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New driver course to combat distracted driving

Required for drivers 18 and older starting Sept. 1

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today announced a new one-hour driving course to educate drivers on the dangers of distracted driving. The Impact Texas Young Drivers (ITYD) course will be required for certain drivers beginning Sept. 1, 2017.

"Driving is one of the most dangerous things we do on a daily basis, and it should command our undivided attention," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This new component of the department's distracted driving initiative uses research and compelling true stories to highlight the many risks facing drivers. This important program is designed to provide Texas drivers with critical information to help keep their focus on driving – and to ultimately save lives on Texas roadways."

Starting Sept. 1, all skills examination

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New school year may mean increase in child abuse reports

Special to the Herald

As summer vacation winds down, the month of August brings the coming of a new school year for many children. Unfortunately, the start of a new academic year can also lead to more child abuse or neglect reports as teachers, staff and other parents notice signs of harm that children suffered over the summer.

Out of more than 160,000 completed reports of child abuse or neglect last year, schools were the second most common source. The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

completed 33,146 investigations as a result of reports from school officials, falling just behind reports from medical personnel. "It's not unusual for there to be a spike in suspected abuse or neglect reports when the school year resumes," said Patty Pisklak, executive director of CASA of West Texas. "In the summer, children interact with fewer adults outside of their families who would see and report signs of maltreatment."

This increase in reports translates to more children entering the foster

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Giving "pack"



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Salvation Army and Star Chrysler Dodge staff, and about 60 participants in the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club Summer Program, pose with 120 backpacks filled with school supplies donated by Star. Backpacks will be given to kids who enroll in the Boys and Girls Club's after-school program this fall.

Local auto dealership donates 120 backpacks, supplies

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

A local car dealership is providing some much-needed supplies for local students.

Star Chrysler Dodge donated 120 backpacks loaded with school supplies to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club Thursday afternoon.

According to Jeremy Clark, sales manager at Star, the dealership pledged to donate two backpacks with supplies for each car sold during July. The packs were dropped off Thursday at the club, and kids in the Club's Summer Program carried the packs, in various shades of blue, yellow, black, and green,

into their building's gymnasium, then posed with the pile for a photograph.

"It's exciting," said Salvation Army Corps Officer Josh McKain. "I think it will be another great benefit to the children and the parents to be able to give this to them for the start of the school year."

McKain said the donation should provide enough backpacks for the Club's entire after-school program in the fall.

"We might have a few left over," he said. "Last year we averaged about 98 in our after-school program. I think we're going to have a few more this year, but I don't think we're going to have too

short a supply, but it's not going to be like a social service deal where they can come and sign up for a backpack. The dealership said 'We want them to go to the kids at the club,' so that's what we're going to do."

George Bancroft is a member of the advisory board for the Salvation Army, and is also the community relations director for the Big Spring school district. Bancroft said the donation will be a great assistance for Big Spring students and their parents.

"Anybody that comes to the table and helps our kids get supplies so that they can perform in the classroom is helpful to

us," he said. McKain said registration for the fall after-school program is going on now.

"It's underway. I think we started a week or two ago, maybe a little bit longer," he said. "They can register, and the registration fee is \$35, and then the monthly fee is \$30 a month."

For more information contact the Salvation Army at 432-267-8239, or visit their headquarters at 811 W. Fifth St.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

Back home, Speaker Ryan can't escape questions about GOP

By **SCOTT BAUER**
Associated Press

MUKWONAGO, Wis. (AP) — With a dysfunctional Congress on recess, House Speaker Paul Ryan has turned his focus back home, touring flood-damaged areas and visiting local businesses in Wisconsin. But he can't escape the questions about why Republicans in charge of Washing-

ton aren't delivering.

And though he's won re-election easily for years, Ryan

faces the prospect of challenges from left and right and an energized Democratic base in next year's midterm elections.

"We have a majority in the House and Senate and it feels like nothing's getting done,"

32-year-old James Hulse said just before Ryan recently toured his workplace.

Sensing the angst, Ryan has been much more visible in his southeast Wisconsin district as Republicans failed to deliver on their yearslong promise to scrap the health care law and new polling numbers show the speaker is less popular among Republicans in Wisconsin than President Donald Trump. Trump won Wisconsin by less than

a percentage point, but he carried Ryan's district by 10 points.

In the remaining months of the year, Ryan and the Republican-led Congress are determined to deliver major legislation, elusive so far due to GOP infighting, and the top priority is overhauling the nation's tax code. Failure to produce could cost Republicans their House majority in the 2018 midterms and, for Ryan, his job as

speaker and Republican leader.

"This is the third time in 100 years we've had this alignment of government that we've got to get it done or else I really worried our country will continue down a bad path," Ryan said after his tour of the wire manufacturer Banker Wire,

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Obituaries

Nina York Barnes

Nina York Barnes, 76, of Big Spring, Texas went home to her Lord and Savior, a host of angels, a reunion of loving family and friends waiting to celebrate her arrival on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring, Texas. Memorial Service will be Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship at Spring Town Plaza in Big Spring, Texas.

She was born April 30, 1941 in Dawson, Texas to Everett W. York and Mabel J. (Nell) Rountree York and was the oldest of three.

She married Bobby J. Barnes on February 18, 1961 in Big Spring, Texas, moved to El Paso, Texas in 1965 and lived there until returning to Big Spring in 1998. She was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker for most of her life with brief adventures in nursing, dental office manager and medical office secretary.

She is survived by her cherished mother, Mabel, J. (Nell) Kupper of Big Spring; daughters Connie

Schooler and husband, Kevan of Big Spring, Texas and Katherine Mason of Syracuse, NY; grandchildren, Scott Mason and wife Amanda of Endicott, NY; Ryan Mason of Syracuse, NY, Leela Schooler and Emmalee Schooler of Big Spring, Texas; brother, E. Wayne York and wife Kathy of Snyder, Texas; sister, Margaret Beck of Big Spring, Texas; sisters-in-love, Pat Belki of Jacksonville, Alabama and Frankie Barnes and husband Troy from Canutillo, Texas; many nieces and nephews whom she loved like her own; many others who called her "Mom", or "Grandma" currently ranging in age from the very young to the young at heart; and her special church family at Spring Creek Fellowship. Her heart and home were always open and she made sure they never left hungry or unhappy. She took great joy in doing for others.

She was met in Heaven by her husband, father, her stepfather, Tracy L. Kupper, stepbrother, Kelton Kupper and many other family and friends she adored.

The family would like to thank all the medical professionals who showed her great compassion and care. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid obituary

Patrick "Pappy" O'Neill

Patrick "Pappy" O'Neill was born Aug. 24, 1960, in Amarillo, Texas. He died Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, with the love of his life by his side.

Pappy recently retired and loved riding motorcycles, spending time at his lake house, and fishing. His favorite thing was taking his beloved wife, friends, children, and grandchildren out on the lake in his boat. He was the best boat captain.

Patrick is survived by his wife Linda O'Neill, his daughters Megan and husband Johnathan Offringa, Jessi Kiser, Sarah and husband Frank Fleming, and son Joshua Kiser and his two nephews, J.D. and Jake O'Neill. He is also survived by his brother-in-law Mark Broughton and wife Carol, brother-in-law Robert Turner and wife Wanda, and stepdad Joe Paiz.

Pappy is also survived by his dearly loved grand-

children, Karlie, Haylee, Summer, Lizzie, Charles, Dylan, Averi, Jonas, Riley, Buttercup, Frankie, and Catherine, and lots of extended family. Everyone loved him very much.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elbert O'Neill and Mary Stewart, and his brother David O'Neill.

The memorial service will be Monday, Aug. 7, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the Malakoff church of Christ. There will be a graveside prayer at Mankin Cemetery immediately following the service.

Flowers for the funeral may be sent through Mabank Floral at (903) 887-3112 by 2 p.m. Sunday. The family asks that any memorials in Patrick's name be sent to Samaritan's Purse (www.samaritanpurse.org) or the Travis Manion Foundation (www.travismanion.org).

Paid obituary

Take Note

• Schedule pick-up at Big Spring High School has been set for Wednesday, Aug. 16, and Thursday, Aug. 17. Seniors will pick up their schedules for the 2017-2018 school year on Aug. 16. Seniors will also have their senior pictures taken at this time. Pictures will be taken in the High School library from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and seniors must have their picture taken before the schedule will be released. Seniors must be in compliance with BSHS dress code to have their picture made. This includes no facial hair, no unnatural hair color, and no mohawks. Juniors and Sophomores will pick up schedules in the hallway by the attendance office; juniors on Aug. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m., and sophomores Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. Freshman orientation will be Aug. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium, and schedules will be released to freshmen during orientation. For more information contact Big Spring High School at 432-264-3641.

• School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., began Aug. 1 for the fall term; however, open enrollment continues throughout the school year. Maranatha uses Accelerated Christian Education curriculum, an individualized curriculum used internationally (see www.aceminiestries.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 Bohannon 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.

• 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 7:00 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.

• 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.

Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **ELEAZAR GARZA JR.**, 56, of 1202 East 15th Street, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

• **TRADERO QUMAN GREEN**, 30, of 3304 West Highway 80, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **WILLIAM OSIER BEAN**, 37, of 2502 Albrook Drive, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JAMAAL TYWAN BANKS**, 31, of Midland, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ALEXIS SCAGGS**, 21, of 2902 Cherokee Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **FALICHA CESEAR**, 31, of 405 Dallas Street, was arrested on two warrants from other agencies.

• **FELIX G. OLIVAS**, 49, of 1009 North Bell Street, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JERRY LIN WHITE**, 48, of 3313 Auburn Avenue, was arrested on a warrant for driving while license invalid.

• **FINNIE VAUGHN WAGGNOR**, 24, of Hamilton, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxication (open container).

• **ROBERT DALE RICHARDSON**, 27, of 2621 Chanute Street, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, consumption of alcohol by a minor, and failure to appear.

• **ORTENCIA HERNANDEZ**, 43, of 1002 North Main Street, was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• **JOVITA RODRIGUEZ**, 37, of 618 State Street, was arrested on charges of failure to identify fugitive, failure to control speed, speeding in a school zone, and on three warrants from other agencies.

• **JASON WAYNE ENGLISH**, 39, of 2200 South Main Street, was arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover, the 900 block of East FM 700, the 3600 block of West Highway 80, and the 3100 block of South High-

way 87.

• **911 HANG UP** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2600 block of Barksdale Drive, the 1400 block of Tucson Street, and the 1500 block of South Johnson Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700 and the 700 block of West Interstate 20.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Avion Street and the 1900 block of Runnels Street.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2000 block of West 4th Street,

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1200 block of West 2nd Street,

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of Texas Avenue.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 71 inmates at the time of this report.

• **JAMAAL TYWAN BANKS**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **WILLIAM BEAN**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on charges for two counts of public intoxication.

• **FALICHA CESEAR**, 31, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for prostitution.

• **DEREK JEROME CONNELLY**, 36, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **RHETT DAYLON DEDMON**, 46, was booked by the DPS on charges of possession of a controlled substance less than none gram and driving while intoxicated.

• **DANIEL DAVID DEY**, 60, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **STEVEN DALE DUNCAN**, 29, was booked by the DPS on a warrant for parole violation.

• **JASON WAYNE ENGLISH**, 39, was booked by the HCSO on charges of driving while license invalid and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **TRADERO QUMAN GREEN**, 30, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DANIEL LEE HART**, 33, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **ORTENCIA C. HERNANDEZ**, 43 was booked by the BSPD on warrant for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **REGINALD WAYNE MOORE**, 26, was booked by the DPS on charges of evading arrested or detention with vehicle, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and on a non-reportable warrant.

• **DEVON MARCUS MUSCHARA**, 26, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **FELIX GONZALES OLIVAS**, 49, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **MARK PENA JR.**, 30, was booked by the DPS on a charge of child support.

• **ROBERT DALE RICHARDSON**, 27, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for consumption of alcohol by minor, failure to appear, and on charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **ANDREW SLOAN ROBINSON**, 21, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for parole violation.

• **JOVITA RODRIGUEZ**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for speeding, displaying expired license plates, bail jumping/failure to appear, failure to control speed, speeding in a school zone, and on a charge of failure to identify fugitive.

• **ALEXIS JANELL SCAGGS**, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief between \$500 and \$1500.

• **FINNIE VAUGHN WAGGNOR**, 24, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **STEPHEN CRAIG WALLACE**, 34, was booked by the DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **JERRY LIN WHITE**, 48, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for driving while license invalid.

RYAN

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in Mukwonago, Wisconsin. He later told the Wisconsin State Journal, "If we don't do our job, we will depress turnout. I am frustrated as well." Republican Keith Ketzler, 62, worries that the GOP will pay politically next year. Democrats need to flip 24 seats to regain control. "Everybody that voted Republican is getting very frustrated," Ketzler said, after prodding Ryan about why Congress hasn't achieved more. "People crossed the line last time, but they're not going to stay crossed if they don't get things done." Ryan angered some conservatives during the campaign with comments critical of then-candidate Trump.

But in the first six months of Trump's term, Ryan has been far less critical of the president than other Republican lawmakers who have challenged a number of Trump moves, including his criticism of Attorney General Jeff Sessions, a former senator. Ryan's Republican primary challenger last year, Paul Nehlen, initially won the backing of then-candidate Trump, who later switched to Ryan. Ryan beat Nehlen by 70 percentage points in the primary. But Nehlen, who is running again, thinks 2018 will be more difficult for Ryan, arguing that he hasn't done enough to appease Republican Trump supporters. "President Trump has given Paul Ryan way more opportunities to stand up and back him and what he has done is

really undermine him," Nehlen said. Beating Ryan will not be easy. No Democrat has represented the district since 1995. Ryan has cruised to re-election ever since he joined Congress in 1999 — winning by 35 percentage points last year. He has \$11.5 million in the bank and is a familiar face in Janesville where he was born and raised and still lives with his wife and three children. Democrats are pinning their hopes on Randy Bryce, an Army veteran and union iron worker with the nickname "Iron Stache." He appears to have walked out of Hollywood central casting — complete with a dark mustache, thick biceps, faded blue jeans and a promise to fight for the working man. Bryce is trying to capital-

ize on disenchantment over Ryan's role in the health care bill as he mounts a long-shot campaign. Bryce generated excitement among Democrats both in Wisconsin and nationally for his announcement video in June that has now been viewed more than 550,000 times. It begins with a clip of Trump praising Ryan's attempts to undo Democrat Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act and then shows Bryce getting emotional as his mother details her struggle with multiple sclerosis. "You can come work the iron," the hardhat-wearing Bryce challenges Ryan, "and I'll go to D.C." Bryce raised \$430,000 in the first two weeks after the spot ran. Ryan has tried to shift the

conversation from the collapse of the GOP health care effort and toward tax reform and the news that Taiwanese iPhone manufacturer Foxconn plans to invest \$10 billion on a factory in his congressional district that could employ 13,000 people. Ryan launched a series of campaign-style online ads highlighting the news that the plant was coming near abandoned automobile factories in his hometown of Janesville and nearby Kenosha. But Ryan's involvement doesn't seem to be resonating quite yet with voters in his district. "Paul Ryan? I don't know what he's done for it," said Republican voter Jeff Lunde of Ryan's role in the Foxconn deal. "They're all working on this stupid health-care crap."

CASA

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care system, and a greater need for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers from CASA of West Texas to represent these children. CASA volunteers are everyday community members that are specially trained and appointed by judges to advocate for children in court. CASA volunteers get to know a child or sibling group and any relevant contacts in the children's lives. They gather information about their physical, emotional and educa-

tional needs and strive to help the children move out of the temporary foster care system. "Imagine how frightening it is for these children to be taken out of their homes and placed sometimes far away from their families," said Pisklak. "CASA of West Texas wants to ensure that they do not get stuck moving from placement to placement in the system, and are instead placed with safe, loving families." In 2013, there were 173 children from Howard County in the foster care system. CASA of West Texas served 484 children in 2013 from seven West Texas coun-

ties. Unfortunately, there are still many children without a CASA volunteer to advocate for their needs. "CASA of West Texas, can't help these children without compassionate, dedicated volunteers," said Pisklak. "As the new school year approaches, consider stepping up to be a voice for children in need by becoming a CASA volunteer." For more information about CASA of West Texas and becoming a CASA volunteer call Kathy Harmon, 432-683-1114 or visit www.casawtx.org.

DPS

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applicants 18 and older must complete the free ITYD course, and obtain proof of course completion prior to taking the driving skills examination. In addition, drivers 18 to 24 must complete the 6-hour adult driver education course prior to the skills examination. ITYD is the sec-

ond course* offered through the Impact Texas Driver (ITD) program, which was developed by DPS in 2015 to help save lives through awareness and education related to distracted driving. The first course launched under the ITD program was Impact Texas Teen Drivers, which drivers ages 16 and 17 are required to complete. (For additional information on ITD and

ITYD, you can also visit <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ITD.htm>.) For more information about Impact Texas Drivers, visit <https://ImpactTexasDrivers.dps.texas.gov>.*(A third course, Impact Texas Adult Drivers — specifically for drivers 25 and older — will be announced in 2018. In the meantime, these drivers will take the ITYD course as outlined above.)

'I See Something' Local filmmakers screen horror short in downtown Big Spring



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Local filmmakers James Fite and Brandon Johnson showed off their latest short film "I See Something" Saturday night during the monthly Art Walk. The 17-minute film is in the horror genre and stars Fite's children. Fite and Johnson are the producers of the award winning documentary "Project Mone't". Before the screening, the duo also showed off a clip of their latest project: "Carnage Radio". It's a full-length film which will feature several locations in Big Spring. The two producers are currently seeking funding to help finance the film.

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Benjamin B. Mendias, 83, died Friday. Vigil service was at 11 a.m. Monday, followed by his funeral service at Myers and Smith Chapel. Nina York Barnes, 76, died Friday. The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Spring Creek Fellowship.

North Korea vows harsh retaliation against new UN sanctions



AP photo

North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong-ho, left, walks toward an escalator during ongoing meetings at the Philippine International Convention Center for the 50th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Related Meetings in Manila, Philippines, Monday, Aug. 7, 2017.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea vowed Monday to bolster its nuclear arsenal and gain revenge of a "thousand-fold" against the United States in response to tough U.N. sanctions imposed following its recent inter-continental ballistic missile tests. The warning came two days after the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved new sanctions to punish North Korea, including a ban on coal and other exports worth over \$1 billion. The U.S. ambassador to the U.N., Nikki

Haley, called the U.S.-drafted resolution "the single largest economic sanctions package ever leveled against" North Korea. In a statement carried by the North's state-run Korean Central News Agency, North Korea's government said the sanctions were a "violent infringement of its sovereignty" that was caused by a "heinous U.S. plot to isolate and stifle" the country. "We will make the U.S. pay by a thousand-fold for all the heinous crimes it commits against the state and

people of this country," the statement said. The North said it would take an unspecified "resolute action of justice" and would never place its nuclear program on the negotiating table or "flinch an inch" from its push to strengthen its nuclear deterrence as long as U.S. hostility against North Korea persists. North Korean Foreign Minister Ri Yong-ho made similar comments during an annual regional security conference in Manila on Monday. South Korea's government said

the North would face stronger sanctions if it doesn't stop its nuclear and missile provocation. Lim Eul Chul, a North Korea expert at South Korea's Kyungnam University, said the comments by the North demonstrate how angry it is over the U.N. sanctions, but that the country is not likely to launch a pre-emptive strike against the United States. He said the North could still carry out further missile

tests or a sixth atomic bomb test in the coming months under its broader weapons development timetable.

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Texas police detective dies, 2 others hurt in highway wreck

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — An Abilene police detective has died and two colleagues injured when their car was struck by a pickup while traveling to a conference on preventing crimes against children.

Thirty-three-year-old Elise Ybarra and two other detectives had just begun their drive to Dallas on Interstate 20 on Sunday evening when they slowed for traffic that backed up because of an auto accident.

Their unmarked police vehicle then was struck by the pickup. Ybarra, who was driving, died at the scene.

Detectives Chris Milliorn and Robert Collins were taken to a hospital for treatment.

It's not clear whether charges are pending against the driver of the pickup.

Ybarra, the married mother of a 10-month-old girl, joined Abilene police in 2014 after previously working for the police force in Sedalia, Missouri.

2 Boy Scouts killed, 1 hurt in East Texas boating accident

AVINGER, Texas (AP) — Authorities say two Texas Boy Scouts were killed and another critically hurt when their sailboat hit an overhead power line and apparently electrocuted the youths.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department says the accident happened Saturday afternoon at Lake O' The Pines near Avinger, 150 miles (241 kilometers) east of Dallas.

Agency spokesman Steve Lightfoot says Sunday that Boy Scouts ages 18 and 16 died at the scene, while an 11-year-old was critically injured and hospitalized in Shreveport, Louisiana. Their names weren't immediately released.

All were from Troop 620 in Hallsville and wore personal flotation devices. Lightfoot says the catamaran was on fire, with sails up, when game wardens arrived.

Lightfoot says the preliminary investigation indicates the sailboat came in contact with the power line.

Crowley police investigate 2 bodies found in, near road

CROWLEY, Texas (AP) — Investigators say two bodies have been found along a North Texas road and authorities are attempting to identify the men.

Police in Crowley on Sunday announced the discovery of the bodies that were "in and near" Hutchins Drive. A police statement says officers were dispatched around 11:45 p.m. Saturday on reports of some bodies discovered.

Police in Crowley, about 10 miles (16 kilometers) south of Fort Worth, didn't immediately say who located the bodies or how the men died.

Further details weren't immediately released.

Thunderstorms tear down about 40 utility poles in Pampa

PAMPA, Texas (AP) — Thunderstorms packing winds of nearly 70 mph rolled through part of the Texas Panhandle and tore down about 40 utility poles in Pampa.

Police in Pampa say nobody was hurt in Saturday night's bad weather.

Xcel (EX-sel) Energy spokesman Wes Reeves says about 7,300 customers lost electricity. Crews worked to restore power and the outages dwindled to about 500 by midday Sunday.

Reeves says about 40 downed utility poles were being repaired in Pampa, a city of nearly 18,000. KVII-TV reports some poles were down across highways and trees were uprooted.

National Weather Service meteorologist Douglas Weber says 67-mph winds were recorded near Pampa, 50 miles (80 kilometers) northeast of Amarillo. Forecasters believe a possible microburst caused residential damage including fences blown over.

Police: Texas robbery suspect fell asleep at the scene

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — Police in West Texas say a robbery suspect is in custody after he was caught snoozing at the scene.

An Abilene police statement says 20-year-old Kanyoni Sedekiya was armed with a gun at his apartment complex early Friday when he argued with his roommate, whom he bound as he demanded money.

Authorities say Sedekiya then fell asleep.

The roommate managed to get free around 4 a.m., slip to a neighbor's apartment and summon police as Sedekiya was sleeping. Sedekiya surrendered without incident.

Taylor County jail records show the Abilene man was being held Sunday on an aggravated robbery charge, with bond set at \$60,000. Jail records do not list a defense attorney.

Former Democratic Texas Gov. Mark White dies at 77



AP photo

In this June 19, 1985 file photo, Texas Gov. Mark White gestures while speaking before the environment and public works in Washington. Former Texas Gov. Mark White, a Democrat who championed public education reforms, including the landmark "no-pass, no-play" policy for high school athletes, has died, Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017. He was 77.

By JIM VERTUNO

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Former Texas Gov. Mark White, a Democrat who championed public education reforms that included the landmark "no-pass, no-play" policy for high school athletes, has died. He was 77.

The former governor, who fought kidney cancer for years, died Saturday in Houston shortly after waking up and feeling uncomfortable, according to his wife, Linda Gale White, and his son Andrew White.

Governor from 1983 until 1987, White was Texas' attorney general when he defeated Gov. Bill Clements, Texas' first Republican governor since Reconstruction who spent a then-record \$13 million on his re-election campaign. Clements beat White four years later.

White's education reforms included pay raises and competency tests for teachers, class size limits for elementary schools and the creation of the state's high school basic skills graduation test. White also pushed through a \$4 billion tax hike for schools and highways.

In a 2011 interview with The Associated Press, White said he tried to model his education platform on what his mother, a former first-grade teacher, talked about that she experienced in the classroom.

"It was probably the broadest-based education program in modern U.S. history," White said. "I was very proud of what we accomplished."

White appointed Dallas billionaire Ross Perot to lead a special panel on education

that developed some of the key changes. The no-pass, no-play initiative, which barred students from playing school sports if they were failing a class, was a politically tricky and unpopular move in a state crazy about its high school football. It had to survive a challenge in the state Supreme Court.

White underestimated the passionate resistance to no-pass, no-play that sparked protests and a few threats of violence.

"It was horrible," White said. "I misread the intensity of it until I saw it for myself in West Texas. My security people thought I should go by myself: 'Here's my gun. You go.'"

A state district judge blocked the provision before the state Supreme Court ruled it was a legitimate function of the state's goal to provide quality education. But White still had to defend the rule during his losing campaign in 1986.

"Leave it alone," he implored state lawmakers as he left office in 1987. "Let's be real: Anyone who can study a playbook can study a textbook. Americans didn't get to the moon on a quarterback sneak."

Lawmakers heeded his advice — and no-pass, no play remains the rule in Texas high

school sports.

"He cared about Texas deeply," Andrew White, one of the former governor's three children, said Saturday. "He realized that this wasn't about getting re-elected. This wasn't about being popular. This was about making Texas a better place."

White also pushed Texas to move further from its agricultural roots and ties to the oil economy by trying to attract new industries. During his term, dropping oil prices worldwide shook the state's economy.

White considered himself the symbolic leader of new breed of Texan who embraced the emerging era of high technology and warned the state's residents they would not find their future at the bottom of an oil well.

On his inauguration day, White dramatized his opposition to what he called the "privileged class" by walking a block in a cold rain to the Governor's Mansion. Once there, he used gold-painted bolt cutters to cut a chain that had been strung across the front gate and shouted "Come on in," to followers. Several hundred did, forcing White to stop them at the stairs leading up to the master bedroom.

White struggled with many of the same issues that have faced Texas governors for

generations. Drought plagued West Texas, and a Christmas freeze in 1983 wiped out citrus crops and most of the winter vegetables in fields that normally employed thousands of workers.

Plunging oil prices walloped the state economy, and drug smuggling on the border led White to implore the federal government to help control the border with Mexico. He also pushed for Texas' seat belt law, which went into effect in 1985.

White grappled with staggering unemployment on the Mexico border that was blamed on the poor economy, the devaluation of the peso and immigration.

"I learned it's a lot harder to govern the state when the price of oil drops to \$9 a barrel," White said in 2011.

Despite the struggling state economy, White pushed for and won the big tax increases he needed to pay for education and roads, breaking a campaign pledge not to raise taxes.

"I asked for a tax increase and said, 'Blame me,' and you did," White told state lawmakers on his way out of office. "So much for guts and glory. Whatever happens in the next four years, don't blame me."

As governor, White supported the state's use of the death penalty.

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High court juvenile lifer ban spurs wider review of cases



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This Friday, May 26, 2017 shows a hallway inside the Franklin Correctional Center in Bunn, N.C. A 2016 Supreme Court decision triggering new sentences for inmates serving mandatory life without parole for crimes committed as minors has had a far greater effect: The ruling is prompting lawyers to apply its fundamental logic — that it's cruel and unusual to lock teens up for life — to a larger population of prisoners: those whose sentences technically include a parole provision but who stand little chance of getting out.

By JULIET LINDERMAN

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — A U.S. Supreme Court decision triggering new sentences for inmates serving mandatory life without parole for crimes committed as juveniles has had a far greater effect: The ruling is prompting lawyers to apply its fundamental logic — that it's cruel and unusual to lock teens up for life — to a larger population, those whose sentences include a parole provision but who stand little chance of getting out.

The court in January 2016 expanded its ban on mandatory life without parole for juveniles to more than 2,000 offenders already serving such sentences, saying teens should be treated differently than adult offenders because they're less mature, prone to manipulation and capable of change. The court found that all but the rare juvenile lifer whose crime reflects "permanent incorrigibility" should have a chance to argue for freedom one day, and dozens serving mandatory terms have since been resentenced and released.

But legal challenges are also being argued on behalf of offenders sentenced to life with parole for crimes they committed as teens — a population totaling some 7,300 inmates nationwide, according to Ashley Nellis at advocacy group The Sentencing Project. "Even states that do have parole, it doesn't give a lot of reason for hope," Nellis said. "The Supreme Court was very clear to say that age-related factors need to be considered at resentencing or parole review, but the feedback we're seeing is that those factors aren't being considered."

Other courts are applying the 2016 ruling to those whose life-without-parole sentences weren't mandatory or were negotiated as part of a plea deal. In Florida, more than 600 inmates are potentially eligible for new sentences because court decisions there require a new look at anyone serving life for crimes committed as minors — even if their sentences were optional or included the possibility of

parole.

The Supreme Court has not ruled on these other circumstances, but some state courts have. In January, New Jersey's Supreme Court ordered new sentences for two former teen offenders with de facto life terms. One was serving 110 years, with parole eligibility after 55 years; the other had 75 years, with parole eligibility after serving 68. The court noted both defendants would "likely serve more time in jail than an adult sentenced to actual life without parole."

The number of years inmates must serve before parole eligibility varies by offense and state: In Tennessee, a lifer must serve 51 years. In Texas, 40. Lifers could qualify for a hearing after 10 years in Michigan, but that doesn't mean they'll get one. In 44 states, parole boards are appointed by governors, and review processes vary greatly. Some boards review prisoner files without in-person interviews. Some states specify factors to consider; others allow significant discretion.

If a prisoner is denied, he'll likely wait several years for another chance and sometimes isn't told why. Chester Patterson, 63, has been behind bars for 45 years in Michigan. At 17, he fatally shot a store clerk during a robbery. He got life with the possibility of parole after 10 years. Patterson has earned degrees, completed a substance-abuse program, worked in the library, and avoided disciplinary tickets. He's also been denied parole at least five times, according to records. Each time, the board sends a notice that says, "no interest." He's awaiting a decision after his most recent hearing in April.

"I am not that same 17-year-old kid. I will never commit another crime again," Patterson wrote to The Associated Press. "I caused a terrible tragedy for which I will always be sorry and shameful. What more can I say to the family? I have been here for almost a half of a century, and the parole board is still saying no."

His case isn't unique. In Florida, a state Supreme

Court ruling last year said that juvenile offenders who were eligible for parole must be resentenced to ensure they have a real opportunity for release. The ruling came in the case of Angelo Atwell, who got life with the possibility of parole after 25 years for a murder he committed in 1990 at age 16. When it came time for Atwell to argue for his freedom, the state calculated his presumptive release date as 2130 — 140 years after sentencing.

"While technically Atwell is parole eligible, it is a virtual certainty that Atwell will spend the rest of his life in prison," the justices wrote, and his sentence, "virtually indistinguishable from a sentence of life without parole, is therefore unconstitutional."

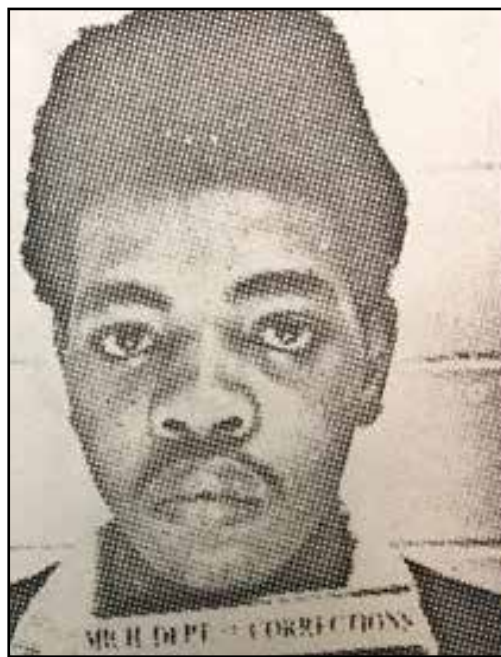
Atwell awaits a new sentencing hearing.

Iowa's highest court in 2013 found that the governor didn't comply with the U.S. Supreme Court when he commuted the life-without-parole sentences of 38 juveniles to life with the possibility of parole after 60 years, because they wouldn't be eligible until they surpass their life expectancy. "Oftentimes, it is important that the spirit of the law not be lost in the application," the court wrote.

More legal challenges have been filed in North Carolina, Illinois and Missouri, among other states.

Maryland, Oklahoma and California are the only three states that require the governor to sign off on parole recommendations for lifers. Last year the American Civil Liberties Union sued Maryland, arguing that a life-with-parole sentence doesn't afford prisoners a meaningful shot at release because governors for two decades haven't approved any petitions. Even Parris Glendening, the former Maryland governor who set the standard when he declared in 1995 that "life means life," says the system he designed is dysfunctional.

"What happens with lifers now, I had some responsibility. And I say that not with pride, but with regret," Glen-



AP photo

This combination of photos provided by the Michigan Department of Corrections shows Chester Lee Patterson in 1971 and in Aug. 8, 2015. Patterson has been behind bars for 45 years. At 17, he fatally shot a store clerk during a robbery. He got life with the possibility of parole after 10 years. Patterson has earned degrees, completed a substance-abuse program, worked in the library, and avoided disciplinary tickets. He's also been denied parole at least five times, according to records. He's awaiting a decision after his most recent hearing in April 2017. "I am not that same 17-year-old kid. I will never commit another crime again," Patterson wrote to The Associated Press. "I caused a terrible tragedy for which I will always be sorry and shameful. What more can I say to the family? I have been here for almost a half of a century, and the parole board is still saying no."

dening told the AP. "What we're finding now is people who are juveniles ... they are now aging in prison, are probably a threat to no one at this stage. It's a question of humane treatment: Is it humane or cruel and unusual to have someone sitting in jail at 50, 60, 70 for an offense committed half a century ago?"

Maryland's parole commission in October began reviewing all 271 lifers who committed crimes as juveniles, according to commission chairman David Blumberg. As of May, the commission had reviewed 76 cases: 45 have been scheduled for additional hearings, 20 were referred for psychological risk assessments, and nine were refused parole. Two asked for postponements. None has been released.

Gov. Larry Hogan said he and his team take the process seriously.

"They meet with the inmate. ... They talk with the victim's families and witnesses and spend months and months," he said. "And in a few cases I was convinced that people had served their debt to society and deserved a second chance, and several of them were people that were convicted at a very young age and had served long, long sentences and had been model prisoners and really rehabilitated themselves."

But Hogan hasn't approved any parole bids for juvenile lifers. The commission, on average, has recommended fewer than two prisoners serving life sentences for parole per year since 1995, according to public defender James Johnston, who says the state's system contravenes the essence of the Supreme Court rulings.

Johnston is at the forefront of a battle over whether even Maryland's juvenile life-without-parole sentences fall under the high court's mandate for review. Prosecutors say no, because the sentences aren't mandatory.

In June, Johnston argued before a Maryland judge that

Lee Malvo, one of the D.C. snipers who terrorized the Washington area for a month in 2002, deserved a new sentence. He was 17 and pleaded guilty to murder charges in Virginia and Maryland. He received life without parole in both states, but a Virginia judge recently ruled the term unconstitutional and ordered Malvo resentenced.

In Maryland, prosecutors say the judge made an informed decision. A ruling is pending.

Another of Johnston's clients, Robert Boyd, was sentenced to life at 16 for his role in a home invasion that turned deadly in Baltimore. Boyd was the lookout, standing watch on the porch. The man who fired the fatal shot was acquitted at trial.

In prison, Boyd earned degrees, stayed out of trouble, coached boxing. For years he unsuccessfully applied for parole. But in April 2016, he was released on probation after Johnston convinced a judge to reopen the case, arguing that Maryland's system didn't afford Boyd a meaningful chance at parole and was therefore unconstitutional.

"Maryland inmates serving life sentences are forced to resort to the court system instead of the parole system, because the parole system offers no real chance of release," Johnston said. "The focus has shifted from ... taking advantage of whatever is offered to you behind bars. That no longer results in release, or even gets you closer to the door. Instead, you've got to find a reason to get back in front of a judge."

By the time Boyd was released, after 34 years behind bars, even Brian Murphy, the prosecutor who tried the case in 1982, offered to testify on his behalf.

"It was not the intention of anybody back then that guys like this wouldn't get paroled," Murphy said. "It doesn't sound fair or legal."

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Big Spring's Kloee Gang passes the ball to the front line during the Lady Steers' scrimmage with Greenwood on Saturday, August 5, 2017.

Astros rally for 4 in 9th, beat Blue Jays 7-6 on Centeno hit



AP photo

Houston Astros' Juan Centeno hits a winning single during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays, Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros continue to find ways to win, with their latest victory coming thanks to a player who was called up from the minors just a day earlier.

Juan Centeno hit an RBI single with two outs that capped a four-run rally in the ninth inning, lifting the Astros over the Toronto Blue Jays 7-6 Sunday for their 71st victory.

Centeno was recalled from Triple-A Fresno on Saturday when catcher Evan Gattis landed on the disabled list with a concussion.

"He's taken advantage of any small opportunity that's been given," manager A.J. Hinch said. "It's hard to impact games the way he is. You get noticed and you get more opportunities."

Jose Altuve singled off All-Star closer Roberto Osuna (3-3) to begin the Houston ninth and one-out singles by Yuli Gurriel and Marwin Gonzalez loaded the bases. Carlos Beltran grounded into a forceout that scored a run, and Alex Bregman hit a tying, two-run triple.

"I never get in that situation without my teammates," Bregman said. "Great, great at-bat after at-bat, just something that our team's done all year."

Centeno followed with a liner over the head of leaping first baseman Justin Smoak and into shallow right field to win it for the AL West leaders.

"When things get rolling, they don't let you up," Toronto manager John Gibbons said. "It's a deep lineup, they got caught up in it and they got some big hits."

Nori Aoki had a two-run homer, his first hit since being traded from Houston to Toronto last Monday, during a four-run seventh that gave the Blue Jays a 6-3 lead.

Francis Martes (4-1) pitched 1 2/3 scoreless innings for the win. Osuna allowed five hits and four runs while getting only two outs for his seventh blown save this season.

The Blue Jays trailed by a run when Kevin Pillar singled off Mike Fiers to start the seventh. Aoki followed with his third home run this season on a shot to the bullpen in right-center to make it 4-3.

Fiers then plunked Darwin Barney to end his day and was replaced by Luke Gregerson who allowed a single to Russell Martin with one out. Smoak hit a two-run double that bounced off the low wall in center field.

Toronto starter Marcus Stroman tied a season-high with 11 hits, but allowed just three runs — two earned — in 6 2/3 innings.

Jose Bautista hit a two-run homer in the third for the Blue Jays.

Fiers, who allowed four homers in five starts in July, has matched that number in just two starts this month.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: OF George Springer, who has been out since July 25 with a strained left quadriceps, has been improving and could come off the disabled list as soon as Tuesday. Hinch said Springer worked out on Sunday and would have a day off on Monday before resuming work on Tuesday when they could make a decision about whether to activate him.

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Twins rally from 5-0 deficit to beat Rangers, 6-5

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Most starting pitchers loathe rain delays, concerned that the long break can cool them down to the point where their managers pull the plug on the outing altogether.

The timing of the shower on Sunday could not have been better for Jose Berrios and the Minnesota Twins.

Berrios rebounded from a five-run first inning to get through five and Brian Dozier, Max Kepler and Eddie Rosario homered to help the Twins beat the Texas Rangers 6-5 on Sunday.

"It wasn't a common day," Berrios (10-5) said through an interpreter after giving up five runs on six hits and striking out six. "I just had to pick it up. I knew I didn't put pitches where I wanted to. Two bad pitches. After that it was fine."

Trevor Hildenberger threw two in-

nings of scoreless relief and Robbie Grossman drove in the go-ahead run for the Twins, who were missing slugger Miguel Sano for the second straight game because of a sore left hand.

Adrian Beltre hit his 455th career homer and Joey Gallo also went deep for the Rangers, who were shut out after a five-run first inning. Nick Martinez gave up five runs on five hits with five strikeouts and two walks in a game that was delayed 32 minutes by rain in the second inning.

Matt Belisle picked up his first save since 2012 in the Twins' first save situation since All-Star closer Brandon Kintzler was traded to Washington before the deadline.

Beltre, who became the 31st player in baseball history to reach 3,000 career hits last week, hit a three-run

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AP photo

Texas Rangers Elvis Andrus warms up before batting against the Minnesota Twins in the first inning during a baseball game on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017, in Minneapolis. A brief rain delay in the second inning paused the game.



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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals

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ated at 1617 E. 17th St., is requesting a variance for the following under the title of (SF-2) Single Family Dwelling; A variance out of Article 4, Section 4-1 of the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance to encroach a total of ten (10') feet into the maximum twenty five foot (25') front yard setback as regulated by the City of Big Spring Zoning Ordinance.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
Rule 37
Case No. 0305787
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 19, 2017/Status/Permit No. 827083
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, T&P RR CO / POWELL, M Survey, A-797, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 13.3 miles W direction from BIG 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 should 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.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

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Wellbore Profile(s):Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
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Section: 36Block: 35 T1NAbstract: 718 Survey: T&P RR CO/DAVIS, H M
Lease Lines:100.0 F SE L 750.0 F SW L
Survey Lines:100.0 F SE L 1893.0 F NE 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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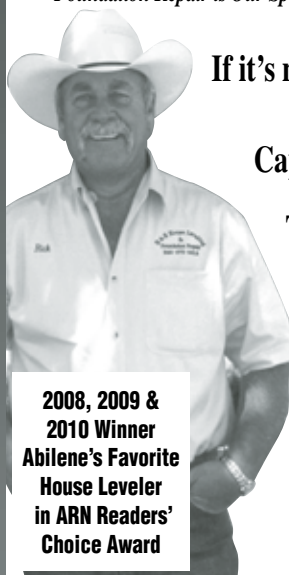
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). In juggling and in life, the key to keeping all the balls in the air is freeing your hands up as soon as possible. "The world is won by those who let it go." -- Lao Tzu

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are levels to honesty. Getting to the deeper levels will have nothing to do with morality, goodness or faithfulness. The deeper levels of honesty are

about knowing yourself and being willing to look at your needs and motives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Forgiveness doesn't change what happened, but it might change how you feel about what happened, thus altering the energetic imprint of the situation. Lighter living means carrying less of the past along with you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes stealing a kiss makes it more exciting to have it. But if you always have to steal your kisses, the relationship is casting you in the energetically demanding role of "sneaky thief." Is it really worth the effort?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe you're afraid to get rid of something because you fear you'll need it in the future. Have a little more faith in your own resourcefulness and your place in the universal order. That is to say: You are precious and will be cared for.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It won't be easy to find what sparks your joy, but you'll get closer by noticing what doesn't. You'll do this without judgment or snobbery. When you declare something to be a bet-

ter fit for you, you're not saying it's better in general.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some think there's beauty in chaos. Others find sadness and anxiety there. Some chaos will be unavoidable today. What you do with it will fall somewhere between grace and art.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a thought you'd like to extract from your mind for fear that it will influence how you behave -- maybe even who you become. This one needs to be examined and broken down before you can build it back up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The competition among your family members will be particularly palpable, complex and unnecessary today. This is ancient business playing out in new ways.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sometimes it feels like the same things are being offered over and over, year to year, town to town, person to person. This weary worldview is an indicator of soul-level exhaustion. Take a nice long break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you feel like putting the brakes on an en-

deavor, first put an investigation on it. What was the purpose? Is that purpose still worth fulfilling? Don't quit before you examine why you started.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to be radically truthful with everyone, as that could (pointlessly) open a bag of worms. However, it might help to get a little more radically truthful with yourself. What is it you want and need that you're not getting?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 7). This solar return features a different way of using and appreciating money. The new ease in this area of life will help you get a creative endeavor off the ground. Clean, clear space, and make way for excitement in October. Spiritual perception will be heightened in 2018. Karmic gifts center around felicitous relationships. Pisces and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 50, 1, 28 and 42.

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Annie's Mailbox

her over one day every week for a home-cooked meal. After several years, she has never offered to buy us a meal, not even for a special occasion, such as a birthday or anniversary. There has been no acknowledgment of our new normal. She does say "thank you" for each task.

My mom's daughter, a half sibling of mine, lives in another

state. She has never sent us a gift card for our efforts. Money is not a barrier for either of them; they are well-off. We feel that we would never treat a family caregiver this way. But are we expecting too much from Mom and my half sister? It's really the thought, not the money, that counts. -- Underappreciated

Dear Underappreciated: I'm sure Mom treated you to many meals the first 18 years of your life. Think of this role reversal as a chance to repay her. Perhaps she's not offered to chip in for any meals because she's on a limited income or

living off savings.

Your half sister, though, really ought to step up more. Perhaps you could talk to her and express how much you would appreciate her help in caring for Mom. You shouldn't feel guilty for asking this. She's her mom, too, and she should want to help her.

Lastly, if you're simply seeking some acknowledgment that what you are doing is good and kind, let me say: It is. And deep down, your mom probably appreciates it more than words can say.

Dear Annie: Thank you for encouraging the young

woman who wrote about living with her alcoholic father to connect with Alateen ("Sick and Afraid," July 15). It's a powerful program -- one that has helped many young people and their families.

Seeing as the young woman also said she is connected to her church, I'd encourage her to talk with her pastor, her youth leader or some other responsible and caring adult in the congregation. Alcoholism and other addictions and mental illnesses so often result in the isolation she is experiencing, and her faith community could be part of the web of support she needs.

A responsible faith leader -- who can keep confidences -- can be a good ally, both as a listening ear and as a resource person if the situation with her father escalates.

In addition, knowing what's going on in a family can help the pastor, youth leader or other responsible adult pay better attention, even without taking any kind of direct action. Finally, it can remind the faith leader to lift up in prayer, without naming specific individuals or families, ev-

eryone whose life is touched by addiction or mental illness. Just as we pray for those dealing with physical illnesses, such as cancer and heart disease, we need to pray for those living with mental health or addiction issues and those who love and care for them.

Again, thank you for your care for the young woman and all who write to you -- and especially for the good advice you offer them. -- Rev. Talitha Arnold

Dear Rev. Arnold: Thank you for your thoughtful letter. Because she mentioned her involvement with her church, I should have thought to recommend her faith leaders as an additional resource. That was a missed opportunity. I've passed your message along to "Sick and Afraid," and I'm printing it here for any young person in a similar situation.

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By Steve Becker
Famous Hand

the minimal requirements for that bid in any respect.

North, who didn't know what was going on but knew a good hand when he saw one, made the sensible bid of six clubs. East, looking at two aces, didn't care what was going on, and vociferously expressed his doubt that this contract could be made.

West, on lead, struggled a while and finally tried the king of spades as a desperate measure. Declarer gratefully won with the ace and led a club to the jack, losing to the ace. East returned a spade, and when South won with the queen, East almost fell off his chair.

After declarer led a club to the queen, collecting West's ten, East could contain himself no longer. He leaned forward, red-faced, and whispered to his partner so gently it could be heard at the far end of the room: "You idiot! You could have led a heart, a diamond or a club, and we would have beaten the hand. Instead, your nimble brain had to pick a spade."

South, who was neither blind nor deaf, greeted this information with cocked ear. He knew East to be a good analyst, and if East thought a diamond lead could beat the hand, it meant East was void.

So declarer played a club to his nine, drawing East's last trump, then led a diamond and finessed dummy's eight. He had to, to make the slam.

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The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ — Dble 6♣ Dble

Opening lead — king of spades.

It goes without saying that partners are not supposed to discuss a hand while it's in progress. This is especially true of the two defenders. Of course, we all know that in many bridge games — the chatty ones — this rule is broken all the time.

The most famous hand on record where this rule was violated was, surprisingly enough, in a national pair championship many years ago, with four Life Masters at the table.

The bidding was astonishing. After South opened one club on a marginal hand, West, clearly a great believer in the right of free speech, made a takeout double that did not fit

Tomorrow: The worst-case scenario.
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Lochte sets US Open meet record in 200 IM

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EAST MEADOW, N.Y. — Ryan Lochte had a surprising reaction to his latest record-setting performance.

"A little disappointed," he said after breaking Michael Phelps' meet record in the finals of the 200-meter individual medley Sunday at the U.S. Open.

Lochte's time of 1 minute, 59.24 seconds bettered Phelps' mark of 1:59.26 set on Nov. 30, 2006. Britain's Xavier Mohammed finished second in 2:00.47, and Sam Stewart was third in 2:01.51.

"Whether I broke a world record or not, I always feel like I could go faster. No matter what the time was tonight, I knew I could go faster," Lochte said. "Overall, that was just not a good race."

Lochte, who set the 200 IM world and American record (1:54:00) on July 28, 2011, started well and was second at the first turn. After the second turn, the only question was how much Lochte would win by.

Yet, he was self-critical of his performance.

"The first part of the fly I felt fine and then I

don't know what happened," Lochte said. "I think I tried too hard and it just backfired on me."

The four-day meet at Nassau County Aquatics Center was Lochte's first USA Swimming-sanctioned event after a 10-month suspension for his behavior during an incident at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Following a fifth-place finish in the 100 backstroke Saturday, Lochte said he viewed the 200 IM as an "indicator" of what he needed to work on in order to compete for a spot on the 2020 U.S. Olympic swim team. He went on to say that he only trained "once or twice a week" because he and his fiancée Kayla Rae Reid were preparing for the birth of their son, Caiden.

On Sunday, Lochte reiterated his belief that he made the right decision to focus on his family life before stressing he was now planning on preparing for the 2020 Summer Olympics.

"It's time for me to start doing my job. I'm not going to take a break after this. I'm just going to get back in and actually start training and



Ryan Lochte swims on the way to a fifth-place finish in the men's 100-meter backstroke Saturday, Aug. 5, 2017, at the U.S. Open in East Meadow, N.Y.

start getting focused and start my swimming journey for 2020," Lochte said. "I (have) three years. I need to

get back to training and actually train. There's only one way to go now and that's up."

Lochte, 33, would turn

36 during the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Should he qualify for the team, it would mark Lochte's fifth Games. Of his 12

Olympic medals, three have come in the 200 IM — silver in 2004 and 2012 and bronze in 2008.

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AOKI'S HOMER

Aoki didn't homer at Minute Maid Park in 32 games as an Astro this season before going deep on Sunday in his first start this season as a visitor against Houston. The home run stung a bit more for Hinch since Aoki was on his team earlier this week.

"I hated it to be dead honest ... I have so much respect for him, but I would have liked it more had he not done that," he said.

THEY SAID IT

Stroman on how dangerous Houston's offense is despite missing

Springer and fellow All-Star Carlos Correa: "That's an unbelievable lineup over there, 1-9, and Altuve is extremely special. They have a few big bats out, but the guys that have stepped in are unbelievable as well."

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Astros: Houston is off on Monday before opening a series against the White Sox with Dallas Keuchel (9-1, 2.15) on the mound on Tuesday. Keuchel looks to bounce back after taking his first loss of the season in a 3-0 loss to the Rays in his last start. The left ace allowed seven hits and three runs in five innings in his second start back after spending almost two months on the disabled list with a pinched nerve in his neck.



Houston Astros' Juan Centeno, second from left, is mobbed by teammates after his walkoff RBI-single in a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays, Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017, in Houston.

RANGERS

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homer to open the scoring in the first. He had a scare when he was leaning over the dugout fence in the third inning and was hit in the back of the head by a foul ball off of the bat of teammate Mike Napoli.

Beltre, who was the DH on Sunday and has a long history of disliking being touched on the head, passed tests in the concussion protocol, took a few swings in the batting cage and did not miss an at-bat.

"I'm a hard-headed guy. I'm pretty sure you guys know by now," Beltre said. "I didn't know what to expect. It hit me pretty good, but I was fine."

Elvis Andrus had three hits, including two doubles, for Texas.

CLOSE CALL

The Twins jumped ahead 6-5 in the fifth inning when Grossman hit a pitch from Austin Bibers-Dirkx (3-2) off of the wall in right field. Shin-Soo Choo bare-handed the carom and threw Grossman out at second base, but Eduardo Escobar scored a split-second before the tag was applied.

A replay review confirmed the ruling.

SIZE MATTERS

Gallo's two-run shot landed on the plaza behind the right field stands, a huge blast that drew raised eyebrows when Twins senior director of communications Dustin Morse estimated the distance at 438 feet. The Twins communications staff has long

taken pride in estimating the length of home runs at Target Field, even after the computerized statcast system has taken over.

When Kepler hit a home run in the second inning that clearly did not travel as far as Gallo's, Morse cheekily announced to the press box that it went 439 feet. He quickly said that he was kidding and delivered an estimate of 410 feet.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: RHP Tyson Ross had a strong rehab start for Double-A Frisco on Saturday night, but manager Jeff Bannister said it may be a little bit before he returns to the Rangers rotation. Ross has been on the disabled list with a blister since July 24, but with two off days this week, the earliest he will return to the rotation is likely Aug. 14.

Twins: Dozier was replaced at 2B by Ehire Adrianza in the sixth inning because of an illness. ... Manager Paul Molitor said a stint on the 10-day disabled list for Sano was "unlikely." "He's dealing with a lot of soreness and still has some swelling," Molitor said.

UP NEXT

Rangers: Texas is off on Monday and will start a series in New York against the Yankees on Tuesday. RHP Andrew Cashner (7-8, 3.36) will start for the Rangers against RHP Chris Flexon (0-1, 12.00).

Twins: Minnesota starts a four-game, home-and-home series — two at Target Field, then two in Milwaukee — with the Brewers on Monday. RHP Ervin Santana (12-7, 3.28) starts for the Twins against LHP Brent Suter (2-2, 3.04).

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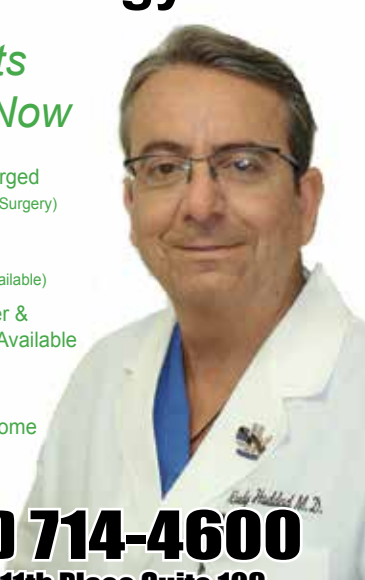
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