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## A/C unit bid search approved by Howard County



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Howard County Commissioners approved a search for bids on three air conditioning cooler units for the 118th District Court building located on the town square at 312 S. Scurry St. during their meeting Wednesday afternoon. The units are expected to run around \$4,500 each.

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

At their meeting Wednesday afternoon, Howard County Commissioners considered several purchase requests from county departments, including a request for air conditioning and dehumidification units for the District Courthouse.

"It's come to our attention that, not only are some of those units worn out and need to be replaced – and it looks like we'll be replacing them some at a time instead the whole bunch of them – but we also were concerned about dehumidifying the basement to make sure that records don't deteriorate."

County Head of Maintenance Baldomar Cortez spoke to the commissioners about the issue.

"The most important units are going to be the office units which would narrow it down to, like, five units rather than

seven," he said. "A couple of them are having issues with them working or making noise, or switching over from heat to cool. They're old systems. It's time to get them updated. We'll try to get something with an economizer on it, so that they're not pulling 100 percent fresh air from outside. There's probably a total of about 10 or 12 units that need to be replaced."

Cortez told the commissioners that, while he hasn't gone out for bids on the units yet, industry representatives have told him units similar to the ones under consideration usually run around \$4,500, installed.

Commissioners voted to give Cortez permission to seek bids on three units for now, with plans to gradually replace the rest of the units over time.

In other business, County Judge Kathryn Wiseman

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## City council considers annexation issue

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Zoning and annexation issues headed up the Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday evening.

The council held three public hearings on zoning and annexation during the meeting. According to Big Spring's City Planner Roxanne Johnston, no one spoke at the first two hearings; while two people spoke up at the third hearing, which addressed annexation of land located northwest of West Seventh Street and Lorilla Street.



Johnston

"(The first two) were a non-issue. Nobody came up to talk," Johnston said. "Two people came up on (the third public hearing). P.J. Dominguez came up. He lives in that area, and he's just concerned about the traffic, the truck traffic, big trucks going in and out of

there." Johnston explained the need for the annexation of the two tracts totaling 17.58 acres.

"This is one of those things where a lot of research had to be done," she said. "It had been annexed, all but a fraction of an acre, back in 1977. That made a little hole in the annexation. That acreage, less than an acre, created a little hole. What it was was the railroad tracks, because back in that time it belonged to the railroad. Now it's a private line, so we're re-annexing to cover that hole."

The item was not listed as an action item on the agenda.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a bid for a telehandler and work station by Briggs Equipment of Abilene in the amount of \$149,456.21. Of seven bid requests sent out, six were returned. Of those, one did not meet specifications; of the remaining five, the Briggs bid was the lowest.
- Approved a bid for a motor grader. Of the five bid requests sent out, four were returned. The recommended bid award is to Warren Cat of San Angelo in the amount of

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## Coffee Time scheduled Friday

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**  
 Staff Writer

Friday is which means it is almost time for Kindred Coffee Hour. If you haven't yet attended this free public event put on by Kindred at Home and SMMC, here is a little information about it.



Fair

Yellow Rose Cafe inside Scenic Mountain Medical Center, located at 1601 W. 11th place here in Big Spring.

The Kindred staff provides blood pressure checks as well as oxygen and heart rate checks; and, of course, coffee! Most of Kindred's coffee hours feature a guest speaker to help educate the community about their health, whether it be medically related or not. According to Kindred Community Sales Specialist Christian Fair, the goal for this program is to develop relationships in the community while also edu-



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cating people on their health.

"Whether we are able to steer people in the right direction when it comes to their health, or even if they are already doing great, we just love being able to offer this service to the community, and we are so happy about its continued growth," said Fair.

Every week there is something different in store for the guest of Kindred Coffee Hour. This Friday, special guest speaker Mark Richardson will be speaking to those present at the coffee hour about "Thank a Veteran Day," and what people can do to take part in that day and show their support for local veterans.

"Our veterans and their

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## Idaho asks Texas oil company to explain 'discrepancies'

By **KEITH RIDLER**  
 Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Idaho officials want a Texas oil company to explain what a state agency calls "discrepancies" involving oil and gas production records for wells in Idaho following an evaluation of records dating back to 2014.

The Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission on Wednesday directed the Idaho Department of Lands to ask Houston-based Alta Mesa to account for apparent discrepancies between what was produced and what was sold at specific wells.

The records examined by the Idaho Department of Lands involve nine wells operated by Alta Mesa.

"There's a big discrepancy between production volumes and what was reported sold," Mick Thomas, administrator for the Idaho

Department of Lands' oil and gas division, told the commissioners.

State officials say they also want to know about 28,000 barrels of liquids potentially worth millions of dollars that Alta Mesa said involved testing early in the production process that weren't reported. At the time, Idaho didn't require reporting for testing.

"I would like an explanation of those first couple years," said Commission Chairman Kevin Dickey.

Alta Mesa didn't immediately respond to phone messages from The Associated Press.

The evaluation of the records follow efforts by lawmakers in 2017 to improve oversight of the industry as expected windfalls of oil and gas money to state coffers and landowners have failed to happen despite several years

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## Police, Sheriff reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ADRIAN MONTELONGO**, 42, of 1102 Wood St., was arrested for driving with suspended license.
- **SUSAN ETTA HUMPHREY**, 31, of 2689 Lake 252 CR, was arrested on warrants for murder, criminal mischief, and theft of property (one hundred dollars to seven hundred and fifty)
- **FELICIA BREANNA**, 30, TOMASEK of 2525 Chanute Dr., was arrested for theft of property (one hundred dollars to seven hundred and fifty)
- **MARCES MORGAN**, 38, of 1105 State St., was arrested for driving with suspended license.
- **ALLEN RAY WARD**, 45, of 103 Collins Rd., was arrested on warrants on two counts of fail to maintain financial responsibilities, expired registration, forgery of a financial instrument, and violate promise to appear.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported on the 600 block of WI-20
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was re-

ported near mile marker 181B West Bound

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on 100 block of Collins Rd.
- **THEFT** was reported on the 200 block of W. FM. 700.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 75 inmates at the time of this report.

- **EDGAR IVAN BUSTAMANTE-SILVA**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (one hundred dollars to seven hundred and fifty)
- **VENANCIO ALONSO CASTRO**, 29, was arrested by BSPD for driving while intoxicated.
- **DYLAN LEE DANNEK**, 24, was arrested by DPS for driving while intoxicated.
- **DARRELL LEWIS GORDON**, 39, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant for
- **MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ**, 36 was arrested by HCSO

on a warrant for criminal trespass of a habitat

- **ADRIAN MONTELONGO**, 42, was arrested by BSPD for driving with an invalid license
- **MARCES DIONE MORGAN**, 38, was arrested by BSPD for driving with an invalid license
- **SUSAN ETTA OVERTON**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on warrants for murder, criminal mischief, and theft of property (one hundred dollars to seven hundred and fifty)
- **ANDRES TAPIA**, 22, was arrested by DPS for possession of marijuana (less than two ounces)
- **FELICIA BREANNA**, 30, TOMASEK was arrested by BSPD theft of property (one hundred dollars to seven hundred and fifty)
- **ALLEN RAY WARD**, 45, was arrested HCSO on warrants with two counts of fail to maintain financial responsibilities, expired registration, forgery of a financial instrument, and violate promise to appear.

## Take Note

• Come on down to the American Legion Post 506 Saturday, June 16 Fish Fry. The American Legion will be serving plates, \$10 each from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the Legion also offers carry out plate and will be delivering from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information or to order you Fish Fry plate for carry out call 432-263-2084. The American Legion Post 506 is located at 3203 W Hwy 80. Everyone one is welcome.

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

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

• 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 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.

• Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, handles legal issues affecting Veterans, Retirees, and their family members. They will have clinics that provides volunteer attorneys that will provide free legal advice (up to 25 minutes depending on the issue). A pro bono attorney may be assigned to handle some cases that include: bankruptcy, consumer issues/contract, child supper and custody, divorce, employment, foreclosure, housing, landlord/tenant, probate and guardianship, real estate, social security/SSI, Veterans benefits/issues, wills and estate planning. The Clinic dates are on Aug. 23 and Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Northside Community Center on 110 N.E 8th St. Applicants must be financially eligible to obtain services. Please bring a copy of your DD215 and/or Veterans ID card. Appointments are required. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Pete Fierro at 432-332-1207, ext. 4511.

• The Howard County Democrats meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Howard College Library.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior

Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• 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.

• 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.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• 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 has changed its meeting time. The club now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday and the fourth Thursday of each month. Meetings are still held at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. 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.

## Obituaries

### Jesse James Collins

Jesse James Collins, 30, died Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 500 block of W. 17th St., no one transported
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 1800 block of Nolan, One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** . Was reported on the 1500 block of Sunset Ave. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on the 1700 block of N. Hwy 350, no transport was needed.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 2000 block of Rickabaugh, One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAUMA CALL** was reported on the 700 block of Bucknell ,One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported on the 3000 block of Maple,One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

• Bring Everyone Into the Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a Veteran based peer group. The purpose of this group is to provide peer to peer support to Service Members, Veterans, and families (SMVF), especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MTS), and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ Meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane. For more questions and information email, francisco.garza@wtcmhmr.org or call 432-268-3003.

• GriefShare is a Biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly May 24 through Aug. 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

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

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

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

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# COUNTY

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issued a plea to Howard County residents to obey the county-wide fire-works ban.

"I've been getting calls from people that live out in the county that are very afraid and very concerned because of the fire situation and the drought situation out in the county," Wiseman said. "We do have an abundance of fuel out there, because we did get rain last year. So I want to caution everyone to be very, very, very careful doing anything that might cause a spark and start a fire out in the county. I want to encourage you to come

to the July 3 Pops in the Park and let that be your celebration, where we have firefighters on hand."

At the end of the meeting, Commissioner Jimmie Long made a brief statement regarding the use of water authorized by the Colorado River Municipal Water District, the organization that provides water to Big Spring and other cities in West Texas.

"I think the public needs to be aware, and you're concerned, as citizens, as I am, that our municipal water from the Colorado River Municipal Water District is now being used at Lake Thomas to frack wells with," he said. "I made (Big Spring City Manager) Todd (Darden) aware of this and he's scheduled several meetings with the president of CRMWD, and they keep

cancelling those meetings. I'm appalled, due to the drought that we're in, going on eight months, that our municipal water district, which services Odessa, Big Spring and Snyder, would allow fracking with water that we have paid for to be delivered to us. I think it's a crying shame to be honest with you. I would like some kind of accountability from the Colorado River Municipal Water District to answer why they allow fracking with our water supply."

CRMWD officials could not be reached for comment regarding the issue.

Commissioners also:

- Held meetings earlier in the day to discuss budget issues and the possible purchase of a radio system for

the Howard County Sheriff's Office from Harris Corporation. No action was taken on those issues.

- Approved engagement with the Cap Risk Group for the Government Accounting Standards Board "Statement 75 - Post-Employment Benefits" valuations and projections.

- Held a closed executive session to discuss employee matters. Following the closed session, commissioners reconvened and voted to authorize 30 hours from the sick time pool to be used by an unnamed employee.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

# COUNCIL

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\$224,750, the lowest of the returned bids.

- Approved V-Bar Equipment Company of Abilene's bid for two forklifts. Five bid requests were sent out, and all five were returned. Of those, one did not meet specifications. The V-Bar bid of \$28,718 was the lowest bid by a wide margin; the next lowest was \$46,508.23.

- Heard a presentation by KDC Associates on the proposed Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater Improvement Project;

- Approved an emergency reading of a resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to close portions of East Third and Fourth streets from June 29 through July 1 for the annual Funtastic Fourth Celebration. The agreement is also contingent on approval of Howard County to close its facilities in the area for the time in question.

- Tabled an agreement with SM Energy for nam-

ing rights at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater in recognition of their \$60,000 donation to the Amphitheater Improvement Project. Project organizer Barney Dodds plans to research the subject further and return to the council with more information.

- Approved an agreement with Bollinger, Segars, Gilbert and Moss LLC for professional and audit services.

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# After summit, North Korea shows Trump in new light



In this image made from video released by KRT on June 14, 2018, shows North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, right, taking a walk through the a garden with U.S. President Donald Trump during their summit in Singapore, June 12, 2018. In the state-run media coverage of the recent summit, North Koreans are getting a new look at U.S. President Donald Trump now that his summit with leader Kim Jong Un is safely over and it's a far cry from the "dotard" label Pyongyang slapped on him last year.

By ERIC TALMADGE

Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Koreans are getting a new look at U.S. President Donald Trump now that his summit with leader Kim Jong Un is over and it's a far cry from the "dotard" label their government slapped on him last year.

Previously, even on a good day, the best he might get was "Trump." No honorifics. No signs of respect. Now, he's being called "the president of the United States of America." Or "President Donald J. Trump."

Even "supreme leader."

The post-summit transformation of North Korea's official version of Trump, who's now being shown by state media looking serious and almost regal, underscores the carefully choreographed reality show the government has had to perform to keep its people, taught from childhood to hate and distrust the "American imperialists," ideologically on board with the tectonic shifts underway in their country's relationship with Washington.

AP photo

Forces No Kwang Chol, who instead saluted the American president. Trump saluted the officer in return, and the two then shook hands. In another scene, he moved a chair with his foot instead of his hands. Both elicited giggles from North Koreans watching the program.

Before showing Trump and Kim signing their joint statement, the newscaster said Trump made a point of giving Kim a look at his armored Cadillac limousine, and noted that it is known to Americans as "the Beast." She also at one point called them the "two supreme leaders" of their countries.

The image-heavy news of Kim's trip to Singapore was presented like a chronological documentary, starting with the red-carpet send off at the Pyongyang airport on, interestingly enough, a chartered Air China flight. That was followed by video of his motorcade making its way to the St. Regis Hotel in Singapore as throngs of well-wishers waved as though awaiting a rock star, and Kim's night tour of the city-state on the summit's eve.

The state media's representation of the summit and Trump is extremely important because it gives the North Korean population, which has only limited access to other news sources, an idea not just of what's going on but also of how the government expects them to respond.

For the average North Korean, the state media's coverage of Kim's diplomatic blitz this year must seem nothing short of astonishing.

After sending a top-level delegation that included his own sister to the Winter Olympics in South Korea in February, Kim has met twice each with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and Chinese President Xi Jinping and the state media have splashed all of the meetings across its front pages and newscasts — though generally a day after the fact to allow time to make sure the ideological tone is right and the images as powerful as possible.

In the run-up to the summit, the North's media softened its rhetoric so as not to spoil the atmosphere as Kim prepared to sit down with the leader of the country North Korea has maligned and lambasted for decades as the most evil place on Earth, other than perhaps Japan, its former colonial ruler.

It fired a few barrages against hard-line comments by U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and National Security Adviser John Bolton and has stood ever critical of "capitalist values," but has kept direct references to Trump to a minimum.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Johnie Harold Williams, 79, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial will follow at Gorman Cemetery in Gorman, Texas.

# IDAHO

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of production. Severance taxes on reported production have never matched Idaho's cost to regulate the industry.

The new laws in 2017 revamped the commission overseeing Idaho's natural gas and oil industry and beefed up the Idaho Department of Lands. Lawmakers also required more detailed reporting requirements for oil companies.

Under those new laws, the commission in February requested that Alta Mesa provide production volumes on all oil and gas wells in the state. State officials on May 9 examined those production records and

produced spreadsheets state officials say contain discrepancies. The spreadsheets were given to the five-member commission.

It's not clear when Alta Mesa might respond to the commission's request for an explanation.

On a related front, the Idaho Land Board, which includes Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, last year directed the Idaho Department of Lands to conduct an audit on three Alta Mesa wells the state has a financial interest in, and that could provide insights into royalty payments and severance taxes. That audit is still being conducted.

In other action, a watchdog group and southwest Idaho landowners last year filed a federal lawsuit against Idaho offi-

cial contending a state-approved process forcing them to sell their natural gas and oil violates the U.S. Constitution. That case remains active.

Idaho has a long history of oil and gas exploration starting in the early 1900s, but it was Alta Mesa using new technologies that made Idaho an oil and gas producing state. The company has spent more than \$160 million finding reserves to tap and building infrastructure but has also at times expressed frustration as Idaho officials have tried to find the best regulatory plan.

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# Texas Crop and Weather Report

*AgriLife Extension district reporters compiled the following summaries:*

**CENTRAL:** Dry conditions continued, however, some isolated showers occurred. More rain was needed. Dry conditions caused stunted growth of grain sorghum, and corn was without ears in some areas. Wheat harvest was starting to wrap up with great yields. Cattle remained in good condition. Stock tanks and river water levels were dropping. Most counties reported good soil moisture. Overall crop rangeland and pasture conditions were good.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Days were hot and windy. However, rain was reported in the latter part of the reporting period in some areas with amounts ranging from a trace to 1.5 inches, which improved pasture conditions for grazing. Producers were still supplementing feed up to four times a week. Hay harvest continued with below average yields. Most wheat was harvested, and cotton planting was in full swing. More rain was needed across the entire district.

**COASTAL BEND:** Soil moisture was very short, leaving most areas in drought. All crops were suffering from lack of moisture, with some fields completely burned up. Cotton was blooming, and farmers were irrigating fields where possible. Grain sorghum was coloring. Yield reductions were expected. The first hay cutting was small and pastures already appeared scorched. Livestock remained in fair condition. Local auctions were reflecting larger sales volumes due to costs and availability of supplemental feed. Some producers were considering early weaning and culling of livestock.

**EAST:** Most of the district had not received substantial rainfall amounts for several weeks, which caused visible signs of plant stress and decreased production. Angelina, Gregg, Harrison, Panola and Wood were the only counties that reported any rainfall. Cherokee County reported drought conditions were causing pastures and hay meadows to show signs of stress and surface water to dry up. Harrison County reported the first hay cutting was complete, and most fields produced about 60 percent of normal yields. Many Cherokee County producers were purchasing hay from other areas.

Anderson County reported hay was cut and baled with yields around 2-2.25 round bales per acre. Jasper County reported growing conditions were excellent. Pasture and rangeland conditions were fair to good in some counties with Anderson, Cherokee, Tyler, Shelby and Smith counties reporting very poor conditions. Anderson County reported corn, soybeans and grain sorghum all needed rain, and peas, potatoes, beans, onions, squash, tomatoes, melons, blueberries, blackberries and peaches were all being harvested.

Marion County producers with gardens had to water and some have lost gardens due to the lack of rain. Anderson County pecan trees looked good with a moderate to heavy crop and pecan scab was under control. Subsoil moisture conditions in Houston, Shelby and Tyler counties were very short. Cherokee, Harrison, Smith, Jasper, Marion and Gregg counties all reported short subsoil conditions. Harrison, Rusk, Marion and Smith counties all reported short topsoil conditions.

Topsoil conditions in Cherokee, Houston, Shelby, Gregg and Tyler counties were all very short. Livestock were in fair to good condition throughout the district. Gregg County reported cattle prices held steady at the local sale barn. Feral hog activity was high in Anderson and Wood counties while Anderson and Houston counties reported ever-increasing numbers of horn flies. Gregg County producers applied herbicides to pastures.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** The district received 0.5-2.75 inches of rain, depending on the location. The rain should give dryland cotton seeds the push needed to emerge. Some areas were still in a severe drought. The deadline for cotton planting for federal insurance passed, and producers, especially those farming dryland, were forced to make decisions about what and when to plant.

Row-crop producers finished initial planting stages and were possibly facing replant due to the dry conditions. Many acres of cotton were not expected to emerge because of drought. Farmers were hustling to get sorghum, cane and haygrazer planted.

Growers were sand-fighting to combat the high winds and temperatures. Pasture, rangeland and winter wheat needed additional rain. Ranchers were looking to sell cows because pastures were in poor condition. Cattle body condition scores were good.

**PANHANDLE:** Conditions were hot and windy. Temperatures continued to be above average. Moore County was very hot with three days at 100 degrees. Soil moisture continued to be short to very short. Moisture was needed throughout the

district. Scattered moisture was received, but amounts were limited.

Wheat in Ochiltree County was ripening at a rapid rate. Winter wheat harvest was right around the corner with many dryland fields more than ready, and yields were expected to be very low. Cotton was planted and emerging with irrigated fields coming along great with the high number of heat units.

A small rain event in Hall County was expected to help dryland cotton emerge, but more moisture will be needed to allow fields to progress and finish. Dryland sorghum planting started. Corn with irrigation progressed quickly. Pasture and cattle conditions were holding, but conditions were expected to decline without rain.

**NORTH:** Topsoil and subsoil moisture levels ranged from mostly adequate to short across the counties. Temperatures were above average along with high humidity. Some counties received 1.5-3 inches of much-needed rain. Wheat and oat harvests continued. Wheat farmers reported 40-70 bushels per acre, and oat farmers reported yields of 50-70 bushels per acre.

Corn, cotton and soybeans were doing well with no reports of disease or pest problems. Corn exited the vegetative growth stage and was in the reproductive stage. Pastures looked good and warm-season grasses were doing well. Livestock were in great condition, but insect populations increased, which added stress to livestock. Feral hog activity was light.

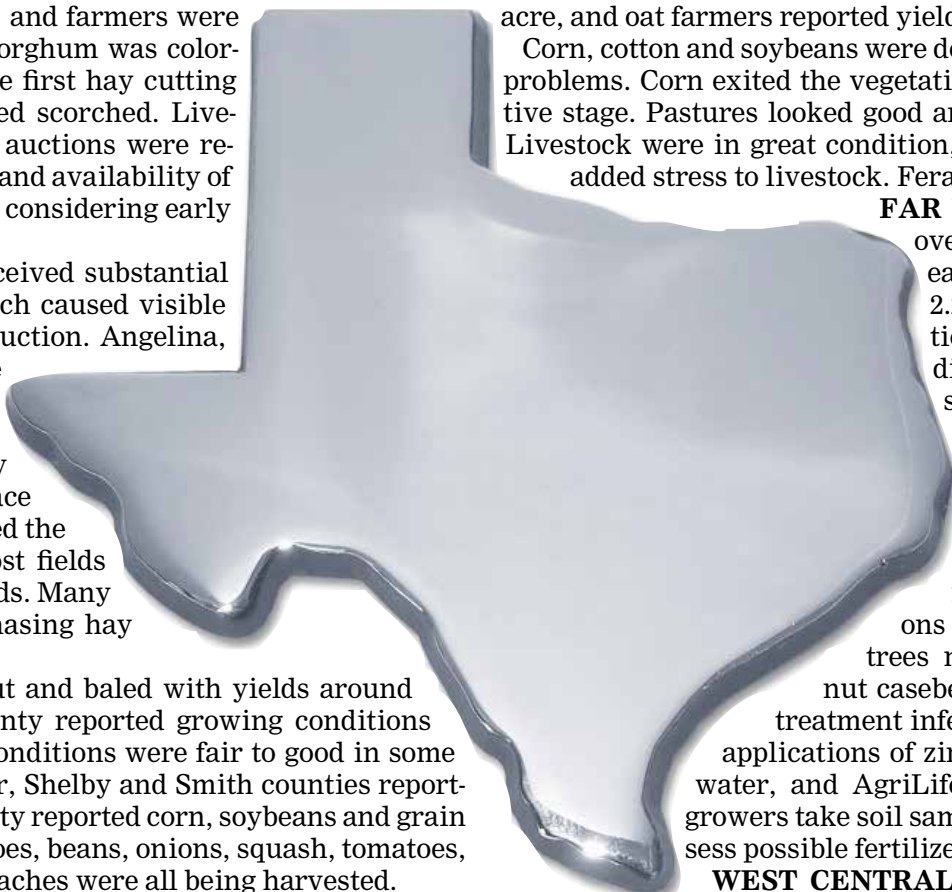
**FAR WEST:** Temperatures ranged from highs over 100 degrees to lows in the 70s. A few areas of the district received from a trace to 2.25 inches of rain. Severe drought conditions continued through a majority of the district. Fires and wind in the area were still a concern. Irrigated crops struggled to emerge, including irrigated cotton. Almost no dryland cotton had emerged, and the crop needed a significant rain to start and more to stay alive.

Corn was barely hanging on, but pollination was underway. Sorghum and melons were struggling. Pecan and other fruit trees needed water. A second round of pecan nut casebearer traps were placed to track any post-treatment infestations. Young pecan trees needed foliar applications of zinc. Lawns and gardens needed additional water, and AgriLife Extension agents were recommending growers take soil samples for nutritional deficiencies and to assess possible fertilizer applications.

**WEST CENTRAL:** Conditions were hot and dry with isolated thunderstorms. Rainfall amounts ranged from traces up to 3 inches. Some wind and hail damage was reported. Wheat harvest neared completion with below-average yields. Cotton planting was underway. Some of the early planted sorghum was flowering. Corn looked good and was tasseling. Rangeland and pastures were in fair to good condition. Livestock water sources were getting critically low in some areas. Some livestock producers were hauling water for livestock. Pastures were getting really short, and ranchers started to sell older cows in some parts of the district.

**SOUTHEAST:** Conditions were hot and dry, with parts of the district receiving spotty showers, which provided temporary relief for crops. Livestock were in fair to good condition with some producers already feeding hay. Pastures and crops were stressed due to high temperatures and dry conditions. Soil moisture levels were holding even with the limited amount of moisture

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received. Rangeland and pasture ratings varied from excellent to very poor with fair ratings being most common. Soil-moisture levels ranged from adequate to very short with short being most common.

**SOUTHWEST:** Extremely hot and dry weather depleted soil moisture levels significantly. There was still forage available, however it was rapidly becoming limited. Some counties were under a burn ban. Corn was declining fast. Sorghum needed rain. Soybean fields will likely not reach their potential plant height or yield without rain.

**SOUTH:** Hot, dry weather conditions continued short to very short moisture levels. Most of the district reported very short moisture conditions. There were no reports of rain. All field crops were under irrigation, and hay was being cut and baled. Some livestock producers started feeding hay, and hay prices were increasing. Chipper potato and food corn harvests continued. Peanut planting continued and should be completed soon. Pasture and rangeland conditions continued to decline due to lack of rainfall and high temperatures.

Body condition scores on cattle remained mostly fair. Crops like Coastal Bermuda grass, watermelons, cantaloupes and onions irrigated by canal systems were in good condition. Irrigated sorghum and cotton made good progress. Corn planted early was approaching maturity. There were more reports of failed sorghum fields, and in most cases those fields were being baled for livestock feed. Dryland cotton needed water, and yields were expected to be impacted. Onion harvest was completed in some areas. Stock tanks were empty and pastures were in poor condition in Kleberg and Kennedy counties. Extremely high temperatures and drought conditions in some parts of the district were stressing improved pastures and native rangeland. Producers provided supplemental feed in some areas. In Hidalgo County, citrus harvest was complete, and sunflower and onion harvests were winding down. Watermelon harvest was very active.

*Melting of Antarctica is speeding up, worrying scientists*

By **SETH BORENSTEIN**

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — The melting of Antarctica is accelerating at an alarming rate, with about 3 trillion tons of ice disappearing since 1992, an international team of ice experts said in a new study.

In the last quarter century, the southern-most continent's ice sheet — a key indicator of climate change — melted into enough water to cover Texas to a depth of nearly 13 feet (4 meters), scientists calculated. All that water made global oceans rise about three-tenths of an inch (7.6 millimeters).

From 1992 to 2011, Antarctica lost nearly 84 billion tons of ice a year (76 billion metric tons). From 2012 to 2017, the melt rate increased to more than 241 billion tons a year (219 billion metric tons), according to the study Wednesday in the journal Nature.

"I think we should be worried. That doesn't mean we should be desperate," said University of California Irvine's Isabella Velicogna, one of 88 co-authors. "Things are happening. They are happening faster than we expected."

Part of West Antarctica, where most of the melting occurred, "is in a state of collapse," said co-author Ian Joughin of the University of Washington.

The study is the second of as-

sessments planned every several years by a team of scientists working with NASA and the European Space Agency. Their mission is to produce the most comprehensive look at what's happening to the world's vulnerable ice sheets in Antarctica and Greenland.

Outside experts praised the work as authoritative.

Unlike single-measurement studies, this team looks at ice loss in 24 different ways using 10 to 15 satellites, as well as ground and air measurements and computer simulations, said lead author Andrew Shepherd of the University of Leeds in England.

It's possible that Antarctica alone can add about half a foot (16 centimeters) to sea level rise by the end of the century, Shepherd said. Seas also rise from melting land glaciers elsewhere, Greenland's dwindling ice sheet and the fact that warmer water expands.

"Under natural conditions we don't expect the ice sheet to lose ice at all," Shepherd said. "There are no other plausible signals to be driving this other than climate change."

Shepherd cautioned that this is not a formal study that determines human fingerprints on climate events.

Forces "that are driving these changes are not going to get any better in a warming climate,"

said University of Colorado ice scientist Waleed Abdalati, a former NASA chief scientist who wasn't part of the study team.

In Antarctica, it's mostly warmer water causing the melt. The water nibbles at the floating edges of ice sheets from below. Warming of the southern ocean is connected to shifting winds, which are connected to global warming from the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, Shepherd said.

More than 70 percent of the recent melt is in West Antarctica.

The latest figures show East Antarctica is losing relatively little ice a year — about 31 tons (28 metric tons) — since 2012. It was gaining ice before 2012.

So far scientists are not comfortable saying the trend in East Antarctica will continue. It is likely natural variability, not climate change, and East Antarctica is probably going to be stable for a couple decades, said study co-author Joughin.

Another study in Nature on Wednesday found that East Antarctic ice sheet didn't retreat significantly 2 million to 5 million years ago when heat-trapping carbon dioxide levels were similar to what they are now.

Twila Moon, a research scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center who wasn't part of the studies, said "ice-speaking, the situation is dire."



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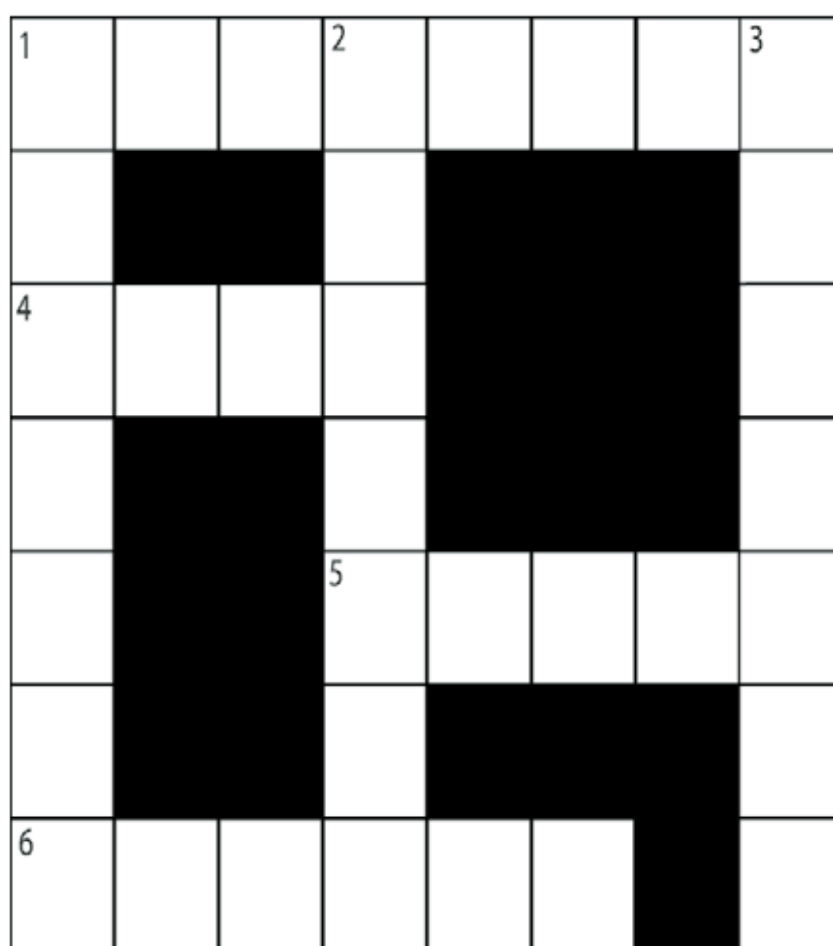
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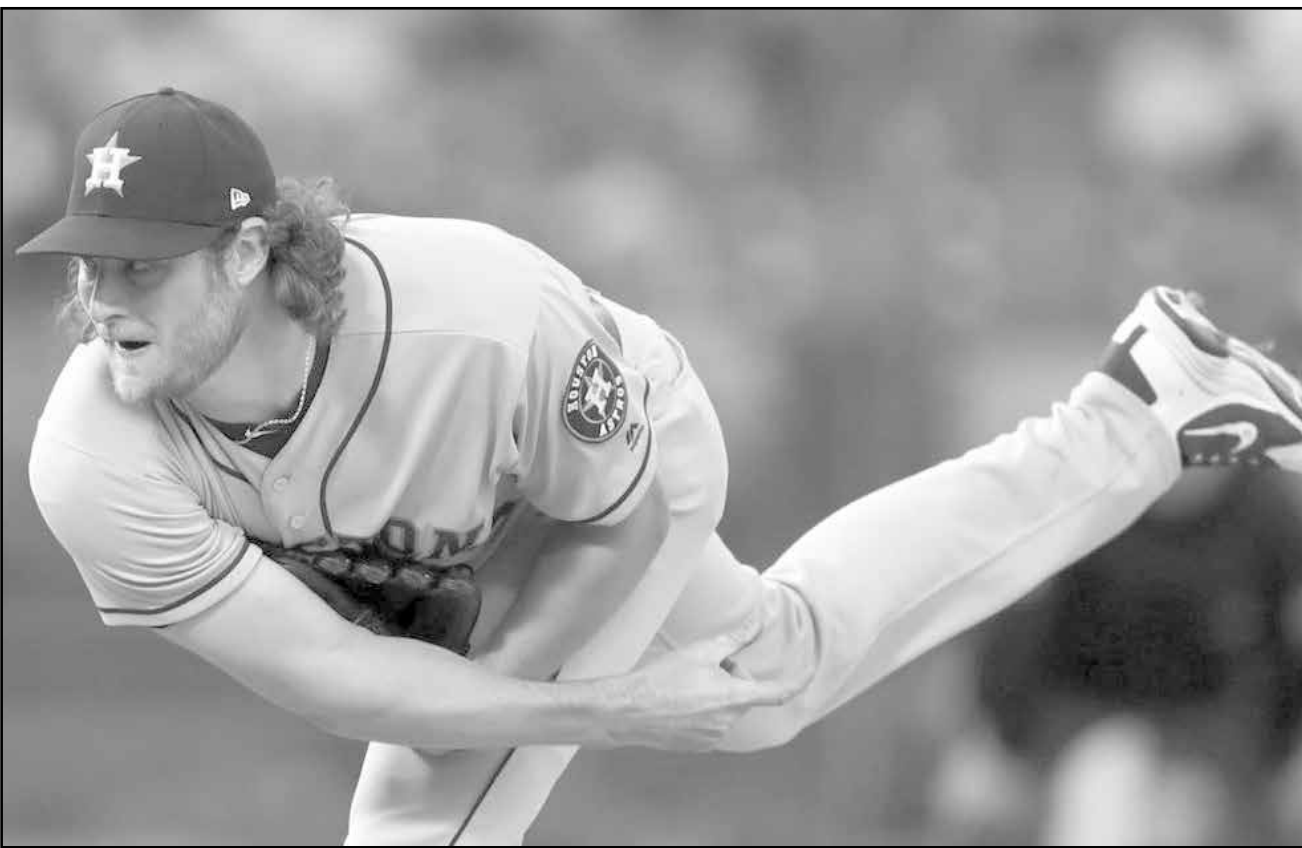
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### Gattis does it again: 2 HRs, 5 RBIs in Astros 13-5 win



Houston Astros pitcher Gerrit Cole follows through on a delivery to an Oakland Athletics batter during the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN  
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — With the two best games of his career coming on consecutive days, designated hitter Evan Gattis has quickly transformed into the Astros' hottest hitter

— and their current good luck charm. He's got a franchise record to prove it, too.

Gattis hit two home runs, including the first of back-to-back shots with Marwin Gonzalez during a seven-run second inning, and the streaking

met off and rubbing it all over themselves and they're trying to get as close to him as they can. They want whatever he's eating, whatever he's doing during the games."

Jake Marisnick also homered, Car-

Astros beat the Oakland Athletics 13-5 on Wednesday night for their seventh straight win.

One night after homering and setting a career high with five RBIs, Gattis drove in five again, becoming the first player in franchise history to drive in five in consecutive games.

"It was fun to watch our guys respond to his continued damage at-bats," Houston manager AJ Hinch said. "They're taking his helping hand and

los Correa had a two-run triple and Yuli Gurriel had three hits and three RBIs to help Gerrit Cole (8-1) win his sixth straight decision.

Gattis had a sacrifice fly in the first inning, hit a three-run home run off A's starter Paul Blackburn (1-1) in the second then went deep again with a solo blast off Emilio Pagan in the seventh. Gattis also walked in the eighth.

"He's white hot," Cole said. "Just a great approach right now. He's obviously put the team on his back a little bit."

Gattis' 10 RBIs in two games also ties an Astros record, but the big slugger wouldn't say he's necessarily locked in at the plate.

"It never feels like it," Gattis said. "You're about to go hit a ball with a percent of the time. You get to enjoy the good stuff if you're going to get mad about the negatives in the game."

Cole allowed a season-high four runs over six uneven innings, including two home runs, but benefited from the early cushion. The AL leader in strikeouts fanned six and yielded six hits with two walks.

That gives Houston three eight-game winners — Cole, Thursday's starter Justin Verlander (8-2) and Tuesday's winner Lance McCullers (8-3).

"Some undesirable results a couple times," Cole said. "Fastball command

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### Red Raiders return: Texas Tech faces Florida in CWS again



AP photo In this June 21, 2016, file photo, Texas Tech's Davis Martin (30) pitches against Florida in the first inning of an NCAA baseball College World Series game in Omaha, Neb. Martin remembers what he was told before going to the CWS as a freshman two years ago,

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

Texas Tech pitcher Davis Martin remembers what he was told when he got to the College World Series as a freshman two years ago, a message the right-hander appreciates much more with another opportunity.

"Enjoy every second of this because you never know if you're going to come back," Martin said. "Then we left, I was like 'Oh my gosh, I didn't embrace it enough.' And then just the blessing to go back again is just unbelievable."

The Red Raiders (44-18) are going from their Lubbock campus to Omaha for the third time in five seasons. Their CWS opener is Sunday night against defending national champion Florida — the Gators were also the No. 1 national seed in 2016, when they lost to Texas Tech in an elimination game in which Martin pitched seven scoreless innings.

Coach Tim Tadlock hasn't coached his CWS pitching plans. Among the potential starters are Martin (7-5, 4.50 ERA), sophomore right-hander Caleb Kilian (9-2, 3.04 ERA) and lefty Dylan Dusek (3-0, 2.03), the fifth-year senior dealing with a blister on his finger and the only player to be on all three of Texas Tech's CWS teams.

The lone position player still in the lineup from the College World Series two

years ago is senior short-stop Michael Davis, then the second baseman and a kid who grew up across the street from the Tech campus.

"Honestly, I almost gave up baseball when I was probably 13 or 14," Davis said Wednesday. "I went to Lubbock High School, kind of fell in love with it again my freshman year, made varsity, played varsity for four years, and really got back into it. ... I couldn't be happier with where I'm at in my life right now."

Davis' 12th now of the season was a tiebreaking two-run shot that put Texas Tech ahead to stay in their super regional clincher against Duke.

While the Red Raiders didn't win the Big 12 regular season title this year after being the preseason favorite, or even the conference tournament, they swept through the NCAA Lubbock Regional and got to host their third super regional after Duke upset No. 8 national seed Georgia in the Athens Regional.

Texas Tech lost seven of 10 games late in the regular season. That stretch included losing consecutive Big 12 series at TCU and at home against Texas, the other Big 12 team going to Omaha and in the same bracket as the Red Raiders.

"Really proud of the team," Davis said. "Battled back and showed up Monday and walked away with it."

one-run games in their first CWS appearance in 2014, including the opener to Big 12 foe TCU, the Red Raiders dropped their 2016 opener in Omaha — another one-run loss to TCU. The victory over Florida followed before being eliminated by national champion Coastal Carolina.

They didn't get to go back to Omaha last year. Needing to win only one more game in the Lubbock Regional, they instead dropped consecutive one-run games to Sam Houston State.

"It was one of those things that you have such high expectations every year now. When I got here my freshman year, they had just gotten to Omaha," Davis said. "When you lose the way we did, you're 2-0 and then you drop the next two in that regional, it hurts."

During a team meeting Wednesday, Tadlock asked if any of the older guys had anything they wanted to say. Martin told his teammates about one of his 2016 memories — not his seven scoreless innings, but about the kids in the outfield stands during batting practice.

"I think coach Tadlock was expecting something inspirational," said Martin, who recalled the team going through about three buckets of balls their first day in Omaha two years ago. "I said about 3,000 kids want a ball. ... you get one ball to give away."

### Cody Nite Rodeo begins 80th year

By LEW FREEDMAN

Cody Enterprise

CODY, Wyo. (AP) — Last year the lament behind the chutes at Stampede Park of "Where have all the bareback riders gone?" was not part of a country song, but a daily question for Cody Nite Rodeo in Wyoming.

That should not be an issue this summer as Cody begins the 80th anniversary season of the nightly show that dates to 1938.

From June 1 through Aug. 31, rodeo will take place at Stampede Park nightly, the 90 days' worth of performances being a main reason Cody can call itself "The Rodeo Capital of the World."

Since bareback and saddle bronc fields have been thin — and not only in Cody — long-time stock contractor Maury Tate formed a partnership with the PRCA bringing professional cowboys to Cody for the summer to provide instruction to young people.

Among those scheduled to coach in Cody for a week or two at a time in June, July and August are Heath Ford (twice), R.C. Landingham, Mark Garrett, Rick Smith, Paul Peterson and Jess Martin.

Ford has had considerable success in Cody at the Stampede. Landingham was the 15th ranked bareback rider in 2017. Garrett is a ProRodeo Hall of Fame member. Peterson is a past Cody Nite champ and is known for his event versatility. Smith is head coach at Cochise College in Arizona and the former long-time rodeo coach at Central Wyoming. Martin is a many-time National Finals Rodeo qualifier.

The goal is to help ensure the future of the sport and bring together teaching and opportunity for aspiring rodeo participants who might not otherwise be able to compete near their homes.

"It's a way to help generate and create some more horse riders," Tate said.

A week before the season's start, Tate said there were commitments from young riders between the ages of 15 and 25 to spend a chunk of the season in Cody.

They are coming from Australia, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Texas, Pennsylvania and Florida, some for the whole summer and some not until college and high school finals rodeos end. Tate said he had an inquiry from Brazil.

"We sent a letter to every college coach in the nation," Tate said, and added he knows some young local cowboys will want to sign on too.

Livestock is in place at the corrals at Stampede Park and the arena was being spruced up this week in preparation of opening crowds.

Justin Josey, better known to fans as a bullfighter, was driving a mini-grader to begin smoothing the muddy and wet surface.

Dusty Moore, in his eighth season as a pick-up rider and roper, was taking care of the animals, his jeans and shirt flecked with mud.

"It's always fun to come back and see everybody," Moore said of another season in Cody.

The new blood will mix with regulars like Moore and Josey and one way the cowboys coming to town to improve riding skills will be made comfortable is through "Preacher" Pat Alphin, who operates Cowboy Church on the North Fork.

The church on his five-acre property has a bunkhouse large enough for 10 cowboys to reside and he is providing the space for free. The cowboys will have access to a kitchen, showers and a group living room.

"We'll feed them every now and then, but mostly they'll buy groceries," Alphin said.

Alphin, 62, is a former bull rider and saddle bronc competitor who began counseling cowboys in Cody three seasons ago, with his wife Renee videotaping performances for Cody Nite cowboys and cowgirls to study.

Tied in with this program, Alphin said he will invite competitors and coaches to morning-after video review sessions at the church to go over the preceding night's action.

"Cowboy Church has been a huge asset for us," Tate said.

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#9809 June 3-15, 2018

On June 11, 2018 there was tendered for filing with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington DC an application for consent to the voluntary assignment of the license of the FM construction permit for 100.9 licensed to Big Spring, TX. The Seller is Maxim Mobile Media LLC; Managing Member Neil Rosenbloom of Lake Worth, Florida. The buyer is Christian Ministries of the Valley, Inc; President Enrique Garza of Weslaco, Texas. A copy of the application is available for public inspection at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov)

#9843 June 14, 15, 21 & 22, 2018

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE CORRECTION**

On June 7, 2018 and June 10, 2018, the Howard County Junior College District posted a public notice for Construction Manager at Risk. In both notices, the date of pre-proposal conference was incorrect.

The correct date of the pre-proposal conference is Monday, June 18, 2018, at 11:00 AM local time at Howard County Junior College District, Wildlife Room, Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720. June 14th, 2018 #9845

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**Legals**

amend the injection interval for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Clearfork, Read 33 SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 4 miles NE of Coahoma, in the Coahoma, N Field, in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2400 to 4320 feet.

**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 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 Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #9844 June 14, 2018

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37  
Case No. 0310744  
DATE OF ISSUANCE:  
Jun 11, 2018  
Status/Permit No. 838586  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE:  
5:00 PM, Jul 16, 2018  
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](mailto:SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV)

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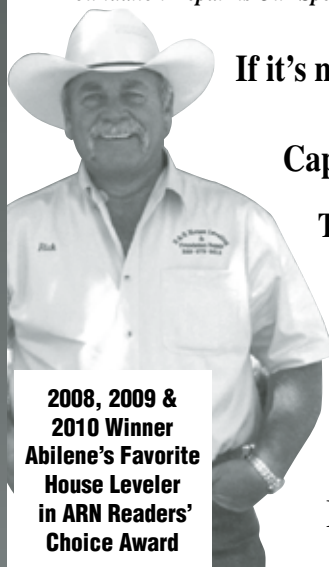


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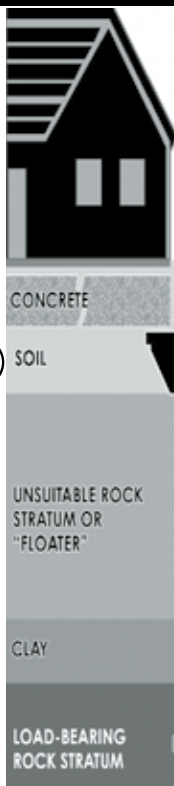
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distance to an external lease line for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 23, Bk. 32 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-274, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 9.21 miles SE direction from VEALMOOR, Texas. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad 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

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HOWARD Section: 14 Block: 32 T2N Abstract: 1264 Survey: T&P RR CO / CROSSETT, MRS H Lease Lines: 100.0 FNL 350.0 FEL Survey Lines: 100.0 FNL 350.0 FEL 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 Carrigan, at (361) 888-7708, x6015.  
#9842 June 14, 21, 28 & July 5, 2018  
**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION**  
DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0306958 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 11, 2018 Status/Permit No. 831052 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 16, 2018 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  
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS** you'll be deeply moved and bonded by a melody.  
**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** To give something a name is to claim it in some way. Try this with your feelings today and you'll create a bridge between emotion and thought, closing the problematic gap that was keeping you from moving forward.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Everyone has the same 24 hours in a day. Those who say, "I don't have time," are really saying, "This is not a priority to me right now," which is a more empowering bit of language both to hear and to say.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The occurrence you don't find ideal, and possibly think of as terrible, may actually be the best thing happening in your life right now. It's strengthening you, and it's also saving you in some way.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You'll try and enjoy the unfolding moment. And when you can't seem to quite get there, you'll still be able to go along, knowing that the big picture is coming together nicely and you'll appreciate all of this later.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** If something won't bother you a month from now, don't let it bother you now. If it won't please you a month from now, don't buy it, commit to it or do it now. Use the perspective of time in your decision-making process.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** A

conflict-free life is so pleasant! Of course, there's no story there. Stories need conflict. If you happen to get friction instead of an easy life today, rejoice in the knowledge that it'll be something people want to hear about.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The appearance of confidence is often indistinguishable from actual confidence. Both states will produce similar results. So however you feel, put on your brave face and go forward.  
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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 14).** People think highly of you and will promote you in ways you will love and also be slightly challenged by, as it sets up an expectation. Don't worry: You'll get there, with the same optimism and dedication you used to arrive at the place you are right now. You'll discover treasure in July. Your legacy will expand in September. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 18, 33 and 28.  
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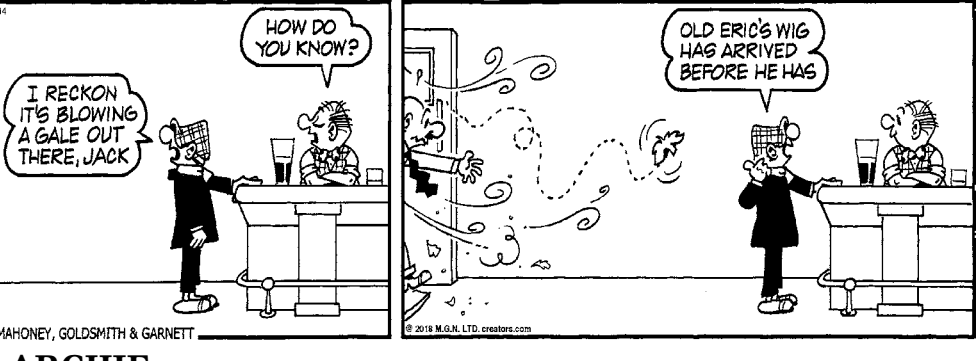
Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**Avoiding a crucial finesse**  
North dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
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♥ Q J 5  
♦ A 8 7 2  
♣ A 8 6  
**WEST**  
♠ Q 10 5 2  
♥ 9 4  
♦ Q J 10  
♣ 9 7 5 3  
**EAST**  
♠ 9 8 4  
♥ 8 6 3  
♦ K 9 6 4 3  
♣ 10 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 6  
♥ A K 10 7 2  
♦ 5  
♣ K Q J 4  
The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass 4 NT Pass  
5 ♥ Pass 5 NT Pass  
6 ♦ Pass 7 ♥  
Opening lead — queen of diamonds.  
Probably the most difficult play in bridge to recognize is the dummy reversal. This is primarily because it involves doing the exact opposite of what a declarer normally does during the play of a suit contract. As a result, the dummy reversal is often overlooked, even by the best players.  
Consider this deal where South is in seven hearts and West leads a diamond. The outcome seems to depend entirely on a spade finesse, which

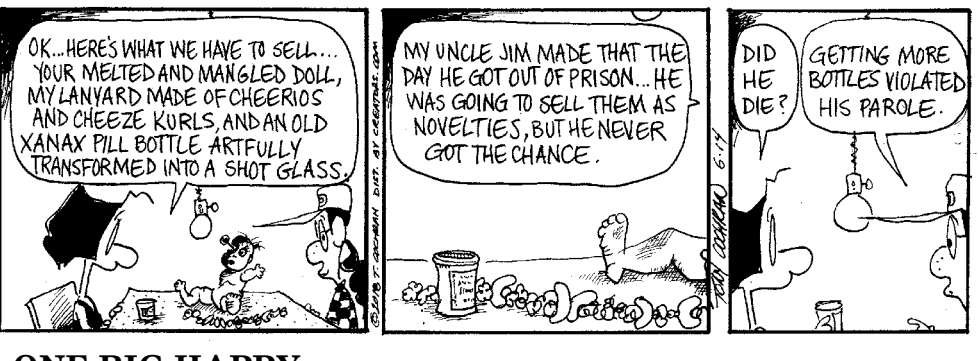
would lose in the actual layout. But if declarer spots the possibility of a dummy reversal early enough in the play, the spade loser can be made to disappear.  
**South begins** by taking the ace of diamonds and ruffing a diamond. The A-Q of hearts are then cashed to see how the trumps are divided. When they prove to be 3-2, declarer ruffs another diamond, leaving the lone missing trump outstanding.  
**Dummy is next entered** with a club, and the diamond eight is ruffed with South's last trump, the king. Declarer then crosses to the king of spades and plays the jack of hearts, extracting the missing trump.  
It is on this trick that the potential spade loser vanishes. Since South has no trumps left, he is able to discard his jack of spades on the heart jack. The ace of spades and K-Q-J of clubs then take the last four tricks.  
**By ruffing three diamonds** in his hand, declarer thus scores six trump tricks instead of the obvious five, giving him six hearts, four clubs, two spades and a diamond for 13 tricks.  
**Note also** that by testing the trumps early on, South learned that it was safe to adopt this line of play. Had the hearts turned out to be divided 4-1, he could have continued drawing trumps and later tried the spade finesse.  
Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, June 14, the 165th day of 2018. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day. Today's Highlight in History: On June 14, 1943, the U.S. Supreme Court, in West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette, ruled 6-3 that public school students could not be forced to salute the flag of the United States. On this date: In 1775, the Continental Army, forerunner of the United States Army, was created. In 1777, the Second Continental Congress approved the design of the original American flag. In 1801, former American Revolutionary War general and notorious turncoat Benedict Arnold, 60, died in London. In 1928, the Republican National Convention, meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, nominated Herbert Hoover for president on the first ballot. In 1934, Max Baer defeated Primo Carnera with an 11th round TKO to win the world heavyweight boxing championship in Long Island City, New York. In 1940, German troops entered Paris during World War II; the same day, the Nazis began transporting prisoners to the Auschwitz (OWSH'-vitz) concentration camp in German-occupied Poland. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure adding the phrase "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. In 1968, Dr. Benjamin Spock and three other peace activists were convicted in Boston of conspiring to encourage young men to evade the draft during the Vietnam War. (The verdicts were later overturned by an appeals court.) The Iron Butterfly single "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" was released by Atco Records. In 1972, the Environmental Protection Agency ordered a ban on domestic use of the pesticide DDT, to take effect at year's end. In 1982, Argentine troops surrendered to British troops on the disputed Falkland Islands. In 1985, the 17-day hijack ordeal of TWA Flight 847 began as a pair of Lebanese Shiite (SHEE'-eyet) Muslim extremists seized the jetliner shortly after takeoff from Athens, Greece. In 1993, President Bill Clinton nominated Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. Ten years ago: Iran rejected a six-nation offer of incentives to

stop enriching uranium, prompting President George W. Bush and French President Nicolas Sarkozy (sar-koh-ZEE') to jointly warn Tehran anew during a news conference in Paris against proceeding toward a nuclear bomb. Five years ago: The Associated Press reported that Minnesota resident Michael Karkoc (KAHR'-kahts), 94, had been a top commander of a Nazi SS-led unit accused of burning villages filled with women and children, then lied to American immigration officials to get into the United States after World War II. (Polish authorities are currently seeking to extradite Karkoc, now 99 years old; Germany shelved its investigation after deciding Karkoc was unfit to stand trial. Karkoc's family denies he was involved in any war crimes.) Major League Baseball came down hard on the Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona Diamondbacks, handing out eight suspensions and a dozen fines as punishment for a bench-clearing brawl on June 11. One year ago: A rifle-wielding gunman opened fire on Republican lawmakers at a congressional baseball practice in Alexandria, Virginia, wounding House Whip Steve Scalise (skuh-LEES') and several others; the assailant died in a battle with police. Fire ripped through the 24-story Grenfell Tower in West London, killing 71 people. Today's Birthdays: Actress Marla Gibbs is 87. House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, D-Md., is 79. Country-rock musician Spooner Oldham is 75. Rock singer Rod Argent (The Zombies; Argent) is 73. President Donald Trump is 72. Singer Janet Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 72. Rock musician Barry Melton is 71. Thought for Today: "The flag is the embodiment not of sentiment, but of history." President Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924).

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Has markers out 5 Bottle at a barbecue 10 Abrasion aftermath 14 Small inlet 15 Star Wars mastermind 16 Mediterranean bread 17 Type of ski lift 18 Signs of spoilage 19 Global, for short 20 North American duck 23 Cluster of grass 24 Tip of a plane 25 Parma possessive 26 By way of 27 Director Lee 30 Manufacturing facility 32 Alien-hunting project 34 Prevailing attitudes 38 North American bird of prey 42 Made possible 43 Nutritional plan 45 Chocolate source 48 Cough syrup amt. 50 American Hunter publisher 51 Pal of Pooh 52 Tortilla sandwich 56 Bestowed distinction 58 Western Hemisphere wading bird 62 With 44 Down, bat application 63 Jacques, in a kid's song 64 Mimicked 66 Keystone State city 67 Eric Trump's mom 68 Choice list 69 World Series prelude: Abbr. 70 Inert gas 71 Cellared, as Sauvignon DOWN 1 Start of the fourth qtr. 2 Comparatively unsteady 3 Appraise 4 Vaccine medium 5 Decelerate 6 Auto built in Bavaria 7 Nutmeg State sch. 8 What's held in holds 9 Thick section of a dictionary 10 Skewer 11 Entertainment venue 12 Achieve 13 Choice list 21 Ecology agcy. 22 Poolside stat 23 Walgreens rival 28 ESPN licensee 29 Fast-talking 31 Heavy metal 33 Brainchild 35 It may come before "considered" 36 Oppose in competition 37 States further 39 Govt. interest-bearing instrument 40 Canada's "Gateway to the West" 41 Lantern fuel 44 See 62 Across 45 "Black-eyed" legume 46 Spinning 47 Medical facility 49 Frat letter 53 Stick on 54 Work on one's whittling 55 Halibut habitat 57 Bush successor 59 Shirts with slogans, often 60 Rubik of cubes 61 Academic overseer 65 Fizzler

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting positions for words.

Answer to previous puzzle: SWAY SUMO SOIN, WEASE ATOM LOUSE, ARIA PANE ABETS, SMARTPHONE SOS, SNORE SPENT, NUDES CRUISE, ANDES LIMNO NOEL, LEO TABLETS NAM, DROP SALT LASTS, ADROIT SAGES, BELLE RESTS, ALE INVITATIONS, TULSA EDEN SWAN, OGLE NEST TIKI, PEST TATS STEP

# GATTIS

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wasn't poor but it wasn't as sharp." The defending World Series champs moved a season-high 19 games over .500. This is Houston's longest winning streak since taking seven in a row from Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 2017.

Oakland outfielder Jake Smolinski became the first A's position player to pitch in a game since utility player Tyler Ladendorf on June 3, 2016. Smolinski allowed a leadoff double to Max Stassi and a two-run home run to Marisnick in the ninth, then retired the next three batters.

"The one thing you really want is don't get hurt and throw the ball over the middle of the plate, and he did exactly that," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "He was up for it. He's up for just about anything."

Khris Davis homered twice for Oakland, his 18th and 19th of the season. Stephen Piscotty also went deep.

The Astros flexed their defensive muscle in the eighth after Matt Olson reached on an error. Marisnick made a leaping catch in center to rob Matt Chapman of a home run, then threw to second baseman Tony Kemp, who relayed to first to double up Olson.

**QUICK EXIT**  
Blackburn retired only four batters and allowed eight runs before departing in the second.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**  
Athletics: Chapman made another handful of stellar defensive plays at third base, one night after getting hit in the left hand by a 92.3 mph fastball from Astros reliever Collin McHugh.

**UP NEXT**  
Verlander (8-2, 2.58 ERA) makes his 15th start in the series finale for Houston on Thursday. Among qualifying pitchers, Verlander leads the majors in ERA and is second in innings pitched (93 1/3) and third in strikeouts (113). Right-hander Frankie Montas (3-0, 1.25) goes for Oakland.



AP photo  
Houston Astros' Evan Gattis, right, celebrates with Carlos Correa (1) after hitting a three-run home run off Oakland Athletics' Emilio Pagan during the second inning of a baseball game Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in Oakland, Calif.

# Cowboys make Zack Martin NFL's highest-paid guard



AP photo  
Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) throws a pass behind offensive guard Zack Martin (70) and center Travis Frederick (72) during NFL football minicamp Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in Frisco, Texas.

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer  
FRISCO, Texas (AP) — The deal making Zack Martin of the Dallas Cowboys the highest-paid guard in the NFL is finally done.

The Cowboys and Martin agreed to terms on an \$84 million, six-year contract extension that should keep the two-time All-Pro in Dallas through at least 2024, a person with direct knowledge of the deal said Wednesday. The contract includes \$40 million guaranteed money, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been announced. The sides got close enough to an agreement over the weekend that Martin went through the first two days of mandatory minicamp after missing all nine voluntary offseason practices as negotiations that got serious last year kept dragging.

The Cowboys intended all along to give Martin the biggest contract at his position. The delay pushed the price tag up after Jacksonville's Andrew Norwell signed a \$66.5 million, five-year contract in March. The \$14 million average on Martin's deal surpasses Norwell's \$13.3 million average. Martin, the 16th overall pick in 2014, was an All-Pro as a rookie when DeMarco Murray led the NFL in rushing for the NFC East champions. He repeated the feat two years later when rookie Ezekiel Elliott was the league rushing leader for another division

champion. The 27-year-old Martin, who has started all 67 games of his career including the playoffs at right guard, has made the Pro Bowl in each of his four seasons.

Even as negotiations lagged, the former Notre Dame standout said he was never interested in testing free agency. He will make \$9.3 million in the final year of his rookie contract.

"I want to be here in Dallas," Martin said Tuesday, when the deal was close but not complete. "I've said that from the beginning. I'll stand tall that I want to be in Dallas and I never wanted to go anywhere else." Martin addressed a throng of reporters from his relocated locker at the Cowboys' practice facility. He has the spot of former Dallas tight end Jason Witten, who retired after 15 seasons to go into broadcasting.

"He certainly represents everything, the things that Witten represented over the course of 15 years," coach Jason Garrett said. "Those are the kind of guys you want on your team. Those are the kind of guys you want as the face of your program. Come to work early. Stay late." With Martin's deal in place, the Cowboys have their top three linemen — all first-round picks with multiple Pro Bowls — locked up at least through 2023. That's the final year of the current deals for left tackle Tyron Smith and center Travis Frederick.

# MMA star McGregor says he regrets Brooklyn melee

By MICHAEL R. SISAK

Associated Press  
NEW YORK (AP) — Mixed martial arts star Conor McGregor expressed regret on Thursday for a backstage melee at a Brooklyn arena, and is in plea negotiations to resolve charges in the case. The 29-year-old Irish fighter and co-defendant Cian Cowley remained free on bail after a brief court appearance. Assistant District Attorney Janet Gleason said the case hasn't been presented to a grand jury for possible indictment because of the plea negotiations, signaling interest from all sides in resolving the matter swiftly. The men marched into court in tight blue suits, and passed a gallery packed with reporters and other defendants waiting for their hearings. They stood and said little during the appearance.

"I regret my actions that led me here today," McGregor said outside court afterward. "I

understand the seriousness of this matter and I'm hopeful to get it resolved soon." Video footage showed McGregor hurling a hand truck at a bus full of fighters after a press conference for UFC 223 at Barclays Center in April. Fighters Michael Chiesa and Ray Borg were injured by shattered glass and unable to compete. McGregor cheered the 25-year-old Cowley on Saturday as he fought in Belfast; they flew to the U.S. together on a private jet for the hearing. Cowley said after the fight that he was hoping to get the case "out of the way."

They are due back in court July 26.



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this could impact rodeo.

"It's a huge deal," Tate said. "I have to believe if we can offer kids great coaching we can develop some great bareback and saddle bronc riders."



(Rebecca Noble/The Cody Enterprise via AP)  
In this June 1, 2018, photo, Kody Rinehart rides Mickey in the saddle bronc riding competition during the opening night of the Cody Nite Rodeo in Cody, Wy. Last year the lament behind the chutes at Stampede Park of "Where have all the bareback riders gone?" was not part of a country song, but a daily question for Cody Nite Rodeo. That should not be an issue this summer as Cody begins the 80th anniversary season of the nightly show that dates to 1938.

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# Hernandez dodges home, Dodgers edge Texas 3-2 in 11 innings

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — First, there was a violent play at the plate that led to two ejections and a benches-clearing incident. Then the game was won on a play at the plate with an unusual tag.

Enrique Hernandez dodged home on a wild throw by pitcher Matt Bush in the 11th inning and the Los Angeles Dodgers edged the Texas Rangers 3-2 on Wednesday night.

Hernandez drew a leadoff walk from Jesse Chavez (2-1) and moved up on a long flyout. Yasiel Puig was intentionally walked and Chavez was yanked after a walk to Logan Forsythe loaded the bases.

Austin Barnes followed with a comebacker, and Bush reached out to grab it. But Bush hurried as he spun around, and his throw home for a potential forceout pulled catcher Carlos Perez off the plate. Hernandez stepped over Barnes' bat, pirouetted around the catcher and touched home with his right hand, leaving Perez tagging nothing but air.

"Just bringing back my Latino roots, showing off my salsa moves," Hernandez joked.

Matt Kemp gave Hernandez a rave review: "Great slide, avoided the tag, very limber."

The Rangers asked for a replay review, and the safe call was upheld. After Barnes' at-bat, the Dodgers would've run out of position players — instead, Bush's error sent Texas to its season-worst sixth straight loss. The last-place Rangers got swept for the third time this season and second straight series.

Adam Liberatore (2-1) got the win in relief.

In the third, Kemp and Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos got ejected and the benches and bullpens cleared.

With two outs, Hernandez singled to right and Kemp tried to score from second base. Chirinos caught a pinpoint throw by Nomar Mazara and had his glove out to tag Kemp.

Kemp barreled into Chirinos with his arms up, leading with his shoulder. Chirinos' helmet flew off as he got knocked over and Kemp fell, too. Chirinos held onto the ball for the out.

Chirinos and Kemp jostled as they got up. That led to both benches and bullpens clearing and forming a scrum at the plate. Kemp was restrained

by Rangers starter Cole Hamels.

"I didn't know he was going to come after me like that," Chirinos said. "I got mad when Kemp got up and he leaned into me and put his shoulder into me. That's when I rushed him. Everyone knows the rule, they preach it to us in spring training. It was emotional."

No punches were thrown.

"It's not a big deal," Kemp said. "Two guys shoving each other and it's over."

The rules outlaw runners from plowing into catchers, and catchers have to give runners a lane to the plate in most cases. In this play, the throw home took Chirinos directly into Kemp's path to the plate.

"I think it's unclear to everybody," Kemp said of the newer rule. "He was blocking the plate. I don't know the rule. I don't even know how it works. I didn't have a clear path to slide. All I could really think about when I saw him blocking the plate was Washington when I slid into home and messed up my ankle. I didn't want to do that again."

Crew chief Bill Welke said Kemp didn't violate the rule, and both players were ejected for their tussle after the play.

"The runner is protected by the blocking of the plate if he slides," Welke told a pool reporter after the game. "Kemp choose not to slide, therefore he lost his protection."

Hernandez called the third-inning brouhaha "a little bit of old-school



Los Angeles Dodgers' Enrique Hernandez celebrates after scoring on a throwing error by Texas Rangers relief pitcher Matt Bush during the 11th inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in Los Angeles. The Dodgers won 3-2 in the 11th inning.

baseball."

"I'm one of the older guys now and when I first came up that's how they slid into home, but the game has transitioned," Hamels said. "Sportsmanship has changed. I can't give you definite answer if Kemp broke the rule or not. It's a tough way to lose."

With two outs in the ninth and Yasiel Puig on third, Delino DeShields robbed pinch-hitter Yasmani Grandal of a home run at the center field wall. DeShields leaped and caught the ball before landing on his rear to send the game into extra innings.

Texas tied the game 2-2 in the fourth on RBI singles by Jurickson Profar and Joey Gallo.

The Dodgers led 1-0 in the first on Justin Turner's homer. They added a run in the second on a double steal by Puig and Forsythe. Puig scored from third.

Hamels allowed two runs — one earned — and five hits in six innings. He struck out six and walked four. Turner's homer was the 18th given up by Hamels this season.

Dodgers starter Kenta Maeda allowed two runs and five hits in five innings while facing the Rangers for the first time in his career. He walked

three and struck out one in his first start since May 29 after being on the DL with a right hip strain.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: SS Elvis Andrus (right elbow fracture) went 1-for-7 in his first two rehab games at Double-A Frisco and was to set to be the DH and play seven innings on Wednesday. Manager Jeff Banister says Andrus' return depends on when he's in shape to play every day. Andrus isn't expected to rejoin the team before this weekend. ... LHP Matt Moore won't start this weekend and is being sent to the bullpen to work on his delivery and make necessary adjustments.

Dodgers: LHP Clayton Kershaw (lower back strain) threw a bullpen for the second straight day, with president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman and manager Dave Roberts watching. Kershaw also worked on mechanics with pitching coach Rick Honeycutt. ... LHP Rich Hill (left middle finger blister) will make a rehab start Thursday for Class-A Rancho Cucamonga. If it goes well, Hill will rejoin the rotation next week in Chicago. ... LHP Alex Wood threw a bullpen session.

## Spain and Portugal both distracted before World Cup opener

By JENNA FRYER

AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Spain and Portugal meet for just the second time in the World Cup in one of the most intriguing games of the group stage. Spain is in chaos after firing its coach two days before Friday's match, and Portugal has been fending off distractions since star Cristiano Ronaldo hinted at an upcoming announcement about his future.

The Group B match in Sochi is at Fisht Olympic Stadium, the first World Cup game to be played at the venue.

The Spanish soccer federation fired coach Julen Lopetegui because he accepted a job to coach Real Madrid after the tournament. Lopetegui was unbeaten in his 20 matches in charge of the national team. Fernando Hierro, a former Spain player who had been acting as the team's sports director in Russia, will lead the country in his first major coaching job.

"I've been near a ball for 30 years," Hierro said while dismissing his lack of coaching experience. Prior to the stunning firing of Lopetegui, it had been Portugal trying to stay focused on the match. Ronaldo hinted after the Champions League final he might leave Madrid, but said he wouldn't reveal his

plans until he joined the national team. It's had the attention on Ronaldo instead of the match. Portugal won the 2016 European Championship, has 13 players from that team in Russia, and looked much like that winning squad in a 3-0 preseason victory over Algeria. Here's a look at the one other group stage games Friday:

EGYPT VS. URUGUAY-Egypt is making its first World Cup appearance in 28 years and its success will depend on the health of Mohamed Salah, the Liverpool star who injured his shoulder in the Champions League final.

If Salah can't play in the Group A match in Yekaterinburg, Egypt could struggle against the deep Uruguayan squad. Egypt may also start the oldest player in World Cup history if 45-year-old goalkeeper Essam El Hadary gets in the game. Oscar Tabarez leads two-time champion Uruguay into his fourth World Cup — most among all coaches in this year's tournament — and third in a row. His teams have always made it out of the group stage, including a semifinal appearance in South Africa in 2010. That was the last time Uruguay moved past the round of 16 in its last six World Cup appearances.

## Kemp and Chirinos ejected after home plate collision

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matt Kemp of the Los Angeles Dodgers and catcher Robinson Chirinos of the Texas Rangers have been ejected in the third inning after a home plate collision that led to a benches-clearing confrontation between the teams.

With two outs, Enrique Hernandez singled to right and Kemp tried score from second Wednesday night. Chirinos caught a pinpoint throw by Nomar Mazara and had his glove out to tag Kemp. Kemp barreled into Chirinos with his arms up, leading with his shoulder. Chirinos' helmet flew off as he got knocked over and

Kemp fell, too.

Chirinos and Kemp jostled as they got up. That led to both benches and bullpens clearing and forming a scrum at the plate. Kemp was restrained by Rangers starter Cole Hamels.

No punches were thrown. The umpires convened during the half inning and ejected both Kemp and Chirinos.

Rules have been put in place to outlaw runners from plowing into catchers, and catchers have to give runners a lane to the plate in most cases. In this play, the throw home took Chirinos directly into Kemp's path home.



Los Angeles Dodgers' Matt Kemp, left, and Texas Rangers catcher Robinson Chirinos scuffle after Chirinos was shoved by Kemp at home plate during the third inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, June 13, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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