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Amalla to fill MISD's bilingual education top spot

Former South principal led two campuses out of failing status before recent promotion

By Stewart Doreen
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The woman who led efforts to turn around two struggling campuses across the city is moving to Midland ISD central administration.

South Elementary's loss is the entire district's gain as Lety Amalla has been named the new executive director of Bilingual/ESL.

The position, according to the district, is

"to promote the quality of bilingual education curriculum and instruction in the Midland Independent School District."

The responsibilities of the position are numerous but include assisting teachers and principals with the improvement of bilingual/ESL education program and working with the staff in the implementation and review of bilingual/ESL education instruction programs.

Amalla comes into the position as the district reported nearly across-the-board

improvement for "Spanish" students on the STAAR testing in 2017-18. In grades three through five, there were eight different administrations of the test, and MISD students showed improvement in seven. In third-grade reading, MISD Spanish students even topped the state average.

The improvements at South Elementary are well-documented. Midland leaders reported earlier this week that South Elementary had a "good chance" of "meeting standard." This would be a

considerable accomplishment because the south central Midland campus began the 2017-18 school year with the longest streak of failing grades — five years — of any school inside the district and one of the longest in the state.

Amalla credited the hard work of her South Elementary staff for the turnaround. Amalla was principal at Burnet Elementary when that school completed

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BEATING THE HEAT



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

From left, Bella Van Stavern, Halston Van Stavern, Everett Wall and Eli Wall, operate a lemonade and cookie stand Thursday at a residence near the intersection of Seaboard Avenue and Cessna Drive in Midland. The Van Staverns are residents of Canyon and are visiting their cousins, the Walls, in Midland. The goal of the lemonade stand was to raise \$150 toward a new wakeboard for the Wall children. After one hour of business the kids raised \$82. Temperatures Thursday reached 105, equaling the record for July 19 set in 1981. Read more on the weather on Page 3A.

In reversal, Pentagon says it backs GOP measure to not list birds

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In an abrupt reversal, the Pentagon said Thursday it supports a Republican proposal in a defense policy bill that would bar the Fish and Wildlife Service from using the Endangered Species Act to protect two chicken-like birds in the western half of the U.S.

In an email to Congress, a top Pentagon official said the proposal could help avoid any "negative readiness impacts on military facilities" that might result from listing the sage grouse and lesser-prairie chicken as endangered.

The statement by Pete Giambastiani, a legislative affairs aide, directly repudiates comments Wednesday by Pentagon officials calling the GOP proposal unnecessary.

The House-approved language would

block endangered-species listing for the two birds for 10 years.

The birds have become flashpoints in an ongoing battle over whether they warrant federal protection that hinders mining and other development from Kansas to California.

In a one-paragraph position paper made public Wednesday, the Pentagon said the GOP provision was "not necessary to protect military testing and training" and said the department "urges its exclusion" from the defense bill being negotiated by House and Senate leaders.

Lucian Niemeyer, assistant secretary of defense for energy, installations and environment, said Wednesday that military installations are "not experiencing significant mission impacts related to the management" of the sage grouse, lesser-prairie chicken or the American burying beetle, another threatened species targeted by the GOP bill.

Giambastiani, in his email Thursday, challenged the accuracy of Niemeyer's statement.

"The administration, the Defense Department and the Interior Department support the provision in question and believe that it could help the department avoid any negative readiness impacts on military facilities should the species be listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act," he wrote. "Importantly, several vital military installations are impacted by sage grouse populations in, around or underneath the airspace used by the Department of Defense on a daily basis."

Alex Thompson, a spokeswoman for the Wilderness Society, said the GOP bill would "undermine collaborative, bipartisan efforts of Western states and federal agencies by binding the hands of federal agencies to exercise authority under the Endangered Species Act" to protect the sage grouse and lesser-prairie chicken.

"This attempted end-run around congressional authorizing committee jurisdiction has drawn furious opposition" from veterans and sportsmen

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Midland bucks trend of lowering gas prices

■ Week-over-week prices are cheaper in every larger market in state except Midland, San Antonio

By Stewart Doreen
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The average price of gasoline went down this week in 25 of the 27 cities surveyed by AAA Texas.

One city was San Antonio, which tied with McAllen and Amarillo for the lowest price in the state at \$2.53 a gallon for regular unleaded.

The other city was Midland. Drivers in Midland are still paying an average \$3.12 a gallon for regular unleaded. That price, according to the organization, is:

■ 8 cents higher than the price in Odessa,
■ 33 cents higher than the third highest average in the state (in San Angelo),
■ 49 cents higher than the average statewide and

■ 59 cents higher than the price found in San Antonio, McAllen and Amarillo.

The lack of a change in Midland was also different than what AAA Texas found in other West Texas locations. The price dropped 7 cents in Amarillo, 6 cents in El Paso and Wichita Falls, 3 cents in Lubbock, Abilene and San Angelo and 2 cents in Odessa.

Distributors have told the Reporter-Telegram there are many complexities in the fuel business that impact pricing. They pointed to the high cost of transportation from Gulf Coast refineries and Midland's distance from pipelines. There are also issues with the high cost of living, at least in Midland and Odessa, where rents are climbing at rates incomparable around the nation. There's also the supply-and-demand factor. There is a great demand in Midland and Odessa relative to the amount of supply.

The average price in Midland also is 96 cents higher than the average at this time last year. Year-over-year comparisons showed that difference is also the highest in the state. The average increase from mid-July 2017 to this week is 56 cents across Texas and 59 cents across the nation. The average price of gas in Midland last year, according to the organization, was \$2.16, 9 cents above the state average at the time and 11 cents below the national average. The \$3.12 average this week in Midland is 26 cents higher than the national average.

AAA Texas reported this week that crude oil supply is starting to keep pace with demand and oil prices dropped slightly week-to-week. This trend is forcing retail gas prices to continue to fall

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The big number

1 killed, 1 injured in oilfield facility fire in New Mexico. Page 4A

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Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin launches spacecraft higher than ever

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin rocket company shot a capsule higher into space Wednesday than it's ever done before.

The New Shepard rocket blasted off from West Texas on the company's latest test flight. Once the booster separated, the capsule's escape motor fired, lifting the spacecraft to an altitude of 389,846 feet. That's 74 miles.

It's part of a safety system intended to save lives once space tourists and others climb aboard for sub-orbital hops.

Wednesday's passenger was Mannequin Skywalker, an instrumented dummy in a blue flight suit that's flown before, plus science experiments.

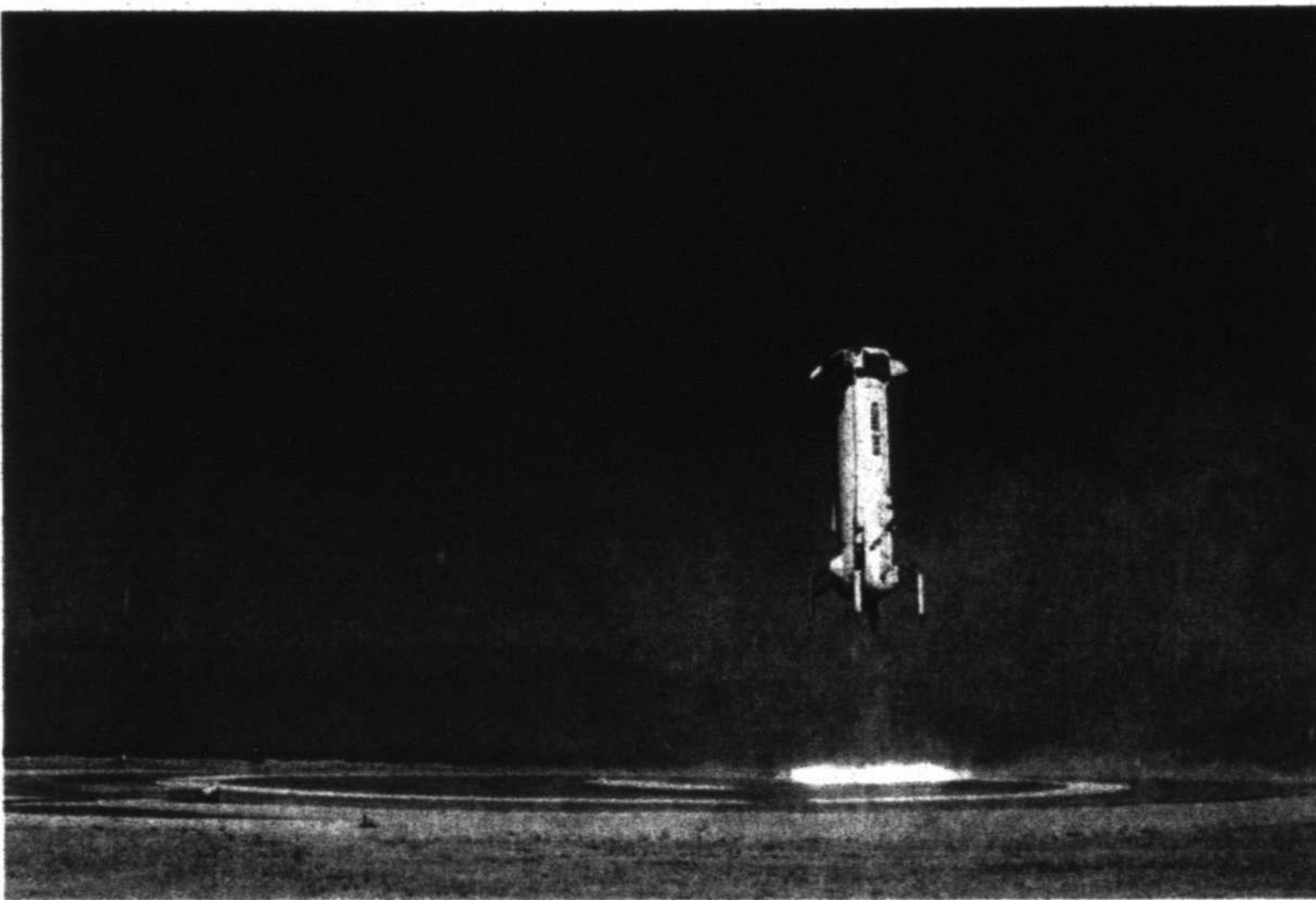
The booster and capsule — both repeat fliers — landed successfully. It was the ninth test flight and lasted 11 minutes.

"Crew Capsule looks great even after it was pushed hard by the escape test. Astronauts would have had an exhilarating ride and safe landing," Bezos said in a tweet. "Great engineering and the lucky boots worked again."

Blue Origin has yet to announce when it will start selling tickets or how much flights will cost. Launch commentator Ariane Cornell promised it would be soon. "It's coming," she said.

Bezos, founder and chief executive of Amazon, aims to send people and payloads into orbit from Cape Canaveral. Those missions will rely on the bigger, more powerful New Glenn rocket still under development.

He's named his rockets after NASA's original Mercury astronauts Alan Shepard, the first American in space, and John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth.



Blue Origin via AP

The booster of the New Shepard rocket prepares to land Wednesday in a project called Mission 9 (M9) in West Texas. Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin rocket company shot a capsule higher into space Wednesday than it's ever done before.

LOCAL & STATE BRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

MIDLAND Man charged with indecency

A Midland man was

arrested Tuesday after he allegedly touched a child inappropriately, according to court documents.



Escajeda

Juan Jose Cruz Escajeda, 43, was being held Thursday on a \$30,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

A Midland police detective on July 12 received an indecency with a child case for follow-up investigation. Escajeda touched a girl inappropriately on several occasions, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Escajeda could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

AUSTIN ERCOT says heat wave causes electric demand peak record

Managers of the state's biggest electrical grid say this week's heat wave has led to an all-time record peak for electric power demand.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which operates that grid that covers most of the state, says demand peaked at 71,438 megawatts between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday. That tops the previous record set Aug. 11, 2016, by 328 megawatts.

One megawatt is about enough electricity to power about 200 homes during hot weather running air conditioners.

An ERCOT statement says its managers "fully expect to keep hitting new demand records as summer 2018 continues," and that the council and electricity providers "are working diligently to ensure they have the power they need to keep cool."

AUSTIN Jury deliberates in man's trial in student's slaying

The jury is deliberating in the capital murder trial of a 20-year-old man accused in the slaying of a University of Texas student on campus in 2016.

The jury began deliberations Thursday in the trial of Meechael Criner, who was a 17-year-old foster care runaway at the time of the killing. He faces a sentence of life in prison if convicted.

Weiser, an 18-year-old dance major from Portland, Oregon, was walking to her dormitory after a rehearsal when she was strangled and sexually assaulted. Criner took the stand and

denied killing her. He said the night Weiser was killed he'd gone to a hospital to charge his cellphone and tablet and then slept in a vacant building.

Prosecutors say eye-glasses found at the crime scene match glasses worn by Criner.

HOUSTON Ex-mayoral aide indicted for not providing records

A former press aide for Houston's mayor has been indicted for allegedly refusing to provide records that had been requested by a reporter.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office said Thursday that a grand jury had indicted Darian Ward on one count of failure of a public information officer to provide access to public information.

If convicted of the misdemeanor, she faces up to six months in jail. Court records didn't list her attorney.

Ward resigned as one of Mayor Sylvester Turner's press secretaries in January after emails were released showing she had used her city email account to promote personal projects, including a proposed reality show.

In a statement Thursday, Turner's office said the mayor expects every Houston city employee to comply with the Texas Public Information Act.

HOUSTON Mother of triple murder suspect says he has good heart

The mother of a man who Houston authorities accuse of fatally shooting three people says she never knew her son to be violent and believes he has a good heart.

Dolores Rodriguez told the Houston Chronicle that 46-year-old Jose Gilberto Rodriguez "shouldn't have done that to those people."

Authorities say Jose Rodriguez is a parolee released from prison in September who removed his ankle monitor earlier this month and committed a series of violent crimes that include the recent killings of three people.

He was arrested Tuesday and is being held without bond at the Harris County jail.

The elder Rodriguez says her son, whom she adopted when he was 2, was a loving son but began

getting into trouble with police as a teenager. Online jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney.

HOUSTON Drug dealer from Louisiana on death row loses appeal

A former drug dealer from Louisiana on death row for the abduction, rape and slaying of a 17-year-old girl during an apparent botched drug deal 20 years ago in Houston has lost a federal court appeal, moving him a step closer to execution.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has rejected arguments 43-year-old Charles Mamou Jr. had deficient legal help at his 1999 trial for the death of Mary Carmouche.

Evidence showed Carmouche was with a group meeting Mamou near the Astrodome on Dec. 6, 1998, when a gun battle erupted. Three were shot, one fatally.

Carmouche was abducted and killed later.

Mamou also was accused of a 1998 murder in Lafayette, Louisiana, but the charge was dismissed. A witness also linked him to another 1998 Houston killing.

HOUSTON Wife testifies against Jordanian man on trial for 2 slayings

The wife of a Jordanian-born man on trial for capital murder has testified that her husband sneaked into their son-in-law's Texas apartment before fatally shooting him in 2012.

The Houston Chronicle reports that 40-year-old Shmou Alrawabdeh's testimony Wednesday is part of a plea bargain to reduce her pending murder charge to kidnapping for her role in the death of her Coty Beavers, a Christian.

Ali Mahwood-Awad Irsan is on trial for the 2012 killings of Beavers and an Iranian women's rights activist, Gelareh Bagherzadeh.

Alrawabdeh told the jury that Irsan slipped into Beavers' unlocked apartment in Harris County and shot him minutes after their daughter left for work.

She alleges her husband believed the only way to recover his honor was to kill the man who his daughter ran away to marry.

Irsan's lawyers deny the allegations.

WEST COLUMBIA Jewel brooch stolen from historic site

Brazoria County authorities say a piece of jewelry that belonged to the daughter of former Texas Gov. James Hogg has been stolen from the Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site.

Deputies say a brooch belonging to philanthropist Ima Hogg was taken during a burglary at the former sugar plantation in West Columbia between 7 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday.

The brooch is described as a black carbon round pin with a diamond at the center and pearls around the edge.

The black carbon is from the famous Spindletop oil gusher in Beaumont in 1901.

The sheriff's department says the jewelry has "significant historic value."

James Hogg was governor from 1891 to 1895 and bought the property in 1901.

Oil later was discovered there. The plantation house was built in 1835.

CORPUS CHRISTI Ex-school band teacher gets 5 years for child porn

A former high school band teacher in South Texas must serve five years in federal prison for sharing child pornography online.

Parker J. Pendergraph was sentenced Thursday in Corpus Christi. The 29-year-old Pendergraph in March pleaded guilty to distribution of child pornography.

Pendergraph was an assistant band director at Carroll High School in Corpus Christi when he was arrested in February and then suspended. He also taught at two middle schools.

Prosecutors say the investigation began in November when an electronic chat room company notified authorities that a known image of child pornography had been uploaded.

The IP address led to Pendergraph.

A search of the teacher's home and electronic devices revealed nearly 900 images related to child pornography.

Pendergraph acknowledged he went online to trade photos of nude girls.

Police: 3 Fort Worth bank employees shot, 2 suspects sought

By Emily Schmall
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Police searched for two armed suspects after three North Texas bank employees were shot Thursday morning but were expected to survive.

Fort Worth police tweeted "suspects still on the loose" following the gunfire around 9:30 a.m. Thursday inside Veritex Community Bank.

Officers initially responded to a robbery call but were trying to determine a motive for the shootings, according to police spokesman Sgt. Chris Britt.

"At least two suspects, we don't have a description on them, went into the bank. This call came out as a robbery," Britt said. "They're trying to determine if this actually was a

robbery or what was going on."

Amid the search for suspects, police surrounded a Fort Worth house while awaiting a search warrant. Further details weren't released.

MedStar Mobile Healthcare spokesman Matt Zavatsky said three women were shot and suffered serious injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening.

Two women were taken to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, while the third woman was taken to Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, according to Zavatsky. Names of the victims were not immediately released.

The bank is in a stand-alone building on the west side of Fort Worth, along a commercial boulevard that's near the city's well-known arts and cultural district.



Rodger Hallgren/Star-Telegram via AP

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- 2: happy, golden
- 3: prosperous, affluent



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Things to do

■ The 24th annual Oil Patch Kids Invitational Golf Tournament, 8 a.m., Hogan Park Golf Course, 3600 N. Fairgrounds Road. oilpatchkids.org.

■ Bird Brains day camp for children in second and third grades, 9 a.m.-noon, Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

■ Family Fridays. Mixed Media, 10 a.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ Stop Motion Workshop is an introductory program about animation. For ages 12 and younger with parent, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Bridge lessons with Sara Cantrell, 12:30 p.m., Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. Free.

■ Summer Nutrition Classes: Eat Your Water Fridays, 1 p.m., West Texas Food Bank, 1601 Westcliff Drive. Free. wtfdbank.org.

■ Flashback Fridays invites children ages 8-12 to learn about music from past decades along with a dance and art project, 4-5 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Beef Rib Night, 5 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway.

■ Murder Monroe, Scarlet Canary, The Anchor, Ethereal Flood and more, 5 p.m., The Club, 1023 S. Grant Ave., Odessa.

■ Ribeye Steak Night benefits the VFW, 6-9 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. \$15.

■ Friday Night Fish Fry, 6 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

■ Fundraiser for Texas Agriculture Commissioner candidate Kim Olson, 7 p.m., Casa Lopez Cafe, 4411 W. Illinois Ave.

■ Donnie Diaz, 7 p.m., Mac's Bar-B-Q and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

■ Party on the Patio with live music, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. ranchlandhills.com.

■ "On the Town" by the Pickwick Players, 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. mctmidland.org.

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■ Forgotten Road, 10 p.m., Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Race to the finish line



Courtesy photo

Children participate in tricycle races before the start of a Outcast BMX demonstration for community members Thursday at First United Methodist Church.

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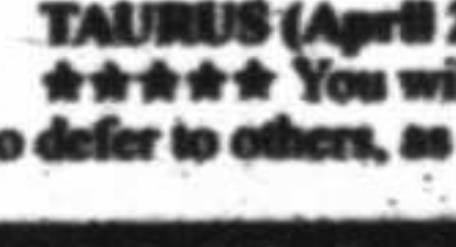
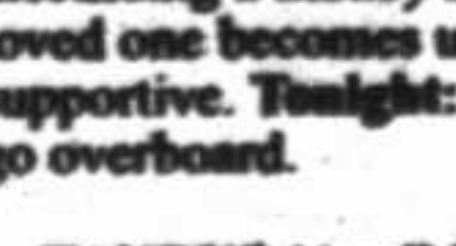
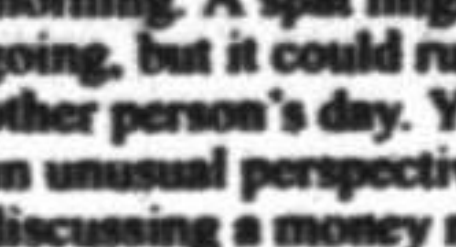
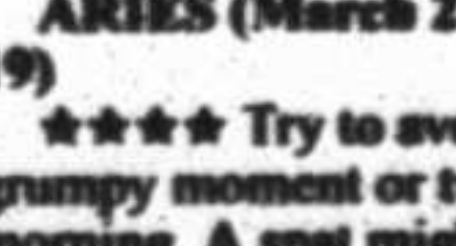
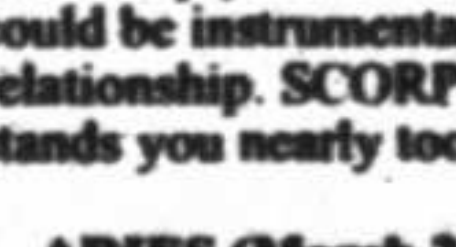
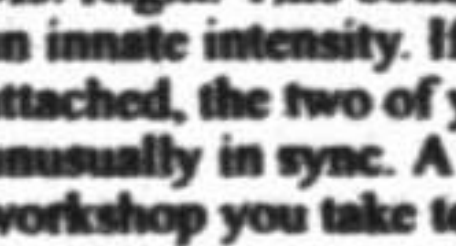
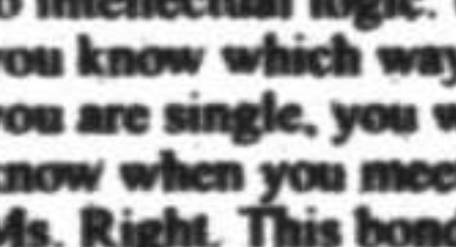
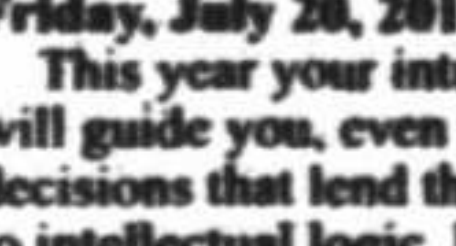
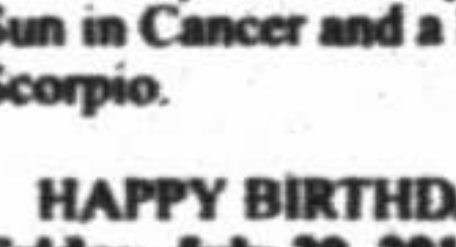
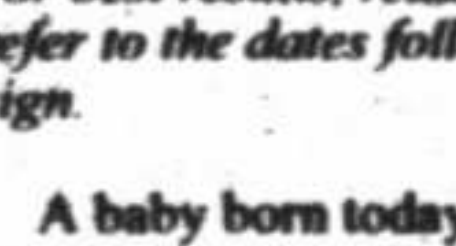
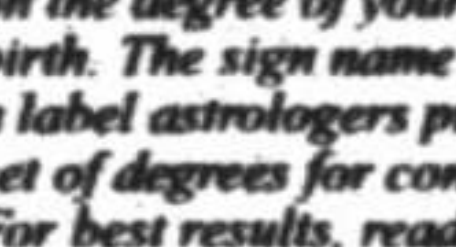
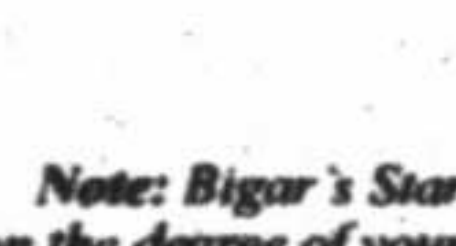
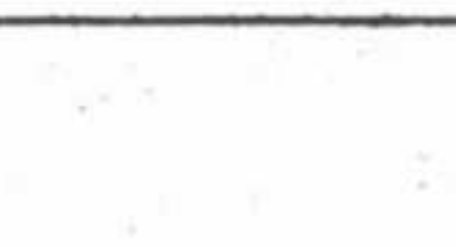
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Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 9-3-6
Pick 3 evening: 0-4-1
Pick 3 night: 9-5-2
Daily 4 morning: 9-0-8-8
Daily 4 day: 6-6-5-7
Daily 4 evening: 6-9-1-8
Daily 4 night: 3-2-5-9
Cash Five: 7-20-21-22-27
Triple Chance: 5-10-11-14-34
37-42-45-46-50

Texas Two Step: 10-13-24-28
BB: 17
All or Nothing morning: 2-5-6-7-8-10-15-17-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing day: 4-7-12-13-14-15-16-17-20-21-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-7-8-9-10-11-13-15-18-21-23
All or Nothing night: 3-5-7-9-10-11-13-16-17-19-20-22

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Weather

Thursday's temperatures
High: 105
Low: 77
Normal high: 95
Normal low: 70

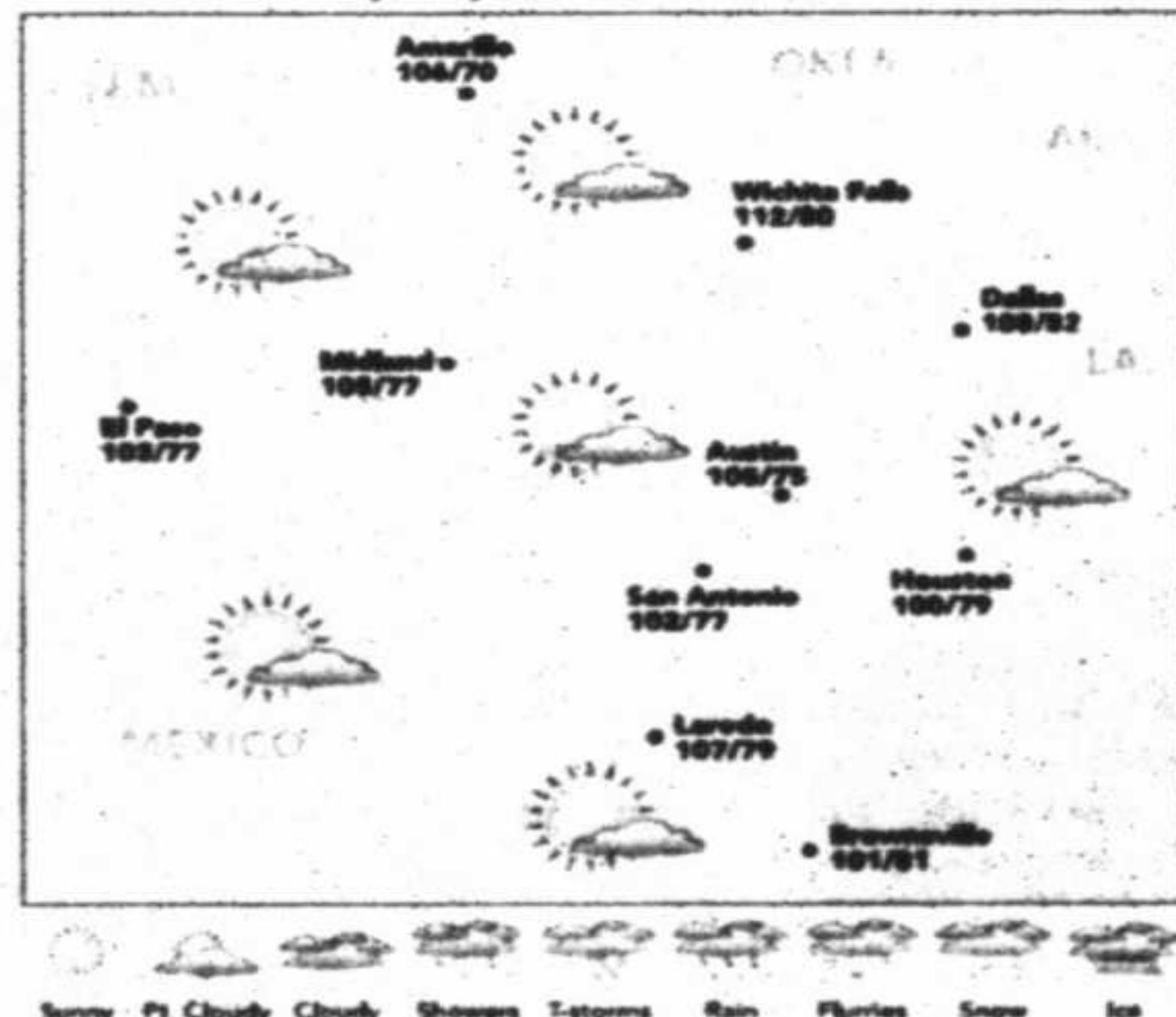
July 10's records
Record high: 105, set in 1981 and equaled Thursday
Record low: 61, set in 1947

Precipitation
Wednesday: 0.00 in.
Thursday: 0.00 in.
Month total: 1.33 in.
Year total: 4.73 in.
Normal total (year to date): 7.18 in.

Winds
Average speed: 10.4 mph
Highest speed: 18 mph
Highest gust speed: 27 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Friday, July 20, 2018



High: 105
Low: 76
Conditions: Sunny during the day/mostly clear at night
Winds: 10-15 mph during the day and night

Chance of rain: None
Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Sunset: 8:53 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 20, 2018:

This year your intuitive sense will guide you, even with some decisions that lend themselves to intellectual logic. Ultimately, you know which way to go. If you are single, you will just know when you meet Mr. or Ms. Right. This bond will have an innate intensity. If you are attached, the two of you seem unusually in sync. A trip or workshop you take together could be instrumental to your relationship. SCORPIO understands you nearly too well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Try to avoid a grumpy moment or two in the morning. A spat might get you going, but it could ruin the other person's day. You see an unusual perspective when discussing a money matter. A loved one becomes unusually supportive. Tonight: Try not to go overboard.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You will want to defer to others, as it will be

easier. A partner or loved one seems to know which way to go with several different issues. Irritation could come out when dealing with an authority figure. Choose your words with care. Tonight: Make sure you are with a friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ News that comes from out of left field could trigger you to be very direct when dealing with others. Though you might not be thrilled by this news, you'll still respond in a positive way. What comes down the path appears to be better than you had thought. Tonight: Get some R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your creativity can fill in a lot of blanks. This quality also helps you to find resolutions to problems. Others often are stunned by your ideas. A partner might respond as if he or she is on the warpath. Let this person work through his or her feelings. Tonight: Spice up your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You'll want to juggle different interests. You could be sorely tempted to spend some money on your indulgences or on a loved one. Be more forthright when dealing with a possessive person. You might not appreciate his or her attitude. Tonight: Christen the weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Make and return calls. You will hear some news that might slow you down. You could feel blue for a while. Others gain a greater understanding of you. You feel lucky.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could find yourself in a tizzy with way too much to do. Fatigue marks your actions. On top of you feeling less than great, a loved one could be explosive. Treat carefully. In the long run, a dispute is the last situation you want to deal with. Tonight: Happily call it an early night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Defer certain tasks

and might be ready to take on a project or a risk. This attitude could affect your social life. Tonight: All smiles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Be willing to back off and not continue a heated conversation that is likely to evolve into a rift. A disagreement might not be easy to mend. Use caution around mechanical items, as you could be accident-prone. Take news with a grain of salt. Tonight: Do your vanishing act.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Zero in on a goal that seems possible now. Friendship plays a significant role in what is happening. Curb a tendency to go overboard. You might have good reason to celebrate. Still, recognize that there are consequences to your actions. Tonight: Happiness around your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You could find that you are angrier than you realize. You will see evidence of your feistiness in a conversation with a key person. Take charge of a professional matter. Someone might be watching you to see how you are performing. Tonight: Out among the crowds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your sixth sense comes through for you, as you make an excellent decision that could affect your life in several ways. News comes in from a distance that might force you to rethink a recent conversation. Be careful if you feel frustrated. Tonight: Let yourself be entertained.

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Musician Chris Cornell (1964), musician Carlos Santana (1947), model Giselle Bündchen (1980)

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AP file photo

Male greater sage grouse perform mating rituals for a female grouse, not pictured, April 20, 2013, on a lake outside Walden, Colo. In an abrupt reversal, the Pentagon now says it supports a Republican proposal in a defense policy bill that would bar the Fish and Wildlife Service from using the Endangered Species Act to protect two chicken-like birds in the western half of the U.S.

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groups across the country, Thompson said, vowing to fight against the GOP plan. Utah Rep. Rob Bishop inserted the

endangered-species language into the defense policy bill, arguing that federal conservation efforts for the imperiled birds and the beetle undermine military training and readiness. A 2015 report by the Army says

land-use restrictions designed to protect the sage grouse could affect operations at a number of Western sites, including the Yakima Training Center in Washington state and Hawthorne Army Depot in Nevada.

Governors delve into foreign diplomacy on trade war

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — State governors discussed ways Thursday to court foreign investment in the wake of President Donald Trump's trade disputes with countries including China, Canada and Mexico.

Several of the more than 20 governors attending the annual meeting of the National Governors Association said shifting U.S. trade policies are rattling markets for agricultural commodities and complicating decisions by foreign investors.

"It gets damaging when you get into these very frictional relationships where people are trying to measure this tariff or that tariff," said Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper of Colorado. "I'm not saying the previous system was fair."

Republican Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson said he is sending the state's economic development director on an additional trip to China this year to meet with companies that are making investments in his state, amid concerns about deteriorating U.S.-China trade relations.

"It's important that we look for a solution very quickly so that we don't have an increase in tariffs and escalate the tariff war, as some would describe it," said Hutchinson, who is running for a second term this year.

Brookings Institution Fellow Joseph Parilla said governors don't decide U.S. trade policy but can engage in direct economic diplomacy to encourage investment, while funding things like education and research



Morgan Lee/AP

From left to right, Democratic Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, Republican Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, International Vitamin Corp. CEO Dai Ming, and Jushi USA Fiberglass CEO William Woo talk about strategies for increasing direct foreign investment in state economies Thursday in Santa Fe, N.M. Several state governors attending the annual meeting of the National Governors Association said shifting U.S. trade policies are rattling markets for agricultural commodities and complicating decisions by foreign investors.

at home.

"They're certainly not helpless," he said. "They can increasingly conduct economic policy themselves."

In Washington on Thursday, Trump's proposed tariffs on imported cars, trucks and auto parts ran into opposition from automakers, dealers and suppliers. Opponents of the new trade restrictions lined up to vent as the Commerce Department held a hearing on whether auto imports pose a threat to U.S. national security. At the governor's conference in Santa Fe, emissaries from the Chinese government and enterprises warned that a trade war with China could lead to negative consequences for ordinary Americans, such as higher prices on consumer goods and greater inflation.

"We should let those

who advocate trade war know that trade war is not something that can be easily won," China Consul General to Los Angeles Zhang Ping said. The comment appeared to be a direct response to Trump's statement via Twitter in March that "trade wars are good, and easy to win."

The U.S. and China are threatening a trade war over Trump complaints that Chinese companies steal trade secrets and force U.S. firms to hand over technology in return for market access. Trump has slapped tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, provoking retaliatory measures by Canada, Mexico and U.S. allies in the European Union.

Hickenlooper described the approach as a "sledgehammer."

He and Utah Republican Gov. Gary Herbert extolled

long-term strategies for state economies to increase foreign trade, from foreign language schools to Utah's expansion of airport cargo-flight capacity.

Republican North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum said soybean growers in his state have an enormous stake in the U.S. trade confrontation, as commodities markets recoil from the threat of retaliatory tariffs. Trump's approach deserves more time to win concessions on important issues such as China's treatment of U.S. intellectual property, Burgum said.

New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau President Craig Ogden said retaliatory Chinese tariffs on U.S. pecans and new tariffs from Mexico on U.S. cheese products are likely to hurt producers in New Mexico.

Fatal SUV crash driver among five charged in smuggling scheme

By Ryan Tarinelli
Associated Press

DALLAS — A 20-year-old man indicted in an alleged immigrant smuggling scheme was under federal supervision when he led authorities in Texas on a high-speed chase and crashed an SUV, killing five of the 14 people inside, according to court records.

Federal prosecutors said the driver, Jorge Luis Monsivais Jr., and four others were indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Del Rio for their roles in the alleged smuggling scheme. All five face multiple federal counts, including conspiracy to harbor illegal immigrants.

Authorities say Monsivais crashed a Chevrolet Suburban as he entered Big Wells, a town about 100 miles southwest of San Antonio. Five immigrants in the U.S. illegally died from the June 17 crash.

At the time, Monsivais was on supervised release for a federal charge. Court documents show Monsivais was arrested "transporting" three immigrants to San Antonio for an average price of \$1,500 per person. He had been sentenced to more than a year in prison and three years of supervised release.

A U.S. probation officer wrote in court documents that Monsivais had received his General Equivalency Diploma, completed substance abuse treatment and participated in a mental health assessment. But, the probation officer also wrote that his "reckless behavior" and "blatant disregard for the safety of humans" show

he is not willing to comply with the conditions.

The crash happened after Border Patrol agents became suspicious of three vehicles traveling in a convoy between El Indio and Carrizo Springs, Texas. Two of the three vehicles fled when agents tried to make "immigration inspections."

The Suburban driven by Monsivais crashed. The other vehicle, driven by a 17-year-old boy, also fled from authorities but eventually pulled over. An affidavit said the teenager had been hired by Marcial Gomez-Santana, the driver of the vehicle that did not take off when agents approached.

Gomez-Santana is one of the five defendants indicted Wednesday. Two others charged — Rudy Gomez of Hockley, Texas, and Johana Gomez of Houston — are his children.

Witnesses said Gomez-Santana and his son Rudy would call the family members of the immigrants to collect additional smuggling fees, according to court records. Witnesses also reported that Mariela Reyna, another indicted defendant, came to cook for the immigrants at a stash house at least two times.

Johana Gomez told authorities that one of the vehicles was registered to her boyfriend and she went to Eagle Pass to sell it. According to the affidavit, she later said her father "needed to use the vehicle for something."

The teenager driving the 2008 Tahoe said Johana Gomez "was present when he discussed his role" in the smuggling venture, according to the court records.

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its turnaround from being "improvement required" three straight years to being out of IR "solid," according to an interview with her earlier this year.

"I haven't seen a principal at MISD do what she has done," said former South teacher Lesley Stigall. "She is not a big cheerleader, and there are no useless meetings. Everything is purposeful, and it all benefits children."

Amalla replaces Joanna Rowley, who resigned in June. Amalla is scheduled to make between \$113,773.24 and \$153,926.28, according to information from the district.

Juan Dominguez, current principal at Bonham Elementary, has been named the new principal at South.

Other changes that Midland ISD reported this week include:

■ Tricia Teran, current assistant principal at Jones Elementary, has been named principal at Bonham Elementary;

■ Deanna Flader, as-

stant principal at South Elementary, has been named principal at Scharbauer Elementary, following the resignation of Sharla Butler;

■ Christin Reeves, assistant principal at Bonham Elementary, has been named principal at Emerson Elementary, following the resignation of Edgar Tibayan.

MISD also reported the vacant principal position at Fasken Elementary has not been filled yet. The position has been posted and MISD administration is interviewing applicants, according to the district. Former Fasken Principal Lina Baiza retired recently, according to district leaders, after the district attempted to force a move of a Fasken assistant principal to another school. That assistant principal resigned and Baiza then retired.

"We wish (Baiza) the very best of luck with her future endeavors," wrote Lacy Sperry, the district's executive director of communications, this week in a release about the recent changes inside the district.

REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO One killed, 1 injured in oilfield facility fire

LOVING — Authorities say one worker was killed and a second injured in a fire involving storage tanks at an oilfield facility in southeastern New Mexico.

The Carlsbad Current-Argus reports that the incident occurred Wednesday near Loving at a facility owned by Tulsa, Oklahoma-based WPX Energy. WPX spokesman Kelly Swan said both victims were employees at separate companies working at the WPX facility.

Identities weren't released, and WPX said cause of the fire wasn't im-

mediately available.

The facility contains a saltwater disposal well for oil byproducts from extraction operations, along with injection pumps and storage tanks for residue oil and water.

Eddy County Emergency Manager Jennifer Armendariz said Carlsbad Fire Department, Eddy County Sheriff's Office and multiple Eddy County volunteer fire departments responded.

NEW MEXICO Southern road to spaceport gets paved

UPHAM — The southern road to Spaceport America is now paved after New Mexico officials had promised it

more than a decade ago.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reports Dona Ana County officials expect a few remaining details — signage and striping — to be completed on the 24-mile road next month.

A dirt road stretched from the Interstate 25 exit for Upham to the spaceport, but the road's condition had made it impassable for most drivers. From Las Cruces, people headed to spaceport had to travel north to Truth or Consequences and back to the southeast. The new road is expected to cut about 45 minutes of travel time.

The New Mexico Spaceport Authority is funding the \$14 million road project, but Dona Ana County oversees its construction.

Texas meat-lovers appalled over WeWork's meat-free policy

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas meat-lovers are expressing outrage over a coworking company's announcement that it won't serve beef, pork or chicken at work events in order to be more environmentally conscious.

New York City-based WeWork said it's committed to being a "meat-free organization," the Houston Chronicle reported. WeWork won't buy meat dishes for the shared workspaces provided to mem-

bers, including its 8,000 Texas members at nine facilities. The company also won't allow employees to expense meals that contain meat.

"We are energized by this opportunity to leave a better world for future generations and appreciate your partnership as we continue the journey," Co-Founder and Chief Creative Officer Miguel McKelvey said in a letter to employees.

The company projects that by 2023, the move will save 16.7 billion gallons

of water and more than 15 million animals, while reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 445 million pounds.

But meat-lovers are pushing back against the meatless policy in the top beef cow producing state in the country.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller criticized the company's rationale.

"I was very surprised and disappointed to learn of WeWork's anti-beef policy, but probably not as dis-

pointed as their employees were," he said.

Texas Beef Council Vice President Richard Wortham said the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found animal agriculture generated only about 4 percent of national greenhouse emissions, and the beef industry was responsible for 2 percent.

He said the company would "probably be better off encouraging their employees to use less energy at the office or take public transportation."

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across Texas.

"While prices at the pump around most cities in Texas are less expensive than last month, motorists are paying 56 cents more per gallon, on average, compared to this time last year," wrote Joshua Zuber, AAA Texas/AAA New Mexico spokesman. "To help save money on gas, AAA Texas recommends motorists avoid quick starts

and stops, maintain their vehicles and make sure their tires are properly inflated."

Most southern states, according to AAA Texas, are enjoying the lowest gas prices in the country, on average, with prices at the pump between \$2.55 to \$2.68.

Drivers in the western region of the U.S. are paying the most at the pump with averages ranging from \$3.04 to \$3.78.

Gas price report

Cheapest gas: \$2.86 (Sam's Club, Rockwall/DH 191)
Cheapest gas (non-membership club): \$2.91 (Murphy USA, Midland/Dover/Howard)
Most common price: \$3.02, \$3.11
Cheapest prices to West Texas: Amarillo \$2.36, Lubbock \$2.48, San Angelo \$2.64, Abilene \$2.67, Midland \$2.85, Odessa \$2.90

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	\$3.084	\$2.910
Last week	\$3.071	\$2.897
Last month	\$3.005	\$2.890
Last year	\$2.892	\$2.074

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Flint water crisis prompts call for more federal oversight

By Ellen Knickmeyer
and John Flesher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal watchdog is calling on the Environmental Protection Agency to strengthen its oversight of state drinking water systems nationally and respond more quickly to public health emergencies such as the lead-in-the-water crisis in Flint, Michigan.

In a 74-page report released Thursday, the EPA's inspector general pointed to "oversight lapses" at the federal, state and local levels in the response to Flint's contaminated drinking water.

"While oversight authority is vital, its absence can contribute to a catastrophic situation," the inspector general, Arthur A. Elkins, said in a statement. His office has concluded the EPA was too slow and passive in responding to the Flint crisis.

The finding comes as the Trump administration seeks to cut the EPA's budget, including some drinking-water programs. The administration also has called for reining back federal environmental regulation overall and transferring more oversight authority of some programs to the states.

The EPA said in a statement it agrees with the inspector general's recommendations and is adopting them "expeditiously."

"The agency is actively engaging with states to improve communications and compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act to safeguard human health," the statement said.

But the internal watchdog said the agency's proposal for stepping up oversight falls short.

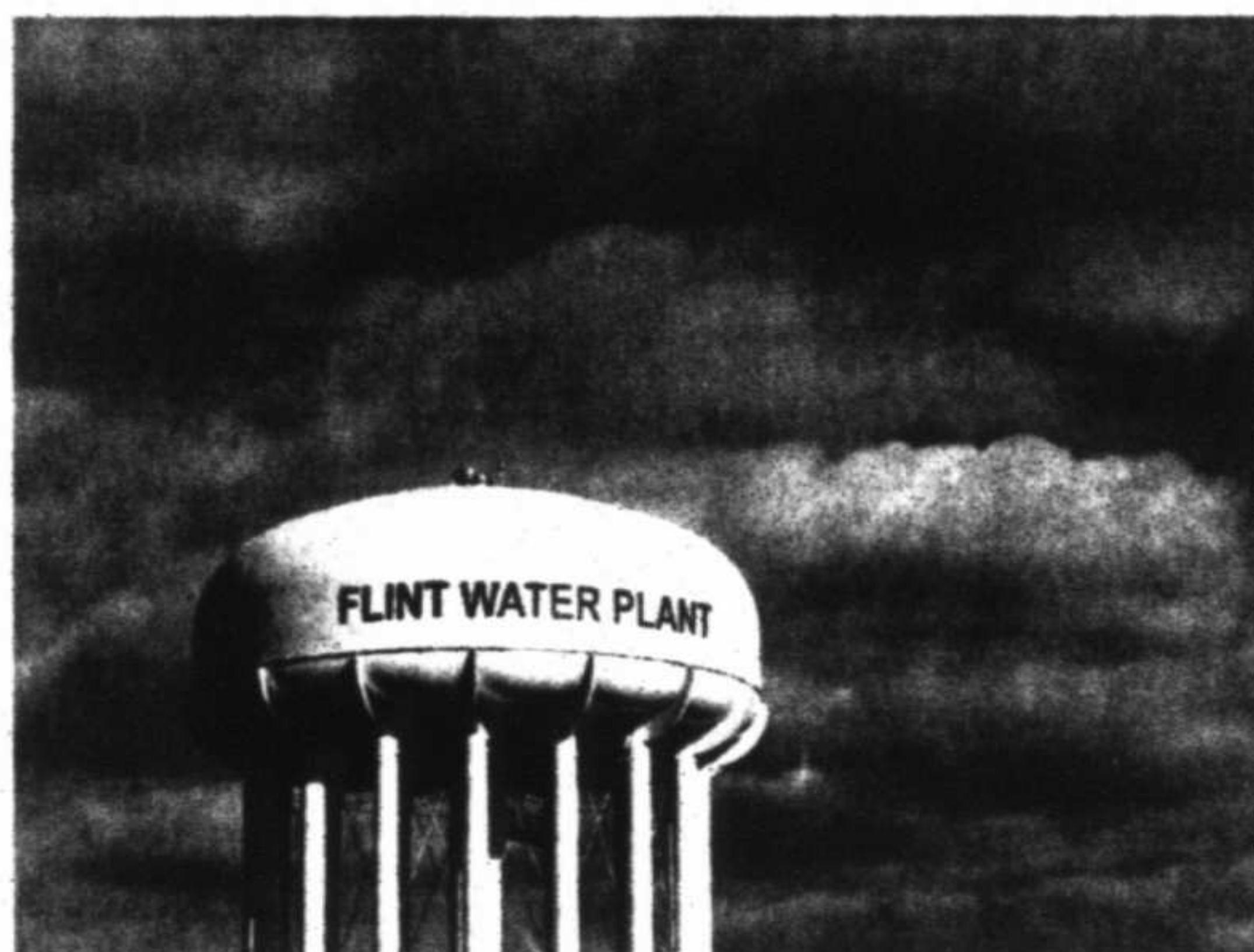
Flint's tap water became contaminated in 2014 after officials switched from the Detroit system to the Flint River to save money, exposing many residents to lead, a potent neurotoxin. Children are particularly vulnerable, and the EPA says there is no safe level of lead.

EPA officials had stressed they had wanted to foster a collaborative partnership with Michigan, the report said. In Flint, the quest for "partnership limited effective EPA oversight."

Rep. Dan Kildee, who was traveling to Flint on Thursday to inspect work done on the city's water system, said the state bore most of the blame for the slow response to the health crisis, but also said "the EPA should have been more aggressive."

"EPA should not have taken the state of Michigan at its word" that everything was fine with Flint's water, said Kildee, D-Mich. "Water quality is too serious a question... without doing more to assure the rule is being properly enforced."

The switch to the Flint River was to be temporary, until the city could



AP file photo

The Flint Water Plant water tower is seen March 21, 2016, in Flint, Mich. A federal watchdog is calling on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to strengthen its oversight of state drinking water systems in the wake of the lead crisis in Flint, Michigan. In a report released Thursday, the EPA's Office of Inspector General says the agency must act now to be able to react more quickly in times of public-health emergencies.

connect to a planned regional pipeline from Lake Huron. At that time, the impoverished majority-black city of nearly 100,000 residents was under control of an emergency financial manager appointed by Republican Gov. Rick Snyder.

Residents complained the river water smelled and tasted bad and was causing skin rashes and other health problems. Local officials insisted it was safe.

After tests showed high levels of lead in a home in April 2015, Miguel Del Toral, a water regulations official in EPA's Chicago office, contacted officials with Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality. Del Toral also alerted superiors at EPA who decided not to make the information public, instead prodding the state agency to act behind the scenes. After a draft of Del Toral's report was leaked, EPA's regional administrator apologized to the city.

In emails later released through public-records requests, Del Toral voiced frustration over EPA's slow pace and described the agency as a "cesspool."

State officials finally acknowledged the lead contamination in September 2015 after doctors reported high levels of lead in Flint children's blood and Virginia Tech University researchers said their testing of Flint water samples found some with lead levels meeting EPA's definition of "toxic waste."

Snyder ordered the National Guard to distribute bottled water and filters, requested federal aid and eventually accepted the resignation of his top

environmental official. Flint returned to the Detroit water system.

In January 2016, the EPA notified Michigan that its actions were inadequate and ordered stronger intervention. The agency's regional administrator in Chicago, Susan Hedman, resigned the next month. The preliminary inspector general's review later that year found that the regional EPA office should have had "a greater sense of urgency" and was too deferential to the state.

Former EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy acknowledged during congressional hearings that her agency should have been more aggressive in testing the water and requiring changes but said the federal agency "couldn't get a straight answer" from Michigan officials about what was being done in Flint.

"We were strong-armed. We were misled," McCarthy said. "We were kept at arm's length. We could not do our jobs effectively."

Republican lawmakers accused McCarthy and the Obama EPA of incompetence and neglect.

Snyder ended water distribution in Flint last April, saying water quality had improved significantly. The state environmental agency this week said tests during the latest six-month monitoring showed lead levels were beneath the action threshold and better than those of some other Michigan cities.

The Michigan attorney general's office has filed criminal charges against 15 state and local officials in the Flint matter, which also has spawned numerous lawsuits.

Disney streaming could get boost as Comcast drops Fox bid

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Comcast is dropping its bid for Fox's entertainment businesses, paving the way for Disney to boost its upcoming streaming service by buying the studios behind "The Simpsons" and "X-Men."

Getting Fox would help the House of Mouse compete with technology companies such as Amazon and Netflix for viewers' attention — and dollars.

Disney needs compelling TV shows and movies to persuade viewers to sign up and pay for yet another streaming service. It already has classic Disney cartoons, "Star Wars," Pixar, the Muppets and some of the Marvel characters. With Fox, Disney could add Marvel's X-Men and Deadpool, along with programs shown on such Fox channels as FX Networks and National Geographic. Fox's productions also include "The Americans," "This Is Us" and "Modern Family."

The deal would help Disney further control TV shows and movies from start to finish — from creating the programs to distributing them through television channels, movie theaters, streaming services and other ways people watch entertainment.

Disney would get valuable data on customers and their entertainment-viewing habits, which it can then use to sell advertising.

For Comcast, dropping the pursuit of Fox lets it focus on getting European pay-TV operator Sky, a deal that would help the Philadelphia-based cable and media company expand beyond the U.S.

Fox shareholders are to vote on the Disney deal on July 27.

Cable and telecom companies have been buying the companies that make TV shows and movies to compete in a changing media landscape. Although internet providers like AT&T and Comcast directly control their customers' access to the internet in a way that Amazon, YouTube and Netflix do not, they still face threats as those streaming services gain in popularity.

AT&T bought Time Warner last month for \$81 billion and has already launched its own streaming service, Watch TV, with Time Warner channels such as TBS and TNT, among other networks, for \$15 a month.

Expect something similar from Disney after the deal closes. In addition to boosting the Disney

streaming service, expected to debut next year, the deal paves the way for Marvel's X-Men and the Avengers to reunite in future movies. Though Disney owns Marvel Studios, some characters including the X-Men had already been licensed to Fox.

Disney would also get a controlling stake in the existing streaming service Hulu.

Separately, Disney said it will release new episodes of the "Star Wars" animated series "The Clone Wars" on its upcoming streaming service. The original "Clone Wars" series ran for six seasons, with the final one as a Netflix exclusive.

Comcast said Thursday that it would not raise its \$66 billion offer for Fox. The Walt Disney Co. had topped Comcast's bid by offering \$71 billion. The U.S. Department of Justice has approved Disney's bid as long as Disney, which owns the national sports network ESPN, sells Fox's 22 regional sports networks. Disney may still need regulatory approvals outside the U.S.

Disney CEO Bob Iger said he was "extremely pleased" with Comcast's announcement.

"Our focus now is on completing the regulatory process and ultimately moving toward integrating our businesses," he said in a statement.

GBH Insights analyst Daniel Ives called Comcast's move "the final chapter in this soap opera." He said Comcast's focus now is on getting Sky "to build a strong beachhead content strategy in Europe."

Sky operates in Austria, Germany, Ireland, Italy and the U.K. It has 22.5 million customers, attracted by offerings such as English Premier League soccer and "Game of Thrones."

Fox has been trying to buy the 61 percent of Sky it doesn't already own. The idea was to sell Sky to Disney as part of the broader deal. Last week, Comcast made a bid that values Sky at \$34 billion, compared with \$32.5 billion in Fox's offer.

Disney said in a regulatory filing last week that Fox might not raise its bid to compete with Comcast's offer, meaning Comcast is likely to end up with Sky and Disney the rest of Fox that's up for sale. That includes other international properties, including the Star India satellite service. Some Fox businesses, including Fox News Channel and the Fox television network, will remain with media mogul Rupert Murdoch and his family.

Trump slams rate increases by independent Federal Reserve

By Zeke Miller,
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Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Thursday cast aside concerns about the Federal Reserve's independence, saying he was "not happy" with the Fed's recent interest rate increases.

Trump told CNBC in an interview: "I don't like all of this work that we're putting into the economy and then I see rates going up."

Last month, the Fed raised its benchmark rate for a second time this year and projected two more increases in 2018. Its rate hikes are meant to prevent the economy from overheating and igniting high inflation. But rate increases also make borrowing costlier for households and companies and can weaken the pace of growth. In particular, the Fed's most recent rate hikes could dilute some of the benefit of the tax cuts Trump signed into law last year.

The president acknowledged that his comments about the Fed would likely raise concerns. The central bank has long been seen as needing to operate free of political pressure from the White House or elsewhere to properly manage interest rate policy.

The Fed's dual mandate is to maximize employment and stabilize prices. By maintaining its independence, the central bank can make politically contentious decisions to combat economic challenges, like the huge bond purchases it made after

the 2008 financial crisis to help drive down long-term rates to support the economy. That policy drew rebukes from many Republican lawmakers.

In February, Jerome Powell, Trump's hand-picked choice, became Fed chairman. Last week, Powell said in an interview with the radio program Marketplace that he didn't expect to face pressure from the White House.

"We have a long tradition here of conducting policy in a particular way, and that way is independent of all political concerns," Powell said. "We do our work in a strictly nonpolitical way, based on detailed analysis, which we put on the record transparently."

He added, "No one in the administration has said anything to me that really gives me concern on this front."

The reaction to Trump's remarks in the financial markets was muted. The U.S. dollar fell to 112.46 yen from 112.84 yen earlier, and yields on Treasuries dipped slightly. After Trump's interview with CNBC was made public, Lindsay Walters, a White House spokeswoman, said the president "respects the independence of the Fed."

"The president's views on interest rates are well-known, and his comments today are a reiteration of those long held positions, and public comments," Walters said.

Speaking about Fed policy in his interview with CNBC, Trump said he is "letting them do what they feel is best."

But his comments raised alarms, including with some former Fed officials who saw in his remarks a possible effort to apply public pressure on the central bank.

"I am not pleased," said Carl Tannenbaum, a former Chicago Fed official and chief economist at Northern Trust. "The remarks certainly aren't an immediate threat to Fed independence, but they break with the tradition of respectful distance."

Randall Kroszner, a former Fed governor, said the central bank has withstood political pressure before and will continue to do so under Powell's leadership.

"The Fed has often faced political pressures — from Congress, presidents, Treasury secretaries and innumerable outside groups," said Kroszner, an economics professor at the University of Chicago. "My experience with what Jay Powell recently said — being non-political is deep in the Fed's DNA — and I believe that Jay will keep it that way."

During the 2016 presidential campaign, Trump was highly critical of the Fed and accused its policymakers of keeping rates at ultra-low levels to favor Democrats. But he also told CNBC during the campaign that he is a "low interest-rate person."

Past efforts to apply political pressure on the Fed have sometimes hurt the economy. President Richard Nixon encouraged Arthur Burns, the Fed chairman at the time, to help boost economic growth ahead of Nixon's

1972 landslide re-election. That episode ultimately triggered runaway inflation that took a decade to tame and required raising the Fed's policy rate above 15 percent — more than eight times the rate's current average.

George H.W. Bush's administration complained that he felt the Fed's failure to cut rates more quickly in 1992 contributed to his reelection defeat that year.

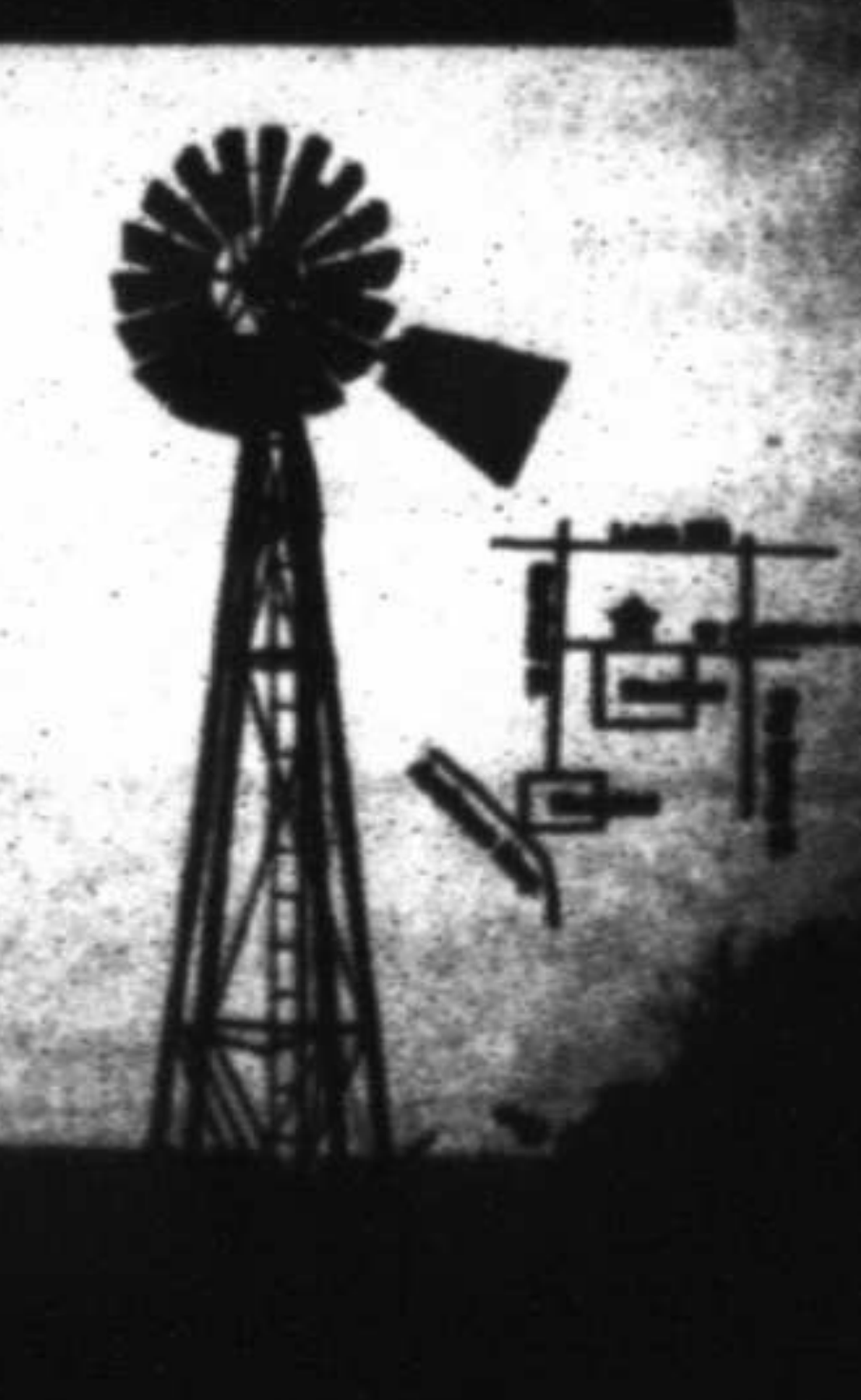
When Robert Rubin led President Bill Clinton's National Economic Council, he adopted a rule of never commenting on the Fed's actions — a policy that was subsequently followed by the George W. Bush and Obama administrations.

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US base in Poland would silence Russia critics

■ Moving American troops from Germany makes economic and strategic sense

If President Trump wants to shut down the critics of his performance this week in Helsinki and strengthen U.S. national security, he can do so with one bold move: Announce he is moving out most U.S. forces currently stationed in Germany and sending them to Poland.

The Polish government recently presented Trump with a formal proposal to move U.S. troops from Stuttgart, Germany, to a new permanent U.S. military base in Poland. Trump should take up Warsaw on this offer.

Moving U.S. troops to Poland would be a bold, historic decision on par with Trump's decision to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. Not only would it better position American forces, it also would completely flummox Trump's critics in the U.S. foreign policy establishment. After spending the past week accusing him of being Putin's puppet, they would look foolish if they turned around and criticized him for antagonizing Russia. And after attacking him for undermining NATO, they could hardly complain that he is taking unprecedented action to shore up the alliance's Eastern flank.

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Such a move would reinforce the tough line the president took on defense spending at last week's NATO summit, by punishing a deadbeat ally that does not meet its NATO commitments and rewarding a steadfast ally that does. Why should Germany — a country that spends just 1.24 percent of its gross domestic product on defense — continue to be rewarded with the economic benefit of U.S. bases? Better to station U.S. forces in a country such as Poland that is providing what Trump has called a "truly magnificent" example as "one of the NATO countries that has actually achieved the benchmark for investment in our common defense."

Trump can further argue that Germany's actions beyond its inadequate defense spending have necessitated this move. At NATO, Trump blasted the Germany-to-Russia Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline, declaring "it's a very bad thing for NATO." He's right. The pipeline not only makes

Germany more dependent on Moscow for energy, it also risks the security of Poland and other Eastern European allies. Right now, all Russian gas exports to Western Europe go through pipelines that cross Poland and Slovakia — which means Russia cannot cut off gas to NATO allies in the East without also cutting off its lucrative exports to the West. But once the new pipeline is built, sending gas directly to Germany under the Baltic Sea, Russia will be able to shut off energy supplies to Eastern Europe far more easily. Trump can correctly say that he needs to shore up the security of NATO's East European allies because of the German government's sign-off on the pipeline.

The move would also address a major U.S. strategic concern about its ability to deter Russia. The Post recently reported that U.S. military commanders are worried that if they had to quickly move U.S. troops east to head off a military conflict with Moscow, "the most powerful military in the world could get stuck in a traffic jam" as "Humvees ... snarl behind plodding semis on narrow roads" and "U.S. tanks ... crush rusting bridges too weak to hold their weight." Stationing American forces in Poland would alleviate that problem. As the Polish government points out in its proposal, "a U.S. permanent presence in Poland [offers] a more forward

operating location than Stuttgart provides, would greatly alleviate well founded fears that fellow Eastern European and Baltic governments have that Moscow would be able to overtake defending forces prior to the support of U.S. and NATO forces in Stuttgart could provide."

The move would also benefit U.S. taxpayers. The Polish government has offered up to \$2 billion to cover most of the costs of building such a base and supporting U.S. troops in Poland, declaring it is committed "to share the burden of defense spending [and] make the decision more cost-effective for the U.S. government." This should be attractive to Trump, who has criticized other allies for not paying enough for the cost of stationing U.S. forces on their territory.

And there is one last good reason to do it: Poland loves Trump. When Trump spoke in Warsaw last year, his speech was repeatedly interrupted by chants of "Donald Trump! Donald Trump!" Such response would be unimaginable in Berlin.

The U.S. military presence in Germany is a legacy of the Cold War, when we positioned our forces to deter a Soviet invasion from East Germany. Today the need for deterrence is undiminished, but the potential line of contact has moved east. So should the U.S. military.

GUEST VIEW

Urban planners should consider use of sidewalks

The humble sidewalk might be the key to better living. Whether you live downtown or in the 'burbs, well-planned and well-maintained sidewalks silently improve interactions within our neighborhoods. As Dallas-Fort Worth continues to plan for its sprawling future, we must understand the impact these squares of concrete have on our lives and seek ways to incorporate sidewalks into our cities' development.

Sidewalks are a key contributor to walkability, or the measure of how friendly an area is to walking. Walkability is a key promoter of public health as people interact with their built environment. Studies have shown that people who have access to sidewalks are more likely to meet the U.S. surgeon general's recommendations for physical activity and are less likely to be obese. Faced with Texas' blistering heat and erratic weather, we'll take any nudges we can to get outside.

Increased walkability is as good for your wallet as it is for your health. Homebuyers pay more for homes and property values rise fastest in pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods. Wide, welcoming sidewalks also improve businesses' traffic. One study showed that walking shoppers spent more per month than those who only drive. No wonder walkable streets are more economically productive.

North Texas is still very much a driver's destination, but city centers and roomy residential areas alike can take action to improve their walkability.

Downtown Dallas, Oak Lawn and Henderson have high walkability scores, but maximizing the benefits will require prioritizing sidewalks citywide. For example, upping the sidewalk-to-road ratio and requiring developers to keep sidewalks open during construction (instead of shunting us into the street) offer simple but elegant regulatory fixes.

While city codes and design commissions must make a point to prioritize sidewalk culture, individuals and businesses within Dallas can take advantage of existing initiatives such as the Sidewalk Replacement Program, which splits costs 50/50 between residents and city to fix dilapidated sidewalks.

Sidewalks are just as important in suburbs as in cities, but the challenges are very different. Unfinished developments lead to sidewalks that cut off abruptly, which are both useless and potentially dangerous for the elderly and those with disabilities. More impractical are the beautifully paved but poorly planned sidewalks that are too winding or isolated to build community or connect to local businesses.

Our own 2016 best neighborhoods ranking offers a few stand-out examples of what walkability can do for a suburb. Eldorado Heights (McKinney), Westfalls Village (Frisco) and the city of North Richland Hills in Tarrant County earned top marks for the way their cities' planning encouraged community and healthy lifestyles, offering a model for other neighborhoods.

Clues to better urban planning are just under our feet. Cities must pay attention.

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America has much to worry about

■ While president's actions in Helsinki were a major misfire, the anti-Trump crowd is endangering nation's culture, system of government

JAY AMBROSE
Tribune News Service



President Donald Trump traveled abroad and you almost wanted him to stay there because he put himself first and America last. His playing footsie with a murderous tyrant known as Vladimir Putin was the worst of it, and it's no excuse that too many on the left are up to something as bad or worse.

But while no one should be saying that botches on one side make botches on the other OK, no one should be ignoring the way in which too many in the anti-Trump, anti-conservative, anti-free speech, anti-checks-and-balances, pro-administrative state, autocratically bewitched crowd are endangering so much of our precious culture and system of government.

The overriding issue is whether we can preserve the best of maybe the most liberating, humanly enriching political invention in history, this America of ours. It's true that Trump did the idea no favor when he said our government's finding of Russian intervention in the 2016 election had met its match in Putin's denial. Here is a Russian president abetting inhumane slaughter and international disruption retreating not an inch while our president's adulation knew few boundaries.

Trump talked about Russia's nuclear might, and its power is frightening. Maybe, in some-as-yet unnoticed way, he's disabling the worst possibilities. It seems more likely that he is disabling Republican chances in the midterm elections as voters worry whether Republicans will fight hard enough against election interference that might actually make a difference the next time.

Even a usual Trump supporter such as Newt Gingrich is saying here was "the most serious mistake of his presidency," and you wonder whether "mistake" was a tough enough word. National Intelligence Director Dan Coates says Trump was simply wrong.

Of course, then you have the slippery, sliding former CIA Director John Brennan saying Trump's remarks were "imbecilic," "reasonous" and "high crimes & misdemeanors," implying impeachment is justified. Some people figure there are always ways to worsen the worst, and that's not so sure because how do you worsen the FBI's disregard of rule of law and checks and balances? It is refusing to share records with Congress that

just might show how every rule in the book was broken by officials spying on an American, and Democrats don't care.

Under the Obama administration, Russians were accused by intelligence officials of hacking computers at the White House, the State Department and the Joint Chiefs of Staff without a lot of concern. China stole all kinds of technical information from us and got personal data on 4 million federal employees, past and present. Remember President Barack Obama's firmness? No? And, on a very different matter, recall how he returned billions of dollars to Iran, enabling more terrorism?

Trump's sanctions on Russians for suspected election interference have been tougher than anything Obama did, and, where Obama refused to supply Ukraine with weapons to defend itself against Russia, Trump came through. Obama once said there was no way to rig a presidential election and Democrats have steadfastly opposed voter ID laws on the absurd grounds that they are oppressive.

Understand, too, that Democrats are ever more socialistic these days and then keep in mind that socialism is a coercive system. Recall that Democrats did their best in 2014 to amend the First Amendment by empowering Congress to define free speech and note today that many want "hate speech" laws that would inevitably define hate so loosely as to shut up millions.

Keep in mind the Obama administration's autocracy, as in rewriting laws, wanting to eliminate some state laws by executive order and spying on reporters.

Remember how, after Trump's election, our intelligence agencies sprung possibly felonious leaks to news media that were, just maybe, a way of undoing votes of the people by the sneakiness of the bureaucrats.

What Trump said after the Putin meeting in Finland was a major misfire, but there are other worries to keep an eye on.

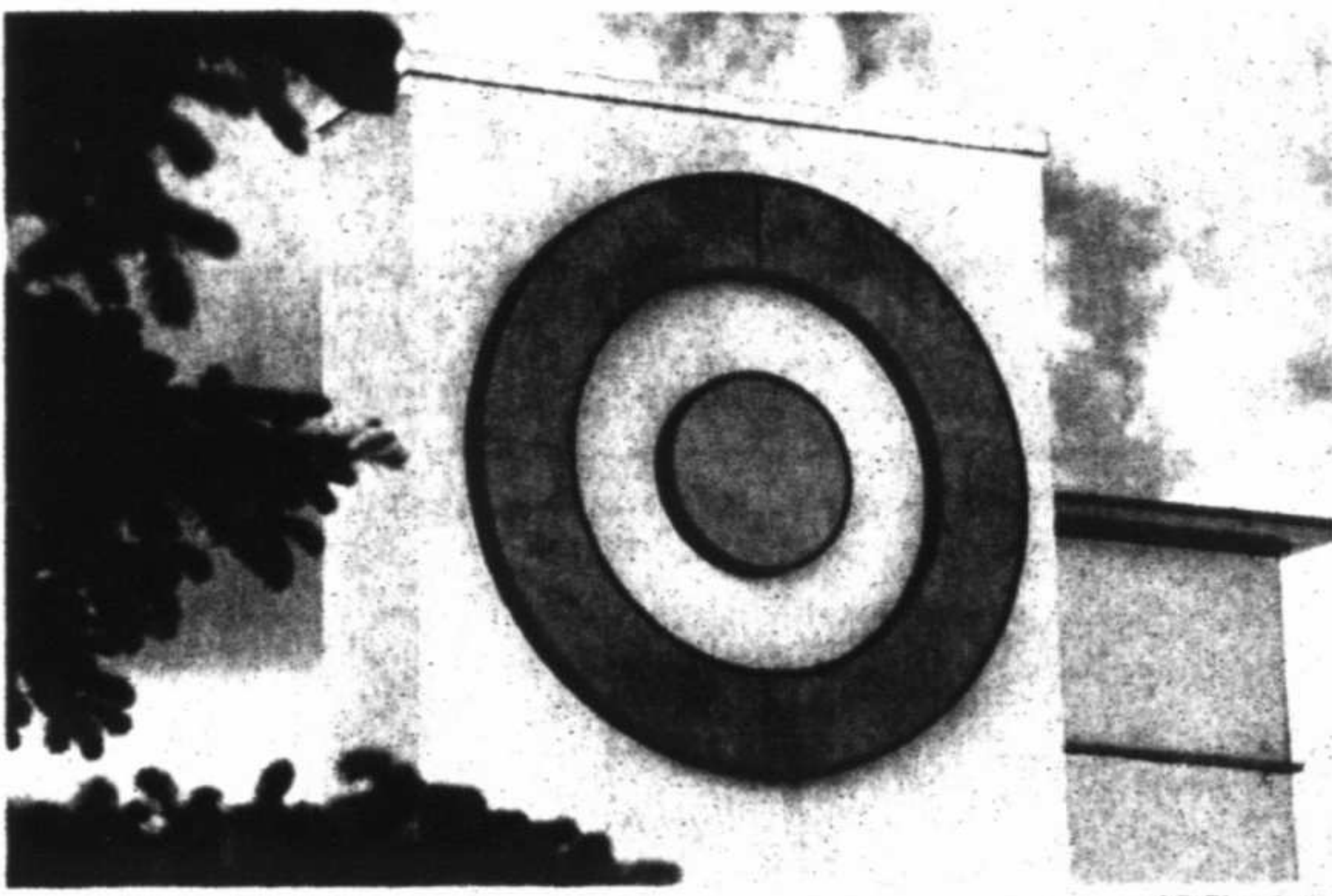
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This May 3, 2017, file photo, shows a Target logo on a store in Upper Saint Clair, Pa. Less than a year after buying Shipt, Target is rolling out same-day delivery to the greater New York City metro area as the retailer attempts to compete better with Amazon. Target Corp. said Thursday that the same-day delivery of items like groceries and toys will start on July 31 in Hudson Valley and Kingston.

Target is cranking up same-day delivery

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Target will begin rolling out speedy service for thousands of products by the end of the month in New York, less than a year after spending \$550 million to acquire the same-day delivery company Shipt.

Rapid delivery has become the new front in retail, with every major player attempting to beat, or at least match, Amazon.com in its reach.

Target already begun same-day deliveries

using Shipt in other parts of the country, including Texas, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. Target Corp. said Thursday that the same-day delivery of items like groceries and toys will start on July 31 in Hudson Valley and Kingston.

It will launch in other areas, including Long Island, Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island, next month. Consumers must sign up for Shipt, regularly priced at \$99 for an annual membership. Those that sign up before Aug. 14 will pay \$49.

White House invites Putin to Washington for fall meeting

By Zeke Miller,
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unbowed by criticism over his Helsinki summit, President Donald Trump extended an invitation to Russian President Vladimir Putin to meet in Washington in the fall, the White House said Thursday.

Press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said on Twitter that Trump had asked National Security Adviser John Bolton to invite Putin, adding, "Those discussions are already underway." The invitation was announced hours after the president tweeted that he looked forward to "our second meeting" as he defended his performance Monday at the summit in which the two leaders conferred on a range of issues, including terrorism, Israeli security, nuclear proliferation and North Korea.

"There are many answers, some easy and some hard, to these problems ... but they can ALL be solved!" Trump tweeted.

The announcement of the invitation came as the White House sought to clean up days of confound-



Alexander Zamilchenko

U.S. President Donald Trump shakes hand with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the end of the press conference Monday after their meeting at the Presidential Palace in Helsinki, Finland.

ing statements on Russian interference in the 2016 election that sent Trump to the presidency.

Trump's public doubting of Russia's responsibility in a joint news conference with Putin on Monday provoked withering criticism from Democrats and Republicans alike and forced the president to make a rare public admission of error.

On Thursday, the White House said Trump "disagrees" with Putin's offer to swap the questioning of 12 Russians accused of 2016 election interference for an interview with the former

U.S. ambassador.

The White House retreated from what Trump had called Putin's "incredible offer" during the Helsinki summit, revising its position just before the Senate voted overwhelmingly against the plan. It was Congress' first formal rebuke of Trump's actions from the summit and its aftermath.

Sanders said Putin's proposal was "made in sincerity," but Trump "disagrees with it." She said the U.S. hopes Putin will have the indicted Russians "come to the United States to prove their innocence or guilt."

Trump's says Biden is his 2020 'dream' Democratic opponent

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — So which Democrat would President Donald Trump most like to run against in 2020?

He says it's Joe Biden. Trump tells CBS News in an interview broadcast Thursday that "I dream about Biden."

Biden, who was vice president under Barack Obama, sought the Democratic presidential nomination twice but eventually dropped out of each race. Biden considered running in 2016, but decided

against it, citing the trauma of his son Beau's death from cancer in 2015.

Now Biden is seen as a possible 2020 Democratic contender. And unlike Obama, he's shown no reluctance to criticize Trump directly.

Trump returned some of the criticism in the interview, saying Obama took Biden "out of the garbage heap, and everybody was shocked that he did. I'd love to have it be Biden."

A spokesman for Biden declined to comment.

Abu Dhabi awards \$1.6 billion survey project to China's CNPC

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company says it has awarded contracts worth \$1.6 billion to China's largest state-owned oil company to conduct what is says is the world's largest continuous 3D offshore and

onshore seismic survey. ADNOC said in a statement Thursday that BGP Inc., a subsidiary of China National Petroleum Company, will conduct the survey of 11,583 square miles offshore and 8,880 square miles onshore.

The deal between the two state-owned companies came as Chinese

President Xi Jinping was starting a visit in the UAE capital looking to deepen economic ties.

ADNOC says the survey, to be completed by 2024, is an "important step in realizing the full potential of Abu Dhabi's conventional and unconventional oil and gas resources" as part of its 2030 growth strategy.

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THIS WEEK

TODAY

HOLE IN ONE

The West Texas oil and gas community will come together for the 24th annual Oil Patch Kids Invitational Golf Tournament today and Saturday at Hogan Park raising money for area organizations that serve at-risk children. 8 a.m.

POOL TIME

Everyone is invited to escape the heat at the St. Ann's Parish Pool Party at Doug Russell Aquatic Center. Refreshments and picnics encouraged. 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY



RIDE ALONG

Bicyclists will ride from Midland to Lubbock for the 2018 Bike MS. Cactus & Crude Ride beginning Saturday. The event raises money and awareness for multiple sclerosis. bikeMS.org.

GOOD BURGER

Grub Burger Bar hosts Give Back Day benefiting Rays of Hope Children's Grief Centre. Mention it to the cashier or a portion of the ticket to go to the organization. Beginning at 11 a.m.

MONDAY

SUMMER CAMP

MARC hosts a "Very Friendly" Summer Camp for children with all disabilities at its Spectrum of Solutions facility. 9-11:30 a.m. for ages 4-9, 1:30-3:30 p.m. for ages 10-16 through Friday MARC-texas.org.

UPCOMING VBS

■ "Amped: Live Fully Alive" for ages 3 to students who have completed sixth grade. 5:30-8 p.m. through Wednesday at the Orchard Church, 6112 Big Spring St. orchardmidland.com.

■ "Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity." 6 p.m. through Wednesday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 10700 Farm-to-Market Road 307.

IN NEED

BE A MENTOR for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. Mentors do not tutor but provide friendship and serve as positive role models. Visit bbsmidland.org.

DONATION NEEDS

Crisis Center of West Texas is looking for magazines as part of a self-esteem lesson for students. Take your issues to the offices at 910-B S. Grant Ave. in Odessa.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

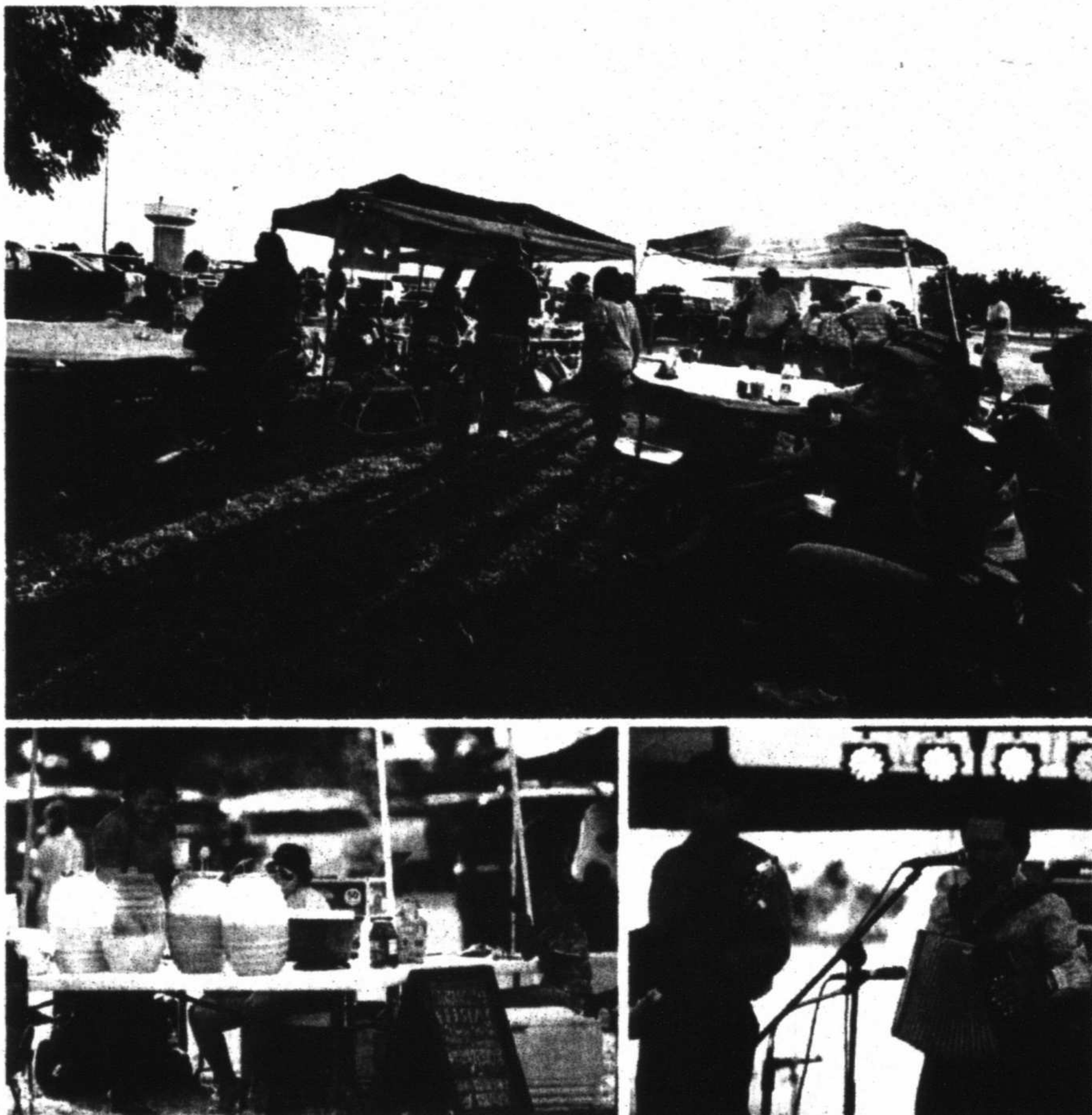
Midland Volunteer Connections offers an online list of opportunities at midlandvolunteerconnections.com for current needs by area nonprofits.

HOSPICE HELP

Volunteer opportunities for two to four hours a shift. Call 682-2855 for more information.

RETAIL SKILLS

Habitat ReStore is in need of people who enjoy decorating and setting up displays to help set up the ReStore for maximum customer appeal. Must be at least 16 years old.



Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

The outreach ministry Hope Over Dope hosted the fifth-annual West Texas Christian Family Festival with live Tex-Mex music, food and more July 14 at Hogan Park. "It ended up here basically with a vision from the Lord to unite the church and bring something positive and with truth to this area," organizer Ramon Najera said. The ministry, based in Brownfield, gives focus to addiction and recovery.

'The Ask' author Laura Fredricks provides tips on getting donor dollars

By Rich Lopez
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Author and founder of "The Ask," Laura Fredricks, knows the appropriate ways to request philanthropic dollars. Her books and motivational series teaches how to ask for charitable donations with confidence. She'll share her knowledge Tuesday when she speaks at the Association of Fundraising Professionals-Permian Basin Chapter's "Lunch and Learn" event.



Fredricks

From her time in the courtroom as an attorney to joining AFP and leading a nonprofit — the Philadelphia Bar Foundation, she's honed her technique on asking the right questions to get what she needs. In advance of her appearance, Fredricks talked from her base in New York about how nonprofits can approach donors and some common mistakes that are made along the way.

MRT: Perhaps this is an obvious question but what is "The Ask?"

Fredricks: My expertise is in training how to ask to raise money for nonprofits. Whether it's asking first-time potential supporters or raising for capital campaigns, I developed this five-step process that increases chances tremendously in getting what you want.

MRT: Is there a difference today in asking for money this way compared to asking for anything else?

Fredricks: The "ask" we do for our jobs is the same for our children to do more, for our relationships, for our self-empowerment.

Today, we must be quicker and succinct. There's Twitter, there's texting, and gone are the days (when) people have the time. It's not about being rude or abrupt, but people now want to know what you want or need them to do.

If you go

Summer Membership Mixer with Laura Fredricks. 6-8 p.m. Monday at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave.

Lunch and Learn: The Art of the Ask. 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Fischer Community Room in ATMOS Energy, 2304 Loop 40. Members \$15, non-members, \$25. AFPpermianbasin.org.

everything should have a call to action. We're in a very graphic world with YouTube and Instagram that people don't read the long asks. Whether it's direct mail or an online campaign, everything should be short and with a picture these days.

MRT: What was that a-ha moment that told you "This is something I know?"

Fredricks: I was practicing law for the attorney general in Philadelphia, and I learned that I was winning on the cross-exam. At that moment, I learned that asking was a very powerful tool. I then transitioned into philanthropy in the early '90s.

MRT: Do you talk about rejection?

Fredricks: Oh, yes. We've all heard "No" since we could speak. That is not the reason that prevents people from asking. "No" isn't new, nor is it the end of the world. It's the fear of the response. People want to be prepared.

MRT: So, if a development director receives a "no," try, try again?

Fredricks: I call those "asking u-turns." You find out the reason they rejected it and work with or around it. Then you find the reason to ask again.

MRT: Midland's economy is dependent so much on the oil industry, which itself can go up and down. Is the ask different in a downturn economy?

Fredricks: "The Ask" proper isn't different but it can be tailored. First, an agency may have been receiving generous gifts from the oil companies and they should never take that for granted. So, it's about asking them if you are or are not doing anything that instills confidence for them. It's also

Lucy Woodside

Manor Park, director of fund development

Fundraising evolved from volunteer role to professional role

Editor's note: This is fourth in a series on the founding members of Association of Fundraising Professionals Permian Basin. The chapter is marking its 25th anniversary this month.

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CAREER OR ROLE IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR?

My first fundraising experience was as an active member of the Junior League of Midland from 1973 to 1986. During these years, I learned how to manage a nonprofit organization and plan fundraising events. Later, I used this volunteer experience to help support fundraising events for a variety of other nonprofit organizations as a volunteer and to eventually build a career in fundraising. One of my favorite events was the first major fundraiser for Hospice of Midland. I was on the planning committee with a group of dynamic volunteers. The event was held at the Paragon building that was still under construction. Tony Dorsett of the Dallas Cowboys and Earl Campbell of the Houston Oilers attended the event because their football clinic for young boys was one of the major auction items of the evening. The event was a huge success for the new organization.

My nonprofit fundraising career began in 1990 as the program director for Prevent Blindness, where Jeanette Bryant and I developed the first HOOPLA 3 on 3 basketball tournament in Midland. HOOPLA turned out to be a very successful fundraising event and is still being conducted today by another organization.

I served as the executive director of the Arts Assembly of Midland from 1992 to 1994. As a one-man shop, the job duties included keeping the books, raising my own salary, writing grants, operating a grants program, and managing Celebration of the Arts. I taught myself to write grants and, fortunately, there was a very committed group of volunteers to assist with the other major tasks. In 1993, the Celebration of the Arts festival was well-organized and running smoothly when a 60 mph microburst came roaring through downtown and blew away the whole festival. Fortunately, nobody was hurt, but that moment was the low point of my career and a great learning experience about emergency preparedness.

I was the director of development for the American Airpower Heritage Museum and the



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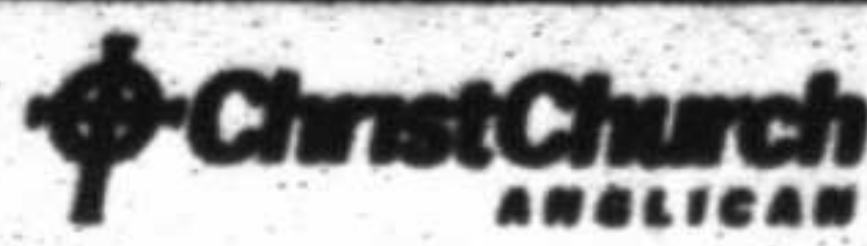
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FREDRICKS

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being proactive and having conversations and learning about the people themselves that you're asking.

MRT: It almost sounds like dating.

Fredricks: Exactly. It's very personal. You establish a rapport, find out what their interests are and navigate to where this is something that interests them — and you. There are lots of pre-ask asks but there are tons of things you can find out when you do.

MRT: Going back to a different language, is there a specific approach that works for younger donors or social media campaigns?

Fredricks: People like to put young people in a box, but every person is different. You can't assume that just because someone is in his or her 20s that you can only text them. It's learning how that person wants to be communicated with. And if it's text, then text them, but don't figure everyone is the same.

MRT: How did you get into nonprofits?

Fredricks: The bar had a foundation that raised and distributed money to women and seniors and children. I was asked to be the executive director.

MRT: How has being an AFP member helped?

Fredricks: Oh, my gosh, it's the best. It brings you together with like-minded people and I've made some of my best friends through there. You learn in a nonprofit space and I'm a constant proponent for philanthropy.

MRT: What immediate advice do you give to people new to asking?

Fredricks: Don't do this alone. Read as much as you can, join AFP, get a mentor. This job requires them to do a great deal, and it's hard to juggle it all. Plus, it's easy to get isolated within an organization because they are doing it alone. Be an interested person because it makes you more attractive.

MRT: Is there a common mistake you've seen across nonprofits in asking?

Fredricks: When they start making assumptions and start filling them in. That sabotages a lot of groups. It's a constant clean slate and in many ways, it's no different than sales. Believe in what you're selling and it's going to happen.

WOODSIDE

From 1B

Commemorative Air Force between 1994 and 1999. During my tenure at the CAF, there was one event after another, and they were all volunteer- and labor-intensive. Since Midland was the national headquarters office for the CAF, I found myself working with donors and volunteers from all across the United States. At this point, I was a bootstrap fundraiser, with no formal training and was in need of both a mentor and some quality fundraising education. Fortunately, our new chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) had been established in 1993 and I took advantage of every educational opportunity they offered. David Smith became my mentor, as he has done for so many of us who have worked in the world of philanthropy. By 1998, I had attended AFP annual conferences that offered a wealth of seminars and attended the local AFP education meetings. I also had developed the other required qualifications to sit for the certification exam to become a Certified Fund Raising Executive.

Six months after receiving my CFRE certification, Manor Park, a continuing care retirement community in Midland, offered me a job that I couldn't refuse. At Manor Park I am allowed to focus on gift fundraising and grant writing, rather than the whirl and intensity of constantly conducting events. Manor Park is a quality organization and joining the Manor Park team is the best career move that I could have possibly made. I have now been at Manor Park for 19 years, and I still love my job. I love what I am doing because I know that Manor Park's mission makes a difference in the lives of the senior residents who we serve, and their mission has become my mission.

HOW WERE YOU INVOLVED IN THE FORMATION OF AN NSFRE/AFP CHAPTER IN THE PERMIAN BASIN?

Lael Cordes-Pitts contacted me to ask if I would be interested in joining a group of local fund-

raisers to start a Permian Basin chapter of the National Society of Fundraising Executives (NSFRE/AFP). Lael and several others had become familiar with this organization and they thought it could be a great benefit to all of us who were employed in fundraising and philanthropy. I was excited to join the group and have a forum with other fundraisers where we could network and share ideas. I remember that we had to reach a certain number of members before we could qualify as a chapter. When the board was formed, I was glad to be asked to serve on it and help build a chapter.

DO YOU REMEMBER ANY SPECIFIC HIGHLIGHTS OR CHALLENGES DURING THE FORMATION OF THE CHAPTER?

Nobody but those of us involved with the group had ever heard of NSFRE/AFP. It was expensive to join the group and many who worked for small organizations couldn't convince their employers that the advantages of being a member outweighed the expense. In the beginning, it was hard to get our name recognized. Our quality education programs began to prove the value of the organization and encouraged other fundraisers and nonprofit executives to join AFP. The AFP National Philanthropy Day event has had more to do with making our chapter known community-wide than anything else we have done over the years. It is a great event that recognizes the philanthropists in our community and it encourages others to support their community. Our most successful Philanthropy Day event was when former President George W. Bush was our guest speaker.

WHY DID YOU THINK OUR AREA NEEDED AN AFP CHAPTER?

I believe that the formation of the AFP Chapter was when many of our local fundraisers began to look at themselves as true professionals. When we formed the chapter in 1993, I had been employed as a fundraiser for only three years and I was floundering. I had never

had any type of formal fundraising education and I had always worked in a one-man shop so I didn't have a mentor. I was doing what I call "bootstrap" fundraising, learning as I went along. I had never thought of myself as a true professional. With the formation of the Permian Basin chapter, that all changed. We attended the AFP annual conferences where they offered a wide variety of educational seminars on fundraising, and our new chapter began to offer education sessions at lunch meetings. The opportunity to network with other fundraisers was enormously beneficial. The new chapter created a more professional atmosphere around fundraising and AFP offered the CFRE program.

HOW DO YOU THINK THE ORGANIZATION HAS CHANGED OVER THE FIRST 25 YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE?

There are very few of us left that were here in the beginning, but it is exciting to see that today, AFP is a strong, vibrant organization that is continuing to grow to support the next generation of fundraisers throughout their careers. Our educational offerings have improved by bringing national speakers and workshops to our meetings and by bringing the IU Lilly Philanthropy Program and professors to teach the program from Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy. We have grown from having only one of two members who are CFREs to having multiple members who are now certified and many others who are working toward that goal of professionalism.

WHAT WAS THE MOST HELPFUL ASPECT OF AFP FOR YOU AS A PROFESSIONAL OR VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISER?

The educational benefits, networking with other fundraisers, and the CFRE certification program were all very beneficial aspects of AFP for me. Today, the CFRE certification program has become a separate organization, but AFP still supports and encourages our members to become certified through the program.

ters fellowship event. Lunch provided. 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at True-Lite Christian Fellowship, 3001 N. "A" St.

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Soul Surfers Youth Bible study. 9:30 a.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, 1305 N. Midland Drive.

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TUESDAY

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Dog Tales. Children can read aloud to certified therapy dogs. 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Aug. 7 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2511 W. Loop 250 N.

Author Signing: "West Texas Lore and Legend" with Permian Basin Bookies authors. 6-8 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Intro to Buddhism features basic meditation and then discussion. Hosted by Permian Basin Buddhists. 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 3301 Neely Ave. meetup.com/Permian-Basin-Buddhists.

The 12-Step Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

WEDNESDAY

Financial Peace is a nine-week program by Dave Ramsey which offers learning tools to become financially successful. 6:30 p.m. through Sept. 5 at Second Baptist Church, 3125 Travis Ave. Register at fpu.com.

Wednesday Summer Series is geared toward all ages to learn the story of a particular Bible character. 7 p.m. through Aug. 29 at North A Church of Christ, 505 San Angelo St.

THURSDAY

Brothers in Christ is a weekly men's group with studies that range from the Bible to topical issues. 6:30 a.m. at Midland Bible Church, 5900 Whitman Drive. midlandbible.org.

Camp Serve for children completing third through fifth grade. 9 a.m. at First Methodist Midland, 300 N. Main St. firstmethodistmidland.com.

Floral Design workshop with Lady Snicker. The retired floral designer will teach seniors to make fashion bows, corsages and arrangements. 12:30 p.m. at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. 681-7636.

La Hacienda Alumni: Support group for former patients and guests. 7 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 5501 N. Midkiff Road. 553-7220.

To include your event on this calendar, please email Rich Lopez at rjlopez@mrt.com.

Obituaries



Blake "Pee Wee" Austin Cain

Blake "Pee Wee" Austin Cain, age 20, passed away in Midland, Texas on Tuesday, July 17th, 2018.

Family Visitation is planned for Friday, July 20th, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Miller Family Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, July 21st, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Snyder, Texas with Reverend MSGR Arsenio C. Redulla officiating, assisted by Reverend MSGR Gerald Leatham and Father John Cheroikal. Burial will follow under the direction of Miller Family Funeral Home at Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Blake was born on September 14th, 1997 in Big Spring, Texas. Blake enjoyed golf and clay shooting. He is survived by Parents: David and Alisa Cain, Midland, TX. Brother: Zach Cain and wife Chelsey, Lubbock, TX. Grandparents: Ken and Lynelle Pollard, Snyder, TX. Bill and Anita Wilson, Snyder, TX. 4) Uncles: Gene Pollard, Snyder, TX. Randy Cain and wife Tamara, Muleshoe, TX. Ricky Cain and wife Sherry, Farwell, TX. Gary Cain and wife Melissa, Lubbock, TX. 4) Aunts: Valerie Drum and husband Max, Snyder, TX.

Amy Hodges and husband Bill, Snyder, TX. Cindy Honshiko, Lubbock, TX. Pam Jackson, Broken Bow, OK. Numerous Cousins and Friends.

Preceded in death by Grandparents, Weldon and Pat Cain and Uncle Jeff Honshiko.

Donations may be made to the Servants Hearts Ministries, P.O. Box 1045, Snyder, Texas 79550 and/or the Children's Home of Lubbock, 4404 Idalou Rd., Lubbock, Texas 79403. (806) 762-0481.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting www.millerfamilyfuneralhome.com

OTHER DEATH

FROM WIRE REPORTS

VIRGINIA

Airman who inspired 'Good Morning, Vietnam' film has died

NORFOLK — Adrian Cronauer, the man whose military radio antics inspired a character played by Robin Williams in the film "Good Morning, Vietnam," has died. He was 79.

Mary Muse, the wife of his stepson Michael Muse, said Thursday that Cronauer died Wednesday from an age-related illness. He had lived in Troutville, Virginia, and died at a local nursing home, she said.

During his service as a U.S. Air Force sergeant in Vietnam in 1965 and 1966, Cronauer opened his Armed Forces Radio show with the phrase, "Goodooooo morning, Vietnam!"

Williams made the refrain famous in the 1987 film, loosely based on Cronauer's time in Saigon.

The film was a departure from other Vietnam war movies that focused on bloody realism, such as the Academy Award-winning "Platoon." Instead, it was about irreverent youth in the 1960s fighting the military establishment.

"We were the only game in town, and you had to play by our rules," Cronauer told The Associated Press in 1987. "But I wanted to serve the listeners."

The military wanted conservative programming. American youths, however, were "not into drab, sterile announcements" with middle-of-the-road music, Cronauer said, and the battle over the airwaves was joined.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC HIGHLIGHTS OR MEMORIES FROM YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN AFP PERMIAN BASIN?

Attaining my certification as a Certified Fund Raising Executive was the biggest highlight of my involvement with AFP. The CFRE certification helped raise my salary and it opened a new career path for me.

HOW HAS PHILANTHROPY CHANGED IN THE PERMIAN BASIN OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS?

Previously, the Greatest Generation was the source of our major donors; however, many of them are now gone and some from the younger generations are beginning to step forward as major donors. To survive, nonprofits are going to have to understand what these younger generations desire to accomplish through their contributions.

WHAT PRIORITIES MIGHT AFP AND OUR COMMUNITY NEED TO CONSIDER AS THEY RELATE TO PHILANTHROPY AND FUNDRAISING.

As government budgets get tighter and tighter, they are expecting the nonprofit organizations to do more of what government used to do to assist those in need. Nonprofit organizations need to stand up and speak out about the fact that the government should not penalize the nonprofits through unfair regulations and tax-law changes, while expecting them to take over where the government has abdicated many of its responsibilities to assist the poor and elderly.

ANY ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON THE FUTURE OF AFP, FUNDRAISING AND PHILANTHROPY IN WEST TEXAS...

There is a bright future ahead for both AFP and philanthropy. West Texans have a long history of helping others in need and I don't see that commitment changing anytime in the near future.

SPORTS

To submit information to the sports department, email sports@mrt.com

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Mid City Intermediate All-Stars bond, roll to SW regional

By Oscar LeRoy
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Mid City Intermediate All Stars manager Caesar Davila said the more this team is together, the more it becomes a family.

That close bond and camaraderie has helped this team go on a roll, winning all seven games it's played during the All-Star season and clinching a Texas West State title over the weekend.

The Mid City All Stars will now be playing in the Intermediate 50-70 Southwest Regional in Grand Junction, Colorado, with a chance to get to the Intermediate World Series later this month in Livermore, California. Mid City begins play at 2 p.m. CDT today against Tulsa National, the

Oklahoma champion.

"It's just been a journey for these boys," Davila said. "We've grown up kind of playing against each other throughout the years and now they've come together to represent Midland in the Southwest Regional Tournament. This is the first time in five years a Midland team has gotten past state and we're excited about the opportunity."

Even though Mid City went 3-0 at Texas West State, it had to beat Abilene Wylie twice during the tournament. Mid City first beat Wylie 6-3 to open the tournament and then held off Wylie in the championship, 2-1, behind a strong start from pitcher Jace Martinez.

"It was a very tough game," said Davila of the title game. "Abilene Wylie was a well-coached team and

their pitcher was tough. It was the second time we played them and the teams were a mirror-image of each other. Hats off to their guys for giving us a good defensive game. The key for us was our resiliency. Abilene Wylie could have easily turned the momentum with some late hits, but we prevailed."

Davila added that the team seems to be peaking at the right time. This team has only been together since the beginning of June, and understandably, the chemistry took a little time to develop.

"We're starting to become more of a family," he said. "We trust each other more and have each other's backs. We are playing as one."

"We've worked hard. I know

Please see ALL-STAR/3C



Courtesy photo

The Midland 50-70 Intermediate All Stars are, top row, left to right: Josh Reed, Jake Cunningham, Toby Dalk, Eli Price, Marcos Davila. Bottom: Jace Martinez, Andrew Prado, Dax Patton, Christian Wiggins, Dawson Bullard. The staff is Coach Jubel Reed, Manager Caesar Davila, Coach Ryan Bullard.

FAITH OVERCOMES ALL



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Faith DeLaGarza tees off Thursday in the championship final round at Green Tree Country Club for the Midland Women's City Golf Tournament.

DeLaGarza beats MHS teammate, repeats as MWCGT champion

By Will Korn
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Midland High grad Faith DeLaGarza walked off the course victorious Thursday at Green Tree Country Club, knowing that she is now in special company.

With her 6 and 5 triumph over MHS teammate Anaya Perales in the championship flight final, DeLaGarza became just the 11th player to win back-to-back titles at the Midland Women's City Golf Tournament.

DeLaGarza, who has reached the championship flight final in each of the four years she has competed in the MWCGT, is the first repeat champion since former Andrews star Sarah Black accomplished the feat in 2015-16.

DeLaGarza turned in an impressive 3-under par 71 score for the day, comfortably topping her friend and former teammate Perales by six holes.

The Dallas Baptist University signee got off to an encouraging start, as she held a four-hole lead through the first six holes. The pair tied on the seventh, eighth

and ninth holes, before DeLaGarza took full control of the match with a win early on the back nine.

DeLaGarza said both she and Perales enjoyed the friendly competition and added that her on-point putting put her in the driver's seat early in the match.

"It was great. I just love playing with Anaya," she said. "There were no nerves, honestly, anywhere and she's really fun and a great player. I had a ton of one-puts, 40-footers, 35-footers, I don't even

Please see DELAGARZA/4C

With Leonard gone, a new look for Popovich and the Spurs

By Raul Dominguez
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The most tumultuous offseason in Gregg Popovich's two decades with the Spurs ended with the trade of star Kawhi Leonard to Toronto.

And Popovich says he is fine with that. The Spurs traded Leonard and Danny Green to the Toronto Raptors for DeMar DeRozan, Jakob Poeltl and a conditional 2019 first-round pick on Wednesday. It was clear that Leonard was ready to go despite years of success with Popovich and the Spurs.

"At his point, my main interest is definitely not to look back," Popovich said. "It doesn't do us any good whatsoever. I'm thrilled to have DeMar and Jakob join us. From that point on, that's where my focus will be."

Popovich was jovial and heartfelt in speaking to the media for the first time since his wife, Erin, died April 18. Popovich did not coach the Spurs in the final three games of their first-round playoff loss to Golden State.

Popovich said this offseason has been "difficult" for him, but it has not dampened the 69-year-old's desire to continue coaching.

"When I can't do it anymore or don't want to do it or people don't want to do it with me, then I'll stop doing it, but I'm fine," he said.

Popovich will be coaching a crop of young talent unseen in San Antonio since

Please see SPURS/2C



William Lethier/The San Antonio Express-News via AP

San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich speaks to the media Wednesday during a press conference in San Antonio.

Spieth takes a stumble in his British Open title defense

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Through 14 holes, Jordan Spieth was challenging for the lead in the British Open and making it look easy.

"Just a clean round of golf," he said.

And then it got messy in a hurry. Spieth came undone on the tough closing stretch at Carnoustie, dropping four shots over the final four holes. One shot went into the bunker. Another went into the Barry Burn. Another was closer to the gallery than the green.

He had to sign for a 1-over 72, the fifth time in his last seven majors that he was over par after the opening round.

What bothered Spieth was not so much a shot, but a decision. His slide began



Peter Morrison/AP

Jordan Spieth plays out of a bunker on the 8th hole Thursday during the first round of the British Open Golf Championship in Carnoustie, Scotland.

on the 492-yard 15th hole, when he chose 4-iron off the tee and the ball bounced to the left on the crusty links into wavy fescue. That wasn't a problem. Spieth was 202 yards from the front of the green and decided to hit 6-iron that would land short of the green and roll

onto the putting surface. The risk was hitting into a pot bunker, and he found the worst one.

"Even if goes 20 yards over the green, it's an easy up-and-down," Spieth said. "And that's what I would consider a significant advantage for me is recognizing

where the misses are. And I just had had a brain fart. I missed it into the ... only pot bunker where I could actually get in trouble. And it plugged deep into it."

The crowd knew he was in trouble when he turned to a 90-degree angle and asked a small group of the photographers and officials to move back, even though they were standing in the rough. He blasted out sideways, across the fairway and into the rough.

From there, he hit a pitch-and-run that threaded the bunkers and roared some 30 feet by the hole. Two puts later, he had a double bogey.

"It was a really, really poor decision on the second shot, and that cost me," Spieth said.

A perfect shot with that 6-iron might have given him a reasonable look at birdie.

Anything less and he was asking for trouble, which he got.

"I could have hit a 5-iron easily and just said, 'You know what? I'm out of position. Hit it to 50 feet and two-putt,'" he said. "It just took me three more shots to get to that point."

His troubles didn't end there. He missed the green well to the right on the par-3 16th, so far out of position that he did well just to get it on the green and made bogey. And on the closing hole, he hit a weak fade to the right that failed to clear Barry Burn, the winding, rock-walled creek that meanders along the final two holes.

Spieth wasn't about to blame this on bad breaks, because he got his share of good ones to reach 3 under through 14 holes. His tee

shot on No. 1 stopped just short of a pot bunker. His approach on No. 2 hopped off a hillock to about 10 feet for birdie. He made a dangerous play from a pot bunker in the seventh fairway, hitting 9-iron from 137 yards that cleared the top of the lip with inches to spare.

Unlike when he opened with a 78 at the U.S. Open, he said he could at least recover from a 72.

"I imagine this is as easy as the course could play, so I don't see the winning score being any better than it was in 2007," Spieth said, referring to Padraig Harrington and Sergio Garcia finishing at 7-under 277. "So it's not a bad place to be. A solid round tomorrow to stay in the top 25, top 20 will be kind of the goal tomorrow to feel like I can do something on the weekend."

'HOUNDWATCH



THURSDAY'S SCORE
Midland 3
Corpus Christi 1
TODAY'S GAME
Corpus Christi at Midland
7 p.m.
INTERNET
www.mrt.com
RECORDS
Midland 8-19
Corpus Christi 16-9

Thursday	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Midland 3 Corpus Christi 1	Corpus Christi at Midland 7 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland 7 p.m.	Corpus Christi at Midland 2 p.m.	Midland at Frisco 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Football League
Collingwood vs. North Melbourne, 10:30 p.m., FSP
Geelong vs. Melbourne, 4 a.m., FSP

Baseball
CanAm: Quebec at Rockland, 6 p.m., ELVN

Basketball
BIG 3: Killer 3s vs. Ball Hogs, 7 p.m., FS1
BIG 3: Power vs. Trilogy, 8 p.m., FS1
BIG 3: 3 Headed Monsters vs. 3s Company, 9 p.m., FS1

Boxing
Lamont Roach Jr. vs. Deivi Julio Bassa, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Cricket
ICC Futures Quarterfinal 1, 2 p.m., ESPN
ICC Futures Quarterfinal 2, 3:30 p.m., ESPN
ICC Futures Quarterfinal 3, 5 p.m., ESPN
ICC Futures Quarterfinal 4, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

Cycling
Tour de France, Stage 13: Bourg d'Oisans to Valence, 7 a.m., NBCSN

Golf
US Junior Amateur's, Semifinals, 1 p.m., FS1
PGA: Barbasol Championship, 2nd Round, 4 p.m., GOLF
2018 Open Championship, 3rd Round, 3:30 a.m., GOLF

Lacrosse
FIL World Championship: Final, 10 a.m., ESPN

Major League Baseball
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 1 p.m., MLB
NY Mets at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., MLB
Cleveland at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
Houston at LA Angels, 9 p.m., ATTSW

Men's Soccer
Liga MX: CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz vs. Pumas de la UNAM, 6:30 p.m., UDN

ICC: Manchester City FC vs. Borussia Dortmund, 8 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP
Liga MX: Club Atlas vs. Queretaro FC, 8:55 p.m., UDN
Mixed Martial Arts
GLORY 55, 8:30 p.m., ESPNNews

Motorports
F1: Emirates Grand Prix of Germany, Practice 2, 7:55 a.m., ESPN
Monster Energy Cup Series: Foxwoods Resort Casino 301, Practice, 11 a.m., NBCSN
XFINITY: Lakes Region 200, Practice, Noon, NBCSN
XFINITY: Lakes Region 200, Final Practice, 2 p.m., NBCSN
F1: Emirates Grand Prix of Germany, Practice 3, 4:55 a.m., ESPN2

Rugby
Super League: Castleford vs. Huddersfield, 1:30 p.m., FSP

World Cup Sevens, 6 p.m., NBCSN

Women's National Basketball Association
Seattle at Connecticut, 6 p.m., NBA TV
Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m., NBA TV

X Games
Moto X Quarterpipe High Air, 7:45 p.m., ESPN
The Real Cool BMX Big Air, 8:45 p.m., ESPN
Moto X Freestyle, 9:45 p.m., ESPN

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Cleveland at Texas, 7 p.m., KPET 105.1 FM/990 AM (Lamesa), KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)
Houston at LA Angels, 9 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Texas League Baseball
Corpus Christi at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 95.5 FM/97.5 FM/550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
OAKLAND A'S — Released RHP Santiago Casilla.
National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Acquired C OF Francisco Mejia from Cleveland for LHP Chad Hare and RHP Adam Cimber.
American Association
CLEVELAND FALCONS — Released C Ben Shon Kimball.
KANSAS CITY FISHES — Released LHP Cory DeShazo. Signed LHPs Jayson Aquino and Joe Flomano.
LINCOLN SALTDogs — Released OF Joe Olson.

Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Activated LHP Benoit Pavy. Placed LHP Jake Fisher on the inactive list.

Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed LHP JP Stenhouse.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Named Head Coach coach of Eric (BAGG) Woodard. Signed Head Coach of Eric (BAGG) Woodard. Signed Head Coach of Eric (BAGG) Woodard.

DETROIT PISTONS — Named Tim Gargan and Mike Han assistant coaches.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed CB Mike Hughes.

Canadian Football League
WINDSOR BLUE BOMBERS — Signed CB Chris Humes to the practice roster.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
DETROIT RED WINGS — Announced the resignation of advisor and ambassador Chris Chelios.

SOCCER
MANCHESTER MONARCHS — Re-signed OF Eric Schumacher to a one-year contract.
WORCESTER WARRIORS — Re-signed F Torrey Kelley to a one-year contract.

FR — Freed Eggert's soccer instructor \$50,000 to play a World Cup soccer game during a prohibited period (May 21-27).

COLLEGE
CLAYTON STATE — Named Avery Sheppard men's assistant soccer coach.
CLEMSON — Signed men's basketball coach Reed Bevers to a six-year contract extension through 2024 and released coordinator Brent Woodard to a one-year contract extension through the 2022 season.

GEORGETOWN — Named Arturo Ojeda defensive line coach.
HAMILTON — Named Montgomery Green women's basketball coach.
HOUSTON TENNESSEE — Named Kyle Burn associate head basketball coach and pitching coach.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings	W	L	Pct	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlanta	14	9	.609	—
Washington	10	10	.500	1
Connecticut	12	11	.522	2
Chicago	7	16	.304	7
New York	7	16	.304	7
Indiana	2	21	.087	12
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Seattle	17	9	.654	—
Phoenix	15	9	.625	2
Dallas	14	9	.609	3
Los Angeles	14	9	.609	3

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

Thursday
At Albi (France), France
15th Stage
A 100-mile leg from Beau-Sau-Maurice to Albi (France).
1. Gianni Thomas, Britain, Team Sky, 5:10:27
2. Ben Dumsche, Netherlands, Team Sunweb, 5:10:40
3. Thomas Boudier, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 5:11:00
4. Chris Froome, Britain, Team Sky, 5:11:04
5. Michael Landa, Spain, Movistar Team, 5:11:07
6. Pierre Righe, Slovenia, Lotto-Belisol, 5:11:10
7. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Bahrain-Merida, same time
8. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Astana Pro Team, 5:11:12
9. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar Team, 5:11:17
10. Steven Nuyens, Netherlands, Lotto-Belisol, 5:11:20
11. Egan Bernal, Colombia, Team Sky, 5:11:21
12. David Mullen, Ireland, UAE Team Emirates, 5:11:25
13. Bob Jungels, Luxembourg, Cofidis, 5:11:28
14. Alexander Vlasov, Spain, Movistar Team, 5:11:30
15. Omar Zobeiri, Russia, Katusha-Alpecin, same time
16. Pierre-Louis Latour, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 5:11:35
17. Jon Vingboons, Spain, Bahrain-Merida, 5:11:37
18. Guillermo Martin, France, World-Group, 5:11:40
19. David Mullen, Ireland, UAE Team Emirates, 5:11:42
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Thunder trade Anthony to Hawks, waiver likely

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Carmelo Anthony is done in Oklahoma City.

A person with knowledge of the details told The Associated Press the Thunder are sending Anthony and a 2022 protected first-round pick to Atlanta in exchange for Hawks guard Dennis Schroder and Mike Muscala. Anthony will be waived by the Hawks, clearing the way for him to sign as a free agent elsewhere. The person spoke Thursday on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the situation publicly.

ESPN, which first reported the trade, said the Thunder will send Muscala to the Philadelphia 76ers for Timothe Lwawu-Cabarot, and Philadelphia's Justin Anderson will be sent to Atlanta.

Schroder, a speedy 6-foot-1 guard, averaged a career-



See Oprocki/AP

Oklahoma City Thunder forward Carmelo Anthony (7) during Game 5 of a playoff series against the Utah Jazz in Oklahoma City.

high 19.4 points last season for the Hawks in 67 games, all starts.

Anthony's lone season in Oklahoma City was largely a bust. He averaged 16.2 points and struggled at times in his new role alongside Russell Westbrook and Paul George. The 10-time All-Star posted career lows in scoring average and field goal percentage, and the Thunder were ousted in the first round of the playoffs by

Utah.

The 34-year-old Anthony had been the headliner his entire career — he's 19th in NBA history with 25,417 points — but he was more of a catch-and-shoot scorer last season instead of the isolation specialist he had always been. His playing time dwindled in the playoffs. In Game 6 of the first-round series against Utah that ended Oklahoma City's season, he played fewer minutes

than reserve Jerami Grant. After the season, he said he prefers to play with the ball in his hands more and said coming off the bench is "out of the question."

Anthony opted in earlier this summer to accept the \$28 million he was due next season. The Thunder re-signed Grant, then it was reported that Anthony and the Thunder would eventually part ways, though it was unclear how it would happen.

Schroder will likely fill a role for the Thunder similar to that of James Harden and Reggie Jackson in the past — explosive player who thrives as a lead scorer with the second unit. The Thunder after re-signing Paul George and Grant, adding center Nerlens Noel and Schroder and getting defensive stopper Andre Roberson back from a ruptured left patellar tendon that cost him the last three months of the season.

SPURS

From IC

the early days of the Big Three of Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili — a roster the result of some big changes.

In addition to losing Leonard and Green, San Antonio also lost Parker and Kyle Anderson to free agency. It was especially tough losing Parker, who Popovich formed a patriarchal bond with since the Spurs drafted the then 19-year-old from France. Parker signed a two-year deal with Charlotte after Popovich and Spurs general manager R.C. Buford informed the 36-year-old point guard that his minutes would be limited in favor of younger players like Dejounte Murray, Derek White, Bryn Forbes and first-round pick Lonnie Walker out of Miami.

"This was really good for Tony," Popovich said. "He'll get more playing time, it'll kind of rejuvenate him a little bit. I think he's really excited to be in Charlotte and we've got some young kids that we need to develop in Dejounte and Derek White and Bryn and so forth."

Led by LaMarcus Aldridge's resurgent season, the Spurs won 47 games last season and reached the playoffs for a 21st consecutive year. They did so despite playing without Leonard for all but nine games due to a right quadriceps injury the All-Star forward suffered last year.

Popovich said he believes this year's team will be more talented despite the offseason losses. "I think we've sustained a pretty good level of excellence for a very long time, more than most," Popovich said. "Hopefully that will continue and I'm confident it will with someone like DeMar and a young player like Jakob that can develop."

The Spurs were able to re-sign Rudy Gay and added former Spurs guard Marco Belinelli. Trading for DeRozan and Poeltl kept with the team's mantra of short- and long-term planning. DeRozan is signed for three more seasons and Poeltl was selected ninth by Toronto in the 2016 draft.

"I thought our staff did an unbelievably great job bringing back quality players, quality people and in DeMar, a proven All-Star. I have to be thrilled with that, and I am," Popovich said.

The Spurs are hoping the addition of DeRozan and Walker along with the continued development of Murray, White, Forbes and Davis Bertans along with a healthier Gay will help them in the loaded Western Conference. "You've got to shoot the basketball and DeMar does that well," Popovich said. "But the rest of the makeup of the team having Derek White develop, having Bryn come back, having Rudy come back, all people who can shoot it. Adding Marco Belinelli is important so those things round out and helps LaMarcus do his thing down there. That shooting will help us a great deal."

One unknown factor is Ginobili. The veteran guard from Argentina has a year remaining on his contract but has not decided if he will return. Popovich said Ginobili "is chasing bears in the Northwest" while vacationing with his three young sons. Hoping to entice the 40-year-old to return, Popovich sent a picture of Ginobili in his early years, dunking on an opponent.

"He sent me back a picture of me like in my first year here as an assistant," Popovich said. "I'm not sure what that meant. Like, 'You're crazy, you're old, too.'"

Olympic figure skating medalist Denis Ten killed

By James Ellingworth
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Olympic figure skating medalist Denis Ten was killed Thursday, and prosecutors in Kazakhstan said they were treating the case as murder.

Ten was stabbed after a dispute with people who allegedly tried to steal a mirror from his car in his home city of Almaty, Kazakh news agencies reported. Doctors in Almaty say the 25-year-old skater died in the hospital there.

Born in Kazakhstan to a family of Korean descent, Ten's bronze at the Winter Olympics in Sochi in 2014 made him Kazakhstan's first medalist in figure skating. Canadian skater Patrick Chan, who won silver in the same competition, said on Twitter he was "honored and grateful to have shared the ice" with Ten. "One of the most beautiful skaters to have graced our sport. My thoughts are with his family during this unimaginable time."

The International Skating Union said it was "deeply saddened" by news of Ten's death.

"His shining achievements brought glory to our country and helped popularize sport among young people," Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev said. "Denis was not only an excellent athlete, whose talents were recognized and honored in many countries of the world, but also a remarkable personality and a true patriot of Kazakhstan."

Ten also won the Four Continents championships in 2015, and was a world championship silver medalist in 2013.

Ten struggled with injuries in recent years and could manage only 27th at the Pyeongchang Olympics in February.

Ten hadn't formally retired from skating, but in recent months he'd often spoken of his studies in economics and his plans to write a movie script.

"Independently of what happens in the future, I realize that I had a great career, where everything happened



Ivan Savitskiy/AP

Denis Ten, of Kazakhstan, skates his free program at the Rostelecom Cup ISU Grand Prix figure skating event Oct. 21, 2017, in Moscow, Russia.

— highs and lows, medals and disappointments, nice memories and not so nice ones, unique events, meetings and many magical things," Ten said in September in an interview with the ISU website.

"Somewhere I realize that I was a really lucky person with a quite fulfilled sports life."

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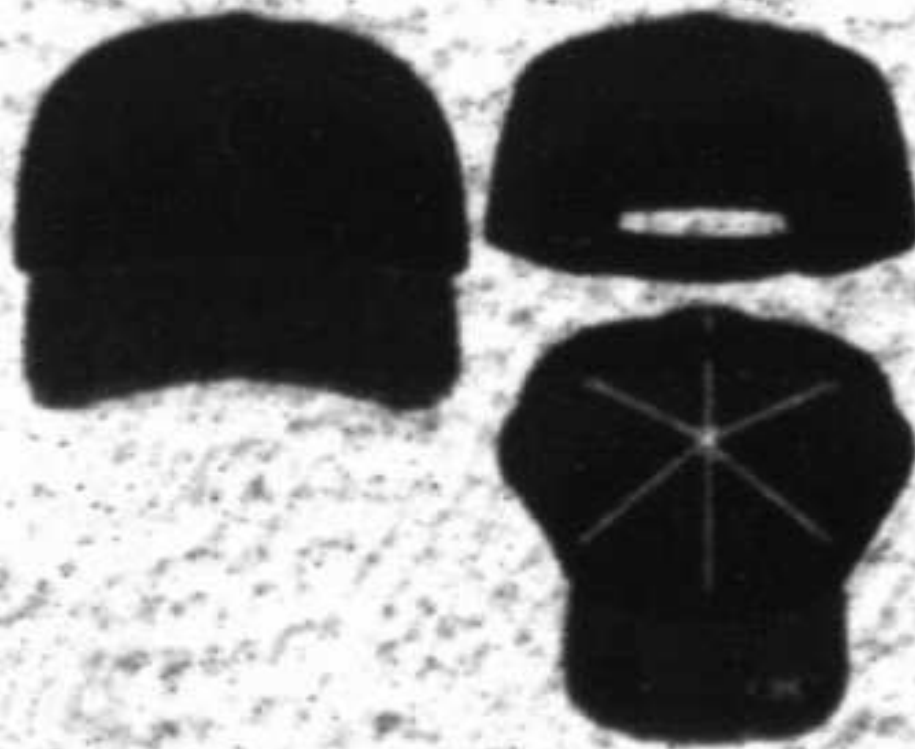
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About the job: This is an entry-level position that offers paid vacation, a 401(k) and other benefits. Experience in design is necessary, experience with sports is a plus. Recent college graduates are encouraged to apply. This would be a good job for someone looking to perfect their copy editing/design skills.

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Secondary Responsibilities:

- Once job is completed, determine daily cost, final job ticket, and damages
- Perform all duties as assigned by the District Manager, Assistant District Manager, or Field Supervisor

Education, Experience:

- High School Diploma/GED, PREFERRED. Associates Degree or Bachelor's Degree.
- 2 years related experience and/or training in the field, or equivalent combination of education and experience

Required Skills:

- 2 years of experience operating/performing maintenance on gate valves / frac stacks
- Working Knowledge of Well Control, Fluid Dynamics Hydrostatic pressure, Methods to calculate fluid volumes in round/irregular tanks
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Qualifications:

- Must be aggressive and hardworking
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Candidates should be team players with excellent communication skills and have the ability to manage assignments independently. The ideal candidate will have a nurturing personality and the desire to help in the development and mentoring of level 1 technicians.

Systems Administrator Responsibilities:

- Create and maintain comprehensive documentation as it relates to server and network topology, equipment, and configuration(s).
- Create project plans, design, and implement solutions.
- Level 2 and Level 3 Support for problems identified with systems and network. Will act as an escalation for Level 1 and Level 2 Managed Services support technicians.
- Create, request, and present technical specifications and requirements for purchasing of new servers and networking equipment via quote procedure.
- Participate in after-hours upgrades, troubleshooting, and/or on-call availability as needed.
- Standard system administration duties including server install, System/Application install and patch management, Windows problem determination and escalation, log analysis, etc.
- Configure, test, and maintain LAN equipment and services, including switches, routers, firewalls, and VPN.
- Identify, diagnose, and resolve network problems including network connectivity, traffic utilization, etc. using available network tools in a timely fashion.
- Provide Infrastructure services in all areas needed: storage networking, Operating System, network security, directory services, server virtualization using system back-up and restore, system and network monitoring, application installation and configuration.
- Assist with monthly reports and recommendations for Managed Services Clients.
- Utilize superior customer service skills.
- Stay current with system information, changes, and updates.

Requirements:

- 5-7 years of prior IT experience.
- Prior experience working for a service provider is a plus.
- Experience working with Windows Desktop XP-10, Windows Server 2003 - 2012, VMware, SBS Server, Storage Technologies.
- Hands on experience with Wired and Wireless networking, PC and server virtualization software, virus protection, backup systems.
- Microsoft certifications preferred.
- MCSA, VCP & CCNA certifications are preferred.

Skills:

- Effectively communicate by phone or in person.
- Strong written communication skills.
- Establish successful outcomes in handling difficult situations and work with various customers and management levels.
- Demonstrated ability to identify and troubleshoot critical issues.
- Ability to work in a high-performance culture.
- Manage multiple priorities and follow through on projects to completion.
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- Effectively utilizes tools to resolve issues and escalates appropriately.
- Network configuration, monitoring, and troubleshooting experience are a must.
- Proven background in providing great customer service.
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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. 0311696
Status/Permit No. 840261

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 MIDKIFF, 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 protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6781.

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Lease/Unit Name: BROOK D-E3B
Lease/Unit Well No.: 102H
Lease/Unit Acres: 1278.8
Nearest Lease Line (R): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (R): 840.0

Lease Lines: 570.0 F SOUTH L. 1245.0 F EAST L.
Survey Lines: 570.0 F SOUTH L. 1245.0 F EAST L.

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

Penetration Point Location
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Terminus Location

BH County: UPTON
Section: 2 Block: D Abstract: 580
Survey: D&W RR CO/MOSELEY, M S
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
1170.0 F EAST L.
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Terminus Location

BH County: UPTON
Section: 2 Block: D Abstract: 580
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NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 23, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 37 Case No. 0311698
Status/Permit No. 840267

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 MIDKIFF, 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 protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512)463-6781.

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 Aug 23, 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: BROOK D-W3A
Lease/Unit Well No.: 1H
Lease/Unit Acres: 1278.8
Nearest Lease Line (R): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (R): 840.0

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

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1

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

Terminus Location

BH County: UPTON
Section: 2 Block: D Abstract: 580
Survey: D&W RR CO/MOSELEY, M S
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
748.0 F WEST L.
Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L.
748.0 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 10330 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Kim Brand, at (972)969-0000.

Local and Public Notices

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 3:30 P.M. on Monday, August 6, 2018, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Maverick Engineering for approval of a Residential Replat on the south half of Tract 4, the north 809 feet of Tracts 5, 6, and 7, and the north 609 feet of the east 77 feet of Tract 8, all out of Hillcrest Acres, and Lot 2C, Block 1, Hillcrest Acres, Section 11, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the south side of Andrews Highway, approximately 670 feet west of N. Midland Drive. Council District 4

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7251. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2986.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jeffrey Thomas Wylie, Deceased, were issued on June 26, 2018, in Cause No. P19371, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Debra Kelly.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

cc: Brent A. Morgan
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DATED the 18th day of July, 2018.

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