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VA to feature WASP exhibit, art from female WWII veterans

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

Get ready for a some girl power, and also to take a step back in history as the West Texas VA Health Care System hosts the Art Expo on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. The public is invited to partake in this free Art Expo at the George H. O'Brien, Jr. Medical Center, in the Main Lobby, located at 300 Veterans Blvd, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During the expo the community will feature art all by women Veterans, "The WASP: Untold Story – a Photographic Exhibit."

According to their webpage, wasmuseum.org, the exhibit features unfiltered, uncirculated and previously unseen

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1943 WASP members (from left) Frances Green, Margaret Kirchner, Ann Waldner and Blanche Osborn leave their B-17, called Pistol Packin' Mama, Pilots. Of the women who received their wings as during ferry training at Lockbourne Army Air Force base in Ohio. They're carrying their parachutes.



Official White House photo

Courtesy photo President Barack Obama signs S.614 in the Oval Office on July 1, 2009 at the White House. The bill awards a Congressional Gold Medal to Women Airforce Service Pilots. Of the women who received their wings as Women Airforce Service Pilots, approximately 300 were living at the time of this photo.

United Way's Family Fun Day 5K and 1K

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**
 Staff Writer

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is hosting their first ever 5k and 1k Family Fun Day at the Belaski Pavilion in the Comanche Trail Park.

This event is set to take place Saturday, July 14 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place runners in the 5k and 1k races.

All participants of the race will receive a t-shirt and a pass to the Russ McEwen Water park.

"The event should be enjoyable for everyone who shows up," said Meghan Bias, United Way of Big Spring Manager. "A pass to the water park is what a lot of people will be thinking about after running in this heat we have been having. Water will be provided as hydration is key when spending any amount of time being active out in the sun."

A variety of booths with food, refreshments, fun games and bounce houses for children will be available, and is hosted by partnering agencies for the people who show up that may not be participating in the races.

All funds raised from booths and races will go to the 2019 United Way of Big Spring and Howard County's campaign, a non profit organization which helps support the health and human service agencies in Howard County to help make positive changes for those in need.

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Make a difference at the SMMC Back to School Health Splash

By **TYLER SCHELLIE**
 Staff Writer

Planning has been underway for the 5th Annual Back to School Health Splash as the year continues to fly by. This year, the event will be held at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center on Thursday, August 9th, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Volunteers and donors are always in need, so don't miss this opportunity to make a big difference in the youth of our community.

The staff is looking to make this a family-fun, carnival themed outdoor event, with plenty of activities for the children. The Back to School Health Splash is an event that helps children get the supplies they will need for the upcoming school year.

"This was just a little way to give back to the community, and it has grown into a bigger event each year.

The local healthcare and youth-focused businesses come together each year to help ensure

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Feeding First Responders

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

"I've always seen first responders as unsung heroes and very special people, because when everyone else is running away from danger, they run into it." This is a quote from Dwayne Johnson that rings true to all first responders.

First Baptist Church is honoring all first responders with a free meal on July 4th, in the First Baptist parking lot at 705 W FM 700.

"We want to thank all the first responders for helping those who can't help themselves," said Pastor Mark Lindsey. "This is our way to show how much we appreciate all the first responders of Big Spring."

First responders typically include paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers, firefighters, rescuers, and other trained members of organizations connected with this type of work.

"We have invited all first responders including the police, all of our firefighters, EMS, air vac team, and if there is any left over food, we are taking it down to the prison staff," said Lindsey. "We figured they need to eat that day, might as well come enjoy a free meal of some good ol' BBQ."

Food will be served that morning in the parking lot, so if you're a first responder, then

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Mark Lindsey



Courtesy photo

The photograph above shows the door prize registration table at the 2017 Back to School Health Splash.

Take Note

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

• 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.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 support 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.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125.

Obituaries

Ronald Dewayne Holland

On June 15, 2018, Ronald Dewayne Holland, 52, succumbed to a lengthy illness and liver disease.

He is survived by his wife Terri Holland; his daughters, Oralia Holland of Fort Stockton and Lavana Holland of Colorado Springs; one son, Elijah Holland of Big Spring; a grandson; and several grandkids from his blended marriage to Terri for 15 years.

Ronald was born September 7, 1965 at Webb Air Force Base Hospital to Lila and Marvin Holland. He was a devout Christian and practiced in the Pentecostal faith for the majority of his adult life.

He grew up in Big Spring and graduated high school in the early '80s. Private services were held.

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

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

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.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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Seattle bans plastic straws, utensils at restaurants, bars

By PHUONG LE

Associated Press
SEATTLE — Looking for a plastic straw to sip your soda? It's no longer allowed in Seattle bars and restaurants.

Neither are plastic utensils in the latest push to reduce waste and prevent marine plastic pollution. Businesses that sell food or drinks won't be allowed to offer the plastic items under a rule that went into effect Sunday.

Seattle is believed to be the first major U.S. city to ban single-use plastic straws and utensils in food service, according to Seattle Public Utilities. The eco-conscious city has been an environmental leader in the U.S., working to aggressively curb the amount of trash that goes into landfills by requiring more options that can be recycled or composted.

The city's 5,000 restaurants - including Seattle-based Starbucks outlets - will now have to use reusable or compostable utensils, straws and cocktail picks, though the city is encouraging businesses to consider not providing straws altogether or switch to paper rather than compostable plastic straws.

"Plastic pollution is surpassing crisis levels in the world's oceans, and I'm proud Seattle is leading the way and setting an example for the nation by enacting a plastic straw ban," Seattle Public Utilities General Manager Mami Hara said in a statement last month.

Proposals to ban plastic straws are being considered in other cities, including New York and San Francisco.

California's Legislature is considering statewide restrictions, but not an outright ban, on single-use plastic straws. It would block restaurants from providing straws as a default but would still allow a customer to request one. It's passed the state Assembly and now awaits action in the Senate.

In the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Theresa May announced in April a plan to ban the sale of plastic straws, drink stirrers and plastic-stemmed cotton buds. She called plastic waste "one of the greatest environmental challenges facing the world."

Smaller cities in California, including Malibu and San Luis Obispo, have restricted the use of plastic straws. San Luis Obispo requires single-use straws only be provided in restaurants, bars and cafes when customers ask for them. City officials said most customers will say "no" if asked if they want a straw.

Business groups have opposed the idea in Hawaii, where legislation to ban plastic straws died this year, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Sunday, with the Hawaii Restaurant Association and Hawaii Food Industry Association testifying



In this June 19, 2018 photo, paper straws sit at Duke Moscrip, owner of Duke's Restaurants, bar at his restaurant in Seattle. Businesses that sell food or drinks won't be allowed to offer the plastic items under a rule that went into effect Sunday, July 1.

AP photo

against the measure.

Seattle's ban is part of a 2008 ordinance that requires restaurants and other food-service businesses to find recyclable or compostable alternatives to disposable containers, cups, straws, utensils and other products.

Businesses had time to work toward complying with the ban, said Jillian Henze, a spokeswoman for the Seattle Restaurant Alliance, an industry trade group.

"We've almost had a year to seek out products to protect the environment and give customers a good experience (with alternatives)," she said.

The city had allowed exemptions for some products until alternatives could be found. With multiple manufacturers offering alternatives, the city let the exemption for plastic utensils and straws run out over the weekend.

Environmental advocates have been pushing for restaurants and other businesses to ditch single-use straws, saying they can't be recycled and end up in the ocean, polluting the water and harming sea life.

A "Strawless in Seattle" campaign last fall by the Lonely Whale involving more than 100 businesses voluntarily helped remove 2.3 million single-use plastic straws.

Supporters say it will take more than banning plastic straws to curb ocean pollution but that ditching them is a good first step and a way to start a conversation about waste and ocean con-

servation.

Seattle urged businesses to use up their existing inventory of plastic utensils and straws before Sunday. Those who weren't able to use up their supply have been told to work with the city on a compliance schedule.

Businesses that don't comply may face a fine of up to \$250, but city officials say they will work with businesses to make the changes.

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we are sending our kiddos off to a new school year with everything they need," said marketing manager, Amanda Duforat.

With the last year being the biggest turn out for the event, the staff and surrounding community hope to go above and beyond previous goals. Booths will be set up to hand out school related items, from pens to pencils, rulers, sanitizers, kleenex, etc.

There is no charge to set up a booth, if you are unable to have a booth at the event, but would still like to contribute, there is still a need for backpack sponsors.

"Kids shouldn't have to worry about going back to school and not having all the tools they need, and this is just one way that the commu-

nity can ensure that they don't have that burden, and can just focus on learning and making new friends," Duforat said.

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please stop by for a good free meal.

Lindsey acknowledged that first responders volunteer at the ultimate level, their own

lives.

"This country is a great country because it was built on the idea of the necessity of volunteerism, to help our fellow citizens where they cannot help themselves," he said. "So we thank those who help us, and remember to be

grateful for all those that sacrifice their time to help another in their time of need. We always gain by giving, but remembering to be grateful to those that incur sacrifice on our behalf is always worthy of thankfulness."

WASP

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photographs both of and by the young women who were training to become part of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) during World War II. Individually and collectively, these photos showcase the WASP's life at Avenger Field, the impact of World War II on daily life, and their experience in West Texas.

It all started in 1942, as the country reels and stumbles from the attack on Pearl Harbor, in a frantic need of those who could fight. As one would imagine, trained male pilots were in short supply, but qualified pilots were needed to fight the war. In addition, the Army was also desperate for pilots to deliver newly built trainer aircraft to the flight schools in the South. It was then that 28 experienced civilian women pilots volunteered to take those ferrying jobs. They formed the country's first female squadron in the late summer of 1942.

Between November 1942 and December 1944, the WASP logged over 60 million miles of flying ferrying planes, towing targets, testing planes and training pilots. More women were trained to fly first in Houston and then moved to Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas.

WASP flew every aircraft in the Army's ar-

senal. In addition to ferrying, they towed gunnery targets, transported equipment and non-flying personnel, and flight-tested aircraft that had been repaired before the men were allowed to fly them again. For over two years, the WASP went on to perform a wide variety of aviation-related jobs and to serve at more than 120 bases around the country.

The man who championed the WASP was Army Air Forces Commanding General "Hap" Arnold. He was revered by the U.S. Congress, but in June 1944 when he sought to officially designate the WASP as members of the United States military, Congress said "no." After a protracted fight, the WASP were granted military status in 1977, after a law signed by President Carter.

These 1,102 Women Service Pilots flew wingtip to wingtip with their male counterparts, and were just as vital to the war effort. Come down to the VA on July 10, in the Main Lobby at George H. O'Brien Jr., Medical Center, to witness these photographs that show these brave woman who are very much an important part of U.S. history.

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Ronald Dewayne Holland, 52, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 15, 2018. Private services were held.

Linda Davidson, 74, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 1, 2018. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Memorial service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Danny Smithwick, 54, of Big Spring, died Saturday, June 30, 2018, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 5, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral will be at 10 a.m., Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Edward Lee Hurrington, 64, of Big Spring, died Friday, June 29, 2018. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 7, 2018, at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Nancy Herrin, 60, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 2, 2018 at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 6, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Baptist Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Thomas Derrick Dunnam, 52, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 2, 2018, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ark. man with prior DWI convictions charged in 2 DWI deaths

NEW BOSTON, Texas (AP) — An Arkansas man with at least five prior convictions for drunken driving has been indicted on two counts of murder following a deadly Texas wreck that occurred as he was allegedly driving while under the influence.

A grand jury in Bowie County, Texas, recently indicted 67-year-old Isiah Williams of Ashdown, Arkansas, for his role in a February wreck on Interstate 30.

Authorities say Williams was the driver of a pickup that veered off the interstate and struck a tree, killing two passengers. An arrest affidavit says his blood alcohol content exceeded the legal limit.

The Texarkana Gazette reports that a person can be charged with murder if a death results while a second felony offense is being committed, which in the case of Williams involved felony DWI.

Jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney.

Texas troopers increase traffic enforcement through July 4

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas troopers have increased traffic enforcement through Wednesday to help keep all travelers safe during the July Fourth holiday period.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Tuesday stepped up patrols with troopers on the lookout for intoxicated drivers, vehicles speeding, failure to use seat belts and other violations. Texas law requires everyone in a vehicle to buckle up.

Texas troopers, during the 2017 Fourth of July enforcement period, issued more than 98,000 tickets and warnings, including 1,658 seat belt and child safety restraint citations.

Officers made 529 arrests for driving while intoxicated. Troopers also arrested 374 fugitives and made about 300 felony arrests.

DPS figures show 1,033 people were killed in traffic accidents last year when a driver was under the influence of alcohol.

Texas investigates 56 cases of people sick from parasite

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas health officials are trying to determine whether 56 cases of people getting sick from the parasite Cyclospora are related.

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Monday announced the public health investigation in a review of illnesses since May. State officials are working with local health departments to determine if there's a common source for the intestinal infections.

Cyclospora is a parasite commonly found in developing countries. The intestinal illness is caused by consuming food or water contaminated with the microscopic parasite. The main symptom is watery diarrhea lasting a few days to a few months.

Past U.S. outbreaks have been associated with people eating imported fresh produce. Experts recommend thoroughly washing all produce.

Cooking will kill the parasite.

Man not guilty due to insanity in Texas police chief's death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge has ruled that a man accused in the shooting death of a San Antonio-area police chief is not guilty by reason of insanity.

Judge Sid Harle determined Monday that evidence showed 28-year-old Joshua Manuel Lopez suffers from a serious mental illness and didn't know his conduct was wrong.

Elmendorf police Chief Michael Pimentel was on patrol in 2014 when he pulled over Lopez on a warrant accusing him of spraying graffiti on a city truck.

Prosecutors say Lopez shot the 64-year-old Pimentel twice.

Lopez will undergo a 30-day evaluation, after which a judge will determine if he should be committed to a state hospital.

If he's no longer considered a threat to the public, Lopez could be released into an outpatient or community treatment program.

Part of San Jacinto River to be dredged for Harvey recovery



In this June 28, 2018, photo, Amy Slaughter sits in a greenhouse that she has converted into an air-conditioned office, outside her flood-damaged home in Kingwood, Texas.

By MIKE SNYDER

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — Anglers at Kingwood's River Grove Park couldn't see the opposite bank of the San Jacinto River as they cast their lines into its murky water one recent morning. The view was obscured by a wall of sand pushed into the channel some 10 months earlier by Hurricane Harvey.

The Houston Chronicle reports aerial photographs taken shortly after Harvey showed that this enormous sandbar had blocked a ditch that provides drainage for Kingwood High School and a number of nearby neighborhoods. About 650 homes in this part of Kingwood flooded, and the high school sustained an estimated \$60 million in damages and was closed for most of the school year.

Removing this troublesome sandbar will be one of the first tasks facing the contractor chosen to dredge a 2-mile-long stretch of the river's west fork. The dredging, expected to start this month, will be the first major Houston-area flood-control project resulting directly from Harvey — even as leaders of the recovery effort see momentum on other fronts.

"Things are starting to move," said Marvin Odum, Houston's chief recovery officer. He noted that federal officials approved Texas' \$5 billion housing recovery plan last week, and that county officials are preparing for an Aug. 25 bond election on \$2.5 billion in flood mitigation projects.

The Army Corps of Engineers, which is

overseeing the dredging project, is reviewing bids from three companies in amounts of \$34 million, \$69.8 million and \$108.9 million. The agency expects to award a contract soon.

Despite widespread agreement that the dredging will increase the river's capacity to hold floodwaters, there is no consensus on where the sand that's clogging the waterway is coming from and no funding or mechanism for routine maintenance dredging. Corps of Engineers officials said they were authorized only to restore the river to its pre-Harvey condition.

Studies dating back almost 20 years show that sediment has steadily accumulated in the San Jacinto River and in Lake Houston. A 2011 Texas Water Development board study concluded that the lake, a major source of Houston's drinking water, had lost 21

percent of its capacity since it was impounded in 1954.

Experts say the sediment is certain to begin building up again as soon as the contractor removes its dredges next spring.

"That's simply the way rivers respond when there is a lake in front of them," said William Dupre, an associate professor of geology at the University of Houston.

Guy Sconzo, a retired Humble Independent School District superintendent, lives in one of the estimated 16,000 Kingwood homes that flooded during Harvey. Sconzo said he believes dredging will reduce flood risks in the short run.

"But if that's all that's done over the long run, that's not going to make the difference that

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In this June 28, 2018, photo, Claire Slaughter, left, plays volleyball with her brother, James, and father, John, on the back porch, as rebuilding continues to their flood-damaged home in Kingwood, Texas.

HARVEY

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really needs to be made," said Sconzo, whose house took on 4 feet of water. Dredging must be done on a routine basis, he said, and detention areas must be created on streams such as Cypress Creek and Spring Creek, which flow into the San Jacinto River.

Amy Slaughter, whose family moved into a trailer in their driveway after Harvey flooded their Kingwood house, said a lot is riding on the coming project.

"My hope for the dredging is that it will save the community," Slaugh-

ter, an attorney, said. "I really believe that if there is the risk of flooding again, you will start to have abandonment. Businesses that have gone through this before will decide not to do it again."

Dredging of the west fork is getting underway ahead of other projects because the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is funding it, designated it as an emergency need at the behest of state and local elected officials. This decision compressed planning and design procedures that typically take months or years into days or weeks.

"This project has been something else," said Eddie Irigoyen, a project manager for the Corps of Engineers.

"We're going fast and furious."

By the time the job is finished next spring, the dredges will have extracted an estimated 1.9 million cubic yards of sand and sediment — more than enough to fill the Astrodome. The material will be deposited at two nearby sand pits.

A number of elected officials and community leaders blame the sedimentation problem on sand and gravel mines that have proliferated on the river in recent years, supplying raw material for the construction industry in a rapidly growing area. When the river rises rapidly during a storm like Harvey, these critics say, it picks up sand from the large excavations at mines along the river bank, then dumps the material into the river when the water subsides.

Gov. Greg Abbott touched on this theme when he visited Kingwood in March and viewed the river from a helicopter with Houston City Councilman Dave Martin.

"Very profoundly, Dave and I witnessed a stunning number of sand mining operations all up and down the river, and were able to understand more comprehensively the way in which these sand mining operations contribute sand and silt into the river," Abbott said, vowing tough enforcement of mining operations that failed to follow state regulations.

Data supplied by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which regulates sand mines and other "aggregate processing" facilities, show that about 25 facilities licensed for this purpose are located along the west or east forks of the San Jacinto River upstream from Lake Houston.

Companies have gravitated to the San Jacinto to mine sand and gravel

because the river is close to the booming Houston construction market, said David Perkins, the president of the Texas Aggregates and Concrete Association.

Demand for sand and gravel, key ingredients in concrete, is growing around the world.

The role of sand mining in flooding on the San Jacinto River, however, is unclear. The sand and gravel industry quickly pushed back against accusations that its business was a major contributor to the problem.

"Some in the community are stating that sand mining operations along (the) San Jacinto are the source of the sand currently in the river," a memorandum produced by the association states. "A more in-depth examination of historical and technical data demonstrates that mining is not the source, but is in fact a long-term and sustainable solution."

Perkins elaborated in a recent interview: "It's physically not possible for water to go into a pit and remove (sand) and put it back into the water," he said.

The Corps of Engineers, after surveying the affected stretch of the river in preparation for the dredging project, concluded that sand mines were not the main source of siltation.

Michael Garske, a hydraulic engineer with the Corps, estimated that 65 percent of the sand clogging the river came from Cypress Creek, which joins the west fork of the San Jacinto River just upstream from Lake Houston.

"The banks (of Cypress Creek) are sloughing off and falling in," Garske said during a June 11 community meeting in Kingwood. "That's where it came from."



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Suspect wrote he aimed to kill everyone at Maryland newsroom



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Carl Hiaasen, center, brother of Rob Hiaasen, one of the journalists killed in the shooting at The Capital Gazette newspaper offices, is consoled by his sisters Barb, left, and Judy during a memorial service, Monday, July 2, 2018, in Owings Mills, Md.

By DAVID McFADDEN

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — A man charged with slaying five people at a Maryland newspaper sent three letters on the day of the attack, police said, including one that said he was on his way to the Capital Gazette newsroom with the aim "of killing every person present."

Sgt. Jacklyn Davis, a spokeswoman for Anne Arundel County police, said the letters were received Monday. They were mailed to an attorney for The Capital newspaper, a retired judge of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals and a Baltimore judge.

The letter Ramos sent to the Annapolis newspaper's Baltimore-based lawyer was written to resemble a legal motion for reconsideration of his unsuccessful 2012 defamation lawsuit against the paper, a columnist and then-publisher Tom Marquardt.

Marquardt shared a copy of the letter with The Associated Press.

"If this is how the Maryland Judiciary operates, the law now means nothing," Ramos wrote. He quoted a description of the purpose of a defamation suit, saying it was intended for a defamed person to "resort to the courts for relief instead of wreaking his own vengeance."

"That's how your judiciary operates, you were too cowardly to confront those lies, and this is your receipt," Ramos wrote.

He signed it under the chilling statement: "I told you so." Below that, he wrote that he was going to the newspaper's office "with the objective of killing every person present."

In a letter attached to what appeared to be the faux court filing, he also directly addressed retired special appeals court Judge Charles Moylan, who decided against Ramos in his defamation case. Ramos sued the paper after pleading guilty to harassing a high school classmate.

"Welcome, Mr. Moylan, to your unexpected legacy: YOU should have

died," he wrote. He signed it: "Friends forever, Jarrod W. Ramos."

Ramos, 38, has a well-documented history of harassing the paper's journalists. The defamation suit was thrown out as groundless, and he often railed against current and former Capital staff in profanity-laced tweets. Police found him hiding under a desk after Thursday's attack and jailed him on five counts of first-degree murder.

At a memorial service Monday night for one of those killed, editor Rob Hiaasen, Marquardt said he once slept with a baseball bat by his bed because he was so worried about Ramos. He also said that they "stepped up security" at the newspaper years ago, and posted Ramos's photo around the office. "But then he went dormant for about two years and we thought the problem has been solved. Apparently, it was just building up steam," he said.

The mourning in Annapolis continued Tuesday, marked by a lowering of

U.S. flags to honor the victims. President Donald Trump ordered flags flown at half-staff on federal property through sunset.

Annapolis Mayor Gavin Buckley said Monday that Trump, who has repeatedly called journalists the "enemy of the people," had declined his request to lower the flags. The White House said Tuesday that Trump ordered the flags lowered as soon as he learned of the mayor's request.

Hiaasen was remembered Monday evening in stories, poems, prayers and songs at the "celebration of life" ceremony Monday evening. He was fatally shot last week at the Capital Gazette along with colleagues Gerald Fischman, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith and Wendi Winters.

An overflow crowd sought solace with laughter and funny memories and occasional sobs. At the heartrending gathering, friends and colleagues lauded him as a dedicated professional who was committed to the craft of journalism and loved mentoring the next generation of reporters. He was remembered for his love of family and enduring pride in his job. He made friends easily and had a bunch of them.

Hannah Hiaasen, his youngest daughter, said the family called him "Big Rob" — a nickname that perfectly fit the assistant managing editor who stood 6-foot-5. But it wasn't just his height that made the nickname ring true to those who knew him best.

"He had a really, really big heart," she said, before reading a poem in her dad's honor.

The Baltimore-based novelist Anne Tyler, whose works include "The Accidental Tourist" and the Pulitzer-prize-winning "Breathing Lessons," joined Hiaasen's family and colleagues to honor the friend she says she already misses.

"I loved him dearly. I thought he was smart and funny and wise," Tyler said before the gathering began.

Hiaasen had just celebrated his 33rd wedding anniversary with his wife, Maria, whose birthday was on the day of the newsroom attack. His widow, displaying great strength along with the couple's three children, said Rob was her best friend and a loving, generous partner.

"I'm going to try and hold him here," she said, clasping her hands to her heart.

Former Malaysian leader arrested, to be charged for graft

By EILEEN NG

Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak was arrested Tuesday by anti-graft investigators and will be charged over his alleged role in the multibillion-dollar looting of a state investment fund, officials said.

A government task force probing alleged theft and money laundering at the 1MDB state investment fund said Najib's arrest was linked to the suspicious transfer of 42 million ringgit (\$10.6 million) into his bank account from SRC International, a former 1MDB unit, using multiple intermediary companies.

It said in a brief statement that Najib will be brought to court on Wednesday to be charged, but didn't give details of the charges against him.

Najib's arrest comes nearly two months after his coalition's stunning rejection by voters in a May 9 general election.

The new government has reopened investigations into 1MDB that were stifled under Najib's rule. Najib and his wife, who have been questioned over the SRC issue by the anti-graft agency, have been barred from leaving the country. Police have also seized jewelry and valuables valued at more than 1.1 billion ringgit

(\$272 million) from properties linked to Najib, who has denied any wrongdoing.

Malaysia's Bernama news agency said Najib is expected to face more than 10 counts of committing criminal breach of trust linked to SRC International. It said Malaysia's new attorney general, Tommy Thomas, will head the prosecution in the case.

"This was the inevitable outcome when Najib lost the election and lost his political immunity," Bridget Welsh, a political science professor at John Cabot University in Rome, said in an email. "It shows the resolve of the new government to address previous abuses of power. It has been done judiciously so far and speaks to a needed reckoning for Malaysia and a key step toward a cleaner governance."

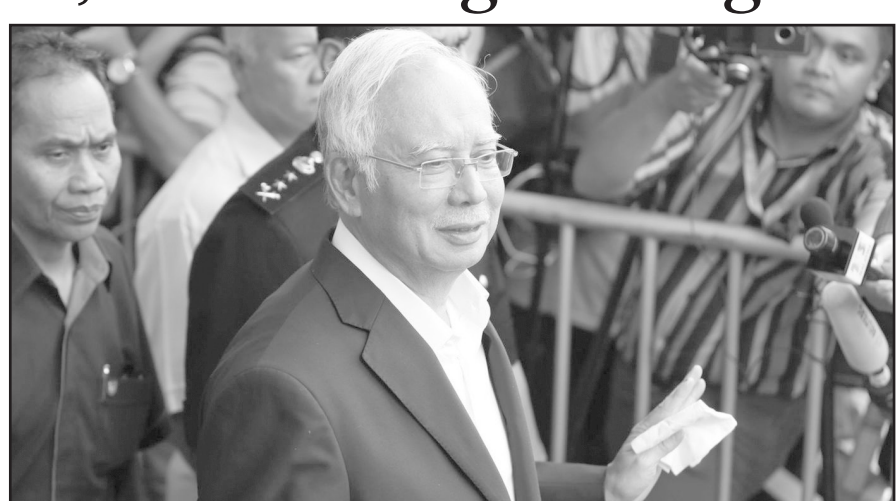
Najib's daughter Nooryana Najwa praised her father for being emotionally and mentally strong.

"Even in the face of adversary today, he smiled, laughed and gave us all a hug ... worried more for the

family than himself," she wrote on Instagram. "You can paint a man black but Allah knows. Allah is not sleeping."

Earlier Tuesday, the anti-corruption agency questioned Riza Aziz, Najib's stepson and a Hollywood film producer, as it stepped up its probe on 1MDB. Riza was solemn as he arrived at the anti-graft office and didn't speak to reporters.

U.S. investigators say Riza's company, Red Granite Pictures Inc., used money stolen from 1MDB to finance Hollywood films including the Martin Scorsese-directed "The Wolf of Wall Street." Red Granite in March agreed to pay the U.S. government \$60 million to settle claims that it benefited from the 1MDB scandal.



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Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, center, speaks to media on May 24.

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Ovechkin brings Stanley Cup to the World Cup

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Alex Ovechkin is bringing the Stanley Cup to the World Cup.

Fresh off winning the NHL title, the Washington Capitals forward is continuing his summer-long victory tour by taking the trophy to Moscow on a Saturday, where it will be exhibited at a "fan fest" public viewing site ahead of Russia's quarterfinal game against Croatia.

Ovechkin wrote on Instagram, "Dear friends, I'll be happy to see everyone who wants to take a photo with the Stanley Cup."

Ovechkin was in his native Moscow on Sunday to see Russia beat Spain on penalties in the round of 16 following a 1-1 draw after extra time.

The NHL veteran is hugely popular in Russia, where it's not uncommon to see fans wearing Capitals hats and other gear. He led the team to its first Stanley Cup in his 13th season after nine consecutive play-off appearances ended in disappointment.

The victory was emotional for Ovechkin, who brought the cup back to Washington for an entertaining days-long celebration that included a keg stand, shirtless swimming in a fountain and posing with the cup in bed alongside his wife, Nastya.

He also threw out the first pitch at a Washington Nationals game — asking for and receiving a do-over — and greeted hundreds of thousands of fans during a parade along the National Mall.



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In this Tuesday, June 12, 2018 file photo Washington Capitals Alex Ovechkin, from Russia, holds up the Stanley Cup trophy during the NHL hockey team's Stanley Cup victory celebration, at the National Mall in Washington. Alex Ovechkin is bringing the Stanley Cup to the World Cup. Fresh off winning the NHL title, the Washington Capitals forward is taking the trophy to Moscow on Saturday, where it will be exhibited at a "fan fest" public viewing site ahead of Russia's quarterfinal game against Croatia.

Brazil relying on balance at World Cup

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO and ANNE M. PETERSON

AP Sports Writers

SAMARA, Russia — While the focus is on Neymar's flashy scoring ability and his other antics in Russia, Brazil's steady progression at the World Cup has solidified the team's status among the favorites left in the tournament.

Nemesis Germany is gone. So are Lionel Messi and Argentina. Cristiano Ronaldo and Portugal are out.

But for Brazil, the word favorite — "favorito" in Portuguese — is taboo.

"We feel confident but not like the favorites but we know that there are other quality teams that have great potential. The favoritism comes from the press and the fans," winger Willian said. "We want to remain firm in our goal, which is to move step by step and reach the final."

The five-time World Cup champions opened the knockout round on Monday night by defeating Mexico 2-0 for their third straight shutout in Russia. Neymar scored his 51st goal of the tournament in the 51st minute, and substitute Roberto Firmino scored in the 88th in Samara.

Neymar again grabbed attention for his theatrics after he tangled up with Mexico's Miguel Layun, who stepped on the Paris Saint-Germain star's right ankle. Neymar writhed on the field in apparent agony before popping back up and finishing the match.



AP photo

Brazil's Neymar, top, celebrates with team mate Paulinho after scoring his side's opening goal during the round of 16 match between Brazil and Mexico at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Samara Arena, in Samara, Russia, Monday, July 2, 2018.

Brazil goes on to face Belgium in the quarterfinals on Friday in Kazan. The Belgians are coming off a 3-2 comeback win against Japan in Rostov-on-Don.

Brazil was ranked second by FIFA upon arrival in Russia, but the team opened with a lackluster 1-1 draw against Switzerland. Since then, Brazil hasn't conceded a goal, winning three successive games 2-0.

Neymar, who had been

recovering in previous months from a broken foot, gave the world-class performance that everyone hoped for on Monday. He has two goals and an assist in the tournament, giving him six career World Cup goals.

Other players have risen to the occasion, too. In the group stage, Philippe Coutinho had two goals and an assist and earned Man of the Match honors twice. Against Mexico, it was Willian who showed flashes of brilliance.

Additionally, the defense has been steady throughout, anchored by captain Thiago Silva and goalkeeper Alisson. The only other team remaining that has conceded just one goal is Uruguay.

Brazil has allowed just five shots on target at this World Cup, fewest of any team.

"It's a huge joy to be doing an excellent cup and to be growing with every game," Silva said. "I hope that in the next game of quarterfinals, we can even be better prepared because with the victories the trust automatically grows."

Defender Miranda echoed that sentiment: "We're growing in the tournament. We hope to continue this way. We need to grow even more."

Coach Tite has put an emphasis on balance since the South American qualifiers, and Brazil was the first team to earn its way to Russia. Brazil has yet to lose in eight matches this year.

Of course, the goal is to erase some of the disappointment of the last World Cup, when Brazil was embarrassed on a 7-1 semifinal loss.

"People have asked us a lot about Germany. I don't think we should worry about Germany and about what happened. Soccer is to play it, not to speak about it," Silva said. "We no longer need to focus on Germany because we don't have a way to change that story. We only need to think ahead now, game by game, and seize our opportunities."

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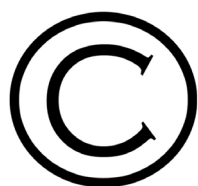
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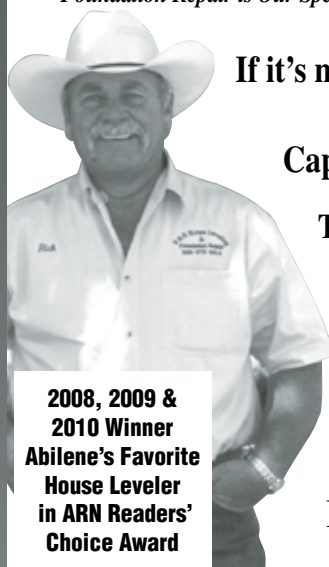
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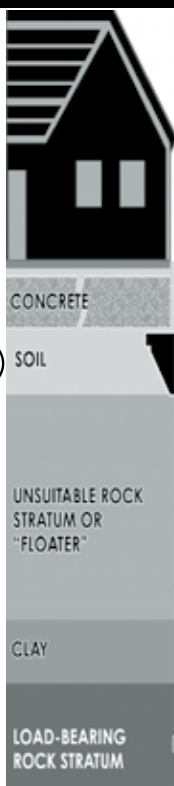
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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0312183
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 20, 2018
Status/Permit No. 840782
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE:
5:00 PM, Jul 25, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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NOTICE 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). 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 0.43 miles NE direction from KNOTT, Texas.

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

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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:
FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : MIKE THE TIGER 18-7
Lease/Unit Well No. : 2WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 480.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 30.0
Lease Lines : 1056.0 F W (offlease) L, 2099.0 F S (offlease) L
Survey Lines : 1056.0 F W (offlease) L, 2099.0 F S (offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s) :
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Lateral: TH1
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Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N
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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8800 feet.

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

#9864 June 27, 2018, July 4, 11, 18, 2018

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0312184
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 20, 2018
Status/Permit No. 840789
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE:
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Lease/Unit Name : MIKE THE TIGER 18-7
Lease/Unit Well No. : 3LS
Lease/Unit Acres : 480.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0

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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 30.0
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Survey Lines : 1086.0 F W (offlease) L, 2101.0 F S (offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s) :
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Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 990.0 F WEST L
100.0 F SOUTH L
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BH County: HOWARD
Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N
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This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8600 feet.

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#9862 June 27, 2018, July 4, 11, 18, 2018

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0312185
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 20, 2018
Status/Permit No. 840791
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE:
5:00 PM, Jul 25, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
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Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 30.0
Lease Lines : 1116.0 F W (offlease) L, 2103.0 F S (offlease) L
Survey Lines : 1116.0 F W (offlease) L, 2103.0 F S (offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s):
Horizontal
Rule 37 Case No. 0312185 (Dist. 08) Page 1
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 990.0 F WEST L
100.0 F SOUTH L
Terminus Location
BH County: HOWARD
Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N
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Survey: T&P RR CO
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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet.

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#9863 June 27, 2018, July 4, 11, 18, 2018

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0312186
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 20, 2018
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Lease/Unit Name : MIKE THE TIGER 18-7
Lease/Unit Well No. : 4WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 480.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 30.0
Lease Lines : 1146.0 F W (offlease) L, 2104.0 F S (offlease) L
Survey Lines : 1146.0 F W (offlease) L, 2104.0 F S (offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s) :
Horizontal
Rule 37 Case No. 0312186 (Dist. 08) Page 1
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1254.0 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
Lease Lines: 1254.0 F WEST L
25.0 F NORTH L
Survey Lines: 1254.0 F WEST L
25.0 F NORTH L

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#9865 June 27, 2018, July 4, 11, 18, 2018

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0312214
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 20, 2018
Status/Permit No. 840959
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

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Lease/Unit Well No. : 7LS
Lease/Unit Acres : 480.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 30.0
Lease Lines : 2018.0 F W (offlease) L, 2219.0 F S (offlease) L
Survey Lines : 2018.0 F W (offlease) L, 2219.0 F S (offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s) :
Horizontal
Rule 37 Case No. 0312214 (Dist. 08) Page 1
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 383.0 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
Lease Lines: 339.0 F EAST L
25.0 F NORTH L
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#9868 June 27, 2018, July 4, 11, 18, 2018

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0312213
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 20, 2018
Status/Permit No. 840957
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE:
5:00 PM, Jul 25, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Lease/Unit Well No. : 7WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 480.3
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 30.0
Lease Lines : 1988.0 F W (offlease) L, 2218.0 F S (offlease) L
Survey Lines : 1988.0 F W (offlease) L, 2218.0 F S (offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

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Rule 37 Case No. 0312213 (Dist. 08) Page 1 Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 515.0 F EAST L 100.0 F SOUTH L Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N Ab-tract: 321 Survey: T&P RR CO Lease Lines: 471.0 F EAST L 25.0 F NORTH L Survey Lines: 2178.0 F WEST L 25.0 F NORTH L

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#9867 June 27, 2018, July 4, 11, 18, 2018

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0312215 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 20, 2018 STATUS/Permit No. 840961 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 25, 2018 Address: Railroad

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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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Survey Lines : 2048.0 F W (offlease) L, 2219.0 F S (offlease) L
Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Rule 37 Case No. 0312215 (Dist. 08) Page 1 Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 383.0 F EAST L 100.0 F SOUTH L Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 7 Block: 33 T2N Ab-tract: 321 Survey: T&P RR CO Lease Lines: 339.0 F EAST L 25.0 F NORTH L Survey Lines: 2310.0 F WEST L 25.0 F NORTH L

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bridge on a high level

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K J 5
♥ A Q 8 6 5 2
♦ 6
♣ K 7

WEST
♠ 9 7 4
♥ 7 3
♦ K Q 10 4 3
♣ A Q J

EAST
♠ 6
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 10 9 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 8 3 2
♥ J
♦ A J 7 2
♣ 8 4 2

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass Pass 1 NT Dble
2 ♣ 3 ♠ Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 ♦ Dble

Opening lead — king of diamonds.
This deal occurred during the 1980 World Team Olympiad in the match between Mauritius and the United States.
At the table where Fred Hamilton and Mike Passell were North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown. West's opening one-notrump bid was of the weak variety, promising 12 to 14 points, and North's double indicated a moderate to very

After East ran to two clubs, Passell jumped to three spades, inviting game. Confident that his high cards would be well placed behind the notrump bidder, Hamilton checked for aces, learned there was only one missing and so bid six spades.
Passell won the opening diamond lead with the ace and made the slam without much difficulty. He led the jack of hearts to the ace, ruffed a heart low, crossed to the ace of spades and ruffed a heart with the queen. When West failed to follow suit, his hand became an open book. Since East had shown up with the king of hearts, West had to have the ace of clubs for his opening bid.
Passell therefore led a club toward dummy, West taking his ace and returning a club to dummy's king. A fourth round of hearts was ruffed with the ten, establishing dummy's remaining two hearts, after which it was a simple matter to draw trumps with the K-J and take the rest of the tricks with dummy's two good hearts and last trump.
Making six spades doubled gave the Americans a score of 1,660 points at this table. Since the Mauritius North-South pair at the other table had stopped at just four spades (also making six), the net gain for the U.S. team came to 980 points, or 14

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Independence Day Moon

For Americans, Independence Day is fireworks, family, barbecue and the birth of a nation. The spiritual Pisces moon offers thoughtful moments to consider what freedom means and what it costs in these times. No man or nation can stand totally alone. It is wise to honor not only our independence but also our interconnectedness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Greed is the black hole of sins. It always wants more. It cannot be satisfied. It can, however, be combatted. It will happen today by way of a reversal. Greed will be broken by generosity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Repeating a thought doesn't make it more true or more likely to become reality. Looping thoughts need interruption, which can be achieved by distracting yourself with a task that requires a high level of concentration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You now understand that you don't need what you thought you needed. In fact, you can get by with less and/or different. You may be able to make a trade today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you're not looking after yourself properly, it will be like opening a door to negative thoughts and low self-esteem. What do you wish your fairy godmother would do for you? Whatever it is, do it for yourself. It's an excellent start.

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Let the cynics make fun of the world; you'd much rather make fun of yourself. People will appreciate your honesty and vulnerability. You'll make them laugh as they relate to your story.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This thing you want is going to take more work than you thought. A coach can help you work smarter and faster. Unambiguous feedback is what you'll need, and you're tough enough to hear it, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Know what can be done and what cannot be done. These are facts; it's nothing personal. But as you do what can be done, more will fall under your jurisdiction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have a starring role in someone's thoughts. Though this person's casting of you may be a bit unrealistic, it's not entirely off. You'll have fun stretching yourself into the part, as long as it's close to who you want to be.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Malia Obama was born on the most patriotic day of the year, and is currently exercising her freedoms and independence as a student of Harvard University. Her natal Venus and Mars are in sociable Gemini, suggesting impressive powers of communication. Uranus and Neptune are nestled into Aquarius, the station of humanitarianism and social ideas. She has the chart of an excellent leader.

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Level: Intermediate

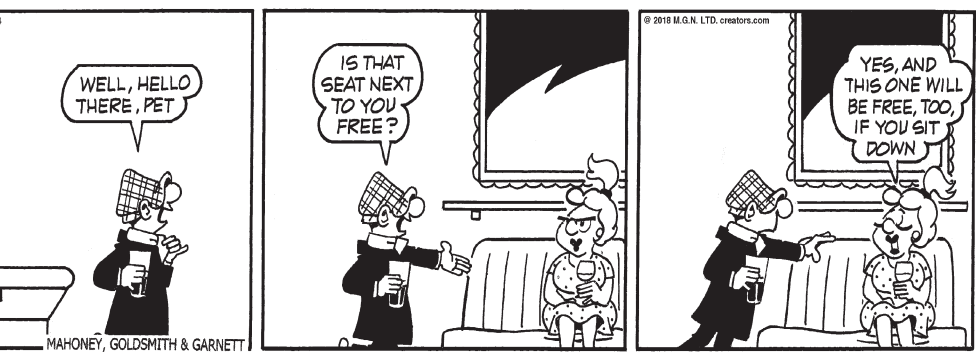
Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear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

7	4	8	9	6	2	3	1	5
9	5	4	8	3	7	6	2	1
6	3	2	7	5	8	1	4	9
5	9	3	6	4	7	2	1	8
8	6	5	2	8	9	7	4	1
2	8	5	9	1	3	4	7	6
3	8	9	7	4	1	6	2	5
4	1	7	6	8	3	2	9	5
1	3	4	2	5	6	9	7	8

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 PM	Local 2 ABC	P. Luche	Broke Girl	CBS 7	Tele	News	Behind	Mack	Mama's	American	Wrecked	(LUVV)	Phillies.	Lacrosse	Focused	NCIS (DVS)	The First 48	American Chopper
6:30 PM	Jeopardy!	Rosa de Guadalupe	Big Bang	CBS 7	Mundial y más	News	Shepherd's Heart	PBS News-Hour	M*A*S*H	Fam. Guy	Wrecked	(5:46) Claws	MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati Reds.	Hot Dog Eat.	MLB Baseball: Houston Astros at Texas Rangers.	NCIS (DVS)	Ozzy & Jack's	American Chopper
7:30 PM	Gold	El rico y Lázaro	MasterChef	Sheldon	Mi familia perfecta	News	A Capitol Fourth	Griffith	Howie Mandel Stand-Up	Big Bang	Big Bang	(6:54) Claws	2018 World Series of Poker: Main Event.	Postgame Journey	Colony (DVS)	Ozzy & Jack's	Sticker Shock	
8:30 PM	Mod Fam House	La bella	24 Hours-Hell	Big Brother	Sin Senos Si	Light of Southwest	A Capitol Fourth	WKRP	Where?	Big Bang	Movie: Live Free or Die Hard, Timothy Olyphant (DVS)	MLB Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Arizona Diamondbacks.	SportsCenter	World Poker	Mod Fam	Ozzy & Jack's	Misfit Garage	
9:30 PM	Shark Tank	Por amar sin ley	News	Code Black	El Señor de los	July Fireworks	Beyond	Heroes	Page Six	Big Bang	Full	Movie: Con Air (DVS)	SportsCenter	World Poker	Mod Fam	Ozzy & Jack's	Misfit Garage	
10:30 PM	Local 2	Impacto	Mom	CBS 7	Tele	News	News	Amanpour	C. Burnett	Seinfeld	Conan	MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati Reds.	SportsCenter	World Poker	Mod Fam	Ozzy & Jack's	Misfit Garage	
11:30 PM	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Cont Depor: mundial	Mod Fam	Late Show-Colbert	(:35) Titular y más	Tonight Show	Dr. C. Stanley	Beyond	Perry Mason	Rules	Full	Movie: Con Air (DVS)	SportsCenter	World Poker	Mod Fam	Ozzy & Jack's	Misfit Garage	
12:30 AM	Extra	Fuerza-Destino	Two Men	Access	El Señor de los	Daly	TBA	Hitchcock	King/Hill	Cops	Angle	MLB Baseball: Houston Astros at Texas Rangers.	SportsCenter	World Poker	Mod Fam	Ozzy & Jack's	Misfit Garage	
1:30 AM	(:37) Freedom Over Texas	Simplemente María	How I Met	ET	Programa	(:37) The Doctors	Light of Southwest	Mannix	Top 30	Angle	Hawaii Five-0	MLB Baseball: Houston Astros at Texas Rangers.	SportsCenter	World Poker	Mod Fam	Ozzy & Jack's	Misfit Garage	

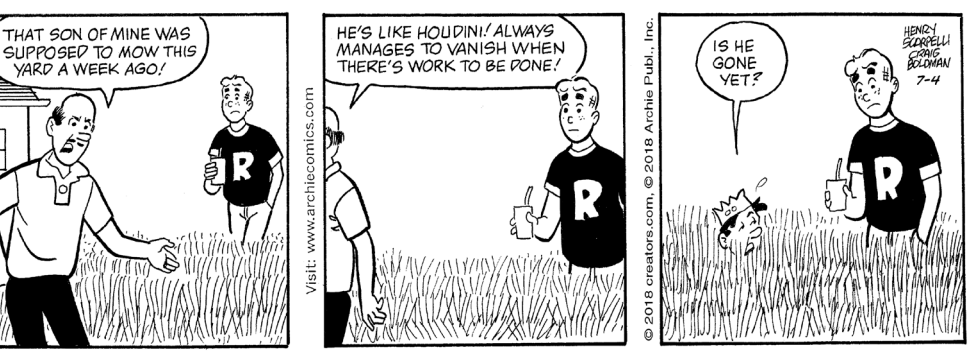
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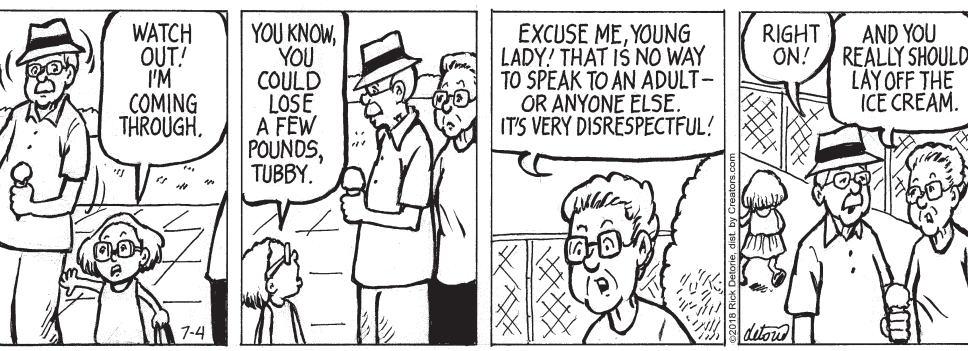
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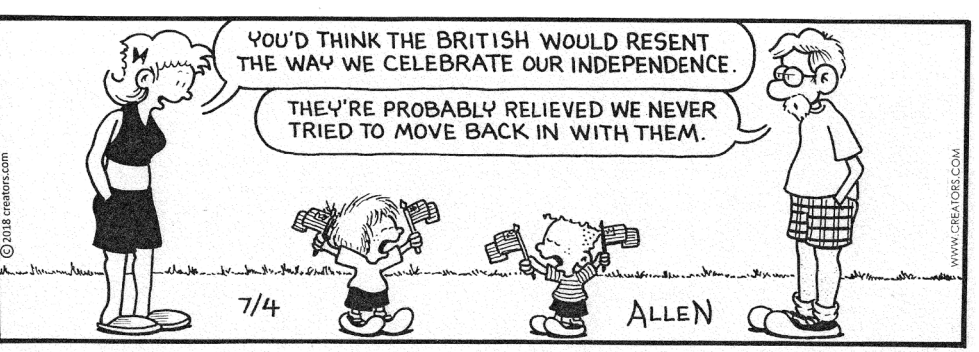
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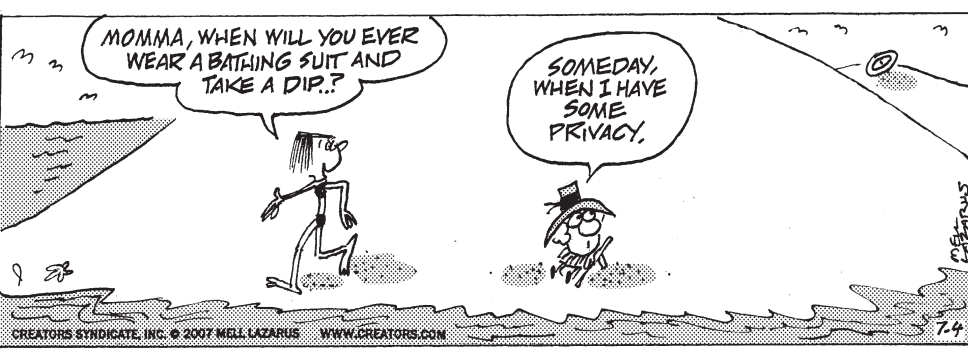
ONE BIG HAPPY



NEST HEAD



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This Date In History

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted by delegates to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1802, the United States Military Academy officially opened at West Point, New York. In 1817, ground was broken for the Erie Canal in Rome, New York. The middle section of the waterway took three years to complete; the entire canal was finished in 1825. In 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died. In 1831, the fifth president of the United States, James Monroe, died in New York City at age 73. In 1872, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, was born in Plymouth, Vermont. In 1917, during a ceremony in Paris honoring the French hero of the American Revolution, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Charles E. Stanton, an aide to Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, declared: "Lafayette, we are here!" In 1939, Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees delivered his famous farewell speech in which he called himself "the luckiest man on the face of the earth." In 1942, Irving Berlin's musical revue "This Is the Army" opened at the Broadway Theater in New York. In 1947, the small Central California town of Hollister was overrun by thousands of motorcycling enthusiasts, dozens of whom ended up being arrested, most for drunkenness, in what came to be called the "Hollister Riot." In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Freedom of Information Act, which went into effect the following year. In 1987, Klaus Barbie, the former Gestapo chief known as the "Butcher of

Lyon (lee-OHN)," was convicted by a French court of crimes against humanity and sentenced to life in prison (he died in September 1991). In 1997, NASA's Pathfinder spacecraft landed on Mars, inaugurating a new era in the search for life on the red planet. CBS newsman Charles Kuralt died in New York at age 62. Ten years ago: Former Sen. Jesse Helms, an unyielding champion of the conservative movement who'd spent three combative and sometimes caustic decades in Congress, died in Raleigh, North Carolina, at age 86. Dara Torres completed her improbable Olympic comeback at age 41, making the U.S. team for the fifth time by winning the 100 freestyle at the trials in Omaha, Neb. Actress Evelyn Keyes died in Montecito, California, at age 91. Five years ago: Egypt's interim president, Adly Mansour, was sworn in following the ouster of Mohammed Morsi, the Islamist leader overthrown by the military after just one year in office. The Statue of Liberty reopened on the Fourth of July, eight months after Superstorm Sandy shuttered the national symbol of freedom. Bernadette Nolan, 52, a member of the singing sister act the Nolans who had a worldwide hit in 1979 with "I'm In The Mood For Dancing," died in Surrey, England. One year ago: The United States confirmed that North Korea had launched an intercontinental ballistic missile, as the North had boasted and the U.S. and South Korea had feared. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson called it a "new escalation of

the threat" to the U.S. Joey Chestnut gulped down 72 dogs and buns in 10 minutes to beat his own record and hoist the Mustard Belt for a 10th time at the annual Nathan's Famous July Fourth hot dog eating contest. Today's Birthdays: Actress Eva Marie

Saint is 94. Actress Gina Lollobrigida is 91. Playwright Neil Simon is 91. Country singer Ray Pillow is 81. Singer Bill Withers is 80. Actor Ed Bernard is 79. Actress Karolyn Grimes is 78. Rhythm and blues singer Annette Beard (Martha and the Vandellas) is 75. Broadcast journalist

Geraldo Rivera is 75. Vietnam War veteran and peace activist Ron Kovic is 72. Rhythm and blues musician Ralph Johnson (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 67. Rock musician Domingo Ortiz (Widespread Panic) is 66. Singer John Waite is 66.

Thought for Today: "Intellectually, I know that America is no better than any other country; emotionally I know she is better than every other country." Sinclair Lewis American author (1885-1951). © 2018 The Associated Press.

Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Necklace piece
 - 5 Common Hollywood tree
 - 9 Oscar's *Odd Couple* roomie
 - 14 Start over with
 - 15 It's east of Indiana
 - 16 Give a speech
 - 17 Metal in steel
 - 18 Started a golf hole
 - 19 Generic dog name
 - 20 British knight's title
 - 21 Fiery Declaration signer
 - 23 Persevere with
 - 25 After the buzzer
 - 26 Bath sponge
 - 29 Fish constellation
 - 33 Brown hosiery shade
 - 36 Nonliteral expression
 - 38 Era
 - 39 Declaration author and signer
 - 43 '60s-'70s war zone, for short
 - 44 Poker tokens
 - 45 Toward sunrise
 - 46 Just one little bite
 - 48 Spanish bulls
 - 51 "How tough can ___?"
 - 53 Western films
 - 57 "Big name" Declaration signer
 - 62 Small rug
 - 63 "... bombs bursting ___"
 - 64 Unlit
 - 65 Lion's den

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- 1 Quick, as a walk
 - 2 Spine-tingling
 - 3 Be wild about
 - 4 Get dressed in
 - 5 Source for fries
 - 6 Throat-clearing sound
 - 7 In ___ of (instead of)
 - 8 Airplane in a hobby kit
 - 9 Temporarily
 - 10 Eats into
 - 11 Molten rock
 - 12 News story
 - 13 Gen ___ (boomers' kids)
 - 21 ___ Paulo, Brazil
 - 22 In the ___ luxury
 - 24 What a prune once was
 - 27 Pacific island nation
 - 28 Skillful
 - 30 Hernando's house
 - 31 Parts of psyches
 - 32 Shipped
 - 33 Sicilian volcano
 - 34 Make small talk
 - 35 Italian capital, to natives
 - 37 In that case
 - 40 Middle of *Macbeth*
 - 41 Biblical queen's land
 - 42 Remainder
 - 47 Hanks' Army boss in *Forrest Gump*
 - 49 Porch chair
 - 50 Sturdy furniture wood
 - 52 Fund, as a scholarship
 - 54 Texting alternative
 - 55 Elevate
 - 56 Sipper's tube
 - 57 Ripper dances
 - 58 And higher, as a price
 - 59 Salon sweepings
 - 60 Christmas candy shape
 - 61 Predatory dolphin
 - 65 Vinyl albums, for short

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Tavares to Leafs, moves out West and shifts NHL balance of power



John Tavares holds up a Maple Leafs jersey in the Maple Leafs' locker room following a news conference in Toronto, Sunday July 1, 2018. Tavares is going home, agreeing to terms on a \$77 million, seven-year contract with his childhood team.

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**

AP Hockey Writer

Several signings and one big trade drastically shifted the balance of power across the NHL in a matter of days.

With John Tavares going home to Toronto, Paul Stastny leaving Winnipeg for Vegas, St. Louis signing three free agents and trading for Ryan O'Reilly, the landscape of the league has changed. The Washington Capitals are bringing back a vast majority of their team, the Western Conference is loaded and yet the Maple Leafs now appear to be Stanley Cup favorites after adding Tavares.

"He's one of the best players in the league," Tampa Bay general manager Steve Yzerman said. "And I think it's obvious to say that Toronto is a better team today with that acquisition."

Tavares' decision to leave the New York Islanders knocks them out of contender status and puts a whole lot of pressure on coach Mike Babcock's Maple Leafs to make a deep playoff run. Losing out on Tavares despite reportedly offering more money than the Maple Leafs' \$77 million over 11 years kept the Sharks from moving into front-runner status in the West — but they may not be done yet.

"We pride ourselves on being able to take a swing on difference makers like this," San Jose GM Doug Wilson said. "John was the one that we wanted to swing at."

The Sharks, who extended Logan Couture and re-signed Joe Thornton and Tomas Hertl to keep their core together, have plenty of tradable assets and will keep swinging for a difference-maker. One is off the market following the Blues' trade for O'Reilly that now gives them a potent 1-2-3 punch

down the middle with Brayden Schenn and free agent signing Tyler Bozak.

O'Reilly saw the Blues sign Bozak to a \$15 million, three-year contract and wondered if there wasn't room for him anymore. Now they have centers to match up with just about any opponent in the league.

"You look at all the teams that have success, they definitely have guys down the middle that compete," O'Reilly said Monday. "And I'm thrilled to be a part of that."

The Capitals boasted depth with Evgeny Kuznetsov, Nicklas Backstrom and Lars Eller during their Cup run, and Babcock can now roll out Tavares, Auston Matthews and Nazem Kadri. Vegas lost talent on the wing with David Perron going to St. Louis and James Neal signing with Calgary but now has a very competitive center corps led by Stastny, William Karlsson and Erik Haula.

"We do like having centers," Golden Knights GM George McPhee said. "You can move centers around the lineup, you can have centers on the wing. You can't get wingers to play center."

Here's a look at where a few more teams stand early in the preparations for the 2018-19 season:

GOT WHAT THEY NEED

LIGHTNING: Signing Tavares would've been a luxury and might've necessitated a roster make-over just to fit him under the salary cap. Tampa Bay signed restricted free agent forward J.T. Miller to a long term deal, extended defenseman Ryan McDonagh, got a deal done with Slater Koekkoek and should have much of the same team that won the Atlantic Division last season.

"We try to improve our team," Yzerman said. "I don't sense that we have a need to change just to

change."

FLAMES: Inking Neal to a \$28.75 million, five-year contract would be a nice caper to the Flames' offseason that began with acquiring center Elias Lindholm and defenseman Noah Hanifin from Carolina. New coach Bill Peters could put Neal or Lindholm on right wing with Johnny Gaudreau and Sean Monahan.

GM Brad Treliving's final tasks this offseason are to find a backup goaltender to Mike Smith and sign restricted free agents Lindholm and Hanifin to new contracts.

KINGS: Long-term , signing franchise defenseman Drew Doughty to an \$88 million, eight-year extension is the most important thing Los Angeles did. In the shorter term, it also won the competition for returning Russian winger Ilya Kovalchuk, who GM Rob Blake believes can play with either top-six center, Anze Kopitar or Jeff Carter, and produce at age 35.

"That scoring-type winger was something that we needed to add," Blake said. "Where he plays on the power play and the way he scores goals with his shot I think is something we've coveted or looked for."

WORK LEFT TO DO

SENATORS: They traded Mike Hoffman, bought out Alexandre Burrows but still have at least one big problem with the future of Norris Trophy-winning defenseman Erik Karlsson. The Senators have reportedly given Karlsson's camp permission to speak with other teams about a contract — which is expected to look a whole lot like Doughty's deal — which would open to door to Ottawa trading its captain rather than losing him for nothing like the Islanders did when Tavares wouldn't sign early.

"We start Oct. 4," GM Pierre Dorion said Sunday in Ottawa. "We've got lots of time."

OILERS: Connor McDavid won the scoring title and the Ted Lindsay award as the players' choice for most outstanding player, and yet Edmonton missed the playoffs by 17 points. GM Peter Chiarelli publicly dangled the 10th pick in the draft to try to get an offensive defenseman and hasn't been able to acquire one yet.

Meanwhile, left wing Milan Lucic is 30, coming off a 34-point dud of a season and still has five years left on his contract at a \$6 million annual cap hit. Lucic's name has come up in trade talks, but moving him now won't be easy, so the Oilers have to prepare for life with him next season.

"He's a proud guy and we expect to have him back and at a better level than he was last year," Chiarelli said. "My confidence level is pretty high. I think Milan's a high-character individual."

ISLANDERS: Without Tavares, New York is chock full of cap space with nothing to do with it. Ownership signaled the need for change by hiring Lou Lamoriello as president of hockey operations, and he in turn fired Garth Snow and Doug Weight, hired Barry Trotz and put on a full neutral-zone trap to keep Tavares.

After striking out, Lamoriello took what could be perceived as a shot at Tavares and the previous regime by saying, "John has achieved great individual success on the ice" with the Islanders, who missed the playoffs in six of Tavares' nine seasons. Without a Lamoriello miracle this offseason , they'll miss the playoffs for the 12th time in 15 years.

ATP, WTA eye outside help for tennis players harassed online

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LONDON — Madison Keys was the U.S. Open runner-up last year and a French Open semifinalist last month, is considered a contender at Wimbledon right now and, still, total strangers insult her, sometimes with menacing or obscene language, on a regular basis via social media.

"Try to find another job," read one message sent to the American via Twitter after she lost at the Australian Open. Another called her "the most overrated player in all of tennis." Those are just a couple of examples that happen to be suitable for print. Often, as Keys says, "It's really disgusting, horrible things."

She is hardly alone. Professional tennis players of every sort — women and men, highly ranked and otherwise, from countries all around the globe — scan their cell-phones after matches at Wimbledon and other tournaments and are greeted by online harassment. Personal insults. Threats against family members. And frequently, players say, complaints from disgruntled

gamblers. To help deal with this phenomenon, the ATP set up a partnership this year with a company that deals with risk assessment and management, and the WTA is close to finalizing a deal with the same group, Theseus, The Associated Press has learned.

"Today, I just looked briefly; I had two or three messages, like: 'How can you lose to someone ranked lower than you?' 'You should die.' 'Quit tennis.' Stuff like that," Peter Polansky, a Canadian ranked 110th, said after his first-round exit at the All England Club on Monday. "It's guys who bet money on you and lost. ... Just the things they say are, like, 'Wow.' It's tough to step in and stop all that. I don't think it's preventable."

Kevin Anderson, the South African who lost to Rafael Nadal in last year's

U.S. Open final, said: "Every player experiences it, no matter who you are. I try to stay away from it. I know it's out there."

Now players can alert London-based Theseus, which also works with athletes in other sports and entertainment figures, to troubling messages and be told whether the item simply can be ignored or is serious enough to warrant alerting law enforcement. Neither the ATP nor Theseus would disclose how many tennis players have taken advantage of the new relationship or how often police or other authorities have been contacted.

"This is an issue that isn't going to go away," ATP spokesman Simon

Higson wrote in an email, "and it is important that our players are able to understand what they are receiving, why, how to respond and what actions they are advised to take."

The WTA's senior director for athlete assistance, Kathy Martin, said the women's tour has been working for years to educate and counsel players on the issue.

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