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ExxonMobil, Plains propose Permian pipeline

■ Plans call for pipe from Wink to Houston, Beaumont areas

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

ExxonMobil Corp. is joining the race to build pipelines across Texas to deliver crude from the booming Permian Basin to refining and port hubs near Houston.

ExxonMobil, headquartered in Irving, said Tuesday it plans to create a joint venture with Houston's Plains All American Pipeline to construct a multibillion-dollar line that would stretch from west of Midland to the Houston and Beaumont areas and carry more than 1 million barrels of oil and condensate a day. Energy analysts said the project could easily carry a \$2 billion price tag.

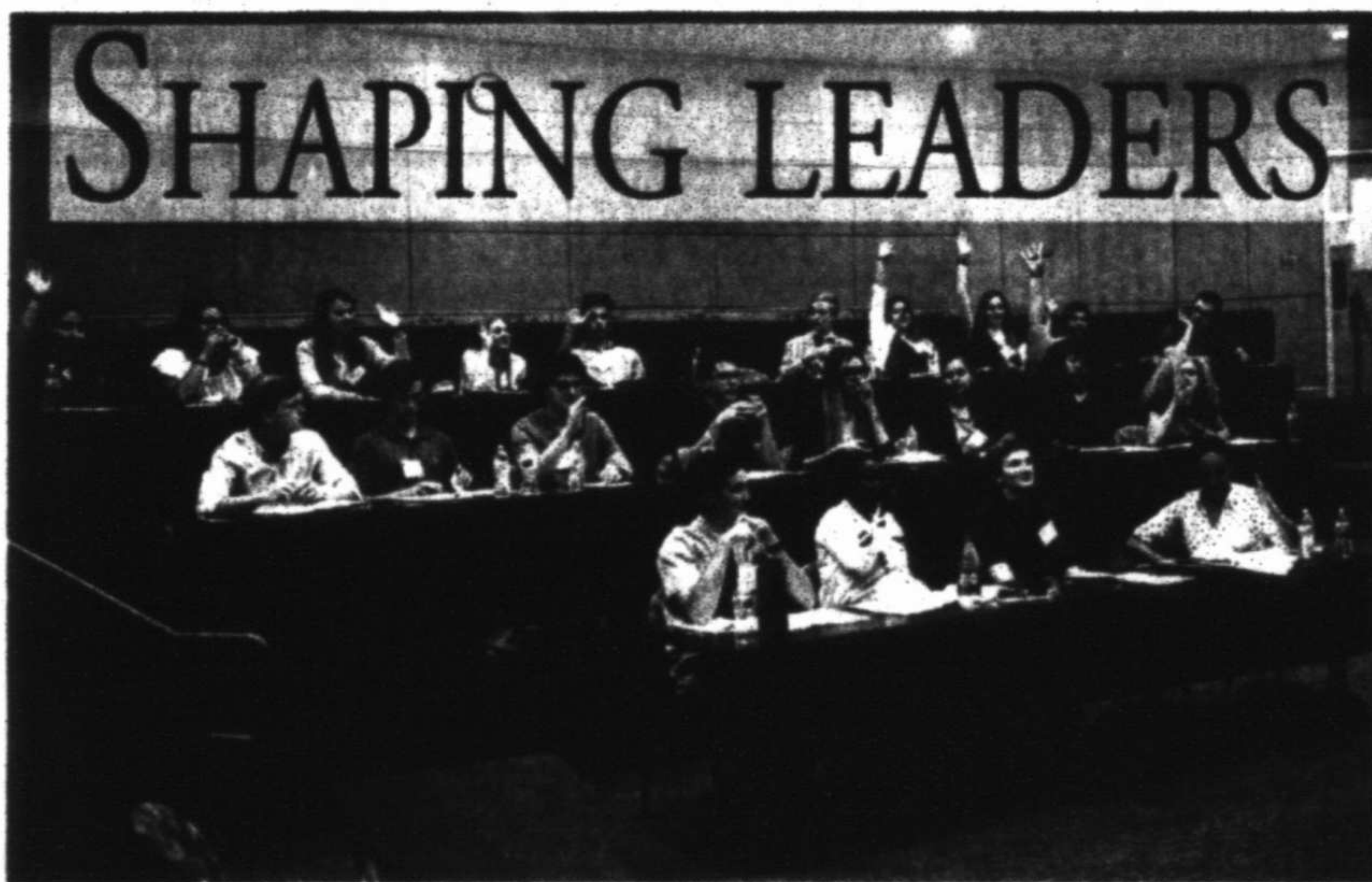
ExxonMobil's expansion in the pipeline

business illustrates the growing need for new pipeline capacity in West Texas as companies try to alleviate bottlenecks that are making it difficult to get the Permian record oil production to market. The Permian is churning out more than 30 percent of the nation's 10.7 million barrels of daily output, but pipeline constraints are forcing companies to discount their oil by as much as \$10 a barrel because they can't guarantee its delivery to the Gulf

Coast and international buyers.

ExxonMobil last year doubled its Permian acreage by acquiring holdings of the Bass family of Fort Worth in a \$6.6 billion deal. The company said it plans to triple its oil and gas production in the Permian by 2025, while also spending more than \$2 billion on transportation and terminal upgrades in West Texas, including

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Gen. Tommy Franks Leadership Institute & Museum is hosting a Midland Young Leaders Challenge for 30 local high school juniors featuring team-building exercises, projects and lectures on leadership such as the one pictured Wednesday at Midland College. The challenge, a partnership between the Franks Institute, Midland College and Midland ISD, continues today and includes a talk by the Lee High graduate and retired four-star general. The event concludes with a banquet, where the guest speaker is to be Michael Williams, also a Lee graduate and former commissioner of the Texas Education Agency. Leaders challenge participants are: Jacob Balderas, Thaisel Carranza, Jakob Garcia, Meagan Garcia and Elisha Soto; Early College High School; Miles Baker, Jocelyn Bent, Ian Crowl, Kaylee Graham, Mayra Gutierrez, Cooper Hall, Gloria Koo, Natalie Langford and Mark Matas, Lee; Kaiden Dockall, Claire Keck and Joseph Rawicki, Midland Christian School; Andrew Derington, Kathleen Dominguez, Austin Dudley, Kayla Gonzales, Josh Klattenhoff, Preston Mackey, Jesus Olmedo, Catarina Ramirez, Kenzi Ramzy and Emma Simmons, Midland High School; and Andrea Khouri and Chesley McDonald, Trinity School.



City reports record airline boardings in May

By Stewart Doreen
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The booming economy is having an impact on the airline industry in Midland.

The city of Midland reports a record number of people boarded one of the three airlines that operates out of Midland International — American Eagle, Southwest and United — during the month of May.

The 53,802 boardings are more than 7,000 greater than May 2017 and represents a number higher than the mid-1990s when Midland was more of a regional hub because of the presence of larger jets, not the commuter jets that some airlines have transitioned to.

The 15.4 percent increase in boardings in May continues a trend for this fiscal year — boardings are up 14.2 percent, according to

the city. Last fiscal year, there were 502,886 boardings, which was a nearly 7 percent increase over 2015-16.

Another example of the growth is that in May 2003 there were about 36,000 boardings. By May 2013, the number of boardings had increased to about 45,000, a nearly 20 percent increase.

Justine Ruff, director of airports for the city of Midland, told the

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Trump declares oil prices too high, blames OPEC

By David Koenig
Associated Press

President Donald Trump blames OPEC for oil prices that he says are too high, and no doubt many Americans feel the same way.

But it's more complicated than that.

Crude has more than doubled since bottoming out below \$30 a barrel in early 2016, causing U.S. motorists to face the highest gasoline prices since late 2014.

On Wednesday, the national average for a gallon of regular stood at \$2.91, up 25 percent from a year ago, according to the AAA auto club.

"Oil prices are too high, OPEC is at it again. Not good!" Trump tweeted Wednesday morning.

OPEC is the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Members of the cartel, led by Saudi Arabia, and other big producers including Russia have played a role in reversing the plunge in crude prices that started in 2014. They have shown discipline in limiting production since the start of last year, helping push up the benchmark price of international crude.

Prices, however, were already rising on growing demand and expectations that a sharp pullback in new investment by oil companies would reduce the oil supply.

"Over time it would have happened anyway because of the cutbacks in (drilling) investment, but definitely OPEC's cut in production helped speed the reduction of the oil glut," said Phil Flynn, an oil analyst for The Price Futures Group.

Some estimates put the post-crash reduction in investment by major oil companies such as Exxon Mobil, Chevron and BP at more than \$1 trillion. Flynn compared that to eliminating the fourth-largest oil producer in the world.

Meanwhile, output from Venezuela — a major oil exporter to the U.S. — has plunged as the country goes through a political and economic crisis. Most analysts expect production there to go even lower.

While Venezuela is a member of OPEC, "the disaster in Venezuela, which has created a hole in the market, is not the fault of OPEC," said Daniel Yergin, the vice chairman of research firm IHS Markit and author of several books on the energy industry.

Then there is Iran, OPEC's third-biggest producer. The country boosted production after the U.S. lifted sanctions related to Iran's nuclear program in 2016, but analysts expect output to fall when the Trump administration's decision to withdraw from the deal takes full effect later this year.

U.S. companies have filled some of the gap created by Venezuela, OPEC and non-OPEC producers including Russia. Using drilling advances such as fracturing, operators in Texas and North Dakota have pushed U.S. production higher.

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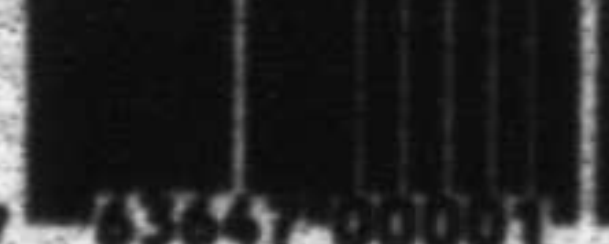
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Russia said to seek full cuts rollback for most of OPEC+

By Elena Mazneva
Bloomberg

Russia plans to propose that OPEC and its allies be allowed to return production to October 2016 levels, rolling back most but not all of their output cuts within three months, according to a person familiar with Moscow's thinking.

All the nations would proportionally share out a 1.8 million barrel-a-day increase to their output limit starting as soon as July, the person said, asking not to be identified because the information isn't public. The actual boost in supply to the market would be less than that because some states, notably Venezuela, Angola and Mexico, aren't able to increase, the person said.

Russia and Saudi Arabia, leaders of the group of 24 producers, already suggested boosting output to stop prices going any higher and hurting oil demand. Moscow's new proposal would go further, effectively ending the cuts for any country that has the ability to pump more crude. Such a move would have to be agreed by other members, several of whom have already come out in opposition.

The plan could be the first of many proposals and counter-proposals from members of the group, subject to change during negotiations. Given the backing of the two largest producers participating in the accord, an output increase "looks inevitable," Citigroup Inc. analysts led by Ed Morse said in a report on Tuesday.

The group's Vienna meeting next week would be a "crunch time" for OPEC, Warren Patterson, a commodities strategist at ING Groep NV, said in an emailed note Wednesday. "We would not rule out a scenario where Russia decides to exit the deal altogether" if no consensus is reached, he said.

WORLD CUP

Russia and Saudi Arabia are set to discuss oil policy on Thursday as teams from the two nations meet in the opening match of the soccer World Cup in Moscow. President Vladimir Putin will host Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman, while energy ministers Alexander Novak and Khalid Al-Falih will also meet.

Putin and the crown prince will have a talk on the OPEC+ deal and the oil market situation, yet pulling out of the accord isn't something they plan to discuss, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Wednesday.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and several non-members agreed in late 2016 to curb output by 1.8 million barrels a day in order to eliminate a supply glut that was weighing on prices. For most countries, that reduction was relative to their October 2016 production.

CUTTING DEEPER

Many nations have gone further than their pledged cuts. Saudi Arabia

said it was cutting deeper to lead by example. Others, notably Venezuela, have experienced involuntary declines in production due to problems in their oil industries. In April, the group's total reduction added up to almost 2.5 million barrels a day, according to the International Energy Agency.

Because the cuts have gone deeper than intended, overall supply from the group would still be about 1 million barrels a day below the pre-cuts levels even after the 1.8 million-barrel quota increase, the person said.

OPEC will probably overcome internal disputes to agree on a production increase next week, a Bloomberg survey shows. ING sees a possible expansion in the group's supply of between 800,000 and 1 million barrels a day this year. Citi predicted a smaller gain of about 500,000 barrels a day.

Russia boosted its crude production to the highest in 14 months in the first week of June as some companies breached their caps ahead of Vienna talks, a person with knowledge of the matter said Monday.

Moscow believes the new arrangement it proposes would provide stability for the oil market through a period of high demand during the northern hemisphere summer, the person said. The country would also support keeping the alliance between OPEC and other producers into 2019 — either with or without new quotas depending on the requirements of the market, the person said.

Iran, Venezuela oil output could slump by almost 30 percent, IEA says

By Grant Smith
Bloomberg

OPEC members Iran and Venezuela could lose almost 30 percent of their oil output next year due to U.S. sanctions and economic upheaval, requiring extra supplies from the group's Gulf members, the International Energy Agency said.

In its first detailed forecast for 2019, the IEA said new oil output from outside OPEC — in particular U.S. shale — should be enough to cover growth in demand, but nations such as Saudi Arabia may still need to boost output to compensate for lost supply from other members.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will meet next week and debate whether to restore production it halted last year. The IEA, which oversees the use of emergency oil stockpiles in major economies such as the U.S. and Japan, made a prominent statement in its monthly report about

its readiness avert supply disruptions.

"Even if the Iran-Venezuela supply gap is plugged, the market will be finely balanced next year, and vulnerable to prices rising higher in the event of further disruption," the Paris-based agency said. "It is possible that the very small number of countries with spare capacity beyond what can be activated quickly will have to go the extra mile."

OPEC faces intense political pressure as oil's rally to a three-year high above \$80 a barrel has spurred warnings about the threat to the global economy, and drawn fire from U.S. President Donald Trump.

Saudi Arabia says it's ready to temper prices by raising supply, setting the stage for a clash with fellow OPEC members when they gather in Vienna on June 22.

American foreign policy is upping the ante for the kingdom, as President Trump re-imposes sanctions on Saudi Arabia's political foe, Iran, that

will almost certainly strain global oil supplies.

Iranian output could be curbed next year by about 900,000 barrels a day, or about 23 percent, the IEA said. The agency stressed the estimate is a "scenario" rather than a forecast, based on the impact of previous sanctions.

Venezuela, where production has already collapsed to the lowest in decades as an economic crisis batters oil infrastructure, could see its output fall by a further 550,000 barrels a day, or 40 percent.

OPEC's Middle East producers, led by the Saudis, are capable of filling that gap "in short order" with an additional 1.1 million barrels a day if they return to the record levels pumped in late 2016. Next year, they may have to go even further.

In theory, meeting the growth in world oil demand next year shouldn't be a problem as U.S. shale-oil production continues to rise. Consumption will increase by 1.4 million barrels a day in 2019, the

same pace as this year, while producers outside OPEC will add 1.7 million a day, according to the IEA.

As a result, about 31.6 million barrels a day will be needed from OPEC in 2019, slightly less than the amount they pumped in May.

Yet as Iran and Venezuela decline, maintaining total supply levels will require extra effort from the Saudis and other Gulf members. Oil stockpiles in developed nations have fallen to their lowest in three years, and will shrink further if the Gulf nations keep output steady, the agency said.

The IEA's message that it "stands ready to advise its member governments on any action that might be necessary" will likely have resonance for OPEC policy makers.

In 2011, when the cartel didn't respond to the agency's recommendation for more supply during Libya's civil war, IEA nations unlocked their emergency stockpiles.

Obituaries



Don McPeak

Don McPeak passed away on June 9, 2018 in Midland, Texas, at the age of 94. He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia McPeak, in April 2017, after an almost unheard of 75 years of marriage.

He is survived by his two children Jerry McPeak and wife Judy and Donna Harry and husband David. He was also blessed with three grandchildren, Kristin Hightower, Kimberly Vaughn and Jeremy McPeak and 7 great grandchildren whom he treasured. His eyes lit up for Caroline, Hayden, Julianne, Evan, Maizy, Jordan, and Ava. For over 43 years his preferred name was Grandpa. Don was born on September 29, 1923 in English, Texas to Minnie and Verna Lee McPeak.

He was the oldest of 6 children. He was preceded in death by his brothers, David, Chester, Chalmers and Colly McPeak and by one sister, Jessie Price. He has 28 nieces and nephews who called him Uncle Don.

Don was married to Virginia Hines on May 18, 1942, and three years later they moved to Midland. He was motivated by his love for his family. He loved playing games with his many in-laws and fellow church members from dominoes, volleyball after church, and "Risk" with the pastor and fellow church friends.

He was adamant about maintaining a pristine back yard for playing croquet with family and friends.

Don worked in a meat market for many years after they first moved to Midland. He started Don's Meat Market on Wall Street in Midland in 1960. Then a few years later, he purchased Johnny Moore's Meat Market.

He enjoyed his many customers over the years and considered them all as friends. He retired and sold the meat market in 1978. He worked as a house painter after retirement and then went to work for MISD as a bus driver. He drove a school bus until he retired in 2006. He was an active and a dedicated member of Northside Baptist and Crestview Baptist Church. He served as a Deacon for many years.

A graveside service is scheduled for Friday, June 15, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park.

The ceremony will be officiated by Family Minister, Cory Brand, of First Baptist Church, Midland.

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

Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 550-5800



Troy Amos Gifford

Troy Amos Gifford, Jr., 76 of Midland, Texas passed away Monday, June 11, 2018. The family will accept guests from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland with a Graveside Service to follow at 2:00 p.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park. A reception will follow the service from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at The Branch at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Troy was born March 26, 1942 to Allie Ruedell Kennedy Gifford and Troy Amos Gifford. Troy was an accomplished pilot, distinguished Air Force Serviceman, and long-time Midland businessman, retiring from the City of Midland as Director of Finance. He was the father of Craig Elliott Gifford and Brian Douglas Gifford.

Troy is survived by his son, Craig Gifford and Craig's wife Sharon Gifford. Troy is preceded in death by his son, Brian Gifford.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards Troy's personal friends Angela Schemeyer and Kathleen Sullivan.

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Death Notices

Leslie Gail Samuels

Leslie Gail Samuels, 46, of Midland, Texas passed away June 9, 2018. Visitation will begin at 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 15, 2018 at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel, 1502 N. Lamesa Road. Wake services will be held from 6:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. on Friday. Funeral services will be Saturday, June 16, 2018 at True-Life Christian Fellowship at 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Survivors include her mother, Annie Hester; daughter, Erica Deberry; sons, Wayman Goody, Da'Jour Goody, Kior Goody, Jalyon Samuels; eight sisters; two brothers and nine grandchildren.

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U.S. oil production has more than doubled in the past decade, including a 19 percent increase since OPEC's limits took effect in January 2017, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Oil prices have eased slightly in recent weeks. Saudi Arabia has already started pumping more crude. The kingdom reported that it increased production in May to about 10 million barrels a day.

Trump's tweet — similar to one he wrote in April, blaming OPEC for "artificially Very High" oil prices — came a week before a much-anticipated OPEC meeting in Vienna and may have been designed to influence the discussion.

"The president's tweets are really telling the other oil-producing countries to step up your production to make up for the coming sharp declines that are expected in Iranian oil exports," Virgin said.

OPEC is under scrutiny in Congress, too. The House Judiciary Committee approved a bill Wednesday to subject OPEC to U.S. antitrust law by removing state immunity shields. The

committee chairman, Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., said shielding a cartel like OPEC "makes a mockery of U.S. antitrust law, threatens the American economy and has the potential to harm our national security." The measure now goes to the full House.

Jason Bordoff, a Columbia University professor and former energy adviser to President Barack Obama, said politicians always fret when gasoline prices rise before a big election.

"Oil prices have come up a lot, but we're not near \$4 gasoline," Bordoff said. "Adjusted for inflation, these prices are not out of line with where we've seen oil prices for the last decade or two."

Democrats are trying to blame Trump for higher gasoline prices, saying the issue will resonate with voters in the November midterm elections that will determine control of the House and Senate.

Charles Schumer, the leader of Senate Democrats, recently linked \$3-plus gasoline to Trump's decision to revive sanctions on Iran. Schumer spoke as he stood in front of the price sign — regular for \$3.69 — at an Exxon station on Capitol Hill.

PIPELINE

From 1A

expanding its crude oil terminal in Wink.

The joint venture pipeline with Plains would originate in Wink. It wasn't immediately clear whether this project will be funded from that \$2 billion pool.

Pipelines aren't usually a primary focus for Exxon Mobil, but it has found an export partner in Plains All American, said Brian Youngberg, a senior energy analyst at Edward Jones in St. Louis.

"The Permian is a big growth vehicle for them, so it makes sense to have a stake in the pipelines from there," Youngberg said of ExxonMobil. "They want to know they have

their own capacity to get the oil out."

ExxonMobil, which has disappointed investors and analysts recently, is pushing to increase production, improve profits and diversify globally. It is investing billions in its petrochemical business and developing offshore oil and gas fields in the waters of the South American nation Guyana.

Exxon Mobil said Tuesday it recently began drilling for its Liza Phase 1 off the coast of Guyana.

In the Permian, the project with Plains could be completed in 2020 at the earliest. In the meantime, Houston's Enterprise Products Partners just finished its 416-mile Midland-to-Seely crude pipeline into the Houston area. Most of the other major crude

pipeline projects are directed toward Corpus Christi, where the port is becoming a hub for exports.

Plains, which currently owns the only major pipeline that runs from the Permian to Corpus Christi, also plans to complete an additional pipeline system — Cactus II — by late 2019.

As for other projects, San Antonio-based EPIC Midstream Holdings is moving forward with the 730-mile EPIC Crude Oil Pipeline project to carry oil and natural gas liquids from the Permian to Corpus. Likewise, Houston's Phillips 66 said it is moving forward with its planned Gray Oak Pipeline to carry crude from West Texas to Corpus Christi, Sweeny and Freeport.

AIRLINE

From 1A

Reporter-Telegram that more passengers are good news on many fronts.

First, airlines provide more "mainline service" than the commuter planes. She said United has been "good" about watching what is happening in Midland and making the move to larger airplanes — such as 737-type aircraft — when passenger numbers are high enough. She said American Eagle also has been responsive with the jets it uses for service.

Southwest continued to be the leading carrier in May, accounting for

By the numbers

May bookings	2018-18	2017-17
2018	33,662	470,788
2017	48,621	628,788
2016	40,917	628,648
2015	36,685	

more than 50 percent of the passengers flying out of Midland International. United showed growth in May of 31.4 percent year-over-year. Southwest reported 10.9 percent growth and American Eagle 7.5 percent.

Ruff also said the increased number of passen-

gers flying out of Midland International helps with grant money the airport receives from the FAA for projects and adds to what is collected through the \$4.50 passenger facility charge.

Lastly, she said parking revenues are on the rise. Last month, the city

reported a 16.1 percent increase — to nearly \$400,000 — collected in parking revenues. That will help with other projects, such as the upcoming replacement of equipment in the parking lot and the repaving of parking lots at Midland International, she said. Ruff said the city also has contracted with Parkhill Smith & Cooper to perform a study on parking expansion, something she said isn't being experienced elsewhere.

House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Wis., confer during a news conference Wednesday following a closed-door GOP meeting on immigration, on Capitol Hill in Washington. Ryan says compromise legislation is in the works on immigration that has an "actual chance at making law and solving this problem." Ryan is holding a photo of a Wisconsin family which he referred to later while discussing the war on opioid addiction.



J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press

GOP leaders sell immigration bills, with Trump's blessing

By Alan Fram and Lisa Mascaro
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican leaders began the problematic task of finding support for an immigration compromise Wednesday, telling lawmakers that President Donald Trump was backing the still-evolving bill. But cracks within the party were on full display and it seemed that pushing the measure through the House next week would be a challenge.

"If it was a resolution on apple pie, you're going to lose some votes," said Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla. A day after top Republicans said the House would vote next week on two competing immigration measures, it was widely assumed that a hard-right measure would lose. That bill would give young "Dreamer" immigrants just limited opportunities to remain in the U.S. while imposing tough restrictions on legal immigration and bolstering border security.

GOP leaders, negotiating with quarreling moderates and conservatives, were still writing the second bill. Republicans said it would contain a way for Dreamers to qualify for permanent residence and potentially become citizens, while accepting conservatives' demands to finance Trump's proposed border wall with Mexico and restrictions on legal immigration.

With Republicans battling to keep their House majority in November's elections, merely staging the immigration votes, win or lose, achieves some political objectives. The plan helped party leaders block unhappy moderates trying to force the House to consider immigration bills considered too liberal by many Republicans, and will let lawmakers assert that they tried addressing the issue.

If both bills lose, "at least you know where everyone stands," said Rep. Warren Davidson, R-Ohio, a member of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus.

Democrats seemed likely to solidify oppose both packages. A day after House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Democrats would fight any measure advancing Trump's immigration policies, the leader of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus said her group's goal was to have "zero Democratic support" for the GOP bills.

Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham, D-N.M., said the Republican measures "are going to make it clearer than ever that Dreamers are pawns for a wall. That is going to be a very difficult thing to defend" in the November elections, she said.

The bills represent the GOP's attempt to address Dreamers, young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children. Trump last year termi-

Rights group: Texas racially profiles by sharing with ICE

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Texas law enforcement officers providing immigration authorities with details of motorists who have been cited and are suspected of being in the country illegally could be engaging in racial profiling, according to civil rights advocates.

The Department of Public Safety has shared the names of hundreds of people with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement over the past two years, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Adriana Pilon, of the American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, said she's concerned that state troopers are participating in federal immigration enforcement even though they are trained to enforce state law.

"This lack of training then raises the question of when they are on the street, how do they know when and whether to stop a person?" Pilon said. "The big concern for us is racial profiling."

She added that having local law officers enforce immigration erodes a community's trust, making people reluctant to report crimes for fear that they or their relatives may be targeted for deportation.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said citation lists forwarded to ICE contain the names of people ticketed only for certain violations, without regard to a person's origin.

"There is a standing request from ICE to provide them a statewide listing of DPS enforcement of DWI and no-driver-license offenses," Vinger told the Express-News. "These lists have been provided by Highway Patrol since August 2016 on a monthly basis. The information does not include, nor do we have, immigration status on the violators."

It's unclear how many people have been deported due to the arrangement.

Advocates of the practice argue that it helps ICE find undocumented immigrants who may be a threat to public safety.

Jessica Vaughan, director of policy studies at the Center for Immigration Studies, a conservative think tank, said the arrangement "doesn't strike me as inappropriate in any way."

"We want law enforcement agencies working together on behalf of public safety," Vaughan said.

nated the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which has temporarily shielded hundreds of thousands of them from deportation. Federal courts have kept the program functioning for now.

Even if the compromise measure passed the House, its fate in the Senate was in doubt. Democrats there have enough votes to scuttle any bill.

Trump's backing — especially if he announced it publicly — could help nail down some support. But GOP "no" votes seemed likely, including by some conservatives dubious about granting what they consider amnesty to people in the U.S. illegally.

In fact, former Trump White House strategist Steve Bannon told a group of House conservatives Wednesday that "if the House votes for amnesty, then it will deflate the base and they'll stay home," said Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, who invited Bannon. King said Bannon warned that could cost Republicans House control.

Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa., a Freedom Caucus member, said it was "a pretty big compromise" for him to support the conservative immigration bill because he doesn't consider it restrictive enough. He said he'd examine details of the middle-ground legislation leaders were crafting before deciding whether to back it and said Trump's support didn't sell him.

"I'm glad that the president is finding favor with it, but the president hasn't seen the legislative text either," Perry said.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., the Freedom Caucus chairman, said the compromise bill "has a potential of generating enough moderates to perhaps offset some of the conservatives' defections."

At a closed-door meeting of House Republicans, Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said he'd spoken to Trump and "the president seemed very supportive" of the compromise. Rep. Chris Collins, R-N.Y., told reporters. That was echoed by Rep. Brett Guthrie, R-Ky., who said, "I know the president, according to Paul today, supports it."

White House senior adviser Stephen Miller told the Republican Study Committee, a large group of House conservatives, that the administration supports the conservative and middle-ground immigration measures, Republicans said.

Meanwhile, GOP moderates who'd been trying to force votes on four different immigration measures acknowledged they'd been outmaneuvered by party leaders. The centrists fell 218 — a House majority — needed for a rarely used petition that would have triggered the votes in late June.

Top Republicans said the process could have led to a coalition of Democrats and a few Republicans passing bills helping Dreamers without strong enough enforcement provisions — a political fiasco for the GOP. The moderates ended up with 23 GOP signatures and all 193 Democrats.

"It's very obvious" that when some lawmakers stated support for the petition, "they were having several conversations with leadership immediately after that," said Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Calif., a top moderate.

Rep. Carlos Curbelo, R-Fla., another petition leader, said when leaders announced their plans for two votes, some Republicans backing the position decided to "continue giving these negotiations a chance."

Pence gives campaign-style speech to Southern Baptists

By David Crary
Associated Press

Vice President Mike Pence gave an often boastful campaign-style speech Wednesday to the closing session of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting, winning several standing ovations even as some evangelicals criticized his appearance.

Pence repeatedly made clear that the SBC — the largest Protestant denomination in the U.S. — is viewed by him and President Donald Trump as a vital part of their conservative base heading into the midterm elections. He called the SBC "one of the greatest forces for good anywhere in America."

Pence devoted much of his speech to touting the Trump administration's achievements since taking office.

"It's been 500 days of action ... 500 days of promises made and promises kept," he said.

He enthused about Trump's meeting this week with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and received a big ovation by mentioning the relocation of the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem — a longstanding goal of many U.S. evangelicals.

Pence drew more loud applause when he declared Trump "the most pro-life president in American history" and noted that he has appointed many conservatives to federal judgeships.

While most of the crowd of roughly 10,000 at the convention in Dallas seemed pleased with Pence's speech, some audience members could be seen sitting with their arms folded during the ovations.

On Tuesday, as the annual meeting opened, one delegate from Virginia introduced a motion asking that the invitation to Pence be withdrawn and replaced by a time for prayer. Other delegates proposed that the SBC adopt a new policy to avoid speeches by politicians at future annual meetings. But those proposals were defeated or sidetracked.

The Rev. Wade Burleson, an outspoken Baptist pastor from Enid, Oklahoma, alluded to those concerns in a tweet.

"The SBC is changing," Burleson tweeted. "More than a few voiced their objections to politicians, even strong Christians like Mike Pence, speaking to the SBC. It's always wise to keep the Gospel a priority."

There was strong criticism from Michael Wear, a Washington-based consul-

tant who led evangelical outreach while in President Barack Obama's White House office of faith-based initiatives.

"I am saddened Pence would be so triumphalistic, so unabashed, so jingoistic," Wear tweeted. "I'm more saddened that there would be people in the audience, messengers of the gospel (unless they're outside guests), who would so revel in rubbing their politics in the faces of their brothers & sisters."

Aside from Pence's speech, the most sensitive issue confronting the annual meeting related to multiple recent cases of sexual misconduct within the SBC community — and ensuing discussion about the role of women in a denomination with a doctrine of male leadership in the church and in the home.

On Tuesday, with little opposition, delegates adopted resolutions condemning any sexual misconduct by SBC ministers, urging more action to prevent "all forms of abuse," and encouraging victims to contact civil authorities to seek protection and support.

On Wednesday, the issue resurfaced when Jeffrey Bingham, interim president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered the seminary's annual report, including an update on events surrounding the termination of former President Paige Patterson.

One of the SBC's most prominent figures, Patterson was ousted because of his response to two rape allegations made years apart by students. He also was accused of making improper remarks about a teenage girl's body and contending that women who are in abusive relationships should almost always stay with their husbands.

Bingham said his goal is "to create a safe environment and a campus culture that protects and cares for the victims of abuse." As a step in that direction, he said all staff and faculty will have retaken and completed a course on sexual harassment over the next six weeks.

He indicated that the decision to oust Patterson was difficult for the board of trustees' executive committee.

The committee "is made up of 12 godly men and women," Bingham said. "I have seen the agony on their faces. I have seen the tears in their eyes as they have had to make decisions."

As the annual meeting drew to a close, delegates rejected a motion calling for those executive committee members to be dismissed from the seminary's board. Thomas Hatley, who introduced the motion, contended that the committee acted hastily and unfairly in firing Patterson after he had been granted the status of president emeritus.

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Man accused of human smuggling after dozens found in trailer

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A South Texas man has been charged with human smuggling after 54 immigrants, including some children, were found in a semi-trailer in San Antonio.

Citizens and Immigration Services agents found the group at about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the border of the San Antonio area.

Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent in Charge Sherry Patton said at a news

conference that the immigrants were from Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador and Haiti. All have been detained, with five receiving hospital treatment for minor injuries incurred while trying to flee the truck and agents.

The truck filled with men, women and children was discovered in San Antonio about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. City fire chief Charles Ford says the truck was air-conditioned and water was provided inside the trailer for the immigrants.



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U.S. Rep. Mark Sanford hugs his sons after addressing his supporters Tuesday at Liberty Tap Room in Mount Pleasant, S.C. Sanford lost his first election ever Tuesday, beaten for the Republican nomination for another term in the coastal 1st District around Charleston by state Rep. Katie Arrington.

Primary election lesson for GOP: Don't cross the president

By Lisa Mascaro
And Meg Kinnard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Don't cross President Donald Trump.

That's the lesson many Republicans are drawing from Rep. Mark Sanford's surprise defeat Tuesday in his primary election in South Carolina. The victor, state Rep. Katie Arrington, repeatedly highlighted Sanford's criticism of the president.

The outcome is a cautionary tale for Republicans in Congress who try to work with Trump while also maintaining their independence. One wrong turn — or in Sanford's case, many — and they could face the wrath of a president who is quick to attack detractors as enemies, even in his own party.

"That's ultimately what the race devolved down to, which was, was I Trump enough?" Sanford told reporters on Capitol Hill. "It's a very tribal environment right now," he said. "Are you for or against Trump?"

He said he hoped his defeat would not dissuade other members from speaking out against Trump. Agreeing to disagree is "a sign of health in our political system."

Sanford is the second incumbent House Republican to lose a primary this year, though the defeat of Rep. Robert Pittenger in North Carolina came despite his staunch support for the president.

Still, Sanford is only the latest casualty in the intra-party conflict that has roiled the GOP in the Trump era. Trump is known to remember slights from lawmakers.

Rep. Martha Roby, for example, was forced into a runoff last week in Alabama after her opponents seized on her own rift with the president. In 2016, after the release of a tape in which candidate Trump bragged about grabbing women, Roby said she wouldn't vote for him for president.

Recent results have a message, said Rep. Barry Loudermilk in neighboring Georgia. Be a team player or Trump will support someone who will be.

"It doesn't make me nervous, but it probably gives pause to some who want to openly criticize the president," he said.

Trump celebrated Sanford's defeat on Twitter, claiming success in ousting a foe. In a highly unusual move for a president, he had tweeted an endorsement of Arrington on Tuesday afternoon when polls were still open in South

Carolina.

"My political representatives didn't want me to get involved in the Mark Sanford primary thinking that Sanford would easily win — but with a few hours left I felt that Katie was such a good candidate, and Sanford was so bad, I had to give it a shot," he said.

The transformation of the GOP under Trump makes some lawmakers uneasy.

It's "becoming a cult-ish thing, isn't it?" said retiring Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, who has an on-off relationship with Trump. "And it's not a good place for any party to end up with a cult-like situation."

To be sure, the president's track record of picking winners and losers in elections is not perfect. He also backed Gov. Henry McMaster, who replaced Nikki Haley in South Carolina, but McMaster was forced into a primary runoff with Greenville businessman John Warren.

And Trump famously backed Roy Moore, the former Alabama judge accused of sexual misconduct with teenage girls, in a special election earlier this year that delivered the state's first Democrat to the U.S. Senate in a generation.

But Trump's preference for populist candidates like Corey Stewart, the Confederate-statue-supporting Republican who won the GOP nomination for Senate in Virginia on Tuesday, increasingly seems to be remaking the GOP, if not Congress, in his image. Stewart will face Sen. Tim Kaine, the Democratic Party's 2016 vice presidential nominee, in the fall.

As former Speaker John Boehner said recently, "There is no Republican Party. There's a Trump Party."

Recent polls have found that more than 80 percent of Republican voters approve of the job Trump is doing, and that makes GOP lawmakers hesitant to criticize him.

"Yes, of course it's his party," said Doug Heye, a former top House GOP leadership aide who is now a party strategist. "That's only more true today, given his high popularity among Republican voters."

He said lawmakers would be wise to keep their differences with the president low-key and within the range of policy, not personality, so as not to alienate Republican primary voters protective of the commander in chief. "What they will not support is someone they view as going after the president personally," Heye said.

Sanford, the former South Carolina governor, had never lost an election before Tuesday, even after a high-profile extramarital affair with a woman in Argentina. But he was never a strong Trump fan.

He demurred during the run-up to the 2016 election when asked if he'd support Trump and spoke out against the president after the election on issues such as limiting Muslim immigrants. He also voted against a border wall proposal, called Trump's proposed tariffs on aluminum and steel "an experiment with stupidity" and was unrelenting in calling for Trump to release his tax returns.

Arrington, the first-term state lawmaker who defeated him on Tuesday, aired ads that featured clips of Sanford speaking critically about Trump's actions.

Still, she didn't initially support Trump's candidacy either. "LOVE MITT ROMNEY!!!!!!" Arrington wrote on Facebook in 2016. She later told AP that while she supported Florida Sen. Marco Rubio in the 2016 GOP primary, she eventually backed Trump and "proudly" attended his inauguration. House Speaker Paul Ryan downplayed the rift between Sanford and Trump Wednesday and said there are always going to be winners and losers in the same party during primary season.

"That's just what happens in contested primaries," said the speaker, who is retiring rather than seek re-election.

Others, though, said Sanford's defeat is an up-close example of how Republicans must tread carefully in the Trump era.

Trump ally Rep. Chris Collins of New York offered advice to fellow GOP lawmakers: Say something nice before you bring Trump any complaints.

"I would start by praising the president ... and then say, 'But here's an issue in my local area where I have some disagreement or I'd like to be something different,'" Collins said.

Talking to Trump should be like interactions with your spouse or children when you have a problem that needs airing, he said. Don't just come out immediately "with smach mouth football."

Loudermilk said it's best for lawmakers to take their concerns privately to the White House, as he said he has done behind the scenes on Trump's proposed tariffs. "If it's something I disagree on, it doesn't necessarily mean you have to go out and broadcast it to the world."

Fed raises key rate and sees possible acceleration in hikes

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve took note of a resilient U.S. economy Wednesday by raising its benchmark interest rate for the second time this year and signaling that it may step up its pace of rate increases.

The Fed now foresees four rate hikes this year, up from the three it had previously forecast. The action means consumers and businesses will face higher loan rates over time.

The central bank raised its key short-term rate by a modest quarter-point to a still-low range of 1.75 percent to 2 percent. With the economy now nine years into an expansion, the move reflects the steadiness of growth, the job market's strength and inflation that's finally reaching the Fed's 2 percent target level.

Economists said the Fed left little doubt that it's prepared to increase the pace of its credit tightening to guard against high inflation later on.

"The labor market is getting tighter, and price pressures are picking up," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com. "The Fed is prepared to be quicker about pushing rates higher."

It was the Fed's seventh rate increase since 2015, and it followed an increase in March this year. The announcement helped resolve a debate in financial markets over whether the Fed under Jerome Powell, who succeeded Janet Yellen as chairman in February, might see a need to signal a possible acceleration in rate hikes. The statement the Fed issued Wednesday after its latest policy meeting ended suggested that he does.

Besides raising its projection for rate increases this year from three to four, the Fed removed a key sentence from the previous statement that had been viewed as foreseeing a need to keep rates low for an extended period. The Fed's new projection for the pace of rate hikes shows four this year, three in 2019 and one in 2020.

At a news conference, Powell sought to portray the Fed's actions as evidence mainly that the economy is doing well and not that the central bank is eager to accelerate its rate increases.

"The economy is in great shape," Powell said.

He acknowledged that the Fed is hearing concerns from some business executives about the Trump administration's combative trade policies, including anecdotal cases in which companies have postponed hiring or major purchases.

But Powell added, "For now, we don't see that in the numbers at all."

Trump has slapped tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, has threatened additional tariffs on Chinese imports and has directed his administration to consider further duties on imported cars. Those moves have inflated steel and aluminum costs.

Powell appeared at ease Wednesday in fielding questions ranging from the intricacies of monetary policy to banking regulation

and even to whether marijuana should be legalized. (He said that as Fed chairman, he had no position on that.)

And he announced that in the interest of public transparency, he will begin next year to hold a news conference after each of the Fed's eight policy meetings each year, rather than only once a quarter.

"This does not signal anything about the future pace of interest rates hikes," the chairman cautioned.

Since the Fed began holding quarterly news conferences in 2011, it has announced major policy moves only at the quarterly meetings, which have all been followed by a news conference by leader of the Fed.

The central bank's new median forecast projects the Fed's benchmark rate at 3.1 percent by the end of 2019, up from 2.9 percent in the previous forecast. For 2020, the Fed foresees a median of 3.4 percent. That means that by then, it thinks its key rate will finally exceed the 2.9 percent it sees as neutral — as neither stimulating nor restraining growth. Should the Fed's expectations prove accurate, its policy would then be intended to slow the economy.

The Fed now envisions stronger growth this year — 2.8 percent, up from the 2.7 percent it predicted in March. Unemployment, now at an 18-year low of 3.8 percent, would drop to 3.6 percent by year's end and to 3.5 percent in 2019 and 2020 — levels not seen in 49 years. Inflation by the Fed's preferred gauge would hit its 2 percent target this year and edge up to 2.1 percent over the next two years.

A gradual rise in inflation is coinciding with newfound economic strength. Consumer and business spending is powering the economy, in part a result of the tax cut President Donald Trump pushed through Congress late last year. With employers hiring at a solid pace month after month, unemployment has reached 3.8 percent. Not since 1969 has the jobless rate been lower.

Beginning in 2008 in the midst of the financial crisis, the Fed had kept its key rate unchanged at a record low near zero for seven years. It then raised rates once in 2015, once in 2016, three times in 2017 and now twice this year.

The Fed aims to achieve its mandates of maximizing employment and stabilizing prices by lowering rates to spur growth during times of economic weakness and raising rates to slow growth if the economy threatens to overheat. When the Fed tightens credit, it aims to do so without derailing the economy. But if it miscalculates and overdoes the credit tightening, it can trigger a recession.

At nine years, the economic expansion is now the second-longest in history. It will become the longest if it lasts past June 2019, at which point it would surpass the expansion that lasted from March 1991 to March 2001.

The Fed's pace of rate hikes for the rest of the year could end up reflecting a tug of war between a sturdy economy and the risks to growth, including from a potential trade war that could break out between the United States and such key trading partners as China, the European Union, Canada and Mexico.

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Oh, Canada: President Trump tramples an ally

■ One senior Trump adviser told The Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg that the Trump Doctrine could be summarized as "We're America, B****."

In Dante's "Inferno," the first circle of hell is for the virtuous unbelievers — non-Christians like Aristotle, Socrates and Julius Caesar. The second is for those who give in to their carnal desires, your Cleopatra and Achilles types. So it goes, through the various vices — gluttony, greed, wrath, etc. — that send you to your own designated place of eternal torment.

The odd thing is, I can't seem to find the specific locale in the Stygian depths for Justin Trudeau, the Canadian prime minister. And yet, White House trade adviser and apparent theologian Peter Navarro said on "Fox News Sunday" that, "There's a special place in hell for any foreign leader that engages in bad-faith diplomacy with President Donald J. Trump and then tries to stab him in the back on the way out the door."

Navarro was talking about Trudeau's decision to hold a press conference in which he calmly, quietly and politely — which is to say, Canadianly — explained that our neighbors to the north would be

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responding to the White House's imposition of aluminum and steel tariffs with tariffs of their own, something the Canadian government had said it would do all along.

This infuriated Trump, who was on his way to Singapore for a meeting with North Korea's Kim Jong Un. On Twitter, Trump announced that he would instruct U.S. representatives not to endorse the official G-7 communiqué and taunted Trudeau as "weak" and "dishonest" for good measure.

Over on CNN, White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow repeated that Trudeau "stabbed us in the back" and insisted he apologize for his "betrayal." Kudlow, a friend of mine (who suffered a thankfully mild heart attack Monday night), went on to claim that the real reason Trump attacked our ally was to offer a show of strength before the Singapore summit.

"POTUS is not going to let a Canadian prime minister push him around," Kudlow told CNN's Jake Tapper. "He is not going to permit any show of weakness on the trip to negotiate with North Korea. ... Kim must not see American weakness."

Kudlow is a wonderful man, but this is barney. Traditionally, the president of the United States is considered the leader of the free world. Well, being the leader of a coalition of powerful and rich countries is a stronger position than leader of America alone.

By throwing Canada under the bus — with language we rarely use about our actual adversaries — Trump and his subalterns were sending a message of American weakness, not strength. Sucking up to Russian President Vladimir Putin while hippie-punching Trudeau doesn't make Trump himself look stronger, either.

When you go into a negotiation with a barbaric rogue state, you want to be able to convince your adversary that you can deliver your allies when it comes to the final deal. Giving Trudeau a rhetorical wedge sends the exact opposite message.

It also creates problems far beyond whatever comes out of Singapore. Part of Kudlow's complaint was that Trudeau's "betrayal" was a "sophomoric political

stunt for domestic consumption."

Whether you think that's true or not, there's an important lesson here. One senior Trump adviser told The Atlantic's Jeffrey Goldberg that the Trump Doctrine could be summarized as "We're America, B****." That may not be an official policy statement, but that is the impression our allies are getting.

The standard response from the Trump administration's defenders is, "That's what his base wants," or, "That's what he campaigned on." True enough. But if running a foreign policy based on fan service to your base is good for the goose, it's good for the gander as well.

Trump is profoundly unpopular and distrusted among the electorates of many of our allies. When Pew asked about public confidence in Trump's ability to handle world affairs, 22 percent of Canadians expressed confidence in the president (compared with 83 percent for Obama). In Germany, only 11 percent trust Trump.

That's not a problem if you think we don't need allies, because they're all going to hell anyway. But don't be surprised if other world leaders decide it's in their interest to behave antagonistically toward America now that Trump has decided it's in his interest to do so to them.

OPINION EXTRA

Maybe Trump can do in North Korea what other presidents couldn't

Once upon a time it was fire and fury and loads of sanctions like nobody ever saw before, and look, it was said, President Donald Trump is going to get us into a nuclear war. But then North Korea came around, saying it wanted to talk. So Trump met with Kim Jong Un who promised to denuclearize, and now it's said Trump has elevated a murderous dictator to hero status and set us up as dupes.

What I want to say is wait and see and quit trying to make Trump out to have handled this so badly when there were three predecessors who put us in this fix in the first place. One was President Bill Clinton, upset in 1994 because North Korea was preparing to use nuclear fuel rods to help make nuclear weapons. Military preparedness and U.N. sanctions came to mind even as an ex-president named Jimmy Carter said he would visit with Kim Il Sung to quiet things down.

That's OK, he was told, as long as he did not negotiate a deal, which he did, announcing it on CNN TV before telling Clinton. Clinton aides were furious and, according to the author Steven Hayward, the State Department joke after Kim died shortly thereafter was that he laughed himself to death. The deal, which Clinton accepted, involved the United States shipping big bucks worth of energy materials North Korea's way. The team of President George W. Bush found the deal deficient, ended it, and we now know the North Koreans were cheating.

After 2006, when the North Koreans tested a nuclear device, the Bush administration got in the concession business to no avail even as we let North Korea get away with sending nuclear materials to Syria. Then we had President Barack Obama in power with a plan known as "strategic patience," apparently meaning, look, when San Francisco is taken out, our patience will be at an end. Understand?

Of course, Obama gets credit for the Iran nuclear deal in which allies can inspect everything, except of course military bases that Britain, German, France and the United States want to look at. There have been no deal violations except for 32 in which Iran tried to secure nuclear technology from German enterprises. Iran's peaceful intent, meanwhile, has been shown by the recent discovery of what experts say is development of a long range missile that could reach America. The nation purrs softly by constantly testing ballistic missiles, funding terrorists and building up its own military to further control its neighbors. It still has the capacity to make nuclear weapons, but it might take a little longer than it once would have. So don't worry.

North Korea's nuclear cravings began in the 1960s, but it was only lately that it began testing missiles left and right while aggressively bragging it could hit the United States. Trump said, hmn, have you ever heard of total destruction? Working with China and United Nations, he inflicted grave economic pain on the country and Kim Jong Un said he wanted to talk, and there was this session in Singapore with Trump clapping him on the back, showing him a film about how great things could be and getting some vague assurances.

Yes, vague, but pointed in the right direction with more talks to come, more details about such things as inspections and speed of dismantlement. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo — tough and smart — is in charge, and yes, we have already said we will end military exercises in South Korea. But we will also keep sanctions in place and maybe Kim will somehow outwit all of that and maybe there is no way Trump can win, anymore than he could ever be elected in the first place.

I think there is another possibility and that Trump has already been able to do that Clinton, Bush or Obama.

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"I ASKED TO BACK-STAB OUR ALLIES IN RETURN FOR SOME MAGIC BEANS. NO BEANS CHANGED HANDS TODAY, BUT WE AGREED TO DISCUSS THE BEANS AGAIN IN THE FUTURE."

If Obama had held this summit, we know how Republicans would've reacted

Let us ponder what the reaction among Republicans and conservatives would have been if President Obama had done what President Trump did on Tuesday:

■ Sat down with a dictator whose regime had killed hundreds of thousands of people and who tortures and enslaves as many as 130,000 political prisoners in gulags.

■ Set no specific preconditions for the meeting and secured no commitment on human rights nor any firm promise to denuclearize.

■ Blindsided allies by agreeing to the dictator's request to cease "provocative" military exercises with those allies.

■ Praised the dictator in lavish terms: "very talented man ... wants to do the right thing ... funny guy ... loves his people ... great personality ... a great honor ... I do trust him."

But we don't have to wonder what the reaction would have been to Obama doing such things, because we know what happened when he even floated the idea. In 2007, then-Sen. Obama answered in the affirmative when asked if he would be willing to meet without precondition the leaders of repressive regimes, including North Korea's, "to bridge the gap that divides our countries."

His presidential opponent John McCain and other Republicans hit Obama near daily for what they deemed "inexperience and reckless judgment." (Hillary Clinton gave him grief, too.) Later, Sarah Palin, specifically mentioning North Korea, proclaimed the Obama doctrine was "coddling enemies and alienating allies."

Republican lawmakers criticized the Obama administration for having a "buddy-buddy" relationship with Iran, McCain (Ariz.) likened Obama's handshake with Cuba's Raul Castro to Neville Chamberlain's handshake with Adolf Hitler, and Sen. Ted Cruz (Texas) condemned Obama for meeting Castro while there were "political prisoners languishing."

John Bolton, Trump's national security adviser, in 2013 mocked the "ineffectual" idea "that we could talk North Korea out of its nuclear weapons program."

The website NewsThisWeek made a video compilation of Fox News commentators' thoughts on Obama meeting with repressive regimes. Among them: "Obama likes talking to dictators" (Mike Huckabee), "he would meet with some of these madmen without any preconditions" (Palin), Obama is "going to reach out to those crazy people around the world" (Steve Doocy).

This changed on a dime when Trump was the one proposing such action. Fox personalities dutifully praised a "stunning Donald Trump breakthrough" and a "stunning diplomatic triumph." Sean Hannity, who said in 2008 that Obama's inclination to meet with rogues was "one of the most disturbing displays" of inexperience, said this year

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that Trump's willingness to meet Kim Jong Un "is a huge foreign policy win."

As Trump and Kim shook hands for the first time Tuesday, Hannity proclaimed it "officially" historic, compared Trump to Ronald Reagan, called Secretary of State Mike Pompeo a "rock star" and hosted Trump loyalists proclaiming "peace and progress" and "peace and prosperity." He dismissed "artificial unrealistic expectations" of Trump's opponents — that is, the complete denuclearization Trump himself demanded.

What Trump has gotten, at least so far, is far stiffer than the Iran nuclear deal he tore up. Trump, in his news conference after the talks, admitted that his joint statement with Kim does not deal with "verifiable or irreversible denuclearization," said human rights were discussed only "relatively briefly," and hemmed and hawed when asked what North Korea gave in return for his concession calling off "war games" with South Korea: "Well, we've got you know, I've heard that, I mean, some of the people that — I don't know ..."

Still, Republican lawmakers filled Twitter with applause emojis for Trump after he did the very thing they denounced Obama for even suggesting. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (Ky.), like many colleagues, called the meeting a "major step" toward peace.

Democrats, were they inclined to be demagogic, could have attacked Trump for sitting down with a murderous dictator. Most didn't. Though critical of Trump's deference to Kim and the meeting's lack of substance, they generally didn't criticize the idea of meeting.

Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer (N.Y.) reflected the tone of many Democrats when he said "we remain supportive of American diplomatic efforts," while noting that if a Democratic president did what Trump did, "the entire Republican Party would be shouting grave warnings about the end of American leadership and the belittling of our country."

This points to the asymmetrical partisanship in our current politics: Republicans are blithely hypocritical in praising Trump for doing the same thing they blasted Obama for suggesting, but at least some Democrats retain enough integrity not to dismiss diplomacy just because it is being attempted by their opponent.

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Claim raises eyebrows: NKorea no longer a nuke threat?

By Matthew Pennington and Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America and the world can "sleep well tonight," President Donald Trump declared on Wednesday, boasting that his summit with Kim Jong Un had ended any nuclear threat from North Korea though the meeting produced no details on how or when weapons might be eliminated or even reduced.

While Trump claimed a historic breakthrough at the most significant diplomatic event of his presidency, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, was more measured. He said the U.S. wants North Korea to take "major" nuclear disarmament steps within the next two years — before the end of Trump's first term in 2021.

Pompeo also cautioned that the U.S. would resume "war games" with close ally South Korea if the North stops negotiating in good faith. The president had

announced a halt in the drills after his meeting with Kim on Tuesday, a concession long sought by Pyongyang.

The summit in Singapore did mark a reduction in tensions — a sea change from last fall, when North Korea was conducting nuclear and missile tests and Trump and Kim were trading threats and insults that stoked fears of war. Kim is now promising to work toward a denuclearized Korean Peninsula.

But the details of what is sure to be a complex and contentious process have yet to be settled.

Despite the uncertainties, Trump talked up the outcome of what was the first meeting between a U.S. and North Korean leader in six decades of hostility. The Korean War ended in 1953 without a peace treaty, leaving the two sides in a technical state of war.

"Just landed — a long trip, but everybody can now feel much safer than the day I took office," Trump tweeted early Wednesday. "There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea. Meeting with Kim Jong Un was an interesting and very positive experience. North Korea has great potential for the future!"

Pompeo, who flew to Seoul to brief South Korean leaders, said the brief, four-point joint statement that emerged from the summit did not encapsulate all the progress the U.S. and North Korea had made. He said negotiations would recommence "in the next week or so."

He bristled at questions from reporters about the vague wording of the statement where North Korea "commits to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" — a promise it has made several times before in the past 25 years and reneged on. Pompeo said Kim understands that "there will be in-depth verification" in any deal with the U.S.

"We have big teams ready to go," including experts from the U.S. and other partners around the world, Pompeo said. "We're prepared to execute this once we're in a position that we can actually get to a place where we can do it."

While Trump was facing questions at home and among allies about whether he gave away too much in return for too little, North Korean state media heralded claims of a victorious meeting with the U.S. president.

Photos of Kim standing side-by-side with Trump on the world stage were splashed across newspapers. Trump's own chest-thumping tweet seemed reminiscent of the "Mission Accomplished" banner flown behind President George W. Bush in 2003 when he spoke aboard a Navy ship following the U.S. invasion of Iraq. The words came back to haunt the administration, as the war dragged on throughout Bush's presidency.

Trump's claim that North Korea no longer poses a nuclear threat is questionable considering Pyongyang's significant weapons arsenal. Independent experts say the North could have

enough fissile material for between about a dozen and 60 nuclear bombs. Last year it tested long-range missiles that could reach the U.S. mainland, although it remains unclear if it has mastered the technology to deliver a nuclear warhead that could re-enter the atmosphere and hit its target.

"Before taking office people were assuming that we were going to War with North Korea," Trump tweeted. "President (Barack) Obama said that North Korea was our biggest and most dangerous problem. No longer - sleep well tonight!"

Actually, concerns about North Korean missiles and nuclear weapons reached a peak last year, during Trump's first year in office, as the North conducted more tests and Trump and Kim aimed ever more fiery rhetoric at each other.

Christopher Hill, chief U.S. negotiator with North Korea in the George W. Bush administration, suggested in an interview that it's "a little premature" for

Trump to say Kim is someone the U.S. can trust.

"Kim Jong Un has proved to be a pretty ruthless leader in North Korea, and I'm not sure this sort of speed dating of a 45-minute one-on-one meeting ... would suggest that there's nothing to be concerned about," he said.

When asked Wednesday whether Trump was jumping the gun by declaring victory, White House counselor Kellyanne Conway told reporters: "This president wants North Korea to completely denuclearize so obviously that has to be complete, verifiable and irreversible."

Freezing the regular military exercises with South Korea is a major concession to North Korea that has long claimed the drills were invasion preparations. Trump's announcement appeared to catch the Pentagon and officials in Seoul off guard, and some South Koreans were alarmed. Trump cast the decision as a cost-saving measure, but also called the exercises "inappropriate" while talks continue.

Made-for-TV summit puts Trump the Showman in spotlight

By Catherine Lucey, Zeke Miller and David Bauder
Associated Press

Andersen Air Force Base, GUAM — From the staged handshake before a watching world, to the debut of an infomercial about an imagined North Korea, the summit between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un was a made-for-the-camera production.

While the Singapore sit-down at a luxury resort purported to be a serious conversation about a rising nuclear standoff, it was as much an opportunity for two decidedly unorthodox leaders to put on a show. From its start, the men embraced the power of the image over the substance, both keenly aware that the eyes of the world were fixated right where they'd intended: on them.

Each moment of the high-stakes summit at a luxury resort on a Singapore island appeared designed for the cameras. Just after its start, both men walked toward each other from opposite ends of a colonnade, pausing before a row of alternating U.S. and North Korean flags for a lengthy handshake as cameras flashed and video and photos were beamed around the world.

The image alone had deep, historic import, and surreal quality that even the leaders couldn't ignore. "I think the entire world is watching this moment," Kim said through an interpreter, comparing it to fantasy and a "science fiction movie."

Others thought of a different genre.

"There's no question this was a television production," said Robert Thompson, director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University. "Its major pur-

pose was to be a television production."

For Trump, the reality television star turned surprise commander in chief, it was a chance to show off his deal-making skills on a global stage to a skeptical world. To Kim, an autocratic leader reviled by most of the international community, it represented a play for international legitimacy through a public greeting with the leader of the free world.

Both were aware that the once-unthinkable meeting between a sitting U.S. president and a North Korean leader was a media blockbuster, drawing journalists from around the world, international viewers and mobs of cellphone-waving onlookers in the Asian city-state chosen for their sit-down. The buildup was filled with cliffhangers, from the name-calling to Trump's first shocking announcement they would meet, to its sudden cancellation and resurrection.

Historians were quick to point out the joint statement the two leaders signed was actually far less detailed than those struck with North Korea in the past, the same ones that Trump has repeatedly derided for ending in failure and perpetuating the nuclear threat.

Trump immediately sold the deal — on television. He appeared before hundreds of journalists at a news conference, the sort of free-wheeling media session that he's determinedly avoided for most of his presidency. It wasn't a surprise that he took his message to unabashed supporter Sean Hannity for a Fox News Channel interview, but he also sat down with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos for his first interview with a broadcast network in more than a year.

Stressing that he had tried to pitch Kim on possible

economic gains, Trump played for reporters a video depicting a utopian North Korea-of-the-future, where speedboats glide alongside opulent, modern skyscrapers. Then he disclosed that he'd screened the film, produced for the occasion, for Kim.

"That was a tape that we gave to Chairman Kim and his people, his representatives. And it captures a lot. It captures what could be done," Trump said Tuesday.

Proving he was a worthy foil, Kim stole the show from Trump on Monday night. The autocrat left his hotel and took a tour of some popular night spots, surrounded by a horde of security officials and breathlessly carried on live television, with people watching a leader who rarely leaves his home, much less goes out in public.

Before leaving Singapore, Trump suggested a sequel as he talked about hosting Kim at the White House.

He told ABC in an interview, "I would love to have him at the White House, whatever it takes. And I would love to have him at the White House and I think he'd love to be there. And at a certain point, when it's all complete, I'd love to go to North Korea, he said."

Trump tags US media as nation's 'biggest enemy' after summit

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump challenged skeptical media coverage of his historic summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un on Wednesday, declaring that "Fake News" is the nation's "biggest enemy."

The president's tweet, delivered a few hours after Air Force One touched down outside Washington, was reminiscent of his February 2017 Twitter rebuke in which he called several leading news outlets "the enemy of the American people."

Trump has sought to portray his unprecedented meeting with Kim as a significant accomplishment that has made the world less vulnerable to the North's nuclear arsenal. Critics say that his agreement with the North lacks specific restraints on Kim's government and that he offered to end joint military exercises with South Korea with little in return.

The president tweeted after returning from his Singapore summit that "the Fake News, especially NBC and CNN, are 'fighting hard to downplay the deal with North Korea.' He added: '500 days ago they would have 'begged' for this deal-looked like war would break out.'"

"Our Country's biggest enemy is the Fake News so easily promulgated by fools!" Trump tweeted.

The president also asserted that after his initial round of talks with Kim, there is "no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea." Trump's claim is dubious given that independent experts estimate Pyongyang has enough fissile material for 20 to 60 bombs.

The tweet followed a New York Times story on the Trump administration's lack of

scientific expertise, the president's questioning of the honesty of the American media at an international summit in Canada and his dismissal of diplomatic expertise in favor of using a "touch" and "feel" approach in his talks with Kim.

Trump has bristled against questions over his decision to meet with Kim, whose country is estimated to have 80,000 to 120,000 political prisoners. The president has dubbed his detractors "haters & losers."

"It's a mistake to see attacks on the media as separate from those things," said Jay Rosen, a New York University journalism professor. "It's the erosion of the common world of fact. If we can't agree on what the facts are, if there are no facts because they are in endless dispute, there is no accountability."

Rosen noted that international summits were often venues for the U.S. president and American journalists to insist on joint news conferences with autocratic leaders or strongmen and their accompanying press corps, a form of soft diplomacy that demonstrated America's commitment to democratic institutions such as freedom of the press.

While Trump held a news conference at the G-7 summit in Quebec last week, he told reporters during one exchange that he "came up with the term fake news" because many journalists who cover him are "very dishonest." In response to a journalist representing CNN, Trump criticized the premise of the reporter's question and then criticized "fake news CNN" as "the worst."

"Anybody who can exert a factual check on the president, saying 'Wait a minute, that's not what happened,' is to be dismissed, attacked, delegitimized, pushed aside and turned into a hate object," Rosen said.



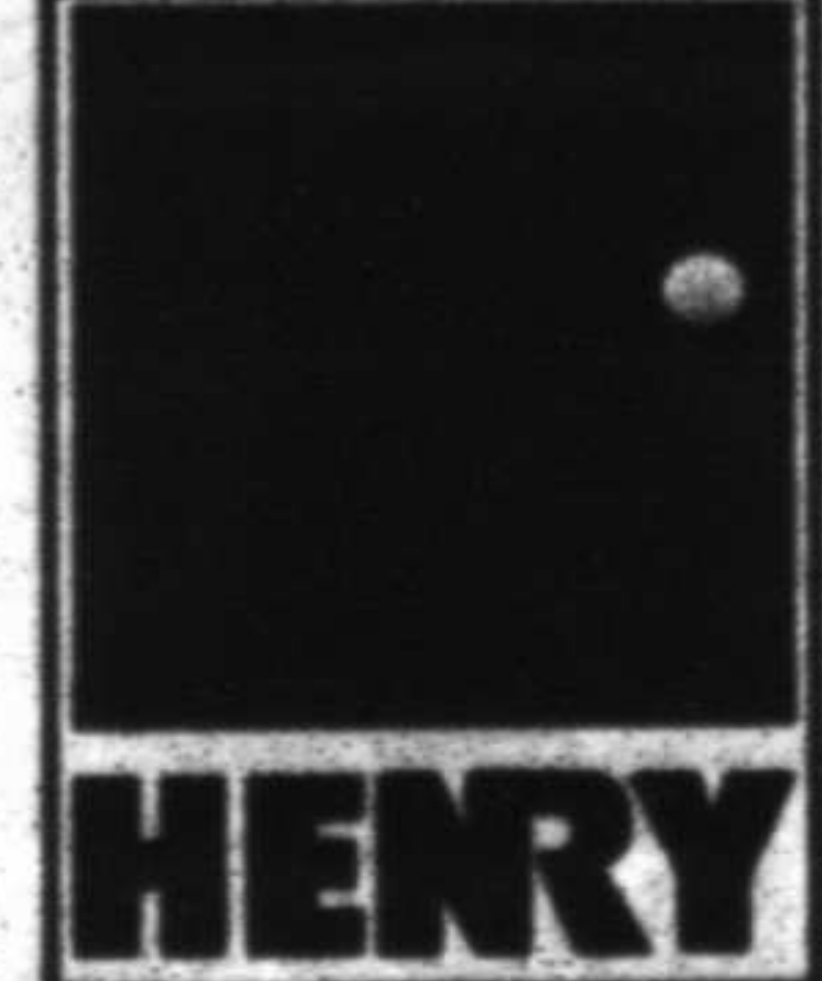
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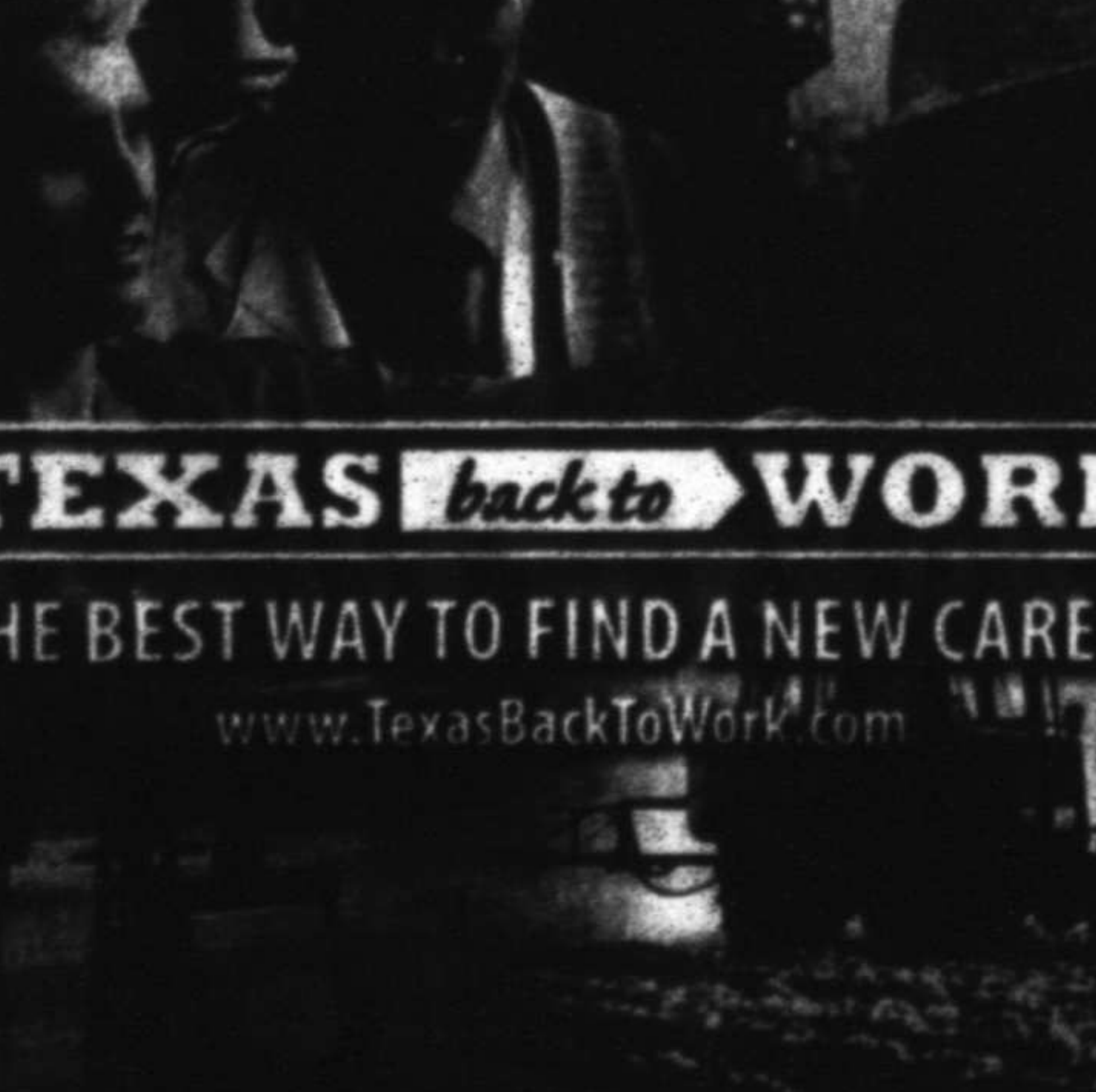
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TODAY



COLE PLAY A little bit of roots and a whole lot of country make up the Judson Cole Band's Red Dirt sound, which began in San Angelo. See the guys headline the Rockin' Rodeo stage. Doors at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY



LOUD AND PROUD West Texas Pride hosts its first celebration for Pride Month at Pioneer Park in Andrews. The family-friendly event will feature outdoor festivities, water balloon fight, live performances and more. 4 p.m.

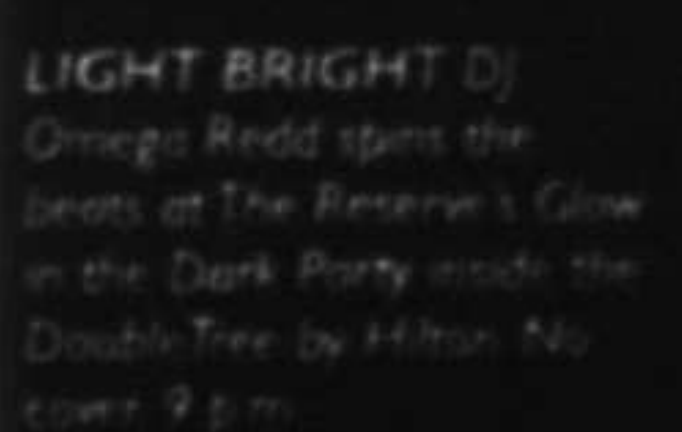


MUM'S THE WORD Head to the Yucca for the 70th Season of Summer Mommies with the baseball-themed melodrama "Diabolical Deeds on the Diamond or Wait... Was that a Squirrel in the Infield?" 8 p.m.

SATURDAY



MONKEYING AROUND Say "Hi" to that famous monkey Curious George, when visits his own exhibit "Curious George Let's Get Curious!" at the Midland County Public Library. Central branch. 1 p.m.



LIGHT BRIGHT DJ Omega Red spins the beats at The Reserve's Glow in the Dark Party inside the DoubleTree by Hilton. No cover. 9 p.m.

SUNDAY



CRUISE ON DOWN Curious George's Day with Dora's Night Out at the Summer Sunday Open Concert Series with Monarchs. State Club in Museum of the Southland. 7 p.m.

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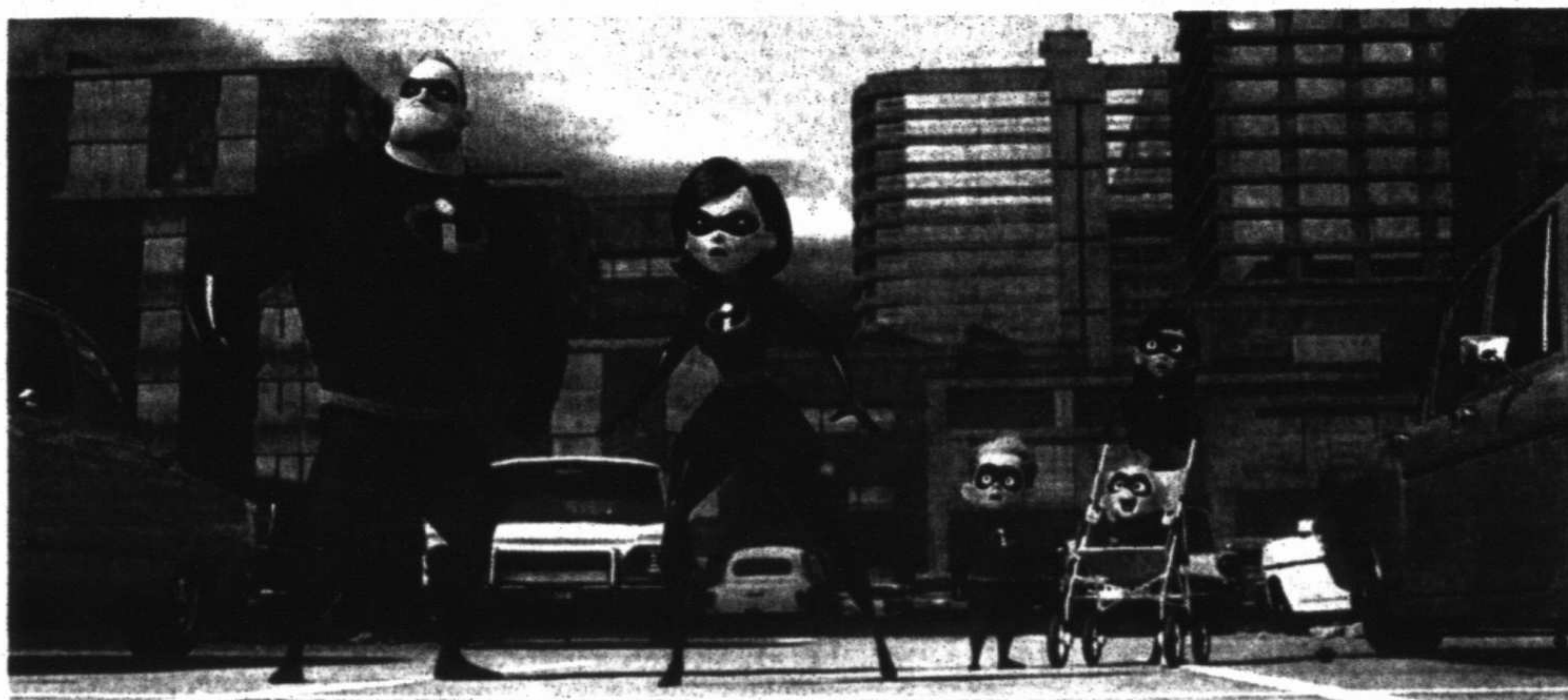
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'Incredibles 2' brings the fun (and danger) back to superhero movies

KATIE WALSH
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It's been 14 years since the premiere of Brad Bird's beloved animated superhero film, "The Incredibles," one of the megahit Pixar films that cemented the animation studio's reputation as the production company for film humor and heart that would satisfy both parents and children. With cool mid-century flair and eye-popping spectacle, "The Incredibles" sent up superhero and spy tropes, but ultimately, it's a family story. Happily, Bird has pulled it off again, in the long-awaited sequel "Incredibles 2," which is as good, if not better than the original.

Bird smartly blends emotion and action for a superhero film that has real stakes and impact. It helps that it's funny. In an era of superhero fatigue, "Incredibles 2" reminds us that superheroes, ultimately, were supposed to be fun. While live-action superhero films flail at trying to figure out if they're dark, gritty or witty, "Incredibles 2" is unabashedly a blast, without any identity crisis. However, within this fantastical world, it actually feels like the characters are in real peril, an element that's gone missing from blockbuster action

franchises, where it seems like death is never really an option. In "Incredibles 2," the Parr family, longing to live a normal life, is enlisted in a PR campaign to make superheroes legal again. Winston (Bob Odenkirk) and Evelyn (Catherine Keener), the wealthy sibling benefactors on their side, have both the means and the motivation to rehabilitate the superhero image, and they enlist Elastigirl (Holly Hunter) in a media blitz to make super-powered crime fighting look good. Soon, she's taking on a mysterious villain. Screenslaver, who hypnotizes his victims with glowing screens (sound familiar?).

Meanwhile, Mr. Incredible (Craig T. Nelson) finds he's not so incredible at being Mr. Mom while he cares for angry tween Violet (Sarah Vowell), super-

charged Dash (Huck Milner) and baby Jack-Jack (Eli Fucile), who he discovers has a host of different and equally challenging — though very entertaining — superpowers.

Bird threads several smart themes throughout "Incredibles 2," about gender roles in the workplace and at home, the media's role in politics and our collective addictions to screens. While he never really goes deep in unpacking these ideas, there's much more to the substantive story than just action and humor — it hits that sweet spot of satisfaction for both younger and older audiences.

The animation is just as jaw-dropping. It's more technologically advanced than the original film, but Bird maintains the retro 1950s aesthetic. The Parrs live in a strange land where mid-century styling, including the TVs, cars, stunning modernist architecture and kitschy Tiki details coexist along with highly advanced technology. Along with Michael Giacchino's addictive, spy movie-inspired score, it makes for a film with a snazzy singular style.

Most impressively, for all the slick panache Bird and his team of animators have brought to the style

of "Incredibles 2," they've built in the most important element of all — actual danger, which creates actual emotional investment. When Elastigirl tries out her new motorcycle, she skids and teters, and when she's in pursuit of a runaway high-speed train, we feel her effort, despite all her impressive superpowers. In a cinematic landscape where it seems like consequences, hazards, injury and even death are no longer a factor, it's possibly the most remarkable achievement of all that Bird has made a film that puts both the danger — and the fun — back into superhero stories.

'INCREDIBLES 2'

★★★
Cast: Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Sarah Vowell, Samuel L. Jackson, Bob Odenkirk, Catherine Keener.

Directed by Brad Bird.
Running time: 1 hour, 58 minutes.
Rated PG for action sequences and some brief mild language.

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Free film series Cinema Under the Stars opens at Wagner Noel

From staff reports

The Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center offers a free way to beat the heat with its inaugural Cinema Under the Stars, which begins Saturday.

This series will take place once a month during the summer under the venue's indoor night sky full of stars.

In addition to the featured entertainment, visitors can enjoy dining from onsite food trucks and beverages for sale. Doors open at 11 a.m.

with the first movie screening at noon. Although free, guests must reserve tickets for admission either at the box office or online at wagner-noel.com.

The Cinema Under the Stars schedule features the following:

Saturday | "Marvel Blockbusters"
Noon: "The Avengers"
3:30 p.m.: "Avengers: Age of Ultron"
7 p.m.: "Captain America: Civil War"

July 21 | "Back to the Future Trilogy"
Noon: "Back to the Future"
3:30 p.m.: "Back to the Future Part II"
7 p.m.: "Back to the Future Part III"

Aug. 18 | "'80s Classics"
Noon: "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" (1982)
3:30 p.m.: "The Karate Kid" (1984)
7 p.m.: "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986)

Dance, music highlight this year's Juneteenth celebration

From staff reports

Juneteenth Midland kicks off today and runs through Sunday. The four-day celebration, with the theme "Working with the Community," features entertainment, worship and a parade.

All events take place at Washington Park, 1803 E. Indiana Ave., unless otherwise noted. The schedule of events includes the following:

■ Throwback Thursday opens the annual event with bingo, blues music and line dancing. 7:30 p.m. today.

■ Friday Night Lights will feature a step and dance show, open mic and concert by Crowd Pleaza. 7:30 p.m. Friday.

■ Saturday Night Live opens with the parade, a volleyball tournament at Washington Elementary and an evening of performances by local artists. 10 a.m. Saturday.

■ Sunday's Best with performances by local church choirs followed by a night of worship. 7 p.m. Sunday.

In 1865, Union troops arrived in Galveston with news that the Civil War was over, and that all remaining slaves in Texas were free — an event celebrated to this day as "Juneteenth."

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"Adrift" (PG-13) Shailene Woodley and Sam Claflin star as a pair of bohemian lovers whose sailing adventure leads into a catastrophic hurricane. Written by Aaron Kandell, Jordan Kandell, David Branson Smith; based on a book by Tami Oldham Ashcraft with Susa McGearhart. Directed by Baltasar Kormakur.

"Avengers: Infinity War" (PG-13) Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and the rest unite to battle their most powerful enemy yet — the evil Thanos — who's on a mission to collect the Infinity Stones. Robert Downey Jr., Chris Evans, Chris Pratt, Scarlett Johansson, Chadwick Boseman star. Written by Christopher Markus & Stephen McFeely, based on Marvel comics characters. Directed by Anthony and Joe Russo.

"Book Club" (PG-13) Diane Keaton, Jane Fonda, Candice Bergen and Mary Steenburgen star as lifelong friends whose book club tackles "Fifty Shades of Grey," triggering new romances and rekindling old flames. Written by Bill Holderman, Erin Simms. Directed by Holderman.

"Deadpool 2" (R) Ryan

Reynolds is back as the crazy assassin and sometime X-Man, joined on his murderous adventures by Domino (Zazie Beetz) and Cable (Josh Brolin). Directed by David Leitch.

"Hereditary" (R) Secrets emerge after the death of a matriarch setting her daughter's family on a seemingly inevitable, ominous path. With Toni Collette, Alex Wolff, Milly Shapiro, Ann Dowd, Gabriel Byrne. Written and directed by Ari Aster.

"Hotel Artemis" (R) Jodie Foster stars as a woman who runs an exclusive criminals-only emergency room in strife-ridden near-future L.A. With Sterling K. Brown, Sofia Boutella, Jeff Goldblum, Brian Tyree Henry, Jenny Slate, Zachary Quinto, Charlie Day, Dave Bautista. Written and directed by Drew Pearce.

"Incredibles 2" (PG) Mr. Incredible stays home with the kids while Elastigirl is pressed into hero action to save the day. Voice cast includes Holly Hunter, Craig T. Nelson, Samuel L. Jackson, Sophia Bush, Huck Miller, Sarah Vowell. Written and directed by Brad Bird.



"Ocean's 8" (PG-13) Sandra Bullock and Cate Blanchett recruit an all-female crew to pull off a \$150 million diamond heist. With Anne Hathaway, Mindy Kaling, Sarah Paulson, Awkwafina, Richard Armitage, James Corden, Rihanna, Helena Bonham Carter. Written by Gary Ross & Olivia Milch, story by Ross. Directed by Ross.

"Overboard" (PG-13) A debauched Mexican billionaire falls off his yacht, wakes with amnesia and is convinced by the woman who cleans his boat that

he's her working-class husband in this reboot of the 1987 Goldie Hawn-Kurt Russell comedy. With Eugenio Derbez, Anna Faris, Eva Longoria, John Hannah. Written by Bob Fisher, Rob Greenberg, Leslie Dixon. Directed by Greenberg.

"Rampage" (PG-13) A genetic experiment goes haywire turning a silverback gorilla and other beasts into giant, angry mutants. With Dwayne Johnson, Naomie Harris, Malin Akerman, Jake Lacy, Joe Manganiello, Jeffrey Dean Morgan. Written by Ryan Engle and Carlton Cuse & Ryan J. Condal and Adam Sztykiel, story

by Engle, based on the video game. Directed by Brad Peyton.

"Set It Up" (NR) Two overtaxed executive assistants scheme to distract their bosses with a fake romance. With Zoey Deutch, Glen Powell, Taye Diggs, Lucy Liu, Pete Davidson, Tituss Burgess. Written by Katie Silbermann. Directed by Claire Scanlon. On Netflix.

"Superfly" (R) Director X reimagines the blaxploitation classic about a stylish enterprising criminal, set in present-day Atlanta. With Trevor Jackson, Jason Mitchell, Lex Scott Davis. Written by Alex Tse.

"Tag" (R) Five friends gather at the wedding of the only undefeated player in a game they've played since childhood. With Ed Helms, Jake Johnson, Annabelle Wallis, Hannibal Buress, Isla Fisher, Rashida Jones, Leslie Bibb, Jon Hamm, Jeremy Renner. Written by Rob McEltrick and Mark Steilen, screen story by Steilen, based on a newspaper article by Russell Adams. Directed by Jeff Tomsic.

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'Superfly' remakes Blaxploitation classic

Director X's "Superfly" transplants the 1972 Blaxploitation classic from Harlem streets to suburban Atlanta mansions, flips Curtis Mayfield's soul score for Future's hip-hop soundtrack and forsakes the original's politically charged grit for shallow music-video indulgence.

"He's got a plan to stick it to the man," went the ads for Gordon Parks Jr.'s "Super Fly," with Ron O'Neal as Youngblood Priest, the suave cocaine dealer trying to make one last score. Coming a year after "Shaft" (directed by Parks' father), "Super Fly" was a post-civil-rights-era time capsule oozing anti-authoritarian fury and '70s style.

"The Man" is mostly MIA in this "Superfly," which takes more after Brian De Palma's "Scarface" and familiar hip-hop fantasies than anything channeled by the earlier Blaxploitation films. If snorted lines of coke were copious in the original, Director X's "Superfly" is packed with scenes of slow-motion booty shaking — imagery the filmmaker is well-versed in as the director of (some very good) music videos for Drake, Rihanna, Jay-Z and Kanye West.

This Youngblood Priest (Trevor Jackson) is a polished businessman who runs a well-established, clandestine drug business with his partner Eddie (Jason Mitchell). Financially savvy, deeply connected all over town and never rattled by the most lethal interactions, Jackson's slickly coiffed Priest is almost as much superhero as super fly.

Having risen well above the streets, Priest senses his good fortune can't last. He wants to get out, along with his two girlfriends (Lex Scott Davis, Andrea Londo), before fate comes for him. There are already signs that his even-keeled lifestyle is about to get rocky. A squabble threatens the peace with the rival crew dubbed Snow Patrol, a white-dressed gang of dealers who drive white cars, shoot white guns and pretty much look like the ATL chapter of the Storm Troopers.

With one last score in mind, Priest does what few ready to give up a life of crime would do: He goes to great lengths to prove himself to a powerful Mexican cartel. "Don't let the pretty hair fool you," Priest pleads to the cartel boss (Easi Morales) after circumventing his regular supplier and mentor, the karate master Scatter (Michael Kenneth Williams).

Williams' presence begs the question: Wouldn't "Superfly" be better — and carry more of a sense of danger, of real threat — if Williams was starring in it? Jackson comfortably carries the film with a smooth panache, but his Priest — like the movie — doesn't make much of an impression.

Yet "Superfly" is also a generally entertaining movie, with good things in it. Mitchell ("Mudbound") is predictably excellent as Priest's less scrupulous partner and friend; he's the film's high point. And any movie that casts Big Boi as the mayor of Atlanta has done some things right. ("Superfly" would be better if there was more of him in it.) And Jennifer Morrison, one of the two crooked police detectives in the film, is unexpectedly terrific in a usually stereotypical role.

But it feels like the reason for remaking "Super Fly" got lost along the way. Screenwriter Alex Tse and Director X have glossed up a story that took its power from its era's reality. "Superfly" lives in a music video dream world driven by extravagance, where women aren't anything but dancing eye candy or threesome partners. Future's songs also aren't especially distinct, though, admittedly, Mayfield's majestic score — which is heard a few times here — is untouchable.

Comparing the two versions of "Super Fly" — one in two words, the other just one — only illustrates what movies can lose by over-glamorizing themselves.

"Superfly" makes one belated stab at relevance in a shakedown scene with a corrupt white cop that speaks to today's Black Lives Matter protests. (In the 1972 original, it was white cops supplying the cocaine that poisoned the black community.)

But even that moment is a reminder of how much genuine angst and emotion "Super Fly" could have tapped into. For that, we'll just have to wait. Spike Lee's "BlacKkKlansman" is due out later this summer.

"Superfly," a Columbia Pictures release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "violence and language throughout, strong sexuality, nudity and drug content." Running time: 107 minutes. A-R-R

MPAA definition of R: Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Once sidelined, romantic comedies rise again at box office this summer

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Summer is always full of action and superhero pics, but this year a once dormant yet utterly adored genre is coming back in a big way: the romantic comedy. After a 2017 without any from a major studio, this summer is proving to be a re-birth for this lost Hollywood staple with five notable releases, including "Crazy Rich Asians" and a "Mamma Mia!" sequel.

The reasons for the genre's decline are many. A post-recession focus on international audiences, franchises and superhero films have helped to push rom-coms off the priority list for studios. Also, after a long and fruitful run in the late '80s through the 2000s, enthusiasm started to wane. They had become stale. There were a few outliers, of course, like Amy Poehler's "Trainwreck," but the big studio rom-coms became derivative, lazy and dull.

"They didn't reflect the way that society was changing. They were all about white, straight couples. They fell back on the conventions that define the genre," said Erin Carlson, author of the book "I'll Have What She's Having: How Nora Ephron's Three Iconic Films Saved the Romantic Comedy" and an upcoming book about the films of Meryl Streep. "People just got tired of them."

A death, of sorts, was necessary for the genre to rise again with a new set of voices. It didn't hurt that "The Big Sick" made a splash at the box office and went on to get a screen-writing Oscar nomination — the kind of prestigious recognition rarely afforded to classic rom-coms that don't have a "Silver Linings Playbook" edge.

"The Big Sick" showed that people still want a good rom-com at the multiplex, but they want one that pushes the genre forward in new, interesting ways that reflect real life today, not tired tropes of yesterday," Carlson said.

And indeed, the rom-coms of 2018 are continuing that forward movement. Earlier in the year there was Paramount's "Book Club" and its focus on older women, 20th Century Fox's "Love, Simon," gay, teen protagonist, and the bilingual "Overboard," which has become the highest-grossing film for Pantheon Films.

"Set It Up," a Netflix release out Friday, is perhaps the most throwback of all the upcoming films. It is about people with actual jobs that consume their lives instead of playing a glamorous backdrop to whatever romantic exploits the movie dictates. Zoey Deutch and Glen Powell star as assistants who decide to set up their miserable and difficult

bosses, played by Lucy Liu and Taye Diggs.

It was dreamt up by Juliet Berman, the head of development for Treehouse Pictures, and screenwriter Katie Silbermann, both ardent rom-com fans who met as assistants in Los Angeles.

"I grew up at a time when rom-coms didn't have a negative connotation. They were just my favorite movies," Silbermann said. "I wanted for a long time to try to write something that would make audiences feel the way the movies I loved growing up made me feel. They're fun and kind and warm and nice and smart."

The script got the attention of Hollywood with a spot on the coveted Black List in 2015, a survey of the industry's best unproduced screenplays. It was picked up by MGM and even had "Game of Thrones" Emilia Clarke to star, but it started to fall apart when the studio wavered and Clarke had to go back to shoot her television show. The team, including Powell, was undeterred.

"We met with a lot of people who really liked the script but so many people would say, 'oh it's not right for our platform,' or 'it's not right for our slate,'" said "Set It Up" director Claire Scanlon. "There were so many rules for people who were picking up films and if it didn't fit perfectly with exactly what they had coming out, then they didn't want to do it."

That all changed in a meeting with Netflix, when executive Matt Brodell agreed to make it in the room — he said yes in January and they were

shooting by May. Netflix has also released a few other romantic comedies this year including "Ibiza," "When We First Met" and "The Kissing Booth." And, likewise, Amazon was the shop that took a gamble acquiring "The Big Sick."

It's not just streaming platforms re-embracing the genre — the big studios are too. Universal has "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again" coming July 20, with many of the original cast as well as Cher and Andy Garcia. And Warner Bros. is releasing the adaptation of Kevin Kwan's popular novel "Crazy Rich Asians" on Aug. 15.

Nina Jacobson, who produced "Crazy Rich Asians," saw an opportunity in the story about a Chinese American woman who travels to Singapore to meet her boyfriend's parents to take audiences to a world they haven't seen in a mainstream American movie, and also touch on universal themes.

"So many (romantic comedies) became so formulaic," Jacobson said. "But it is a genre that has been historically beloved and successful and this felt like a great way to re-approach it."

The independent realm, which has been keeping rom-coms alive for some time, also has a few boundary-pushing releases on the schedule, both about people in their early middle age finding love. The Sundance charter "Juliet, Naked," based on the Nick Hornby novel and starring Rose Byrne, Chris O'Dowd and Ethan Hawke, comes out Aug. 17, followed by

"Destination Wedding," which boasts a '90s dream cast in Winona Ryder and Keanu Reeves who star as single wedding guests.

"It's a dark comedy," said "Destination Wedding" producer Gail Lyon. "They're playing the idea of two broken people who have had the (expletive) kicked out of them in the love department. Can they really find enough hope to find something or is cynicism going to rule the day? It's really funny and really honest about finding love later in life."

Lyon, who also produced "Win a Date with Tad Hamilton!," knows that the movie business is cyclical, but thinks that rom-coms needed to get back to the basics — character and dialogue — while also "twisting the paradigm a little bit to keep it fresh," which she says "Destination Wedding" (Aug. 24) does.

If 2018 is the start of a new era of the romantic comedy, Carlson thinks that one day we may trace it back to "The Big Sick." She compares it to how "Moonstruck," which won three Oscars in 1988, helped get the genre out of the cynical "Annie Hall" phase and pave the way for "When Harry Met Sally" and all the classics that hit spawned.

"People have written the romantic comedy's obituary over and over and over again," Carlson said. "But the genre will always survive as long as it's pushed forward in ways that reflect contemporary society. And it will also survive as long as love and relationships elude and fascinate us — that is, it will never go away."

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PICK O' THE WEEK

"Please Stand By" (PG-13) Heartwarming tale of autistic woman obsessed with "Star Trek" — her dog even wears an Enterprise sweater — who has written a "Star Trek" script for a contest that she has to hand deliver if she wants it to make the entry deadline. Dakota Fanning is absolutely perfect in the role, though almost everyone is upstaged by Blaster, the Chihuahua who plays Pete the pup. **A-**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Incoming" (unrated) For the second week in a row, this slot is filled by a disastrous sci-fi space oddity. This monstrosity is worse than last week's "Genesis" because more is expected. Everything is amiss, though. From the misplaced patriotism to the misuse of the term "wolf pack" to is poor set decoration — mission control looks like a closet painted black — and finally, the miserable journey this film takes its viewers on. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"Death Wish" (R) Those critics who panned this remake of the 1974 Charles Bronson film obviously haven't seen a Bruce Willis movie in a while. Several of his most recent have skipped theatrical release and gone straight to the small screen. They have made him into a caricature of his action hero persona and they've not been pretty. This film is far from great but it is good. Willis has a little trouble convincing me as a doctor but once he trades the scalpel for a gun, things normalize. **C+**

"Delirium" (R) This is a horror movie where you want so badly for things to be scary but they just never are. Oh, there's a chill here and there but clichés kill it. For example, Topher Grace's troubled character, Tom, discovers a secret passage in the house full of peepholes. As he peers through one, the room appears empty. Then a screechy violin sound at an insanely loud pitch is heard and a face pops into view. You may jump but it's an unsatisfying jolt. The entire film is comprised of such shenanigans. Once

Reeled Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

TOP REDBOX RENTALS

The top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks for the week of June 4:

1. Death Wish (2018) — Fox
2. Game Night — Warner
3. The Hurricane Heist — Lionsgate
4. Red Sparrow — Fox
5. Black Panther — Disney
6. A Wrinkle in Time (2018) — Disney
7. Gringo — Universal
8. Annihilation — Paramount
9. The 15:17 to Paris — Warner
10. Peter Rabbit — Sony

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you see them coming, the only thing you want to see is the end. **B-**

"Gringo" (R) David Oyelowo has kept his roles mostly on the dramatic side and he's well-deserved accolades and a few Golden Globe and Emmy nominations for his efforts. But the man has a seriously wicked funny side and he milks it for all it's worth in this comedy. The film is better for his appearance because otherwise, it is average at best. **C**

"The Hurricane Heist" (PG-13) Even if only by accident, I don't know a soul who hasn't seen a reporter standing outside during a hurricane to convey to the audience how windy things are. This movie takes that to ridiculous new extremes. Disaster movies, by their very nature, are supposed to do that. From the flying cows in "Twister" to the acid lake in "Dante's Peak," these things are pushing the boundaries but are forgivable for the sake of storytelling. No so here. The effects in this film are its ruin. **D**

"I Kill Giants" (not rated) A fiercely independent teen who wears bunny ears everywhere — to remain in tune with her spirit animal — is also her town's giant killer. Unbeknownst to most, giants are wreaking havoc across the world, and she's one of the few who can see them. Wildly creative and loyal to the graphic novel, this is one of the best fantasy movies of its kind since "The NeverEnding Story." **A-**

"Submergence" (not rated) Tepid romance sinks under the weight of unrealistic dialogue and a complete lack of chemistry between its stars. **D**

"Terrifier" (unrated) Killer clowns always provoke a certain fear and this film is no exception. This one, however, is torture porn at its best and worst. It builds up the suspense then features one of the most gruesome, brutal and unforgettable slayings ever filmed. **C**

"Thoroughbreds" (R) Though slow to develop and more staged than filmed with few scenes outside the elegant home it's filmed in, the payoff is worth the wait. One of Anton Yelchin's final performances before his untimely death in 2016. **B**

"The Villainess" (not rated) Korean action film about a woman trained to be an assassin has an interesting storyline but the fight scenes are impossible to enjoy. Filmed with handheld cameras that are intentionally jerked around then edited to make them even harder to see, the effect is tiresome and unnecessary. **C-**

"A Wrinkle in Time" (PG) Charming adaptation of Madeleine L'Engle's beloved book has a few rough patches — Reese Witherspoon's Mrs. Whatsit turning into a giant piece of flying seaweed — but the film overall is a wondrous spectacle that will outlast its critics. **B**



'PLEASE STAND BY'

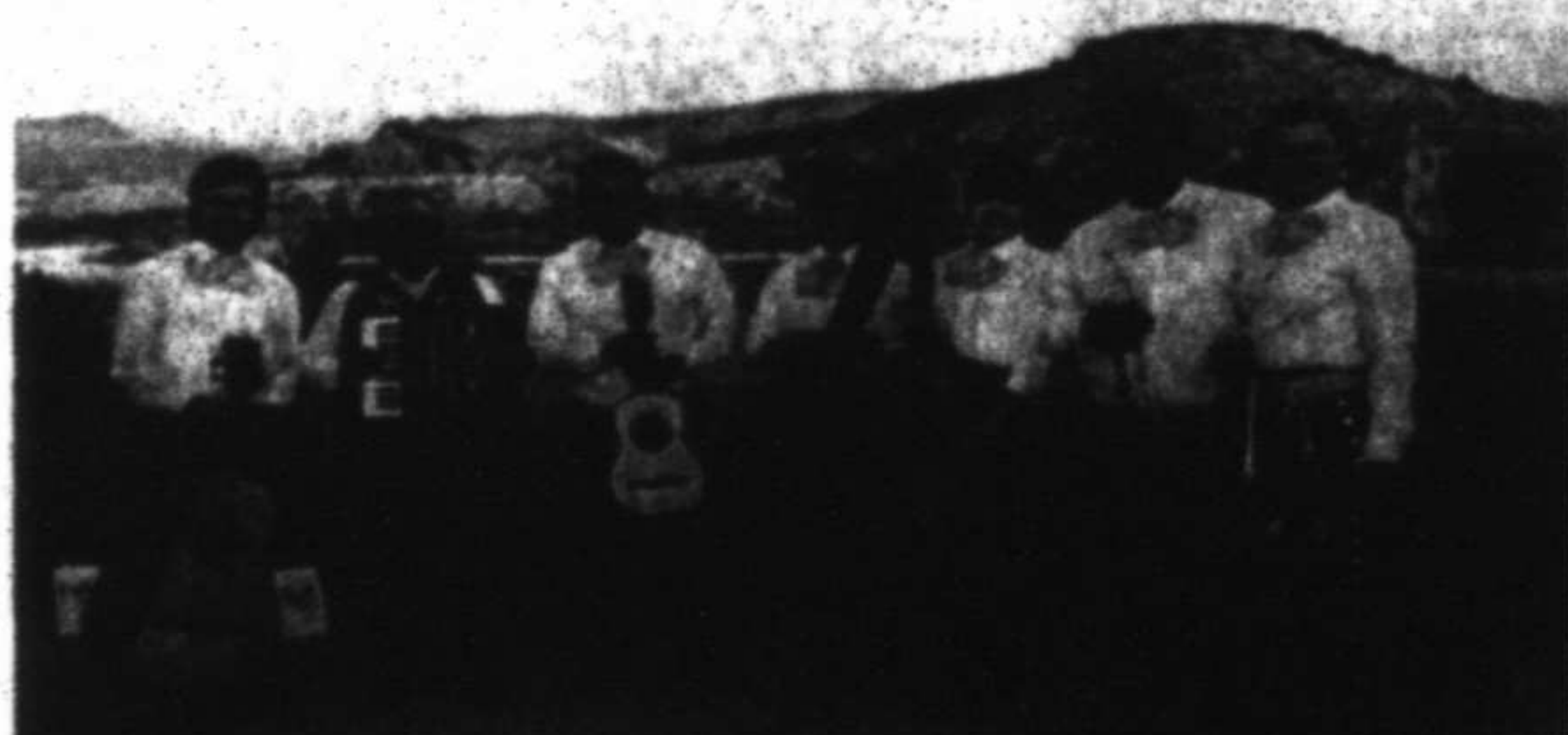


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Florida in the Park: "Doppelgänger Me 3." 8-10 p.m. (dusk) June 22 at Hagen Park, 1201 E. Whaley Ave. Free. midlandtx.com.

Odessa Pride with special guest Chi Chi LaRue and Jangwon Park. The three-day event will feature a Pride drag show, carnival and family barbecue. June 22-25 at The Recovery Room, 2802 N. County Road West, Odessa. Facebook: @therecoveryroom432.

Senior Link Midland Fan Drive. Fan donations will go toward helping seniors keep cool during the summer. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 23 at Lowe's, 3315 N. Loop 250W.

Library Lanes celebrates the halfway point of the Summer Reading program with food, refreshments, games, bike-decorating contest and parade. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. June 23 at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 2300 Summer Lane.

Saturday Movies "Cars 3." 2 p.m. June 23 at Midland County Public Library Central branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Plants del Sol celebrates the summer solstice and features live music by The Swells and Grupo de la Pasa. Big Band artists, food trucks and a scavenger hunt. 5-10 p.m. June 23 at 100 Murphy St. in downtown Alpha. vstadiprince.com.

Midland-Odessa Sevens FC play the South Texas FC jersey game to the first 500 guests. 7:30 p.m. June 23 at Grady Communications Stadium, 5514 Champions Way. sevensfc.org.

Wynonna and The Big Red Machine. 7:30 p.m. June 23 at the Wagner Hall Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 178B. wynonna.com.

Shot and Microchip Clinic, 9 a.m.-noon June 24 at Usher Park, 2700 W. Kennedy Ave. midlandhumans.org.

Pride service, 11 a.m. June 24 at Unitarian Universalist, 3301 Neely Ave.

Brogan is a men's-only yoga class for all levels. 4:30 p.m. June 24 at Lucy J. Pittman and Fitness Studio, 2211 W. Whaley Ave. 95. lucyjfitness.com.

Summer Sunday Lawn Concert Series with the Midlandaires. The theme is Two Sings' Night. 7:30 p.m. June 24 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Pleasant Ave. Free. museumofthesouthwest.org.

Summer Kids Art Camp: Outer Space Week. For ages 4-13. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 25-28 at Kiddie and Canvas Parties, 5300 N. Midland Road. \$45 per day. \$150 all four days. midlandart.com.

"Bandstand the Broadway Musical." 7 p.m. June 25 and 28 at Regal TGI Friday's Stadium 14, 4915 SW Loop 250 N. \$19.95. facebook.com.

Death Valley High. 7 p.m. June 25 at Desert Flower Art Bar and Lounge, 123 S. Main St. \$10-\$13.

Summer Nutrition Classes: Rusty Roadside. This show and tell session discusses seasonal fruits and vegetables which can be grown in the garden as well as how to clean and prepare them. 10 a.m. June 26 at West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Woodhill Drive. Free. westfoodbank.org.

Summer Sevens Camp: To Building...and Beyond! for ages 6-8. 9:30-11 a.m. June 27-29 at the Persimmon Placenta, 1709 W. Interstate 20W. \$60 members. \$75 non-members. phpsa.org.

John Worthington. 7 p.m. June 27 at Rolling H Ranch Event Center, 11700W. County Road 122. Odessa. \$6 advance. \$10 door. rpro.com.

Midland Red Sox play the Tulsa Drillers. 7 p.m. June 28-30 at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Way. \$14-\$16. midlandredsox.org.

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Josh Newman named UTPB men's basketball coach

By Jaydon Hart
MRT Correspondent

UT-Permian Basin wasted no time hiring a new men's basketball coach.

Just three weeks after the departure of Andy Newman, the most successful coach in school history, the Falcons announced Monday that Josh Newman would be his replacement.

Josh Newman said after talking to Athletic Director Scott Farmer and school President Sandra Woodley, that he knew UTPB was the right fit.

"The longer I thought about it, I realized UTPB was going to be the right place for me and my family," he said.



Newman

The Falcons bring in Newman from Arkansas Fort Smith, their first-round NCAA Division II Tournament opponent last season. Newman spent 12 seasons as the head basketball coach of UAFA.

During his time with the UAFA, he posted a 238-121 record, won four conference championships, made four NCAA Division II Tournament appearances and also coached nine future NBA players.

This past season, Newman led the Lions to their best season in school history with a school record 26 wins. For the first time in program history, UAFA remained nation-

ally ranked in both the NCAA Division II Media and Coaches Polls all season.

Newman said he is eager to continue the Falcons' upward trajectory over the last couple seasons.

"Going from creating a program at Fort Smith, to creating a new program here at UTPB, this is going to be a challenge I want to jump into," Newman said.

The UTPB's men's basketball team is coming off its most successful season after reaching the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Division II tournament.

By hiring a coach with Newman's resume, the Falcons will look to continue the promising foundation built by former UTPB head coach Andy Newman, who stepped down in late May to take the position of

head coach at Cal State San Bernardino.

Josh and Andy are pretty good friends and Josh said Andy initially turned his attention to the program's success.

"I think Andy had a really good team the last two years, they were an NCAA tournament team and went to the sweet sixteen," Newman said. "I want to have the same success and build a program here now. I want to create a culture that is connected with the Midland/Odessa area, where we want our kids to be a part of the community."

"So, my job now is to keep the level of basketball at the same level, but to create a culture and a program everybody can be proud of."

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Home cooking



James Durbin/Midland Reporter-Telegram

Rock-Hounds' Sean Murphy runs to first base on a hit against Corpus Christi on Wednesday at Security Bank Ballpark.

Midland sending 5 to host TL All-Star Game

By Christopher Hadorn
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This year's Texas League All-Star Game experience will be a little more special for five Midland Rock-Hounds players.

Second baseman J.P. Sportman, left-handed pitcher Jesus Luzzardo, catcher Sean Murphy, infielder Eli White and outfielder Tyler Ramirez will represent the host Rock-Hounds when the 2018 Texas League All-Star Game takes place at 7 p.m. on June 26 at Security Bank Ballpark.

The five Rock-Hounds players were named Wednesday to the South Division All-Star team, which was dominated with the San

Antonio Missions with eight selections, followed by the Corpus Christi with seven honorees.

Additionally, the Rock-Hounds will also be represented by their field staff, headed by manager Scott Steinmann, on the South Division All-Star team.

"It is a little more fun," said Steinmann, who will be participating in his third all-star game in pro baseball. "It's your field. It's your clubhouse. It's definitely a little more convenient for you. It's a little more fun with your fans mostly that are here coming out to witness and cheer for your players, which is nice."

Sportman is the Rock-Hounds' lone starter on the South Division All-Star Team that was voted on by

league field staff, broadcasters and media.

Sportman, 26, has hit .288 with six home runs, 23 RBI, 32 runs scored and 13 stolen bases in 205 at-bats entering Wednesday's home game against Corpus Christi.

"You get to be on the field with a bunch of the best players in the league," said Sportman, who will be starting in the Texas League All-Star Game for the second straight year. "It's kind of cool to go out there and not worry about the stats. I can just go out there and have fun, mess around with the other guys on the other teams. I don't have to worry about whether I went 0-for-4 today or I went 3-for-4 today."

"That will be fun. Especially since it's here in

Midland, I won't have to travel too far, so technically I still get some time off and I will be at my host house hanging out. I can enjoy all the festivities that will be going on."

Luzzardo, 20, made a quick impression on the Texas League even though he began the season at advanced Single-A Stockton of the California League and didn't make his Rock-Hounds debut until April 24. It was the first professional all-star distinction for Luzzardo, who didn't make his pro debut until June 28, 2017 because of 2016 Tommy John surgery he underwent when he was still a high school amateur.

Luzzardo was 3-3 with a

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US Open hopes ultimate test doesn't feature trick questions

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — The U.S. Open wants to be the ultimate test in golf, and sometimes that leads to a series of trick questions. One of them was 14 years ago at Shinnecock Hills.

A year after Jim Furyk tied the U.S. Open scoring record at Olympia Fields, the 2004 U.S. Open was so bone dry and lightning fast that only three players broke par on the weekend, none on Sunday. Fans having to move to the side because of a golf ball rolling toward them is not unusual, except when the player hit the shot with his putter from the green. Tee shots that landed

on the seventh green rolled off the putting surface and into a bunker.

One year after Rory McIlroy broke the U.S. Open scoring record at Congressional, no one broke par at Olympic Club in 2012 when Webb Simpson won.

Moments like this lead to criticism that the USGA overreacts. Justin Rose sees it another way.

"When everything is in balance, it's kind of boring," he said. "And I think in life, the closer you get to the edges, that's where the excitement is. So I would say the USGA is not reactionary. It's counterbalancing. So if you go too far one way, you've got to come back the other way. You don't want to fall off the edge."

That's the question going into the 118th U.S. Open that starts Thursday.

Might the USGA lean toward going easy on players because of what happened the last time at Shinnecock Hills? Or will it make it tougher on them because of the record scoring last year at Erin Hills? Brooks Koepka tied the record to par at 16 under, and six other players finished at 10 under or lower.

"We're confident this should be a marvelous test," said Mike Davis, the chief executive of the USGA who has been in charge of setting up the courses for the U.S. Open since 2006 at Winged Foot, when the winning score was 5 over.

Davis believes Shinnecock Hills is right where the USGA wants it, even with a light, steady rain on the final day of practice.

Wednesday is never the measure of how a golf course presents itself.

McIlroy is among those who likes what he sees. It's not a U.S. Open if players are not complaining, but it's been a quiet three days ahead of competition. The biggest question is whether the fairways are narrow enough.

They are tighter than last year at Erin Hills, for sure, and an average of 15 yards wider than in 2004.

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Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes II embracing life in Kansas City



Charles Riedel/Associated Press

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes passes the ball during the team's organized activities Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo.

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes II could have spent his offseason just about anywhere, back home in Texas perhaps, or maybe even some exotic locale basking in a 20-something starting quarterback in the NFL.

Instead, Mahomes spent it in Kansas City.

Deeply immersed in Kansas City, he showed up wearing his Chiefs jersey to read "On the Floor You Will Go" to a group of children at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum. He hung out with fans at a Jason Aldean concert at the

downtown Sprint Center.

He wore a cutoff jersey from the T-Bones, a local independent minor league baseball team, and a pair of jeans while attending the NASCAR race at Kansas Speedway. And he threw out the first pitch when the Royals played the New York Yankees at Kauffman Stadium.

Throw in the dozens of times fans have bumped into Mahomes at restaurants or on the street, usually documented on social media accounts, and it would be safe to call him a man about town.

"I mean, the fans come out every single week and show passion and love for us and our team and what we're doing here," Mahomes said.

"So for me, I want to be back in the community, giving back. And just be a part of it, to show the same love and passion to them."

That earnestness is refreshing in the modern NFL, where large clowns have come to separate players from fans. Rarely do the biggest stars stick around town in the offseason, and even more rarely do players willingly embrace being part of the community.

Just this week, Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown bemoaned the constant attention he receives, and the fact that he can't even work out without people

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Cody is a 2 yo Chihuahua Mix male (about 8 lbs) from Midland Animal Services. Cody is timid & tends to panic in new situations. Cody plays well with small dogs & will be best in a home without small children.

Clemens' big bat leads Texas back to College World Series

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Kody Clemens had just launched another massive postseason home run when he stared hard into the opposing dugout and flashed the "Hook 'em Horns" hand sign.

It was the sort of bravado that has come to define the Clemens name at Texas and in baseball in general. And like his father Roger did more than 30 years ago, Kody Clemens has led the Longhorns back to the College World Series with outsized confidence and the talent in a big bat to back it up.

"Kody just keeps hitting home runs," said Texas infielder Jake McKenzie. "We're excited every time he comes to the plate."

There's a genuine curiosity just where the ball will land after he makes contact — and what he will do when rounding the bases. Clemens ignited the Longhorns in an NCAA regional win over traditional rival Texas A&M when he started into the third base dugout as he trotted home after launching a three-run homer in an 8-3 win.

"If you don't like it," Texas A&M coach Rob Childress told



Eric Gay/Associated Press

Texas infielder Kody Clemens (2) celebrates with head coach David Pierce (22) following their win over Tennessee Tech in an NCAA super regional game Monday in Austin. Texas won 5-2.

his players after Clemens' icy stare, "make a better pitch."

Clemens wasn't done. In the super regional against Tennessee Tech, he smashed another long shot and flipped his bat before flipping the hook 'em sign at the dugout as he rounded third. The blast came in a 4-2 win that kept Texas alive in the tournament. He hit his third homer of the super regional in a win that sent Texas (42-21)

to the College World Series for a record 36th time. Their opener comes Sunday against Arkansas (44-19).

Clemens hit just five home runs in a designated hitter role last season after Tommy John surgery. His 24 homers this season rank second in school history behind Kyle Russell's 28 in 2007. He is 11 of 22 with five home runs in the postseason.

The theatrics after some of the biggest ones conjure memories of the feistiness of his father, who won seven Cy Young awards in the major leagues. Roger Clemens once threw the shards of a shattered bat toward Mike Piazza in the 2000 World Series, a tense moment that caused both benches to clear.

Roger Clemens pitched Texas to the 1983 College World Series title, going the distance in a 4-3 win over Alabama to clinch the title. Kody Clemens will be the third Clemens to play in the College World Series with Texas. His older brother, Kacy, made it there with the Longhorns in 2014.

On Wednesday, Kody Clemens stood in front of television cameras near the Texas infield to answer questions about the upcoming trip to Omaha. Over his left shoulder and high in the stands was the name "Roger Clemens, 21" as his dad is among those honored at the stadium with his retired jersey number.

"He's excited," Kody Clemens said of his father. "He's been pushing me, pushing this team, telling us to keep doing everything right. He's excited to go out there and

watch us play on that stage."

Kody Clemens said carrying the Clemens name to Omaha under the Texas flag doesn't bring any extra pressure.

"I'm just going to keep doing what I'm doing, see the ball well and have the same approach every at bat," Kody Clemens said.

He joked that his dad remains so competitive he could probably still strike him out, even at age 55.

"I don't know if I could hit that split," Kody said.

Few pitchers have been able to handle Clemens this season. He is batting .356 with 15 doubles and 72 RBI. He was drafted in the third round by the Detroit Tigers.

Texas coach David Pierce called Clemens the leader on the field and in the dugout.

"He's been a guy that guys gravitate around and they like him," Pierce said. "There's no arrogance or anything. He's one of them, a teammate. In their eyes, he's no more important than the bullpen catcher or the student manager, and that's the way we do it around here."

"But in the game he's probably a little more important," Pierce said.

MLB ROUNDUP

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American League

**RED SOX 5
ORIOLES 1**
BALTIMORE — Chris Sale took a two-hitter into the seventh inning before being ejected, and the Boston Red Sox completed a three-game sweep of the skidding Baltimore Orioles with a 5-1 victory Wednesday.

After issuing two walks to open the seventh in a 5-0 game, Sale (6-4) was lifted by manager Alex Cora. As he was making his way to the dugout, the left-hander yelled at home plate umpire Brian Knight and was promptly ejected.

**RAYS 1
BLUE JAYS 0**
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Matt Duffy's RBI single with two outs in the ninth drove in the game's only run in the Tampa Bay Rays' 1-0 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday. Duffy drove in Mallett Smith, who doubled with one out and moved to third base on a ground ball.

**MARINERS 8
ANGELS 6**
SEATTLE — Mitch Haniger hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Seattle Mariners an 8-6 victory and sweep of the three-game series over the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday. After Jean Segura singled to center off reliever Oliver Drake (0-1), Haniger launched his 16th homer of the season over the left-field wall to finish off the sweep. Nelson Cruz and Ryon Healy also homered for Seattle, and Healy's upper-deck shot in the eighth inning tied the game at 6-6.

**WHITE SOX 3
INDIANS 2**
CHICAGO — Dylan Covey carried a shutout into the eighth inning, continuing his impressive June and helping the Chicago White Sox beat Trevor Bauer and the Cleveland Indi-

ans 3-2 on Wednesday night. Covey (3-1) allowed 10 hits — all singles — and walked none. The 26-year-old right-hander, who was acquired from Oakland in the 2016 Rule 5 draft, improved to 3-0 with a 1.53 ERA in five starts since he was recalled from Triple-A Charlotte last month.

**TIGERS 5
TWINS 2**
DETROIT — Niko Goodrum was a teammate of Jose Berrios in seven different seasons with seven different teams. So is this how friends treat friends?

**BRaves 2
Mets 0**
ATLANTA — No-hitter or not, Mike Soroka knew the Braves would be cautious and not let him overheat his right shoulder. "The first time I even thought about what was going on was going out for the sixth," he said. "It was happening so quickly. You get into a rhythm that way, and that wasn't bad as well."

**ROCKIES 7
PHILLIES 2**
PHILADELPHIA — Ian Desmond hit a two-run homer in a five-run fourth inning, Tyler Anderson pitched seven strong innings and the Colorado Rockies routed the Philadelphia Phillies 7-2 on Wednesday night to end a five-game losing streak. Trevor Story added three hits and drove in two for the Rockies, who had dropped nine of 11 while falling from first place to fourth in the NL West.

**BREWERS 1
CUBS 0**
MILWAUKEE — Cubs manager Joe Maddon tried almost every move in the book, but it wasn't enough to prevent a second consecutive shutout loss to the Milwaukee Brewers. Lorenzo Cain homered and Jhoulys Chacin combined with three relievers on a six-hitter to pace the Brewers past Chi-



Ted S. Warren/Associated Press

ago, 1-0 on Wednesday, even as Maddon used two pitchers and a catcher in left field in the eighth inning.

**PIRATES 5
DIAMONDBACKS 4**
PHOENIX — The Pittsburgh Pirates had what looked like an out turn into a home run. They made a couple of questionable decisions, endured some nerve-racking moments in the ninth inning.

**Padres 4
Cardinals 2**
ST. LOUIS — The story of the Padres' five straight series victories was told Wednesday night by a light-hitting shortstop in a one-pitch at-bat in the first inning of the team's 11th victory in 16 games. With two outs and two runners on in the first inning, Freddy Galvis sent the first pitch he saw over the head of Cardinals center fielder Tommy Pham, to the dirt and then up off the padded wall for a double that sent both runners home.

**MARLINS 5
GIANTS 4**
MIAMI — Brian Anderson hit a game-ending sacrifice fly in the ninth inning to lift the Miami Marlins over the San Francisco Giants 5-4 on Wednesday night.

After years of trying, Huskies finally Omaha-bound

By Tim Booth
Associated Press

When Lindsay Meggs arrived at Washington nine years ago, he proclaimed that he wanted the Huskies to become an "Omaha program" worthy of being in the College World Series mix on a regular basis.

It's finally happened, and maybe in the most unlikely of seasons.

"I don't think we mapped it out exactly this way," Meggs said.

At one point this season, Washington was 18-18 overall after losing at home to Texas-Rio Grande Valley in a non-conference game in late April. On Saturday, they'll face Mississippi State in the first round of the College World Series. It's the first trip to Omaha in Washington's history, finally fulfilling the promise of a program that at times has featured great players and great teams, but has never put together a good enough postseason run.

Washington won 12 of its final 17 games to close the regular season and nearly won the Pac-12 title. In the postseason, the Huskies are 5-1, their only loss in the second game of the Super Regional against Cal State Fullerton. They are far from a perfect team, but have found a way to achieve success unlike any other Washington program.

Washington is the last baseball-playing member of the Pac-12 to reach the College World Series.

"I'm a huge believer in a John Wooden quote saying the worst thing you can do for kids is the things they can do for themselves," Meggs said. "Our kids have learned to prepare for a weekend series. We may not have the most talented team. We may not have the most pitching depth but I think right now we're good at winning and this is the time you need to be good at winning. And I think that's because our kids are tough. I think their biggest skill is their toughness."

Washington has been overlooked in its region partly because of the rise of Oregon State. Baseball in the Pacific Northwest has always been a dicey proposition because of the winter and spring time climate. But the Beavers found a way to become a powerhouse, winning two national titles in the past decade and becoming regular visitors to Omaha. That kind of success raised the stakes for the programs around them, including Washington.

The Huskies had never gotten past the regional round since the two-tiered system to get to Omaha was implemented in 1999. Washington had just two NCAA tournament appearances under Meggs before this year. But the Huskies got hot at the right time, winning the regional hosted by Coastal Carolina with relative ease before outlasting Cal State Fullerton last weekend with a wild Game 3 victory.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct
New York	40	20	.667
Boston	37	23	.616
Tampa Bay	32	28	.533
Seattle	29	31	.483
Baltimore	19	41	.317
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	37	20	.649
Los Angeles	36	21	.629
San Diego	32	25	.561
San Francisco	29	28	.509
Arizona	28	29	.491

Wednesday's scores			
Team	W	L	Pct
Tampa Bay 1, Toronto 0			
Boston 5, Baltimore 1			
Seattle 1, L.A. Angels 0			
San Francisco 2, Cleveland 1			
Houston 6, Oakland 3			

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore 4, Detroit 3 (P) 2:05 p.m.			
Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 3 (P) 1:10 p.m.			
Houston 5, Kansas City 3 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
Tampa Bay 3, St. Louis 2 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
Seattle 2, L.A. Angels 1 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W	L	Pct
San Francisco 1, St. Louis 0 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
Colorado 4, Philadelphia 3 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 3 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
N.Y. Mets 2, Arizona 0 (P) 4:05 p.m.			

Team scores			
Team	W	L	Pct
Chicago 4, Tampa Bay 3 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
San Diego 3, Boston 2 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
San Francisco 2, Cleveland 1 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
Houston 6, Oakland 3 (P) 4:05 p.m.			

Lineups			
Team	W	L	Pct
Chicago 4, Tampa Bay 3 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
San Diego 3, Boston 2 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
San Francisco 2, Cleveland 1 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
Houston 6, Oakland 3 (P) 4:05 p.m.			

Team scores			
Team	W	L	Pct
Chicago 4, Tampa Bay 3 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
San Diego 3, Boston 2 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
San Francisco 2, Cleveland 1 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
Houston 6, Oakland 3 (P) 4:05 p.m.			

Pitchers			
Team	W	L	Pct
Chicago 4, Tampa Bay 3 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
San Diego 3, Boston 2 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
San Francisco 2, Cleveland 1 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
Houston 6, Oakland 3 (P) 4:05 p.m.			

Team scores			
Team	W	L	Pct
Chicago 4, Tampa Bay 3 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
San Diego 3, Boston 2 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
San Francisco 2, Cleveland 1 (P) 4:05 p.m.			
Houston 6, Oakland 3 (P) 4:05 p.m.			

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HOOKS 4, ROCKY HOUNDS 3

At Security Bank Ballpark
TOP HITTERS: For Midland, Tyler Martinov was 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Richie Martin went 2-for-4 with a triple and a run, and Tyler Ramirez was 2-for-3 with a walk and a run. Hooks first baseman Randy Cesar was 1-for-3 with a double, an RBI, a walk and two runs scored. Corpus Christi's Stephen Wrenn was 2-for-2 with two walks.

TOP PITCHERS: Houston Astros 2016 first round pick and Corpus Christi starter Foran Whitley hurled four scoreless innings, while leading Midland to two hits and two walks. Whitley struck out six. Corpus Christi's Erasmo Pinares spun 2 1/3 scoreless innings of relief for the win.

PLAYERS: Corpus Christi went ahead 1-0 when Myles Snow scored from third on a wild pitch by Midland starter Jorge Ruiz. The Hooks extended their lead to 3-0 in the sixth inning. Texas League All-Star Cesar crushed a double into the right-center gap, playing Taylor Jones. Ryan Bak, the most batter, singled to right, scoring Cesar. Midland tied the game at 3 with three runs in the bottom half of the sixth, as Eli White hit a sacrifice fly, and Martinov provided a two-run single on a shallow fly to right. Corpus Christi's Jamie Paez cracked a two-out single in the eighth, scoring Cesar for the go-ahead run.

NOTES: The Rocky Hounds placed pitcher Cody Hall and Joseph Camacho on the seven-day disabled list. To take their place, left-handed pitcher Jarrett Martin rejoined Midland from Triple-A Nashville and right-handed pitcher Miguel Ramirez was promoted from Advanced Single-A Shreveport, a 24-year-old Cuban,

ML Standings			
Team	W	L	Pct
Midland	20	10	.667
Corpus Christi	18	12	.600
San Antonio	15	15	.500
San Marcos	12	18	.400
Waco	10	20	.333

Today's games			
Team	W	L	Pct
Midland 4, Rocky Hounds 3 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
Corpus Christi 2, San Antonio 1 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
San Marcos 1, Waco 0 (P) 7:05 p.m.			

Team scores			
Team	W	L	Pct
Midland 4, Rocky Hounds 3 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
Corpus Christi 2, San Antonio 1 (P) 7:05 p.m.			
San Marcos 1, Waco 0 (P) 7:05 p.m.			

US gets Russia's World Cup vote as logic trumps politics

By Rob Harris
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The United States was able to celebrate a World Cup victory in Russia after all. Thanks to assistance from the host nation at a FIFA Congress addressed by President Vladimir Putin.

For all the geopolitical tensions between the superpowers, Russia had no qualms about pressing the electronic keypads to select the joint bid from the United States, Canada and Mexico over Morocco in the 2026 World Cup hosting vote in Moscow on Wednesday.

"Football is separate from politics," said Alexander Alayev, acting president of the Russian football federation. "Morocco prepared a very strong and interesting bid, but the unified bid was much stronger in all aspects."

Maybe, finally, some sports officials made decisions based on existing merits and what is best for the game, rather than following political agendas.

"This should not be about geopolitics," U.S. Soccer Federation President Carlos Cordeiro said. "This was not a vote in the United Nations."

The U.S. may have hoped for a vote from North Korea after the rapprochement between the nations during an extraordinary summit between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un. North Korea instead opted for the Moroccan proposals that were dismissed by FIFA inspectors as high-risk in three areas and overwhelmingly rejected by the football world.

Morocco wasn't even able to harness unanimous support from Africa, with 11 federations voting against their continental



Alexander Zemlianichenko/Associated Press

Russian President Vladimir Putin speaks to global soccer leaders at the FIFA congress on the eve of the opener of the 2018 soccer World Cup in Moscow, Russia on Wednesday. The congress in Moscow is set to choose the host or hosts for the 2026 World Cup.

counterpart.

Despite his country voting for Morocco, Cameroon federation official Kevin Njomo accepted the World Cup would be "more profitable in America."

Morocco also didn't get full support from other Muslim-majority nations, with Afghanistan, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia among the 134 backers of the North American bid.

Has there really been an outbreak of common sense at a governing body where the specter of wrongdoing has hung over decisions in recent years? The 69 majority for North America meant FIFA avoids a fifth consecutive risky, tricky World Cup

after South Africa, Brazil, Russia, which opens on Thursday without a U.S. team, and Qatar in 2022.

Where Morocco needed to spend billions of dollars building or renovating all 14 proposed stadiums, North America could host the World Cup almost immediately if needed.

Ultimately, Morocco's record on human rights and lack of protections for the LGBT community, which were criticized by FIFA, might have helped to swing the decision.

Unlike the contentious dual votes in 2010 for Russia and Qatar, this time the inspection reports of each bid were a

guide for voters from FIFA's full membership.

In an unexpected late intervention after presentations on Wednesday, FIFA Secretary General Fatma Samoura gave the North American bid one final push before the ballot when she summarized the review task force's verdict that saw Morocco fare so poorly.

Not only did she remind delegates about Morocco's lack of infrastructure but highlighted the North American bid's ability to deliver double the revenue at \$14 billion.

Obviously, money talks.

"We tried to make the case of what's best for FIFA," Cordeiro said. That means swelling the coffers from FIFA's signature tournament to allow President Gianni Infantino to distribute cash to the around the world to member federations.

The only real stumbling block on the campaign for the North Americans was concern about the impact of Trump's push for immigration restrictions and a leaked White House outburst about African nations.

The bid team believed it wasn't insurmountable.

"The politics of today may not be the politics of next year or five years or eight years down the road," Canada's federation president Steven Reed said.

Indeed, the U.S. passed this global test of popularity, aided by the inclusion of Canada and Mexico on the ticket.

"The unity of the three nations came together to offer what no one nation including my own can provide today," Cordeiro said. "I think that was a powerful message. That is something we repeated and repeated over again. I think it made the difference at the end."

Practicing patience: Browns' Mayfield waits turn as backup

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Baker Mayfield stood 15 yards away from a semicircle of cameras with a member of Cleveland's media relations staff as Browns starting quarterback Tyrod Taylor was peppered with questions.

Mayfield held his ground and waited his turn in line.

For now, this is life for the No. 1 overall draft pick — and the No. 2 QB in Cleveland.

Along with learning a new playbook, offensive system, football-obsessed city and everything else that comes with being a rookie, Mayfield is getting a crash course in patience in the initial stages of his NFL career.

He's a backup, and unless there's a dramatic change over the next two months, it will likely be Mayfield's role this season for the Browns.

"I'm not worried about it," Mayfield said when asked if he felt like a backup. "I'm just trying to get better every day. We're still early in June, this is just the second minicamp day and so I'm not worried about that now."

This is new, and yet not unfamiliar territory for Mayfield, who went from



Mayfield

being a walk-on at Oklahoma to a gun-slinging, trash-talking Heisman Trophy winner last season.

The Browns drafted him first to be their long-term starter, their franchise QB, their franchise's face. But right now, Mayfield is slotted behind Taylor, who took Buffalo to the playoffs last season and has been so impressive during his first few months in Cleveland.

Mayfield is not only accepting his role, but he's modeling himself after Taylor. It's easy now because the season seems far away and each day brings a new challenge to overcome.

But when training camp rolls around next month, Mayfield knows it's going to be much harder to accept that he's not the one taking snaps with Cleveland's starters.

"It's human nature," Mayfield said. "Yeah, you want to play, but I wasn't brought here to just start. I was brought here to help turn this thing around and whatever my role is that's what I need to do

— whether that's playing scout team or being the best backup possible or playing. So for me, I'm not worried about that. I need to be prepared for when I do get my shot to be ready to play, but other than that I just gotta continue getting better and improving this team as well."

Mayfield believes he's made significant strides since rookie minicamp. With each practice, he senses the game slowing down. He's getting more confident in the pocket. He's seeing the field. He's deciphering complicated defenses.

He's better, but Mayfield is far from being a finished product.

"Human nature, especially for me, I want to have it all figured out all right now, but that is just not how it works," he said. "It is about realizing that we are going to have to take baby steps right now to get to where I want to go. You do not build a great castle all at once. You have to build it block by block. For me, that is how I need to handle it."

Taylor does, too. He was once in Mayfield's shoes, sitting behind Joe Flacco in Baltimore. He also knows how quickly things can change after being benched last season by the Bills despite having them in the playoff race.

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"Honestly, I think they've got it right," McIlroy said. "It presents guys with options off the tee. You have to make a decision basically on every tee box what you're going to do. I'm obviously not that old, but when I watched U.S. Opens on TV and saw these long, narrow corridors of fairways and thick rough, that's what I was used to at a U.S. Open. ... If you look at the venues that are coming up, they're very traditional venues like Oakmont, Winged Foot, Pebble Beach.

"Maybe you'll see more of what we perceive as a traditional U.S. Open setup."

Rain was expected to yield to plenty

of sun over the next four days, with the strongest wind on Thursday. Davis said he already has called several audibles on the original plan of where to put the pins on the greens, an example of the USGA not wanting the course to get on the wild side.

Davis also said the winning score is not an issue at a major where par tends to be at a premium.

"Never since I've been at the USGA — and it's been almost 30 years — I've never heard anybody at the USGA say we're shooting for even par," Davis said. "But we talk incessantly. 'How do we get the course to be really a great test of golf?' As we say, get all 14 clubs dirty to make sure that these players are tested to the nth degree."

MAHOMES

From 1C

showing up and bothering him.

Mahomes would prefer people show up to work out with him.

The way he's embraced living in Kansas City is not unlike the way Eric Hosmer and the rest of the Royals embraced the city during their back-to-back World Series runs. They would frequently pop up at local bars and buy a round for the entire place, even celebrating among the fans during playoff triumphs.

Maybe it's something unique about Kansas City. More likely, it's some-

thing unique about those individuals.

The way Mahomes has engorged himself in the city hasn't been lost on the coaches, either. He's only started one game, a Week 17 win over Denver with nothing on the line, and has yet to really prove himself as a legitimate NFL starting quarterback. But he's become one of the most popular players on the team, and his No. 15 jersey is one of the hottest sellers at local sporting goods stores.

Nor has it been lost on his teammates, who rave about the way the 22-year-old Mahomes has taken on the leadership role that

Alex Smith once held, even though he's one of the youngest guys in the locker room.

"He's always been confident. From the time I've known him, he's been confident," said safety Eric Berry, one of the Chiefs' elder statesmen. "He's been sure of himself and he's come out and made plays, so nothing's really changed. Just now he's with the ones (starters)."

Well, that's a big change. The Chiefs have playoff aspirations this season, and whether they extend their streak of back-to-back AFC West titles will largely fall on Mahomes' shoulders.

WORLD CUP GLANCE

GROUP A						GROUP F					
W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Egypt	0	0	0	0	0	Germany	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	Mexico	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	0	0	0	0	0	South Korea	0	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	Sweden	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP B						GROUP G					
W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	Belgium	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	0	0	0	England	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	0	0	0	0	0	Poland	0	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	Turkey	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP C						GROUP H					
W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	0	0	0	0	0	Colombia	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	Japan	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	0	0	0	0	0	Peru	0	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	Slovenia	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP D						GROUP E					
W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	0	0	0	0	0	Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	0	0	0	0	0	Sweden	0	0	0	0	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	Belgium	0	0	0	0	0

GROUP I						GROUP J					
W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	0	0	0	0	0	Costa Rica	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	Switzerland	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	0	0	0	0	0	Sweden	0	0	0	0	0
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Assistant Engineer

This is an entry level position for an Engineering Assistant / Engineer Intern depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.
Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$3,500.00 - \$5,500.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

General Description:

Performs entry-level engineering work. Design activity is supervised by a 5-credited professional engineer who has authority for final approval of all projects. Work requires some contact with local governmental representatives, engineering contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform assignments following specific instructions and are subject to frequent review by the immediate supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:

- Applies principles, methods and techniques of engineering technology to a wide variety of transportation-related activities.
- Actively prepares for professional engineering licensing/registration through appropriate training and exams and completion/maintenance of required documentation.
- Drives to project sites to assist with collection of engineering data and meetings to participate in project coordinations.
- Assists in the performance of engineering-related duties in the field of transportation engineering.
- Assists in the performance of research and problem solving of engineering related problems.
- Assists with the preparation of routine plan sheets for construction projects.
- Assists with the review of engineering work for calculation errors and compliance with applicable federal and state laws and industry standards and guidelines.
- Performs engineering-related calculations and drafting/design work using specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.
- Uses automated roadway programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.
- Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
- Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

- Communicate effectively
- Transportation engineering terminology and fundamentals
- Computer-aided drafting and design systems
- Exercise logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions, makes decisions that support business objectives and goals
- Performing calculations to include material and labor estimates, expenses, technical survey data and engineering calculations
- Analyzing and organizing business and technical data
- The use of applicable hand and power tools, equipment and mechanical devices of the trade
- Maintaining a safe working relationship

Minimum Education Required:

Bachelor's Degree in accordance with one of the Other Minimum Requirements outlined below.

Minimum Work Experience Required:

None

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver's License

Other Minimum Requirements:

- Degree in engineering which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TACABET).
- Degree in engineering technology which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TACABET).
- Degree in mathematical, physical or engineering science.
- Degree in engineering which has not been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (TACABET).

Conditions of Employment:

- May be required to work weekends and holidays.
- May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
- Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
- Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
- External final male applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
- If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>.

Applicants selected for an interview will be required to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide an example of engineering design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and salary based on the applicant's qualified work experience, education, skill level and all other appropriate factors, and based on business needs.

Design Technician / Engineering Specialist

This position for one or more Design Technician / Engineering Specialist(s) depending on business need and applicant's qualifications.
Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$3,500.00 - \$8,000.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time

General Description:

Performs highly advanced and complex detailed transportation and municipal infrastructure design. Develops transportation and infrastructure project planning documents, supporting permit submissions and construction plans. Provides technical expertise and coordination for multiple infrastructure and/or transportation programs involving design, building construction projects, construction of transportation systems, traffic operations, municipal infrastructure projects and facilities, in accordance with City, State, National and industry standards. Work requires contact with governmental officials, consultants, contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments, however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:

- Performs advanced and specialized drafting and calculations in support of design activities; develops graphic presentations that include distinctive design features.
- Prepares quantity summaries, hydraulic and utility studies and construction estimates.
- Prepares roadway design, infrastructure design, small drainage structures details, traffic control plans, lighting details, signal details, signs, summaries, markings layouts, and building plans.
- Reviews entire sets of plans for format, drafting and calculation errors and correlation of plans and specifications.
- Uses additional automated design tools, interactive graphics or specialized design procedures in areas including bridge/culvert detailing, traffic management, geometric design, signal lighting design, retaining walls and utility design.
- Reviews and revises Plans, Specifications & Estimates (P.S.E.) and project designs for transportation and infrastructure projects to include utilities, streets, small drainage structures, traffic control devices, signals, signs, markings, detours, traffic control plans, and roadway illumination.
- Ensures compliance with specifications for devices, safety laws, rules, and regulations, the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and City Standards.
- Drives to conduct project site visits and attend coordination meetings.
- Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

- Considerable knowledge of applicable plans, specifications and estimates preparation, review, processing and compliance requirements
- Considerable knowledge of design and plan preparation methods and requirements
- Working knowledge of The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
- Proficient skill in the use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems
- Advanced and specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D
- Proficient skill in maintaining a safe working environment
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Proficient skill in maintaining effective working relationships with others
- Proficient skill in writing, reviewing and revising documents to include engineering notes, specifications, standards and procedures
- Proficient skill in reading and interpreting applicable plans, schematics, blueprints and maps
- Proficient skill in performing calculations to include material and labor estimates, expenses, technical survey data and engineering calculations
- Proficient skill in planning, coordinating and handling multiple projects within area of responsibility to meet short and long term deadlines
- Working knowledge of automated roadway/infrastructure/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems

Minimum Education Required:

Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline
Relevant Work Experience may be substituted for Education on a year per year basis

Work Experience required:

- 5 years in civil, transportation and/or infrastructure design. (Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent)
- No Supervisory Experience Required
- Same Relevant Experience may not be substituted for Education on a year per year basis and credited for Required Work Experience.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver License

Conditions of Employment:

- May be required to work weekends and holidays.
- May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
- Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
- Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
- External final male applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
- If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>.
- Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and salary based on the applicant's qualified work experience, education, skill level and all other appropriate factors, and based on business needs.

General Design Technician

This position for an design technician skilled in advanced and specialized drafting.
Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$3,200.00 - \$5,000.00 monthly
Overnight Travel: Rarely to 5% of the time

General Description:

Performs advanced drafting and calculations and intermediate design work; performs field work; uses automated systems and learns specialized procedures. Design activity is overseen by a licensed professional engineer or registered architect who has final approval authority for projects. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments; however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:

- Performs advanced drafting and calculations in support of design activities; develops graphic presentations that include distinctive design features.
- Performs intermediate design work
- Prepares quantity summaries, hydraulic and utility studies and construction estimates.
- Prepares roadway design, traffic control, lighting, signal, and building plans.
- Prepares public presentations and exhibits.
- Reviews entire sets of plans for format, drafting and calculation errors and correlation of plans and specifications.
- Writes general notes, specifications and provisions
- Drives to conduct project site visits and attend coordination meetings.
- Reviews work done by others for drafting and calculation errors.
- Learns additional automated design tools, interactive graphics or specialized design procedures in areas including bridge/culvert detailing, traffic management, geometric design, signal lighting design, retaining walls and utility design.
- Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:

- Communicate effectively
- Advanced design/drafting procedures
- Applicable engineering workstations and applications to support efficient planning and design activities
- Interactive graphic and design information systems, drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D
- Writing, reviewing and revising documents to include engineering notes, specifications, standards and procedures
- Monitoring the status and progress of projects
- The use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems
- Uses automated roadway/structure/hydraulic design programs and computer-assisted design/engineering systems.

Minimum Education Required:

High School Grad or Equivalent in general high school studies

Minimum Work Experience Required:

- 4 years in drafting, design, plan preparation (Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent)
- No supervisory experience required
- Related college education or relevant technical training may be substituted for experience on year per year basis.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver License

Conditions of Employment:

- May be required to work weekends and holidays.
- May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.
- Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.
- Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.
- External final male applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.
- If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/>.

Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide an example design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill to Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

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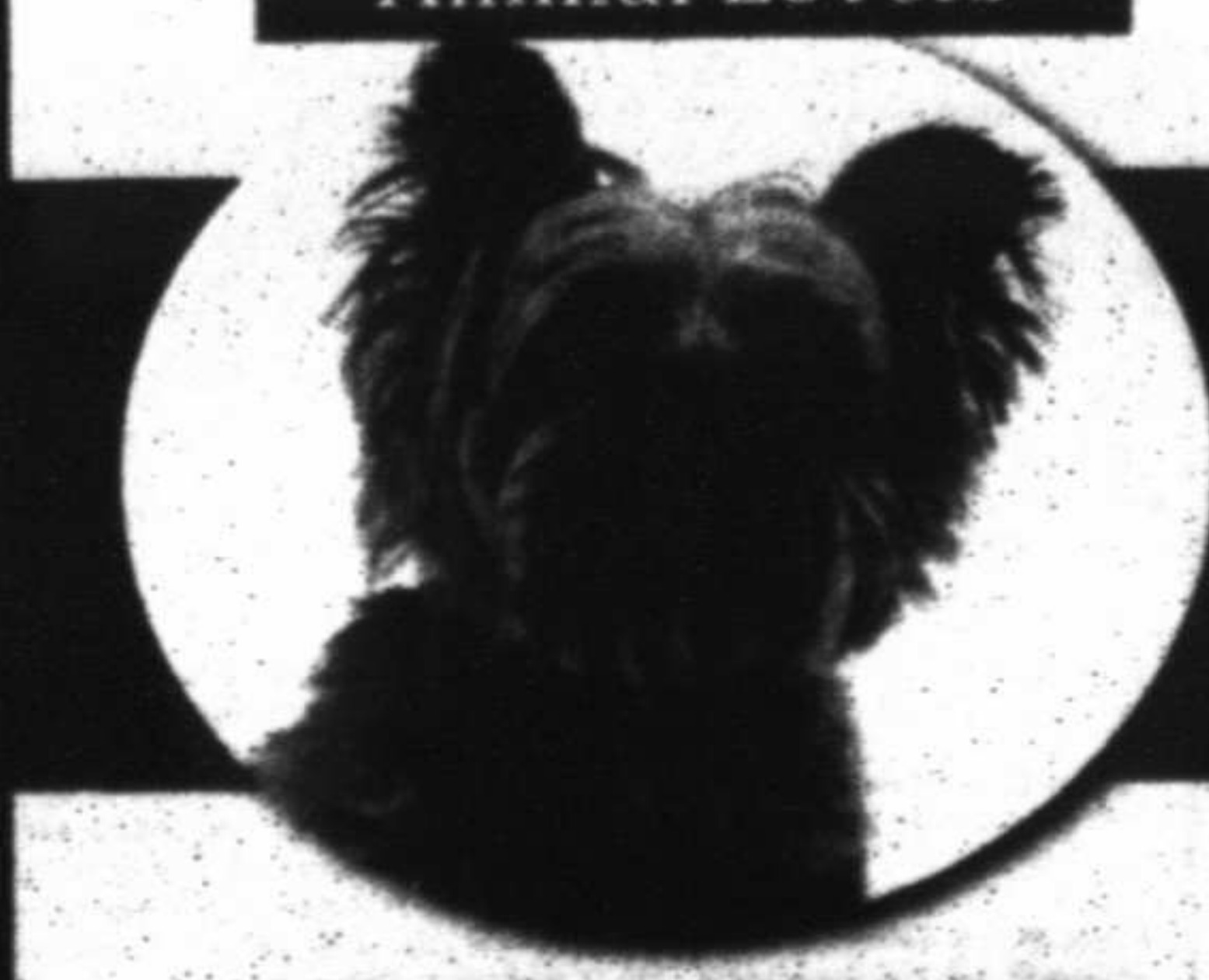
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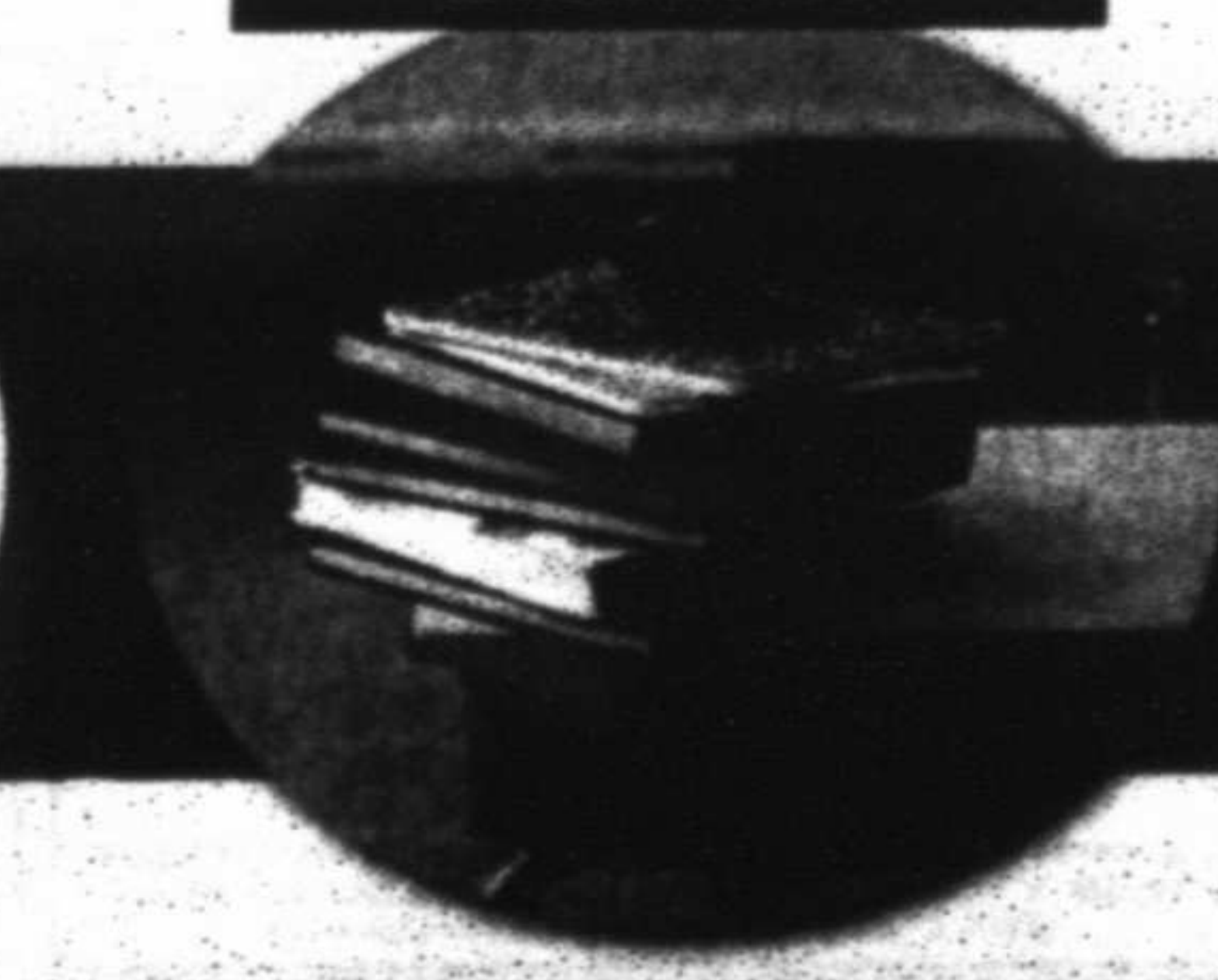
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Senior Assistant Engineer

This position for one or more experienced Engineering Assistant/Engineer Intern(s) depending on business need and applicant's qualifications. Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$4,500.00 - \$7,000.00 monthly. Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time.

General Description:
Perform engineering work. Design activity is supervised by a licensed professional engineer who has authority for final approval of all projects. Work requires contact with local governmental representatives, engineering contractors and private entities. Employees at this level perform work independently on assignments; however, all unusual issues are referred to the supervisor.

Essential Duties Include:
Applies engineering principles, methods and techniques to a wide variety of transportation-related activities.
Performs research and problem solving of engineering-related problems.
Performs engineering-related duties in the field of transportation engineering.

Performs engineering-related planning, design, data collection, evaluation and analysis activities.
Performs engineering-related calculations and drafting/design work.
Performs engineering analysis, to include travel demand, traffic operations, water distribution and waste water collection.

Reviews engineering work for calculation errors and compliance with applicable federal and state laws and industry standards and guidelines.
Actively prepares for professional engineering licensure/registration through appropriate training and exams and completion/maintenance of required documentation.

Assists a Project Manager oversee consultants performing advanced and complex engineering work.
Assists with reviews and processing of project design plans developed by consulting engineers.

Assists with monitoring contract performance, evaluating contract deliverables, reviewing billing documents, monitoring the consultant's compliance with the terms of the contract, and preparation of written evaluation of the consultant's performance.

Assists with negotiation of fees and budgets, development and negotiation of scopes of work, negotiation of contract work schedules, and negotiation of other contract agreements.
Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-aided design/engineering systems.

Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.
Drives to project sites to collect engineering data and attend meetings for project coordination.

Performs other job responsibilities as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:
Civil / Transportation design engineering principles, practices and methods and the application of engineering theory.

Child engineering terminology and fundamentals.
Working knowledge of design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.

Plan review methods, processes and procedures.
The Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Highway/Utility construction and maintenance.
Applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations specific to area of responsibility for safeguarding information.

Collecting, sorting and compiling data.

Applying engineering principles, practices, and methods in job responsibilities.

Analyzing and organizing technical data.

Maintaining a safe working relationship.

Communicate effectively.

Research and analyze methodologies.

Minimum Education Required:
Bachelor's Degree in accordance with one of the Other Minimum Requirements outlined below.

Minimum Work Experience Required:
Three (3) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent) No Supervisory Experience Required.
Master's degree in engineering or a Master of engineering degree from an institution that offers a bachelor of science degree, in the same discipline, which has been accepted by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (EACABET) may substitute for a Bachelor's degree and experience.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver's License
Engineer-In-Training (EIT) Certified

Other Minimum Requirements:
Degree in engineering which has been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (EACABET), plus three (3) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Degree in engineering technology which has been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (TACABET) plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Degree in mechanical, physical or engineering science approved by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Degree in engineering which has not been accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (TACABET) but has been approved by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers plus seven (7) years engineering related experience applicable to gaining licensure as an engineer by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers.

Conditions of Employment:
May be required to work weekends and holidays.

May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.

May be required to work under exposure to inclement weather conditions.

Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.

Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.

External first aid applicants who are 18-25 years of age will be required to furnish proof of registration or exemption from registration with the Selective Service System.

If hired, employee must provide document(s) within three (3) days of hire date that establish identity and employment eligibility. A complete list of acceptable documents is on file with the local Texas Workforce Commission office or <http://www.twc.state.tx.us>.

Applicants selected for an interview will be required provide two examples of civil / transportation / infrastructure design work he or she has developed, and to perform a job simulation to assess applicant's skill in Communicate Effectively and use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

The Midland Development Corporation (MDC) reserves the sole right in determining the acceptability of work experience and salary based on the applicant's qualified work experience, education, skill level and all other appropriate factors, and based on business needs.

Senior Design Engineer

This position for a Senior Design Engineer depending on business need and applicant qualifications. Full-Time, Regular Employment: \$6,500.00 - \$10,000.00 monthly. Overnight Travel: Up to 10% of the time.

General Description

Performs highly advanced and complex transportation engineering work in one or more functional areas such as planning, project development, detailed design and transportation/traffic operations. Ensures compliance with applicable federal and state laws, policies, procedures, standards and guidelines. Work requires contact with governmental officials and private entities. Employees at this level are virtually self-supervising and assume direct accountability for the work product.

Essential Duties Include:

Coordinates design work among TxDOT entities, City entities, consultants and contractors.
Creates realistic and achievable schedule baselines for advanced and highly complex projects.

Analyzes schedule trends, determines risks, and recommends options to management for corrective action for highly complex projects.

Coordinates and monitors assigned projects/program/elements.

Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and remediation plans.

Interprets laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to professional services contracting to ensure compliance with City and governmental regulations.

Develops and reviews engineering related documents, correspondence, reports and remediation plans.

Oversees data collection and performs analyses, forecasts and plan development.

Performs highly advanced and complex planning work such as plan review, calculations and transportation planning studies.

Prepares design schematics and public involvement presentations.

Prepares and coordinates design schematics and construction Plans, Specifications & Estimates (P.S.E.).

Serves as a Project Manager overseeing consultants performing advanced and complex engineering work.

Reviews and processes project design plans developed by consulting engineers.

Monitors contract performance, evaluates contract deliverables, reviews billing documentation, monitors the consultant's compliance with the terms of the contract, and prepares and delivers a written evaluation of the consultant's performance.

Negotiates fees and budgets, develops and negotiates scopes of work, negotiates contract work schedules, and negotiates other contract agreements.

Drives to project sites to collect engineering data and participate in meetings for project coordination.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Required Competencies Include:
Communicate effectively.

Exercise logic and reasoning to define problems, establish facts and draw valid conclusions; makes decisions that support business objectives and goals.

Preparing technical/statistical reports.

Applicable engineering workstations and applications to support efficient planning and design activities.

Design and plan preparation methods and requirements for traditional and innovative projects.

Critical Path Method (CPM) for managing projects.

Researching, analyzing and interpreting policies and state and federal laws and regulations.

Applying engineering principles, practices and methods in job responsibilities.

Planning, coordinating and handling multiple projects within area of responsibility to meet short and long-term deadlines.

Uses automated roadway/structural/hydraulic design programs and computer-aided design/engineering systems.

Advanced and specialized design / drafting procedures, to include skill in the use of Open Roads Designer and / or AutoCAD Civil 3D.

Use of personal computers and applicable programs, applications and systems.

Proficient skill in maintaining a safe working environment.

Minimum Education Required:
Bachelor's Degree in an Engineering related discipline.

Minimum Work Experience Required:
8 years in Civil or Transportation engineering.

(Experience can be satisfied by fulltime or prorated part-time equivalent) No Supervisory Experience Required.

Related graduate level education may be substituted for experience on a year per year basis.

The following Licenses and/or Certifications are required for this job:

Valid Driver's License
Licensed Professional Engineer

Other Minimum Requirements:
Professional engineers licensed in another state, but not currently licensed in the State of Texas, must (1) meet the license requirements of the State of Texas Engineering Practices Act, (2) obtain a professional engineering license from the Texas Board of Professional Engineers within six (6) months of the date of hire, and (3) sign an agreement to that effect as a condition of employment.

Conditions of Employment:
May be required to work weekends and holidays.

May be required to work hours other than 8 to 5.

May be required to work under exposure to inclement weather conditions.

Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.

Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.

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Required to wear personal protective equipment provided by employer and comply with all safety requirements.

Must attend work regularly and observe approved work hours.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0311752
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 6, 2018 Status/Permit No. 840587
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 11, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRR.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name:	PRESTON E13H
Lease/Unit Well No.:	108H
Lease/Unit Acres:	1140.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	334.0
Lease Lines:	1149.0 F NORTH L. 1455.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines:	1149.0 F NORTH L. 1455.0 F EAST L.
Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal	
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location:	
Lease Lines:	1149.0 F NORTH L. 1455.0 F EAST L.
Terminus Location	
BH County: MIDLAND	
Section: 24	Block: 36 T4S
Survey: T&P RR CO / PRESTON, S R	Abstract: 1411
Lease Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L. 1164.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L. 1575.0 F EAST L.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, KIKI BRADFORD, at (972)4448001.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0311750
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 6, 2018 Status/Permit No. 840586
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 11, 2018
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name:	PRESTON E13G
Lease/Unit Well No.:	107H
Lease/Unit Acres:	1140.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	415.0
Lease Lines:	1149.0 F NORTH L. 1475.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines:	1149.0 F NORTH L. 1475.0 F EAST L.
Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal	
Lateral: TH1	
Penetration Point Location:	
Lease Lines:	1149.0 F NORTH L. 1475.0 F EAST L.
Terminus Location	
BH County: MIDLAND	
Section: 24	Block: 36 T4S
Survey: T&P RR CO / PRESTON, S R	Abstract: 1411
Lease Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L. 334.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L. 2405.0 F EAST L.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

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IN RE: Estate of Lane Striegel
A Missing Person
No. 2018-00206

NOTICE

To: Lane Striegel, late of
Midland County, Jul
400 S. Main Street
Midland, Texas 79701

His heirs, and all persons interested in his estate or having any knowledge of his whereabouts:

Notice is hereby given that Julie R. Knapp, Administrator of the Estate of Rebecca E. Cope has petitioned the Orphans' Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County to enter a Decree finding that Lane Striegel is presumed and declared deceased. The Court will hear testimony and receive evidence concerning the alleged absence and presumed death of LANE STRIEGAL at 10:00 A.M., on July 3, 2018, in Room 203, Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

All persons who have any knowledge of LANE STRIEGAL are asked to attend the Court hearing or to contact the undersigned at once.

D. Keith Brown, Esquire
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PO Box 70
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(215) 685-4700
Counsel to Petitioner

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0311753
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 6, 2018 Status/Permit No. 840588
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 11, 2018
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name:	PRESTON E131
Lease/Unit Well No.:	109H
Lease/Unit Acres:	1140.1
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	415.0

Lease Lines:	1149.0 F NORTH L.	1435.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines:	1149.0 F NORTH L.	1435.0 F EAST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location	Lease Lines:	1149.0 F NORTH L.	1435.0 F EAST L.
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Terminus Location

BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 38 T4S	Abstract: 1411
Section: 24	Survey: T&P RR CO / PRESTON, S R	
Lease Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.	
	745.0 F EAST L.	
Survey Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.	
	745.0 F EAST L.	

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10600 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, KIKI BRADFORD, at (972)4448001.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0311745
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 6, 2018 Status/Permit No. 840584
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 11, 2018
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The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name:	PRESTON W13H
Lease/Unit Well No.:	8H
Lease/Unit Acres:	1306.7
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	376.0

Lease Lines:	580.0 F NORTH L.	1404.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines:	580.0 F NORTH L.	1404.0 F WEST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location	Lease Lines:	580.0 F NORTH L.	1404.0 F WEST L.
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Terminus Location

BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 38 T4S	Abstract: 1411
Section: 24	Survey: T&P RR CO/PRESTON, S R	
Lease Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.	
	1285.0 F WEST L.	
Survey Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.	
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0311744
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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name:	PRESTON W13G
Lease/Unit Well No.:	7H
Lease/Unit Acres:	1306.7
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	376.0

Lease Lines:	580.0 F NORTH L.	1384.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines:	580.0 F NORTH L.	1384.0 F WEST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location	Lease Lines:	580.0 F NORTH L.	1384.0 F WEST L.
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Terminus Location

BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 38 T4S	Abstract: 1411
Section: 24	Survey: T&P RR CO/PRESTON, S R	
Lease Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.	
	530.0 F WEST L.	
Survey Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.	
	530.0 F WEST L.	

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0311746
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 6, 2018 Status/Permit No. 840585
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jul 11, 2018
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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING**, if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6781.

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name:	PRESTON W13H
Lease/Unit Well No.:	8H
Lease/Unit Acres:	1306.7
Nearest Lease Line (ft):	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft):	376.0

Lease Lines:	580.0 F NORTH L.	1424.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines:	580.0 F NORTH L.	1424.0 F WEST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location	Lease Lines:	580.0 F NORTH L.	1424.0 F WEST L.
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Terminus Location

BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 38 T4S	Abstract: 1411
Section: 24	Survey: T&P RR CO/PRESTON, S R	
Lease Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.	
	2040.0 F WEST L.	
Survey Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.	
	2040.0 F WEST L.	

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10600 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, KIKI BRADFORD, at (972)4448001.

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Penton South MPO Policy Board Meeting

Date: June 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
Place: 2nd Floor in Boardroom Center at
Odessa College
391 W. University Blvd.
Odessa, TX 79764

The Policy Board of the Penton South MPO will hold a regularly scheduled meeting to review a new Public Participation Plan and to hear updates on transportation planning topics. The Board may conduct an Executive Session as permitted under Chapter 551 of the Texas Administrative Code.
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Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37 Case No. 0311887
Status/Permit No. 840262

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 3, Bk. D, D&W RR CO Survey, A-122, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, UPTON County, being 7.9 miles S direction from MIDLOFF, 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 Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6781.

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name:	BROOK D-E3C
Lease/Unit Well No.:	103H
Lease/Unit Acres:	1278.8
Nearest Lease Line (R):	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (R):	324.0

Lease Lines:	570.0 F SOUTH L.	1200.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines:	570.0 F SOUTH L.	1200.0 F EAST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location	Lease Lines:
570.0 F SOUTH L.	1200.0 F EAST L.

Terminus Location	BH County: UPTON	Block: D	Abstract: 580
Section: 2	Survey: D&W RR COMMOSELEY, M S		
Lease Lines:	100.0 F NORTH L.		
Survey Lines:	330.0 F EAST L.		
	100.0 F NORTH L.		
	330.0 F EAST L.		

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10330 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Kim Brand, at (972)669-0000.

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 21, 2018
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jun 25, 2018
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ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
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Rule 37 Case No. 0311531
Status/Permit No. 839794

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 37, Bk. 38, T&P RR CO Survey, A-105, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, MIDLAND County, being 16.6 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name:	TXL-SHACKELFORD 37I
Lease/Unit Well No.:	9H
Lease/Unit Acres:	653.0
Nearest Lease Line (R):	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (R):	386.0

Lease Lines:	650.0 F WEST L.	280.0 F NORTH L.
Survey Lines:	1980.0 F WEST L.	280.0 F NORTH L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location	Lease Lines:
650.0 F WEST L.	280.0 F NORTH L.

Terminus Location	BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 38 T45	Abstract: 1190
Section: 4	Survey: T&P RR CO/SNOODGRASS, D C		
Lease Lines:	940.0 F WEST L.		
Survey Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.		
	940.0 F EAST L.		
	100.0 F SOUTH L.		

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10550 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972)669-1742.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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Rule 37 Case No. 0311530
Status/Permit No. 839793

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 37, Bk. 38, T&P RR CO Survey, A-105, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, MIDLAND County, being 16.6 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name:	TXL-SHACKELFORD 37H
Lease/Unit Well No.:	9H
Lease/Unit Acres:	653.0
Nearest Lease Line (R):	1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (R):	386.0

Lease Lines:	650.0 F WEST L.	280.0 F NORTH L.
Survey Lines:	2000.0 F EAST L.	280.0 F NORTH L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location	Lease Lines:
650.0 F WEST L.	280.0 F NORTH L.

Terminus Location	BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 38 T45	Abstract: 1190
Section: 4	Survey: T&P RR CO/SNOODGRASS, D C		
Lease Lines:	100.0 F WEST L.		
Survey Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.		
	1678.0 F EAST L.		
	100.0 F SOUTH L.		

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10550 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972)669-1742.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0311472
Status/Permit No. 839786

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name:	TXL-SHACKELFORD 37J
Lease/Unit Well No.:	10H
Lease/Unit Acres:	653.0
Nearest Lease Line (R):	1.0

Lease Lines:	670.0 F WEST L.	280.0 F NORTH L.
Survey Lines:	1980.0 F EAST L.	280.0 F NORTH L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location	Lease Lines:
670.0 F WEST L.	280.0 F NORTH L.

Terminus Location	BH County: MIDLAND	Block: 38 T45	Abstract: 1190
Section: 4	Survey: T&P RR CO/SNOODGRASS, D C		
Lease Lines:	940.0 F WEST L.		
Survey Lines:	100.0 F SOUTH L.		
	2048.0 F EAST L.		
	100.0 F SOUTH L.		

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

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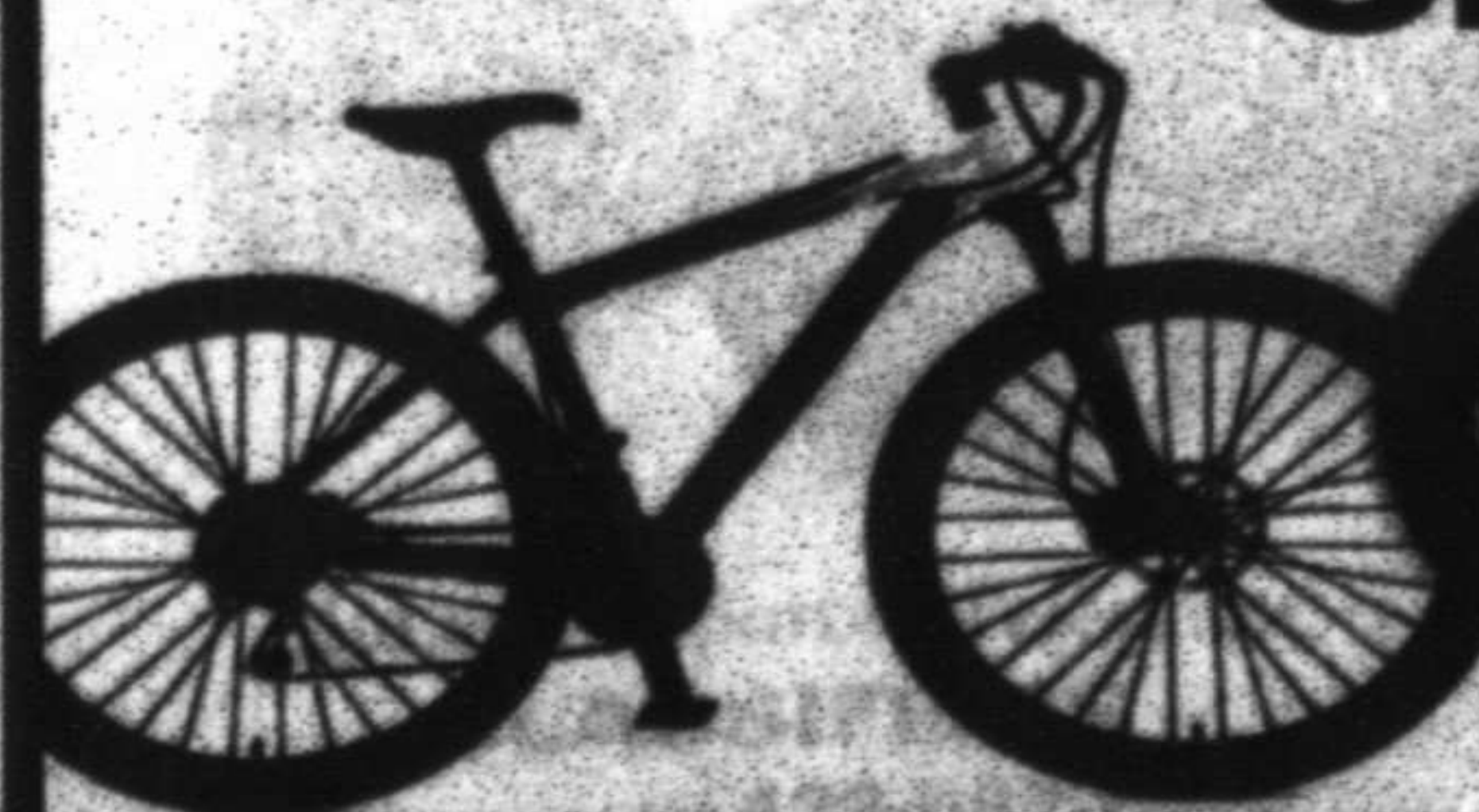
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Rule 37 Case No. 0311529
Status/Permit No. 639792

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: TXL-SHACKELFORD 37G
Lease/Unit Well No.: 7H
Lease/Unit Acres: 653.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 368.0

Lease Lines: 619.0 F WEST L. 280.0 F NORTH L.
Survey Lines: 2020.0 F EAST L. 280.0 F NORTH L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 619.0 F WEST L.
280.0 F NORTH L.

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 4
Survey: T&P RR CO SNODGRASS, D.C.
Lease Lines: 330.0 F WEST L.
100.0 F SOUTH L.
Survey Lines: 2412.0 F EAST L.
100.0 F SOUTH L.

Field Rules for ALL Wells on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10550 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972) 989-1742.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0311474
Status/Permit No. 639791

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: TXL-SHACKELFORD 37L
Lease/Unit Well No.: 12H
Lease/Unit Acres: 653.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 736.0

Lease Lines: 719.0 F WEST L. 280.0 F NORTH L.
Survey Lines: 1920.0 F EAST L. 280.0 F NORTH L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 719.0 F WEST L.
280.0 F NORTH L.

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 4
Survey: T&P RR CO SNODGRASS, D.C.
Lease Lines: 574.0 F EAST L.
100.0 F SOUTH L.
Survey Lines: 574.0 F EAST L.
100.0 F SOUTH L.

Field Rules for ALL Wells on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10550 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972) 989-1742.

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Rule 37 Case No. 0311473
Status/Permit No. 639790

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., (RRC Operator No. 665748) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 37, Blk. 38, T&P RR CO Survey, A-105, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC Field, MIDLAND County, being 16.6 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, 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 lessee 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 Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6781.

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 **JUN 25, 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) R 40 EXC

Lease/Unit Name: TXL-SHACKELFORD 37K
Lease/Unit Well No.: 11H
Lease/Unit Acres: 653.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 736.0

Lease Lines: 699.0 F WEST L. 280.0 F NORTH L.
Survey Lines: 1945.0 F EAST L. 280.0 F NORTH L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 699.0 F WEST L.
280.0 F NORTH L.

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 4
Survey: T&P RR CO SNODGRASS, D.C.
Lease Lines: 1319.0 F EAST L.
100.0 F SOUTH L.
Survey Lines: 1319.0 F EAST L.
100.0 F SOUTH L.

Field Rules for ALL Wells on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC: Special Rules 3300, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10550 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, LAURA WALLACE, at (972) 989-1742.

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Find these hidden things in the picture below:

Take a Trip to the Museum!

There are many different kinds of museums: art museums, history museums, nature museums and more. It can be fun to go to a museum, but sometimes that is just not possible.

This week, Kid Scoop takes you on a pretend visit to a few different kinds of museums. Grab your imagination and let's go!



Museum Maze

There are many museums devoted to food! In Vermont there is a Maple Syrup Museum. In California, there is a Banana Museum. In Wisconsin there is a museum dedicated to this food product. Take a guess, then gather the letters along the correct path of the maze to spell the name of the food.



Nature Museums

Nature museums are full of amazing things to observe. Test your observation skills by seeing how many squirrels you can find here:

Look Closely!

A museum has lots of things to look at. Draw squares on the picture above to show where each of these photos was taken.



Extra! Extra! Scavenger Hunt

Look through the newspaper to find:

- A number greater than 100
- A three-syllable word
- A happy person
- Something that is man-made
- Something made by nature

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Family Memories

Long before there were cameras, people had paintings made of their family members. How many differences can you find in these portraits?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Word Search

TECHNOLOGY

TRANSPORT
CHILDRENS
MARITIME
HERITAGE
GEOLOGY
HISTORY
SCIENCE
SPACE
VIDEO
FOLK
WAR
TOY
ART
WAX

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

S N E R D L I H C T
K F I N S D E W A R
G O S O F P G A S A
E L M Y T E A X C N
O K S R O U T C I S
L M A R I T I M E P
O H I S T O R Y N O
G U M V I D E O C R
Y G O L O N H C E T

Standards Link: Letter recognition. Recognized clustered words, signs and even reading. Picked spelling patterns.

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Community Landmarks

Reading a newspaper is like taking a little trip through your community. Make a list of all of the different locations you can find mentioned in the newspaper. How many are places that you have been or know about?

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

What do you get when you mix a dinosaur with a lemon?

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Weekly Writing Corner

My Book

Students imagine a book they would write for kids.

If I wrote a book for kids, I would write about being yourself because I've seen kids not being themselves, like someone acting like who they're not. So kids can read my book and be inspired to do stuff they never saw in their life.

Alice,
5th grade

If I wrote a book for kids I would write a princess book for girls. My book will have a happy ending. The top character would be the princess. My book will be good for kids because it will be funny, amazing and magical. I think my book will full of imagination.

Sadie,
3rd grade

If I wrote a book for kids, my topic would be fairies. My main character would be a fairy. Kids would want to read it because fairies have magic and they are pretty.

Kiara,
3rd grade

My book would be about flamingos and what they do. I would tell facts about them including how they sleep on one leg and it would be all about flamingos.

Skylar,
2nd grade

This book is about Ryan and Gregory. Ryan is in a forest and Gregory is in the forest too, but they don't know each other. Ryan is in a forest to find a treasure. Then Ryan finds a person and his name is Gregory. Then they both look for the treasure. Gregory sees the treasure and he tells Ryan. This would be a good book to read.

Ryan,
4th grade

My story is about friendly bees. The bees are funny. The bees live in a cave. In the cave there is a couch and a bed. They are cute.

Adam,
1st grade

My book would be about history. It would be about a tea buyer named Mickey Brown. He finds out about the British tax and he gets mad and joins the Boston Tea Party. It would have a lot of action and things to learn, so kids would like my book.

Jair,
5th grade

My main character would be the Sugar Fairy. The kids would love to read it because it has candy in it. My topic would be candy and magical people.

Allison,
2nd grade

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Finish this sentence and then write five details about your home.

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