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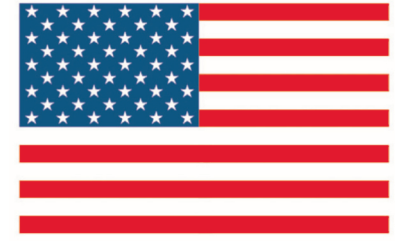


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## Congressman Arrington visits downtown Big Spring



By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Congressman Jodi Arrington visited downtown Big Spring this morning to tour the recent influx of new business in the area. Arrington arrived in Big Spring Sunday evening and will attend the Pops in the Park music and fireworks event Tuesday evening.

"We got in last night. We're going to stay through Pops in the Park," Arrington said. "I've got my family with me, and we're going to celebrate July 4, Independence Day, with the good people of Big Spring."

Arrington said he enjoys touring old downtown areas in his district.

"I love old downtowns that have been revitalized by the citizens," he said. "Jeannine is a great example of somebody that has a vision. You've got to have a vision, because there's a lot of work to be done on some of these old downtown spaces. She's done a great job with her operations, and I'm at the (Train Car) Cigar Bar now. Just all of it working together, along with the Hotel Settles, you have a sense of the old Big Spring and the way things were. Folks walking from restaurant to restaurant, I think it's a great draw for people, especially young people."

The Train Car Cigar Bar, owned by Brent Strande, is located at 100 S. Main St.

Here, Congressman Jodi Arrington stands with Big Spring City Councilman Jim DePauw, right, as he points out features at Levi's Backyard, 124 S. Main St. Jeannine Thibault, owner of Levi's and the Desert Flower Art Bar, looks on.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

## Picking up the pieces

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**

Staff Writer

A grief support offers a different quality of support and connection that comes from being with people who have also recently experienced a loss. Grief support groups provide emotional support, validation, and education about grief. That's why The Spring Creek Fellowship is offering a new sisterhood for widows in the community called "PUP." "PUP" which stands for "Picking Up Pieces," will have meetings throughout the month for widows who are looking for support to get them through their grief.

The first meeting will be Monday, July 9th at 6 p.m. at Sammie Campbell's home. All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome! Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month and dinner will be served. Spring Creek would love to see you there and encourages anyone and everyone to come.

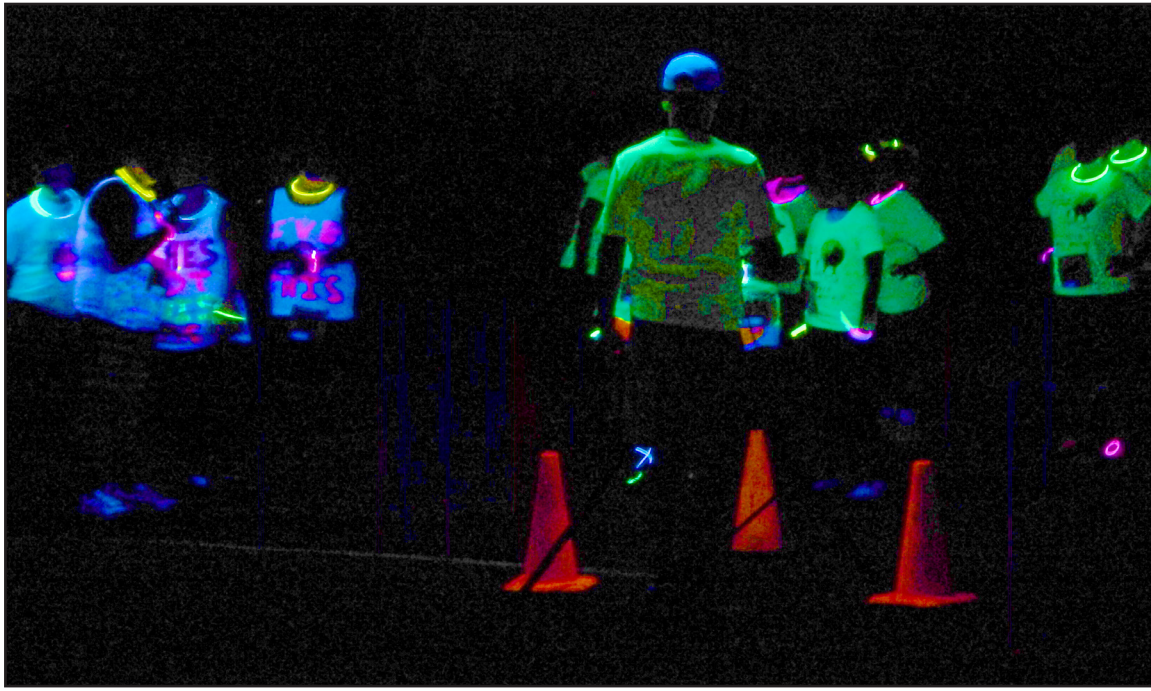
For addresses or more info, please contact the Spring Creek church office.

These meetings will provide a safe environment where one can tell his or her story and express feelings freely, knowing that others will be understanding, non-judgmental, and supportive. This offers a place for establishing a connection with others to decrease the isolation that grief brings, and a place for people of faith to learn from each other through sharing their grief stories in a non-judgmental way. Let PUP help you pick up the pieces.

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## Get your glow on



HERALD photo/Tyler Schellie

Moonlight Rave runners, illuminated by glow sticks and neon clothes, participate in a small prayer and get instructions on the course Friday night before taking off on a midnight run through Big Spring State Park. Participants got to experience the nighttime view from the overlook on Scenic Mountain. The final Moonlight Rave run of the 2018 Summer will take place July 27. To register for this event, visit [permanianbasinevents.com](http://permanianbasinevents.com).



HERALD Photo/Jordan Parr

Shown above is William Michael Morgan playing his hit song "I met a girl" at the 2018 Funtastic Fourth Celebration on Saturday, June 30 right outside the City Courthouse here in Big Spring.

## Another successful Funtastic Fourth in the books



HERALD Photo/Jordan Parr

Eric Paslay jams with his guitar player and bassist during his headline performance at the 2018 Funtastic Fourth Celebration on Saturday, June 30.



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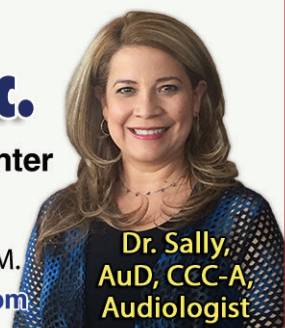
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## Obituaries

### Roland L. Beal, Sr.



Roland L. Beal, Sr., 88, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 1, 2018, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Elwin Collom, officiating.

He was born July 3, 1929, in Coleman, Texas, to Allie and Bertie Beal and married Lanette Zenkner April 23, 1951 in Abilene, Texas.

She preceded him in death Nov. 17, 2015.

Roland served in the United States Army during the Korean War from May 1951 to May 1953. He came to Big Spring in 1958 after being transferred from Onyx Refinery in Abilene. He worked for Cosden Refinery for 40 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the 25 Year Club at Cosden and was currently attending Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, Roland Beal, Jr. and

wife, Pam of Midland; one daughter, Theresa Sterling and husband, Jimmy of Vincent; six grandchildren, Michael Beal and wife, Jennifer, Jamie Pitkin and husband, Jeremy, Jennifer Dickerson and husband, Dale, Tara Renfro and husband, William, Karen Rechichar and husband, Ryan, and Laci Ritchey and husband, Matt; eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Freddie Beal; and one sister, Vadine Spivey of Tucson, Arizona.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Inez Gunnels and Rozella Beal; two brothers, Eddie Beal and Zeddie Beal; and a great-grandson, Zachary Jordan Pitkin.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

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### Asencion "Chon" Rios, Jr.



Asencion "Chon" Rios, Jr., 65, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 30, 2018, in Lubbock. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park

He was born Aug. 30, 1952, to Augustina and Asencion Rios, Sr. in Snyder. He grew up in Snyder and lived there until coming to Big

Spring 40 years ago. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He had been employed at HEB for 18 years. He loved going to work. Chon loved his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and going to the casinos.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Rios of Big Spring; three sons, Asencion Rios III, of Austin,

Jeffrey Rios of Florida, and Zachariah Rodriguez of Arizona; three daughters, Tara Lopez of Big Spring, Diana Zubiata of Forsan, and Becky Sue Lopez of Big Spring; three sisters, Gloria Canales of Denton, Ofelia Mow of San Antonio, and Teresa Jasso of Snyder; three brothers, Danny Rios of Austin, Ricky Rios of Snyder, and David Rios of Colorado City; four blessed boys, Robert Barraza, Ryan Lopez, Freddy Castillo, and Eli Castillo; 21 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Geneva Castillo.

Pallbearers will be Robert Barraza, Ryan Lopez, Jose Castillo, III, Eli Castillo, Jay Lopez and Simon Zubiata.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com).

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### Nova Lea Montgomery

Nova Lea Montgomery, 50, of Coahoma, died Sunday, June 24, 2018, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. The day and time of memorial services will be announced at a later date.

She was born March 30, 1968, in Odessa, Texas.

Survivors include her husband, Les Montgomery; two daughters, Shelbi Browne and Austyn Montgomery; and her mother, Candy Knightstep.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

### Hazel J. Turner

Hazel J. Turner, 90, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 1, 2018, at her residence in Remlap, Alabama. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

### Nancy Herrin

Nancy Herrin, 60, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 2, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Edward Lee Hurrington

Edward Lee Hurrington, 64, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 29, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Gloria Alexander

Gloria Alexander, 79 of Big Spring died Saturday, June 30, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Linda Davidson

Linda Davidson, 74, of Big Spring died Sunday, July 1, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Danny Smithwick

Danny Smithwick, 54, of Big Spring died Saturday, June 30, 2018. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police, Sheriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MARCOS CHAVERA JR.**, 35, of 2417 N Birdwell Lane, was arrested on two outstanding warrants, and on a warrant of duty on strike unattended vehicle less than 200.

- **DEVYNN RAY-DOUGLAS SMITH**, 19, of 3292 137 HWY, on charges of walked on roadway where sidewalks provided.

- **BEAU TANNER LUCAS**, 21, of 10441 Winding Passage Way, on a charge of failure to identify giving false, fictitious information.

- **ETHAN MATTHEW CULVER**, 40, of 2912 Cherokee St., on a warrant of criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of N Main St..

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on 12th and San Antonio, and on 4th and Gregg.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 1100 block of Pickens Ave., and in the 1300 block of Harding St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this re-

port.

- **JESSIE THOMAS BLACKWELL**, 53, was arrested by DPS on charge of evading arrested detention with vehicle, and driving while intoxicated.

- **KIERSTEN LOUESA CASTILLO**, 37, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of driving while license invalid, and violate promise to appear.

- **MARCOS CHAVERA JR.**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on warrant of violation of burn ban, and failure to appear, and a charge of duty of striking unattested.

- **ETHAN MATTHEW CULVER**, 40, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of criminal mischief.

- **CHAUNCEY LAVAR FORD**, 38, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, and failure to appear.

- **SARAH D. HEFFINGTON**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.

- **MOHAMMAD SAYEL HIJAZ**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

- **ANNA HOFFPAUR**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

- **COREY PRESTON HOFFPAUR**, 41, was arrested by

BSPD on a a charge of aggravated assault with deadly weapon.

- **BEAU TANNER LUCAS**, 21, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify giving false fictitious info.

- **CARLOS RODOLFO MELEIRO**, 21, was arrested by DPS on a charge of possession less than two ounces.

- **CARLOS RODOLFO MELEIRO**, 21, was arrested by HCSO on warrants of failure to maintain financial responsibility, driving while license invalid, expired registration, and two counts of violate promise to appear.

- **JEREMIAH ANTHONY MIRANDA**, 18, was arrested by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

- **VICTOR SAMUEL MIRANDA**, 23, was arrested by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.

- **EDWARD ALLEN SCHLEGEL III**, 42, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DEVYNN RAY-DOUGLAS SMITH**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on charges of resist arrest search or transport, and walked on roadway where sidewalk.

- **LARRY DEAN WHITE**, 46, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of assault family house member.

## Take Note

- The Maranatha Baptist Academy (MBA) has started its open enrollment for the Summer session, which runs June 18 through July 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. MBA has been operating since 1981 and teaches ACE curriculum for grades K-12. The Fall term is scheduled to start on Aug. 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, please call 432-213-1046.

- 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.BecomeaCA-SA.org](http://www.BecomeaCA-SA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

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# Mexico's victor reaches out to Trump, seeks NAFTA deal



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Presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador delivers his victory speech in Mexico City's main square, the Zocalo, late Sunday, July 1, 2018. Angry and frustrated over corruption and violence, Mexican voters delivered a tidal wave presidential election victory to Lopez Obrador, giving him a broad mandate to upend the political establishment and govern for the poor.

By **MARK STEVENSON,**  
**PETER ORSI** and  
**CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN**

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — The morning after his crushing election victory, Mexico's president-elect Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador thanked President Donald Trump for his congratulatory message and said he'll contact the U.S. leader to "reach an understanding."

Lopez Obrador said in an interview Monday with the Televisa news network that Trump's Tweet Sunday night "was very respectful. That is what we always want to maintain with the U.S. government, that there be mutual respect."

Trump tweeted Sunday that "I look very much forward to working with him. There is much to be done that will benefit both the United States and Mexico!"

"We are never going to disrespect the U.S. government, because we want them to respect us," Lopez Obrador said. "At the appropriate moment, we are going to get in touch, to reach an understanding" with the Trump administration.

"We are conscious of the need to maintain good relations with the United States," he added. Lopez Obrador had been compared to Trump for his populist, nationalist rhetoric and sometimes touchy personality — as well as his past skepticism about the trade deal.

But Lopez Obrador said he supports reaching a deal on renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement with the United States and Canada. The talks have been stalled over the Trump administration demands for higher U.S. content and a "sunset clause" in the 1994 trade agreement.

Lopez Obrador said he will propose that his own team of experts be included in the talks. The winning candidate said he will make that proposal in a meeting Tuesday with current President Enrique Pena Nieto.

Lopez Obrador told Televisa that he will respect the current team of negotiators, and let them continue representing Mexico until he takes office Dec. 1.

Lopez Obrador said he wants to have information on what's being discussed and "to help as much as we can."

With just over half of votes counted on Monday, Lopez Obrador had about 53.7 percent of the votes, a remarkable margin not seen in the country for more than three decades.

A prominent exit poll predicted his party allies were poised to score big victories in congressional and gubernatorial races.

Lopez Obrador, who campaigned on vows to transform Mexico and oust the "mafia of power" ruling the country, rode widespread voter anger and discontent with the governing Institutional Revolution Party, or PRI, of

President Enrique Pena Nieto and had led opinion polls since the beginning of the campaign.

The PRI, which dominated Mexican politics for nearly the entire 20th century and recaptured the presidency in 2012, was set to suffer heavy losses, not just for the presidency but in other races as well.

In brief remarks at a hotel in central Mexico City late Sunday, Lopez Obrador called for reconciliation after a polarizing campaign and promised profound change but with respect for the law and constitutional order.

"I confess that I have a legitimate ambition: I want to go down in history as a good president of Mexico," said Lopez Obrador, who had lost in the previous two presidential elections. "I desire with all my soul to raise the greatness of our country on high."

Lopez Obrador said he would "seek to establish an authentic democracy and we do not intend to establish a dictatorship." He said, "The changes will be profound, but in accordance with established order."

Conservative Ricardo Anaya of a right-left coalition and the PRI's Jose Antonio Meade acknowledged defeat shortly after polls closed nationwide. The quick count had them around 22 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

Lopez Obrador said individual and property rights would be guaranteed, promised respect for the autonomy of the central Bank of Mexico and said his government will maintain financial and fiscal discipline.

He said contracts obtained under energy reforms passed under President Enrique Pena Nieto will be scrutinized for any corruption or illegality, but otherwise contracts will be honored.

"There will be no confiscation or expropriation of assets. ... Eradicating corruption will be the principal mission," he said.

Lopez Obrador also spoke of reducing Mexican immigration to the United States through economic development.

"Mexicans will be able ... to work and be happy where they were born," he said.

And rather than the use of force to fight spiraling violence, he will look to fix root causes such as inequality and poverty.

Partial vote counts also showed probable gubernatorial wins for allies of Lopez Obrador's Morena party in at least four of eight state races on the ballot plus for the head of government in Mexico City. The central state of Guanajuato was expected to go to a candidate of the conservative National Action Party.

The polling firm Consulta Mitofsky predicted Morena allies would take between 56 and 70 seats in the 128-member Senate and between 256 and 291 spots in the 500-seat lower house.

# I never said that! High-tech deception of 'deepfake' videos

By **DEB RIECHMANN**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hey, did my congressman really say that? Is that really President Donald Trump on that video, or am I being duped?

New technology on the internet lets anyone make videos of real people appearing to say things they've never said. Republicans and Democrats predict this high-tech way of putting words in someone's mouth will become the latest weapon in disinformation wars against the United States and other Western democracies.

We're not talking about lip-syncing videos. This technology uses facial mapping and artificial intelligence to produce videos that appear so genuine it's hard to spot the phonies. Lawmakers and intelligence officials worry that the bogus videos — called deepfakes — could be used to threaten national security or interfere in elections.

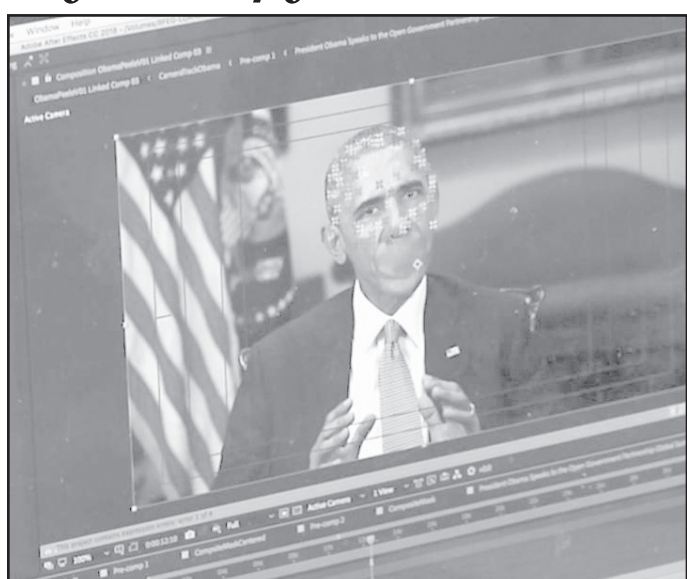
So far, that hasn't happened, but experts say it's not a question of if, but when.

"I expect that here in the United States we will start to see this content in the upcoming midterms and national election two years from now," said Hany Farid, a digital forensics expert at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. "The technology, of course, knows no borders, so I expect the impact to ripple around the globe."

When an average person can create a realistic fake video of the president saying anything they want, Farid said, "we have entered a new world where it is going to be difficult to know how to believe what we see." The reverse is a concern, too. People may dismiss as fake genuine footage, say of a real atrocity, to score political points.

Realizing the implications of the technology, the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is already two years into a four-year program to develop technologies that can detect fake images and videos. Right now, it takes extensive analysis to identify phony videos. It's unclear if new ways to authenticate images or detect fakes will keep pace with deepfake technology.

Deepfakes are so named because they utilize deep learning, a form of artificial intelligence. They are made by feeding a computer



AP photo

This image made from video of a fake video featuring former President Barack Obama shows elements of facial mapping used in new technology that lets anyone make videos of real people appearing to say things they've never said.

an algorithm, or set of instructions, lots of images and audio of a certain person. The computer program learns how to mimic the person's facial expressions, mannerisms, voice and inflections. If you have enough video and audio of someone, you can combine a fake video of the person with a fake audio and get them to say anything you want.

So far, deepfakes have mostly been used to smear celebrities or as gags, but it's easy to foresee a nation state using them for nefarious activities against the U.S., said Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., one of several members of the Senate intelligence committee who are expressing concern about deepfakes.

A foreign intelligence agency could use the technology to produce a fake video of an American politician using a racial epithet or taking a bribe, Rubio says. They could use a fake video of a U.S. soldier massacring civilians overseas, or one of a U.S. official supposedly admitting a secret plan to carry out a conspiracy. Imagine a fake video of a U.S. leader — or an official from North Korea or Iran — warning the United States of an impending disaster.

"It's a weapon that could be used — timed appropriately and placed appropriately — in the same way fake news is used, except in a video form, which could create real chaos and instability on the eve of an election or a major decision of any sort," Rubio told The Associated Press.

Deepfake technology

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still has a few hitches. For instance, people's blinking in fake videos may appear unnatural. But the technology is improving.

"Within a year or two, it's going to be really hard for a person to distinguish between a real video and a fake video," said Andrew Grotto, an international security fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation at Stanford University in California.

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## LA-Bron: James agrees to 4-year contract with Lakers

By TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is leaving home for Hollywood and an iconic team.

The Los Angeles Lakers have a new superstar — L.A.-Bron.

The four-time NBA MVP announced Sunday night that he has agreed to a four-year, \$154 million contract with the Lakers, joining one of the league's most storied franchises and switching conferences to try and dethrone the Golden State Warriors and grow his own legacy.

For the second time in his career, James is saying goodbye to the Cleveland Cavaliers, who drafted the teenage sensation from Akron in 2003 and have to be satisfied with winning just one title in the 11 years they had him.

Unlike his two previous forays in free agency, James did not drag out his decision and made the announcement less than 24 hours after NBA free agency opened.

This Summer of LeBron was barely a fling.

His management agency, Klutch



AP photo

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) drives against Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry during the first half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif. James is signing as a free agent with the Los Angeles Lakers, leaving the Cavaliers. James made the announcement Sunday, July 1, 2018, on a release, saying he has agreed to a four-year, \$154 million contract.

Sports Group, announced his agreement with the Lakers with a simple, short release. It was a stark contrast from eight years ago, when a poorly conceived TV special to announce his departure from Cleveland backfired and damaged James' image.

James isn't planning any more comments and there won't be a welcoming press conference or celebration in Los Angeles, a person familiar with his plans said Sunday night on the condition of anonymity. James will make his next public comments on July 30 in Akron when he opens a public school started by his family foundation.

It was all different this time.

The game's biggest star will now lead a young Lakers team — run by Lakers Hall of Famer Magic Johnson — that has been overmatched in recent years while rebuilding. But the Lakers will instantly rise with James, a three-time champion who after being swept by the Warriors in this year's NBA Finals said he is still in and very much in "championship mode."

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## AL East, AL West races in rarified air so far

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Baseball Writer

Since divisional play began in 1969, only three times has a division had two teams with at least 100 wins.

That could happen again this year in the AL East — and maybe the AL West as well.

The Yankees, Red Sox, Astros and Mariners are all on pace to win over 100 games, and they've created tight races atop those two divisions. With two wild cards in each league, those four teams have some breathing room in the race for the postseason, but there should be plenty of incentive to win the division title and avoid the one-game, winner-take-all scenario that the wild cards have to deal with.

The Yankees and Red Sox just played a three-game series in New York. The games weren't all that suspenseful — they ended 8-1, 11-0 and 11-1, with the Yankees winning two of three.

The first time two teams from one division won at least 100 games was in 1980, when the Yankees (103-59) outlasted the Orioles (100-62) atop the AL East. A seven-game winning streak in

mid-September helped New York hold on.

In 1993, the last year before the wild card, the Braves (104-58) and Giants (103-59) dueling all the way to the final day before San Francisco was done in by a 12-1 loss to the rival Dodgers. Atlanta was 10 games out on the morning of July 23 but went 49-16 the rest of the way.

The only time in the six-division era that a 100-win team failed to finish first was when Oakland went 102-60 in 2001 and still ended up 14 games behind a 116-win Seattle team.

None of the teams involved in those three previous examples made it to the World Series, so consider that a word of caution to this year's American League behemoths.

Some other developments around the majors:

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If the Mariners make the postseason this year, it will be their first appearance since that remarkable 2001 season. Baseball's next-longest drought belongs to the Marlins, who haven't made it since winning the World Series as a wild card in 2003.



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Houston Astros third base coach Gary Pettis (8) congratulates Evan Gattis, right, after Gattis' solo home run off Tampa Bay Rays closer Sergio Romo during the ninth inning of a baseball game Sunday, July 1, 2018, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

## Russia adds to list of famous World Cup upsets



AP photo

Russia's Fyodor Smolov, right, dives as he celebrates with teammates after Russia defeated Spain in a penalty shoot out during the round of 16 match between Spain and Russia at the 2018 soccer World Cup at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia.

By NOAH TRISTER

AP Sports Writer

With a spirited home crowd cheering on, Russia made a memorable contribution to the World Cup's history of upsets.

The Russians beat Spain on penalty kicks in the round of 16 on Sunday, eliminating the 2010 champions and overcoming seemingly nonstop possession by the Spaniards. Russia is

No. 70 in the FIFA ranking and Spain is No. 10, and the Spanish were considered serious contenders to win the tournament.

The FIFA ranking may have underrated Russia because as the host country, it didn't have to play any qualifiers. Still, this upset was a significant one, especially since it occurred in the knockout phase and put the Russians through to the quarter-finals.

## Seahawks' Kam Chancellor: 'Time for the next chapter'

By CURTIS CRABTREE

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash.— Seattle Seahawks strong safety Kam Chancellor said on his injured neck have shown no improvement and declared it was "time for the next chapter."

Chancellor had been awaiting further clarity on his neck, which he injured in a game against the Arizona Cardinals in November. In a posting on his Twitter account Sunday night, Chancellor said his latest scans "showed no healing."

"I've played through all types of bruises and injuries at a high level. But this one, I just can't ignore," he wrote.

Chancellor never used the word "retirement" in his statement, which may have been deliberate. Chancellor signed an extension through the 2020 season last August which contained guaranteed money in case of injury. An official retirement could open up the possibility of forfeiting some of that money. Chancellor's extension was signed before the start of last season and included a total of \$25 million in guaranteed money.

Chancellor was named to four Pro Bowl teams (2011, 2013-15) and was twice a second-team All-Pro selection (2013, 2014). He appeared in 109 career games for Seattle with 93 starts after being selected in the fifth-round of the 2010 NFL draft.

Seattle had foreshadowed the severity of Chancellor's situation without providing specific details regarding his injury. In his post, Chancellor said he was told paralysis was a possibility.

"When the doctors told me what was going on (in November), I could feel my heart drop to my stomach. The stiffness in my neck and the images I saw had me at one of my lowest points as a man, because football is all I knew outside of serving the Lord," Chancellor wrote. "To walk away from the game by choice is one thing, to walk away from the game because of the risk of paralysis is another."

Chancellor was part of Seattle's first draft under the leadership of coach Pete Carroll and general manager John Schneider. After a year as a backup, Chancellor became a starter in 2011 and quickly emerged as one of the hardest-hitting, most intimidating safeties in the NFL. Chancellor was also the emotional leader of a locker room and defense full of big personalities.



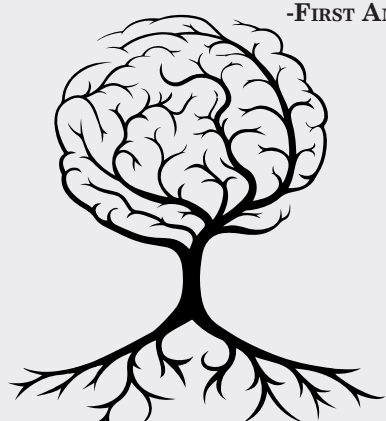
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Cam Chancellor on the sidelines against the Atlanta Falcons in Nov. of 2017. Chancellor's neck injury has been a consistent issue in recent years.

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# Trump's Clarifying Effect

Witnessing the political left's increasing irrationality and aggressiveness is, in the obvious sense, discouraging, but on the bright side, it's immensely clarifying.

People with selective memories may be unaware, but the left's extremism and fascism are nothing new. Donald Trump is not the root cause of its angst, nor is he the first Republican president on the receiving end of such unhinged hatred.

Never forget the Democrats' character assassination of such honorable judicial appointees as Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas. Go back and watch some of Ted Kennedy's (and Joe Biden's) outrageous speeches condemning such nominees.

Concerning the left's attitude toward GOP presidents, let's not begin with Richard Nixon, because given his Watergate-related behavior, few will remember or acknowledge the left's preceding viciousness toward him. But how can anyone forget the epithets and derision routinely hurled at President Reagan — that "amiable dunce" and warmongering cowboy who was determined to provoke nuclear war with the Soviet Union? Instead of giving Reagan a deserved Nobel Peace Prize for his dominant role in bringing down that evil empire, liberals chose instead to idolize and credit Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, endlessly slobbering over his unfolding of glasnost and perestroika. To hear liberals tell the tale, if it weren't for Reagan, the benevolent Gorbys would have torn down that wall years before.

But that was then, and this is now, you might say. Fine. Then how about we fast-forward to the presidency of George W. Bush? Lest we forget, it was Democrats who corrupted the 2000 election process with hanging chads and bespectacled election thieves, attempting election larceny right before our eyes. When the Supreme Court shut down their chicanery, projecting Democrats lost their collective mind, screaming that the Republicans had stolen the election from popular vote winner and certifiable environmental lunatic Al Gore. Please don't forget just how bad things were for Democrats — many of whom sought grief

counseling and threatened to leave the country. Suffice it to say, they were fire-breathing mad. The liberal media's orchestrated propaganda campaign worked to convince rank-and-file Democrats and assorted leftists that George and Jeb Bush conspired to purloin the Florida election — almost with the same sophistication that Trump employed in "colluding" with Russians.



DAVID LIMBAUGH

Fast-forward again to the Democrats' support of the Iraq War resolution when it was politically necessary and their about-face when it became expedient to oppose it. But their reversal wasn't just prospective; they straight-facedly proclaimed that the man they'd dubbed a simpleton — George W. Bush — had duped them into voting for

the resolution. Duped by a dope? You'd think that would have been laughable on its face. Bush must have been pretty good, because he also had to have persuaded all of our major intelligence agencies and those of our allies to believe that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. Never would these sagacious Democratic leaders have voted to attack Iraq had they not been deceived. And so they began their chant, "Bush lied; people died." Pretty soon, they not only had every Democrat in America buying into their fraud but also began to believe it themselves. Liberals are nothing if not consummate history revisionists. From this time forward, the Democrats grew wilder with outrage and indignation. Republicans were simply evil personified, and they had to be stopped — at all costs.

Even Obama's two presidential terms didn't quell the left's ever-growing instability — though liberals were able to channel some of it into abuses of executive power during that time. But the election of Trump sparked a new level of leftist antipathy and psychosis. The liberal media even quit pretending to be unbiased and just became overt propaganda factories for the Democratic Party and against Trump. And it has gotten worse with each passing day. The leftist, liberal media and Democratic Party establishment are utterly beside themselves today with Trump derangement syndrome, and it grows exponentially with each Trump policy success and

each Democratic setback in liberals' Sisyphean effort to impeach Trump.

Now we are seeing almost daily violence or threats of violence from these characters, who are openly, even proudly, displaying their fascism for the world to see. Recent examples, from Trump officials being driven from public restaurants to a Democratic congresswoman calling for violence against Trump officials, are too numerous to deny that there is a pattern. The left's inability to conceal its hatred and fascism is a glorious collateral benefit of Trump's electoral and policy victories. Thank the Lord that a majority of the American people still remain uncomfortable with such behavior, which means that Democrats are seriously damaging themselves.

The recent Supreme Court decisions on Trump's travel ban, public unions and a California law requiring pro-lifers to push abortion have sent the left into hysteria. Justice Anthony Kennedy's announced retirement will force many more into therapy. The Democratic Party has been leftist for some time, but leftist extremists are now the mainstream of the party — and the victory of young socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in New York against incumbent Democratic Rep. Joe Crowley is but one illustration.

For years, Democrats really haven't had an answer to successful conservative policies, so they've been increasingly reduced to identity politics. Their essential message is that many of Trump's policies may be working, but he and his supporters are racists, sexists and homophobes. Their shtick is growing tired, and people, including some minorities, are getting wise to it.

It would be nice if the left would quit acting out in some kind of uncontrolled rage, but don't hold your breath. If it must be, it must be, but let's just be grateful liberals are showing us who they are and exhibiting their version of "tolerance" and "compassion." The more they keep it up the less likely we'll see a blue wave — and the likelier we'll see a red one — in November.

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# Justice Kennedy's First Priority: The First Amendment

It became official just after lunchtime on Wednesday, just after the Supreme Court announced its final decisions of the term and went into recess. Justice Anthony Kennedy, the 104th person to serve on the court, is retiring, effective just after his 82nd birthday next month, after 30 years of service.

Justice Kennedy's decision, announced in a two-paragraph letter to President Donald Trump, has been predicted — and eagerly anticipated and dreaded — for years now. He has been the swing vote in several noteworthy — for some, notorious — cases going back to the early 1990s, as well as the author of the opinion of the court in many.

Appointed by President Ronald Reagan after two nominees failed to be confirmed, Kennedy has long been feted by many liberals for these stands. Since the early 1990s, he has stood against repealing the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion. Starting with his decision to overturn two sodomy convictions in 2003, he has opposed discrimination against gays and was the author of Obergefell v. Hodges, the 2015 decision that legalized same-sex marriage.

Kennedy joined mostly Democratic-appointed colleagues in taking what were considered liberal stands on other issues as well, including the death penalty for young offenders, judicial review for Guantanamo detainees and state laws attempting to strengthen or supplement federal enforcement of immigration laws.

On these, conservative legal scholars looked askance. Some ridiculed Kennedy's flowery language in decisions like Obergefell v. Hodges. Some classed him with other Republican-appointed justices who sided regularly with liberals.

But that's an overstatement. Justice Kennedy came out on the same side as Republican-appointed colleagues on the Second Amendment, on partial-birth abortion bans, on the unconstitutionality of bans on political speech, and on subjecting states to special voting-rights scrutiny based on evidence from 1964 and 1972. In every one of the past year's 19 cases decided by 5-4 votes, he came out against the four Democratic-appointed justices.



MICHAEL BARONE

In my view, it makes sense to see Justice Kennedy not so much as a liberal warrior in our culture wars but as a judge who placed an especially high value on the First Amendment freedom of speech. People should be free to engage in gay sex, and organizations should be free to engage in political speech.

That concern about freedoms of expression characterized his most recent decisions. He applied sharp scrutiny on government efforts to force public employees to pay for political speech they opposed (Janus v. AFSCME) and to force a Christian baker to custom-design a cake for a same-sex couple (Masterpiece Cakeshop Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission).

Even where he saw First Amendment rights as at stake in legislative redistricting cases, he ruled in 2004 and again this year that he professed to see no neutral principle distinguishing plans that were unconstitutionally partisan from those that weren't. Any verbal formula, he apparently believed, would just leave judges free to rule for their partisan friends.

This led legal scholar Rick Hasen to predict — accurately — his decision to retire and then call his decision "final abdications" that indicate "a depressing kind of defeatism." He evidently sees Justice Kennedy as a committed culture warrior for the

left. But language in some of his most controversial opinions shows not a desire for one side's total victory but for both sides' friendly accommodation of the other.

In Obergefell, Justice Kennedy took care to recognize that "religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned."

In Masterpiece Cakeshop, Justice Kennedy wrote, "To describe a man's faith as 'one of the most despicable pieces of rhetoric that people can use' is to disparage his religion in at least two distinct ways: by describing it as despicable, and also by characterizing it as merely rhetorical — something insubstantial and even insincere."

This is not so much legal argumentation as it is a plea for combatants in the culture war to show respect — even friendly respect — for one another.

The Senate will probably "confirm Justice Kennedy's successor this fall," as Majority Leader Mitch McConnell quickly promised, despite hysterical predictions that abortion will be criminalized and same-sex marriage abolished.

But Justice Kennedy's central legacy is his firm defense of the First Amendment. Against California's claim that its law requiring pro-life pregnancy counselors to promote abortions is "forward-looking," Kennedy wrote, "It is forward thinking to begin by reading the First Amendment as ratified in 1791; to understand the history of authoritarian government as the Founders then knew it." First things first.

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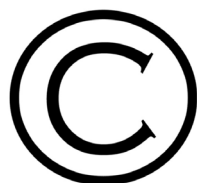
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Lease/Unit Well No. : 1LS  
Lease/Unit Acres : 480.3  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0  
Lease Lines : 1026.0 F WEST L, 2098.0 F SOUTH L  
Survey Lines : 1026.0 F WEST L, 2098.0 F SOUTH L  
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 330.0 F WEST L 100.0 F SOUTH L

Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N  
Abstract: 321  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
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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 8600 feet.

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DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 20, 2018  
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Rule 37 Case No. 0312181  
Status/Permit No. 840717

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BIRCH OPERATIONS, INC., [RRC Operator No. 071331] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37).

**Legals**

Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 18, Bk. 33 T2N, T&P RR CO/LITTLE, P E Survey, A-1674, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 0.42 miles NE direction from KNOTT, Texas.

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Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0  
Lease Lines : 1026.0 F WEST L, 2098.0 F SOUTH L  
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Rule 37 Case No. 0312212  
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Lease/Unit Well No. : 5LS  
Lease/Unit Acres : 480.3  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 30.0  
Lease Lines : 1958.0 F W (offlease) L, 2219.0 F S (offlease) L  
Survey Lines : 1958.0 F W (offlease) L, 2219.0 F S (offlease) L  
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 1043.0 F EAST L 100.0 F SOUTH L  
Terminus Location  
Lease Lines: 999.0 F EAST L 25.0 F NORTH L  
Survey Lines: 1650.0 F WEST L 25.0 F NORTH L

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Rule 37 Case No. 0312211  
Status/Permit No. 840862

**Legals**

regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Leah Moon Becton, at (832) 701-1776, x125.

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 30.0  
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Survey Lines : 1928.0 F W (offlease) L, 2219.0 F S (offlease) L  
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 976.0 F EAST L 100.0 F SOUTH L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N  
Abstract: 321  
Survey: T&P RR CO

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#9858 June 25, July 2, 9 & 16, 2018

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

DISTRICT 08  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 20, 2018  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 25, 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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**Legals**

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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)  
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Lease/Unit Name : MIKE THE TIGER 18-7  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 5WA  
Lease/Unit Acres : 480.3  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 462.0  
Lease Lines : 1898.0 F W (offlease) L, 2218.0 F S (offlease) L  
Survey Lines : 1898.0 F W (offlease) L, 2218.0 F S (offlease) L  
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal  
Lateral: TH1  
Penetration Point Location  
Lease Lines: 976.0 F EAST L 100.0 F SOUTH L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N  
Abstract: 321  
Survey: T&P RR CO

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**Legals**

Lease Lines: 933.0 F EAST L 25.0 F NORTH L  
Survey Lines: 1716.0 F WEST L 25.0 F NORTH L

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#9857 June 25, July 2, 9 & 16, 2018

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

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0312460  
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 28, 2018  
Status/Permit No. 840969  
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 2, 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)

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

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Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0  
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 30.0  
Lease Lines : 2078.0 F W

**Legals**  
(offlease) L, 2218.0 F S  
(offlease) L  
Survey Lines : 2078.0 F W  
(offlease) L, 2218.0 F S  
(offlease) L  
Wellbore Profile(s) :  
Horizontal  
Sidetrack  
Lateral: TH1

**Legals**  
Penetration Point Location  
Rule 37 Case No. 0312460  
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Lease Lines: 53.0 F EAST L  
100.0 F SOUTH L  
Terminus Location  
BH County: HOWARD  
Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N Abstract: 321

**Legals**  
Survey: T&P RR CO  
Lease Lines: 9.0 F EAST L  
25.0 F NORTH L  
Survey Lines: 2670.0 F  
WEST L  
25.0 F NORTH L  
  
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HERALD

# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

East dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ A K J  
♥ A 5 3  
♦ 10 9 5  
♣ 7 6 5 4

**WEST**

♠ 8 5 2  
♥ 10 9 2  
♦ J 8 7 6 4 2  
♣ 10

**EAST**

♠ 10 9 7 6  
♥ K 6  
♦ A K Q  
♣ K Q 9 2

**SOUTH**

♠ Q 4 3  
♥ Q J 8 7 4  
♦ 3  
♣ A J 8 3

The bidding:  
East South West North  
1 ♣ 1 ♥ Pass 3 ♥  
Opening lead — ten of clubs.

About half the hands dealt in bridge are partscore hands, and while they are usually not as exciting as game or slam hands, they nevertheless play an important role as building blocks to game in rubber bridge, or in earning matchpoints in duplicate pairs contests, or IMPs in team bridge.

Consider this deal played in Venice during the U.S.-Italy match in the 1974 world championship. It was only a partscore hand, but the huge audience that saw it played on Bridge-

O-Rama got a big kick out of the masterly defense conducted by the Italian East-West pair, Giorgio Belladonna and Benito Garozzo.

Garozzo, West, led the ten of clubs, on which Belladonna, East, played the deuce! This remarkable play paid off handsomely.

The U.S. declarer won the ten with the jack and led a low trump to the ace and a low trump back. Belladonna took the king and returned the queen of clubs. When declarer covered with the ace, Garozzo ruffed and shifted to a diamond, and Belladonna cashed the king and nine of clubs to put the contract down one.

South would have made the contract had Belladonna made the more normal play of the queen of clubs at trick one. Had he done that, he would have scored his king of clubs later on and given West a club ruff, but South would have finished with two club tricks instead of only one.

Belladonna knew that West's opening lead of the ten of clubs was either a singleton or a doubleton, and decided that his best chance to defeat the contract was to assume that declarer had four clubs rather than three. His assessment proved absolutely correct and earned his team an unexpected gain on a supposedly "pedestrian" partscore deal.

Tomorrow: The percentage factor.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



**Moon of Deep Thoughts**

The Pisces moon brings deep thoughts. Here's one by Jack Handey: "Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes." Whether your deep thoughts produce answers, introduce options or just amuse you, you'll be better for having them.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Touching can reduce pain. To reach out to a loved one with the validation of a handshake, an embrace, even a celebratory fist bump -- it will solidify the bond and the moment.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** An agenda is nigh complete. How do you know? There's an air of finality around it -- a sense that the job has been done and the next one is quite pressing. Wrap it up; excitements lie ahead.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** To show up and do your work -- well, that's just not enough for you. You want to be remarkable. You want to be the best. It's why today you'll sign on for something the others shirk.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Most don't reach adulthood without a scar or two, either on the inside or on the outside. You can be proud of the way you've healed. Don't wait for the chance to share your story; just share it. You'll be helping others.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** What happens today happens for a reason, and that reason isn't necessarily a part of some universal plan; it's simply the effect of a cause. You were noticing. You took action. And now here you are.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Although the entire problem is not yours to solve, there's a little part of it that you can and should handle. You're the best person for the job, and it may even be your responsibility. Good fortune will follow your solution.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You have great taste and a knack for putting things, words and people together. It will be lucky to share the connections and creations you make with your real-life friends and the virtual friends on your social networks.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Time's winged chariot hurries near. In other words, it's as if you're being pushed around by the schedule, which can seem artificial and against your natural rhythm, but at least things are getting done.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** When you connect with others who have similar talents, things will go very well, but reach out to those with talents that are merely related to yours and it will go even better. Brilliant co-creations are possible.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** When you get interrupted once, chalk it up to the other person's excitement. Twice or more, though, and you can take it as a red flag. Think twice about getting very involved.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You don't have to stay abreast of every new trend to be relevant, but it helps that you have an excellent overview of what's important to the generation behind you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** In the name of progress, you'll be the bigger person and rise above an annoying and essentially wrong situation. Defying emotional gravity in this way won't be too hard, once you let go of your need to be right.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 2).** The word that describes you best over the next six weeks: driven. You'll hardly stop to replenish your joy. Recharge at the end of August. Get involved with the things that help you stay positive, and stick with it. In 2019, you'll lavish in new and better habits. Self-promotion leads to promotion by others in October. Sagittarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 48, 3, 49 and 1.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION:** "It's weird. I think I'm growing as a person, but I'm doing a lot less, owning less, staying home more and cutting out a lot of things and relationships that for whatever reason I no longer feel attached to. What's going on with this Pisces?"

When we think about metamorphosis, the transformations that come to mind are often from less mobility to more mobility. Caterpillars grow wings to fly. Tadpoles grow legs to leap. But the move toward mobility and complexity isn't always the direction of development. Sometimes we advance to a simpler state.

Seeing as you're a Pisces sea creature going through changes, perhaps you should consider the sea squirt. In an early stage, this mysterious ancient ocean species has a brain and a simple eye and can swim about. But once it finds a place to attach, its brain, eye and spinal cord get absorbed by the rest of its body, and it becomes a stationary creature with fascinating regenerative powers. Essentially, the sea squirt's intelligence is decentralized in a retrogressive metamorphosis that turns a complex vertebrate into a simplified stationary creature with extraordinary self-healing powers. The sea squirt is being studied by scientists who hope to cure neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's.

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# SUDOKU

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	5	4		1				
6			1					
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			2					

Level: Beginner

**Fun By The Numbers**

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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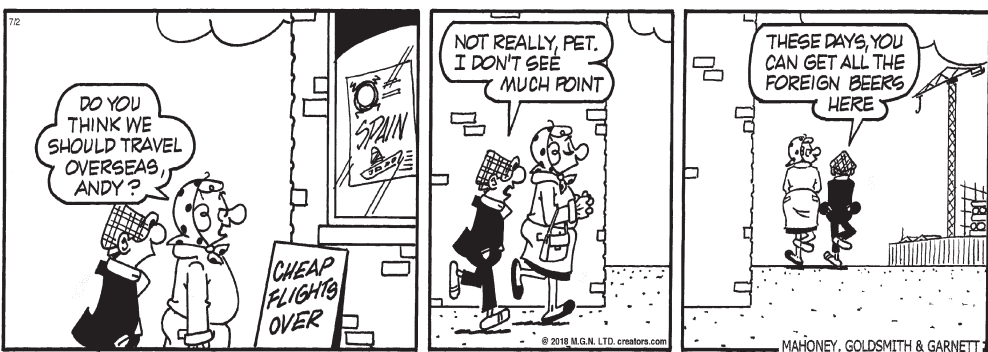
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

	KMID (3) Midland	UNI (4) Spanish	KPEJ (5) Odessa	KOSA (7) Odessa	KTLE (8) Telemundo	KWES (9) Midland	KMLM (12) Odessa	KPBT (13) Odessa	KWWT (14) Odessa	KWES2 (15) Midland	WTBS (33) Atlanta	TNT (34) Atlanta	ESPN (35) Sports	ESPN2 (36) Sports	FSN (38) Sports	USA (55) New York	A&E (58) New York	DISC (60) Discovery
5 :30	Local 2 ABC	P. Luche Noticiero	Broke Girl Mom	CBS 7 CBS	Tele Noticias	News News	Creation Cost	Over Business	Mama's Jeff'sons	American American	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Movie: Bad Words (DVS)	SportsCenter	Spe. Olympics	Focused Power of	Mod Fam Mod Fam	Ozzy & Jack's	Street Out- laws
6 :30	Jeopardy! Wheel	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang Big Bang	CBS 7 ET	Mundial y más	News News	Families TBA	PBS News- Hour	M*A*S*H M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Movie: Old School (DVS)	MLB Base- ball: Boston Red Sox at Washington Nationals.	NBA: The Jump	UFC UFC	Mod Fam Mod Fam	Ozzy & Jack's	Street Out- laws
7 :30	The Bach- elorette (DVS)	El rico y Lázaro	So You Think	Mom Man-Plan	Mi familia perfecta	Running Wild Being	News Antiques Roadshow	Griffith Griffith	Penn & Teller	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy Fam. Guy	Movie: Old School (DVS)	2018 World Series of Poker: Main Event.	UFC Re- loaded	WWE Mon- day Night RAW	Ozzy & Jack's	Street Out- laws: Full	
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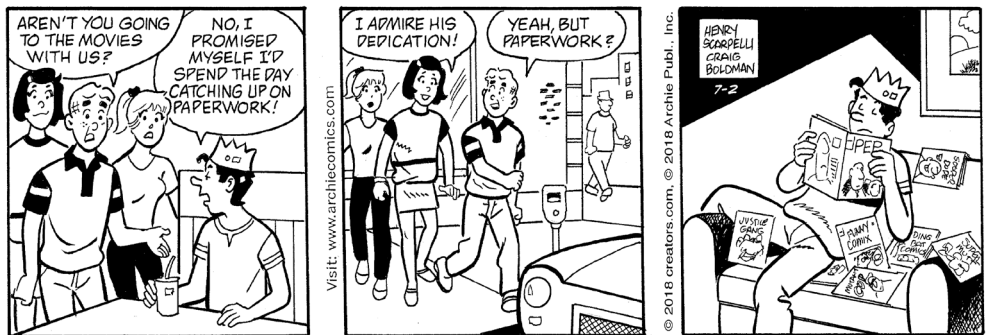
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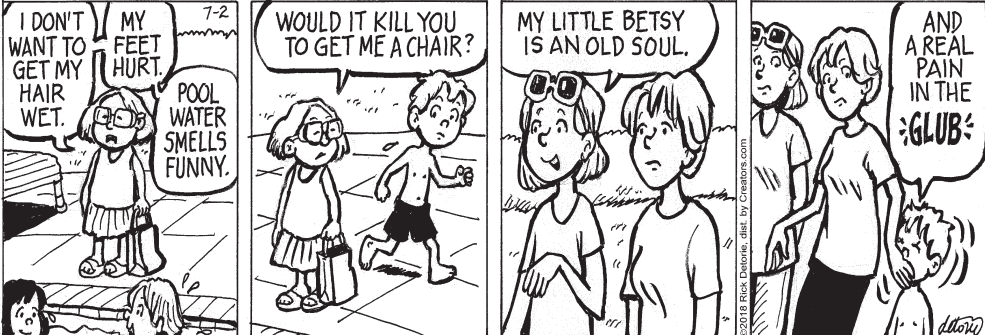
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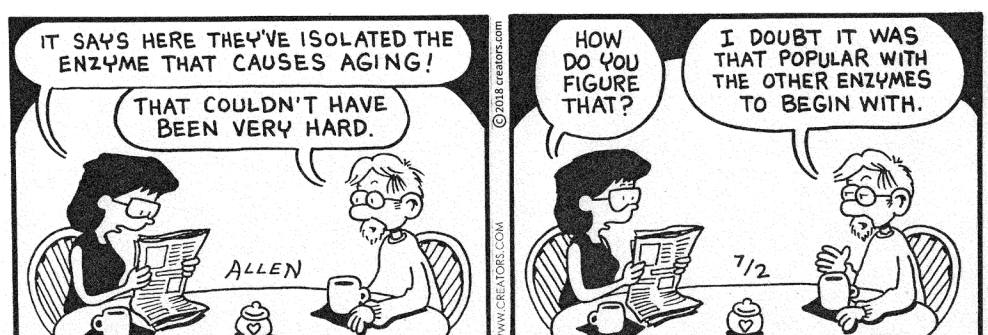
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## ONE BIG HAPPY



## NEST HEAD



## MOMMA



## This Date In History

On July 2, 1937, aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first round-the-world flight along the equator. On this date: In 1776, the Continental Congress passed a resolution saying that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States." In 1867, New York's first elevated rail line, a single track between Battery Place and Greenwich Street, went into operation. In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot by Charles J. Guiteau at the Washington railroad station; Garfield died the following September. (Guiteau was hanged in June 1882.) In 1892, the Populist Party (also known as the People's Party) opened its first national convention in Omaha, Nebraska. In 1917, rioting erupted in East St. Louis, Illinois, as white mobs attacked black residents; nearly 50 people, mostly blacks, are believed to have died in the violence. In 1926, the United States Army Air Corps was created. In 1955, "The Lawrence Welk Show" premiered on ABC-TV under its original title, "The Dodge Dancing Party." In 1961, author Ernest Hemingway shot himself to death at his home in Ketchum, Idaho. In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law a sweeping civil rights bill passed by Congress. In 1977, Russian-American author Vladimir Nabokov, 78, died in Montreux, Switzerland. In 1987, 18 Mexican immigrants were found dead inside a locked boxcar near Sierra Blanca, Texas, in what authorities called a botched smuggling attempt; a 19th man

survived. In 1997, Academy Award-winning actor James Stewart died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 89. Ten years ago: Five years ago: Colombian military spies tricked leftist rebels into freeing 15 hostages: Ex-presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, three U.S. military contractors, and 11 Colombian policemen and soldiers. Police in Randolph, Vt., unearthed the body of 12-year-old Brooke Bennett from a makeshift grave, ending a weeklong search. Five years ago: The Obama administration unexpectedly announced a one-year delay, until after the 2014 elections, in a central requirement of the health care law that medium and large companies provide coverage for their workers or face fines. Homer Bailey threw his second no-hitter in 10 months, pitching the Cincinnati Reds to a 3-0 victory over the slumping San Francisco Giants. Olympic track star Suzy Favor Hamilton's name was removed from the Big Ten female athlete of the year award following revelations she had worked as a prostitute. One year ago: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie was photographed with his family soaking up the sun on a beach he had closed to the public for the Fourth of July weekend because of a government shutdown. Today's Birthdays: Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos is 89. Jazz musician Ahmad Jamal is 88. Actor Robert Ito is 87. Actress Polly Holliday is 81. Racing Hall of Famer Richard Petty is 81. Former White House chief of staff John H. Sununu is 79. Former

Mexican President Vicente Fox is 76. Writer-director-comedian Larry David is 71. Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson, is 71. Actor Saul Rubinek is 70. Rock musician Roy Bittan (Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band) is 69. Rock musician Gene Taylor is

66. Actress Wendy Schaal is 64. Actress-model Jerry Hall is 62. Actor Jimmy McNichol is 57. Country singer Guy Penrod is 55. Rock musician Dave Parsons (Bush) is 53. Actress Yancy Butler is 48. Contemporary Christian musician Melodee DeVevo (Casting Crowns) is 42. Actor

Owain (OH'-wyn) Yeoman is 40. Race car driver Sam Hornish Jr. is 39. Singer Michelle Branch is 35. Actress Vanessa Lee Chester is 34. Figure skater Johnny Weir is 34. Actor Nelson Franklin is 33. Actress-singer Ashley Tisdale is 33. Actress Lindsay Lohan (LOH'-uhn) is 32.

Thought for Today: "No great man lives in vain. The history of the world is but the biography of great men." Thomas Carlyle Scottish critic and historian (1795-1881).

## Newsday Crossword

THINK THIN by Gail Grabowski  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
www.stanxwords.com

**ACROSS**

- \_\_\_ of the time (nearly always)
- Unifying idea
- First part of a play
- One of the Great Lakes
- Reindeer name "rhymed" with Blitzen
- Farmer's corn or wheat
- "Electric" fishes
- War horse
- Nevada city
- Wooden hors d'oeuvre holder
- Was an omen of
- Underground plant parts
- Emphatic agreement, in Spain
- Book whose lines are learned by an actor
- Auto race refueling break
- Make a swap
- Chairs and stools
- Mongrel dog
- Seep
- Birds that honk
- Destiny
- Nerds
- Vast crowd
- Dictatorial rulers
- "I beg your \_\_\_" ("Excuse me")
- Bikini tops
- "That's the truth!"
- Break into two pieces
- Office fastener
- "That's too bad!"
- Black bird

**DOWN**

- Finish up
- Crossword clue heading
- VISA or Discover
- Voicemail sound
- Music player from Apple
- Wish earnestly
- \_\_\_ and pieces (miscellany)
- Building's location
- Bulky, as the "little teapot"
- Old pal
- Sharp shaving piece
- Football throw
- Perform better than
- Fuss in front of a mirror
- Takes a glance at
- "A mouse!"
- Obtains
- Weather prediction
- Pesky flying insect
- Ponytail material
- Gets out of bed
- More than enough
- Bellybutton
- Musical work for sopranos
- Identical
- Tricky maneuver
- Install, as a sidewalk
- Take a glance
- Data, for short
- Parakeets and poodles
- Fishing pole

**Answer to previous puzzle**

E	R	S	A	T	Z	D	R	J	E	K	Y	L	L
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James wasn't planning to have any face-to-face meetings, but Saturday night he met with Johnson, who sold him on his vision for the Lakers, the person told AP. Earlier in the week, Johnson seemed resigned to the possibility he might not get James or Paul George, who ended up re-signing with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

But Johnson was confident he could pull something off.

"I'm Magic Johnson," he said.

The Lakers' rich legacy is something that has always appealed to James and it wasn't long after his announcement that he heard from Kobe Bryant, who won five titles during 20 seasons with Los Angeles.

"Welcome to the family @KingJames," Bryant said on Twitter . "#lakers4life #striveforgreatness."

James and Bryant were Olympic teammates and there has been a perceived rivalry between the pair of alpha males. They're now linked like never before and if James wants to prepare for his eventual life after basketball, who better to learn from than Johnson, who has made a fortune as a business entrepreneur, or Bryant, an Academy Award winner.

The massive Los Angeles market will also provide James with a grander platform for his philanthropy and social activism. He already owns two homes in Southern California and has a film production company.

This is the third time in eight years James has changed teams. After bolting from Cleveland in 2010, he returned in an emotional homecoming four years later, determined to make the Cavs champions. The 33-year-old had previously said he wanted to finish his career in Ohio, and although he's leaving again, Cavs fans are more forgiving after he ended the city's 52-year sport title drought in 2016.

Shortly after the announcement, which came in a surprising manner, James posted a three-photo tribute to Cleveland fans on his Instagram account.

"Thank you Northeast Ohio for an incredible four seasons," James wrote. "This will always be home."

But there will always be a portion of Cleveland fans disappointed that James left again and that he wouldn't give the Cavs a longer commitment. His deal with the Lakers is his longest since he signed for six years with Miami in 2010.

And unlike eight years ago when he ripped James for leaving, Cavs owner Dan Gilbert thanked him. Gilbert opened his comments by referring to Cleveland's 2016 title as "a championship that united generations of Clevelanders, both living and passed."

"LeBron, you came home and delivered the ultimate goal," Gilbert said in a statement . "Nothing but appreciation and gratitude for everything you put into every moment you spent in a Cavaliers uniform. We look forward to the retirement of the famous #23 Cavs jersey one day down the line..."

On Friday, James informed the Cavs that he was not exercising his \$35.6 million option and becoming a free agent. While in Los Angeles following a family vacation, he spoke to Cavs general manager Koby Altman moments after free agency opened on Sunday, and it appears that was more a courtesy than a chance for Cleveland to make one last pitch.

Cleveland's roster was exposed during this year's finals, and James may not have seen a way for it to improve enough to win a fourth title.

James gave Cleveland something to remember in his final season. He played in all 82 regular-season games and then somehow carried a team that underwent several transformations to a fourth straight conference title and matchup against the Warriors.

As has been the case in the past, James didn't have enough help as the Cavs were swept, dropping him to 3-6 in the NBA Finals — a record sometimes used to compare him to Michael Jordan.

His stay with the Cavaliers will best be remembered for 2016, when he rallied the Cavs from a 3-1 deficit in the finals to stun the Warriors. James helped seal a Game 7 win with a chase-down block of Andre Iguodala, the signature moment of a career that has shown no signs of decay.

With the Lakers, James will be playing in the Western Conference for the first time and just down the Pacific Coast Highway from the Warriors, the team that has stymied him three times in the past four finals.

The chance to play for one of America's most storied franchises is a new challenge for James, who prides himself on knowing the game's history. In Los Angeles, championships are the standard and he'll feel new pressure in upholding the legacies of Johnson, Bryant, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Jerry West and other Lakers greats.

It's now his turn.

## LA will still be there for Paul George

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Paul George can count. That's what we forgot.

Everyone knows that the lure of home is strong for George, a Los Angeles kid who took countless jumpers as a youngster while pretending to be Kobe Bryant and wearing purple and gold. And players tend to go home: Paul Pierce played in LA toward the end of his career, Dwyane Wade briefly played in Chicago, Chauncey Billups had stints in Denver.

So while diving into the magnitude of the numbers in George's soon-to-be-official deal with the Oklahoma City Thunder — four years at an average of \$34 million a season, a contract that sure seems like it will help push the OKC payroll and luxury tax bills for next season alone to perhaps well over \$200 million — there was one number that seems to have mattered most.

It is 28.

His age.

He's still a young man, even by NBA standards. Consider this: George might not even be at his NBA peak yet. Barring an extension, which is possible, he could exercise his option to become a free agent again in the summer of 2021 — and even then he'll just be 31. Los Angeles will still be there, calling, winking, tugging at his heartstrings the way it clearly has for years.

That's a sure thing.

Another sure thing: That the Thunder, while not a Super Team per se, have super pieces.

George shared the stage at a party in Oklahoma City on Saturday night with Russell Westbrook, which was fitting since they shared the basketball stage flawlessly in their first season together. All those questions — mostly variations of "how will this work?" — got answered when the Thunder went 40-22 in the final 62 games of the regular season, George got his numbers (nearly 22 points per game) and Westbrook got his again as well (averaging a

triple-double).

They speak with great respect for one another. They are not the same guy: Westbrook loves fashion and flash, George would rather go fishing. But it worked, on the court and off, and that bond is necessary if the Thunder are going to challenge Golden State and Houston for Western Conference supremacy anytime soon.

It's not just those two. The Thunder have a good big man in Steve Adams. They're getting Andre Roberson back, probably in time to start next season after this past season ended prematurely because of a ruptured patellar tendon. They're keeping Jerami Grant for \$27 million over three years, which in this NBA seems like a bargain. They have a good coach in Billy Donovan and by all accounts, it's a happy locker room.

George kept dropping hints all spring. When asked about his future, he raved about how much he liked being in Oklahoma City. The more he said it, the more it seemed like he wasn't just spewing the company line. It seemed real, and now, the realness has been proven.

The Thunder have some issues, mainly what to do with Carmelo Anthony.

Anthony doesn't want to come off the bench, he's going to cost the Thunder something like \$70 million — the luxury tax is going to be incredibly punitive — if they keep him, and his best days are behind him. Having a high-priced deal isn't Anthony's fault; blame it on the New York Knicks and Phil Jackson, the ones who orchestrated that contract. But it's now something that the Thunder will have to manage.

That's as close as it gets to bad news in OKC right now.

George could have left, gone to the Lakers to join LeBron James, and no one would have complained. It would have been the easiest thing. Staying in OKC was the power move, though, both for George and Thunder general manager Sam Presti. George took the stage at that party, grabbed a microphone and delivered four words that shocked many.

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