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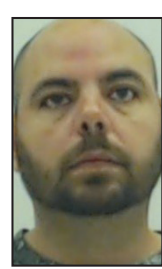
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Rojo gets max on 3 of 4 convictions

Former police detective must serve at least 10 years before eligible to apply for parole

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Joel Rojo will serve a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of 20 in prison, the former Big Spring Police detective learned during his sentencing hear-



Rojo

ing held Friday at the 118th District Court. "We are very satisfied with the sentencing," said 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson who prosecuted the case. "Obviously, there is always issues come about when you want more time, more time; but given the magnitude of the offenses that were discussed and getting the maximum sentence in three out of the four cases, we are very gratified. The judge had a total appreciation of the

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facts that came out at trial. We know that that

sentencing reflects his appreciation of what that facts were." Last week, Rojo was convicted of four charges of sex

crimes involving three minor victims.

118th District Judge Tim Yeats handed down the following sentencing:

- Sexual Performance by a Child. Rojo was sentenced to 20 years in prison with one day of credit served. He must serve 50 percent of his sentence before he can apply for parole. He must also register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.
- Indecency with a Child by Exposure. Rojo received 10 years on this conviction with one day of credit served.
- Attempted Indecency with a Child by Exposure. Rojo was given a two-year term in prison, with credit of 1 day already served.

• Indecency with a Child by Sexual Contact. Yeats handed down a 20-year prison term for Rojo, with one day of credit served. He must serve 50 percent of his sentence before he can apply for parole. Rojo must also register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

"When you start mixing these things up, clearly the highest magnitude of offenses are going to be the one in control," Wilkerson explained. "The judge addressed them that way and so for the indecency of exposure by contact he assessed a 20-year term. Now sexual performance of a child, that in itself is a first-degree felony. At the same time, it was probably viewed by the court that the magni-

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Nationally known civil rights attorney speaks after Rojo sentencing

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
 Staff Writer

Following Friday's sentencing of former Big Spring Police Detective Joel Rojo on convictions for sex crimes involving minors, nationally known civil rights attorney Gloria Allred held a press conference with the mother of one of victims on the steps of the 118th District Court. "I appreciate Gloria and everybody for supporting us. We are very happy with the verdict," said Linda, mother to one of the three victims who testified in the case. "All I ask you to do is pray for these girls, pray for the victims, they have a long way to go. They need your support, and you'll respect their privacy too. I would appreciate it too."

Rojo was convicted of four charges last week after a multi-day trial held in the 118th District Court. He will have to serve a minimum of 10 years in a state prison before he is eligible for parole. Allred is a civil rights lawyer who takes high-profile cases. She has represented the women who have accused Bill Cosby of sexual assault, and the three women who accused now-U.S. President

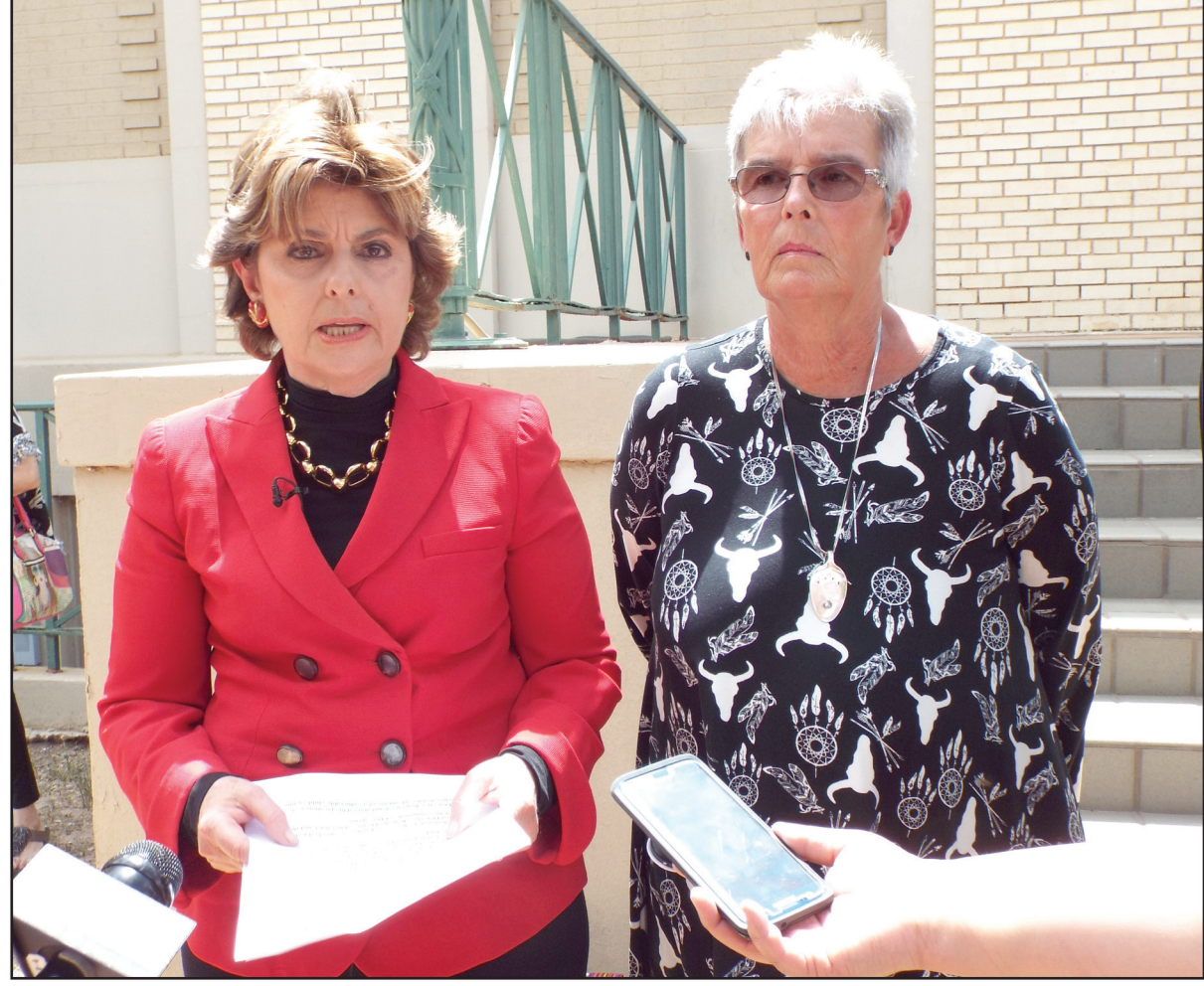
Donald Trump of sexual misconduct, among other cases.

"Detective Rojo was a sexual predator and he used his uniform, his badge, and his position to hurt and sexually exploit children," said Allred, who attended the sentencing hearing at the request of Linda. "He acted under color of law not to protect and serve, but to sexually abuse and harm a child. The only interest he served was his own, and today he was forced to face the consequences of his betrayal of this child and the other victims that he hurt."

According to witness testimony, the former police detective transported them to an isolated area. There, he asked them to expose their private parts so he could take pictures, using his investigation into their cases as pretext for the request. One victim said, during one such time, he touched her private area.

"Linda had contacted the police in Big Spring to ask that they investigate what she believed to have been a sexual crime against her then 14-year-old daughter," Allred said. "Big Spring Police Detective Joel Rojo was assigned to investigate the case. Linda trusted him to act professionally in the course of his investigation,

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Gloria Allred, a civil rights attorney known on the national stage, left, and Linda, the mother of one of three victims who testified against a former Big Spring police detective, speak with reporters following the sentencing of Joel Rojo in the 118th District Court Friday. Rojo was convicted of four counts of sex crime involving minor victims.

AP sources: US-NKorea talking behind the scenes for months

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beyond the bluster, the Trump administration has been quietly engaged in back channel diplomacy with North Korea for several months, addressing Americans imprisoned in the communist country and deteriorating relations between the longtime foes, The Associated Press has learned.

It had been known the two sides had discussions to secure the June release of an American university student. But it wasn't known until now that the contacts have continued, or that they have broached matters other than U.S. detainees.

People familiar with the contacts say the interactions have done nothing thus far to quell tensions over North Korea's nuclear

weapons and missile advances, which are now fueling fears of military confrontation. But they say the behind-the-scenes discussions could still be a foundation for more serious negotiation, including on North Korea's nuclear weapons, should President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un put aside the bellicose rhetoric of recent days and endorse a dialogue.

"We don't want to talk about progress, we don't want to talk about back channels," Trump told reporters Friday, revealing nothing.

The diplomatic contacts are occurring regularly between Joseph Yun, the U.S. envoy for

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Obituaries

Nelma Lynn Gandy Ritchey



Nelma Lynn Gandy Ritchey, 68, died Friday, July 28, 2017, from complications of Alzheimer's Disease.

Services were held Monday, July 31, at 2 p.m. at New Life Bible Ministries in Colorado City, Texas. Burial to follow in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Nelma was born Sept. 10, 1948, in Tahoka, Texas, to VeNell (Walker) Gandy and J.C. Gandy. After attending South Plains College, she entered Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Lubbock where she graduated with a registered nursing degree in May of 1970.

Nelma began her nursing career at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. Later, she was hired as one of the first nurses at the Lynn County Hospital in

Tahoka. She later moved to Post and took the position as plant nurse for Burlington Industries at Post-Tex Mills. In 1977, she moved to Colorado City and was employed by the State of Texas as the public health nurse.

Nelma met Gerry Ritchey in Colorado City, and they married in 1979. The couple attended St. Luke's Methodist and New Life Bible Ministries.

Nelma is survived by her husband, Gerry Ritchey; and son, Chad Ritchey, both of Colorado City. She is also survived by a sister, Denise Gandy of Big Spring; a brother, David Gandy and wife Judy of New Home, Texas; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and in-laws Mac and Irene Ritchey.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Those wishing may leave online condolences by visiting www.kikerseale.com.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JACQUES LAMAR GREEN JR.**, 29, of 2409 Alamesa Dr. was arrested on warrants for driving with an invalid license and theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500).
- **JOE AGUILAR TORRES**, 36, of 2601 Barksdale Rd. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LADONNA FAITH AR-**

NOLD, 37, of 5911 W. County Road 1785 was arrested on a warrant for expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.

- **PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA**, 29, of 1217 W. Third St. was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended or invalid license.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of FM

700 and South Gregg Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 700 block of East 15th Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2400 block of Alamesa Drive.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1800 block of South Runnels Street.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2300 block of Thorpe Street.

Take Note

Following a summer break, Howard County Republicans will resume a regular 2nd Monday monthly meeting schedule. Club members will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Aug. 14 at 11:30 a.m. for dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m. Guest speaker will be Grace Jones, who will be discussing the up coming 2018 elections. Please plan to attend and bring a fellow conservative.

School at Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson St., began 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 Bohannan 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 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find

out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

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

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

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

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

Paul Stuteville

Paul Stuteville, 83, of Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, at his home.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, 2017, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

Support Groups

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.

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

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

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

The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quali-

ty volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

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North Korea policy, and Pak Song II, a senior North Korean diplomat at the country's U.N. mission, according to U.S. officials and others briefed on the process. They weren't authorized to discuss the confidential exchanges and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Officials call it the "New York channel." Yun is the only U.S. diplomat in contact with any North Korean counterpart. The communications largely serve as a way to exchange messages, allowing Washington and Pyongyang to relay information.

Drowned out by the furor over Trump's warning to North Korea of "fire and fury like the world has never seen," Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has expressed a willingness to entertain negotiations. His condition: Pyongyang stopping tests of missiles that can now potentially reach the U.S. mainland.

Tillerson has even hinted at an ongoing back channel. "We have other means of communication open to them, to certainly hear from them if they have a desire to want to talk," he said at an Asian security meeting in the Philippines this week.

The interactions could point to a level of pragmatism in the Trump administration's approach to the North Korean threat, despite the president's dire warnings.

On Friday, he tweeted, "Military solutions are now fully in place, locked and loaded, should North Korea act unwisely." But later in the day, he said: "Nobody loves a peaceful solution better than President Trump. That I can tell you."

The contacts suggest Pyongyang, too, may be open to a negotiation even as it talks of launching missiles near the U.S. territory of Guam. The North

regularly threatens nuclear strikes on the United States and its allies.

The State Department and the White House declined to comment on Yun's diplomacy. A diplomat at North Korea's U.N. mission only confirmed use of diplomatic channel up to the release of U.S. college student Otto Warmbier two months ago.

Trump, in some ways, has been more flexible in his approach to North Korea than President Barack Obama. While variations of the New York channel have been used on-and-off for years by past administrations, there were no discussions over the last seven months of Obama's presidency after Pyongyang broke them off in anger over U.S. sanctions imposed on its leader, Kim. Obama made little effort to reopen lines of communication.

The contacts quickly restarted after Trump's inauguration, other people familiar with the discussions say.

"Contrary to the public vitriol of the moment, the North Koreans were willing to reopen the New York channel following the election of President Trump and his administration signaled an openness to engage and 'talk about talks,'" said Keith Luse, executive director of the National Committee on North Korea, a U.S.-based group that promotes U.S.-North Korean engagement.

"However, the massive trust deficit in Pyongyang and in Washington toward each other has impeded the confidence-building process necessary to have constructive dialogue," he said.

The early U.S. focus was on securing the release of several Americans held in North Korea.

They included Warmbier, who was imprisoned for stealing a propaganda poster and only allowed to return to the U.S. in June — in an unconscious state. He died days later. Yun traveled on the widely publicized mission to Pyongyang to bring Warmbier home.

Despite outrage in the U.S. with Warmbier's treatment and sharp condemnation by Trump, the U.S.-North Korean interactions in New York continued.

Yun and his counterpart have discussed the other Americans still being held. They include Kim Hak Song, a university employee detained in May accused of unspecified "hostile" acts; Tony Kim, a teacher at the same school, accused of trying to overthrow the government; and Kim Dong Chul, sentenced last year to a decade in prison with hard labor for supposed espionage.

But the American and North Korean diplomats also have discussed the overall U.S.-North Korean relationship. The two countries have no diplomatic ties and are still enemies, having only reached an armistice — not a peace treaty — to end the 1950-1953 Korean War. Twenty-eight thousand U.S. troops are still stationed in South Korea.

In its own convoluted way, North Korea has indicated openness to talks in recent weeks, even as it has accelerated the tempo of weapons tests.

On July 4, after the North test-launched an intercontinental ballistic missile that could potentially strike the continental U.S., leader Kim added a new caveat to his refusal to negotiate over its nukes or missiles. Instead of a blanket rejection, he ruled out such concessions "unless the U.S. hostile policy and nuclear threat to the DPRK are definitely terminated."

That message has been repeated by other North Korean officials, without greater specification. Nor have they offered an indication as to whether Pyongyang would accept denuclearization as the goal of talks.

Still, advocates for diplomacy, including some voices in the U.S. government, view the addendum as a po-

tential opening.

"North Korea is assessing its options," said Suzanne DiMaggio, a senior fellow at the New America think tank who participated in unofficial talks with North Korean officials in Oslo in May, where Yun also met with the North Koreans. "They recognize that at some point they have to return to the table to address what's becoming a crisis. That's what they are weighing right now: the timing of engagement."

Any negotiation would face huge skepticism in Washington given North Korea's long record of broken promises. The last serious U.S.-North Korea negotiations collapsed in 2012 when Pyongyang launched a long-range rocket that derailed an agreement of a North Korean nuclear freeze in exchange for U.S. food aid.

North Korea's weapons program has developed significantly since then. As a result, its price in any such negotiation is now likely to be far higher. At a minimum, Pyongyang would renew its long-standing demands for an end to joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises — which are set to resume this month — and an eventual peace treaty with Washington.

To date, the Trump administration has heavily concentrated its diplomatic energy on cranking up international pressure on North Korea's government, in particular pressing China to lean on its wayward ally. Last weekend, the U.N. adopted its strongest economic sanctions on Pyongyang.

Trump has been widely accused of injecting a new element of unpredictability and even chaos into U.S. policy toward North Korea, especially with his tweets and proclamations this week. It's unclear what effect they may have on the back channel contacts being maintained by Yun.

ROJO

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tude of the offense while it fit the statute was not as egregious as some other things, so he set that top end at 20 years as well."

According to witness testimony during the four-day trial, the crimes took place in 2015 while Rojo was employed as a peace officer with the Big Spring Police Department. Rojo was accused of using his power and authority as a law enforcement officer to take advantage of troubled children and place them into compromising and revealing positions.

All three victims testified the former police detective transported them to an isolated area. There, he asked them to expose their private parts so he could take pictures, using his investigation into their cases as pretext for the request. One victim said, during one such time, he touched her private area.

"I hope that they (the victims), while there is not necessarily relief — there's no necessary satisfaction in having to come to court and having to tell about one of the worst days of your life — that they gain some closure," Wilkerson said when asked about addressing the victims. "It's our hope that, with justice being served to that extent, they can take at least some small measure of satisfaction from that."

During the sentencing hearing Friday, Defense Attorney Lance Wyatt called several character witnesses, including Rojo's wife, who all testified he was a dedicated police officer, father, and husband who cared not only for his family, but also for his community. Wyatt asked the judge to give the minimum sentence on all four of the convictions.

Following sentencing, Rojo was led out of the courtroom and taken to the Howard County Law Enforcement Center, where he will be held until he is transferred to a Texas Department of Criminal Justice diagnostic center. Once transferred, Rojo will stay at the diagnostic center until it is determined where he will serve out his sentence. Wilkerson said the process could take from six weeks to 90 days.

Wilkerson said he fully expects Rojo to file an appeal on his case to the 11th Court of Appeals located in Eastland, Texas.

Contact Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 235, or by e-mailing citydesk@big-springherald.com.

ALLRED

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and to uphold what she had every right to believe would be the high standards of law enforcement as they investigate any crime; but in particular, any allegation of a crime against a child...Detective Rojo used and abused his position as a detective to take advantage of a vulnerable child victim."

One lawsuit has already been filed in the 118th District Court against the city of Big Spring and Rojo individually by a family member of one of the victims. During the press conference, Allred did not say if the victim she represented would also be seeking financial restitution to hold others who failed to protect the victim accountable.

"We'll have to see," Allred said. "Anyone and everyone who may have failed in any duty they may have had to protect these children should be held accountable. That's my view. How could this happen — a detective who is in charge of investigating sexual crimes against minors can be alone with minors, use crimes against them he is investigating, and commit the crimes that he has been convicted of by a jury? How could that happen? These are questions that need to be answered, and the reason that they need to be answered is so that it could never happen again... so changes can be made to protect the

children."

"Every parent in this community has a stake in what has happened in Big Spring," she continued. "Because every parent, every grandparent, every aunt, every uncle, wants to protect their children. They know they can't be with them 24-7, but they trust others — law enforcement, teachers, principals, religious leaders. For Linda's daughter, her trust has been destroyed now. I hope it can be rebuilt one day. At this point I just don't know when that day will be."

Allred reached out to other possible victims to come forward and learn about their legal rights.

"There were three victims who were named as victims in this criminal case," Allred said. "We don't know if there are others out there who may also be victims of Detective Rojo or not. It maybe others are living in fear coming forward. They should know that they can speak with private attorneys, like myself, (attorney) Mr. (Morgan) Stewart, or attorneys in Big Spring, or elsewhere in Texas."

"They can speak confidentially," she continued. "It doesn't have to be a criminal case, and they can be informed of what their legal rights are even if there is not

criminal case and the benefits and risks of all the choices and options and then they can make an informed decision as to whether they want to pursue any options or not. That's up to them, but we are there to support the victims and they should not live in fear. There is not going to be any retaliation. There is only going to be support for the victims, and we are here to be sure they are supported."

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America's oldest gun store is in Early

The Weakley-Watson Hardware Store in Brownwood opened in 1876. Ulysses S. Grant was president and it was the same year Custer was defeated at Little Big Horn. There were no cars, and phones and electricity were novelties. The store has lasted through wars, the exploration of space and financial ups and downs. During the depression the store sold anything to stay in business. Over the years, the store divided into two stores: one for hardware, one for sporting goods. Four years ago David Furry bought the sporting goods store and moved it to a new building in Early.



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“We carry an inventory of somewhere between 400 and 600 guns at all times,” says David, an entrepreneur with other interests. “Our guys know guns. When you come in and ask them

something, they’ll know what you’re talking about. If we don’t have what you’re looking for we can special order it for you. We sell guns online now. The Brown County community has supported this store for 141 years.”

David realizes the significance of the business. He has framed newspaper articles about many of the store’s anniversaries. Some are displayed prominently on the walls of the store. His office has store records that go back in history, all supporting the claim that it’s the oldest gun dealer in the United States in continuous operation.

“We did our research when we bought it. We bought it from a great family, which were descendants of the Weakleys and the Watsons. At that time they thought they were the oldest gun dealer in Texas but hadn’t really researched it. When you go to Wikipedia there’s a store in Chicago, I think it is, that claims to be the oldest gun store. But it opened in 1911. So we’re 25 years newer than that store. We haven’t found anyone else who can pre-date us. As far as I’m concerned this is the oldest gun

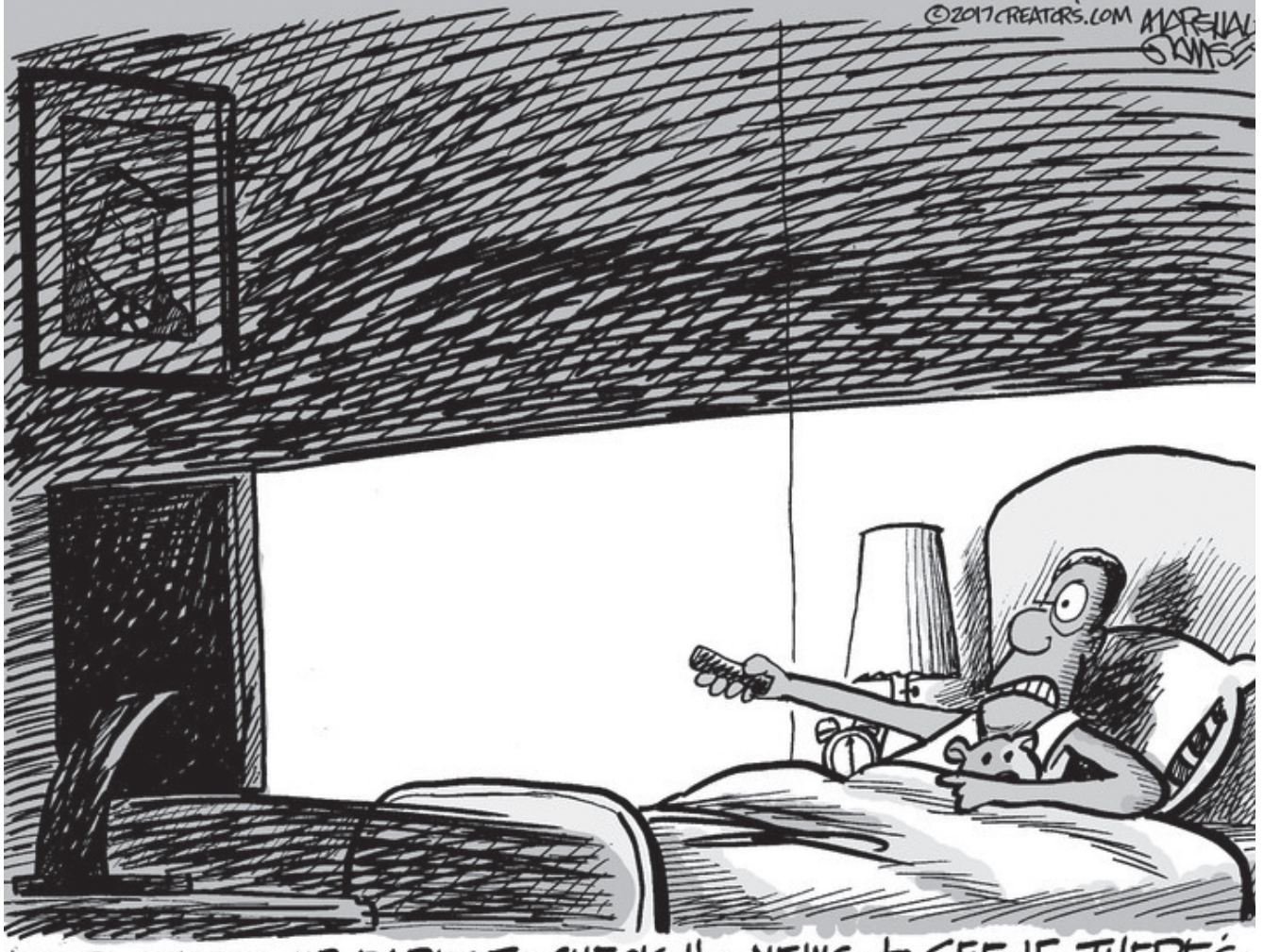
store in the United States. It’s been here for five generations.”

David says Mr. Weakley came to Brownwood as a tinsmith and set up business in a building in downtown Brownwood and decided to open a hardware store. It sold guns at that time. Mr. Weakley’s daughter married a man named Watson who later came into the business. Another daughter married a man named Miller and for a while the store was Weakley-Watson-Miller. Ice water was a luxury in those early days.

“Mr. Watson would send one of the employees down to the ice house and get a 25-pound block of solid ice and put it in a 30-gallon container out front so when people came by they could get a dipper of cold water, which was real special at the time.”

In 1878 the store ran a newspaper ad and misspelled the word ammunition. One “m” was left out.

“So I made a sign and put it above our guns that says Guns, Pistols and Amunition, misspelling ammunition on purpose. It’s been th



EARL WAKES UP EARLY TO CHECK THE NEWS TO SEE IF THERE'S A NUCLEAR WAR. AND THEN HE STARTS HIS DAY.

Look, up in the sky!

If you were driving recently in picturesque Palo Duro Canyon, don’t think the high elevation was getting to you, hallucination had begun or that your eyes were in trick mode.

Pshaw, it really may have been a 103-year-old man zooming down the zipline. More specifically, it may have been Elvin Howell from the Carillon LifeCare Community in Lubbock.

The able-bodied centenarian wasn’t alone. He was joined by 18 others who made the 90-minute bus trip to the canyon where a thrilling ride and picnic awaited. If you think “bucket lists” came into play, give yourself an “A.

At one of their “what-shall-we-do-next” sessions prior to the outing, they watched a movie promoting zip-lining at Palo Duro Canyon. The prospect of zooming down a cable rising as far as 230 feet from the canyon floor seemed appealing.

They’re still talking about the experience, and Howell, a retired Tulia educator, is delighted to learn he’s the oldest person ever to ride the zipline, which now is in its fifth year of operation.

Perhaps least surprised are his two sons, three grandsons and six great-granddaughters, who have been advised that riding the Ruidoso, NM, zipline now is near the top of his new “bucket list.”

The next oldest Carillon rider

recounting the zip-lining adventure is Bernie Wilson, a 91-year-old widow from Snyder. Be careful not to dare her. One of her 17 grandchildren did so at a Six Flags Over Texas rollercoaster years ago, and she hopped aboard. Bernie also has 14 great-grandchildren and four surviving sons. They’ve all learned it to be pointless to suggest restrictions.

Most of the zip-liners were in their 80s, with some in their 60s and 70s.

The youngest—a woman 59—agreed to take the first ride.

She made it fine—twice. This provided the “green light” for other Carillon participants to get strapped in for the fast ride down.

Someone said that we are once an adult and twice a child. I’ll go along with a child-like approach in later years.

Another sage said, “I want to be like green tomatoes. As long as we’re green, we grow. It’s when we think we’re ripe that we start to get rotten.”

If you visit the Carillon, expect to hear animated conversations about what residents want to do next, and more zip-lining may be included. If so, it’ll be interesting to learn if residents in wheelchairs choose to go. They also are invited, since there are no age or physical restrictions unless weight exceeds 350 pounds.

Oh, they make more sedate trips, too, including visits to Fredericksburg, Caprock Canyons State Park and the Abilene Zoo.

They may one day visit Amarillo’s Wonderland Amusement

Park. When I hear about this attraction, I think about Six Flags Over Texas marketing officials’ unintentional faux pas several decades ago. Unaware of any theme park named “Wonderland,” they plastered billboards around the state “playing” on the Alice in Wonderland story.

The message: “After Alice visits Six Flags, she’ll never want to go back to Wonderland.” Clever, of course, but folks in the Amarillo area didn’t “cotton” to the billboards at all. The high plains billboards came down in record time.

Be assured, though, that if the Carillon folks winds up visiting Wonderland, they’ll take on the park’s most challenging rides.

Should you hear shrieks of laughter, don’t mistake them for a Jingle Bell promotion, even though the old-timers may be “laughing all the way,” whether or not they are dashing through the snow. Laughter is high on their “bucket lists” daily.

I like the credo many senior adults have long since accepted. Count me in, too. One of these days, we’re all going to die, but all of the days until then, we’re going to live. And when our “bucket lists” bottom out, let’s get larger buckets. Better yet, we might make a big push for “barrel lists.”

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, You are heavenly love.
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and souls. Amen.

DeVos say school vouchers part of tax overhaul discussions



AP photo

In this photo taken Aug. 8, 2017, Kelsey Nellis, second from right, instructs employees in preparation for the start of the school year at the Mountain View Christian Schools in Las Vegas. More than a third of U.S. states have created school voucher programs that bypass thorny constitutional and political issues by turning them over to non-profits that rely primarily on businesses to fund them. But the programs are raising questions about transparency and accountability at a time when supporters are urging that it be expanded into a federal program.

By SALLY HO

Associated Press

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Unlike traditional school vouchers, which are directly funded by the states — or in the case of Washington, D.C., the federal government — these programs don't use any public money. Instead, those who contribute to the voucher program get tax credits. Seventeen states now have the so-called tax-credit scholarships.

Both President Donald Trump and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos have promoted the scholarships as a way to give parents greater choice in deciding where their children will go to school. Supporters are pushing the administration to launch a federal program extending the tax credit scholarships nationwide.

Asked whether such a proposal might be included as part of a tax overhaul, DeVos said Wednesday in an interview with The Associated Press, "It's certainly part of our discussion."

Depending on whom you ask, the programs are either another avenue for school choice drawing on the generosity of taxpayers, or a workaround to existing bans on giving public money to religious organizations — in this case schools — with a set-up that's ripe for abuse. It's hard to know who's right, given that the states purposefully limit their fingerprints on their own programs.

For Mayra Puentes of Las Vegas, it was simply a way to get her children a better education. Her son, she said, was struggling in public school, in a state that is ranked at or near the bottom of national lists on the quality of public education.

Puentes said would not have been able to afford the combined \$22,000 tuition for her three children at Mountain View Christian Schools.

In Nevada, scholarships are capped annually at about \$7,700 per

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child. They can be used at 86 private schools, not all of them accredited.

How the program works:

Nonprofits solicit contributions from businesses and others. The organizations

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#4SH Wolfe-McCann Unit "10-15", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field 3.87 miles northeast of Knott A-1233, Section 10, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet Latitude 032.441421, Longitude -101.593170. Datum: NAD 27 293' FNL, 670' FEL of 493.08-acre lease 293' FNL, 2099' FWL of the survey

#5AH Elrod-Antell Unit "B 11-02", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-38641 5 miles northeast of Knott A-323, Section 11, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9000 feet Latitude 032.434040, Longitude -101.567905 433' FSL, 563' FWL of 643.23-acre lease 433' FSL, 2120' FEL of the survey

#2123AR Young "A", drill horizontal, API #42-227-39205 Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, El: NA 5.70 miles southwest of Big Spring A-368, Section 21, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 9000 feet X=755226.21, Y=210430.37. Datum: NAD 27 2398' FSL, 1862' FEL of 463.03-acre lease 2398' FSL, 1862' FEL of the survey

#202 S. Wilkinson, drill, El: NA Cedar Flats (Mississippian) Field 9.20 miles northwest of Big Spring A-1344, Section 20, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 12,000 feet Latitude 032.145835, Longitude -101.374579. Datum: NAD 27 475' FWL, 1672' FNL of 4,960-acre lease 475' FEL, 1672' FNL of the survey

#2AH Wolfer-Brophy Unit "45-04", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39206 4.84 miles southwest of Vealmoor A-356, Section 45, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet Latitude 032.465417, Longitude -101.620305. Datum: NAD 27 300' FNL, 1199' FWL of 970.72-acre lease 300' FNL, 1199' FWL of the survey

#6BH Muse-Newton "31-42", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39207 3.80 miles southeast of Vealmoor A-290, Section 31, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet Latitude 032.502364, Longitude -101.550867. Datum: NAD 27 285' FNL, 1709' FEL of 961.08-acre lease 2352' FSL, 1709' FEL of the survey

#7AH Hamlin Unit "20-29", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39208 7.95r miles northeast of Knott A-1242, Section 20, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey Total Depth: 10,000 feet Latitude 032.423629, Longitude -101.507126. Datum: NAD 27 2639' FSL, 990' FEL of 903.64-acre lease 2639' FSL, 990' FEL of the survey

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#8SH Leviathan Unit "B 29-20", drill horizontal, El: NA Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-033-32433 8.06 miles northeast of Vealmoor A-230, Section 29, Block 31, T&P RR Co. survey

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Renovations underway at the White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is undergoing a major face-lift while President Donald Trump is out of town.

The Oval Office and other working quarters of the West Wing have been cleared of furniture while crews work on upgrades, including to the heating and air conditioning system. Spokeswoman Lindsay Walters said the system is 27 years

old.

Workers also are fixing leaks, repairing the South Portico steps, renovating the Navy mess kitchen and West Wing lower lobby, and updating the IT system.

West Wing staffers who aren't with Trump at his New Jersey golf course have been temporarily relocated to an office building next to the White House.

DEVOS

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distribute the funds to families that apply. They keep 5 percent to 10 percent of the donations for administrative costs.

Contributors can deduct the amount they gave, sometimes dollar-for-dollar, from their state tax bill.

Most states designate the vouchers programs for low-income families.

"They are this weird blend of tax policy and education policy, and in a lot of ways, they are treated more like tax policy," said Josh Cunningham of the National Conference of State Legislatures, which tracks the programs.

Nevada lawmakers secured a \$20 million boost for the scholarships this year, after Republicans suffered a crushing blow when they couldn't get money for their embattled Education Savings Accounts, a different type of school choice program.

Assemblyman Paul Anderson, a Republican, said government transparency laws do not and should not apply to the tax-credit scholarships because the tax component is confidential by nature, and the private sector is handling the rest. He said it was no different than a church asking its parishioners for donations — even though the state created the voucher program.

Supporters have on their side the U.S. Supreme Court, which has ruled that the contributed money is private funds because the cash is never touched by the state.

But government transparency watchdogs have warned that the set-up can be problematic, with abuses well-documented. In Alabama and Georgia, for example, groups advertised the programs as money-making for contributors. In Arizona, a lawmaker makes six figures annually by running a scholarship group in the same system that he has supported.

Critics say under certain circumstances, wealthy contributors

could even make a profit by claiming the "charitable" deduction multiple times over at the state and federal levels.

The AAA Scholarship Foundation Inc. which runs programs in Nevada and five other states, says it doesn't give tax advice but has, when asked, shared an IRS memo on the matter.

The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy say loopholes in the tax code would allow contributors to both eliminate their state tax bill and also get a charitable deduction off their federal taxes, and in some cases, also their state taxes. Carl Davis, the Washington-based think tank's research director, likened the system to a money-laundering tax scheme because the contributions are officially considered donations — even if the scholarship money goes to for-profit schools.

"That's not charity. That's just helping facilitate the movement of funds. These so-called donors are really like middlemen," Davis said. "They're not making a financial sacrifice."

The research firm estimates that states give away \$1 billion annually in tax credits for these voucher programs. Aside from closing the loophole, states could also rein it in by requiring contributors to show their federal tax return to prove that they aren't "double-dipping," Davis said.

EdChoice, a leading school choice advocacy group, defends the tax-credit program, saying it's accountable to parents who can choose to take their kids elsewhere if they don't like a school — even if there are, like in all government programs, some cases of abuse.

Acknowledging there are things to address, EdChoice's policy director Jason Bedrick said his team has advised scholarship groups against mischaracterizing the system as profit-making because the conditions vary, depending on the state and the individual taxpayer.

But he's not apologetic about the tax loophole,

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U-Lazy "S" (Pennsylvanian) Field
12.70 miles north of Gail
A-1458, Section 1, J.T. Beal survey
Total Depth: 8635 feet
Latitude 032.570493, Longitude -101.260962. Datum: NAD 27
847' FNL, 660' FEL of 320-acre lease
1800' FSL, 1991' FWL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

#5BH Dyess Unit "B 17-08", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-033-32430
2.10 miles northeast of Vealmoor
A-289, Section 17, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.543226, Longitude -101.546074. Datum: NAD 27
370' FSL, 808' FWL of 639.76-acre lease
370' FSL, 1820' FEL of the survey

Glasscock County

#405H Foxtrot "NS 30-31 05", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37641
7.40 miles east of St. Lawrence
A-1255, Section 30, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 031.696745, Longitude -101.402880. Datum: NAD 83
250' FNL, 330' FEL of 533.32-acre lease
250' FNL, 330' FEL of the survey
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#101H Foxtrot "NS 30-31 01", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37584
12.40 miles southeast of Garden City
A-926, Section 30, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 031.714195, Longitude -101.421918. Datum: NAD 27
250' FNL, 742' FWL of 479.85-acre lease
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#1101H Foxtrot "NS 30-31 01", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37585
12.40 miles southeast of Garden City
A-926, Section 30, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 031.714397, Longitude -101.422001. Datum: NAD 83
250' FNL, 842' FWL of 479.85-acre lease
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#201H Foxtrot "NS 30-31 01", drill horizontal, El: NA
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Latitude 031.714227, Longitude -101.421762. Datum: NAD 27
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#102H Foxtrot "NS 30-31 02", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37586
12.40 miles southeast of Garden City
A-926, Section 30, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 031.714989, Longitude -101.419110. Datum: NAD 83
250' FNL, 855' FEL of 479.85-acre lease
250' FNL, 1766' FWL of the survey

#202H Foxtrot "NS 30-31 02", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37587
12.40 miles southeast of Garden City
A-926, Section 30, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 031.714819, Longitude -101.418871. Datum: NAD 27
250' FNL, 905' FEL of 479.85-acre lease
250' FNL, 1716' FWL of the survey

#104H Foxtrot "NS 30-31 04", drill horizontal, El: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-173-37614
12.40 miles southeast of Garden City
A-1255, Section 30, Block 33, T-5-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 9500 feet
Latitude 031.715844, Longitude -101.414930. Datum: NAD 27
250' FNL, 481' FWL of 479.85-acre lease
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saying it's no different compared to tax credits for other charitable causes that in some states, though very rarely, are also dollar-for-dollar contributions. And if there is tax code reform to address double-dipping, it should apply uniformly to all

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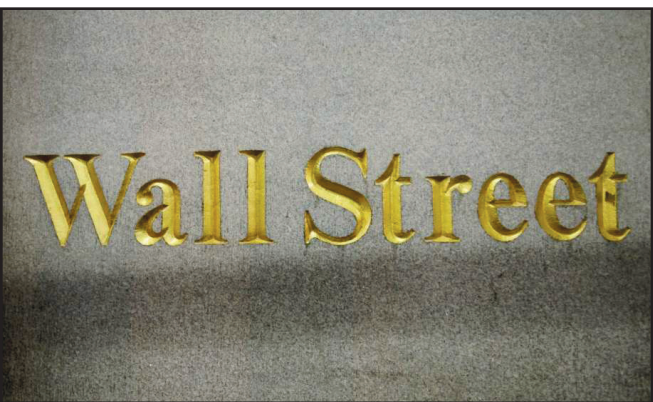
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US stocks snap 3-day losing streak in roller coaster week



In this Oct. 8, 2014, file photo, a Wall Street address is carved in the side of a building in New York. Stocks are opening modestly higher on Wall Street, Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, led by gains in technology companies and banks.

By **ALEX VEIGA**

AP Business Writer
 Gains among technology companies helped snap a three-day losing streak for U.S. stocks Friday, though the market ended with its worst weekly loss since March.

The modest rebound came at the end of a turbulent week on Wall Street as escalating tensions between the U.S. and North Korea rattled global markets.

In the first four days of the week, the Standard & Poor's 500 index swung from marking its latest record high to posting its biggest single-day drop in nearly three months.

The negative headlines provided many investors with an opportunity to pocket some of their recent gains following a string of record highs fueled by strong corporate earnings.
 "It's been a bit of a roller coaster this week, with all the rhetoric between the U.S. and North Korea," said Jeff Kravetz, regional investment strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "That did temporarily shake investors' complacency, but we think markets are ready to move higher in the back half of the year, and earnings and economic data are going to drive that."

On Friday, the S&P 500 rose 3.11 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,441.32. The index had its biggest drop since mid-May a day earlier. The Dow Jones industrials average gained 14.31 points, or 0.1 percent, to 21,858.32. The Nasdaq added 39.68 points, or 0.6 percent, to 6,256.56. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 1.69 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,374.23.

The recovery fit a recent pattern of investors using dips to put more money in stocks.

Despite the past week's decline, the major indexes are in positive territory so far this year, led by the Nasdaq, which is up 16.2 percent. The S&P 500 is up 9 percent, while the Dow is up 10.6 percent.

"If you strip away what's going on in North Korea, and if you strip away what's going on in Washington, which are things that are tougher to predict, the economy, the global recovery, earnings, it all paints a very positive picture for the rest of the year," Kravetz said.

Tensions between the U.S. and North Korea continued to simmer early Friday. In a tweet, President Donald Trump warned of military action "should North Korea act unwisely," noting that the U.S. is "locked and loaded." Earlier in the week, Trump said the U.S. would unleash "fire and fury" on North Korea if it continued to threaten the U.S.

North Korea had announced a detailed plan to launch a salvo of ballistic missiles toward the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam, a major military hub and home to U.S. bombers.

Still, there were fewer signs of anxiousness in the markets Friday. Bond and gold prices, traditional havens for nervous investors, were little changed, and the VIX, a measure of how much volatility investors expect in stocks, fell 3.3 percent following a 44.4 percent jump the day before. It's still the highest it's been since May.

Investors also drew some encouragement from new government data showing U.S. inflation at the consumer level inched higher last month. July's 0.1 percent increase in consumer prices suggests that the Federal Reserve may be less likely to raise interest rates next month.

Inflation has risen 1.7 percent over the past 12 months, suggesting that inflation pressures remain well under control. The Fed, which raised its key interest rate in March and June, has signaled it plans a third rate hike before the end of this year. But some economists say the Fed may stand pat for the rest of 2017 unless inflation accelerates in coming months.

"Today's inflation data put the Fed on pause and really diminishes the fact that there's still some noise going around with the North Korea-U.S. situation," said Phil Blancato, CEO of Ladenburg Thalmann Asset Management.

Technology companies, which suffered the brunt of the selling a day earlier, were back in the lead Friday. Lam Research Corp. climbed \$4.82, or 3.2 percent, to \$154.26. Seagate Technology gained 2.3 percent

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 Pumping. GOSR: 2500
 Spud: 7-22-16. Completed: 1-03-17. Pay: NA
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 2-7/8" @ 7400 feet
 Perfs: 7170-7230, 7416-7836, 8392-8554,
 8678-8728, 8846-8872
 7170-8868: Frac w/ 33,347 Bbbls water and 1,160,857# sand

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 266' FNL, 1336' FEL of the survey
 Latitude 032.3816491, Longitude -101.5310951
 Total Depth: 7757 feet. PBDT: 7757 feet. Logs: Neutron
 Daily Potential: 657 Bbbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 1,603 BWPD
 Pumping. GOR: 866
 Spud: 11-25-15. Completed: 3-21-16. Pay: NA
 9-5/8" @ 7994 feet w/ 700 sx.
 MS tool @ 5491 feet w/ 1,280 sx.
 5-1/2" @ 18,092 feet w/ 3,220 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7000 feet
 Perfs: 8138-17,975
 8138-17,975: Frac w/ 80,000g acid and 12,251,300# sand

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 350' FSL, 2150' FEL of the survey
 Latitude 032.4441358, Longitude -101.5895509
 Total Depth: 8056 feet. PBDT: 8056 feet. Logs: Neutron
 Daily Potential: 1,062 Bbbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 2,136 BWPD
 Pumping. GOR: 626
 Spud: 12-31-15. Completed: 4-19-16. Pay: NA
 9-5/8" @ 8060 feet w/ 710 sx.
 MS tool @ 5534 feet w/ 1,280 sx.
 5-1/2" @ 15,105 feet w/ 2,410 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7212 feet
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after investor ValueAct disclosed that it had acquired a 7.2 percent stake in the digital storage company. Seagate shares rose 74 cents to \$32.29.

Traders sold off financial stocks amid speculation that the Fed will decide to hold off on raising interest rates next month. Higher interest rates can help boost banks' revenue from loans. Regions Financial shed 23 cents, or 1.6 percent, to \$14.07.

J.C. Penney sank 16.6 percent after the struggling department store chain reported quarterly results that fell short of Wall Street's expectations. The company also said sales at its established stores declined for the fourth straight quarter. The stock lost 78 cents to \$3.93.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note slipped to 2.19 percent from 2.20 percent late Thursday.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose 23 cents to settle at \$48.82 a barrel on the on

the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, used to price international oils, rose 20 cents to \$52.10 a barrel in London.

In other energy futures trading, wholesale gasoline rose 1 cent to \$1.61 a gallon, while heating oil was little changed at \$1.63 a gallon. Natural gas was also flat at \$2.98 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Gold added \$3.90 to settle at \$1,294 an ounce. Silver gained 1 cent to \$17.07 an ounce. Copper rose 1 cent to \$2.91 a pound.

The dollar slipped to 109.04 yen from 109.26 late Thursday. The euro rose to \$1.1824 from \$1.1774.

Major indexes in Europe closed mostly lower. Germany's DAX was flat, while France's CAC 40 fell 1.1 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 was down 1.1 percent.

In Asia, several indexes closed lower overnight. South Korea's Kospi lost 1.7 percent, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng slid 2 percent. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 dropped 1.2 percent. Japan was closed on a public holiday.

Publisher of Alaska's largest newspaper sued for unpaid rent

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The publisher of Alaska's largest newspaper is being sued over nearly \$1.4 million in unpaid rent and other fees on the paper's former headquarters, which still houses the printing press.

The civil lawsuit filed Friday in Anchorage by Alaska cable company GCI is the latest legal battle for Alaska Dispatch News publisher Alice Rogoff, wife of billionaire financier David Rubenstein. Rogoff backed a news website to compete with the Anchorage Daily News before buying the newspaper for \$34 million in May 2014. She renamed the print publication the Alaska Dispatch News.

GCI purchased the newspaper's former building around the same time, and the newspaper offices moved to another Anchorage location. Rogoff didn't immediately respond to requests for comment on the lawsuit.

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Daily Potential: 858 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 1,992 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 623
Spud: 3-15-16. Completed: 5-06-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7847 feet w/ 665 sx.; MS tool @ 4569 feet w/ 820 sx.
5-1/2" @ 15,245 feet w/ 2,360 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7343 feet
Perfs: 8389-15,116
8389-15,116: Frac w/ 36,000g 15% HCl and 12,814,830# sand

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2667' GR
12.30 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-329, Section 23, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey
1864' FNL, 1990' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.4134529, Longitude -101.5659497
Total Depth: 7560 feet. PBD: 7560 feet. Logs: Neutron
Daily Potential: 297 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 2,587 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 865
Spud: 8-03-15. Completed: 10-14-15. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7629 feet w/ 620 sx.
MS tool @ 5510 feet w/ 1,300 sx.
5-1/2" @ 14,216 feet w/ 2,295 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 6650 feet
Perfs: 7524-14,125
7524-14,125: Frac w/ 54,000g 7.5% HCl and 9,034,600# sand

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#2AH Harris "23-26", API #42-033-32390
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, new well, El: 2663' GR
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589' FNL, 1022' FWL of the survey
Latitude 032.5276332, Longitude -101.6048231
Total Depth: 7879 feet. PBD: 7879 feet. Logs: Neutron
Daily Potential: 1,114 Bbls 40.0 gravity oil w/ 1,717 BWPD
Pumping. GOR: 458
Spud: 2-22-16. Completed: 4-29-16. Pay: NA
9-5/8" @ 7847 feet w/ 660 sx.; MS tool to 4505 feet w/ 820 sx.
5-1/2" @ 17,698 feet w/ 3,045 sx.; 2-7/8" @ 7441 feet
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Dallas RB Ezekiel Elliott suspended 6 games



AP Photo

This is a July 25, 2017, file photo showing Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott during NFL football training camp in Oxnard, Calif.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

DALLAS — The NFL suspended star Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott for six games Friday, concluding after a yearlong investigation that the league's leading rusher injured his former girlfriend in three separate incidents last summer.

According to the letter El-

liott received informing him of the suspension, the NFL believed he used "physical force" three times in a span of five days in a Columbus, Ohio, apartment last July resulting in injuries to Tiffany Thompson's face, neck, shoulders, arms, hands, wrists, hips and knees. She was his girlfriend at the time.

Prosecutors in Columbus decided nearly a year ago not to pursue the case in the city

where Elliott starred for Ohio State. In announcing the suspension under the NFL's personal conduct policy, the league said its investigation was based on photographs, text messages and other electronic evidence. Commissioner Roger Goodell made his decision based on the findings and in consultation with four advisers, including Hall of Fame player Ken Houston.

Elliott posted a statement

on his verified Twitter account Friday night, saying that he was "both surprised and disappointed" by the NFL's decision and that he strongly disagrees with the league's findings. He said he was "sincerely sorry" for the distraction and disruption that he has caused for the Cowboys and his family.

Elliott's ban means the Cowboys will have four players suspended when last year's

NFC East champions start the season in a month — with the possibility of losing two more.

The 22-year-old Elliott has three days to appeal the ruling. While he made no direct reference to an appeal in his statement, his legal team did in a separate statement.

"The NFL's findings are repetitive with factual

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Houston's Clowney sheds bust label, ready to do more



AP Photo

Houston Texans defensive end Jadeveon Clowney (90) leaps up to catch a football during NFL football training camp, Friday, July 28, 2017, in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Jadeveon Clowney made his first Pro Bowl last season but still remembers those who criticized him after his first two injury-filled seasons with the Houston Texans.

He's intent on doing even more this season to prove them wrong.

The top overall pick in the 2014 draft thinks about many of the things that were said when he missed 15 games combined in his first two years with the Texans and those memories help motivate him.

"I keep it on my shoulder," he said. "I know where I was a couple years ago, how people talked about me, so every day I step on the field, I just take that and put it in the back of my head and grind and work through everything I got going on that day."

And although he was annoyed by a lot of things that were said about him then, there was one dig which weighed on him more than the others.

"Probably that I'm a bust," he said Friday. "That one kind of gave me (motivation) like all right, let's go to work. Let's really, really go to work."

And that's exactly what he did, turning in the best season of his young career to help Houston's defense not only stay afloat, but be the strength of the team despite losing J.J. Watt to a season-ending back surgery in September.

Clowney finished with 52 tackles, including 16 tackles for losses, six sacks and 17 quarterback hits to lead a Houston defense which al-

lowed the fewest yards per game in the NFL last season.

His success in 2016 has provided a boost for him this season as the Texans prepare for their opener on Sept. 10 against the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"It's a confidence-builder," he said. "It really makes me work harder to try to reach another level of my game ... so this year, I'm really trying to build on last year and be a better player and help the team out more than I did the season before."

Clowney has already turned heads in camp this season with coach Bill O'Brien noting that no one could block him early in practices when they were just wearing shells.

That's not surprising considering this is the healthiest the 6-foot-5, 270-pound defensive end has been since before a rookie season that was all but lost because of two knee surgeries.

As impressive as his work was last season, Clowney is far from scratched. He believes that he's only scratched the surface of how good he can be.

"I've honestly got a lot more to do," he said. "I think I'm just starting off. That was just really my rookie year to me, last year. I was just really getting rolling in this league and I think I can be even better than I was last year."

The Texans used Clowney in a variety of different ways last season, playing him at both outside linebacker and defensive end to keep teams off-balance, and they plan to do the same this season.

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inaccuracies and erroneous conclusions and it 'cherry picks' so-called evidence to support its conclusion while ignoring other critical evidence," attorneys Frank Salzano and Scott Rosenblum said in a joint statement.

The attorneys said "a slew of additional credible and controverting evidence will come to light" through the appeal.

If Goodell's ruling stands, Elliott will go on the suspended list the first week of the regular season and be eligible to return to the active roster Oct. 23. His first possible game would be Week 8 at Washington.

The ruling requires Elliott to get an evaluation to determine whether he needs counseling or treatment, and to show proof that he is following up on any recommendations.

"I admit that I am far from perfect, but I plan to continue to work very hard, on and off the field, to mature and earn the great opportunity that I have been given," Elliott said in his statement.

Last September, the office of Columbus City Attorney Richard Pfeiffer cited conflicting and inconsistent information in the evidence in deciding against criminal charges. Pfeiffer's office declined comment Friday.

Peter Harvey, one of the advisers to Goodell, said the NFL had access to forensic electronic evidence that prosecutors didn't have, including proof that photographs were taken by Thompson the same day she alleged that she was injured by Elliott.

Harvey also said some of the explanations offered by Elliott's representatives, including that Thompson was injured in a fight with a woman or by falling down stairs, weren't supported by evidence.

Despite some conflicting testimonial evidence, the letter said that "there is no dispute that you and Ms. Thompson were together in the same location on the dates identified, and no evidence to suggest that anyone else could have caused these injuries."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones had maintained he hadn't seen anything to indicate Elliott was guilty of domestic violence and he didn't think his star back would be suspended. Jones made the comments several times, including during festivities last weekend when he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The ruling potentially could put Goodell and Jones, a strong supporter of the commissioner, at odds the same way Goodell clashed with New England owner Robert Kraft over last year's four-game suspension for quarterback Tom Brady over the "Deflategate" controversy.

The NFL revised its personal conduct policy in 2014 following sharp criticism of a case involving former Baltimore running back Ray Rice. The policy gave Goodell authority to suspend players for at least six games in domestic cases, with or without a conviction.

Elliott has had a string of off-field issues since the Cowboys made him the fourth overall pick in the 2016 draft. He was seen in a legal marijuana shop during the preseason in Seattle last year and was also involved in a bar fight in Dallas a week before training camp this year.

The NFL's letter to Elliott cited the Ohio case as well as an incident this past spring when Elliott was caught on video pulling down a woman's shirt while watching a St. Patrick's Day parade in Dallas. While not part of the decision on discipline, the league said that "inappropriate and disturbing" behavior reflected poorly on Elliott.

"When viewed together with the July incidents, it suggests a pattern of poor judgment and behavior for which effective intervention is necessary for your personal and professional welfare," NFL special counsel for conduct Todd Jones wrote.

An All-Pro as a rookie, Elliott finished with 1,631 yards rushing in helping the Cowboys to the best record in the NFC at 13-3 before a divisional playoff loss to Green Bay. He set rookie franchise records for yards, rushing touchdowns (15) and total touchdowns (16).

Three Dallas defensive ends will start the season with suspensions. Randy Gregory will miss at least the entire regular season for multiple violations of the NFL's substance-abuse policy. David Irving is out four games (performance-enhancing drugs) and Damontre Moore will sit two games (substance abuse).

AP source: Tannehill to have knee surgery and miss season



In this July 27, 2017, file photo, Miami Dolphins quarterback Ryan Tannehill (17) stretches with teammates during NFL football training camp in Davie, Fla. A person familiar with the decision says Tannehill will have surgery to repair the torn ACL in his left knee and will miss the entire season. The person confirmed the decision to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, because the Dolphins had not disclosed it publicly.

By STEVEN WINE
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Ryan Tannehill has decided surgery can no longer be avoided.

The Miami Dolphins quarterback will undergo an operation to repair the torn ACL in his left knee and will miss the entire season, a person familiar with the decision said Friday.

The person confirmed the decision to The As-

sociated Press on condition of anonymity because the Dolphins hadn't disclosed it publicly. Tannehill will be placed on injured reserve, the person said.

Tannehill, who missed the final four games of last season with two sprained ligaments in his knee, reinjured it a week into training camp on Aug. 3. The Dolphins consulted with specialists before

the team and Tannehill decided surgery was the best option.

Tannehill opted not to have surgery after last season's injury, and instead rehabilitated the partially torn ligaments and underwent stem cell treatments.

Jay Cutler, who parted with the Chicago Bears after eight seasons, agreed to delay his fledgling network TV career and signed

a \$10 million, one-year contract Monday to replace Tannehill. Cutler, 34, might make his Dolphins debut in their second exhibition game next Thursday.

Tannehill won the No. 1 job for Miami's opener in his rookie season of 2012 and made 77 consecutive starts before his injury last season. He's expected to be ready for the start of training camp next season.

Targeting: College football's most hated rule here to stay

By RALPH D. RUSSO
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In these times when so much divides Americans, the targeting penalty brings college football fans together.

Just about all of them hate it.

The targeting foul turns 10 this season, though the real rage against it did not start until 2013 when player ejections became part of the penalty. The rule remains unchanged despite an offseason discussion of whether to eliminate ejections for certain infractions, and the effort to protect players is spreading: The NFL competition committee earlier this year approved automatic ejections for egregious hits to the head.



In this Nov. 5, 2016, file photo, Auburn head coach Gus Malzahn reacts after Auburn linebacker Deshaun Davis is ejected from the game after a targeting call during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Vanderbilt in Auburn, Ala.

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In this Nov. 12, 2016, file photo, Florida's Chris Thompson, top, hits South Carolina's Chris Lammons after he caught a punt during the first half of an NCAA college football game in Gainesville, Fla. Thompson was penalized for targeting and was ejected from the game.

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Targeting can be a difficult call for officials, a split-second evaluation of a high-speed collision. The 15-yard penalty that comes with it can drastically swing a game and losing a player to an ejection is a dramatic step. It does remain a relatively rare call. Even last year, when targeting fouls reached new highs in total (144) and per game (0.17), the number still amounted to only one every 5.83 FBS games played.

For many involved with college football, this seems a small price to pay to attempt to make the game safer — especially as studies on the toll football takes on the body and brain continue to yield worrisome results.

While it is impossible to quantify whether ejecting players has led to a decrease in the rate and number of head and neck injuries, those who play a part in shaping college football's rules say they can see a difference in the way the game is being played.

"We can see clear changes in behavior of the players," said Rogers Redding, the na-

tional coordinator of officials. "By that I mean, we see less of players just launching themselves like a missile at a guy's head. We still see it sometimes, but you also see a lot of times when they're coming in lower. They're getting their heads out of the way. They're making contact at the chest or in the side, not going high."

Another telltale sign: Dangerous hits that in the past would produce high-fives and chest-bumps by players now

are no longer cause for celebration.

"Now what you'll see is, you'll see a player make a hit like this and one of the early reactions is he'll grab his helmet and say, 'Oh, my goodness what have I done,'" Redding said.

Targeting is not just about trying to curtail concussions. What has been lost in the constant focus on concussions in football is that the targeting rule was put in place as a response to research that showed the number of catastrophic

head, neck, spine and brain injuries at all levels of football spiked in the 2000s.

Ron Courson, the head athletic trainer and director of sports medicine at the University of Georgia, was part of the push to add the targeting personal foul back in 2008. Courson said studies have shown that when catastrophic injuries happen in football it is usually the player doing the striking with the crown of the helmet who sustains the injury. The targeting rule is

as much about protecting the player delivering the hit as the one taking it, Courson said. He said tackling now is more about the "big hits" than trying to "wrap up" a player, and there are other factors, too.

"They are faster and they are stronger and that leads to more violent collisions," Courson said.

Since 2013, when the automatic ejection was added, all targeting calls are subject to video review and can be overturned. Last season,

replay officials were given the discretion to call obvious targeting fouls that were missed by field officials. There were 28 targeting fouls called in FBS last season by replay officials.

Redding said he believes the reason targeting fouls have increased from 0.04 per game in 2013 to 0.17 last year is because officials have become more comfortable with making the call.

Todd Berry, executive director of the American Football Coaches Association, said coaches are adapting and emphasizing tackling techniques that help avoid targeting. Still, there is frustration when players are flagged for hits that seemed impossible to avoid.

"We applaud the nature of why we're doing this," Berry said. "And we want to do everything we can to help and resolve this, but we also need to be kind of recognize: Are we asking the kids to do something physically that they're not capable of doing?"

During the offseason, officials decided the occasional hard-luck foul that leads to a player getting ejected was not enough reason to modify a rule designed to take dangerous hits out of the game. The penalty is punitive, but necessary if changing behavior is going to continue, said Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, who also heads the football oversight committee.

"As much as some people don't like it, it's making the game safer," Bowlsby said. "I don't believe it's sissified the game. I don't think it's diminished the quality of play. I think it's made the game safer."

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"I think you have to do that," O'Brien said. "I think everybody does that, though ... with their best players."

It's a plan that Clowney loves because it gives him more flexibility to make plays. And after what he and Houston's defense were able to do last season with Watt on the sideline, Clowney can't wait to see what the group can do with both of them healthy this season.

"Our defense as a whole, we got good guys, good coaches," he said. "They put us in the right situations to make plays. We all like it I think. The sky's the limit for this defense."





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The Academy

Innovative program at Coahoma ISD plans to give students novel experience



New things are afoot in Coahoma schools. Starting this school year, in just a couple of weeks, Coahoma ISD is opening The Academy for a group of nearly 200 driven Bulldog students.

"We're very excited," said CISD Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs, "The Academy is a program of choice. It's an optional program that our students in grades K through 8 can apply to be in. It's just a different setting. The rooms are very interactive, and the kids have higher expectations put on them academically, but they also have support built in to get there."

The program is designed to teach students how to make the most of their talents and opportunities, Jacobs added.

"The purpose of it is to develop leadership skills, self-responsibility, and just pushing academic for them to achieve more," she said. "So it's centered around those principles; and what comes with that is, there will be a lot of music, movement, the fine arts will be integrated in. It will be a very active learning environment, lots of hands-on, lots of projects, lots of technology, and really, just very active learning. So they have to take a very active role in their learning."

Jacobs said the program is not specifically targeted toward gifted and talented or toward struggling students.

"It's open to gifted and talented, but it's for everyone. So it doesn't target any specific academic population," she said. "What it will do is, the lessons will be taught at a higher level, but it is for any student. If the student is a struggling student, they know that they're going to put in more effort to get to the understanding and the comprehension basis, whereas a student that excels normally may

not have to put out the same effort, but it's certainly there and it's meant to reach everyone and to improve everyone from where they are to where they want to be."

There are no academic criteria for admission into The Academy, she said.

"The only criteria we had, it was a first-come, first-serve basis, but they had to meet the standards for attendance and discipline," Jacobs said. "Other than that, it was open enrollment. Obviously we're a public school so there was no cost associated with the program. There are some guidelines. We want parents to be supportive of the program, and there's a piece for parents to be supportive of their students' learning environment. We're really working on creating the connection between school and home, and you'll see this being modeled throughout our district."

The district is working to give students take-home work that parents can successfully assist with.

"What they take home is something that their family can help them with rather than taking home big projects that require technical skills that are specific to that grade, because we know the standards have changed over time, and sometimes it's difficult to assist your student with homework," Jacobs said. "We hear a lot, starting with third-grade math and up, where the emphasis is on the process as opposed to just the correct answer. Sometimes as parents we want to get straight to the answer, and we aren't as worried about the process as we know our students need to be because of what's ahead of them in their career fields, being able to problem-solve and figure out how to solve things that there wasn't a solution to before."

The Academy is definitely not an "Easy A" or simply a feel-good program.

"We absolutely want them to enjoy their environment. That's part of this environment, that they enjoy that, but they're working hard and they're working toward a goal," Jacobs said. "It's definitely not just a 'Sit and soak it all up,' it's hands-on, active learning. Lots of opportunities for them to experience cross-curricular, as well as different grade levels working and mentoring other grade levels."



Students will get a chance to flex their teaching muscles, too, the superintendent said.

"There's statistics about it. If you hear it, you retain about 10 percent of what you hear," Jacobs said. "The percentage you retain of what you teach, we know is a very high percentage. We feel like providing our students that opportunity, whether it's third graders teaching a concept to eighth graders, or seventh graders teaching a concept to second graders, there will be opportunities for those interactions."

Response to the new program has been great, she added.

"It has been phenomenal. It has really taken off," she said. "We knew this was a good thing...we held our orientations this last couple of weeks, and it was not a 'Oh, let's try this.' It was a very well-thought-out plan of where we wanted to go, and it came together in this Academy setting."

In fact, the response has exceeded the original limits of the program, she said.

"We set up the program knowing we needed about 100 interested students, K through 8, just to make it whole, where it would be a cohesive enough group, and a large enough group where we could make some real impact," said Jacobs. "We knew we had about 180 spots. We had to have 100, we had seats for 180. We're opening the first door and I think we have 192

right now. And we have waiting lists. The reason we were able to add is, we have one grade level that is a particularly high enrollment grade level for us, and we were able to have two sections of that grade level. So they will actually be very normal class sizes. They won't be big class sizes, they'll be very typical for what we have throughout our district."

Jacobs and the Coahoma administration and faculty are working hard to provide opportunities one might expect to find in a larger city rather than a small rural community, she said.

"Our mindset and our goal is, just because we're rural West Texas, that our students don't miss out on any opportunities that we could provide for them that our students in the rest of the state get to experience," she said. "We've been very driven with that and challenged a few norms along the way, because it's something new and very different. But sometimes in education you see something where it's 'This latest, greatest thing is going to save everything,' and two weeks later, it's not in place. This is not that at all. This is based on very practical, common-sense application of how we know kids learn, and what we want them to leave school with and be empowered with. We believe that leadership and communication are two of those key things."



Story and photos by Roger Cline
Innovative artwork produced by Coahoma ISD staff and faculty line the halls and classroom walls of The Academy, a new learning environment for Bulldog kindergardeners through eighth graders. Clockwise from top: Inspirational words over drinking fountains at the school; faculty and staff pose in the newly decorated multi-purpose room; Superintendent Dr. Amy Jacobs poses with a silhouette of the London skyline; a tranquil mural outside an English/Language Arts class; a mural outside the science lab.



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Email shows HBO negotiating with hackers



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This file image released by HBO shows Nikolaj Coster-Waldau as Jaime Lannister in an episode of "Game of Thrones," which aired Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017. Hackers released a July 27, 2017, email from HBO in which the company expressed willingness to pay them \$250,000 as part of a negotiation over electronic data swiped from HBO's servers. The hacked HBO material included scripts from five "Game of Thrones" episodes. HBO declined to comment. A person close to the investigation confirmed the authenticity of the email, but said it was an attempt to buy time and assess the situation.

BOSTON (AP) — Hackers released an email from HBO in which the company expressed willingness to pay them \$250,000 as part of a negotiation over electronic data swiped from HBO's servers.

The July 27 email was sent by John Beyler, an HBO executive who thanked the hackers for "making us aware" of previously unknown security vulnerabilities. The executive asked for a 1-week delay and said HBO was willing to make a "good faith" payment of \$250,000, calling it

a "bug bounty" reward for IT professionals rather than a ransom.

HBO declined to comment. A person close to the investigation confirmed the authenticity of the email, but said it was an attempt to buy time and assess the situation.

The same hackers have subsequently released two dumps of HBO material and demanded a multi-million dollar ransom.

Whether or not HBO ever intended to follow through with its \$250,000 offer, the email raised questions Friday among security professionals about the importance of the data as well as how it will affect future attacks.

"It's interesting that they're spinning it as a bug bounty program," said Pablo Garcia, CEO of FFRI North America, based in Aliso Viejo, California. "They're being extorted. If it was a bug bounty, it'd be on the up and up."

Beyler's email to the hackers said the company was working "very hard" to review all the material they provided, and also trying to figure out a way to make a large transaction in bitcoin, the hackers' preferred payment method.

"You have the advantage of having surprised us," Beyler wrote. "In the spirit of professional cooperation, we are asking you to extend your deadline for one week."

The first HBO hack became publicly known on July 31. Then, last week, hackers using the name "Mr. Smith" posted a fresh cache of stolen HBO

files online, and demanded that the network pay a ransom of several million dollars to prevent further such releases.

The leaks included scripts from "Game of Thrones" episodes and a month's worth of email from the account of HBO's vice president for film programming. There were also internal documents, including a report of legal claims against the network and job offer letters to top executives.

HBO has said that it is working with law enforcement and cybersecurity firms to investigate the attack, which is the latest to hit a Hollywood business.

The leaks so far have fallen well short of the chaos inflicted on Sony in 2014. In April, a hacker claimed to have released episodes of Netflix's "Orange is the New Black" ahead of their official launch date.

But paying ransoms to hackers can be dangerous because it shows that being a bad-guy hacker is a good business, said cybersecurity expert Oren Falkowitz, CEO of Redwood City, California-based Area 1 Security. Companies would be better off investing in preventing email spear-fishing attempts and other hacking techniques, he said. "The reason they got in this scenario is they didn't have the right pre-emption strategy," Falkowitz said. "The next company, whether it's Showtime or Death Row Records or whomever, needs to see that they're going to wake up one day to this reality unless they confront it."

Rapper DMX ordered confined to home on tax fraud charges



AP file photo

In this July 14, 2017, file photo, Rapper DMX, left, leaves federal court in New York with his attorney Murray Richman after pleading not guilty to tax evasion. DMX was ordered confined to his suburban New York City home Friday, Aug. 11, by a judge who said he repeatedly violated bail conditions on tax fraud charges.

NEW YORK (AP) — Rapper DMX was ordered confined to his suburban New York City home Friday by a judge who said he repeatedly violated bail conditions on tax fraud charges.

U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff also said the rapper must wear an electronic bracelet and ask his permission at least a week in advance if he wants to travel.

"A very strong argument could be made for keeping him in jail," Rakoff said, but he added that judicial authorities are sometimes too quick in the United States to incarcerate people before trial.

The judge described several times DMX has been convicted of drug or gun possession crimes since 2002 but said he has largely avoided jail time and maybe only learned that "he's free to thumb his nose at the court" and Pretrial Services officers because he knows that his lawyer, Murray Richman, will always get him out of trouble.

Rakoff said he was told DMX, 46, traveled to St. Louis and Chicago without permission and

tested positive for cocaine since his arrest last month. The judge said DMX then rejected a Pretrial Services officer's offer of drug treatment, telling the officer he would remain drug-free on his own. In subsequent tests, he also tested positive for marijuana and opiates, the judge said.

"The violations are very troubling," the judge said. "In addition, it sounds like he's a liar."

DMX's lawyer demurred and said the drug tests weren't telling the whole story.

"He's a very rational, decent, human being," Richman told Rakoff. The lawyer said that drugs can linger in the body for a month even after someone stops using them and that DMX had an opiates prescription for pain relief.

DMX, whose given name is Earl Simmons, hugged friends outside the courtroom and called it a "blessing" that he was free as he walked away from the courthouse to a hot dog stand, where he ate a hot dog and posed for pictures.

NBC moves 130 Premier League games to streaming service

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Trying to gauge what it can sell directly to cord cutters, NBC is launching its direct-to-consumer Premier League product with the start of the season this weekend.

The company still will air about 250 matches on its television networks, mostly NBCSN, NBC and CNBC. But 130 games are being moved to its stream.

Priced at \$49.99 as "Premier League Pass," on NBC Sports Gold, those matches previously had been available to cable subscribers as Premier League Extra Time on overflow channels and as part of the regular NBC Sports app.

"We're cognizant of the media world changing and we have experimented with Tour de France in the past and cycling more broadly," said Rick Cordella, NBC Sports Group's executive vice president and general manager of digital media. "We felt like it made sense to experiment and put this behind the pay wall."

The season started when Arsenal hosted Leicester in the first Friday night opener in Premier League history. That match was on NBCSN, which also will air Watford-Liverpool and Chelsea-Burnley on Saturday, when CBNC will televise Everton-Stoke and the main NBC network the Brighton-Manchester City late game. And on Sunday, NBCSN will broadcast Newcastle-Tottenham and Manchester City-West Ham.

Three Saturday games that would have been on cable overflow channels will now be streaming only: Crystal Palace-Huddersfield, Southampton-Swansea and West Bromwich Albion-Bournemouth.

"Obviously the big guys in linear televi-

sion aren't going to wait around to have Netflix and Amazon and Google eat their lunch," said former CBS Sports President Neal Pilson, now a television consultant. "They're starting to put themselves in a position to compete with the over-the-top platforms. They're not abandoning the money tree at this point, which is linear television, but they're looking ahead."

The overflow games had not been rated but were viewed by at least several thousand people on streams in the past, Cordella said.

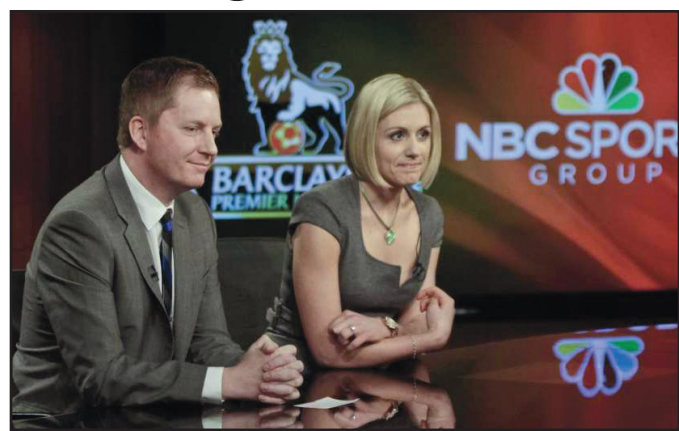
At least three matches per team will be on Premier League Pass this season along with wrap-around content such as news, previews, reviews and magazine shows, about 1,000 hours of content in all.

NBC would not say how many subscriptions had been purchased. Soccer joins cycling, track and field, rugby and motocross on NBC Sports Gold, which launched ahead of the 2016 Tour de France.

Some soccer fans objected to the change. Christopher Harris wrote on World Soccer Talk that "the peacock has made their first major faux pas in covering the world's most popular sports league" and called it a "giant step backwards."

"Supporters of clubs such as Chelsea, Manchester United, Liverpool, Arsenal, Manchester City and Spurs may not notice much of a difference next season," he wrote. "Neutral soccer fans or supporters of the 'other 14' clubs will face the difficult decision of either signing up for Premier League Pass to watch all games, or skipping the match and watching something else altogether."

Direct-to-consumer products figure to increase. The Walt Disney Co., ESPN's parent, announced this week



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In this April 16, 2013, file photo, Arlo White, left, and Rebecca Lowe listen during a joint NBC and English Premier League (EPL) press conference in New York. Trying to gauge what it can sell directly to cord cutters, NBC is launching its direct-to-consumer Premier League product with the start of the season this weekend.

that ESPN will launch a streaming service next year.

"I wouldn't say this is 100 percent the future of where the world is going," Cordella said. "We're certainly are big believers in the cable ecosystem, where it is."

Pilson views streaming services as a test.

"The challenge for the sport, for the league, will be whether they take more money from an Amazon or a cash-rich Netflix but put at great risk their distribution platform," he said. "Example: Monday night football. All of a sudden Amazon wants to bid against ESPN."



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Roger's Reviews

Annabelle: Creation



Do you like scary movies? In 2014, we got "Annabelle," the scary movie about a creepy, demon-possessed doll running amok in 1969 Santa Monica, Calif. This week's review is about the newly released prequel to that film, "Annabelle: Creation."

In what must be the early 40s, doll-maker Samuel Mullins puts the finishing touches on an already highly creepy life-sized child doll, the first of a limited series, before stopping to play a creepy game of hide and seek with his daughter, Annabelle, nicknamed "Bee." I say creepy, because it involves slipping notes under doors, which you just know is going to get really creepy later on.

Anyway, the Mullins: Samuel, Annabelle, and mom Esther, head off to church the next day. They're stranded by a flat tire on the way home, and Annabelle is hit and killed by a passing car.

Fast forward 12 years. Sister Charlotte is the head nun of an orphanage which has closed up shop. The Mullins have offered to open their large farmhouse to the good sister and her six charges: Janice, Linda, Nancy, Carol, Tierney, and Kate. On the bus ride to the home, we learn that Janice and Linda are best friends, and they make a pact to insist that any adoption include them both, or neither. At the farm, when the girls disembark the bus, we see that Janice is crippled with a brace on her leg. Charlotte explains to Mr. Mullins that she is a polio survivor. In turn, Mr. Mullins reveals that his wife is an invalid, having been in an accident some years previous. She mostly keeps to herself.

The girls are excited by the size and relative grandeur of the large farmhouse. As they explore, Janice discovers a room with growth measurements marked on the door frame; Mullins sees her and brusquely tells her that the room will remain locked and is off limits. Boy, how wrong he turns

out to be.

The girls' rooms are upstairs. Charlotte asks if she can remain on the lower floor with Janice, to save her having to climb all those stairs every day, but Mullins points out that the stairs have been outfitted with one of those chair deals that ascends the stairs along a track on the wall. It's called a "chair lift." I looked it up and they were actually invented in the 1920s and were widely used to help polio victims get up and down stairs in the home. Win one for movie accuracy. The Mullins' stair lift was installed to help Mrs. Mullins get up and down, but it works fine for Janice...for now.

We also discover that, in the group dynamic of the girls, Janice and Linda are disliked by Nancy and Carol, the two older girls. As luck would have it, the main girls' bedroom only has room for four; the two outcasts are banished to another smaller room adorned with seriously creepy doll parts, where a bunk-bed has been set up. Linda sleeps on top, Janice (because her leg makes climbing up to the top impossible) on bottom.

On their first night in the house, Janice can't sleep. She hears a noise in the hallway, and sees a little note slip under the door (see? You just know that kind of creepy stuff is going to come back and bite you in this kind of movies). Janice gets up to investigate; and, like in Annabelle's game with dear old dad, it says, simply, "Find me." Janice checks outside, and no one is to be seen, but the forbidden room is just a few feet down the hallway, and another note slips out under the door. Once again Janice retrieves the note, which says "In here." Thinking her fellow orphans are playing a prank on her, she tries the door knob, and it opens. Inside is a perfectly preserved little girl's room (Annabelle's room, as we've seen from the opening scene), complete with a huge dollhouse, a little puppet theater, and other toys which are so creepy in this type of movie.



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Forgetting about the prank, Janice explores the dollhouse, which is wired with electric lights; and discovers a silver key in a tiny closet. Looking around, she spots the closet of the room, which has a keyhole. Against all reasonable judgement, she opens the closet, where she discovers the creepy life-size doll that Samuel made, clothed in a white dress.

Naturally, she's a bit freaked out, so she shuts the closet and turns to leave...but the door opens, revealing the doll. She shuts the door again and locks it with the key before turning to go again...and again the door opens. Janice is very spooked at this point, so she grabs a handy blanket and throws it over the doll. She catches her breath...but then, the form under the blanket rises and begins walking toward her...

Ok, I'll stop the narrative there.

I didn't see the original "Annabelle" movie; I think this one is genuinely creepy, though I found myself continually having to reassess the scare factor because I was quite amused by the running commentary, nervous laughter, and screams from the audience. If the lady sitting behind me is any indication, "Annabelle: Creation" is the scariest movie ever made.

I don't think it's quite that spooky, but it does offer quite a few supernatural shocks, as well as moments when you just can't watch because you know something is about to jump out of that ridiculously eerie old well or something similar.

The horror movie memes are thick in this film. Creepy dolls, check. Scarecrow, check. Dumb waiter, check. Reclusive invalid woman, check. And the bunk beds. I don't think I've ever seen a scarier set of bunk beds in my life.

There is one element to "Creation" that I don't personally find appealing in a horror movie, and that's the despair. If you've ever seen the movie "Skeleton Key," this movie has a similar feel to the ending of that one, where you realize that the character you've been identifying with up 'til now is gone. Yeah, the timing and circumstances are different in "Annabelle: Creation," but the feeling is similar to me. To say much more would be too spoilery.

"Creation" is a pretty good movie with an American Gothic horror atmosphere, decent acting, and a lot of jump scares and creepy anticipation moments. Seven stars out of 10. One other word: While the original "Annabelle" was presumably based on a true story involving paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren, there is no mention of the Warrens, nor any claim about the veracity of the story, in the new movie.

Annabelle: Creation
Director: David F. Sandberg
Writer: Gary Dauberman
Production companies: New Line Cinema, Atomic Monster Productions, The Safran Company, RatPac Entertainment
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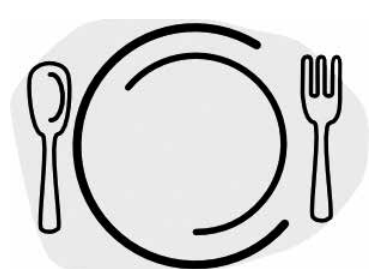
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THURSDAY: Smoked sausage, barbecue sauce, potato salad, pinto beans, pears, bread, milk.

FRIDAY: Fish sandwich, tartar sauce, French fries, coleslaw, banana muffins, milk.

fries, green beans with

Who's who in Howard County

Josette Mata



What is your name? Josette Mata
Where do you work, and what do you do? I work for the Permian Basin Workforce Solutions as a Workforce Specialist 1.

Where were you born? Big Spring, Texas

What city do you live in? Big Spring, Texas

Who is in your family? I have a 29-year-old daughter, Andrea, who works for Neighbors Emergency Center in Midland; and I have an 11-year-old son, Abraham, who will be in the sixth grade at Big Spring Intermediate.

What hobbies/organizations/clubs do you enjoy? I recently bought a home and my new hobby is now yard work.

What is your favorite book (and who's the author)? "The Secret" by Rhonda Bryne

What is your favorite television show? "House of Cards"

What is your favorite movie? "Saturday Night Fever" and "Urban Cowboy"

What type of music do you enjoy? '70s classic rock, and of course the '80s

Where would you visit if you could go anywhere? Jerusalem

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How to find an apartment and not get scammed



Whether you're a college student looking for a place to live after the summer break, or a recent graduate all packed up and moving to a new city, finding an apartment can sometimes be difficult in today's rental market. Add that to the stress of moving your belongings in the Texas August heat.

Better Business Bureau serving Heart of Texas receives thousands of complaints against apartment complexes every year, consistently placing the apartment industry on BBB's top 10 list of most complained about industries. In 2016, apartments came in the #6 spot.



HEATHER MASSEY

Last year, BBB received over 6,500 complaints against apartments nationwide. Your BBB received 661 complaints.

When browsing for an apartment in classifieds, it's important to be aware that some ads may not be legitimate. Scammers regularly advertise rentals in print and online that don't exist or aren't available. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), they clone actual rental listings and then change the contact and email information, placing the altered ads in numerous newspapers or websites to trick as many people as they can out of money or personal information.

If a potential landlord asks for a wire transfer or large lump sum before viewing the property, that's a red flag. Also, beware of rental listings that are advertised far below market value—this could be a sign of a fake listing. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true it probably is.

Before you sign an apartment lease, BBB recommends renters:

- Do your research. When searching online for apartment listings, there are several legitimate websites that show listings throughout the area you're searching. If you find a complex you like, check out the company on bbb.org. The BBB Business Profile includes a company's BBB rating, how they handle complaints, as well as complaint details and contact information.

- Check out the apartment unit and complex. Tour the facility and the specific unit you're going to rent. Check out the facilities, such as the laundry room, pool and gym. Remember, websites often use pictures taken only from the best locations on the property, or of model units.

- Document the condition of your apartment. Upon move-in, make sure to note each and every flaw or defect in your apartment so that you are not held responsible for damages later. It's advisable to also take photos of your unit prior to move-in so that you have documentation available in case a dispute arises upon move-out.

- Consider renters insurance. Many apartment communities require tenants have a minimum amount of renters insurance before move-in. If it's not required, it's still an option tenants should consider. Renters insurance would cover your losses in the event of fire, burglary or other damage. Pay attention to deductibles and coverage limits when choosing a policy.

- Keep a signed copy of your lease and read it thoroughly. Before signing any lease, make sure you read the terms and conditions. Also, be sure to keep a copy and store it in a safe place in case you need to refer back to it.

Heather Massey is the regional director for the Permian Basin office 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.

Thank you banners



Courtesy photo

Surety Title Co., 805 S. Scurry, was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.



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Sonic Drive-In #2., 601 E. Marcy (FM 700), was a recent recipient of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "We Appreciate Your Investment in our Community" banner.

Permits

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| <p>Ermelinda Henderson, 611 Circle Dr., accessory building, Val: \$2,400, Fee: \$25</p> <p>Mark Lane Yarbrough, 810 Kent Ave., structure (fence), Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25</p> <p>Craig Olsen, 1516 Sycamore St., res gas, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$32</p> <p>JB Graphics, 204 Main, sign, Val: \$5,000, Fee: \$35</p> <p>Tom Rodriguez, 1016 Nolan St., res gas, Val: \$100, Fee: \$32</p> <p>Ava Blair, 514 Washington Blvd., structure (retaining wall), Val: \$900, Fee: \$25</p> <p>Lee George, 1400 W. Fourth St., com elec, Val: \$25, Fee: \$25</p> <p>Michael A. Yanez, 1611 Bluebird St., res gas, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32</p> <p>Joshua Edward Charles, 3225 Auburn Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$3,200, Fee: \$30</p> | <p>Jim Coker, 101 Owens St., com curb cut, Val: \$1,000, Fee: \$25</p> <p>Law Offices of R. Shane Seaton, 1301 S. Gregg St., com elec, Val: \$1,300, Fee: \$25</p> <p>Connie Wayne Key, 1305 Johnson St., accessory building, Val: \$3,345, Fee: \$30</p> <p>Janet Correa Martinez, 4216 Muir St., res re-roof, Val: \$5,400, Fee: \$40</p> <p>Frank Garza, 4201 Parkway Rd., res re-roof, Val: \$6,200, Fee: \$45</p> <p>Robert F. Kennedy, 700 Caprock St., res water tap, Val: \$512, Fee: \$512</p> <p>Douglas Carson, 2704 Ann Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$9,101.13, Fee: \$60</p> <p>Keith Jerome Ledford, 2607 Albrook Dr., res re-roof, Val: \$9,500, Fee: \$60</p> <p>Sara Gamble, 1402 Wood St., res</p> | <p>re-roof, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25</p> <p>Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Ln., com water tap, Val: \$4,169, Fee: 0</p> <p>Kay Slate McDaniel, 1600 Parkhill Dr., res addition (pool), Val: \$23,454.80, Fee: \$130</p> <p>Francesca Cerna, 1608 Oriole St., structure (replace existing fence), Val: \$250, Fee: \$25</p> <p>Ernesto Marquez Zubiate, 1609 Young St., res gas, Val: \$5, Fee: \$32</p> <p>Ernesto Marquez Zubiate, 1609 Young St., structure (fence), Val: \$23, Fee: \$25</p> <p>Big Spring Realty Inc., 2300 E. FM 700, res elec, Val: \$1,600, Fee: \$25</p> <p>Jason Brock, 404 Washington Blvd., res re-roof, Val: \$11,000, Fee: \$65</p> <p>Westside Day Care Center, 1311 W. Fourth St., com alteration/addi-</p> |
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Public Records

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| <p>Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:</p> <p>Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6th St. #19, Big Spring</p> <p>Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring</p> <p>Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring</p> <p>Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring</p> <p>Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring</p> <p>Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake</p> <p>Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring</p> <p>Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa</p> <p>Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring</p> <p>Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton</p> <p>Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble</p> <p>Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder</p> <p>Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland</p> <p>Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring</p> <p>Jose Enriquez Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring</p> | <p>Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring</p> <p>Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa</p> <p>William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring</p> <p>Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring</p> <p>James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta</p> <p>Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder</p> <p>Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring</p> <p>Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4th St., San Angelo</p> <p>Kaleb Hill, 910 Baylor, Big Spring</p> <p>Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa</p> <p>Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma</p> <p>Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring</p> <p>Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa</p> <p>Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring</p> <p>Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring</p> <p>Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring</p> <p>Nicole Preston, 1605 E. 11th</p> | <p>Place, Big Spring</p> <p>Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring</p> <p>George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring</p> <p>Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring</p> <p>Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring</p> <p>Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City</p> <p>Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring</p> <p>Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring</p> <p>Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring</p> <p>Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring</p> <p>Marriage Licenses</p> <p>Jesus Ivan Galvan-Galicia, 23, and Evelyn Yarely Sandate, 20, both of Big Spring.</p> <p>Jordan Michael Bernal, 28, and Emily Kay Garcia, 26, both of Big Spring.</p> <p>Timothy Dwight Spurgin, 32, and Chelsea Carol Johnson, 33, both of Big Spring.</p> |
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PERMITS

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Wendell Keith Walker, 1902 Alabama St., structure (replace existing fence), Val: \$1,800, Fee: \$25
 Debra Lusk, 807 W. 14th St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,600, Fee: \$35
 Thomas Hilgeman, 2306 S. Monticello St., res re-roof, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 John W. Tonner, 801 E. 15th

St., res gas, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$32
 Silverleaf Communities, 716 Bucknell Ave., single-family housing, Val: \$257,888, Fee: \$1,074; res elec, Val: \$4,800, Fee: \$92.50; total, Val: \$262,688, Fee: \$1,166.50
 Leonor Dominguez, 709 W. 16th St., res gas, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$32
 Al's Bar-B-Que, 1810 S. Gregg St., com HVAC, Val: \$6,200, Fee: \$45
 Jessie Martinez, 402 N.E.

10th St., structure (fence), Val: \$500, Fee: \$25
 Kathy Silva, 1208 Lindberg St., accessory building, Val: \$4,800, Fee: \$35
 Clifford Lyle Castilaw, 2614 Lynn Dr., res elec, Val: \$2,500, Fee: \$25
 Odilia Ochoa Granados, 3615 Calvin St., res plumb, Val: \$1, Fee: \$7; res gas, Val: \$5,500, Fee: \$32; total, Val: \$5,501, Fee: \$39
 Paula Barber, 1210 Mulberry Ave., res elec, Val: \$0, Fee: \$25

Vicenta Pena Nieves, 1605 Owens St., res re-roof, Val: \$3,500, Fee: \$30
 Virginia Ruth Miller, 3201 Duke Ave., res addition (sunroom/fence/roof), Val: \$10,000, Fee: \$60
 Mark Sundy, 1601 Sunset Ave., res gas, Val: \$200, Fee: \$32
 First United Methodist Church, 715 Edwards St., res elec, Val: \$25, Fee: \$25
 Joshua Guadalupe Ybarra, 1304 Madison St., res addition,

Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
 J.P. Nichols, 1709 Rannels St., res gas, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$32
 Zeanna McWhirt, 1904 Alabama St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,200, Fee: \$35
 Stephen Edward Lane, 4201 Theo St., res re-roof, Val: \$6,100, Fee: \$45
 Diana Richards, 1503 Vines Ave., Val: \$600, Fee: \$25
 Stephanie Ford Johnson, 3200 Auburn Ave., Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$32

RECORDS

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Anthony Ray Ortega, 36, and Alma Luisa Sanchez, 34, both of Big Spring.
 Thomas Bryan Washer, 31, and Ashley Renee Newman, 32, both of Big Spring.
 Tyler Wayne Shaeffer, 23, and Katlin Marie Ware, 21, both of Oklahoma.
 Victor Manuel Hernandez, 51, and Mary Guadalupe Flores, 42, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

Plaintiff: Kenneth Beeler
 Respondent: Kay Beeler
 Type of case: Divorce
 Date: Aug. 3, 2017

Plaintiff: Yolanda Gamboa
 Respondent: Jesus Gamboa
 Type of case: Divorce
 Date: Aug. 4, 2017

Plaintiff: Don Reynolds, Susan Lewis, Bobby Lewis
 Respondent: The Jim and Clara Zack Trust
 Type of case: Civil case
 Date: Aug. 7, 2017

Plaintiff: Jennifer Bass
 Respondent: Clinton Bass
 Type of case: Divorce
 Date: Aug. 7, 2017

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC
 Respondent: Brandon Good
 Type of case: Contract – consumer/commercial/debt
 Date: Aug. 8, 2017

Plaintiff: Katie Campanella
 Respondent: Jerry Mann
 Type of case: Protective order
 Date: Aug. 8, 2017

Plaintiff: Traci Herrera
 Respondent: Joseph McCooy Jr.
 Type of case: Protective order
 Date: Aug. 8, 2017

Plaintiff: Wells Fargo Bank NA et seq
 Respondent: Bobbi Haile, Ronald Miller, Cynthia Sublet, the heirs of Bobbi L. Haile, deceased
 Type of case: Real property
 Date: Aug. 8, 2017

Plaintiff: Stacey Tran
 Respondent: Dakota Brown
 Type of case: Protective order
 Date: Aug. 9, 2017

Plaintiff: Julio Najera-Garcia
 Respondent: Maria Fernandez
 Type of case: Divorce
 Date: Aug 9, 2017

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

Defendant: Elroy Johnson
 Offense: Failure to identify/give false or fictitious information
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 40 days in jail
 Date: July 12, 2017

Defendant: Kenneth Murphy
 Offense: Theft of property \$100 to \$750
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court costs, 45 days in jail

Date: July 12, 2017

Defendant: Freddie Williams
 Offense: Evading arrest or detention
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 45 days in jail
 Date: July 12, 2017

Defendant: Marcus Sturgill
 Offense: Criminal trespass
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$292 court costs, 45 days in jail
 Date: July 12, 2017

Defendant: Lawrence E. Harrison
 Offense: Possession of marijuana less than 2 oz.
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$347 court costs, 30 days in jail
 Date: July 12, 2017

Defendant: Crystal Castro
 Offense: Theft of property \$20 to \$500 by check
 Sentence: \$100 fine, \$337 court costs, 1 day in jail
 Date: July 12, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Howard Adams
 Grantee: Delbert Green
 Property: Lot C of the C.L. Alderman Subdivision of Hathcock Heights Addition
 Date: Aug. 2, 2017

Grantor: Shanna Niewoehner
 Grantee: Beau Niewoehner and Shanna Niewoehner
 Property: Lot 8, Blk. 3, Corrected plat of Hillcrest Terrace
 Date: Aug. 2, 2017

Grantor: Retha Southwood aka Retha Mae Southwood
 Grantee: Flora Cibrian
 Property: Lot 2, Blk. 1, North McEwen Addition
 Date: Aug. 2, 2017

Grantor: Edna Luxeldy Pedraza
 Grantee: Maria D. Salazar DeLopez, Joel Lopez Jr.
 Property: Lots 1 and 2 "D" and 10-foot alley, Blk. 26, Fairview Heights addition
 Date: Aug. 3, 2017

Grantor: Kathy D. Grisham and Joe Dean, as successor co-trustees of the Arthur J. Dean Sr. Revocable Trust
 Grantee: A.J. Dean Inc.
 Property: Lot 13, Blk. 2, Marshall Fields Estates
 Date: Aug. 4, 2017

Grantor: Serena Currie and Delbert Currier
 Grantee: Judy Mann
 Property: Lot 7, Blk. 3, Anderson Addition
 Date: Aug. 4, 2017

Grantor: David A. Gross and Beverly Carlile Paul, co-independent executors of the estate of Cleo L. Carlile, deceased
 Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
 Property: Lot 12, Blk. 25, College Park Estates
 Date: Aug. 4, 2017

Grantor: East Fourth Street Baptist Church
 Grantee: Shroyer Motor Company
 Property: Lots 4, 5, and 6, Blk. 17, Original Town of Big Spring
 Date: Aug. 7, 2017

Grantor: Joann Huey Anderson
 Grantee: Dickie Wrightsil
 Property: Lot 1, Blk. 2, North Park addition
 Date: Aug. 7, 2017

Grantor: Jose A. Talamantes Sr., and Gloria Talamantes
 Grantee: The State of Texas, acting through the Texas Transportation Commission
 Property: A 1.257-acre tract in Sec. 24, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: Aug. 8, 2017

Grantor: Antonio Arispe
 Grantee: Natalie Arispe
 Property: Lot 4, Blk. 3, Earle's addition
 Date: Aug. 8, 2017

Grantor: Terry Flores
 Grantee: Genesis Gonzalez
 Property: Lot 2, Blk. 1, Adell Addition
 Date: Aug. 8, 2017

Grantor: Ovidio M. Ramos and Rosie V. Ramos
 Grantee: CJM Partners LP
 Property: 100 acres out of a 200-acre tract known as the SE part of Survey 12, Certificate 2157, BLK. 34, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey.
 Date: Aug. 9, 2017

Grantor: Ervin Paul and Beverly Paul
 Grantee: Carmen Lynette Properties LLC
 Property: Lot 6, BLK. 2, Seton Place Addition
 Date: Aug. 9, 2017

Grantor: Toni Reese, administrator of the estate of Gregory Paul Bodin, deceased
 Grantee: Toni Reese
 Property: A tract in Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: Aug. 9, 2017

Grantor: Randy and Tricia Clanton
 Grantee: Randy R. Clanton and Patricia D. Clanton
 Property: A 1.997-acre tract in SE/4 Sec. 43, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P Railroad Co. Survey
 Date: Aug. 9, 2017

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: M.J. Nelson and Patrick L. Nelson, as heirs of L.J. Nelson, deceased
 Grantee: Tam B. Le
 Property: Lot 1, Blk. 2, Ridgelea Terrace addition
 Date: Aug. 2, 2017

Grantor: Olivia G. Andrade
 Grantee: Travis C. Hoensee and Jayton H. Hohensee
 Property: Lot 5, Blk. 8, Coronado Hills Addition
 Date: Aug. 3, 2017

Grantor: Lula Mae Hughes fka Lula Mae Eggleton, by her agent and attorney-in-fact Danny Eggleton
 Grantee: John Brooks
 Property: S/50 feet of Lot 7, Blk. 32, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
 Date: Aug. 4, 2017

Grantor: Judy Mann
 Grantee: Tina and Vernon White
 Property: Lot 7, Blk. 3, Anderson Addition
 Date: Aug 4, 2017

Grantor: David A. Gross, co-independent executor of the estate of Cleo L. Carlile, deceased; and Beverly Carlile Paul, co-independent executrix of the estate of Cleo L. Carlile, deceased.
 Grantee: Robert and Clarissa Rivera
 Property: Lot 1, Blk. 5, Amended plat of West Cliff Addition
 Date: Aug. 4, 2017

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#9493 August 13, 2017

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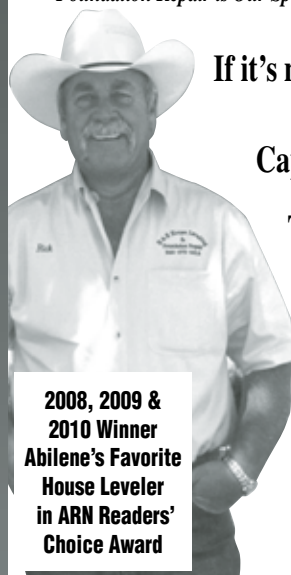
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

#9492 August 13, 2017

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Energen Resources Corporation 3510 N. A St., Bldgs A & B, Midland, Texas 79705 (Company Name / Address)

is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres/Clearfork formation, Homan 29, Well number(s) 1D. The proposed injection SWD well is located 12 miles SW of Big Spring in the Sprayberry (Trend Area) field, in Howard County.

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#9495 August 13, 2017

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: LUMBERGH 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: 36 Block: 35 T1N Abstract: 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

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

#9462 July 23, 30 & August 6, 13, 2017

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0306015 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Aug 3, 2017

Public Notice

Status/Permit No. 827697 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 7, 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 SABALO OPERATING, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 741939] 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. 41, Bk. 32 T3N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-295, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 2.58 miles SE direction from VEALMOOR, 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 Protestant 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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APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION. The location and identity of the well is as shown below: FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Lease/Unit Name: MR. DYNAMITE 41-44 Lease/Unit Well No: 1AH Lease/Unit Acres: 479.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft): 100.0 Lease Lines: 2082.0 FNL, 303.0 FWL Survey Lines: 2082.0 FNL, 303.0 FWL Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 2082.0 FNL 303.0 FWL Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 44 Block: 32 T3N Abstract: 1223 Survey: T&P RR CO/AKIN, E T Lease Lines: 100.0 FSL 330.0 FWL Survey Lines: 100.0 FSL 330.0 FWL Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Shelly Carigan, at (361)8887708, x6015

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

What a difference a bid makes

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 3
♥ J 9 8 6
♦ Q J 9 8 6 3 2
♣ 6
WEST EAST
♥ 9 2 ♠ K Q J 8 5
♥ K 10 7 5 4 2 ♥ Q 3
♦ K ♦ 7
♣ J 10 7 5 ♣ 8 4 3 2
SOUTH
♠ A 10 7 6 4
♥ A
♦ A 10 5 4
♣ A K 9

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♠
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

This deal occurred in a match between Sweden and Greece. It provides a striking example of what an enormous effect a single bid can have on the outcome of a hand.

When the North-South cards were held by a Swedish pair, the bidding went as shown. In standard bidding methods, South's opening one-spade bid was entirely normal, and while North's pass is debatable, his action was reasonable.

North had no satisfactory response

to one spade. One notrump would have been misleading with a 7-4-1-1 distribution and only four high-card points, while two diamonds would have been woefully short of the 10 points or more normally required for a response on the two level.

So South became declarer at one spade and made two for a score of 110 points (including the 50-point bonus at duplicate for making a partscore).

When a Greek pair held the North-South hands at the other table, the bidding was far more spirited:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♠	1NT
2♥	3♦	Pass	6♦

Here it was East who opened the bidding with one spade. South overcalled with one notrump and did not fiddle around after West bid two hearts and North bid three diamonds. South leaped straightaway to six, which North easily made with an overtrick for a score of 1,390 points, giving the Greek team a gain of 1,280 points on the deal.

Had East not opened the bidding with one spade — which was actually a standard third-hand opening — South might very well have suffered the same fate as his Swedish counterpart, winding up in one spade, making two, instead of six diamonds, making seven.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Tomorrow's Horoscope



HOLIDAY MATHIS

day then slowly start to home in on the one thing that's going to make a difference. The key to success: your ability to be objective.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's said that a man is only as honest as his opportunities. You'll prove the saying wrong today as you do what's right even though it would be very easy not to. A clear conscience is all you'll gain, but that's no small reward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll find your happiness builds with small conveniences and pleasures that occur daily, none of which is so notable as the pleasure inside a certain person's loving gaze.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It has been suggested by the ancients that man's miseries come from not being able to sit quietly in a room alone. Well, you can

and will do just that. You'll discover truth and derive joy there.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you love someone, you want to fill that person's life with sweetness. You want to hear her say, "Wow!" or know that he's thrilled. You want to hold on to the tender moments. How are you going to create the next one?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pleasure can serve as an anchor to the moment. It keeps you from skipping ahead in your mind and missing the good parts. Tune in to your senses. The pleasure is there. All you have to do is take it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You value love, loyalty, fidelity, beauty, truth and more. Courage is the foundation that allows these other values to come to life. Without courage, none of the others are possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are some things you simply cannot get ready for. There are too many possible variables. Since you don't know what's going to be asked of you or how you're going to feel about it, the only way to get ready is to begin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're good enough; you are enough; and you are deserving of a full happy life. Anyone who doesn't seem to support these beliefs doesn't belong in your day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Believing someone will change won't make it so. If you're going to invest in a belief, invest in the belief that acceptance heals. The only change you control is your own, and that's found through acceptance, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

It may seem like the thing you most want is difficult to get any momentum toward achieving. As it is with anything stuck, you must figure out where it's caught and do whatever you can to leverage, grease or force it free.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're improving. It takes a while for your efforts to become results that everyone can see, but people will start to notice. Each compliment will fan the flames, inspiring you to reach your ultimate goal.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 13). Your nurturing qualities will be amplified this year, and you'll make it your quest to build other people up, especially those with less. At next month's fork in the road, let your internal compass point the way. The bonus money comes from hard work and a stroke of luck in

November. You'll put on a show in May. Sagittarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 22, 29, 13 and 15.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Sky events are backdrops to the stage of our lives -- backdrops we all share. Depending on the characters in the scene, there may be a tiny house or an office building or a church in the setting up front, but behind that is the same big sky doing its same big thing no matter who you are or where you are on the planet. Next week brings a total eclipse of the sun onto that backdrop and it will be talked about around the world.

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Last Solar-Saturn Trine of 2017

There are entire regions that were uninhabitable to humans before the advent of air conditioning, and millions of people live there today. It is human nature to create opportunities where none exist, to make a world that forms to us. The final trine of the sun and Saturn in 2017 energizes the spirit of innovation and helps us find opportunity in problems.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You wake up with a vague idea about what you need to do with this

In Love With a Married Man

Dear Annie: I'm in a difficult situation I'm hoping you can help with. You see, my soul mate is married.

It all began the Christmas before last. I was working at a convenience store, when suddenly in walked the most beautiful man. My heart started racing, and I became overwhelmed with a feeling I'd never felt

before. For months, we flirted back and forth when he came into the store, and one day we finally exchanged numbers. I didn't know he was married, let alone had children. When I found that out, I pulled back some and stopped flirting. He pouted and had low-key tantrums, and then he stopped texting -- for a while.

He still kept coming into the store on the regular. But then he started trying to flirt with my co-workers, talking slick to them in

my presence. I talked to my co-workers and established that no one -- and I meant no one -- was to entertain my soul mate!

About a year went by, and we started flirting again. Frustration and tension built for months. One day, he finally leaned in and -- oh, that kiss! Sparks flew. I had a tingling sensation. I quickly pulled away and left. I had butterflies and was lightheaded and shaking. I had this overwhelming feeling of uncertainty. But I

knew he was the one.

We are currently six months into our affair. He knows how I feel about him, the passion and desires. He tries to leave me, but it only lasts about a week, and then he's back again. Home life isn't the best for him. His wife is constantly nagging him. His 7-year-old son is super needy and has driven a wedge between them and ruined their intimacy. His teenage stepdaughter, who wasn't there for him when he was incarcerated, is always bothering him now.

What do I do? He and his wife are slowly getting a divorce. I love him, and I strongly believe that he was mine in a past life and needs to be with me. -- But I Love Him

Dear But I Love Him: This isn't love. It's infatuation. The two are like gold and pyrite. Love shines at any angle, whereas infatuation only glitters in the right light. One is precious; the other just pretends to be. Don't fall for fool's gold.

You do not really know this man, because he spends most of his time with his wife and family

(maybe even another girlfriend). And what you do know for sure about him is not good. He's cheated on his wife. He's tried to make you jealous by flirting with your co-workers. He's dismissed his children's love as a nuisance. (His son is only 7 years old, for goodness' sake. Of course he's needy.)

The affair is exciting for now, but that excitement will fade. I'd wager "slowly getting a divorce" means "not getting a divorce," but even if he does -- even if he leaves his wife and kids to start over with you -- how long will it be before he's kissing a new cashier? And you'll be waiting at home, with newfound sympathy for the "nagging" wife. Love yourself enough to end this infatuation.

Dear Annie: There is suspicious activity in a nearby establishment. All windows are boarded. The door they use

as an entrance has a padlock on it. Several very nice automobiles are often parked there. Today I noticed about six cars departing, with men driving each car.

Should I contact the local police? Local news station? I've been monitoring this activity for over a year. My mind wanders from thinking it's dogfighting to thinking it's drugs, gambling or even worse -- females held captive. -- Frightened Neighbor

Dear Frightened Neighbor: Call the police on the non-emergency line. If nothing else, your wandering mind will get some rest.

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Annie's Mailbox

Newsday Crossword

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

Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

Bodyguard: I saw DJ reach under Taylor Swift's skirt

By **JAMES ANDERSON and TATIANA FLOWERS**

Associated Press
DENVER (AP) — Taylor Swift's former bodyguard testified Friday that he saw a DJ reach under her skirt a moment before a photographer snapped their picture during a meet-and-greet where the singer says the radio host groped her.

Security guard Greg Dent, who no longer works for Swift, said he was standing a few steps away but did not intervene because he generally took his cues from the pop star, and she gave him no signals during the 2013 pre-concert encounter at a Denver arena.

Seated at her legal team's table in a federal courtroom, Swift chuckled when Dent testified that, after the photo was taken, he suspected that KYGO-FM host David Mueller would be at the bar of the arena — and another guard found him there.

Dent's account came on the fourth day of testimony in a civil trial over dueling lawsuits between Swift and Mueller, who denies groping her and is seeking up to \$3 million from the singer-songwriter, her mother and their radio liaison to compensate him for his ruined career.

Swift is countering for just \$1 and what she calls a chance to stand up for other women.

A day earlier, Swift spent an hour on the witness stand herself defiantly recounting what she called a "despicable and horrifying and shocking" encounter.

"He stayed attached to my bare ass-cheek as I lurched away from him," Swift testified.

"It was a definite grab. A very long grab," she added in her testimony.

Swift's testy exchange with Mueller's attorney occasionally elicited chuckles — even from the six-woman, two-man jury. She got a laugh when she said Dent saw Mueller "lift my skirt" but someone would have had to have been underneath her to see the actual groping — "and we didn't have anyone positioned there."

Swift testified that after the photo was taken at the meet-and-greet session, she tried to get as far away Mueller as she could. She said she told him and his girlfriend, who was also in the photo, "thank you for coming" in a monotone voice before they left.

She also said she was stunned and did not say anything to Mueller or halt the event after he left because she did not want to disappoint several dozen people waiting in line for photos with her.

In the image, shown to jurors during opening statements but not publicly released, Mueller's hand is behind Swift, just below her waist. Both are smiling.



AP photo

In this courtroom sketch, pop singer Taylor Swift, front left, confers with her attorney as David Mueller, back left, and the judge look on during a civil trial in federal court Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017, in Denver. Mueller, a former radio disc jockey accused of groping Swift before a concert testified Tuesday that he may have touched the pop superstar's ribs with a closed hand as he tried to jump into a photo with her but insisted he did not touch her backside as she claims.

Swift's photographer, Stephanie Simbeck, testified Thursday that she knew something was wrong as she shot the photo. She testified that Swift later told her what happened, looked at a photo and pointed out Mueller as the person responsible.

The trial is scheduled to last

through next Thursday but appeared Friday to be moving quickly toward closing arguments.

Dent's testimony left Mueller's former girlfriend, Shannon Melcher, as the only remaining potential witness who was in the room at the time.

The TV-streaming paradox: Why you may miss the cable bundle



AP photo

In this Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, file photo, a person displays Netflix on a tablet in North Andover, Mass. The future of TV may well be a mishmash of streaming services that could wind up costing pretty close to a \$100 cable bundle, but that are way too difficult to use.

By **TALLARBEL**

AP Technology Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — The future of TV may well be a mishmash of streaming services that could rival the cost of a \$100 cable bundle — but that are way more difficult to use.

Disney's plan for two new streaming services (and possibly more) is just the latest sign that everyone is jumping into the streaming business. It intends to launch a kids-oriented movie and TV streaming service in 2019 that will pull Disney and Pixar films from Netflix, as well as an ESPN sidekick service (minus pro football and basketball) expected early next year. The company is even exploring the possibility of separate streaming services for its Star Wars and Marvel superhero films.

All of that will simply add to a cacophony of existing Netflix-style video services that let you watch what you want, when you want. More are probably on their way, as entertainment companies see profits in controlling not only the creation of their films and shows, but also their distribution.

The downside? Potentially bigger bills, and more work for people who just want to find something to watch. "Ultimately for consumers, it means that experience is dreadful," says

Paolo Pescatore, a vice president with research firm CCS Insight.

PROBLEM ONE: FINDING STUFF TO WATCH

New Yorker David Berkowitz still pays for cable, streams from Netflix and Amazon, and sometimes buys individual movies from Amazon; his three-year-old daughter already watches "Finding Dory" and "Finding Nemo" on two separate services. The prospect of a new Disney-only service isn't reassuring. "Having a third thing in the mix seems like a lot to juggle," he says.

To find stuff to watch, Berkowitz's family uses a Roku box attached to their TV, which suggests streaming channels the family may like and lets them search for the shows and movies he wants to watch. There are also websites to guide streamers, like justwatch.com.

That's fine if you know what you're looking for. But the modern-day channel surfer has it much harder. "There's going to be a proliferation of niche content,"

says Colin Petrie-Norris, CEO of Xumo, a streaming-channel provider for smart TVs. "The way for it to be managed, findable for a user — that has not emerged yet."

PROBLEM TWO: PAYING THE PRICE

People quit cable because they can't justify a \$100-and-always-climbing monthly payment, especially with so much good stuff on cheaper services. But the cost of multiple streaming services adds up, too.

A \$30 TV antenna gets you local channels — CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox, PBS, Univision — for free, though you have to watch whatever's on at the moment unless you have a DVR. If you want to see the edgy shows everyone talks about, then Netflix is, for most, \$10 a month; Amazon is \$8.25 a month if you sign up for a year. Hulu starts at \$8. HBO Now, \$15.

Tickled by ads for a specific network show? "The Sinner," an eerie-looking new Jessica Biel vehicle on USA,

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Paisley hopes to land punchlines with first comedy special

By **JOHN CARUCCI**

Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — Country singer Brad Paisley can carry a tune, but can he land a punchline?

On Tuesday, audiences will find out when the Grammy-winning recording artist hosts his first Netflix special, the "Brad Paisley Comedy Rodeo." But Paisley isn't worried.

"You know for me it's not that big a leap because I write comedic songs anyway. I have for years goofed around onstage and tried to tell some jokes," Paisley recently told The Associated Press.

Paisley admits he enjoys making people laugh, and cites his toughest critic.

"My wife will tell you I think I'm funny, and think I'm funnier than I probably am," he said with a smile.

The special came about after Netflix reps saw Paisley host the annual Nashville Wild West Comedy festival.

"It's the strangest name for one because it's east," Paisley joked.

Paisley sees a natural connection between comedy and country music, from the songs to the stage banter.

He also cites the old long-running variety

series "Hee Haw" as an inspiration. Country music stars Buck Owens and Roy Clark hosted the show and traded barbs with each other and their weekly guests.

"(There was) this sort of playful self-effacing nature of everyone willing to go on there. You see Johnny Cash goofing around. He doesn't care if the joke lands or not," he said.

Paisley is also aware that playing music to large crowds is his comfort zone, but making jokes poses its own challenges.

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Iran opposition leader's daughter holds painting exhibition

By **AMIR VAHDAT**

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The daughter of Iran's opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, who has been under house arrest since early 2011, hides her pain behind abstract watercolor paintings of birds and blossoms — but bullets and bars are never far away.

That's according to Narges Mousavi's latest art exhibition, which opened on Friday in Tehran.

The display, entitled "When it Dawned," is the second public showing of her art since her father was placed under house arrest along with another opposition leader, Mahdi Karroubi.

The two led Iran's Green Movement and street protests challenging then-President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's 2009 re-election. No charges have been raised against Mousavi and Karroubi. Both are 75 years old.

At the exhibition's opening at the "House of Free Designers" gallery in Tehran, Narges said her paintings are "about the contrast between coarseness of war and elegance of peace."

In the cream-colored world of her art, birds sing, flowers blossom and "invisible angles in the sky and on the

ground turn cruelty of the material world into kindness."

"I attempt to conceal the agony brought about by weapons and missiles with a poetic touch," she said.

But thin and sharp lines slice through some of the work. One depicts a mother holding her slain son as she cries.

"The hope is that despite all the carnage, the fires, the crashing sounds of firing and nuclear threat, the world will remain a livable place," Narges was quoted as saying in a leaflet that accompanied the exhibit.

Her previous exhibition, in August 2015, was attended by many reformist politicians and activists, including former President Mohammad Khatami who served from 1997 to 2005 and who remains the spiritual leader of the reformist movement despite being under a media ban.

Some political activists who had served prison terms since the 2009 street protests also attended the opening of the exhibition on Friday.

In the corner of the gallery stood an installation by the artist, depicting a woman's cream-colored dress dotted with images of bullets, a gas mask in

place of the head.

Spectators took photographs and appeared animated by the art.

"The works show jails, bars and birds. All these symbolize freedom," said Fateh, who would only give his first name, fearing for his safety.

In a July interview with the Jomhuri Eslami daily, Narges Mousavi and her elder sister, Zahra, said they worry about their parents' health. Mousavi's wife Zahra Rahnavard is with her husband under house arrest.

President Hassan Rouhani in both his presidential campaigns, in 2013 and 2017, promised to lift the house arrest for the two opposition leaders, but the pair remains detained.

Hard-liners have demanded they be tried for treason.

Occasionally, Iranian media mention Mousavi and Karroubi as having had medical checkups in hospitals.

Mousavi and Karroubi led massive street rallies in the aftermath of Ahmadinejad's 2009 election to protest official election results declaring him the winner. Opposition supporters claimed "monumental vote fraud" in Ahmadinejad's favor but their peaceful protest was crushed by security forces.

No longer king of the jungle: New fund to aid Africa's lions



AP photo

This photo taken on Sunday, April 3, 2011 and released by Panthera shows an adult male lion during a joint Panthera/DPN (Direction des Parcs Nationaux) lion survey in Niokolo-Koba National Park in south eastern Senegal. Senegal's Niokolo-Koba National Park is home to fewer than 50 lions after years of poaching decimated not only them but also their prey. Conservationists are launching a new fund they hope will save lions from going extinct, particularly in West Africa. Only about 400 lions remain in the region out of the total 20,000 worldwide. The Lion Recovery Fund is getting startup contributions from the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation.

By **KRISTA LARSON**

Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Senegal's Niokolo-Koba National Park is home to fewer than 50 lions after years of poaching decimated not only them but also their prey. Small patches of lion skin are sold at local fetish markets for \$10, and their bones have a thriving market in Asia.

Sightings have become so rare that it once took researchers conducting a lion survey in the area two months before they spotted one of the big cats. Conservationists, however, believe the park could one day rebound.

"This landscape is still in fantastic shape," said Philipp Henschel, West and Central Africa regional director for the lion program at Panthera, a global wild cat conservation organization. "This area could potentially, if well protected, harbor between 400 and 500 lions."

A \$150,000 grant from a fund launched this week by the Wildlife Conservation Network and The Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation is aimed at better equipping Niokolo-Koba's park rangers for those efforts.

The Lion Recovery Fund is initially providing \$800,000 toward bolstering lions' habitat across the continent, from Senegal in the west to Tanzania in the east as well as Zambia and Malawi in southern Africa.

"Lions in Africa are facing a whole range

of human threats that are increasing in scope as the human and livestock populations grow," said Peter Lindsey, conservation initiatives director for the Wildlife Conservation Network.

Many wildlife areas "are really suffering from a lack of funding and resources," he said.

The situation is particularly dire in West Africa, where the lion subspecies has been classified as "critically endangered."



AP photo

Narges Mousavi an Iranian artist and daughter of Mir Hossein Mousavi stands during her exhibition in "House of Free Designers" art gallery in Tehran, Iran, Friday, Aug. 11, 2017. The daughter of Iran's opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, who has been under house arrest since early 2011, is holding a painting exhibition in Tehran.

COMEDY

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"It's sort of all or nothing with a joke. You either get laughs or you don't. There's a threshold you reach you realize that it worked. Then there's a threshold of sort of polite chuckling where it just didn't work and that's terrifying."

He handpicked the five comedians who will appear on the show,

including Mike E. Winfield, who does a bit making fun of Paisley's "I'm Gonna Miss Her," calling Paisley "gangsta" for writing a song about leaving your girl to go fishing. Paisley will come out to sing the song with Winfield.

Paisley will tell jokes and perform some comedy songs, including "Selfie." "It deals with our obsession with this ridiculous taking a picture of ourselves, which is so often a bad idea."

Paisley credits his hosting duties with Carrie Underwood on the Country Music Awards as his gateway to comedy.

"The CMAs was preparation in every way for something like this. I definitely wouldn't be doing it if I hadn't learned alongside Carrie every year doing that," Paisley said. This November, Paisley will host the CMAs with Underwood for the tenth straight year.

CABLE

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costs \$20 on Amazon for the season. All that together is already more than \$60 a month. It's even worse if you're a sports fan. MLB TV is \$113 for the year, and you won't get hometown games.

Berkowitz says he's curious about the Disney service, especially since he expects to save money by cutting cable. "For us, if it's \$5 a month it'll almost be like that impulse buy, go to a

store and pick up a candy bar," he says.

Disney hasn't settled on prices yet, saying only it wants an affordable service that's broadly appealing. Its DisneyLife streaming video app in the U.K. launched at 10 pounds a month in November 2015 and now costs half that — about \$6.50.

Of course, Disney might still bundle Marvel movies and the Star Wars franchise into its service, which would help it appeal to a wider demographic. For kid's programming, there's already a

lot out there. Much of it is free.

Darcy Hansen, a communications consultant and stay-at-home mom in the Dallas suburbs, has two kids under age 5 whose favorite show — "Sheriff Callie's Wild West" — is a Disney series on Hulu. But a Disney app isn't a must-have for her.

Her kids already watch "all sorts of things" on YouTube and on the free PBS Kids app, and they have Netflix too, Hansen says. "I don't think Disney has a monopoly on children's programming, in our house at least."

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