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Reagor-Dykes claims bankruptcy after Ford Motor Credit files lawsuit

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

LUBBOCK – Reagor-Dykes Auto Group, a car dealership which opened in Lubbock in 2003 and has since spread to several locations throughout Texas, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Tuesday after being sued Monday by Ford Motor Credit.



it for default on a debt. According to the lawsuit, Reagor-Dykes owed Ford Motor Credit more than \$116 million, plus another \$3.9 million in outstanding principal, and had agreed to pay \$41 million that was currently due; however, the payment was rejected, either due to insufficient funds or because payment on the draft was stopped.

According to the lawsuit, Ford audited Reagor-Dykes in June of this year, examining 150 vehicle sales. Of those sales, 147 had faulty or mismatched sales dates and other incorrect information. Among the abuses Ford claims against the dealership include "check kiting," which involves delaying reporting the sale of vehicles bought through Ford Credit to the credit company by an average 55 days; "double flooring" at least 85 vehicles, which

is the practice of receiving funding twice on the same vehicle, essentially using a single vehicle as collateral for more than one loan; and obtaining inventory financing for cars it had already sold, claiming they still had the car in inventory to obtain additional financing from Ford Credit. One significant red flag raised during the June audit involved Reagor-Dykes sales reports. According to See **REAGOR-DYKES**, Page 3A

Star Dodge provides back-to-school backpacks



Students received free backpacks and school supplies Back to School giveaway at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club Friday. Star Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram of Big Spring, located at 821 W Interstate 20, supplied the backpacks and school supplies to all the children of the Salvations Army Boys and Girls Club. Shown in the back is George Bancroft, Advisory Chairman of the Salvation Army council; Dewayne Shackelford, Director of Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club; Clint Fox, Star Dodge General Manager; Tabatha Clark, Star Dodge Public Relations Manager; and Maria Brenza, salesperson at Star Dodge.

Plane stolen by 'suicidal' employee crashes near Seattle

By **ELAINE THOMPSON** and **MICHAEL BALSAMO**
 Associated Press

SEATAC, Wash. (AP) — A "suicidal" airline employee stole an empty Horizon Air turboprop plane, took off from Sea-Tac International Airport and was chased by military jets before crashing into a small island in the Puget Sound on Friday night, officials said. Preliminary information suggests the crash occurred because the 29-year-old man was "doing stunts in air or lack of flying skills," the Pierce County Sheriff's Department said. The man's condition wasn't immediately known. Ed Troyer, a spokesman for the sheriff's department, said on Twitter the man was suicidal and there was no connection to terrorism. Video showed the Horizon Air Q400 doing large loops and other dangerous maneuvers as the sun set on the Puget Sound. There were no passengers aboard. Authorities initially said the man was a mechanic but See **PLANE**, Page 3A

North Texas residents see mail delays after mercury spill

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — Residents in a Dallas suburb are seeing mail delivery delays after a mercury spill shut down a postal sorting facility. The North Texas Processing and Distribution Center in Coppell closed after about 4 gallons of mercury was spilled Tuesday. The postal inspector said the mercury came from a mailed package. The U.S. Postal Service didn't offer details on the package or who mailed it.

No one was injured in the incident. Hazmat teams have contained the spill. Many residents in North Texas said they haven't received their mail since Tuesday. Allen resident Marion Parker said she's had an empty mailbox for two days. "People that have P.O. boxes and have businesses and everything, they're getting packages and mail all the time," said Manny Vasquez, another resident whose mail hasn't been delivered. "It's really important for us so

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Forsan Community Prayer Breakfast scheduled Friday



By **TYLER SCHELLIE**
 Staff Writer
 Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson is inviting Howard County community members to the 15th annual "Forsan Community Prayer

HERALD file photo
 First Church of the Nazarene Pastor Calvar Callender, left, and Forsan Baptist Church Pastor Darren Weaver, right, pray with others attending Forsan ISD's Community Prayer Breakfast during one of the 15 past breakfast events at Forsan Elementary School. Callender, the guest speaker at the event, advised teachers to trust God for spiritual strength during the school year. can't think of anything more important than asking God to provide safety, wisdom, and peace, for the upcoming school year," Johnson said. See **PRAYER**, Page 3A

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Obituaries

Mike Cox



Mike Cox, 64, of Stanton, passed away Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018, while playing golf with his cousin in Winchester, Tennessee. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, 2018, at Gilbreath Funeral Home. He was born Nov. 8, 1953, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana to Francis L. and Wydell Butler Cox. He married Raegan Tom March 16, 1996, in Stanton. Mike was raised in a military family and lived in numerous places. He graduated from Oceanside High School in Oceanside, California in 1971 and attended Mira Costa College on a golf scholarship, graduating in 1973 with an associate's degree. He served in the United States Army from 1974 to 1978 serving in Korea. Mike worked in the auto industry for over 30 years, moving to Stanton in 2015 and retiring in 2016. He enjoyed hunting and fishing

and loved playing golf. His greatest joy was watching and supporting his children playing sports.

Survivors include his wife, Raegan Cox of Stanton; five children, Trent Cox and Evan Cox both of Stanton, Justin Cox and wife, Darcy of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Courtney Lucas and husband, Travis of Alpine, Wyoming, and Michael Cox of Reno, Nevada; three grandchildren, Jeydon Cox, Jersey Cox and Harper Lucas; three sisters, Debbie Mosely and husband, Mike of Pasadena, Texas, his twin sister, Michele Brierty of Seabrook, Texas and Mitzi Cox-Lee and husband, Kwame of Pasadena, Texas; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and grandparents, Jabez W. Butler and Lucille Poole Butler, William F. Cox and Ruth M. Cox.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association at donatenow.heart.org/ or to the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ**, 36, of 1214 Lindbergh St., was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass-habitation/shelter.
- **KIMBERLY JO KENNEMUR**, 44, of 2900 E I 20 223,

on warrants of possession of controlled substance, and three outstanding warrants.

- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Vines Ave.
- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the block of 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of E 18th St.,
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported 100 block of N 5th, Coahoma.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2900 block of E I 20.

Take Note

• Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018, at 7 p.m., Social time @ 6:30 p.m. – Midland Quilters Guild meeting. PROGRAM: 2019 MQG QUILT SHOW PREVIEW -Come join us and discover the hopes and dreams for MQG's 40th Annual Quilt Show to be held in the Midland Convention Center. We will take a 3-D walk through the new convention center scheduled to open in September 2019. Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1305 N Midland Dr, Midland. FREE. For more info, call 432-425-3476 or visit <http://www.midlandquiltersguild.com>

• Maranatha Baptist Academy at 903 Johnson is now taking applications for ongoing enrollment for our Fall Session, August 1. Call 432-213-1046 for an appointment. Dr. Lillian Bohannon, Administrator. Please have shot records and birth certificate available at the time of registration. We use Accelerated Christian Education curriculum for grades Kindergarten through twelfth grade graduation. We provide information so you can home school or use our facilities for full time in our school. We also provided tutoring for all grades. If interested in a quality Christian Education at a price you can afford, please come by or give us a call.

• 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.

• 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.

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

MONDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinson's Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's Disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 and 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

• 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.

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

• Bring Everyone Into The Zone, or BEITZ Support Group, is a veteran-based peer group. The purpose of the group is to provide peer-to-peer support to service members, veterans and families, especially those suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST) and other traumatic events in their lives. BEITZ meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. t 501 Birdwell Lane. For more 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). Meetings are 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.

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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REAGOR-DYKES

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Ford Credit, most dealerships sell about five percent of their inventory within a window of a few days when payment to Ford Credit is not yet due; however, Reagor-Dykes was reporting an average

of 25 percent of their inventory as belonging in this "sold not due" window.

Although Ford Credit pursued a lawsuit in federal court, the practices alleged by Ford Motor Credit could constitute criminal violations punishable by prison terms.

A hearing on Reagor-Dykes use of cash collateral is scheduled in Lubbock's Federal Court August 16;

Ford Motor Credit has also filed a motion asking the court to appoint a trustee at that time to help recover and preserve Reagor-Dykes' assets.

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

PRAYER

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Pastor Darren Weaver of Forsan Baptist Church will act as the emcee, and lead in prayer with Mr. Craig Felty. Pastor Scott Kirkland of Trinity Baptist Church will give a 15 to 20 minute talk, and special music will be provided by Mrs. Patty Adams and Mrs. Haley Lefever.

The prayer breakfast will only last an hour to ensure people that need to go to or back to work won't miss a great deal of work time. Tickets may be purchased from Forsan Elementary, Forsan Jr./Sr. High School or the Superintendent's Office. Tickets, which are \$5 each, must be purchased (or reserved by phone) ahead of time to assist with meal planning. The ticket sales cover the expenses of the meal and related costs and no public monies are used for this event.

"Having the prayer support is a real positive thing for our community, we are always trying to do whats right, we try and take care of our people and continue pushing to make sure that good things are happening in our local schools," Johnson said.

Contact Staff Writer Tyler Schellie at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at citydesk@yahoo.com.

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hopefully we get it resolved."

Shaun Mossman, vice president for U.S. Postal Service Southern Area operations, told customers Wednesday that the center is working to minimize service disruptions but that temporary delays are possible.

Incoming mail is being rerouted until the center reopens.

"All mail is safe and is kept secured throughout the handling process, so customers expecting mail or packages can be assured their items will be delivered as soon as possible," the Postal Service said in a statement.

Mossman told customers to wait at least seven days before declaring mail lost.

Activists rally against hate on Charlottesville anniversary

By MICHAEL KUNZELMAN

The Associated Press CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) —

Police are blocking off streets and mobilizing hundreds of officers for the anniversary of a deadly white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, alarming activists who plan to rally against the hatred and bloodshed that shocked the nation last summer.

State and local authorities framed this weekend's heightened security as a necessary precaution, but some community activists are concerned the measures could be a counterproductive overreaction.

An independent investigation of last year's rally violence, led by a former federal prosecutor, found the chaos stemmed from a passive response by law enforcement and poor preparation and coordination between state and city police.

Lisa Woolfork, a University of Virginia professor and Black Lives Matter Charlottesville organizer, said police are mounting a "huge, overwhelming show of force to compensate for last year's inaction."

"Last year, I was afraid of the Nazis. This year, I'm afraid of the police," Woolfork said. "This is not making anyone that I know feel safe."

Grace Aheron, an organizer for Showing Up

for Racial Justice, said a "militarized police presence" doesn't make the city safer.

"I'm not looking forward to what that's going to look like this weekend," she said.

On the eve of last year's rally, torch-toting white supremacists marched through the University of Virginia's campus, shouting racist and anti-Semitic slogans. On Saturday, students and activists plan to hold a "Rally for Justice" on campus while the university is hosting a "morning of reflection and renewal," with poetry readings and musical performances. Activists also announced plans for a gathering Sunday morning at a park in Charlottesville.

Sunday is the anniversary of the violence that erupted on the streets of Charlottesville, where hundreds of rally participants gathered to protest the city's plans to remove a statue of Robert E. Lee from a park that was named after the Confederate general. Crowds of white supremacists and counterprotesters clashed before a car plowed into a crowd, killing 32-year-old counterprotester Heather Heyer. James Fields Jr., 21, of Maumee, Ohio, is charged in state court with murder in Heyer's killing and also faces separate hate crime charges in federal court.



Alaska Airlines planes sit on the tarmac at Sea-Tac International Airport Friday evening, Aug. 10, 2018, in SeaTac, Wash. An airline mechanic stole an Alaska Airlines plane without any passengers and took off from Sea-Tac International Airport in Washington state on Friday night before crashing near Ketron Island, officials said.

PLANE

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Alaska Airlines later said he was believed to be a ground service agent employed by Horizon. Those employees direct aircraft for takeoff and gate approach and de-ice planes.

Witnesses reported seeing the plane being chased by military aircraft before it crashed on Ketron Island, southwest of Tacoma, Washington. Troyer said F-15 aircraft scrambled out of Portland, Oregon, and were in the air "within a few minutes" and the pilots kept "people on the ground safe."

The sheriff's department said they were working to conduct a background investigation on the Pierce County resident, whose name was not immediately released.

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Saturday morning that President Donald Trump is "monitoring the situation." He's currently at his New Jersey golf club.

The aircraft was stolen about 8 p.m. Alaska Airlines said it was in a "maintenance position" and not scheduled for a passenger flight. Horizon Air is part of Alaska Air Group and flies shorter routes throughout the U.S. West. The Q400 is a turboprop aircraft with 76 seats.

Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor said the man "did something foolish and may well have paid with his life."

The man could be heard on audio recordings telling air traffic controllers that he is "just a broken guy."

An air traffic controller called the man "Rich," and tried to convince the man to land the airplane.

"There is a runway just off to your right side in about a mile," the controller says, referring to an airfield at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

"Oh man. Those guys will rough me up if I try and land there," the man responded, later adding "This is probably jail time for life, huh?"

Later the man said: "I've got a lot of people that care about me. It's going to disappoint them to hear that I did this...Just a broken guy, got a few screws loose, I guess."

Flights out of Sea-Tac, the largest commercial airport in the Pacific Northwest, were temporarily grounded during the drama.

The U.S. Coast Guard sent a 45-foot (14-meter) vessel to the crash scene after witnesses reported seeing a large plume of smoke in the air, Petty Officer Ali Flockertzi said. Video showed fiery flames amidst trees on the island, which is sparsely populated and only accessible by ferry.

Alaska Airlines said no structures on the ground were damaged.

Royal King told The Seattle Times he was photographing a wedding when he saw the low-flying turboprop being chased by two F-15s. He said he didn't see the crash but saw smoke.

"It was unfathomable, it was something out of a movie," he told the newspaper. "The smoke lingered. You could still hear the F-15s, which were fly-

ing low."

"Our hearts are with the family of the individual aboard, along with all of our Alaska Air and Horizon Air employees," Horizon Air Chief Operating Officer Constance von Muehlen said in a video posted on Twitter.

Spokesmen for the Transportation Security Administration, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Aviation Administration directed inquiries to local authorities.

Gov. Jay Inslee thanked the Air National Guard from Washington and Oregon for scrambling jets and said in a statement "there are still a lot of unknowns surrounding tonight's tragic incident."

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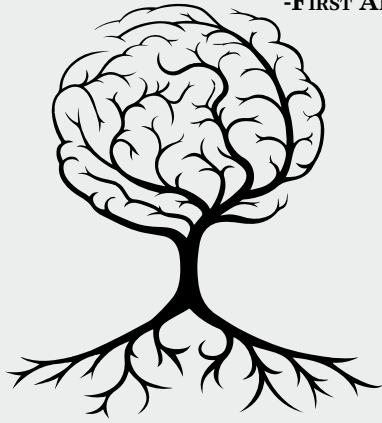
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Comic book and movie characters in Andrews

Dan Smart of Andrews got hooked on Star Wars at the age of eight when his father took him to the first Star Wars movie. He is still hooked. Big time.

"Probably about ten years ago is when I decided to try to look like the Star Wars guys," says Dan. "The first costume I ever made myself was of Darth Vader. It went over as a hit and we've been doing it ever since."

Dan works as a computer specialist at the Andrews hospital. He and two of his sons don their costumes: Darth Vader and two storm troopers. They make appearances at movie premieres, sporting events, museums and Comic Cons all over Texas.

"We talk to people, we take photos with people, especially with the little kids. We do a lot of thumbs up, a lot of high fives. I sort of do the Darth Vader voice. It's a lot better with the helmet on but I do the best impersonation that I can of James Earl Jones

who was the voice of Darth Vader. Of course the favorite line is I AM YOUR FATHER."

Dan, his wife and four kids portray comic book characters.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

"We actually have what we call the Batman family which is Batman, Robin, Cat Woman and Huntress. That's what we're most famous for in the Comic Con scene because we bring eight different characters."

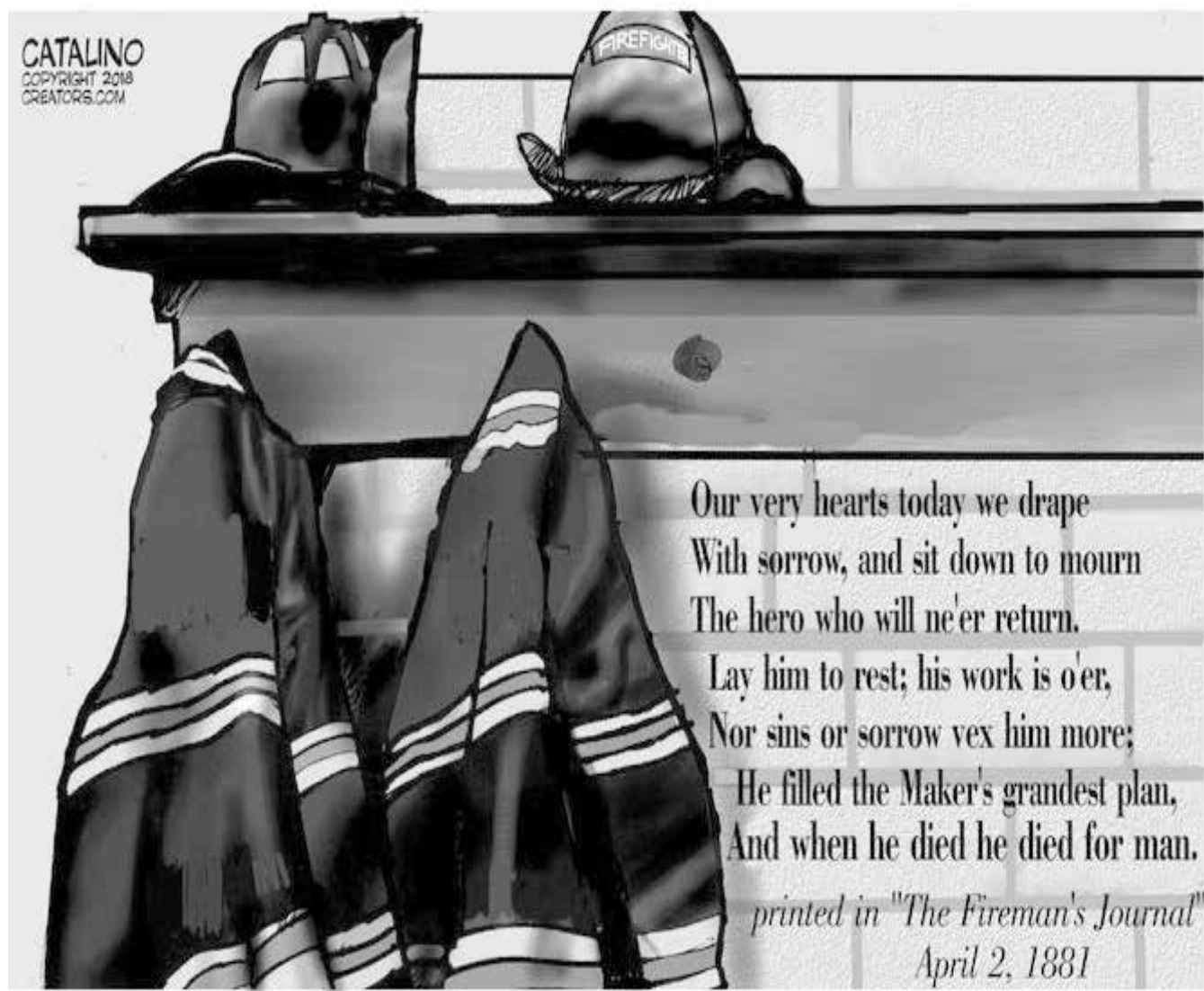
Dan is serious about this and spends a lot of money on things to make their appearances more impressive.

"We actually have motorcycles to go along with the super heroes. I bought my sons, my daughter, my wife and myself motorcycles and re-painted them in the garage. So Robin actually rides the Robin Cycle, Nightwing rides the Nightbird and Huntress rides the Huntress Cycle. We have super hero themed motorcycles that go along with it and then my wife, who plays Cat Woman, rides the

Cat Bike. When we first contacted the Comic Con, it was like, 'I guess that would be ok for you to come.' Well when we showed up with the bikes, people went nuts over them. Everybody wants us to bring the motorcycles now. That's the new thing. You gotta bring them because there are lots of guys who dress up like Batman, lots of Cat Women, lots of Robins, but none of them bring motorcycles that match the costumes."

Dan has been asked to come to Comic Cons all over the United States, but he has turned them down because of his work, the kids' school and the time involved. But to him it's more than just a past time activity. He calls it a lucrative hobby.

"We make enough money to travel to the events and we get to do this as a family. How many times do you have your teenage kids look forward to the next time when they can hang out with their parents?"



Our very hearts today we drape
With sorrow, and sit down to mourn
The hero who will ne'er return.

Lay him to rest; his work is o'er,
Nor sins or sorrow vex him more;

He filled the Maker's grandest plan,
And when he died he died for man.

printed in "The Fireman's Journal"
April 2, 1881

'Besmirching' on the Rise

Roger Summers, one of the all-time great writers for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, has long had a way with words. My late mother would have said he "wrote a blue streak." In retirement, he still takes spells of prolific writing between periods of "hibernation." (Or maybe it's the other way around.)

Whatever, his current writing-some on the Internet and some in old-fashioned books that require "page-turning"--remains excellent.

Here lately, he's been churning out a slew of synonyms for words that dominate the day's news. Few of them remind us of Shakespeare's claim that "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." More likely, his "word litany" describing our world today is more akin to sportswriter great Blackie Sherrod's "take" on purity. Sherrod once described some guy being "as pure as driven slush." That's a too-close description of today's world.

Summers' lists serve to remind me that I don't look up word meanings as often as I used to. Maybe I've become accustomed to writing the first words that come to mind, or maybe I've joined the masses who feel that in communicating-like in tossing horseshoes--it's quite okay to simply "come close."

One word that seems to have new life is "besmirched." Now that's a "one-size-fits-all" word these days, whether the topic is news, politics, sports, religion or world hunger.

A Merriam-Webster definition provides many choices. For synonyms, it lists "sully, tarnish, blacken, stain, taint, smear, befoul, soil, contaminate, pollute, disgrace, dishonor, stigmatize, injure, damage, debase, spoil, ruin, slander or defame." Added is this comment: "When you besmirch something, you cause it to have a smirch. Indeed, there's a 'whole lot of smirching going on'."

Take the Pro Football Hall of Fame's induction of new members recently. The annual event reeks of accomplishment. This year, however, negativity crept in, since the bright lights of notoriety also shined on Terrell Owens' induction. Mostly, it centered on his decision NOT to attend the Canton, OH, event. Instead, he threw his OWN party in Chattanooga, TN, where he played college ball.

The HOF admitted him anyway, sadly, "in absentia." One could have hoped they might have taken a page from the Texas Sports Hall of Fame guidelines. It requires attendance, a lesson Dallas Cowboys great Emmitt Smith learned the hard way.

He was chosen for TSHOF honors in 2003. Upon announcement of his impending induction, his agent said that Smith would attend IF TSHOF could come up with a \$25,000 appearance fee. That was Smith's story, and he stuck to it. Besides, he said a father/daughter banquet was scheduled for the same night. For Smith, his failure to attend was a PR disaster. And, he was NOT admitted to the TSHOF.

Alas, the damage was done. He "besmirched" himself and his profession. Eight years later, he was inducted. This time, he attended the dinner--without requiring an appearance fee.

Sports enthusiasts likely also remember Dallas Cowboys star Zeke Elliott's recent tardy arrival at an autograph signing session. A long line of his admirers had been standing for more than an hour, some learning upon reaching his table that he would sign ONLY "Elliott paraphernalia" purchased on site.

Much, much more "besmirching" could be cited, but such references would do little more than plunge us more deeply into snow banks of "driven slush."

Lord Byron once declared concerning newspapers: "Without offense to friend or foe, we sketch your world exactly as it goes." For many years, this quote appeared daily on the masthead of the Abilene Reporter-News. In today's world, we settle for less, bowing instead to whatever flies in social media. In 2018, approximation is close enough.

We'd do well to re-visit the statement included on most diplomas--"with rights and responsibilities appertaining thereto."

We should accept the responsibilities--as well as claim the rights--striving for common sense solutions. Today, common sense is in short supply.

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DAILY PRAYER

When we feel restless, Lord, may we bring everything to You and ask for directions. Amen.

California crews scramble to keep flames from reaching homes



AP photo

The Holy Fire burns in the Cleveland National Forest at a hillside near homes in Lake Elsinore, Calif., Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

By RINGO H.W. CHIU and AMANDA LEE MYERS

Associated Press

LAKE ELSINORE, Calif. (AP) — Firefighters worked Friday to keep a growing Southern California forest fire that is feeding on dry brush and trees from reaching foothill neighborhoods a day after flames roared to new ferocity and came within yards of homes.

Gov. Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency for Orange and Riverside counties as the fire carved its way along ridges in the Cleveland National Forest.

Some hillsides were allowed to burn under the watchful eyes of firefighters as a way to reduce fuel and make it harder for flames to jump roadways into communities if winds pick up again.

Aircraft dropped liquid that suppresses flames as people sprayed their houses with water from garden hoses when the blaze south of Los Angeles flared again Thursday evening, propelled by 20-mph (30-kph) gusts.

Hundreds more firefighters joined the battle, bringing the total to 1,200. The so-called Holy Fire has chewed through 28 square miles (72 square kilometers) of dense chaparral and is only partially contained.

It's one of nearly 20 blazes across the state, which is seeing earlier, longer and more destructive wildfire seasons because of drought, warmer weather attributed to climate change and home construction deeper into forests.

Firefighters aided by cooler weather have made good progress against a blaze burning for nearly a month near Yosemite National Park in the northern part of the state, allowing it to reopen Tuesday after a two-week-long closure, park spokesman Scott Gediman said Friday.

Officials also gained more control over two other major Northern California wildfires, including the largest in recorded state history.

In the south, Cleveland National Forest officials tweeted that the flames outside Los Angeles are growing as fast as crews can build lines to contain them.

"We continue to actively engage, but cannot get ahead of the fire," the statement said.

Teresita Reyes was among some 20,000 people forced to evacuate, saying she was attending a wedding Wednesday when she received the order. The 51-year-old state health inspector congratulated the couple and left quietly to head back to her house in the city of Lake Elsinore and grab important documents.

Since then, Reyes and her husband have been staying at a hotel with a faulty air conditioner while their three dogs and cat are held up at the family's plumbing business.

"It is nerve-wracking and unreal," she said. "We were on pins and needles for a

little while there because it got real close."

The fire was deliberately set. A resident of the small community of Holy Jim Canyon in the national forest has been charged with arson and other crimes and appeared in a jailhouse courtroom Friday.

Forrest Clark, 51, made several outbursts, claiming that his life was being threatened. A court commissioner postponed his arraignment until Aug. 17 and ordered bail to remain at \$1 million.

"May I pay for that immediately?" asked Clark, who could face life in prison if convicted.

At one point, Clark covered his face with his long hair and later he stared directly at the camera providing a video feed to reporters outside the courtroom.

Michael Milligan, chief of the Holy Jim Volunteer Fire Department, has told the Orange County Register that Clark had a decadelong feud with neighbors and sent him threatening emails last week, including one that said, "This place will burn."

The fire — named for the canyon where it started — destroyed a dozen cabins after it broke out Monday. Firefighters were trying to keep flames away from Santiago Peak, where critical communication infrastructure is located.

Crews turned a corner in their battle against Northern California's Mendocino Complex Fire, the largest-ever in California, getting it halfway contained. The fire more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of Sacramento has destroyed more than 100 homes and blackened an area about the size of Los Angeles.

And near the Northern California city of Redding, the year's deadliest fire was nearly half-surrounded and was burning into remote and rugged forest land.

The fires all grew explosively in the past two weeks as winds whipped the flames through forest and rural areas full of timber and brush that is bone-dry from years of drought and a summer of record-breaking heat.

Air quality has been another problem. A smoky haze stretches from the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountain range to Sacramento and hovers over the San Francisco Bay Area, with most major population centers in between enduring air quality that's considered dangerous for many residents.

The sheer size of the fires brings new horror as the state still reels from enormous blazes last year and has yet to hit its most dangerous months historically.

North Texas residents see mail delays after mercury spill

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — Residents in a Dallas suburb are seeing mail delivery delays after a mercury spill shut down a postal sorting facility.

The North Texas Processing and Distribution Center in Coppell closed after about 4 gallons of mercury was spilled Tuesday. The postal inspector said the mercury came from a mailed package. The U.S. Postal Service didn't offer details on the package or who mailed it.

No one was injured in the incident. Hazmat teams have contained the spill.

Many residents in North Texas said they haven't received their mail since Tuesday. Allen resident Marion Parker said she's had an empty mailbox for two days.

"People that have P.O. boxes and have businesses and every-

thing, they're getting packages and mail all the time," said Manny Vasquez, another resident whose mail hasn't been delivered. "It's really important for us so hopefully we get it resolved."

Shaun Mossman, vice president for U.S. Postal Service Southern Area operations, told customers Wednesday that the center is working to minimize service disruptions but that temporary delays are possible.

Incoming mail is being rerouted until the center reopens.

"All mail is safe and is kept secured throughout the handling process, so customers expecting mail or packages can be assured their items will be delivered as soon as possible," the Postal Service said in a statement.

Mossman told customers to wait at least seven days before declaring mail lost.

Woman, 81, busted with \$870K of heroin at US-Mexico border

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Authorities seized 92 pounds (42 kilograms) of heroin valued at more than \$870,000 from an 81-year-old woman attempting to smuggle the drugs across the U.S.-Mexico border.

KABC-TV reports a U.S. Customs and Border Protection detector dog Wednesday at the Tecate border crossing alerted officers to the driver-side rocker panel of the 2011 Chrysler 200 the woman, an American citizen,

was driving.

Officers discovered 34 wrapped packages of heroin from the vehicle's rocker panels.

The driver was arrested and turned over to Homeland Security Investigations agents.

Authorities seized the vehicle.

San Diego Customs and Border Protection Director of Field Operations Pete Flores says drug "cartels will try and manipulate anyone to smuggle their narcotics through the ports of entry."

Howard County - Public Notice

The Commissioners' Court of Howard County, TX will hold a public hearing to receive comments or questions of the public regarding its pending budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Hearing will be held August 22, 2018, at 3:30 pm. in the Courtroom located on the third floor of the Courthouse.

The proposed budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$793,572, which is a 5.94 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$43,994.49.

Pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 152.013, the Commissioners Court must publish the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected positions proposed to be increased & the amount of the increases as provided in the proposed 2018-19 budget.

Elected Official	Fiscal 2019	Proposed Annual Increase
County Judge:		
Longevity*	\$4,320	\$240
Salary, not including State Supplement*	\$55,404	\$1,294
Commissioner Pct 1:		
Longevity*	\$1,440	\$240
Commissioner Pct 2:		
Longevity*	\$960	\$420
Commissioner Pct 3:		
Longevity*	\$2,400	\$240
Commissioner Pct 4:		
Longevity*	\$1,920	\$240
JP 1-1:		
Longevity*	\$8,640	\$240
Salary*	\$52,305	\$1,221
JP 1-2:		
Longevity*	\$960	\$420
Salary*	\$50,964	\$1,191
Bonds	\$275	\$200
JP 2:		
Longevity*	\$4,560	\$240
Salary*	\$52,676	\$1,231
District Attorney:		
Salary*	\$21,837	\$509
Office Supplies	\$1,600	\$600
Document Shredding	\$6,000	\$6,000
District Clerk:		
Longevity*	\$9,120	\$240
Salary*	\$56,391	\$1,318
Records Preservation	\$25,000	\$25,000
County Attorney:		
Longevity*	\$2,400	\$240
Salary*	\$60,972	\$1,358
County Clerk:		
Longevity*	\$4,800	\$240
Salary*	\$56,391	\$1,318
Treasurer:		
Longevity*	\$4,080	\$240
Salary*	\$56,391	\$1,318
Tax Assessor:		
Longevity*	\$420	\$420
Salary*	\$56,391	\$1,318
Office Supplies	\$3,600	\$5,600
Sheriff:		
Longevity*	\$2,400	\$240
Salary*	\$66,843	\$1,561
Uniform expense	\$10,000	\$1,000
Vehicles/radios	\$133,571	\$20,929
Capital outlay	\$20,000	\$1,000
Constable:		
Salary*	\$322	\$7
District Judge:		
Salary*	\$17,999	\$399

*Increase for all officials and employees of 2% plus associated benefits

A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection at the Office of County Judge, Courthouse 2nd Floor, Big Spring, TX (432-264-2202) or at www.co.howard.tx.us

Signed: Kathryn Wiseman County Judge

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Hearings for Supreme Court nominee to start Sept. 4

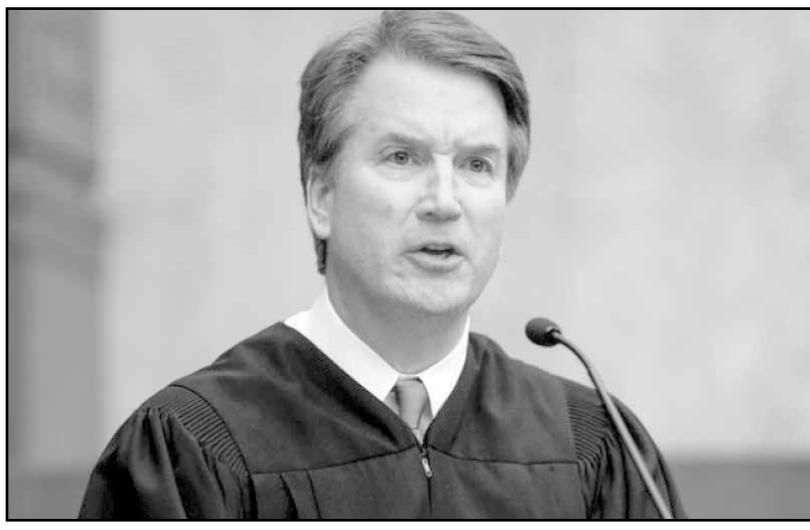
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate will begin the confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh on Sept. 4.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, the Republican chairman of the Judiciary Committee, says the committee will launch up to four days of review that Tuesday, beginning with opening remarks from senators.

Kavanaugh will face questions Wednesday, Sept. 5, followed by testimony from and legal experts and people who know the judge.

Republicans are eager to confirm President Donald Trump's nominee ahead of the new court session Oct. 1, as Justice Anthony Kennedy retires. Democrats have complained Republicans are rushing the process for the lifetime appointment without proper vetting of Kavanaugh's record.

Grassley said Friday there's "plenty of time" to review the documents but added it's time for Americans "to hear directly" from Kavanaugh.



AP photo

In this Aug. 7, 2018, photo, President Donald Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh, officiates at the swearing-in of Judge Britt Grant to take a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit at the U.S. District Courthouse in Washington. Kavanaugh has expressed concern about federal agencies running amok. But his view that they should adhere strictly to laws passed by Congress worries liberals.

Prosecutors wrapping up case at Manafort fraud trial



AP photo

The defense team for Paul Manafort, including Kevin Downing, left, and Thomas Zehnle, right, arrive to attend federal court as the trial of the former Trump campaign chairman continues, in Alexandria, Va., Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018.

By **STEPHEN BRAUN, CHAD DAY and LAURIE KELLMAN**

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A bank executive testified that he was pressured for political reasons to give more than \$16 million in loans to Paul Manafort, as the financial fraud trial of the former Trump campaign chairman resumed Friday afternoon after unexpected delays.

The delays left uncertain whether prosecutors could wrap up their case against Manafort before the weekend, as had been expected.

U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III called a recess without explanation after huddling with attor-

neys from Special Counsel Robert Mueller's office and Manafort's lawyers for more than 20 minutes. Later after bringing court back into session, he strongly reminded jurors that they weren't to discuss the tax evasion and bank fraud case with anyone.

It was a hiccup as prosecutors headed toward resting their case against Manafort, proceedings that have been sometimes dramatic and featured tense exchanges with Mueller's prosecutors. Earlier Friday, the prosecutors asked Ellis to correct an earlier statement in which the judge suggested they were wasting the court's time.

Ellis did not mention that request to the jury and didn't of-

fer an explanation for the hours-long delay as the trial resumed with the bank executive's testimony.

Dennis Raico, an executive at Federal Saving Bank who testified under an immunity agreement, detailed for jurors how he grew uncomfortable by the actions of bank chairman Stephen Calk in the handling of Manafort's loans. Prosecutors have said that despite red flags, Calk pushed through the loans for Manafort because he wanted a job in the Trump administration.

During his testimony, Raico told jurors that Calk discussed

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Trump's summer: Don't call it a vacation



AP photo

President Donald Trump sits with first lady Melania Trump as he meets with business leaders, Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J.

By **JILL COLVIN and JONATHAN LEMIRE**

Associated Press

BEDMINSTER, N.J. — President Donald Trump is spending his summer vacation at his golf club in New Jersey. Wait, don't call it "vacation."

Trump, who is loath to admit to sleeping, let alone taking time off, has spent his week away mixing downtime and golf rounds with meetings and dinners, intent on projecting the image that he's been hard at work.

Ensnared at his private club, he's surrounded by a clutch of unofficial Bedminster advisers, who have unusual levels of access to a president with the propensity for mixing business with leisure.

Not that it was his idea to leave Washington anyway, he contends.

"We're renovating the White House, a long-term project and they approved it years ago. And I said, 'Well, I guess this would be a good place to be in the meantime,'" Trump told reporters invited to the property to document a round-table discussion on prison reform efforts Thursday.

"I miss it. I would like to be there," he said of the

White House, "but this is a good way of doing it."

No staffers had publicly mentioned the need for any rehabilitation work before Trump's departure, and the explanation effort underscores the president's concern about public perceptions as he approaches having spent 150 days of his presidency at his golf properties.

Trump repeatedly blistered Barack Obama

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NOT REAL NEWS: A look at what didn't happen this week

A roundup of some of the most popular but completely untrue headlines of the week. None of these stories is legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked these out. Here are the real facts:

NOT REAL: "The fascists of the future will call themselves anti-fascists" — Winston Churchill

THE FACTS: Former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill did not say "the fascists of the future will call themselves anti-fascists," as suggested by a meme shared online Tuesday by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott. The quote, which appears with a picture of Churchill and the words "CHURCHILL ON THE LEFTWING(sic)" was tweeted by Abbott on his personal account, along with the comment: "Some insights are timeless." David Freeman, director of publications at the International Churchill Society, called the meme a classic example of "Churchillian drift," which he described as quotes erroneously attributed to Churchill in the pursuit of adding intellectual heft. Abbott deleted the tweet, but defended the sentiment, saying it reflected his feelings on "antifa," short for anti-fascists.

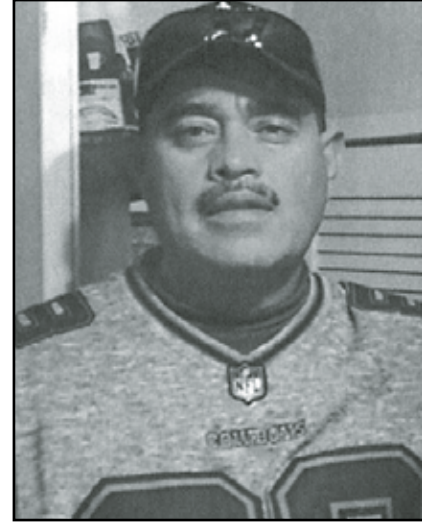
NOT REAL: Polygamy On The Rise In Denmark Due To Increased Islamic Immigration

THE FACTS: Polygamy is not becoming a common practice in Denmark due to an influx of Muslim immigrants, as some online outlets have reported. The stories cite Fakti, a Copenhagen-based organization that offers services to immigrant and refugee women, as saying one-third of the women they assist are in polygamous relationships. The stories also say polygamy is being practiced more widely by Muslims who are immigrating to the country. Lise-Lotte Duch, who leads Fakti, told The Associated Press that many of the Muslim women they serve have been living in the country for years, and that it's likely not many are in polygamous relationships. "It is not a rising problem," Duch said. Polygamy is against the law in Denmark. Mohammad Khani, an imam who oversees weddings and divorces at the Imam Ali Mosque in Copenhagen, one of the largest mosques in the city, says polygamy in Denmark's Muslim community is almost nonexistent. He claims articles on the topic may stem from political discourse on immigration in the country.

NOT REAL: Red Lobster Not Giving Away Free Dinner Coupon

THE FACTS: Red Lobster is not offering a coupon for free dinners, despite an advertisement that had circulated on social media. The scam, which has since been taken down, asked users to fill out a survey to win a coupon for two free adult dinners at Red Lobster. According to the offer, Red Lobster was giving away the coupon to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Samantha Bruno, a spokeswoman for Red Lobster, told The Associated Press that the company is aware of the offer and that it is fraudulent. She said when such scams occur the company's legal team investigates and takes action to have them taken down or removed from websites and social channels. Red Lobster celebrated its 50th anniversary on January 18, she said.

The Family of Jacob Marin



GOD LOOKED

*God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough,
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids,
And whispered "Peace be Thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who supported us during the loss of our loved one.

Thank you to everyone who bought flowers, food, gifts, hugs, support and prayers showed to us during this difficult time.

Again. Thank You from the bottom of our hearts,

*Marni Franco Marin &
The Marin Family*

TRUMP

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during the 2016 campaign for golfing, telling cheering supporters that as president he'd be far too busy working for them.

"I'm not gonna have time to go play golf," he would shout.

Does he actually play golf at Bedminster or at his better-known Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida? Yes, but it's hard to say how much. The White House won't say, and reporters are barred from getting close enough to see.

All presidents take vacations. Obama and his family spent time on Martha's Vineyard and in Hawaii. But Trump seems more sensitive about admitting it.

He has been photographed golfing by social-media savvy members. But he's spent most of this past week out of outsiders' sight. He's hosted several donor events, including a dinner for "Protect the House," a fundraising committee led by Vice President Mike Pence and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy that raises money for Republican House candidates.

Tuesday evening, he welcomed more than a dozen CEOs, their spouses and staffers for an animated dinner that included frank discussions of trade, immigration and other issues.

White House aides have always been leery of Trump's visits to Bedminster where, as at Mar-a-Lago, he can mingle with members without staff "handlers" surrounding him. Also, there are fewer staff to try to keep him upbeat and, with some luck, away from the television.

The New Jersey golf club is where a brooding Trump unleashed several of his most inflammatory attacks and where, in spring 2017, he made the final decision to fire FBI Director James Comey, the move that triggered the special counsel's probe into Russian election meddling. During last summer's Bedminster break, he debuted his threat to unleash "fire and fury" against North Korea and then made his first tepid response to the racial violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

This year, Trump's tweets have included scientifically dubious theories about the raging California wildfires and an insult to NBA superstar LeBron James that to some read as a racial dog whistle. In another early morning blast, he acknowledged that the 2016 Trump Tower meeting at the center of the Russia investigation was indeed arranged "to get information on an opponent."

John Catsimatidis, a billionaire businessman and radio host who

owns a New York City supermarket chain and attended this week's dinner, described Trump as in a "great mood" as he touted the economy and fielded questions, including several on immigration. The president told those in attendance that he was considering signing an executive order to make it easier for top-performing foreign students to stay in the U.S. as well as for companies to hire the foreign workers they need.

"Whatever's needed in America, whether it's truck drivers or programmers, whatever's needed for American companies," Catsimatidis said Trump told him.

That's the kind of off-the-cuff promise-making that White House aides are on high alert for.

The golf club remains open and active when Trump is on the scene, giving the president a chance to mix with members and, as he delights in doing, dropping in on weddings and parties. It's where his daughter, Ivanka, married Jared Kushner, and where Trump, pre-presidency, had planned to be buried.

But the casual atmosphere also allows members to buttonhole the president to push him on pet issues.

While the Mar-a-Lago crowd has a reputation among White House staffers for being dominated by aging socialites with few real-world concerns, Bedminster regulars tend to be lower-key members of the tristate area elite whom Trump likes and respects and to whom he may be more amendable to listening.

The atmosphere is also much more casual than Mar-a-Lago, where high society Palm Beach members reserve tables and dress to the nines hoping to see or be seen. There, Trump is constantly approached for photos or to broach odd ideas about world peace or pet issues.

In Bedminster, the members are more reserved, but when they do come up to Trump with ideas they are usually more serious and Trump is more likely to direct staff to follow up, White House aides say.

Members and White House aides say Trump appears to be more comfortable at Bedminster, which, according to one member who enjoys reciprocal privileges, has a "totally different" vibe.

Trump does meet with staff and has been speaking by phone with Pence, his secretary of state, his national security adviser and congressional leaders.

But he's rarely seen in a suit jacket and tie and has proven to be more unchecked at the property, which is dotted with trees, ponds and green lawns.

"It's beautiful," Catsimatidis said the day after his first visit. "The beauty was far beyond what I imagined."

their Trump campaign work.

Though substantive, untelevised and far from a Trump-style reality show, the trial has featured some drama when star witness Gates testified against his former boss.

Gates said he helped Manafort commit crimes in an effort to protect Manafort's finances. Defense attorneys called Gates a liar interested in avoiding jail time under a plea deal. Gates was forced to admit embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from Manafort and an extramarital affair. When the two were first brought face-to-face in the courtroom, Manafort's gaze bore down on his former protege and rarely wandered.

Testimony was replete with examples of Manafort's lavish lifestyle and allegedly falsified documents, including loan applications.

The prosecution has called more than 20 witnesses, including Gates, and introduced a trove of documentary evidence as they've sought to prove Manafort defrauded banks and concealed millions of dollars in offshore bank accounts from the IRS. Along the way, they've not only faced an aggressive defense team but tongue-lashings, and a rare walk-back, from Ellis.

The judge has subjected the prosecution to repeated scolding over the pace of their questioning, their large amount of trial exhibits and even their facial expressions. But on Thursday, Ellis told jurors he went overboard when he erupted at prosecutors a day earlier for allowing an expert witness to remain in the courtroom during the trial.

"Put aside my criticism," Ellis said, adding, "This robe doesn't make me anything other than human."

Questions raised about timing of New Mexico compound search

By **STEPHEN R. GROVES and MORGAN LEE**

Associated Press

AMALIA, N.M. — A property owner questioned Friday why authorities did not search a squalid New Mexico compound sooner for a missing boy, saying he told them in late spring that he had met the child's father at the site and that the man was wanted in Georgia for kidnapping his own son.

While touring the ramshackle living quarters littered with ammunition, diesel cans, used diapers, household garbage and Qurans on his property, Jason Badger also said he believed he saw the searched-for boy by his father's side in January, wearing a hooded jacket.

Badger said in an interview that he learned through an online search this spring that Wahhaj was wanted in the disappearance of son Abdul-ghani Wahhaj and reported his earlier encounter to law enforcement authorities in New Mexico and Georgia — and eventually to the FBI.

Authorities did not search the compound for the severely disabled boy until last week in a raid that resulted in the arrest of Wahhaj and four other adults on child neglect charges after 11 other children were found at

the compound.

A second search on Monday uncovered a child's body that hasn't been positively identified by a state medical examiner, although Wahhaj's father, also named Siraj Wahhaj, said this week that the body found is his grandson.

"If they knew about it, and then that kid died in that time frame, when they knew, somebody has to be held accountable," Badger said.

Taos County Sheriff's Department Steve Fullendorf spokesman downplayed Badger's criticism of the investigation, saying Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe did everything he could possible under the law and had to follow certain restrictions.

"Mr. Badger doesn't have to adhere to those same restrictions," Hogrefe said. "He wants to have his 15 minutes of fame and that's fine."

Hogrefe has said the FBI put the New Mexico compound under surveillance in recent months and took photographs, but he could not initially get a warrant to enter because collected did not show the boy or his father.

That changed when a note was forwarded to Georgia authorities saying children inside the compound were starving, Hogrefe said.

The missing boy's grandfather, who leads a well-known mosque in New York, said his

adult daughter, who was in the compound, sent the note to a man in Georgia. That man then notified the grandfather, who said he contacted police.

The five adults, including the imam's two children and a second adult daughter, have been charged with child abuse stemming from the alleged neglect of the 11 children found living in filth in the compound on the outskirts of tiny Amalia, New Mexico.

Prosecutors also have accused them in court documents of training children to use firearms in preparation for future school shootings, although no charges have been filed in response to the accusation that came from a new foster parent of one of the 11 children removed from the compound.

Refuse at the compound included live ammunition and training rounds with no real projectiles used to train people how to load and fire guns.

The suspects are being jailed without bail in New Mexico and one of them, Lucas Morton, also faces a charge of harboring a felon. He is accused of refusing to tell authorities the younger Siraj Wahhaj's location during the compound raid.

Wahhaj eventually was found armed with multiple firearms, including an assault rifle, authorities said.

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roles in the Trump campaign ahead of approving the loans and later specifically referenced being a candidate for Secretary of the Treasury or Housing and Urban Development in messages he wanted Raico to pass to Manafort. Raico said he didn't relay Calk's messages because he thought they were inappropriate.

Raico also told jurors that a committee that Calk led approved Manafort's loan within one day despite underwriters finding several discrepancies between the income on his tax returns and the figures contained on financial statements he provided to the bank.

"A plus B didn't equal C all the time," Raico said of the discrepancies.

In previous testimony, witnesses have described other problems with documents Manafort submitted in an attempt to obtain loans.

Prosecutors had questioned a loan officer for Citizen's Bank of New York, asking about Manafort's 2016 loan application that the bank rejected. Ellis interjected: "You might want to spend time on a loan that was granted." Prosecutors said Ellis' crack "misrepresents the law" regarding bank conspiracy and "is likely to confuse the jury." Ellis did not immediately comment on the motion.

The developments Friday came after weeks of testimony that was sometimes tedious and based on bank and other records. The prosecution is Mueller's first of the investigation into Russian meddling in the presidential election, but neither Manafort nor his former protege Rick Gates has been charged in connection with

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APClark (Strawn) Field, EI: NA
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A-235, Section 5, Block 31, T-4-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.425001, Longitude -101.293144. Datum: NAD 83
564' FNL, 781' FEL of 381.2-acre lease
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A-907, Section 16, Block 31, T-4-N, T&P RR Co. survey
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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-033-32475
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A-230, Section 29, Block 31, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.538916, Longitude -101.438682. Datum: NAD 27
414' FSEL, 673' FSWL of 1,276.95-acre lease
414' FSEL, 1948' FNEL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

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4.50 miles east of Garden City
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Total Depth: 10,441 feet
Latitude 031.798335, Longitude -101.477958. Datum: NAD 83
2173' FSL, 632' FEL of 600-acre lease
2173' FSL, 2447' FWL of the survey
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14.40 miles northeast of Garden City
A-422, Section 15, Block 36, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 031.470635, Longitude -101.423070. Datum: NAD 27
450' FSL, 821' FWL of 1,285.5-acre lease
450' FSL, 821' FWL of the survey

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An Adkins (Ellenburger) Field
5.70 miles southeast of Spraberry
A-407, Section 33, Block 36, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 14,000 feet
Latitude 031.514457, Longitude -101.444765. Datum: NAD 27
1000' FNL, 2300' FWL of 642.8-acre lease
1000' FNL, 2300' FWL of the survey

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Wildcat Field, EI: NA
7 miles northeast of Garden City
A-355, Section 39, Block 35, T-4-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,276 feet
Latitude 031.765148, Longitude -101.587848. Datum: NAD 27
660' FNL, 660' FEL of 320-acre lease
660' FNL, 1976' FEL of the survey
SWR 36 (H2S)

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Dewey Lake (Atoka) Field, EI: NA
16.60 miles southeast of Garden City
A-536, Section 14, Block 35, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 12,000 feet
Latitude 032.004684, Longitude -101.421197. Datum: NAD 83
467.3' FSL, 473.9' FWL of 329.11-acre lease

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467.3' FSL, 2173.8' FEL of the survey

#2 Abel "B", drill, EI: NA, API #42-173-3315
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field
19.40 miles southwest of Big Spring
A-852, Section 16, Block 35, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,500 feet
X=1583478.15, Y=861067.26. Datum: NAD 27
673' FSL, 411' FEL of 40-acre lease
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Rule 37 and Rule 38 Exceptions

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA
12.10 miles southeast of Vealmoor
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Total Depth: 9000 feet
Latitude 032.389945. Longitude -101.431873. Datum: NAD 27
285' FSL, 4' FEL of 640-acre lease
285' FSL, 2638' FWL of the survey
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#4HA Muhly "B 1612", drill horizontal, API #42-227-38976
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA
8.32 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-391, Section 21, Block 34, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.151637, Longitude -101.365911. Datum: NAD 83
1326' FEL, 970' FNL of 320-acre lease
1326' FEL, 970' FNL of the survey
Rule 37 Exception

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#6AH Stanley Unit "48-01", drill horizontal, EI: NA
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, API #42-227-39697
3.61 miles southeast of Vealmoor
A-994, Section 48, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
Latitude 032.469213, Longitude -101.558358. Datum: NAD 27
82' FNL, 1649' FEL of 884.18-acre lease
1899' FSL, 1649' FEL of the survey

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#2745WA Guitar North, drill horizontal, API #42-227-39698
Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA
11.50 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-575, Section 26, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
X=712288, Y=252935. Datum: NAD 27
270' FSEL, 1614' FNEL of 3,360-acre lease
270' FSEL, 2341' FSWL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA
11.50 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-575, Section 26, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
X=712318, Y=252941. Datum: NAD 27
270' FSEL, 1584' FNEL of 3,360-acre lease
270' FSEL, 2371' FSWL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA
11.50 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-575, Section 26, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
Total Depth: 10,000 feet
X=712347, Y=252948. Datum: NAD 27
270' FSEL, 1554' FNEL of 3,360-acre lease
270' FSEL, 2401' FSWL of the survey

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Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, EI: NA
11.50 miles northwest of Big Spring
A-575, Section 26, Block A, Bauer & Cockrell survey
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Texas rookie Guzman homers 3 times against Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ronald Guzman became the first rookie to hit three home runs in a game against the Yankees, powering the Texas Rangers past New York 12-7 on Friday night.

Eight days after Boston's Steve Pearce connected three times off the Yankees, Guzman duplicated the feat in ending New York's four-game winning streak.

Guzman grounded out his first time up, then hit solo home runs in three straight at-bats. The 23-year-old first baseman batted again in the eighth with a chance to tie the big league record for homers in a game — no rookie has ever hit four — but struck out swinging against Chad Green.

Guzman's two homers off Masahiro Tanaka (9-3) and one off A.J. Cole

made him the first Texas player to hit three home runs in a game since Adrian Beltre in 2012.

Overall, Guzman has 12 home runs this season, six against the Yankees.

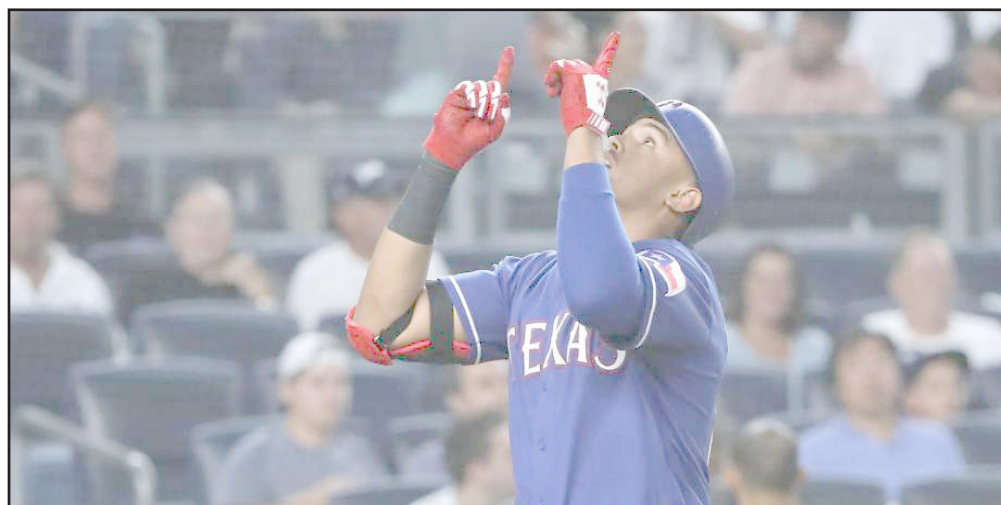
Beltre also joined in the fun with his seventh homer of the season, tying recent Hall of Fame inductee Chipper Jones for the 33rd spot on baseball's career list with 469.

Mike Minor (9-6) won his third straight start.

Guzman pulled homers to right field in the fourth and the sixth that made it 6-1 and chased Tanaka. Guzman went the opposite way for a drive in the seventh off Cole.

Austin Romine and Brett Gardner homered for the Yankees.

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AP photo

Texas Rangers' Ronald Guzman reacts as he crosses the plate after hitting a solo home run against the New York Yankees during the fourth inning of a baseball game Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

Cruz's double in 8th helps Mariners beat Astros 5-2

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Seattle Mariners are feeling pretty good after beating Houston All-Stars Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole on consecutive nights.

Still, they know they have a lot more work to do as they chase their first playoff berth since 2001.

"We came here and wanted to start playing some better games and that's what we've done," manager Scott Servais said. "We're just playing better baseball right now and the top of the lineup has been really swinging the bat well."

Nelson Cruz hit a tiebreaking two-run double in a three-run eighth inning to lift the Mariners a 5-2 victory

over the Astros on Friday night.

Houston leads the AL West and Seattle is 2 1/2 games behind Oakland for the second wild-card spot.

Mitch Haniger doubled with one out in the eighth, and Denard Span singled to chase Cole (10-5). The double by Haniger was his fifth extra-base hit in the last two games after he doubled in the sixth Friday and had two doubles and a homer Thursday.

Cole was replaced by Ryan Pressly, whose first pitch plunked Jean Segura on the top of his left hand. Cruz then smashed a ball off the wall in left-center to score Haniger and Span and make it 4-2. The Mariners tacked on a run when Segura scored on a groundout by Kyle Seager.

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AP photo

Seattle Mariners' Nelson Cruz watches a two-run double against the Houston Astros during the eighth inning of a baseball game Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, in Houston.

Gausman, Inciarte power Braves past Brewers

By GEORGE HENRY

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Kevin Gausman loves pitching in a pennant race.

The games have meaning, and the fans are engaged. That was hardly the case before the Atlanta Braves acquired him from Baltimore.

"As a player to come into it, it's exciting," Gausman said. "I could tell from the first day I got here that these guys are the real deal. They want to win, not just now but in the future."

Gausman pitched eight strong innings to win his SunTrust Park debut, Ender Inciarte drove in four runs and the Braves beat the Milwaukee Brewers 10-1 on Friday night.

Nick Markakis added three RBIs and Johan Camargo had two, helping the Braves win for the ninth time in 12 games. Atlanta began the night a game back in the NL East.

Milwaukee, which has dropped four of five to fall three games back in the NL Central, had a runner in

scoring position in the first and second against Gausman (6-9). After the threat in the second, he retired the next 12 batters before Mike Moustakas doubled in the sixth and scored on a single.

Gausman, making his first home appearance since getting traded from the major leagues' worst team in Baltimore, allowed six hits and no walks, striking out eight and throwing 71 of 94 pitches for strikes. He pitched the entire game from the stretch, marking the first time he could remember doing so.

"It was something that was working in my bullpen," Gausman said. "(Pitching coach Chuck Hernandez) was like, 'You can pitch out the stretch the whole game if you want to.' I felt like I really didn't miss a beat. It didn't feel weird at all."

The Braves led 3-0 in the first on doubles by Markakis and Camargo and Inciarte's single.

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AP photo

Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Kevin Gausman works in the first inning of a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, in Atlanta.

Calhoun, Upton HR, Angels beat A's 4-3; Pujols hit milestone

By DOUG PADILLA

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Against one of the best bullpens in baseball, the Los Angeles Angels treated all of the late innings like they were the ninth and the tactic was rewarded when they rallied for a 4-3 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

Kole Calhoun and Justin Upton hit two-run homers and Albert Pujols reached another milestone as the Angels were forced into comeback mode early on Friday night.

With a single in the sixth inning, Pujols recorded his 1,000th career hit with the Angels. He became just the ninth player all-time with at least 1,000 hits in each league after getting 2,073 with the St. Louis Cardi-

nals. Four former Angels are on the list: Dave Winfield, Frank Robinson, Vladimir Guerrero and Orlando Cabrera.

Upton's two-run shot in the sixth inning off Oakland rookie reliever Lou Trivino proved to be the difference. Trivino (8-2), who had given up more than one earned run just once in his previous 46 outings, lost a game for the first time since June 5.

It might have been the sixth inning, but Upton came to the plate with a ninth-inning mentality as the A's not only had their regular stable of relievers available, they also had newly-acquired right-hander Fernando Rodney for the first time.

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AP photo

Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols watches his single during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Oakland Athletics on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, in Anaheim, Calif.

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Raiders beat Lions 16-10 in Gruden's return to sideline

By **JOSH DUBOW**

AP Pro Football Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jon Gruden jawed at the officials, worked closely with the quarterbacks and was once again adored by the Oakland Raiders fans.

It was as if he had never left the Coliseum.

Jon Gruden was a winner in his return to the sideline for Oakland when the Raiders got a touchdown pass from Connor Cook in a 16-10 victory over the Detroit Lions on Friday night.

"It was awesome," he said. "I saw some recognizable faces that had gotten a little bit older. I saw some old friends who mean a lot to me. Like I said all along, this is a great responsibility. The nostalgia has worn off. We have to do something with the opportunity. But it was sure great to see the Raiders fans."

Gruden was welcomed back warmly to the Coliseum for his first game here as Raiders coach since beating the Jets in a playoff game Jan. 12, 2001. Gruden was traded to Tampa Bay after that season and has spent the past nine years as an ESPN analyst.

Raiders owner Mark Davis lured Gruden back to the sideline with a 10-year contract worth a reported \$100 million following a disappointing six-win season under Jack Del Rio.

The Gruden era appeared to get off to a rousing start when Marshawn Lynch ran 60 yards for a TD on the third snap, but the score was called back on a holding penalty by rookie tackle Kolton Miller.

"I was really ticked off after watching that get called back," Gruden said. "Chucky came out for a brief moment



AP photo

Oakland Raiders coach Jon Gruden reacts during the first half of the team's NFL preseason football game against the Detroit Lions in Oakland, Calif., Friday, Aug. 10, 2018.

tonight."

Oakland settled for a punt on the only drive with starting quarterback Derek Carr, but scored three times in five drives with Cook at the helm. Cook threw a 7-yard TD pass to Ryan Switzer in the second quarter and led Oakland to a pair of field goals by rookie Eddy Pineiro. Cook finished 11 for 19 for 141 yards.

The Lions also welcomed a new coach in Matt Patricia, who opted to rest star quarterback Matthew Stafford, who got enough work in two days of joint practices against Oakland.

"We got a lot of good work in this week," Patricia said. "He took a lot of reps and he saw a lot of different looks. That was the goal, to come out

here and be able to get some of those different team tempo plays and have it scripted and a little controlled. Just thought it was a good opportunity tonight to have the other guys go out and compete."

Matt Cassel got the start and went 10 for 18 for 81 yards, leading Detroit to one score on three drives, with Ameer Abdullah capping it with a 1-yard TD run. Jake Rudock finished 12 for 19 for 84 yards.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lynch once again sat during the national anthem. Lynch also sat for the anthem all of last season but never gave a reason for his decision. No other players on either team demonstrated during the anthem, with the Lions all standing together with

locked arms.

ROOKIE REPORT

Lions second-round RB Kerryon Johnson showed good burst, running for 34 yards on seven carries and adding four catches for 33 yards.

"To me, didn't make enough plays at the beginning, didn't make enough plays at the end," Johnson said. "I still have work to do. We still have work to do. It was the first game. First-game jitters out for everybody."

The Raiders also had a strong performance from a second-round pick with DT P.J. Hall getting a sack and batting down a pass in the first half. Oakland undrafted free agent RB Chris Warren III ran 13 times for 86 yards.

INJURIES

Raiders CB Antonio Hamilton limped off twice in the second half with an apparent ankle injury.

HELMET FOUL

There was one penalty under the new rule prohibiting players from leading with their helmets. Oakland S Karl Joseph was called for the infraction on a tackle against Abdullah in the second quarter.

OFF THE DIRT

Pineiro's second field goal came at the end of the first half after Gruden called for a run that set up Pineiro's 48-yarder off the infield dirt. Pineiro added a 45-yard field goal off the dirt in the fourth quarter. The Raiders will play at least one regular-season game this season with the infield dirt in place for Oakland Athletics games.

"I remember when we drafted (Sebastian) Janikowski, it was like being on a foreign planet for him when he got here and started kicking off the dirt," Gruden said of Oakland's first-round pick in 2000. "We did manage to get him a couple of looks."

Darnold shines, Bridgewater sharp as Jets top Falcons 17-0

By **DENNIS WASZAK Jr.**

AP Pro Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Sam Darnold jogged onto the field for his NFL debut and was greeted by butterflies in his stomach and cheers in the stands.

The anxiety quickly faded. The buzz only got louder.

Darnold sparkled in his NFL debut and made a strong initial case to win the Jets' starting quarterback job as he helped lead New York to a 17-0 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Friday night.

"I was a little nervous going out there," Darnold said, "but I think more just excited to finally be able to play in an NFL game, even though it is preseason."

Darnold, the No. 3 overall draft pick in April, was the Jets' third quarterback of the game, following Josh McCown and Teddy Bridgewater. The former USC star received a standing ovation as he jogged onto the field at MetLife Stadium with 8:41 to go in the first half.

"Yeah, it was pretty cool just to get that response from the crowd," Darnold said with a big grin. "Even when I was on the sideline, I had fans later in the fourth quarter yell, 'Great game, Sam!'"

Darnold's first series ended in a punt and his non-throwing left hand was checked out by trainers on the sideline after it was stepped on. But he was fine and wore a glove in the second half.

He got the crowd on its feet again just before halftime, throwing a 14-yard touchdown pass to Charles Johnson that gave New York a 17-0 lead.

The 21-year-old Darnold showed the poise of a veteran on the drive while completing six straight passes to get to the Falcons 3. He would've had a seventh consecutive completion, but his throw into the end zone was dropped by Johnson. Darnold went right back to Johnson on his next pass and the receiver caught a 4-yard TD toss — but was called for offensive pass interference.

On third-and-14, Darnold again threw to Johnson while rolling to his right and zipping in a pass for the score.

"My first scoring drive of my whole career was a two-minute drive going down the field," Darnold said. "It was awesome. To get the penalty and be pushed back and for our whole offense to respond to adversity like that, it was awesome to see."

Darnold, who finished 13 of 18 for 96 yards, sat out the first three days of training camp before his representatives and the Jets agreed on a fully guaranteed four-year, \$30.25 million deal that included a \$20 million signing bonus. He quickly made up for the missed time, and is being given every opportunity to win the starting job.

"I'm not going to jump to any conclusions after one game," coach Todd Bowles said.

McCown is the incumbent and started the game, but played just one series. The 39-year-old veteran completed his only throw, a 4-yard toss to Neal Sterling.

TEDDY'S NIGHT

Bridgewater came out with the starting offense for the Jets' second possession and led New York



AP photo

New York Jets quarterback Sam Darnold (14) throws a pass during the first half of a preseason NFL football game against the Atlanta Falcons Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, in East Rutherford, N.J.

down the field on a scoring drive, capped by Isaiah Crowell's 16-yard catch-and-run to the end zone.

Crowell, in his first game with the Jets after four seasons in Cleveland, was evaluated for a head injury after taking a few hard hits on the play. He didn't return.

Bridgewater, who suffered a serious knee injury in practice while with Minnesota nearly two years ago, converted a third-and-11 with an 8-yard pass to Robby Anderson — while also taking a hard hit bouncing back up. On fourth-and-3 from the Falcons 40, Bridgewater connected with Jermaine Kearse for a 6-yard gain and a first down to keep the drive alive.

Playing with the backup offensive line on his second series, Bridgewater led New York on another scoring drive capped by Taylor Bertolet's 45-yard field goal.

"Overall, it was a great day," said Bridgewater, who finished 7 of 8 for 85 yards. "It was good to be back out there with the guys, flying around and scoring touchdowns and winning football games."

SHORT STINT

Matt Ryan played the first series for the Falcons, and completed his only attempt to rookie Calvin Ridley for a 2-yard loss.

He was replaced by veteran Matt Schaub, who went 9 of 9 for 54 yards while playing the rest of the first half.

SLUGGISH

Atlanta got its initial first down of the game with 10 seconds left in the first half on Schaub's 10-yard pass to Eric Saubert.

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ASTROS

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"They've got a really good club," Servais said. "You've got to pitch them really well, you've got to keep them down because you know it's going to be tight ball games here and we got some big hits late."

Seattle starter Mike Leake allowed eight hits and two runs in six innings. Adam Warren (1-1) allowed one hit in a scoreless seventh for the win and Edwin Diaz struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 44th save.

Cole yielded six hits and four runs in 7 1/3 innings for his season-high third straight loss.

The Astros had trouble stringing hits together until Marwin Gonzalez and Tyler White hit consecutive singles with no outs in the fifth inning. Martin Maldonado then reached on a fielder's choice that left Gonzalez out at home.

Tony Kemp's single to center field with two outs scored White to make it 1-0. Alex Bregman followed with an RBI double to push the lead to 2-0 before Carlos Correa grounded out to end the inning and leave Kemp stranded at third. Correa was 0 for 3 in his return after missing more than a month with a sore lower back.

Cole sailed through the first five innings, retiring 15 of the first 16 batters he faced with the only baserunner coming on a double by Cruz to start the second inning. He'd sat down 12 straight when Cameron Maybin singled to start the sixth inning. Cole then walked Dee Gordon on four pitches before a double by Haniger scored Maybin to cut the lead to 2-1.

Span's single sent Gordon home to tie it up. There were two outs in the inning when center fielder Jake Marisnick made a spectacular diving catch to rob Seager of a hit and keep the game tied. Marisnick sailed through the air and snagged the ball just inches from the grass to end the inning. Cole extended both hands into the air and cheered after seeing the catch before putting his glove on his head and shaking it in relief.

"Off the bat I didn't see it great, and then I was able to get there and stretch out and save a couple of runs there for Gerrit," Marisnick said.

Marisnick was injured running the bases on a double in the seventh inning. The team said Marisnick, who is filling in at center field for an injured George Springer, left the game with discomfort in his left groin.

"I don't know how he's doing, but I've been on the field for too many injuries lately, so I am not very optimistic," manager A.J. Hinch said.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: Segura said his hand was sore from being hit by the pitch on Friday night but that X-rays were negative. He said he hoped to play on Saturday but would know more after he takes batting practice.

Astros: Hinch said 2B Jose Altuve (sore right knee) is making progress, but won't return during this homestand, which runs through Wednesday. Altuve, the reigning AL MVP, hasn't played since July 25.

OFFENSE HEATING UP

The Mariners have scored five or more runs in three straight games for the first time since June 5-7. Before the start of this streak Seattle had eclipsed four runs just once in nine

games.

UP NEXT

Houston's Charlie Morton (12-2, 2.81 ERA) opposes Seattle left-hander Wade LeBlanc (6-2, 3.81) when the

series continues on Saturday night. Morton struck out eight in seven innings in his last start to give him a career-high 167 strikeouts this season.

PUJOS

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"They have a strong bullpen with guys that can beat you in many ways," said Upton, who admitted his plan was to attack the first strike he saw. "You play to your strengths against those guys. Just compete. Those guys are pitching well this year."

Upton hit a two-run home run for the third consecutive game.

The Angels trailed 3-0 just four batters into the game. Starter Felix Pena regained his composure and gave up just two more hits and no runs while pitching into the sixth inning.

"I felt like in the first inning I was a little overamped so I went back to the video room to watch some video and I was able to make the adjustments," said Pena, who had a similar slow start in his last home outing on July 29 but never made it out of the opening inning.

Los Angeles improved to 8-1 over its last nine home games.

Matt Chapman and Khris Davis each hit home runs in the first inning for the A's, who are now 13-6 since the All-Star break. Chapman hit his 16th homer while Davis' two-run shot was his 33rd.

Oakland starter Brett Anderson gave up two runs on four hits with no walks, but was removed after five innings having thrown just 63 pitches. When asked if A's starters are growing accustomed to being pulled earlier than usual in favor of a strong bullpen, Anderson offered a simple "no."

"It's going to take some getting used to," Anderson said. "In a tie game in the seventh the last time, you kind of see it. This one was a little early. But we've lived and died by our bullpen and those arms are tremendous down there so more times than not we're going to come out with the victory."

Calhoun connected for a two-run drive in the third, his 16th of the season and 11th over his last 25 games. Calhoun's 15 home runs since June 18 lead the American League.

Calhoun had just one home run and was batting .145 over 50 games when he went to the 10-day disabled list with a strained right oblique. In the 44 games since he has returned, he has hit 14 of his 15 home runs, with 34 runs scored and 35 RBIs.

Jim Johnson (4-2) retired the only batter he faced for the win. The Angels used three more pitchers in the ninth, with Blake Parker getting the final out for his 11th save.

"(The bullpen) came in and made pitches and it was a great job," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "After

that first inning, this game could go south in a hurry when you give up a three-spot. But Felix got his bearings and the bullpen was exceptional."

Rodney made his A's debut, striking out a batter during a perfect seventh inning. Rodney was acquired Thursday in a trade from the Minnesota Twins. One plan for Rodney is to use him to help ease the heavy workload on Trivino.

"We won't have to potentially use Lou for more than one inning," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "We've used him quite a bit where he has to come in and clean up an inning and go back out for the next inning, which is really tough to do."

RODNEY ARRIVES

Melvin says Rodney doesn't have a set role. Instead, Melvin expects to mix and match his late-inning relievers in a stacked Oakland bullpen.

"More than anything, it probably allows us to not overuse a Lou Trivino, to not overuse a Yusmeiro Petit," Melvin said. "As much as we use our bullpen on certain days, we're not afraid to move guys to the back end of the bullpen if a (Blake) Treinen or (Jeurys) Familia needs time off, so it just makes us better."

Rodney had 25 saves for the Twins in 46 appearances with a 3.09 ERA, but the closer job will still belong to Treinen.

VLAD THE HALL OF FAMER

The Angels honored new Hall of Famer Vladimir Guerrero with an on-field pregame ceremony that pushed back first pitch about a half hour. Guerrero, who made quick introductory speech at Cooperstown last month, was even quicker when he spoke to the crowd in both English and Spanish on Friday.

"His forte is to not go up there and spew accolades about himself, and I think it makes him all the more special," Scioscia said. "He was so beloved by his teammates because when he was playing, he was the best player on the planet but never talking about himself. He was a special talent."

TRAINER'S ROOM

Angels: Mike Trout was put on the 10-day disabled list with an inflamed right wrist. Scioscia expects his All-Star center fielder to return on Thursday when his DL stint ends.

UP NEXT

A's: RHP Edwin Jackson (3-2, 2.87 ERA) will take the mound Saturday in the middle game of the series, carrying the sixth lowest ERA in the American League since his contract was selected June 25.

Angels: RHP Tyler Skaggs (8-7, 3.34) is expected to make his return from the disabled list Saturday, having not pitched since July 31 because of a left adductor strain.

BRAVES

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They went up 5-0 in the third when Markakis walked and reached third as right fielder Eric Thames appeared to misjudge Camargo's double near the wall. Inciarte's single drove in both runners.

The lead swelled to 7-0 in the fourth on Freddie Freeman's RBI single, which chased Brewers starter Freddy Peralta (5-3), and Markakis' sacrifice fly.

Peralta allowed seven hits and seven runs with five walks and three strikeouts in three-plus innings.

Inciarte drove in four runs in a game for the first time since a March 31 home win over Philadelphia. Camargo went 4 for 5 to lead the attack against Peralta, who allowed three hits and one run in a victory over Atlanta last month.

"We made some adjustments but we didn't try to make too many changes in our approaches specifically," Camargo said through an interpreter. "Just little tweaks here and there. (Markakis) kind of got the charge going early and then it kind of snowballed for the rest of us there."

STILL HOT

Freeman and Houston's Yuli Gurriel are the only players in the majors this year with three double-digit hitting streaks. Freeman had streaks of 16 and 10 games before his current 12-game run began July 29. He's hitting .362 over the recent stretch. ... Markakis, the NL doubles leader, has 35 doubles in each of his last four years. Only Chipper Jones and Hank Aaron, each with five, have more in Braves history.

CHIPPER TIME

Two weeks after he was enshrined in the Hall of Fame, Jones spoke briefly to the crowd before the game and

implored the fans to keep showing up in big numbers. The Braves showed video tributes throughout the night with Hall of Famers Bobby Cox, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz joining former Braves stars Andruw Jones, Dale Murphy and others congratulating Jones.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Brewers: RHP Joakim Soria was placed on the 10-day disabled list with a right groin strain. He was injured while giving up a grand slam to Hunter Renfroe in the ninth inning of Thursday's 8-4 home loss to San Diego, leaving the game after facing two batters. Soria has a 1.59 ERA in seven games since Milwaukee acquired him in a trade two weeks ago with the Chicago White Sox. In 40 games overall, he is 0-3 with a 2.44 ERA and 16 saves in 20 chances.

Braves: RHP Anibal Sanchez is hobbled by a bruised left calf from Thursday's no-decision at Washington and might not make his next start in Monday's doubleheader against Miami. If Sanchez can't pitch, Touki Toussaint could come up from Triple-A Gwinnett and make his major league debut. Toussaint is 6-6 with a 2.68 ERA in 21 combined starts for Gwinnett and Double-A Mississippi. The Braves are down three starters with Max Fried, Mike Soroka and Brandon McCarthy on the DL.

UP NEXT

Brewers: LHP Wade Miley (2-1, 2.10 ERA) will make his eighth start of the season and his first in over three years against Atlanta. Miley is coming off a no-decision against Colorado in which he gave up five hits, three runs and three walks in five innings.

Braves: RHP Julio Teheran (8-7, 4.48 ERA) has allowed 15 runs — 13 earned — in his last three starts, a span of 15 innings. A fixture in Atlanta's rotation for the last six years, Teheran has given up 22 homers, second-most in the NL.

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RED SOX 19, ORIOLES 12

BALTIMORE (AP) — Xander Bogaerts and Andrew Benintendi each hit three-run homers, Brock Holt connected in a six-run sixth inning and Boston overpowered the Baltimore.

After hitting for the cycle one night earlier, Mookie Betts went 3 for 4 with two walks and three RBIs. The 19 runs were the most for Boston since a 22-run outburst against Seattle in August 2015.

The Red Sox have won 11 of 13 to open a nine-game lead over the second-place Yankees in the AL East.

Boston starter Nathan Eovaldi gave up eight runs, four earned, and 10 hits in 2 2/3 innings.

Orioles reliever Miguel Castro (2-7) walked three of the five batters he faced.

After the Orioles closed to 11-10 in the bottom half, Benintendi homered in the seventh. Drew Pomeranz (2-5) got the win in his first relief appearance since 2016.

Chris Davis, Tim Beckham and Mark Trumbo homered for the Orioles.

PADRES 2, PHILLIES 0

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jacob Nix pitched six strong innings in his major league debut and San Diego blanked Philadelphia.

Nix (1-0) got off to a rocky start. He stranded three runners after a pair of singles and a walk in the first, and two more runners in the second.

Odubel Herrera and Maikel Franco both singled to lead off the ninth for the Phillies. Kirby Yates held on for his fourth save of the season after replacing former Padres closer Brad Hand.

Zach Eflin (8-4) struck out eight in six innings.

ANGELS 4, ATHLETICS 3

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Kole Calhoun and Justin Upton hit two-run homers, Albert Pujols reached another milestone and Los Angeles rallied past Oakland.

With a single in the sixth inning, Pujols recorded his 1,000th career hit with the Angels. He became just the ninth player all-time with at least 1,000 hits in each league after getting 2,073 with St. Louis.

Matt Chapman and Khris Davis homered in the first inning for the A's.

Jim Johnson (4-2) retired the only batter he faced. The Angels used three more pitchers in the ninth, with Blake Parker getting the final out for his 11th save.

Upton hit a go-ahead homer in the sixth off Lou Trivino (8-2).

GIANTS 13, PIRATES 10

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Buster Posey got four hits, Andrew McCutchen homered against his former team and San Francisco defeated Pittsburgh.

The Giants had lost three in a row and the Pirates had won three straight.

All four of Posey's hits came in the first four innings as the Giants built a 10-2 lead.

Francisco Cervelli drove in five runs with three hits, including a grand slam, for the Pirates.

Derek Holland (6-8) gave up five runs in 6 1/3 innings. Clay Holmes (1-2) was tagged for seven runs in 2 2/3 innings in his third career start.

CUBS 3, NATIONALS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Jason Heyward broke up a no-hitter with a tying two-run single in the sixth inning, Anthony Rizzo drew a bases-loaded walk in the seventh and Chicago beat Washington.

In the first meeting between the teams since Chicago beat Washington in the NL Division Series, the Cubs won even though they didn't get a hit against Nationals starter Jeremy Hellickson.

Rizzo walked three times. Manager Joe Maddon got ejected, but the Cubs pulled out the victory.

Hellickson was sailing along, retiring 17 in a row after issuing a leadoff walk to Rizzo in the first. But things took a wild turn with two out in the sixth.

He walked Rizzo on 13 pitches and both Javier Baez and Ben Zobrist on four to load the bases. Heyward took two balls from Sammy Solis (1-2) before lining the tying single past second baseman Daniel Murphy.

Chicago took a 3-2 lead in the seventh after Maddon got tossed for arguing an interference call against

Willson Contreras on the bases.

Kyle Hendricks gave up two runs and eight hits in six innings for Chicago. Steve Cishek (3-1) struck out the final two batters in the seventh. Carl Edwards Jr. got three outs in the eighth after former Washington pitcher Brandon Kintzler walked the first two batters.

Pedro Strop worked the ninth for his ninth save in 12 chances.

RAYS 7, BLUE JAYS 0

TORONTO (AP) — Blake Snell pitched five perfect innings and then was pulled, Michael Perez hit his first career home run and Tampa Bay beat Toronto.

Making his second start since spending time on the disabled list because of shoulder fatigue, Snell (13-5) threw 47 pitches. The All-Star lefty struck out six.

Reliever Jake Faria came on to begin the sixth and gave up an infield single to leadoff batter Luke Maile. Two outs later, Randal Grichuk hit a single to left but was thrown out trying to stretch his hit into a double. Faria allowed one walk and three singles in three innings. Jamie Schultz pitched a hitless ninth for the Rays.

Perez, playing in his 10th big league game, hit a two-run homer in the third inning and Ji-Man Choi added a solo drive in the sixth. Both came off Marco Estrada (5-9).

REDS 3, DIAMONDBACKS 0

CINCINNATI (AP) — Anthony DeSclafani struck out a season-high nine to outduel Clay Buchholz and scored one of Cincinnati's two runs on Billy Hamilton's suicide-squeeze bunt to help the Reds beat Arizona.

DeSclafani (6-3) allowed three hits and no walks while pitching into the eighth inning of his second straight shutdown outing. He limited Washington to one run on six hits with a walk and two strikeouts in seven innings of a 7-1 victory last Saturday.

DeSclafani also singled in the seventh and scored from first base on Buchholz's throwing error on Hamilton's bunt up the first base line, which drove in Tucker Barnhart.

Raisel Iglesias struck out A.J. Pollock in the ninth for his 22nd save.

Buchholz (5-2) saw his personal winning streak snapped at five.

ROCKIES 5, DODGERS 4

DENVER (AP) — Ryan McMahon hit a two-run homer in the seventh after replacing injured slugger Nolan Arenado, and Colorado's beleaguered bullpen kept Los Angeles in check.

McMahon entered the game in the fifth when Arenado was taken out with soreness in his right shoulder. McMahon lined a fastball from reliever Zac Rosscup (0-1) to straight-away center.

The bullpen finished things off a day after giving up five homers and seven runs. The relievers went a combined 3 1/3 scoreless innings after starter Jon Gray left, with Jake McGee (2-4) picking up the win and Adam Ottavino closing out the ninth instead of a struggling Wade Davis. It was Ottavino's fifth save.

DJ LeMahieu had a two-run homer in the first to help the Rockies snap a six-game skid against the Dodgers at Coors Field. It was his first homer since June 28.

TIGERS 5, TWINS 3

DETROIT (AP) — Niko Goodrum and Jose Iglesias homered and Detroit beat Minnesota to snap a six-game losing streak.

Jordan Zimmermann (5-4) gave up two unearned runs on eight hits in 6 1/3 innings. He struck out one batter and didn't issue a walk. Shane Greene allowed an RBI double to Ehire Adrianza with two out in the ninth before retiring Joe Mauer for his 24th save.

Ervin Santana (0-1) took the loss in his fourth start of the season.

WHITE SOX 1, INDIANS 0

CHICAGO (AP) — Daniel Palka led off the ninth inning with a home run, Carlos Rodon matched a career high by throwing eight innings of scoreless four-hit ball and Chicago beat Cleveland.

Palka launched a 1-2 pitch from Neil Ramirez (0-2) six rows up into the left field seats for his 18th homer. The shot ended Chicago's three-game losing streak.

Jace Fry (1-2), the White Sox's third reliever, got the last two outs for his first major league victory. Rodon and Cleveland rookie Shane Bieber tossed crisp scoreless ball deep into the game. Each was relieved after 106 pitches.



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5TH ANNUAL SPLASH

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A splash, a splash, a backpack and that's a wrap ... The 5th annual Back to School Health Splash took place at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and included 25 local businesses and organizations. Despite the early morning showers, the event was able to go off without a hitch.

"We wanted to ensure that the kids were able to go back to school without worrying about supplies or a backpack, and were entering the school year healthy," Mitzi Knight, SMMG Practice Manager, said. "Starting the school year off healthy is important for the kids is to go back and enjoy meeting new friends, learn new things and experience new adventures."

Students were able to pick out their own backpack and

then filled it, while visiting each of the booths. The children were provided crayons, folders and rulers, hand sanitizers and more. While they were taking part in the different activities, parents were able to get information on support services, after school programs and other youth related activities, in the community.

"This is a great thing that they are doing here and we are happy to be a part of it," Christy Brownfield, Marketing Director at Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, said. "This provides an opportunity for families to enjoy an evening out together, while taking care of the back to school supply need, at the same time."

In addition to the free backpacks, there was an opportunity for parents to get their

children up to date on immunizations and have their eye site checked. The Lion's Club conducted 49 eye screenings and the Texas Health Department provided 31 vaccinations.

"It's important to be able to help build the immune system and guard against all those germs, so kids don't have to spend their time visiting the doctor instead of sitting in their classroom. We were happy to have the Lion's Club and the Health Department joining us once again and providing this opportunity to families," Knight said.

Getting ready to head back to school entails more than just making sure the kids have the school supplies they need. The addition of the screenings and immunizations was one way the event was able to expand from pre-

vious years.

"Sometimes parents are busy focusing on the supplies needed and remembering the health side of things, can fall to the wayside - for themselves and the kids. The fact that these two things were offered at the event, provided a convenient way for the parents to make sure all aspects were taken care of," Knight said.

Being able to see the material is vital to helping ensure the students are taking in all the knowledge they are being provided. If they aren't able to see the white board, read the text books or see the computer screen, because they are having issues with their vision, then they can end up falling behind. We are thankful that these screenings were provided because that was one more way we were making sure students were going back without any barriers to learning," Knight said.

In addition to the free backpacks, school supplies, im-

munizations, and activities, families were able to enjoy a hot dog, chips and cool down with a sno-cone.

"This was our biggest event yet. The support this year was amazing, from the donations to help purchase backpacks to the organizations who participated in the event and those who came out and enjoyed the activities," Amanda Duforat, Marketing Manager, said. "Hopefully we were able to help a few families out and take some of the stress off. There was a need, several recognized it and worked together to ensure the need was met. Seeing the way this community comes together never ceases to amaze me."

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Courtesy photo
The photo on the left shows kids who are all smiles at the 5th Annual Back to School Health Splash at SMMC Aug. 9. The photo below shows backpacks with school supplies being giving away to students for the new school year.



Courtesy photo
Here shows the line of the crowd at the 5th Annual Back to School Health Splash at SMMC Aug. 9. The photo on the right shows one small young boy who just picked out a Minions backpack for his 2018-2019 school year.



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Jacycie is a 2016 Texas Tech School of Nursing graduate, and is currently employed by Lubbock University Medical Center Burn Intensive Care Unit. Her fiancé, Reis is a 2017 Texas Tech University College of Media

and Communication graduate and works at Onyx Stone Company, LLC.

Parents and soon to be in-laws are also excited for the big day, which include from the bride's side of the family are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lynch of Midland and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dewain Cox of Midland, Texas and Mr. and

Mrs. Albert Lynch of Phoenix, Arizona. From the groom's side are parents Mr. and Mrs. Les Kinman of Lubbock, Texas, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bailey of Big Spring, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. James Kinman of Lubbock, Texas

There to help celebrate the couple's big day are Bridesmaids Reagan Kinman, sister of the groom, Tina Newton, Kate Aiken, Claire Garcia, Macy Clark, and Groomsmen, Chase Lynch, brother of the bride, Ben Cowling,

Daniel Pruitt, Luke Luckstead, and Brit Byerly. There will also be a reception after the wedding also at The Historic Baker Building.

The new couple will be spending their Honeymoon in Charleston, South Carolina.

Marilyn Monroe dresses, personal photos going up for auction



AP photo

In this Sept. 9, 1954 file photo, Marilyn Monroe poses over the updraft of a New York subway grate while filming "The Seven Year Itch" New York. The dress, created by Bill Travilla, is one of several items that will be up for auction in October 2018.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dresses that belonged to Marilyn Monroe along with an autographed photo thanking the executive who launched her Hollywood career will go on display before heading to auction.

Auction house Profiles in History announced Wednesday that the items will be exhibited in Beverly Hills starting Aug. 18. An auction will follow in late October.

They include a photograph that Monroe signed to 20th Century Fox executive Ben Lyon that reads: "Dear Ben, You found me, named me and believed in me when no one else did. My thanks and love forever. Marilyn"

Born Norma Jeane Mortenson, Monroe changed her name after coming to Hollywood. She used her mother's maiden name Monroe, while Lyon provided the "Marilyn."

The photo was taken during the filming of "The Seven Year Itch," the 1955 movie that provided history's lasting image of Monroe, standing over a

subway grate and holding down her white dress.

A version of the dress, made by the original designer Bill Travilla for Monroe for tours and exhibits, is also among the items up for sale, along with her hand-annotated script for the film.

Also in the auction are Monroe's personal childhood photographs 15 costumes she wore in films, including dresses from "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" and "How to Marry a Millionaire."

The exhibit at The Paley Center for Media

Audiobook this fall reveals Rowling's magical influences

NEW YORK (AP) — An audiobook coming out this fall will reveal some influences behind the wizardry of Harry Potter.

The audio producer and seller Audible Inc. announced Thursday that "Harry Potter: A History of Magic" will go on sale Oct. 4. Nar-

rated by Natalie Dormer of "Game of Thrones" fame, the book will feature "hidden stories" about magic and tell of the manuscripts, myths and other artifacts that J.K. Rowling drew upon for her blockbuster fantasy series.

The audio work will be published by Rowling's

Pottermore Publishing and can be pre-ordered at www.audible.com/historyofmagic. It also serves as a companion to a Potter exhibition that ran last year at the British Museum and will be seen this fall at the New-York Historical Society.

Carillon player makes beautiful music at Baylor University

By CASSIE L. SMITH

Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas (AP) — Lynnette Geary initially teaches students to play the carillon on a modified electric keyboard.

But there is no way to replicate the real thing, manipulating wooden levers with both hands and feet to bring 22 tons of bronze bells at the top of Pat Neff Hall into a melody descending over Baylor University.

The Waco Tribune-Herald reports Geary is an unsung hero who brings an ethereal beauty to Baylor, music school dean Gary Mortenson said.

"Her carillon playing floats above our central campus during times of celebration, significant times in our academic-Christian calendar and during times of tragedy when reflection is important," Mortenson said. "Lynnette's dedication to upholding high standards of performance on this very specialized musical instrument, at the very pinnacle of our most iconic building, helps all of us down on the ground appreciate something greater and more meaningful than the daily tasks we are going to and from in our buildings.

"We are richer, as a campus community, for her contribution to our daily lives even though we do not see her as she climbs six stories to the carillon room and takes the bench to push the levers to ring the bells, large and small, that create such heavenly sounds."

Geary's climb up the narrow staircase takes her to a small room with the keys to the 48 cast bronze bells overhead. She turns off an air conditioner in the window struggling against triple-digit summer temperatures and closes the passage that leads to the bells.

Leaving the passage open would be deafening, but leaving the air conditioner on would drown out her music, she said.

The she gets to work, using the side of her fist to press a series of baton-like keys while her feet navigate a pedal keyboard.

Geary, the assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, was named the university's official carillonneur in 2006 after a decade of working under Herbert Colvin, then a music professor and the official carillonneur since 1988.

The Arkansas native first encountered a carillon in the 1970s and earned her first Baylor degree in 1975, a bachelor's in music education. After stints working in the history department and earning a master's in music history and literature, she landed in the dean's office by 1999 and had the unofficial title of assistant carillonneur.

"I just thought that was the coolest thing in the world," Geary said of her first impression of the instrument.

She has never lost that awe.

She laughed when asked how much longer she will climb the stairs to the top of Pat Neff Hall to continue playing. Everyone keeps asking her that, she said.

"I've known people who have done this into their 80s, which is probably not a good



AP photo

In this Wednesday, July 18, 2018 photo, Baylor University carillonneur Lynnette Geary fine tunes her organ before performing high atop at Pat Neff Hall, in Waco, Texas. The instrument includes 22 tons of bronze bells at the top of the administration building near the center of campus.

idea," Geary said. "I'm sure I will have a sign when it's time."

Outside of her full-time duties, she also teaches a student or two each semester how to play the carillon.

"Some of your practice is very public, and we've got to respect the campus," she said. "We use it just to learn the notes and hack out the technical part of the music, but you have to practice in the tower so that you learn the musical nuances and how the bells are going to respond because you have to play in balance."

Practices are typically limited to late afternoons or weekends to prevent any distraction for students in class or events held on campus.

Baylor's carillon was a gift from the Drayton McLane family and the McLane Co., of Temple, according to the university's website. The instrument was dedicated in 1988, and the McLane Carillon is one of about 115 carillons in North America with a range of four octaves or more, according to the university.

Despite the rarity of the instrument, carillonneurs are not a dying breed, Geary said.

She earned a certification from The Guild of Carillonneurs in North America in 1996 and attends annual conferences with her peers.

"People who do this are extremely enthusiastic about it," Geary said. "What I have been so pleased about is we have a large percentage of our membership are college-age and in their 30s, and they have really helped the guild in a lot of ways. They are great advocates for the profession."

For her part, and with decades on the instrument already, every climb up the tower is an opportunity to continue to hone her skills, she said.

"You're in a position that you can serve the community, and that's a tremendous privilege that you've got to pay attention to," she said.

will also feature large format photographs of Monroe by fashion photographer Milton H. Greene, who was a friend of the actress.



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THE MEG

Millions of years ago, fossils indicate that giant sharks 70 feet long roamed the ancient oceans. These creatures, known as megalodons, were among the fiercest predators to ever live on Earth. Luckily for modern beachgoers, megalodons went extinct around the end of the Pliocene epoch, about 2.6 million years ago. Or did they?



ROGER CLINE

A new movie starring Jason Statham and Rainn Wilson, among others, asks just that question.

"The Meg" starts in the middle of an undersea emergency. Jonas Taylor (Statham), a rescue diver, is attempting to rescue the crew of an undersea research sub as an unknown... something... is battering the sub to pieces. Taylor manages to get 11 of the scientists to the rescue sub, but two are trapped by a water leak. Realizing that an attempt to rescue the

trapped two will likely result in the deaths of the whole crew, he seals the hatch and leaves the unlucky pair to their fate. As the rescue sub ascends, the research vessel explodes, leaving little doubt of the fate of those left behind.

Five years later, researchers at the "Mana One" facility (it looks like an offshore drilling rig, but apparently also has underwater observation parts as well), owned by billionaire Jack Morris (Wilson) and under the direction of Dr. Minway Zhang (Winston Chao), are trying to dive below the "floor" of the Mariana Trench, long thought to be the deepest part of Earth's oceans; which they theorize is actually a layer of freezing, cloudy water called a "thermocline" (no relation).

Sending down a research sub with Taylor's ex-wife Lori (Jessica McNamee) at the helm, and scientists Toshi (Masi Oka, who notably played the hero "Hiro" in the TV show "Heroes") and "The Wall" (Olafur Darri Olafsson) on board. Turns out their theory was right, and the ocean has a basement (or perhaps a crawl space) where all kinds of freaky critters float around. One of them is huge and hungry, and starts bashing the little submarine around, disabling it. Before the communications go dead, Lori yells "Jonas was right!"

Her words prompt those above to go find Taylor, who's nominally making a living as a charter fishing boat owner in Thailand, but in reality spends most of his time drinking in a local bar. He's sworn off diving because nobody believed the research sub where he lost the two scientists was being attacked by a giant shark, but when he hears his ex-wife is in danger, he reluctantly springs back into action.

Meanwhile, when the Mana One research sub's

crew manages to get the lights back on, prompting more attacks from the monster of the deep, Zhang's daughter Suyin Zhang (Li Bingbing) leaves her young daughter Meiying (Shuya Sophia Cai) on Mana One, and takes a rescue sub down solo to try to rescue them.

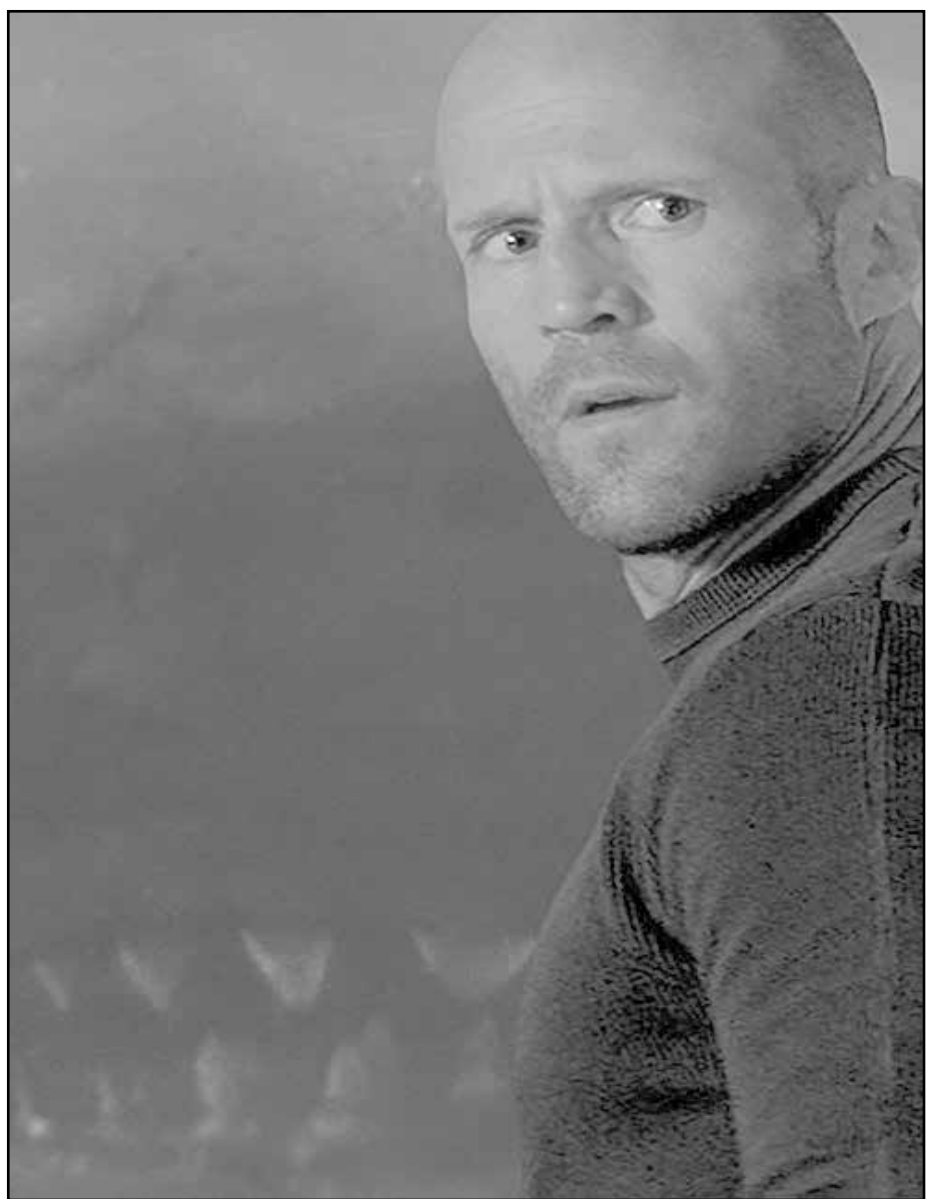
Minutes later, Taylor and the rest of the gang arrive on Mana One, and Taylor hops in another sub to go rescue everyone involved.

I'll stop the narrative there. Other actors include Ruby Rose as Mana One techie Jaxx Herd; "Fear the Walking Dead"'s Cliff Curtis as scientist James "Mac" Mackreides; Page Kennedy as scientist D.J.; and Robert Taylor as Mana One's doctor - and one of the original scientists Jonas rescued, but who still blames him for the deaths of the two who were lost.

So, when it comes right down to it, "The Meg" is just "Jaws" on steroids. It's tagline could be "You're gonna need a bigger...ocean." Instead of a big shark, there's a big megalodon. Instead of a sleepy little seaside village, there's an enormous crowded Chinese beach jam-packed with swimmers. Instead of a fishing boat, there's a research facility with access to ships, helicopters, and submarines. And, last but not least, instead of small-town cop Roy Scheider, there's...well, there's Jason Statham.

In another light, "The Meg" is similar in a way to 2013's "Sharknado"; instead of whipping a bunch of sharks into a cyclonic death blender, it ramps one shark up to King Kong proportions.

It's not bad. There are some silly moments, but you knew that going in, right? Little Meiying is cute as a button, and the budding romance between Taylor and Suyin is fun to watch, with its verbal play between the two characters. Wilson's Morris is delightfully unsympathetic and when he gets eaten (spoiler - he gets eaten), the audience in the theater almost cheered. It didn't, but one could feel the energy of a cheer without the sound.



It's not great cinema, but it was a fun watch. Six and a half stars out of 10.

The Meg

Director: John Turteltaub

Writer: Screenplay by Dean Georgaris, Jon Hoeber, and Erich Hoeber; based on "Meg: A Novel of Deep Terror" by Steve Alten.

Production companies: Warner Bros. Pictures, Gravity Pictures, Flagship Entertainment, Apelles Entertainment, Di Bonaventura Pictures, Maeday Productions

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Roger saw this movie at Big Spring's own Cinemark Cinema 4, located inside the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. For more information visit www.cinemark.com and enter the ZIP code 79720.

Fox's Laura Ingraham: I wasn't talking about race

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel's Laura Ingraham is disavowing the support of white nationalists and claims her views about the nation's demographic changes have been distorted, although that hasn't quieted critics who see bigotry in her words.

Her commentary this week leading into the one-year anniversary of a white nationalist demonstration that turned violent in Charlottesville, Virginia, has also drawn attention to how Fox speaks to an audience that is overwhelmingly white.

Ingraham said on Wednesday that "in major parts of the country, it does seem that the America we know and love doesn't exist anymore. Massive demographic changes have been foisted on the American people and they're changes that none of us ever voted for and most of us don't like."

As she spoke, film on the screen behind her depicted people scaling what appeared to be a giant border wall or slipping under a fence.

Shortly after, former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke tweeted a link to what she said, calling it "one of the most important (truthful) monologues in the history of MSM." He later deleted the tweet.

Ingraham said toward the end of Wednesday's commentary that she was not talking about race and ethnicity, and complained a night later that the disclaimer was being missed.

On Thursday, she said she had "a message to those who are distorting my views, including all white nationalists and especially one racist freak whose name I won't even mention, you don't represent my views and you are antithetical to the beliefs I hold dear."

Instead of race, she said she was talking about "a shared sense of keeping American safe and her citizens safe and prosperous."

"I want to make it really clear," she said. "My concern will remain with the families who have suffered from the tragic results of illegal immigration."

Still, MSNBC's Mika Brzezinski called it a "white supremacist speech" on Friday. CNN's Van Jones said that in discussing "demographic changes," Ingraham was clearly talking about race and ethnicity.

"You dropped the dog whistle," Jones said on CNN. "You went with the megaphone. Now you're trying to pick up the dog whistle again. It's not going to work."

Fox management has said nothing about Ingra-

ham's remarks, and a spokeswoman said Friday that the network's top executive, Suzanne Scott, was not immediately available for an interview.

Earlier this year, Scott told producers of Fox shows to do a better job keeping their on-air hosts and guests in line following a spate of controversial or offensive comments. It's not clear if she considers Ingraham's commentary in the same vein.

With a prime-time lineup of Tucker Carlson, Sean Hannity and Ingraham, Fox has positioned itself to appeal to supporters of President Donald Trump, and frequently runs Trump's campaign rallies in full. The audience at Trump rallies is primarily white, and so it is for Fox: on average, its prime-time audience this year is 91 percent white and non-Hispanic, the Nielsen company said. MSNBC's audience is 69 percent white and CNN's is 57 percent, Nielsen said.

Ingraham's commentary could have business implications among some advertisers who are already skittish about her since she tweeted about Florida school shooting survivor David Hogg whining about being rejected from colleges. Hogg, who has become a gun control activist, responded by calling on advertisers to boycott her show.

Her program averaged 37 paid advertisements in March but was down to 15 in July, according to Media Matters for America, a liberal Fox News critic that monitors its programming.

Meanwhile, her viewership was up nearly 10 percent between the first three months of the year and the second three months, Nielsen said.

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Representatives with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce present a "Thank you" banner to employees of Big Spring's Prosperity Bank, 1411 S. Gregg St.

Tech giants still stumbling in the social world they created



AP photo

This photo combo of images shows, clockwise, from upper left: a Google sign, and apps for Twitter, Spotify and Facebook. YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, Spotify and other sites are finding themselves in a role they never wanted, as gatekeepers of discourse on their platforms, deciding what should and shouldn't be allowed and often angering almost everyone in the process.

By BARBARA ORTUTAY

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Who knew connecting the world could get so complicated? Perhaps some of technology's brightest minds should have seen that coming.

Social media bans of conspiracy theorist Alex Jones have thrust Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and others into a role they never wanted — as gatekeepers of discourse on their platforms, deciding what should and shouldn't be allowed and often angering almost everyone in the process. Jones, a right-wing provocateur, suddenly found himself banned from most major social platforms this week, after years in which he was free to use them to promulgate a variety of false claims.

Twitter, which one of its executives once called the "free speech wing of the free speech party," remains a lonely holdout on Jones. The resulting backlash suggests that no matter what the tech companies do, "there is no way they can please everyone," as Scott Shackelford, a business law and ethics professor at Indiana University, observed.

Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, Twitter's Jack Dorsey and crew, and Google's stewards of YouTube gave little thought to such consequences as they built their empires with lofty goals to connect the world and democratize discourse. At the time, they were the rebels aiming to bypass the

stodgy old gatekeepers — newspaper editors, television programmers and other establishment types — and let people talk directly to one another.

"If you go back a decade or so, the whole idea of speech on social media was seen as highly positive light," said Tim Cigelske, who teaches social media at Marquette University in Wisconsin. There was the Arab Spring. There were stories of gay, lesbian and transgender teens from small towns finding support online.

At the same time, of course, the companies were racing to build the largest audiences possible, slice and dice their user data and make big profits by turning that information into lucrative targeted advertisements.

The dark side of untrammelled discourse, the thinking went, would sort itself out as online communities moderated themselves, aided by fast-evolving computer algorithms and, eventually, artificial intelligence.

"They scaled, they built, they wanted to drive revenue as well as user base," said technology analyst Tim Bajarin, president of consultancy Creative Strategies. "That was priority one and controlling content was priority two. It should have been the other way around."

That all got dicier once the election of President Donald Trump focused new attention on fake news and organized misinformation campaigns — not to mention

the fact that some of the people grabbing these new social-media megaphones were wild conspiracy theorists who falsely call mass shootings hoaxes, white nationalists who organize violent rallies and men who threaten women with rape and murder.

While the platforms may not have anticipated the influx of hate speech and meddling from foreign powers like Russia, North Korea and China, Bajarin said, they should have acted more quickly once they found it. "The fact is we're dealing with a brave new world that they've allowed to happen, and they need to take more control to keep it from spreading," he said.

That's easier said than done, of course. But it's particularly difficult for huge tech companies to balance public goods such as free speech with the need to protect their users from harassment, abuse, fake news and manipulation. Especially given that their business models require them to alienate as few of their users as possible, lest they put the flood of advertising money at risk.

"Trying to piece together a framework for speech that works for everyone — and making sure we effectively enforce that framework — is challenging," wrote Richard Allan, Facebook's vice president of policy, in a blog post Thursday. "Every policy we have is grounded in three core

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US budget deficit totals \$76.9 billion in July



This March 5, 2018, file photo shows the East Front of the U.S. Capitol at sunset in Washington. On Friday, Aug. 10, the Treasury Department releases federal budget data for July.

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government racked up a \$76.9 billion deficit in July, with increased government spending and tax cuts keeping the country on track to record its biggest annual deficit in six years.

The Treasury Department reported Friday that in the first 10 months of this budget

year, the deficit totaled \$684 billion, up 20.8 percent from the same period last year.

Revenues are up only 1 percent this year, the increase held back by a big drop in corporate tax payments. Spending is up 4.4 percent, reflecting a big boost Congress approved earlier this year for domestic and military programs and the rising costs of financing the debt.

The Trump administration last month sharply revised

upward its deficit estimates, projecting annual deficits will once again top \$1 trillion next year.

For the current budget year, which ends Sept. 30, the administration is now projecting a deficit of \$890 billion. That would be up 33.7 percent from last year's deficit of \$665.8 billion.

The administration's July estimates project that the deficit will top \$1 trillion in 2019, climbing to \$1.1 trillion

that year, and remaining above \$1 trillion for three years.

The only other period when the federal government ran deficits above \$1 trillion was for four years from 2009 through 2011. That's when the Obama administration was using tax cuts and increased spending, along with support for the banking system, to combat the 2008 financial crisis and Great Recession, the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

President Donald Trump succeeded in getting Congress in

December to pass a tax cut of \$1.5 trillion over the next decade, fulfilling a longtime Republican goal of cutting the corporate tax rate. It reduced the rate from 35 to 21 percent although most corporations had used various methods to reduce the actual rate they paid under the previous law to below the 35 percent figure.

Friday's monthly budget report showed that over the past 10 months, corporate

taxes are down 20 percent — \$55 billion — from the same period a year ago.

The December tax legislation also cut individual taxes although Democrats have said most of that benefit will be seen by the wealthiest taxpayers. So far this year, individual tax receipts are up 2 percent as a result of more people working as unemployment continues to fall.

Through the first 10 months of this year, revenues have totaled \$2.77 trillion while spending has totaled \$3.45 trillion, both record amounts for the first 10 months of a budget year.

The increases in spending for the 10-month period included \$36 billion more for Social Security and \$26 billion more for Medicare, the government's two biggest benefit programs, reflecting rising costs as the baby boomer generation retires. Defense spending was up \$27 billion.

Interest on the national debt was up \$50 billion. Half that amount went to the higher payments Treasury is making on securities that guard against increases in inflation, and the other half reflecting rising interest rates and a growing amount of debt that must be financed.

The \$76.9 billion deficit for the month of July compared to a deficit of \$42.9 billion in July 2017. The government has run a deficit in July in 62 of the past 64 years.

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principles: giving people a voice, keeping people safe, and treating people equitably. The frustrations we hear about our policies — outside and internally as well — come from the inevitable tension between these three principles."

Such tensions force some of the largest corporations in the world to decide, for instance, if banning Nazis also means banning white nationalists — and to figure out how to tell them apart if not. Or whether kicking off Jones means they need to

ban all purveyors of false conspiracy theories. Or whether racist comments should be allowed if they are posted, to make a point, by the people who received them.

"I don't think the platforms in their heart of hearts would like to keep Alex Jones on," said Nathaniel Persily, a professor at Stanford Law School. "But it's difficult to come up with a principle to say why Alex Jones and not others would be removed."

While most companies have policies against "hate speech," defining what constitutes hate speech can be difficult, he added. Even governments have trouble with it. One country's free speech is another country's hate speech, punishable by jail time.

Facebook, Twitter, Google, Reddit and others face these questions millions of times a day, as human moderators and algorithms decide which posts, which people, which photos or videos to allow, to kick off or simply make less visible and harder to find. If they allow too much harmful content, they risk losing users and advertisers. If they go too far and remove too much, they face charges of censorship and ideological bias.

"My sense is that they are throwing everything at the wall and seeing what sticks," Persily said. "It's a whack-a-mole problem. It's not the same threats that are continuing, and they have to be nimble enough to deal with new problems."

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- Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd., Apt. #28, Big Spring
- Marie Minnie Wilson, 307 E 4th, For-san, Texas
- Marriage Licenses
- Angela Ruth Slaughter, 39, and Quito Allen Swor, 24, both of Silsbee, Texas.
- Deveron Michael McKelvey, 24, and Anyssa Desiree Garcia, 24, both of Lubbock.
- Corey Craig Norris, 28, and Mischa Marie Willard, 26, both of Big Spring.
- Andres Leyte Martinez, 71, and Laura Patricia Ramirez Hernandez, 46, both of Mexico.
- Justin Oscar Solis, 28, and Sandy Michelle Bermea, 27, both of Big Spring.
- John Caleb McMahon, 25, and Juliette

- Alvarez, 22, both of Big Spring.
- Timothy Thomas Childers, 57, and Sheryl Tucker, 64, both of Big Spring.
- Roberto M. Nyabira, 26, and Lilian Kerubo Okeri, 25, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings

- Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC
- Respondent: John M Granados
- Type of Case: Contract-consumer
- Date: Aug. 2, 2018
- Plaintiff: Security Credit Services, LLC
- Respondent: Erika Galvan
- Type of Case: Contract-consumer
- Date: Aug. 2, 2018
- Plaintiff: Bank of America, N.A
- Respondent: Bakulbhal K. Patel
- Type of Case: Contract-consumer
- Date: Aug. 2, 2018

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Turkish turmoil knocks US and European stocks lower



Trader Michael Capolino works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Aug. 10, 2018. Stocks are opening moderately lower on Wall Street following steeper losses in Europe, where investors worried about a sharp drop in Turkey's currency.

By **MARLEY JAY**

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks in the U.S. and Europe skidded Friday as investors worried about the financial stability of Turkey and how it might affect the global banking system.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has accumulated more and more control over the country's central bank as well as its financial system, which is now run by his son-in-law. Its currency is plunging and Turkey is also in a diplomatic spat with the U.S., a major trading partner.

Alex Dryden, global markets strategist for JPMorgan Asset Management, said Erdogan showed no signs of changing course Friday, and investors are losing hope that Turkey's government has the knowledge or independence needed to deal with the country's financial problems.

"There was some hope that maybe they'd step back from the brink and you'd see a re-establishment of central bank independence," he said.

While Dryden and other analysts say Turkey's problems aren't a major risk to the financial system, investors didn't wait to find out Friday.

They sold stocks and bought U.S. dollars and government bonds. The bond purchases sent interest rates lower, which hurt banks. The dollar got stronger, partly because the Turkish lira nosedived, and major exporters like technology, basic materials and industrial companies sank.

The S&P 500 slid 20.30 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,833.28. That was its worst loss in a month and ended a five-week winning streak for the index by wiping out its gains from earlier this week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 196.09 points, or 0.8 percent,

to 25,313.14. The Nasdaq composite sank 52.67 points, or 0.7 percent, to 7,839.11. It had risen for eight days in a row.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks took a smaller loss of 4.08 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,686.80. The companies in that index are less reliant on exports, and the stronger dollar makes their imports less costly.

Investors are concerned about Erdogan's economic views. He says higher interest rates lead to higher inflation, the opposite of what standard economic theory says. As a result he's pushed Turkey's central bank to keep interest rates low, threatening its independence and preventing it from shoring up the lira.

The U.S. is the biggest importer of Turkish steel, and on Friday President Donald Trump said he will authorize higher tariffs on steel and aluminum from Turkey, a NATO ally. That sent the lira down even further. It's down 40 percent this year against the dollar.

The U.S. sanctions come after Turkey arrested an American pastor and put him on trial for espionage and terror-related charges.

The weakening lira has been pushing up the cost of goods for Turkish people and has damaged international investors' confidence in the country. Since some of Turkey's debt is in dollars, it's also making the country's financial situation worse.

European banks fell sharply. The U.S.-listed shares of Germany's Deutsche Bank lost 4.7 percent to \$11.82 and Spanish Banco Santander fell 4.7 percent to \$5.19.

Dryden, of JPMorgan Asset Management, said Erdogan has replaced independent advisers and leaders with relatives and supporters and set off a "gradual process of eroding economic credibility among financial and economic institutions."

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Appeals court tells EPA to stop sales of harmful pesticide

By **MICHAEL BIESECKER**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has ruled that the Trump administration endangered public health by keeping a widely used pesticide on the market despite extensive scientific evidence that even tiny levels of exposure can harm babies' brains.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco on Thursday ordered the Environmental Protection Agency to remove chlorpyrifos from sale in the United States within 60 days.

A coalition of farmworkers and environmental groups sued last year after then-EPA chief Scott Pruitt reversed an Obama-era effort to ban chlorpyrifos, which is widely sprayed on citrus fruit, apples and other crops. The attorneys general for several states including California, New York and Massachusetts joined the case against EPA.

In a split decision, the court said Thursday that Pruitt, a Republican forced to resign earlier this

summer amid ethics scandals, violated federal law by ignoring the conclusions of agency scientists that chlorpyrifos is harmful.

"The panel held that there was no justification for the EPA's decision in its 2017 order to maintain a tolerance for chlorpyrifos in the face of scientific evidence that its residue on food causes neurodevelopmental damage to children," Judge Jed S. Rakoff wrote in the court's opinion.

Michael Abboud, spokesman for acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, said the agency was reviewing the decision, but it had been unable to "fully evaluate the pesticide using the best available, transparent science."

EPA could potentially appeal to the Supreme Court since one member of the three-judge panel dissented from the majority ruling.

Environmental groups and public health advocates celebrated the court's action as a major success.

"Some things are too sacred to play politics with, and our kids top the list," said Erik Olson, senior

director of health and food at the Natural Resources Defense Council. "The court has made it clear that children's health must come before powerful polluters. This is a victory for parents everywhere who want to feed their kids fruits and veggies without fear it's harming their brains or poisoning communities."

The attorneys general of California and New York also claimed victory.

"This is one more example of how then-EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt skirted the law and endangered the health of our children — in this case, all because he refused to curb pesticide levels found in food," Attorney General Xavier Becerra of California said in a statement.

Chlorpyrifos was created by Dow Chemical Co. in the 1960s. It remains among the most widely used agricultural pesticides in the United States, with the chemical giant selling about 5 million pounds domestically each year through its subsidiary Dow

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Plaintiff: Tisha Burnett
Respondent: Keith Burnett
Type of Case: Divorce
Date: Aug. 2, 2018

Plaintiff: Ditech Financial LLC
Respondent: Kevin Matthews, Occupant of the Property
Type of Case: Contract-consumer
Date: Aug. 3, 2018

Plaintiff: Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC
Respondent: Larry Garcia
Type of Case: Contract-consumer
Date: Aug. 3, 2018

Plaintiff: LVNV Funding, LLC
Respondent: Josephine Ochoa
Type of Case: Contract-consumer
Date: Aug. 3, 2018

Plaintiff: Ira Thompson Jr.
Respondent: Scandrill, Inc.
Type of Case: Injury/Damage-other Injury or damage
Date: Aug. 3, 2018

Plaintiff: Ally Bank
Respondent: Richard J Grant
Type of Case: Contract-consumer
Date: Aug. 6, 2018

Plaintiff: My Community Credit Union
Respondent: Samantha Brehm
Type of Case: Contract-consumer
Date: Aug. 8, 2018

Plaintiff: My Community Credit Union

Respondent: Brandi Hutcheson
Type of Case: Contract-consumer
Date: Aug. 8, 2018

Plaintiff: Seminole Pipeline Company LLC
Respondent: Caldwell Family Ranches LLC
Type of Case: Eminent Domain
Date: Aug. 8, 2018

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

Defendant: Michael Marquez
Offense: Criminal trespass
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 in court cost, 20 days in jail.
Date: June 13, 2018

Defendant: Edgar Bustamante-Silva
Offense: Theft of property in between \$100 to \$750.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 in court cost, 20 days in jail.
Date: June 13, 2018

Defendant: Tristian R. Galloway
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$267 court cost, 20 days in jail
Date: June 25, 2018

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Undersigned Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC
Grantee: Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Property: Being all of lot number 11 and 12, in block number 2, Belvue Addition to

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Date: July 30, 2018

Grantor: Buddie D Hasty and Paula K Hasty
Grantee: Kerr Management
Property: Being all of lot number 30-B in block number 5, Replat of Capehart Addition
Date: July 30, 2018

Grantor: Beall Land, LLC

Grantee: J. Hopper Homes, Inc.
Property: Lot number 4, block A, Section 1, Stone Creek Subdivision an addition to the City of Big Spring.
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Grantee: Crossroads Baptist Church
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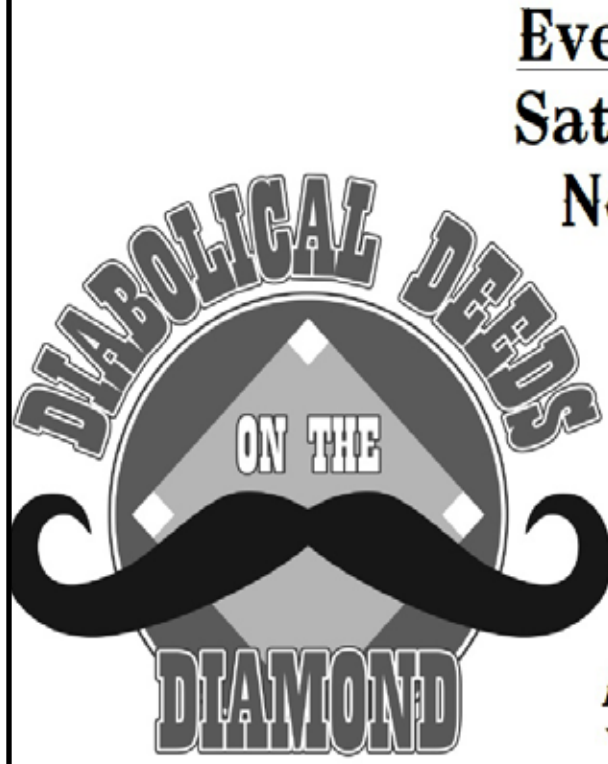
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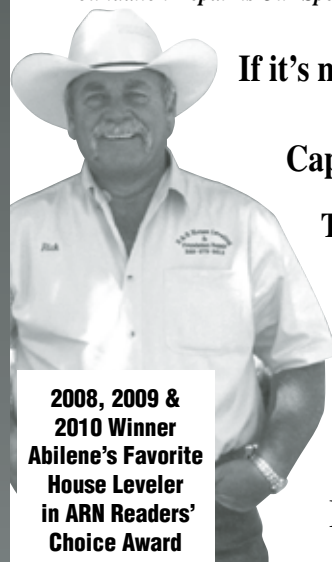


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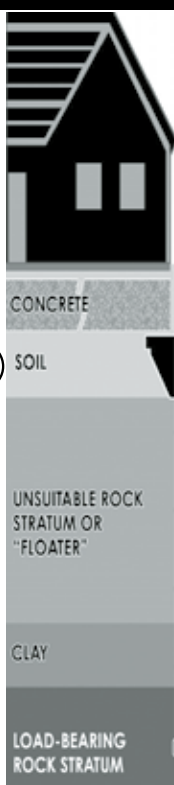
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THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF DR DOROTHY G. PURGUSON, DECEASED, P-14828 COUNTY COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

Rebecca Suzanne Smith

Filed in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, on August 09, 2018, an application for Letters of Independent Administration upon the estate of Dorothy G. Purgason, Deceased.

Said application will be heard and acted on by said Court at 10 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of posting this citation, the same being the August 20, 2018 in County Courthouse in Big Spring, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and place by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

The officer executing this citation shall post the copy of this citation at the courthouse door of the county in which this proceeding is pending, or at the place in or near said courthouse where public notices customarily are posted, for not less than 10 days before the return day thereof, exclusive of the date of posting and return the original copy of this citation to the clerk stating in a written return thereon the time when and the place where he posted such copy.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF SAID COURT at office in Big Spring, Texas, on this August 09, 2018.

BRENT ZITTERKOPF
Clerk of the County Court,
Howard County, Texas

By Cyndi Morris
Deputy Clerk

#9843 August 12, 2018



CITY OF BIG SPRING
PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 5:30 PM, the City of Big Spring Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th St. to consider recommendation for approval of the following, all located in Big Spring, Howard County, TX:

Zone change (Z18-04) from Heavy Industrial (HI) to General Residential (GR) at 912, 914 & 916 N. Ohio St., located approximately 340' NE of intersection of Ohio and NW. 9th Sts. Specifically, Lots 12, 14 & 16, Bk 1, North Park Addn.

Specific Use Permit (SUP18-01) to allow a microbrewery in a Retail (R) zoning district at 1400 & 1404 Scurry St. near the SW intersection of Scurry & 14th Sts. Specifically, Lots 10-12, Bk 11 of McDowell Heights Addn.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will forward their recommendation for the zone change and SUP to the Big Spring City Council for Public Hearings to be held Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. and Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 5:30PM in the City Council Chambers at 307 E. 4th St.

#9841 August 12, 2018

Public Notice

NOTA LEGAL/DE PUBLICA
La Notificación Pública de No Discriminación en la Carrera y el Programa Tecnología dentro del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring ofrece la carrera y los programas de la educación de la tecnología en la Educación de la Agricultura, en la Economía de Consumidor y Familia, en el Comercio y la Educación Industrial, en la Carrera de la Educación del Negocio de Preperación, y en la Educación Industrial de la Tecnología. La admisión a estos programas se basa en el interés, la aptitud, la conveniencia de la edad, y la espaciosa del clase disponible.

Es la política del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring de no discriminar a base de raza, de color, de origen nacional, o sexo, ni a base la desventaja en sus programas de la carrera y la tecnología, en los servicios, o en las actividades como requerido por el Título VI del Acto Civil de Derechos de 1964, cuando enmendado; el Título IX de las Enmiendas de la Educación de 1972; y la Sección 504 del Acto de Rehabilitación de 1973, cuando enmendado.

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El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring tomará los pasos para asegurar esa falta de habilidades del idioma ingles no será una barrera a la admisión y la participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para información acerca de sus procedimientos de derechos o queja, contacte al Coordinador del Título IX George Bancroft, Suprendidente Ayudante, o Michelle Grigg, Coordinador de la Sección 504, en las Oficinas Administrativas del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring, en lugar 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, el número de teléfono (432)264-3600.

#9838 August 12 & 19, 2018

Notice of Abandoned or Unclaimed Property;

As required by Art. 18.17 Code of Criminal Procedures; the Big Spring Police Department Identification Division (3613 W. Hwy. 80 Big Spring Texas 79720) is currently in possession of one **Red Iron Tongs for the Oil field**. The owner of this property is not known. If the owner of the property does not claim such property within 90 days from the date of this publication such property will be disposed of and the proceeds, after the deduction of the reasonable expense of keeping such property and the costs of the disposition of this property, will be placed in the treasury of the municipality or county disposing of the property. If you are the owner of this property and can provide specific identifying information regarding this property you are encouraged to contact the Big Spring Police Department Identification Division at (432)264-2571 or (432)264-2576

#9832 August 12

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR INJECTION WELL PERMIT

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION COMPANY, LLC, 200 N. LORRAINE, SUITE 530, MIDLAND, TEXAS is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, in the Glasscock, Howard, W. (G-S) Unit Well

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Number 1614U & 1614L. The well is located 14 miles Northeast from Garden City, TX in the Howard Glasscock (Consolidated) field. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2000' to 2600' in Glasscock County, Texas.

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

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone (512) 463-6792).

#9842 August 12, 2018

CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed proposals on the following date/time for the purchase of the items/services listed below:

Date/Time: Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., for the following:

- RFP # 18-023 Sale of approximately 89.4 Acres in the N. 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, Block 33 1N, City of Big Spring

Proposals are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Proposal information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All proposals must be marked with the date of the proposals and a general description of the proposal item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities.

#9839 August 12, 19, 26 & September 2, 2018

Notificación Publica de No Discriminación en Programas de Educación Técnica y Vocacional

Forsan ISD ofrece programas de educación técnica y vocacional en Familia y Consumidores, Tecnología, Negocios, Construcción, y Agricultura. La admisión a estos programas se basa en el grado escolar, apropiado para su edad, interes, clase disponible, y aptitude. Es norma de Forsan ISD no discriminar en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, tal como lo requieren el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación de

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Forsan ISD tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso del inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales. Para información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos de quejas, comuníquese con el Coordinador del Título IX en hcarter@forsan.esc18.net, teléfono: 432-457-0091 y/o el Coordinador de la Sección 504 en rsjohnso@forsan.esc18.net, teléfono: 432-457-2223.

More information can be found at <https://tea.texas.gov/si/MOA/>

#9836 August 12, 2018

Real Estate for Rent

1746 Purdue. 3BDR 1Bath, 1 car garage. CH/CA, tile floors, two living areas. \$1195/month, \$900 deposit. 432.816.1255

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Real Estate for Sale

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, August 12
1pm - 3pm
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0313301 DATE OF ISUANCE: Aug 2, 2018Status/Permit No. 840424 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 6, 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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SABALO OPERATING, LLC, [RRC Operator No. 741939] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 37, Bk. 32 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-281, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 12.1 miles SE direction from VEALMOOR, Texas. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hear-

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ing 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.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Sep 6, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below: FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Lease/Unit Name: JOSEPHINE 37-36 Lease/Unit Well No.: 1AH Lease/Unit Acres: 640.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft): 100.0 Lease Lines: 305.0 FSL, 2368.0 FWL Survey Lines: 305.0 FSL, 2368.0 FWL Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal Lateral: TH1 Penetration Point Location Lease Lines: 305.0 F S L 2368.0 F W L Terminus Location BH County: HOWARD Section: 36 Block: 32 T2N Abstract: 620 Survey: T&P RR CO/CLINTON, C A Lease Lines: 100.0 F N L 330.0 F W L Survey Lines: 100.0 F N L 2312.0 F E L Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 330/0, 80.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 9000 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Shelly Carrigan, at (361)8887708, x6015.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0313300 DATE OF ISUANCE: Aug 2, 2018Status/Permit No. 840426 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Sep 6, 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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By Steve Becker

Lay that pistol down

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
1NT Pass 3NT
Opening lead — six of spades.

If someone is aiming a gun at your head, it is a good idea — as a matter of self-preservation — to disarm him if you can safely do so. An analogous situation arises at the bridge table when a particular opponent threatens your chances of making the contract. In such a circumstance, you should do whatever you can to eliminate the threat. Take this case where you are in three notrump and West leads a spade. You win East's jack with the queen, and it is obvious that the contract is

ice-cold if West has the king of diamonds. In that case, repeated fineses will overcome the king, and you will finish with 11 or 12 tricks. But if you start out by attacking diamonds and East has the king, there is a real danger that a spade return will ultimately do you in. This could easily happen if West started with five or six spades and the ace of hearts. Once you recognize the threat posed by West, it is not difficult to find the appropriate countermeasure. So at trick two you lead the queen or jack of hearts instead of attacking diamonds. This play virtually eliminates all chance of going down. If West has the ace and takes it, you plan to duck his spade return and win the next one. Now when you take the diamond finesse, you are on safe ground. If the finesse loses, East will either not have a spade to lead (because West started with at least five of them), or East will have a spade to lead (because the spades were originally divided 4-4). Similarly, if East has the ace of hearts and takes it, you duck his spade return before trying the diamond finesse. Either way, the contract is secured by leading a heart first, effectively disarming West by removing the pistol — the ace of hearts — from his possession before he has a chance to use it against you.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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1	8	5	2	4	9	7	6	3
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Mars Returns to Capricorn

Mars, traveling retrograde, backs into Capricorn today, beginning a powerful cycle of opportunity -- to learn, to strategize, to, after many failed attempts, get it right at last. Today is only the start. Most likely, this will manifest in a focus on a certain goal that has yet to be realized and a few ideas about what to do differently the next time around.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life's routines are so much sweeter when you're doing them around people you enjoy. Today you'll appreciate the interesting point of view that others bring to daily life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You equate rest with laziness, but it's not that, not at all. Really big things are happening when you rest. It's your moment for recovery, renewal, regeneration.

GEMINI (May

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



21-June 21). Your outreach is kind. You assume the best of others. Kindred souls will come into your world to share what they can and give you company and entertainment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are those who profess to have deeply held principles, yet they abandon them for a more pleasurable or lucrative opportunity. You're honorable. Surround yourself with the honorable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Something you romanticized about last year will

come to fruition in the days to come.

Stay awake, aware and diligent, even if your diligence is in your own health and rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You are concerned with what's right, not with winning social Brownie points. That's why your choices may cause feathers to ruffle. But better ruffled feathers than false friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

This is a beautiful moment. What you're looking for is trying to find you, too. Things like this don't happen every day, yet you still have to keep your cool to pull this off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

The feeling you'll have when a friend reaches out to you in the moment you need it most is eclipsed only by the feeling you give when you're the one

who reaches out to a friend in the moment of need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You're a skilled diplomat who knows that getting a person's hopes up is not nice. Not only is it not nice but it's the work of a novice. You'll expertly arrange the expectations of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You are the egalitarian of the zodiac today. You sincerely don't think that your work or station is any better or less than that of any other person on earth, and for that you'll be rewarded with a wider range of knowledge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You're noticing, and therefore you'll see more that's wrong and more that's right and more that you can't explain or understand. Do not let your awareness confuse you. Take notes without judgment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

There's a tone to strike today between mysterious and accessible. Hitting the right note will get you access to treats and delights without the encumbrance of weighty commitment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 12).

You know what you want, and your will is so strong this solar return that it would take a very nifty person to oppose you. You'll override any who dare. Your confidence will attract supporters. A variety of unrelated events will lead to fortuitous relationships and deals and a major win for your finances and your family. Sagittarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 11, 12 and 5.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Traveling retrograde, Mars will now back into Capricorn, a place where the warrior planet displays his strength and skill. Capricorn is symbolized by the

leaping goat, a creature uniquely evolved to manage mountainous terrain that would be dangerous and deadly for the less adapted. The goat is compelled to get to the top of the mountain, where it will have less competition from other creatures for resources and where it will have the highest, loveliest vantage. Capricorn is similarly driven by hunger, ambition and a sense of destiny, to rise to the highest level in any endeavor that Capricorn finds currently relevant.

This week will be marked by the ambition of the goat, but because Mars is retrograde, the omens suggest that many will face a situation they have already attempted to master or conquer. The upcoming week will be a chance to review what went wrong and right on the past attempts and to employ new tools, teachers and information to make a new plan.

Hard-won victory is ever more satisfying and meaningful than easy spoils. This week will present the chance to be tenacious. Persist!

CELEBRITY PROFILES:

Casey Affleck will be playing a great explorer of the West, Meriweather Lewis, in the television miniseries "Lewis and Clark," though first he'll be chasing down Robert Redford in "The Old Man & the Gun." Affleck was born under an entertaining Leo sun. A mysterious and private Scorpio moon lends intensity to his natal chart and to his on-screen presence.

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Broadcast network shuttered in 2006
 - 6 Find fault with
 - 10 Robin's flapper
 - 14 Where some kites fly to
 - 15 See 13 Down
 - 16 Commissioned concert piece
 - 17 Big name in little cubes
 - 18 Allowing no peace
 - 20 Zollverein Coal Mine city
 - 21 Withdraw, with "off"
 - 22 Discovery... of Kentucke subject (1784)
 - 23 Unfixable, as some software errors
 - 25 Was afoot
 - 26 Inspiration for some wishes
 - 30 Minor misstatement
 - 31 Purposeful drift
 - 35 List leader
 - 36 Site of sand-locked ships cited by Gore
 - 38 Certain baking success
 - 39 Melodic embellishments
 - 41 Professor pleaser
 - 42 Frank request
 - 46 Keep from whining, say
 - 47 Japanese lager
 - 48 56 Across, in Acapulco
 - 49 ___ of Versailles (Louvre hunter statue)
 - 53 AncestryDNA enclosure
 - 55 Poked, perhaps
 - 56 Elementary irregular verb

- 57 What John won a Tony for
 - 58 Coming soon
 - 59 "Gin!," essentially
 - 60 E-commerce input format
 - 61 Reverses, palindromically
- DOWN**
- 1 Interpretation, so to speak
 - 2 Many pheasants
 - 3 Freud's life force, from the Greek
 - 4 Common lens holder
 - 5 Name on the Last Emperor director Oscar
 - 6 Swing period
 - 7 Earthworm, for instance
 - 8 Illustration atop deere.com
 - 9 A question of form

- 10 Generally accepted standards
- 11 Part of a newbie's learning curve
- 12 Fixture at a Tchaikovsky Competition
- 13 With 15 Across, depleted
- 19 Snorted retort
- 24 Jamming
- 25 It's a fare question
- 26 Reaction to a nonconformist
- 27 French director who inspired Spielberg for The Terminal
- 28 Father of the Amazons
- 29 Amazon Park near Juneau
- 31 Short-term illuminator

- 32 What two dots may mean
- 33 Pundit, aspirationally
- 34 Saddle (with)
- 37 Query that may precede a flash
- 40 Earlier
- 41 No-wait, in brand names
- 42 Exemplars of water conservation
- 43 Put on ___
- 44 Noncontact punching procedure
- 45 Metallic look
- 48 Have a reeling feeling
- 50 Literary surname that sounds like two letters
- 51 Swell
- 52 Swells to stock
- 54 Eagle mascot of the last L.A. Olympics

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Tech billionaire Henry Nicholas facing drug counts in Vegas



Nicholas

By REGINA GARCIA CANO

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tech billionaire and advocate of crime victims Henry T. Nicholas III is facing drug counts after being arrested along

with a woman Tuesday at a Las Vegas Strip casino-resort.

Nicholas was arrested on suspicion of trafficking heroin, cocaine, meth and ecstasy, Las Vegas police officer Larry Hadfield said Thursday. He added police responded to the casino-resort following a report from security, which had found contraband in a room.

Nicholas' attorney, David Chesnoff, told The Associated Press his team is doing its own investigation and will "deal with the facts in court." Court records show Nicholas has been released on his own recognizance.

Nicholas co-founded high-tech chipmaker Broadcom Corp. in 1991 and resigned as president and CEO in 2003. In 2008, he was indicted on narcotics and securities fraud charges. The charges in the securities case were dismissed in 2009 and the narcotics case in 2010.

The billionaire is an advocate for crime victims and has bankrolled bal-

lot measures in the U.S. to guarantee them and their family members some rights. The so-called "Marsy's Law" victims' bill of rights is named after Nicholas' sister, Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, a California college student who was stalked and killed in 1983 by an ex-boyfriend.

Five states — California, Ohio, Illinois, North Dakota and South Dakota — have a Marsy's Law on their books. South Dakota altered its law earlier this year to help police and prosecutors cut down on unforeseen bureaucratic problems it created. Montana voters passed a Marsy's Law in 2016 that the state Supreme Court later overturned, citing flaws in how it was written.

The Marsy's Law national organization in a statement released Thursday said its cause is "far greater than any one person."

"The allegations in the media should not interfere with Marsy's Law, the victims rights movement started by

Dr. Nicholas, that so many victims, advocates, law enforcement leaders, staff and volunteers are working to advance across the country," the organization said.

In Nevada, Marsy's Law will appear on the ballot in November as a legislatively referred constitutional amendment, after the measure was approved during the 2015 and 2017 legislative sessions, as required by law. Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt, Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo and Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson have previously endorsed the measure.

Henry Nicholas was arrested along with Ashley Fargo on Tuesday. Hadfield said she faces the same counts as Nicholas. Court records show she has also been released on her own recognizance.

It was not immediately clear if Fargo has legal representation.

Records for the pair show a court hearing scheduled for September.

Merger cancellation pushes Rite Aid into uncertain future

By TOM MURPHY

AP Health Writer

Rite Aid shares plunged Thursday as the company headed into an uncertain future after calling off its merger with the grocer Albertsons.

Analysts and retail insiders questioned the drugstore chain's prospects after it ended a planned takeover by Albertsons before Rite Aid

shareholders could vote on it. That vote also faced shaky prospects due to opposition from shareholders and influential proxy advisory firms.

Rite Aid Chairman and CEO John Standley said in a prepared statement that his company would continue to "build momentum" for big parts of its business like its renovated stores, expanded pharmacy services and its

customer loyalty program. Rite Aid also said its board will consider governance changes, although it did not elaborate.

The company also has a pharmacy benefit management, or PBM, operation that runs prescription drug coverage and diversifies its business. But Rite Aid is down to around 2,500 stores mostly on the East and West coasts after

selling nearly 2,000 to bigger rival Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. And it doesn't operate one of the nation's largest PBMs like another competitor, CVS Health Corp.

Rite Aid Corp. has neither the scale nor the balance sheet to compete with much larger and well-capitalized rivals," Moody's Vice President Mickey Chadha said in an email.

The Camp Hill, Pennsylvania-based company has struggled with high debt levels and tough competition, as narrowing drugstore networks have pushed customers away from its stores. Earlier this week, it chopped its fiscal 2019 forecast because generic drug pricing also wasn't shaping up how it expected in April, when it first laid out expectations.

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AgroSciences.

Gregg Schmidt, a spokesman for Dow, said chlorpyrifos is a critical pest management tool used in countries around the world.

"We will continue to support the growers who need this important product," Schmidt said.

Chlorpyrifos belongs to a family of organophosphate pesticides that are chemically similar to a nerve gas developed by Nazi Germany before World War II.

As a result of its wide use as a pesticide over the past four decades, traces of chlorpyrifos are commonly found in sources of drinking water. A 2012 study at the University of California at Berkeley found that 87 percent of umbilical-cord blood samples tested from newborn babies contained detectable levels of the pesticide.

Under pressure from federal regulators, Dow voluntarily withdrew chlorpyrifos for use as a home insecticide in 2000. EPA also placed "no-spray" buffer zones around sensitive

sites, such as schools, in 2012.

In October 2015, the Obama administration proposed banning the pesticide's use on food. A risk assessment memo issued by nine EPA scientists concluded: "There is a breadth of information available on the potential adverse neurodevelopmental effects in infants and children as a result of prenatal exposure to chlorpyrifos."

Federal law requires EPA to ensure that pesticides used on food in the United States are safe for human consumption — especially children, who are typically far more sensitive to the negative effects of poisons.

Shortly after his appointment by President Donald Trump in 2017, Pruitt announced he was revering the Obama administration effort to ban chlorpyrifos, adopting Dow's position that the science showing chlorpyrifos is harmful was inconclusive and flawed.

The Associated Press reported in June 2017 that Pruitt announced his agency's reversal on chlorpyrifos just 20 days after his official schedule showed a meeting with Dow CEO Andrew Liveris. At the time, Liveris headed a White House manufactur-

ing working group, and his company had written a \$1 million check to help underwrite Trump's inaugural festivities.

Following the AP's report, then-EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said that March 9, 2017, meeting on Pruitt's schedule never happened. Bowman said the two men had instead shared only a "brief introduction in passing" while attending the same industry conference at a Houston hotel and that they never discussed chlorpyrifos.

However, internal EPA emails released earlier this year following a public records lawsuit filed by The Sierra Club suggest the two men shared more than a quick handshake.

Little more than a week after the conference and before Pruitt announced his decision, the EPA chief's scheduler reached out to Liveris' executive assistant to schedule a follow-up meeting.

"Hope this email finds you well!" wrote Sydney Hupp, Pruitt's assistant, on March 20, 2017. "I am reaching out today about setting up a meeting to continue the discussion between Dow Chemical and Administrator

Scott Pruitt. My apologies for the delay in getting this email into you — it has been a crazy time over here!"

Subsequent emails show Hupp and Liveris' office discussing several potential dates that the Dow CEO might come to Pruitt's office at EPA headquarters, but it is not clear from the documents whether the two men ever linked up.

Liveris announced his retirement from Dow in March of this year.

Pruitt resigned July 6 amid more than a dozen ethics investigations focused on such issues as outsized security spending, first-class flights and a sweetheart condo lease for a Capitol Hill condo linked to an energy lobbyist.

Bowman, who left EPA in May to work for GOP Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa, declined to comment on her earlier characterization of the March 2017 interaction between Pruitt and Liveris or what "discussion" the internal email was referring to.

"I don't work for EPA anymore," Bowman said.

Current EPA spokesman James Hewitt said, "We stand by our statement from last year."

STOCKS

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Bond prices jumped. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.87 percent from 2.93 percent. That helped send bank stocks lower. JPMorgan Chase slid 1 percent to \$115.73 and Citigroup retreated 2.4 percent to \$70.26.

Emerging market currencies fell and the dollar jumped. The ICE U.S. Dollar Index was already trading around annual highs and it rose another 0.9 percent, a large move.

The euro fell to \$1.1398, its lowest in more than a year, from \$1.1542. The dollar fell to 110.64 yen from 111.04 yen after a strong economic growth report from Japan.

Germany's DAX fell 2 percent and the CAC 40 in France fell 1.6 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 lost 1 percent. The Nikkei 225 index in Japan lost 1.3 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng gave up 0.8 percent. In South Korea, the Kospi lost 0.9 percent.

Energy companies rose slightly as oil prices increased. Benchmark U.S. crude oil rose 1.2 percent to \$67.63 a

barrel in New York and Brent crude, the standard for international oil prices, rose 1.1 percent to \$72.83 a barrel in London.

Wholesale gasoline rose 2 percent to \$2.04 a gallon. Heating oil added 1.3 percent to \$2.14 a gallon. Natural gas lost 0.4 percent to \$2.94 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Online discount retailer Overstock.com surged 7.9 percent to \$41.65 after it said private equity firm GSR Capital will make an investment in its blockchain business.

Overstock is one of the few major

retailers that accepts payment in bitcoin, and its stock surged as bitcoin prices rose last year. However digital currency prices and the company's stock have both dropped in 2018.

The Labor Department said consumer prices climbed 2.9 percent in July compared with a year ago. The main cause was an increase in housing prices. That matched June's pace, which was the highest in six years.

Gold dipped 0.1 percent to \$1,219 an ounce. Silver fell 1.1 percent to \$15.30 an ounce. Copper lost 0.8 percent to \$2.74 a pound.

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