has been dropped into a deeper defensive midfield role, while Johnson has been established in wide midfield instead of his repeated shuttling between there and the back line. Dempsey, back from heart procedures at age 34, has been transitioned from

a regular to a spot starter and second-half substitute.

"Clint has been fantastic in the role we gave him the last two games," Arena said.

The coach gave Villafana his international debut, and the 27-year-old has become the first-choice left back. Acosta has seen substantial playing time in defensive midfield. And after getting dropped by Klinsmann, Nagbe has returned and earned Arena's praise for his play on the midfield flanks and in the center.

"He never loses the ball," Arena said. "We want to get him a little bit more assertive in

the final third of the field."

Arena used 27 of 29 players on his Gold Cup roster, experimenting in the group stage and using a B-plus team in the last two games, when he started the same lineup for the first time in 11 matches since his return.

After an 0-2 start in the final round of World Cup qualifying, the Americans are third in the six-nation round and appear on track to qualify for an eighth straight World Cup. Qualifying resumes Sept. 1 against Costa Rica at Harrison, New Jersey, and selection of a World Cup roster is about 10 months away.

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A giving heart

Local teens spend volunteer hours at SMMC serving the community and learning about healthcare professions.

By Amanda Duforat
Special to the Herald

A giving heart is not limited by age. Scenic Mountain Medical Center has wrapped up the second session of its Teen Volunteer Program. When most people think about hospital or healthcare employment, nursing is the first – if not the only – avenue that comes to mind.

Six teens were able to experience every element of the healthcare industry.

“We wanted to find a way to not only give back to the community, but to offer an opportunity to those teens who aren’t quite sure what they want to do after high school,” Nadine Reyes, Teen Volunteer Coordinator, said. “Volunteer hours are encouraged for most scholarships nowadays, but it’s more than that; the experience is something that can be life-altering and lead a teen to their future career.”

As a way of expanding their horizons and understanding of the hospital environment, teens were able to experience a day in the life of nursing, information services, dietary and environmental services, accounting, and more.

Each day was broken into a four-hour shift, with time spent in two different departments.

“Since it’s summer we wanted to make sure that they were able to experience all that the hospital has to offer, but we wanted them to have some of the summer left to enjoy, after

they completed the program.” Reyes said. “Dividing our their days into two-hour increments allowed them to experience two different departments each day.”

Physical therapy and information services seemed to be the two popular areas for most of the volunteers.

During their rounds, the teens were able to spend some time with the auxiliary members and help out during the renovated gift shop.

“The kids not only gained an understanding of the avenues available to them in the healthcare industry, but they were able to see that volunteer opportunities exist throughout their life.” Reyes said.

She continued, “This group of kids was amazing. They were here on time and were excited about the opportunity to learn and see first-hand how each department functions. Some came in with a limited understanding of what goes on in a hospital and others came in with a desire to go into the medical field, but they all left with a deeper understanding and each walked away with a new passion.”

The teen volunteer program will continue next summer. Applications will be delivered to the area high schools when the new school year kicks off. More information can also be found by calling or stopping by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, at 432-268-4961.



Courtesy photos

Top to bottom, left to right: Teens in this year’s Scenic Mountain Medical Center Teen Volunteer Program gave back to the Big Spring community and learned about the superheroes in every aspect of the healthcare industry; teens experienced the various jobs involved in the dietary service at SMMC; Emily Krabill receives her certificate of completion for the program; teens in the healthcare workers; teens enjoy lunch with SMMC’s administrative staff; the program’s conclusion ceremony involved both staff and teens; teens spoke about their experiences in the program on the “Inside Scenic Mountain” radio program.



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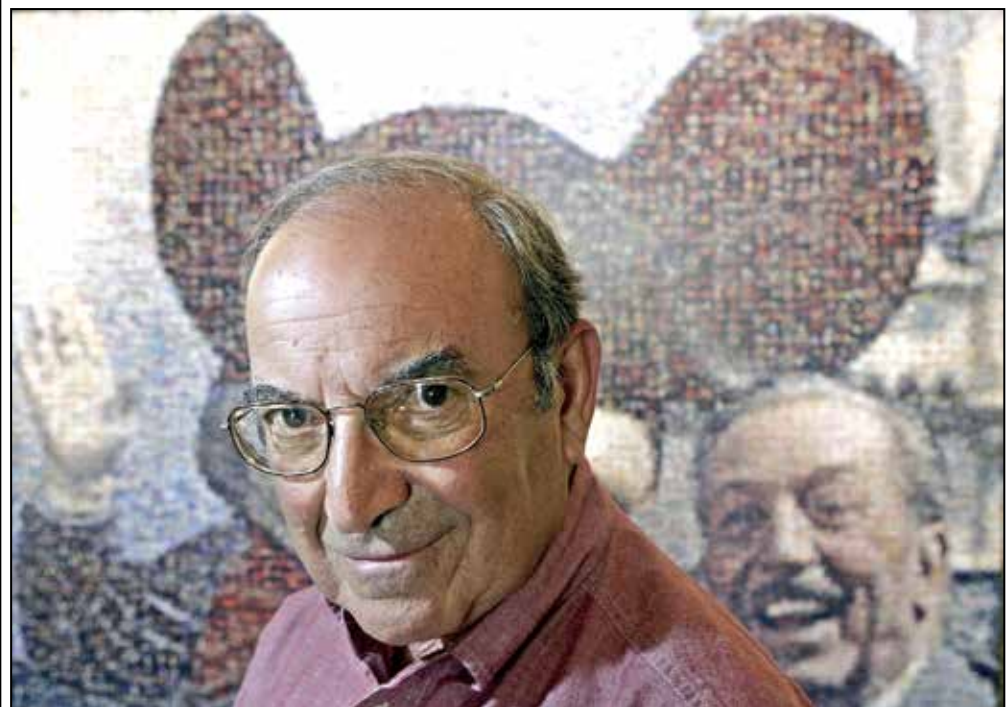
Marissa Nicole Esquivel and Nathan Todd Land, both of Big Spring, will marry at 11 a.m. Aug. 5, 2017, at the First Presbyterian Church, 701 Runnels St.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Roy Esquivel of Big

Spring. She graduated from Coahoma High School in 2014 and is currently employed at Porter's Grocery Store.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Land of Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School and is currently employed at Tescoco.

Leading Disney parks 'Imagineer' Martin Sklar dies at 83



AP photo

In this July 11, 2005 file photo, Martin "Marty" Sklar, Imagineering Vice Chairman and Principal Creative Executive, poses in front of a picture of Mickey Mouse and Walt Disney at Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. Sklar, one of the central figures behind Disney's theme parks around the world, has died. Sklar had a role in the opening of every Disney park, starting with the original Disneyland in 1955. A Disney statement said he died Thursday, July 27, 2017, at his Hollywood Hills home at age 83.

By **ANDREW DALTON**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Martin A. "Marty" Sklar, a right-hand man of Walt Disney and central figure in the development and expansion of his company's theme parks around the world, has died.

Disneyland spokeswoman Suzi Brown confirmed Sklar's death for The Associated Press. A company statement says he died Thursday at his Hollywood Hills home at age 83. No details were released on his cause of death.

"Here you leave today and enter the world of yesterday, tomorrow and fantasy," Sklar said in 2005, reading from a plaque at the front of the park. "That says so much about what Walt intended here," Sklar told the AP.

Sklar had roles in the development of every Disney park, from the original Disneyland in Southern California in 1955 to the Shanghai Disney Resort last year, and was revered by employees as a living link to the founder.

"Everything about Marty was legendary — his achievements, his spirit, his career," Walt Disney Company CEO Bob Iger said in a statement. "He embodied the very best of Disney, from his bold originality to his joyful optimism and relentless drive for excellence. He was also a powerful connection to Walt himself."

Sklar was still a college student at UCLA when he was hired to create The Disneyland News for the original park and became a full-time Disney employee the following year.

For the next 54 years he led the development and expansion of the company's parks, and was among the first to have the unique-to-Disney title of "Imagineer" when he became the company's chief creative leader for theme parks.

"Marty was one of Walt's most trusted advisers and helped turn his most ambitious dreams into reality," said Bob Weis, current president of Walt Disney Imagineering. "For us, it's hard to imagine a world without Marty, because Marty is synonymous with Imagineering."

Sklar scripted speeches for Walt Disney along with design and marketing materials for the parks and a film showing Disney's vision for Walt Disney World and Epcot in Florida before they were built.

He was a low-key and

unimposing figure who condensed Walt Disney's ideas into a widely circulated creed called "Mickey's Ten Commandments."

He had a hand in the design of memorable Magic Kingdom attractions such as the "The Enchanted Tiki Room," "It's a Small World" and "Space Mountain."

Like most Disney designers he had to face criticism from hardcore fans. He felt the need to respond to complaints when "It's a Small World" added characters from Disney films to its usual cast of international children.

"We are not trying to turn this classic attraction into a marketing pitch for Disney plush toys," Sklar said at the time. "We are not 'young marketing whizzes' trying to make a name for ourselves."

When the company made over Disneyland's Tomorrowland in 1998, he explained the company's constant intent to forge forward.

"The future is a moving target, and you have to keep aiming at it," he said.

Sklar retired in 2009 but was still a frequent presence and ambassador at Disney events, including the company's D23 Expo earlier this month.

Linkin Park singer's widow opens about husband's death



AP photo

FILE - In this May 16, 2015 file photo, Chester Bennington, left, performs during the MMRBQ Music Festival 2015 at the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden, N.J. Talinda Bennington, wife of Chester Bennington said in a statement Friday, July 28, 2017, she wants "to let my community and the fans worldwide know that we feel your love. We feel your loss as well." Chester Bennington hanged himself from a bedroom door in his home near Los Angeles last week. His death was ruled a suicide.

By **MESFIN FEKADU**

AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The widow of late Linkin Park singer Chester Bennington says she's feeling the love from the rocker's fans but she's also feeling the loss.

Talinda Bennington said in a statement late Thursday she wants "to let my community and the fans worldwide know that we feel your love. We feel your loss as well."

Chester Bennington hanged himself from a bedroom door in his home near Los Angeles last week. His death was ruled a suicide.

"One week ago, I lost my soulmate and my children lost their hero —

their Daddy. We had a fairytale life and now it has turned into some sick

Shakespearean tragedy. How do I move on? How do I pick up my shattered soul?" Talinda Bennington wrote. "The only answer I know is to raise our babies with every ounce of love I have left."

Chester Bennington was the father of six children, including three with Talinda.

Linkin Park rose to fame after releasing its debut album, "Hybrid Theory," in 2000. It sold more than 10 million albums and was highlighted by Chester Bennington's screeching signature vocals. The band went on to become one of music's top-selling acts and won accolades that included Grammy Awards.

Following his death, the band announced it would cancel its tour, which would have begun this week.

Talinda Bennington said she knows his fans, family and friends "will help keep (Chester's) memory alive."

"He was a bright, loving soul with an angel's voice. And now he is pain free, singing his songs in all of our hearts," she continued. "May God bless us all and help us turn to one another when we are in pain. Chester would've wanted us to do so. Rest In Peace, my love."

Bennington was found dead on what would have been the 53rd birthday of Soundgarden frontman Chris Cornell, who hanged himself in May. The two were friends and Bennington was the godfather to Cornell's 11-year-old son, Chris.

Laurene Powell Jobs, Steve Jobs' widow, buys The Atlantic

NEW YORK (AP) — Philanthropist Laurene Powell Jobs, the widow of Apple founder Steve Jobs, is buying a majority stake in The Atlantic magazine.

The value of the sale, made through Jobs' organization, Emerson Collective, was not disclosed.

The Atlantic was founded in Boston in 1857. David Bradley bought it 1999 from New York Daily News publisher Mort Zuckerman for \$10 million, according to an Atlantic story Friday.

He moved the magazine to Washington in 2005.

Bradley's company says he will continue to run the Atlantic for the next three to five years, and its editor-in-chief, president and publisher will keep running daily operations.

Emerson Collective, which focuses on education, immigration reform and environmental causes, has other media investments and grants in film, TV production and journalism.

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Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets



Tuesday morning, I wrote a Retro Review for Wednesday's paper about one of my favorite movies of all time: "Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope." Tuesday evening, as I sat in the theater watching "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets," I wondered if there were kids present who were forming the same kind of bond with that movie that I did with "Star Wars" 40 years ago. I hope not.

"Valerian" has some interesting and fairly original ideas. It starts off on Earth in 2020, when Space Station Alpha (read: "International Space Station on steroids") starts expanding and taking on modules from countries around the world. It eventually grows massive enough to garner attention from alien civilizations, who come and add their own touches. Finally, it gets big enough to endanger the planet, and is sent away to journey through space forever. Hold that thought.

Next we visit the planet Mül, an island paradise where shimmery, blue-skinned people called Pearls (with a capital P) fish for, well, pearls (with a small p). We find out later that these are special pearls that contain a great deal of energy. They also have these cute little creatures that can eat a small item, and then poop out hundreds of replicas of that item. They occasionally feed one a pearl to "return to the planet what they take from it" or some such. One day, something goes wrong. Large pieces of space junk start falling out of the sky, causing much devastation. The Pearls explore one of the pieces of wreckage that's not totally destroyed, but then notice a massive spaceship is falling out of orbit and is about to crash, certainly devastating most of the planet. They huddle in the wreckage, but then notice that their princess is trapped outside. They can't open the door, and the poor girl is killed by the shockwave. Hold that thought.

Next, we flash to another beachy paradise, where two young people (humans, for once) are soaking up the sun and flirting. These are Agents Valerian (Dane deHaan) and his partner Laureline (Cara Delavigne). Apparently, the action on Mül was a dream Valerian had been having. They're actually in a VR suite on Alpha (the old Earth station), grown massively large and now inhabited by races from over 1,000 different planets. The pair are called by their boss Commander Arun (Clive Owen) to go on a mission to retrieve a "converter" from an illegal transaction at "Big Market." Turns out Big Market is a virtual market where everybody wanders around in a big empty plaza wearing VR helmets, which let them see the shops and vendors. Purchases are made virtually, and then a device accepts the virtual purchase and spits out a real one for the buyer to take home.

With the help of a group of agents, Valerian infiltrates the market invisibly (i.e. - he doesn't show up on the VR). He arrives at the meeting between a crime boss Igon Siruss (Laurent Ferraro, voiced by John Goodman), a large, Jabba the Hutt-esque dude. He's selling the "converter" to a couple of guys that look like the Pearls from Valerian's dream. And the converter turns out to be one of the little eat-a-thing-poop-a-hundred-of-them creatures. Valerian invisibly

swipes the critter, and heads for the exit. Igon sends out his goons, and a giant dog, to track down the agent, and hijinks ensue.

After they escape, they learn that all information about the planet Mül is highly classified. Asking around they find out it was destroyed decades ago.

Well, that's barely the tip of the iceberg, but I'll stop the narrative there. Takeaway from the summary: Interesting enough story; some clever, original ideas; some good actors.

So what's the problem? The problem is Dane deHaan. I'm not sure exactly what kind of actor Mr. deHaan is in other movies. Looking up his credits, I see he played Harry Osborne in "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" and a few other things. As Valerian, he doesn't hold up. As research for this review, I actually read a couple of the French comics (translated to English) "Valerian and Laureline" that this movie is based on. Valerian, in those comics, is drawn as a confident, mature, capable man, with perhaps a shade too little appreciation for the hard work his beautiful, equally capable and confident partner Laureline contributes to their success.

In the movie, deHaan portrays Valerian as a callow, mostly clueless nitwit who generally succeeds through sheer luck and some major bailing-out by Laureline. I'm not sure if that's what they were going for, but I felt very sympathy for the guy. Pretty much everyone else is fine. Delavigne does a great job as Laureline. Owens and Goodman are fantastic. Later we meet up with Rihanna as Bubble, a shapeshifting pole dancer/prostitute and Ethan Hawke as her pimp. They do a good job acting, although I think Bubble's complete dance routine smack in the middle of this movie was a little uncalled for.

Another thing that was a little disconcerting: Most of the dialogue was fine, but there were a few snippets that were just off - like they had been translated from French to English using Google Translate. It was annoying.

Most of the cool stuff in "Valerian" is actually irrelevant to the plot of the story - the wild oversaturated CGI visuals are pretty cool. They're not enough to save it from deHaan's terrible performance. Five stars out of 10.

Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets

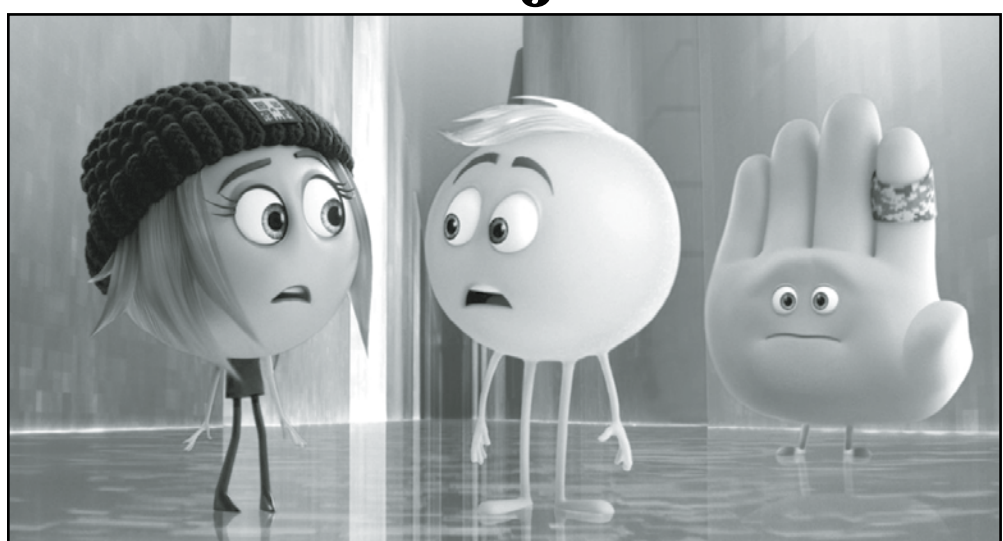
Director: Luc Besson
Writer: Screenplay by Luc Besson; based on the comic book series "Valerian and Laureline" by Pierre Christin and Jean-Claude Mézières.

Production Companies: Europa-Corp, Fundamental Films, BNP Paribas Fortis Film Finance, Universum

Film, Gulf Film, River Road Entertainment, Belga Films

PG-13; 2 hrs. 17 min.; Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi; July 21.

The Emoji Movie



I really wanted to like "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets." I named it the number-one summer movie I was looking forward to in a list I made for our "Living" magazine a month or two ago. Conversely, I didn't really want to like "The Emoji Movie," newly released from Sony Pictures Animation. And, of course, I kinda did.

So you know what emojis are, right? They're the little pictograms that you can insert into your chat messages.

So in the world of the movie, emojis all live in the text app of your phone, in a town called Textopolis. All normal emojis constantly portray one idea or emotion. For some, like the Christmas Tree or Donut emojis, it's easy. For Gene (T.J. Miller), the upcoming generation of the "Meh" emoji family, it's not so easy. You see, Gene is supposed to feel "meh" about everything, and display the "meh" emotion (slightly bored, uninterested, too cool to care.) But Gene has other emotions which come bubbling up and display involuntarily on his face at the worst possible moments.

Emojis work at the texting center, under the very first emoji, Smiler (Maya Rudolph) where they wait in cubes representing the emoji buttons on the phone of their user, a teenager named Alex (Jake T. Austin). When Alex taps an emoji, that actual emoji living in Textopolis is scanned, and the image of the scan gets plopped into Alex's text window.

It's Gene's first day on the job, and his parents (father Mel Meh played, in an "of course" casting, by Steven Wright; and mother Mary Meh, played by "Stifler's Mom" Jennifer Coolidge) realize that he might not quite be ready for the position. Gene is eager (something a Meh should never be) to be a productive member of society, and talks his folks into letting him try. What's the worst that could happen, right?

Alex has a crush on a girl at his school named Addie (Tati Gabrielle). And it turns out that the worst that could happen is that Alex tries to insert a "Meh" emoji into his text to Addie. Doesn't sound too bad, right?

Well, it causes havoc at the texting center. Gene is frantically ordered to evacuate his cube, lest Alex try to send another "Meh." Gene can't get out the back, so he jumps out the front, grabbing hold of the scanner machine, which then goes haywire and wipes out a bunch of cubes.

Smiler calls a board meeting to figure out what to do with Gene; the verdict is, he's going to be deleted. Gene runs for it and meets up with Hi-Five (James Corden), who tells him he should find a hacker to fix his code and make him into

a real Meh.

Leaving Textopolis and the whole chat app, the pair find themselves surrounded by other apps. They find a Pirate App disguised as a dictionary, and enter. It's a wretched hive of scum and villainy like viruses, spam, Trojan horses, and a goth girl hacker named Jailbreak (Anna Faris). Jailbreak wants to escape the phone and live on the Cloud, but can't get past the firewall. Apparently she needs Gene's multiple emoji face to fool the firewall into letting them past; then, she says, she'll help him with his problem.

Plus, Sir Patrick Stewart voices the Poop emoji. So there's that.

I'll stop the summary there.

"The Emoji Movie" isn't high art, but it's got some chuckles. Kids will enjoy it because it's a cartoon. Geeks will, of course, recognize that it's not a great movie, but will, I think, have fun with the emoji and smartphone app references. Less social-media-inclined folks will probably miss many of the references and geek-speak that the movie spouts so freely.

I'm a little sad to admit that I liked this movie better than "Valerian" - or "Dunkirk" from last week's review (which I have been solidly informed I'm wrong about. You'll probably like "Dunkirk" more than I did). I'm giving "Emoji" six stars out of 10.

The Emoji Movie

Director: Tony Leondis
Writers: Screenplay by Tony Leondis, Eric Siegel, and Mike White; story by Tony Leondis and Eric Siegel
Production Company: Sony Pictures Animation
PG; 1 hr. 26 min.; Animation/Adventure/Comedy; July 28, 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.



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Student loan scams and college debt



For millions of college students in the U.S., student loans can feel like a huge financial burden. Over 42 million Americans owe more than \$1.3 trillion in outstanding student loan debt. On average, Texans graduate with more than \$27,000 in student debt from federal and private loans, according to the Institute for College Access & Success.

Because student loan debt is so common, scammers use it as an opportunity to take advantage of current students and graduates. Students are especially targeted during the summer months because many have recently graduated or are trying to secure funding in time for the fall semester.



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The scam starts as a phone call, email or letter to the student that claims their company can alleviate all student loan debt with an upfront fee. They also claim to have

helped other student loan holders through student loan forgiveness; however, student loans can only be forgiven under specific circumstances, which aren't fast or easy. Instead of helping, they take your fee and disappear.

In another version of this scam, scammers claim that they can save you money by combining your loans. Others may move your loans to a private lender with a higher interest rate. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Last year, BBB Scam Tracker has received 207 reports of student loan related scams nationwide. Texans reported more than \$3,000 in losses across the state. BBB has also received reports of scammers calling people and saying they owe thousands of dollars in unpaid student loans. Former students have also been threatened with bad credit, lawsuits and even arrest if they don't pay immediately.

Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas advises student loan holders to look out for red flags and follow these tips to avoid getting scammed:

- Never pay upfront fees. Avoid deceptive phrases like, "We do the work for a fee." Real lenders will take a percentage once their service is complete and will never demand a fee upfront.
- Never give a third party power of attorney. Don't sign anything giving a company the power to negotiate on your behalf. A fake company can use this to take control over your loans.
- Do your research and ask questions. Check to see how long the company or lender has been in business and ask questions. Does the lender appear to be well-established? Are they pushing you to make a fast decision? Remember, don't give out any personal information, including your Social Security number, to unfamiliar parties.
- Know your options. If you are having trouble paying back your student loans, contact your lender directly to discuss ways to make it easier to repay your debt. Options may include making lower payments or suspending loan repayments for a while. The type of student loan you have and the type of lender (government or private) will impact the kinds of options available to you.
- Don't ignore payment notices. Don't wait to deal with the issue and never ignore legal notices about past due loans. Be aware that loan delays or other changes to loan terms will probably result in higher total loan cost over a longer period of time.

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

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Permits

Juan Rodriguez Jr., 501 Nolan St., accessory building, Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$25
 Gilbert S. Montanez, 1401 Tucson Rd., res plumb, Val: \$200, Fee: \$7; res gas, Val: \$350, Fee: \$32; total, Val: \$550, Fee: \$39
 Keith Pherigo, 1110 E. 11th Place, com re-roof, Val: \$7,500, Fee: \$50
 Matthew Steven Dahmer, 2806 Stonehaven, res re-roof, Val: \$15,500, Fee: \$90
 James A. Mills, 1006 Bluebonnet Ave., res gas, Val: \$200, Fee: \$32
 Stan Parker, 300 Washington Blvd., res sprinkler system, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$16.75
 Esequiel Flores, 1302 Kindle Rd., res plumb, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$32
 Cody Osborn, 3304 Auburn Ave., res addition, Val: \$20,000, Fee: \$110; res elec, Val: \$900, Fee: \$25; res plumb, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$39; total, Val: \$25,900, Fee: \$174
 John Staulcup, 3507 W. Highway 80, res gas, Val: \$2,800, Fee: \$32
 Kendra Dee Rutledge, 1417 Wood St., res re-roof, Val: \$6,000, Fee: \$40
 Gilberto Sanchez, 2310 Roemer St., accessory building, Val: \$8,000, Fee: \$50
 Robert H. Moore, 1114 Main St., com ZBA variance, Val: \$50, Fee: \$50
 Robert Scott Jewett, 1706 Owens St., structure (fence), Val: \$500, Fee: \$25
 Michael Lee Rowden, 1404 E. 18th St., res re-roof, Val: \$6,800, Fee: \$45
 B. De Leon, 1410 S. Benton St., res re-roof, Val: \$9,000, Fee: \$55
 Judy Cotton Mann, 614 Holbert St., res addition, Val: \$4,500, Fee: \$35; res elec, Val: \$300, Fee: \$13.50; total, Val: \$4,800, Fee: \$48.50
 Juanita Aguilar, 1101 E. 12th St., res elec, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
 John Marquez, 1311 E. 11th Pl., res HVAC, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$45
 Starbucks Coffee Company, 801 W. Interstate 20, com alteration/addition, Val: \$200,000, Fee: \$760; com elec, Val: \$38,000, Fee: \$136.68; com plumb, Val: \$30,000, Fee: \$107; com HVAC, Val: \$40,000, Fee: \$160; com gas, Val: \$1, Fee: \$7; total, Val: \$308,001, Fee: \$1,170
 Vicki Broadrick, 707 Settles St., res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
 Ben J. Kilgore, 4206 Theo St., structure (fence), Val: \$2,400, Fee: \$25
 Moren Rentals LLC, 1301 E. 11th Pl., res curb cut, Val: \$200, Fee: \$25
 Big Spring Realty Inc., 2300 E. FM 700, res alteration/addition, Val: \$15,000, Fee: \$85

Donna Coates Gannaway, 2504 Ann Dr., res gas, Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$32
 Mike and Brenda Parker, 304 E. 11th Pl., res re-roof, Val: \$6,000, Fee: \$40
 Evelyn Anderson, 1602 E. 17th St., res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
 William Eldon Pounds, 1211 Madison St., res gas, Val: \$500, Fee: \$32
 Derek Wash, 1602 Scurry St., carport, Val: \$3,800, Fee: \$30
 John Felipe Shober, 1104 Lamar Ave., res elec, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 Nancy Lee Welch, 2816 Coronado Ave., res HVAC, Val: \$7,000, Fee: \$45
 Charles R. Noble, 1422 Stadium Ave., structure (fence), Val: \$500, Fee: \$25
 Big Spring Ford, 500 W. Fourth St., com alteration/addition, Val: \$1,100,000, Fee: \$2,910; com elec, Val: \$160,000, Fee: \$212; com plumb, Val: \$49,000, Fee: \$113; com HVAC, Val: \$110,500, Fee: \$280; total, Val: \$1,419,500, Fee: \$3,515
 Brenda McGuire, 1104 Mount Vernon Ave., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32
 Irene Buchanan, 1404 E. 11th Pl., res re-roof, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
 Richard Reeves Moren, 505 Goliad St., res elec, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
 Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700 #E3, com elec, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25
 Joshua Andrew Hamby, 2607 Lynn Dr., res elec, Val: \$1,200, Fee: \$25
 Ramon J. Vasquez, 804 W. 14th St., res gas, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$32
 Marilyn M. Mason, 1607 E. 17th St., structure (fence), Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 John Eric Strack, 2711 Carol Dr., structure (fence), Val: \$3,200, Fee: \$30
 J. Hopper Homes, 709 Colgate Ave., structure (fence), Val: \$6,500, Fee: \$45
 Mary Whitley Williams, 2413 Alabama St., res gas, Val: \$930, Fee: \$32
 Jace V. Elliott, 1305 College Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$25
 Howard County Fair Barn, 8 Fairgrounds Rd., com elec, Val: \$1,500, Fee: 0
 James Orn, 2004 Johnson St., res elec, Val: \$500, Fee: \$25
 Elbert L. Carby, 1224 E. 15th St., res elec, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 Michelle M. Werner, 808 W. 18th St., res gas, Val: \$2,800, Fee: \$32

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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
 Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
 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 Mo-

bile 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

Daniel Carl McMillan, 55, and Eva

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Governor tours Wisconsin by air to tout Foxconn agreement

By **SCOTT BAUER**
AP WRITER

MADISON, Wis. — With an aggressive timeline to turn dirt before next fall's election, Gov. Scott Walker took to the air Friday to tout global electronics giant Foxconn's plans to invest \$10 billion on a new manufacturing facility in southeast Wisconsin.

The airplane tour is taking Walker far from where the factory three times the size of the Pentagon is to be located. It allows him to make the case that the entire state would benefit from a plant that could employ 13,000 people.

Walker's tour was taking him to La Crosse, Eau Claire, Wausau and Appleton.

The deal Walker signed Thursday with Foxconn CEO Terry Gou calls for a final agreement — including the Legislature's passage of a \$3

billion tax incentive package — to be done by Sept. 30. Walker said he will call the GOP-controlled Legislature into a special session in August to pass the bill, which has yet to be introduced.

"That's somewhat aggressive for a project that big," said lobbyist Bill McCoshen, who helped negotiate economic development deals in Gov. Tommy Thompson's administration. The deep bipartisan support will help ease its passage, McCoshen said.

"It's huge but it's not unusual," he said of the bipartisan backing. "Economic development typically is very bipartisan."

Democratic U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin attended President Donald Trump's White House announcement of the deal on Wednesday and two-time Walker challenger Democratic Milwaukee Mayor

Tom Barrett praised it at a signing event on Thursday. Other Democratic lawmakers have spoken in support.

The plant would be the first outside of Asia to produce liquid crystal display monitors used in computers, televisions and other areas. Walker calls it a once-a-generation opportunity to transform Wisconsin's economy.

The envisioned plant, expected to open in 2020, would be 20 million square feet on a campus that spans 1.56-square-miles in what Walker is calling the "Wisconsin Valley." It would initially employ 3,000 people, but the deal calls for that to grow to 13,000 within six years.

An exact location has not been determined, but Foxconn is looking at sights in Racine and Kenosha counties.

Liberal activist Scot Ross,

head of One Wisconsin Now, has been one of the harshest critics of the \$3 billion tax break deal. The incentives would only be paid if Foxconn makes the promised investments and creates the jobs, and the money could be recouped if jobs are lost.

"Gov. Walker has to some explaining to do to taxpayers in every corner of the state who will foot the bill for this deal on the Illinois border," Ross said.

One of the harshest critics within the Legislature is Democratic state Sen. Dave Hansen, who represents Green Bay. He said moving quickly on the \$3 billion incentive package would be "a serious case of legislative malpractice."

Hansen expressed concerns that Foxconn would replace jobs at the plant with robots,

as it has done at other facilities.

"Before the governor and legislators mortgage the future of Wisconsin taxpayers, possibly for decades, they should think very carefully about the long-term needs of the state rather than their own re-election," Hansen said.

A group of four Republican lawmakers from northeast Wisconsin pushed back against Hansen's claims on Friday, calling it "beyond appalling" and "insane."

"One need look no further than the shipyards and foundries in Marinette or the paper manufacturers scattered throughout the area to see that our area's economy thrives on manufacturing," said state Rep. John Nygren, co-chair of the Legislature's budget committee.

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Yzaguirre Guizar, 57, both of Big Spring.

Israel Rene DeLeon, 30, and Anna Sophia Flores, 31, both of Big Spring.

Jose Xavier Cruz, 33, and Tania Michelle Martinez-Guzman, 30, both of Big Spring.

Skyler Lee Coates, 23, and Jessica Renee Gutierrez, 24, both of Big Spring.

Michael W. Peterson II, 43, and Michele Jo Foehrer, 31, both of Big Spring.

Joel Alexander Martinez, 20, and Julissa Celeste Gonzales, 20, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Southern Country Mutual

Respondent: Jacob Clay Schooley et al

Type of case: Injury/damage - motor vehicles
Date: July 20, 2017

Plaintiff: Rafter Dot LLC dba Clear View Home Exteriors

Respondent: Justin Lloyd and Mandy Lloyd

Type of case: Civil case
Date: July 24, 2017

Plaintiff: Tonya Homes

Respondent: Michael Peterson

Type of case: Divorce
Date: July 25, 2017

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC

Respondent: Roberto Cisneros

Type of case: Contract - consumer/commercial/debt
Date: July 25, 2017

Plaintiff: Graceland Properties LLC

Respondent: Bonnie Kay VanKamp

Type of case: Civil case
Date: July 26, 2017

Plaintiff: Brittany Gordon

Respondent: John Gordon

Type of case: Divorce
Date: July 26, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Beall Land LLC

Grantee: J. Hopper Homes
Property: Lot 7, Blk. A, Stone Creek Subdivision, Coahoma
Date: July 19, 2017

Grantor: Joe D. Lilly aka Joe Don Lilly, and Susan Lilly

Grantee: Diamondback O&G LLC of Delaware
Property: A 120.24-acre tract in NE/4 Sec. 49, Blk. A, Bauer and Cockrell Survey, Abstract No. 593; except a 5.00-acre tract
Date: July 19, 2017

Grantor: Joe McCright and Hollis McCright

Grantee: Abel M. Martinez Jr.
Property: E/2 of a 1.0-acre tract in W/2 Sec. 43, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: July 20, 2017

Grantor: Wesley Coleman and Betsy Coleman

Grantee: Gary Rawls and Laura Rawls
Property: The N/1 acre of a tract in NE/4 Sec. 29, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey, divided into two tracts, north and south.
Date: July 20, 2017

Grantor: Mark S. Garrett

Grantee: Mark Milliken and Bridget Milliken
Property: Surface estate only of 23.535 acres in S/2 Sec. 37, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey, Abstract 98.
Date: July 21, 2017

Grantor: John Marquez

Grantee: Juanita Marquez
Property: Lot 15, Blk. 1, East Highland Park addition
Date: July 24, 2017

Grantor: John Marquez

Grantee: Juanita Marquez
Property: Lot 15, Blk. 1, East Highland Park addition
Date: July 24, 2017

Grantor: John Marquez

Grantee: Juanita Marquez
Property: Lot 15, Blk. 1, East Highland Park addition
Date: July 24, 2017

Grantor: Don Baker

Grantee: Terry Nichols and Dorothy Nichols
Property: Surface estate only of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Blk. F, Earle's Addition.
Date: July 21, 2017

Grantor: Dustin B. Herrod and Ginger D. Herrod

Grantee: Barbara Richmond
Property: S/168 feet of a parcel of land in Sec. 34, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: July 21, 2017

Grantor: Delores Woods Payne, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Mildred Beatrice Douglass; and Paul Allen Douglass

Grantee: Billy King and Virginia King
Property: S/72 feet Lot 2, Blk. 24, College Heights Addition
Date: July 21, 2017

Grantor: Beverly Hull and Monta Sue Perry, co-independent executors of the estate of Monty McGuire, deceased

Grantee: Monty McGuire, deceased
Property: S/72 feet Lot 2, Blk. 24, College Heights Addition
Date: July 21, 2017

Grantor: Beverly Hull and Monta Sue Perry, co-independent executors of the estate of Monty McGuire, deceased

Grantee: Monty McGuire, deceased
Property: S/72 feet Lot 2, Blk. 24, College Heights Addition
Date: July 21, 2017

Grantor: D.V. Cook and Cheryl Ann Cook

Grantee: Furqueron Ingram LLC
Property: Surface estate only of a 73.12-acre tract in S/160 acres of Sec. 41, Blk. 34, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: July 25, 2017

Grantor: Glenda Kennedy

Grantee: Raymon Ramirez Rodriguez
Property: A tract in SE/4 of Tract 19, William B. Currie Subdivision in Sec. 42, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: July 25, 2017

Grantor: Maria Chavez

Grantee: Robert Deguzman
Property: Surface estate only of Lot 1, Blk. 5, Piner Heights Addition
Date: July 25, 2017

Grantor: John Michael Leggett and Amy Leggett

Grantee: James Lee Morgan
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 19, College Park Estates subdivision
Date: July 21, 2017

Grantor: Tana Kennemur

Grantee: Country Royalty LLC
Property: N/50 feet Lot 2, Blk. 87, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: July 24, 2017

Grantor: Fred C. Newman and Thomas R. Newman

Grantee: Bailey Laukhuff and Chad Laukhuff
Property: Surface estate only of a 2.38-acre tract in NW/4 Sec. 41, Blk. 34, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
Date: July 24, 2017

Grantor: Zhi Xiong Liu and Kam Sing Wong

Grantee: David Garcia and Yolanda Garcia
Property: S/50 feet of SE/4 Blk. 38, College Heights Addition, except W/10 feet thereof.
Date: July 25, 2017

Grantor: Booyoung Texas LLC

Grantee: Lee Harris Management LLC
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 1, Motel 6 Big Spring addition
Date: July 25, 2017

Grantor: Lonnie D. Wright and Juanita B. Wright

Grantee: Jerome Bolten
Property: A 1.008-acre tract in Sec. 43, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey, abstract no. 101.
Date: July 25, 2017

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Clenard Richard Warren, 2404 Alabama St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30

Cynthia Marie Yanez, 2410 Carleton St., structure (fence), Val: \$3,600, Fee: \$30

Paul Hagland, 1300 W. Third St., com elec, Val: 0, Fee: \$25

Roshni Patel, 902 Birdwell Ln., res curb cut, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$75

SM Energy Permian AP, 1309 S. Gregg St., com HVAC, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$45

Mary F. Green, 3616 Calvin St., res plumb, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$32

Ronald Wayne Shafer, 2703 Ann Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$8,468.12, Fee: \$55

Leslie Harris Williams, 533 Hillside Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$9,300, Fee: \$60

Scottish Inns, 304 Settles St., res gas, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$32

Brookelynn Paige Coker, 3203 Cornell Ave., carport, Val: \$8,000, Fee: \$50

ALSA, 803 Lamesa Highway, com sewer tap, Val: \$265, Fee: \$265

Sharon Lackey, 1808 Runnels St., structure (fence), Val: \$6,000, Fee: \$40

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Exxon 2Q profit doubles from a year ago but misses forecasts

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. cut spending on oil exploration, helping boost its earnings to \$3.35 billion in the second quarter, doubling its historically low profit of a year ago.

Profit rose for both production of oil and gas and Exxon's refining business. The results, however, still fell short of Wall Street expectations.

Crude prices are currently trading around \$49 a barrel, up about 18 percent from a year ago, helping to boost the finances of Exxon and other oil and gas companies.

The Irving, Texas-based oil giant said Friday that it earned 78 cents per share, which was not adjusted for one-time items such as asset sales. Nine analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research expected 83 cents per share on average.

Revenue rose 9 percent to \$62.88 billion, beating the \$61.16 billion forecast of four analysts in the Zacks survey.

Exxon said higher prices it got for oil and gas helped offset a 1 per-

cent decline in production of oil and gas.

Exxon's exploration and production side earned \$1.2 billion, an increase of \$890 million from a year ago, despite a narrow loss in U.S. production. That profit matched the amount that Exxon slashed from capital and exploration, a 24 percent reduction from a year earlier.

The company posted a \$1.4 billion profit from refining and selling petroleum products, up \$560 million from a year earlier on higher margins.

Chairman and CEO Darren Woods said in a statement that the results were driven by higher commodity prices and "a continued focus on operations and business fundamentals."

Exxon spent less than it forecast on exploration in the first half of the year. CFRA Research analyst Stewart Glickman said that showed discipline but came with a tradeoff in production. He slightly reduced his estimates for earnings in 2017 and 2018.

Exxon is trying to



This April 25, 2017, photo, shows Exxon service station signs in Nashville, Tenn. Exxon Mobil Corp. reports earnings, Friday, July 28, 2017.

boost production in the Permian Basin in Texas. It is also pushing ahead with drilling off the coast of Guyana in South America, with production expected to begin by 2020. The company has said that test wells hit high-quality oil reservoirs.

At home, the company is under investigation by state officials, who accuse it of misleading the public about oil's role in climate change. In May, shareholders voted to ask the company for a report on how climate change will affect the oil and gas business.

Last week, the Treasury Department fined Exxon for violating sanctions against Russia during Secretary of State Rex Tillerson's tenure as CEO by signing contracts with a Russian oil mogul who was on a U.S. blacklist. Exxon went to court to

challenge the fine.

Shares of Irving-based Exxon fell \$1.67, or 2.1 percent, to \$ 79.16 in afternoon trading. The stock has dropped 12 percent since the beginning of the year, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index has gained 11 percent.

Obama-era retirement savings program for workers gets the ax

NEW YORK (AP) — A savings program put into place under President Barack Obama and designed to get more people to put away money for retirement is being killed by the Treasury Department, which said it is too costly to maintain.

The program, called myRA, was launched about two years ago for those who don't have access to a 401(k) or another retirement plan from their employer. The myRA accounts had no fees or minimum deposit, and were meant to appeal to low-income workers.

"Unfortunately, there has been very little demand for the program," said U.S. Treasurer Jovita Carranza, in a release Friday. "The cost to taxpayers cannot be justified by the assets in the program."

The Treasury Department said myRA savers had put away about \$34 million since late 2015, and that the

program cost taxpayers nearly \$70 million. It would have cost \$10 million a year to continue the program, the Treasury said. About 30,000 accounts were opened, and 10,000 have no money in them. The average account holder has about \$1,500 in their account, the Treasury said.

Participants received emails Friday requesting a stop on automatic deposits made to any myRA account. The Treasury advised those with an account to transfer money to another retirement account, known as a Roth IRA, at a bank or brokerage firm. The accounts can also be cashed out, but those that do may have to pay tax penalties.

The Treasury said it doesn't have a deadline yet for when the accounts need to be closed. Accounts with a zero balance will be closed starting in September.

A strong 2Q for Merck

AP — Sustained cost cuts helped push Merck's second-quarter profit up 61 percent, easily topping Wall Street expectations, as growing sales of new cancer and hepatitis C medicines offset growing generic competition to older drugs.

Still, the maker of blockbuster Januvia for type 2 diabetes and advanced cancer drug Keytruda trimmed its 2017 profit expectations, citing the cost of a major new cancer drug partnership with AstraZeneca and a cyberattack last month.

Merck said the attack, which struck numerous companies and government networks, significantly affected its global manufacturing, research and sales operations. Merck is still calculating the disruption's magnitude and continues to restore manufacturing operations while filling product orders. It anticipates some temporary shipping delays, but none for top franchises Keytruda, Januvia and Zepatier for hepatitis C.

Company executives said Friday that the recovery effort and security improvements

meant to withstand future threats might not be completed until early next year.

Merck & Co. reported second-quarter net income of \$1.95 billion, or 71 cents per share, up from \$1.21 billion, or 43 cents per share, a year earlier.

Adjusted earnings came to \$1.01 per share, trouncing the 87 cents analysts expected.

The company, based in Kenilworth, New Jersey, posted revenue of \$9.93 billion, above analyst projections for \$9.79 billion.

Veterinary medicine sales jumped 6 percent to \$955 million, while prescription drug sales edged up 1 percent to \$9.93 billion.

Januvia sales fell 8 percent, to \$1.51 billion, amid rising competition and lower net prices due to ever-bigger discounts demanded by insurers and other payers.

Keytruda sales jumped 180 percent to \$881 million, and Zepatier sales soared to \$517 million from \$112 million a year ago, just after Zepatier's launch.

Keytruda, one of the top new cancer medicines that stimulate the immune system to at-

tack cancer cells, won U.S. approvals during the quarter to treat four additional cancer types or patient groups, including bladder cancer.

Merck is running hundreds of studies testing Keytruda, many in combination with other therapies. Three studies recently were halted because more patients getting Keytruda died than patients in comparison groups getting other medicines.

On Thursday, Merck announced a deal worth up to \$8.5 billion with Britain's AstraZeneca to jointly market that company's targeted cancer drug Lynparza and test it against multiple cancer types, including in combination with Keytruda. Merck won't have to pay about \$6 billion of that unless Lynparza meets goals for sales and further approvals.

"It's a big, big opportunity to make a difference for cancer patients," Merck's research head, Roger Perlmutter, said in an interview, adding he's excited about combining the two companies' expertise and portfolios of advanced cancer drugs.

Strong demand at American Airlines; lean times ahead?

DALLAS (AP) — Double-digit increases in fuel and labor costs caused second-quarter profit at American Airlines to fall 15 percent despite higher revenue.

The world's biggest airline still beat Wall Street expectations, earning \$803 million in the quarter, which marks the start of the key summer-vacation travel season.

Like other airlines, American is enjoying demand that is strong enough to push up average fares and fees. A key figure that roughly parallels fares jumped 5.7 percent in the quarter, but American on Friday predicted a much more modest increase — between 0.5 percent and 2.5 percent — in the same figure during the July-through-September period. An executive told analysts the fourth quarter would be better than the third, although he gave no numbers.

Investors, increasingly worried about airlines cutting prices to hang on to their share of passengers, sold off shares Friday afternoon.

Shares of American Airlines Group Inc. fell 58 cents, to \$49.42.

American's results wrapped up a rocky earnings season for the major U.S. airlines. It started with a thud when United Airlines gave a poor revenue prognostication for the third quarter and continued with a weak third-quarter forecast on average fares from Southwest Airlines, which carries more U.S. passengers than anyone. Along the way, executives at several airlines spoke about lower fares in markets stretching from New York to Florida to Denver.

Price-cutting during the peak summer season is rare, said Cowen and Co. analyst Helene Becker. She said it was understandable that American would try to calm nervous investors by sounding upbeat about the fourth

quarter, but it was too early to tell what might happen given all the talk from other airlines about discounting domestic fares.

Airlines are looking for new ways to raise revenue, including cramming more people in their planes.

American recently backed off a plan to move the last three rows in new Boeing 737 jets closer together. It would have brought in more money by making room for another row of roomier, higher-priced seats toward the front of each plane.

"We got a lot of pushback from our customers and most notably" from flight attendants, said CEO Doug Parker.

So the airline yielded — by an inch. Instead of rows being 29 inches apart — that distance is called "pitch" in the airline business — they will be 30 inches apart.

Parker said management learned that while the move might have raised revenue, it "wasn't worth it."

Some lawmakers responded by proposing federal regulations on seat size and legroom.

American and other

big U.S. airlines have an ambitious agenda in Washington but so far appear stymied in efforts to address what American, Delta and United claim is unfair competition from three Middle Eastern carriers, to privatize the air traffic control system, and to block increases in government fees on airline tickets.

"Let's face it, there is a lot going on in Washington and a lot of drama," and it's not a good environment to discuss airline issues, said Stephen Johnson, the executive vice president who oversees American's lobbying efforts. He noted that there is opposition to American's issues.

Johnson said that after Congress takes its August recess, "hopefully we will be able to reset and focus on other things in September and October and be able to move these issues forward."

American, based in Fort Worth, Texas, reported that second-quarter profit fell \$147 million from the same period last year. Excluding one-time items, the company said adjusted profit was \$1.92 per share.

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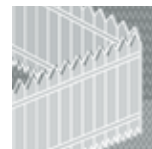
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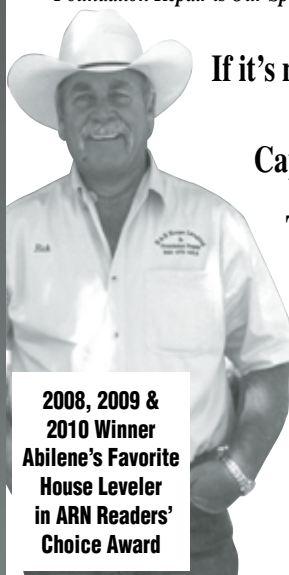
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Date/Time: TUESDAY, August 1, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

1. RFB #17-021 North Benton and Hwy 350 Waterline Project Materials

Proposals are to be opened

Public Notice

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#9467 July 23 & 30, 2017

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The Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will convene an executive Governing Body meeting at 9 a.m., August 10, in Building 502, Conference Room II of Big Spring State Hospital, located at 1901 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring, TX. Any citizen wishing to address the Governing Body must schedule an appointment through the Superintendent's office by calling (432) 268-7222. Appointments must be scheduled no later than Aug. 7. Public comments are limited to three minutes and will begin at 11:30 a.m. If you require special accommodations, please advise the Superintendent's office when scheduling your appointment. Written comments also may be submitted to Claudene Cooper, Big Spring State Hospital, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Big Spring, TX, 79720, or e-mailed to claudene.cooper@dshs.texas.gov

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Templeton Construction Co., San Angelo, Texas, as Construction Manager Agent for Glasscock County, Garden City, TX, will be accepting bids for the Glasscock County Courthouse Landscaping. Bids are to be turned in at the office of the County Judge, 132 Houston Street, Garden City, TX on or before 2:00 P.M. on August 22, 2017.

Please contact Gary McClure, Project Executive for more information on plans and specifications. 325-656-9890.

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Public Notice

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
Rule 37
Case No. 0305789
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 19, 2017>Status/Permit No. 827079
NOTICE OF PROTEST
DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 23, 2017
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 24, Bk. 35 T1N, T&P RR CO/POWELL, M Survey, A-797, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13.3 miles W direction fromBIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest must be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6751.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD:SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name:LUM-BERGH
Lease/Unit Well No.:2547WA
Lease/Unit Acres:643.78
Nearest Lease Line (ft):1.0

Lease Lines: 501.0 F SE L, 1752.0 F NE
Survey Lines: 501.0 F SE 1752.0 F NE L

Wellbore Profile(s):Horizontal
Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines:501.0 F SE L 1752.0 F NE L
Terminus Location BH
County: MARTIN
Section: 36Block: 35 T1NAh-

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stract: 718 Survey: T&P RR CO / DAVIS, H M
Lease Lines:100.0 F S L 330.0 F W L
Survey Lines:100.0 F S L 2313.0 F E L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :Special Rules330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10100 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Jill Hamilton, at (432)8484855.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Kathleen Morton, Deceased, were issued on July 24, 2017, in Cause No. P-14685, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: David Morton.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Estate of Kathleen Morton Attn: David Morton, Executor 13550 St. John Road Pilot Point, Texas 76258

DATED the 24th day of July, 2017.

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By Steve Becker

Wrong way to run a railroad

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦AKJ
♥62
♦8752
♣7643
WEST
♦752
♥AQ8
♦Q964
♣J109
EAST
♦86
♥109743
♦J3
♣K852
SOUTH
♦Q10943
♥KJ5
♦AK10
♣AQ

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

Opening lead jack of clubs.
One tends to become a victim of habit in certain situations because they seem to be similar to others encountered previously. This tendency can prove costly at times, as witness what happened to South in this deal.
West led the jack of clubs against South's four-spade contract. Declarer won with the queen, crossed to dummy with a trump and led a heart to the jack, losing to the queen.

West made the fine return of a trump, which declarer took in dummy to lead another heart. When the king lost to the ace, West returned a third round of trumps.
South was now at the end of his rope. He could not avoid losing a diamond and another heart, and so finished down one.
The ironic part of the hand is that if declarer had been dealt three small hearts instead of the K-J-5, he would surely have made the contract! In that case, given the same opening lead, he would have arranged to ruff one of his heart losers in dummy.
After winning the club, he would have immediately returned a heart. Then, regardless of what the defenders did next, he would play another heart, putting himself in position to trump his third heart in dummy and so guarantee the contract.
But the presence of the K-J-5 of hearts induced declarer to cross to dummy with a trump in order to lead toward his heart honors. This in turn opened the gate for repeated trump leads by the defense and eventually brought about South's downfall.
To avoid this pitfall, declarer should have led any heart from his hand at trick two, and 10 tricks would have been assured.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

Lunar Trine to Neptune

Imagination can fill in where knowledge drops off, but that doesn't mean it should. The trouble is -- as emphasized by the Scorpio lunar trine to Neptune -- that imagination will use practically anything for filler and is certainly not bound to what's factual, positive or practical. Give imaginative filler the credence it deserves, which sometimes isn't much.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't know your power. That's not your fault, though. Your power has a lot to do with forces beyond your control. Stretch out and exercise yourself

on many levels to find out what you can do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stressful moments constrict your creativity and mental processing. Laughter gets everything flowing again. Keep looking for the humor. That's when you'll be at your very best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not selfish to want to put your best foot forward. Address your social concerns. Most center around your own self-image. This is the moment to make an improvement or nip a problem in the bud.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Record and explore new ideas. You will put some of these to the test and wind up inspiring others (through both success and failure) as you have been inspired by the greats.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). One thing you find bothersome is pressure from people to agree to something before you're ready. A noncommittal attitude could save you down the road when you change your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-

Sept. 22). Put something great on the schedule for later. To forestall your reward is to give yourself the added pleasure of anticipation. Thinking about how wonderful it will be to finally indulge may be even better than the indulgence itself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's nothing like a little identity crisis to wake you up to the truth. If you momentarily forget who you are today, here's a hint: The answer is somewhere close to your childhood idea of yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). For those who have access to a library and/or the internet, education is free. The will and motivation to study? Priceless. You possess this precious drive, and you will make the most of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One strategy is to ignore the stuff that isn't working for you and give extra nice attention to the stuff that is. Encourage all behavior that's even remotely headed in the right direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What energizes you will be something other than what you think it will be. So try different ways of getting your mojo flowing. Substitute a walk for a nap, a glass of water for a cup of coffee.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Either you're getting better at handling stress or you're getting better at handling life. You'll be calm, cool and collected in the very situation that used to unnerve you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Bring in something new, and throw out something old, though not necessarily in that order. Being open to change in one area of your life will lead to change in several. The next version of you is coming together.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 30). This solar return brings a childlike wonder; what you've experienced is only part of how it really is. Your mind will be increasingly open to new levels of depth and feeling. The social life picks up in September. A change

in your family will shift around all the roles in a fun way. You'll be honored in December. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 49, 2, 22, 48 and 17.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The first change of the week will be a change of heart. Venus, the love goddess of the sky, has been radiating her charms through the realm of Gemini, and it's stirred up quite a nice social swirl for many. Being the sign of sharp wit, neat trends and zippy fun, what Gemini adds to love is the addition that feels like subtraction -- levity. Communication has been easier and quicker. Romance is a breezy thing, more a meeting of like mind than a dramatic love story. But when Venus slips into her moon-child mode Monday, things begin to intensify. Cancer is the sign of mothers, and the maternal energy, which everyone reading this was born from, can be a highly complex influence over our lives. Regardless of how nurturing our mother

was (or wasn't), there is always a strong imprint regarding the role of the person we relied on for life in the very earliest and most vulnerable stages of growth. Venus doesn't glide through this part of the sky so much as evolve through it, changing constantly as she comes to realize and manage the vast ocean of emotion that is relationships. No one comes out of this next Venus cycle unchanged.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Fanciful friend Lisa Kudrow is a typical Leo on a mission to entertain and delight, most recently in the blockbuster comedies "The Boss Baby" and "Table 19." Kudrow's natal sun and Mercury are in theatrical Leo, indicating that she is vibrantly happy in the spotlight. Her Sagittarius moon brings a cheerful spirit of expansion, experimentation, sophistication and worldly insight.

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Bosom Buddy Backlash

Dear Annie: Am I being selfish and perhaps jealous, too?

My partner of five years, "William," says he is more comfortable in the company of women than men. William has revealed to

me that while he was growing up, his father was domineering and not compassionate or understanding. Instead, William had a close and supportive relationship with his mother.

William is kind, and successful in his field, and we have a warm and loving rela-

tionship.

But I feel myself tense up when he makes an effort to become buddies with my female friends. When he "notices" them (pays attention to them in an innocent way) one can see they are flattered and, of course, are drawn to him. I am not comfort-

able with him developing rapport with my friends.

I would appreciate knowing what you would suggest. Perhaps I should add that I do not fear he'd ever be unfaithful with any of these friends. -- Need Advice

Dear Need Advice: Your partner's warmth toward your friends is an extension of his love for you. Count yourself lucky; I'm sure many women reading this wish their boyfriends or husbands would make more of an effort with their friends. As long as you trust him, and it sounds like you do, you have nothing to worry about. Try to use positive self-talk (about yourself and your relationship) to combat negative, insecure thoughts. The more you indulge in speculation, the more

you feed your jealousy -- and that green-eyed monster has a way of wreaking havoc where there was none.

Dear Annie: I go out to eat with girlfriends often. One friend in particular has the habit of pulling out her phone halfway through the meal. She then proceeds to show everyone the latest video clips she likes on Facebook or pictures of her grandkids. I feel like this is thoughtless and rude, but I don't know what to say! The other day at brunch, several other friends copied her after she initiated it and started doing the same thing. Am I the only one who likes conversation anymore or am I out of step? -- Speak Up or Put Up?

Dear Speak Up or Put Up: I believe phones belong on the table during a meal

no more than elbows do. But I think you might have to let this go for two reasons. One, your friend isn't ignoring everyone at the table to stare at her phone; she's using it as a way to share things. Think of it as the modern-day equivalent to passing around wallet photos of the grandkids. And two, you're outnumbered. You might try proposing a no-phones rule, but be prepared for the group to veto it.

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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Annie's Mailbox

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| 7 Swimmers + divers + music | 2 Chose over nobler ideals | 10 . . . Frank, Jimmy, __, Sir Veto, . . . | 38 Run circles around |
| 15 Petroleum refining byproduct | 3 It's rarely called upon now | 11 Ersatz trumpet | 40 Emulate some rockhounds |
| 16 Option for e-filing | 4 Has wings, say | 12 Home-entertainment trailblazer | 42 Exhibiting onomatopoeia |
| 17 Yelled and stamped one's feet, maybe | 5 GPS reading | 13 Pickpocket player in the Ocean's films | 44 Faith propounding unity |
| 18 Storage label of a sort | 6 Water chestnut's family | 14 Business suit | 45 Word from the Dutch for "elk" |
| 19 They're transported by blood plasma | 7 Going in | 21 "I'm outta here" | 46 Recurring-theme movement |
| 20 Patriots' progress | 8 Latter-day breakfast grain | 22 Spum spontaneity | 48 Uncommonly |
| 22 Beady-eyed armored menace | | 25 Veils or vets | 50 Language devised in 1990 |
| 23 Do | | 27 Opposite of "emotive" | 51 Journalist praised by President Truman (1945) |
| 24 Burro mascot of Boys' Life | | 29 Medicare advocate | 52 Something held by spectators |
| 25 Where a guard might be positioned | | 31 Crying __ | 54 Humbled and horizontal |
| 26 '70s Renault with a pseudo-French name | | 33 Stop on the Delhi-Mumbai train | 56 Researchers scrutinize its spikes |
| 28 Patriarch called a "Prophet" in the Koran | | 34 Teddy Roosevelt's lawman pal | |
| 30 Poetic turndown | | 35 One admitted | |
| 32 Priest/plotter of French fiction | | | |
| 37 Tangible results of promotions | | | |
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Marine dog with cancer gets tear-filled farewell

MUSKEGON, Mich. (AP) — Hundreds of people in Michigan came together to say a tear-filled final goodbye to a cancer-stricken dog who served three tours in Afghanistan with the U.S. Marines.

Cena the 10-year-old black lab received a hero's farewell Wednesday before being euthanized at the USS LST 393, a museum ship in Muskegon, and carried off in a flag-draped coffin.

Cena, who was recently diagnosed with terminal bone cancer, was a bomb-sniffer for the Marines until his retirement in 2014. The celebration for Cena was organized by his owner, Lance Cpl. Jeff Young, who was paired with the dog in 2009 and 2010 while on a combat tour in Afghanistan and who adopted him in 2014. Cena then became DeYoung's service dog to help him with his post-traumatic stress disorder.

"My whole adult life I've had Cena," DeYoung said. "When I was 19 overseas learning how to be responsible, I had Cena. And now I'm 27 and I'm having to say goodbye to one of the biggest pieces of my life."

DeYoung said he has carried Cena across rivers and thrown his body over him while under heavy fire from



Joel Bissell / Muskegon Chronicle via AP

U.S. Marine veteran Lance Cpl. Jeff DeYoung carries Cena a 10-year-old black lab who was a military service dog, aboard the LST 393 where he was put down on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 in Muskegon, Mich. Cena was diagnosed with an aggressive form of bone cancer after DeYoung noticed he wasn't putting weight on his front left leg.

the Taliban. He said Cena kept DeYoung's body warm during cold desert nights, and comforted him when he lost seven friends in three weeks.

As part of the celebration, DeYoung took his dog on one last ride in

a topless Jeep that was decorated and named "Cancer Response Team."

"It started off with my basically wanting to go to a dealership and wanting to borrow a Jeep for a day and really small to a community trib-

ute or a community parade for him and he's truly deserved it all," DeYoung said. "The support, all the love people are giving him, he can see it and he can feel it."

The ceremony was attended by the U.S. Marine Corps League, Michigan State Police, Muskegon County Sheriff's Office, Muskegon City Police, Muskegon Fire Department and officers from several other departments, including a canine officer named Rex. Attendees gave one final three-volley salute with "Taps" playing in the background for Cena, who was wearing a decorated blue Marine vest.

"Lord, it is with heavy hearts that we are sending another Marine to you today," said chaplain Wesley Spyke as he addressed the crowd in prayer.

A GoFundMe page was set up for donations to help build a headstone for Cena.

"Any dog that served overseas deserves exactly what I've done for Cena, if not more," DeYoung said.



AP Photo/Frank Augstein

A passenger train rides through the Mail Rail tunnels that is included in the Postal Museum in London, Wednesday, July 26, 2017. London's newest tourist attraction is perfect for underground explorers. It's not ideal for the claustrophobic. A visit to Mail Rail, a subterranean train network that once carried millions of letters a day across the city, involves a cramped journey through dark tunnels 70 feet (21 meters) below the surface, on a very small train. It's atmospheric, but not roomy.

Mail Rail lets tourists visit London's secret postal railway

LONDON (AP) — London's newest tourist attraction is perfect for underground explorers. It's not ideal for the claustrophobic.

A visit to Mail Rail, a subterranean train network that once carried millions of letters a day across the city, involves a cramped journey on a very small train through dark tunnels 70 feet (21 meters) below ground. It's atmospheric, but confined.

"If you're really tall, you may want to think twice before you buy a ticket," Harry Huskisson, head of communications for Mail Rail and the related Postal Museum, said during a press preview this week.

For 75 years, Mail Rail was the subterranean circulatory system of Britain's postal system. Trains transported letters, telegrams and packages between rail stations and sorting depots at speeds impossible on London's traffic-clogged streets.

Its driverless electric trains — cutting-edge when the system opened in 1927 — whisked mail across a 6.5-mile (10 kilometer) stretch of the city, from Paddington in the west to Whitechapel in the east, at up to 35 miles an hour (56 kph.)

After decades when it was seen only by the engineers and letter sorters who worked on it, Mail Rail closed in 2003 as the rise of email sent the volume of paper letters — dismissively branded "snail mail" — plummeting.

Postal chiefs considered using the tunnels for parcel deliveries or to grow mushrooms. In the end, it was decided to preserve a section as a companion to the renovated Postal Museum. Mail Rail is scheduled to reopen Sept. 4 as a tourist attraction aimed at train buffs, postal fans and people who simply like to nose around formerly secret underground spaces.

Visits involve a 20-minute journey in a compact, glass-roofed train that passes through grime-encrusted tunnels and offers glimpses of disused

platforms and a graveyard of dusty old wagons.

The ambiance is lively, rather than eerie. There's informative audio narration, and several stops for films to be projected on the walls.

Sightseers who prefer to skip the close quarters on the trains can stay on the platform and watch a film of the journey. An adjacent display explains the history of the network and the people who worked there.

Like much of London, a city layered with history, the mail tunnels have undergone myriad uses. During World War I, when the tunnels had been dug but the trains were not yet running, the Rosetta Stone was brought from the British Museum for safe keeping in the hidden passage. Part of the site was turned into a replica Vatican for the 1991 Bruce Willis caper film "Hudson Hawk."

Set underneath the Mount Pleasant sorting station in central London, Mail Rail sits across the street from the renovated Postal Museum, which charts the history of what curators eye-catchingly call "the first social network." A single ticket — 16 pounds (\$21) for adults — gains admission to both.

Tim Ellison, the museum's deputy director, acknowledged that the name does not convey huge amounts of excitement.

"We quite like the challenge of the name Postal Museum," Ellison said. "We want to change people's perceptions."

"This is far more than post. It tells a story about human communication," he said.

Opening to the public Friday, the museum takes a bright, interactive journey through the long — 500 years — and interesting story of Britain's Royal Mail. Philatelists may be thrilled to see one of the only full sheets of the first-ever postage stamp, the Penny Black.

Country music stars, Brooks, Yearwood buy wedding gifts for fans

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — Married country stars Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood are sharing the love by handing out wedding gifts to fans.

Jude and Jamie Blanchard attended Brooks' show in Lafayette, Louisiana, last month with a sign that read: "Best Week Ever. Garth this Friday, our wedding next Friday." Brooks took notice and serenaded them with "To Make You Feel My Love." He also asked if they wanted anything off their wedding registry, and Jamie passed along a wedding invitation to the stage.

The Lafayette Daily Advertiser reports a pair of lounge chairs, a KitchenAid mixer and other items from the stars showed up at the Blanchards' door.

This month, Brooks and Yearwood offered to pay for a Hawaiian honeymoon for a couple who got engaged at an Oklahoma City show.

Simone Biles shares goofy video after wisdom teeth surgery

Olympic gymnast Simone Biles is giving fans a glimpse of her goofy side in a video that shows her coming out of an anesthetic haze after surgery to have her wisdom teeth removed.

Biles posted the video on Thursday.

She appears on a recovery room bed with gauze in her mouth, yelling something incomprehensible and pretending to drive a car. Biles says she hopes the 27-second clip makes people laugh.

The 20-year-old Biles says the full video is 14 minutes long. She says, "Other parts are hilarious too!"

Biles won four gold medals and a bronze medal at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.



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