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Dallas is in line for its highest defensive ranking since 2003 and on the verge of joining that Bill Parcells-coached team as a defense-first playoff qualifier.

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US oil prices predicted to climb in 2019

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

After a turbulent two months during which oil prices plummeted from a four-year high to a one-year low, investors may wonder what comes next for U.S. crude.

Analysts at Swiss bank UBS are among those who predict prices will recover in 2019, as oil cartel OPEC, the U.S. and Russia curb output from the current record level.

"We believe the market's cautious turn is overdone," UBS analysts wrote in their recently published 2019 outlook. "On balance, we keep a positive view on crude."

U.S. crude plunged 22 percent in November, its worst month in a decade. That followed a nearly 11 percent drop in October. "The decline in oil over the last month or two has been shocking to the market," said Lindsey Bell, investment strategist at CFRA.

The sudden sell-off was sparked after investors grew concerned the global economy was slowing even as major producers continued to pump oil at high rates. The U.S. decision to hold off sanctioning countries that import oil from Iran boosted supplies further, and uncertainty over the escalating trade dispute between the U.S. and China added to concerns of a slow-

down.

After peaking at \$76.41 a barrel on Oct. 3, oil prices bottomed out at \$50.31 a barrel on November 28. Since then, oil has edged higher in choppy trading. It settled at \$52.15 a barrel on Wednesday.

UBS forecasts U.S. crude oil will climb back to \$73 a barrel by mid-2019, as supply cuts offset lower demand due to the slowing economy. Oil should pull back to around \$68 a barrel by the end of next year, UBS predicts, assuming that OPEC will "maintain production discipline."

Oil prices steadied last week after OPEC and other major oil producers, including Russia, agreed to cut global crude

production by 1.2 million barrels a day. The cuts are slated to begin in January and last six months.

In its forecast, UBS sees other factors supporting higher oil prices next year. The analysts noted that global oil spare capacity is running at around a 10-year low. That can set the stage for prices to climb, especially if there's unexpected, sharp rise in demand for oil, say in the event a major hurricane strikes production facilities or a key port.

UBS also predicts a slowdown in U.S. shale production next year because new pipelines are not expected to be operational until the second half of 2019.

A TASTE OF WINTER



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Motorists travel through standing water under the Interstate 20 overpass at Garden City Highway on Thursday afternoon. The National Weather Service at Midland International Airport recorded 0.3 of an inch of rain on Friday. While snow flurries were seen across the city, the NWS didn't include snow in its daily report.

DPS: Odessa truck driver dies in rollover

From staff reports

A 32-year-old Odessa man died Thursday morning in a one-vehicle wreck on Farm-to-Market Road 1787, according to a press release from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Jeron Everett Newby was driving a Cub Cadet truck westbound on FM

1787, about 26 miles southwest of Midland. He was driving at a speed that was unsafe for the wet road conditions and he lost control of the truck, DPS said. The truck left the roadway and rolled, according to the release.

Newby died at the scene. The wreck occurred at about 9 a.m.

Newby is the 44th person to die on

roads in Midland County this year and the fifth this month, according to Reporter-Telegram records. The year-to-date total surpasses last year's total, which was 42. The 44 people who have died in fatal wrecks so far this year is equal to the 2014 total and is the most going back to at least 2013, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

MC board approves softball field upgrade

■ Leaders also hear details of having to do with strategic actions

By Stewart Doreen
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The Midland College board on Thursday took a step toward fulfilling the school's commitment to its softball team.

The board during its regular monthly meeting approved a contract for \$171,366 with Basin Electric of Midland to purchase and install a lighting system for the softball field on campus. The Musco lighting system comes with a 25-year warranty.

A lighting system is one of the upgrades Midland College officials will undertake as part of a Title IX settlement announced in January. Other upgrades include enlarging dugouts, renovating bleachers for comfortable seating and replacing the portable locker room building with a new dressing space, according to previous Reporter-Telegram report.

A complaint in 2017 claimed disparities between the facilities for the college's softball and baseball teams, made up of women and men, respectively.

MC expects to complete the softball facility changes by the start of the 2020 season.

There wasn't any discussion of the agenda item, and board members unanimously voted in approval.

Board members also heard presentations of 2017-18 strategic results and 2018-19 strategic and operation actions. A new mission statement also was presented to and approved by the board.

It reads: "Midland College serves West Texas through exemplary teaching and dedicated public service."

"We prepare and inspire diverse students to start, strive and succeed. We strengthen community through educational leadership and collaboration."

"Midland College provides quality programs and courses, relevant workforce development and continuing education, valuable personal enrichment and cultural experiences and community and student-centered services."

Strategic and operational accomplishments in 2017-18 included:

■ the software conversion, a technological upgrade;

■ a new website;

■ dual-credit academies, which showed growth from 300 to 568.

Officials said that number could increase to more than 800 this year.

■ improvements in the support given to students from the time they enroll to when they leave MC.

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Price of oil

\$52.58 ▲ \$1.43

Did you know?

Rock Hall of Fame will induct Janet Jackson, Def Leppard and Stevie Nicks in April 2019 ceremony Page 8A

The big number

Apple plans to build a \$1 billion campus in Austin that will create at least 5,000 jobs Page 4A

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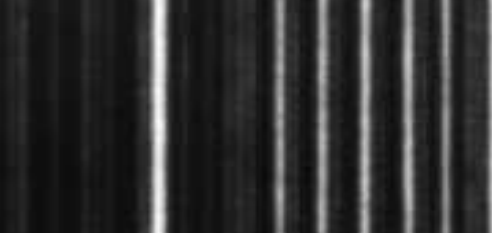
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Photo shows a close-up detail of a Boy Scout uniform worn during a news conference Feb. 4, 2013, in front of the Boy Scouts of America headquarters in Irving. The Boy Scouts of America says it is exploring "all options" to address serious financial challenges, but is declining to confirm or deny a report that it may seek bankruptcy protection in the face of declining membership and sex-abuse litigation. "I want to assure you that our daily mission will continue and that there are no imminent actions or immediate decisions expected," Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh said in a statement issued Wednesday.

Boy Scouts exploring 'all options' to address fiscal woes

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Boy Scouts of America says it is exploring "all options" to address serious financial challenges, but is declining to confirm or deny a report that it may seek bankruptcy protection in the face of declining membership and sex-abuse litigation.

"I want to assure you that our daily mission will continue and that there are no imminent actions or immediate decisions expected," Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh said in a statement issued Wednesday evening.

Surbaugh was responding to a Wall Street Journal report that the BSA, founded in 1910, had hired a law firm to assist in a possible Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. He described the report as "news speculation," but he acknowledged that the group is "working with experts to explore all options available" as well as the pressures arising from multiple lawsuits related to past instances of sexual abuse.

"We have a social and moral responsibility to fairly compensate victims who suffered abuse during their time in Scouting, and we also have an obligation to carry out our mission to serve youth, families and local communities through our programs," Surbaugh said.

Other institutions facing multifaceted sexual abuse scandals have sought bankruptcy protection recently. USA Gymnastics took the step last week as it attempts to settle dozens of lawsuits related to abuse by now-imprisoned gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar. About 20 Roman Catholic dioceses and other religious orders around the U.S. have previously filed for bankruptcy protection as a result of clergy sexual abuse claims.

Surbaugh apologized on behalf of the BSA to those abused during their time in the Boy Scouts.

"We have always taken care of victims — we believe them, we believe in fairly compensating them and we have paid for unlimited counseling, by a provider of their choice, regardless of the amount of time that has passed since an instance of abuse," he said. "Throughout our history we have taken proactive steps to help victims heal and prevent future abuse."

In addition to abuse-related litigation, the Boy Scouts have been trying to reverse a decline in membership. The organizations' current youth participation is about 2.3 million, down from 2.6 million in 2013 and more than 4 million in peak years of the past.

In a major step toward revitalization, the BSA is moving to open all its programs to girls, but even that has caused problems.

Last month, the Girl Scouts of the USA filed a trademark infringement lawsuit against the BSA for dropping the word "boy" from its flagship program in an effort to attract girls.

That suit was in response to the BSA's decision to rename its program for 11- to 17-year-olds; it will be called Scouts BSA rather than the Boy Scouts, though the parent organization will remain the Boy Scouts of America.

Paul Mones, a Los Angeles-based lawyer who has handled many sex-abuse lawsuits targeting the BSA, said the organization has assets of more than \$1 billion, but has been under increasing pressure from litigation as public awareness of sexual abuse intensifies.

Mones was co-counsel in a 2010 sexual abuse case in Portland, Oregon, that led to a nearly \$20 million judgment against the BSA on behalf of a man molested by a Scout leader in the 1980s. As a result of that case, the Oregon Supreme Court ordered the BSA to release previously confidential files on suspected abusers.

Heart prompts Southwest flight to return to Seattle

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Southwest Airlines says a Dallas-bound flight returned to Seattle last weekend because a human heart was left onboard.

The Seattle Times reports that Flight 3606 arrived in Seattle from Sacramento, California. Someone forgot to unload the heart before the plane left for Dallas, and the captain announced over Idaho they were turning

back.

The heart was being sent to a tissue processor to recover a valve for use in a future transplant.

Deanna Santa of Sierra Donor Services in Sacramento, California, said the organ-procurement organization sent the heart through a courier, who picked it up in Sacramento for shipment to Seattle. The delay did not impair the heart's usefulness, and no patient needed it imminently.

MC

From 1A

■ a new strategic plan; ■ nearly \$7.8 million in funding for the Cowden Dining Hall addition.

Groundbreaking took place in September.

Officials also addressed 2018-19 goals and objectives. They are based on the Start, Strive and Succeed part of the strategic plan. They include:

■ Start: an increase

in participation in MC courses for Midland ISD students and graduates and non-traditional students.

■ Strive: support student development and meaningful progress toward educational goals, including the improvement of student pathways, the identification of barriers to student success and adapting the college environment to better ac-

commodate the needs of students.

■ Succeed: improve students' achievement of their educational goals.

An objective here is aligning credentials with needs of receiving institutions and the labor market.

Highlights for the 2018-19 strategic and operational actions, in support of the college's mission, include:

■ a teacher preparation program, which includes participating with Midland ISD in a grant-funded planning effort to establish a "grow-your-own teacher preparation program";

■ a pre-K charter school and pre-K baccalaureate;

■ expansion of Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus to provide patient care technician program that graduates students

with certifications, such as nurse's aides, EKG technicians and phlebotomists.

Other initiatives are centered around dual-credit student services, a quality enhancement plan, conference center funding and construction and physical plant upgrades.

Note: The Reporter-Telegram will address the pre-K charter school in an upcoming edition.

US House passes farm bill to relief of Texas farmers

■ Republican Texans in Congress were disappointed the \$867 billion package didn't include stricter work requirements for SNAP recipients. But they cheered passage because the bill provides financial certainty for the state's farmers

By Andrew Eversden
and Abby Livingston
Texas Tribune

The Farm Bill, one of the most important pieces of federal legislation to millions of Texans, successfully made its way through both chambers of Congress this week and awaits the signature of President Donald Trump.

Formally known as the Agriculture and Nutrition Act, the Farm Bill is a massive spending package that will deliver \$867 billion over 10 years to subsidize farming and nutrition. Passage was no easy task and the previous funding bill expired months ago. The bill includes funding for SNAP, formerly known as food stamps, which was a central point of contention. Republicans tried to increase work requirements for SNAP recipients, a move that the party largely backed away from in recent weeks.

The bill's passage is the crowning legislative success for U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, the Midland Republican who currently chairs of the House Agriculture Committee. It passed with widespread support in the U.S. Senate, including from the two Texans — John Cornyn and Ted Cruz — who serve in that chamber. The House approved its version in a 369-47 vote. Texas delegates also overwhelmingly voted in favor of the bill. Thirty-two of the 38 Congressional members from Texas voted for it, five voted against and one did not vote.

The new Farm Bill comes as the Texas agriculture industry reels from Trump's trade wars and southeast Texans suffered substantial damage from Hurricane Harvey. It also includes a new provision legalizing hemp. NPR noted earlier this week, still, most of the funding — 80 percent — benefits SNAP recipients.

The Farm Bill is rare, in that it traditionally has the support and opposition of bipartisan forces. It first came about during the Great Depression but in recent decades has become an increasingly contentious piece of legislation because of the scale of its spending. Even so, its passage has been contingent on the support of rural members of Congress who represent the agriculture industry that relies on federal crop insurance and urban members who advocate for the SNAP program.

The Farm Bill technically expired at the end of September but the economic consequences had yet to make their way back to the average Texas farmer or SNAP recipient. Since July, a sprawling conference committee made up of House members and Senators haggled over the details, including the GOP's attempts to increase SNAP work requirements.

"Ultimately, I had to make a decision between making as many inroads on reform in these areas as I could or allow farmers and ranchers to be held hostage," Conaway said on the House floor earlier this week. "Faced with that choice, I chose the route of getting this farm bill done."

Laramie Adams, national legislative director of the Texas Farm Bureau said he was "very thrilled" with the final bill.

"It's all about certainty," Adams said. "It's really the best word to describe what farmers are most concerned about — being able to be confident as they plant their crop that if something were to go wrong then ... they're protected because a lot of these things are beyond their control. They work very hard to maintain their crops but it doesn't always work out."

Some Texas Republicans were disappointed that the stricter work requirements for SNAP beneficiaries didn't make it into the final bill, but still voted for it.

"I hate it," U.S. Rep. Roger Williams, R-Austin, said before the vote. "I think there needs to be work requirements but Conaway did a really good job in making what he could happen."

Williams, whose district cuts through a wide swath of rural Texas between Austin and Fort Worth, said the bill was "as good as we can get."

"It is what it is so I'll be voting for it," he said. "I'll be voting for my farmers."

Survey: Midland posts largest drop in average gas price

By Stewart Doreen
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It was Midland's turn to post the largest drop when it comes to the average price of gas in the state of Texas.

The 9-cent decline this week was the largest of the 27 larger metropolitan areas AAA Texas surveys. It was triple the state average and 2 cents ahead of the next largest decline — 7 cents in Beaumont-Port Arthur.

Odessa, which posted the largest drop last week, wasn't far behind its Petroplex neighbor, recording a 6-cent decline, according to the organization.

It was more good news for Midland drivers, who two months ago were paying more than \$3 a gallon for gas. In the past seven weeks, the average price of regular unleaded in the city has dropped 42 cents. That's more than the 37 cents that the average price has fallen in Odessa during the same time.

Drivers in Midland and Odessa are still paying the state's highest average price for gas — \$2.63 and \$2.59, respectively. The next closest price is \$2.11 in Bryan-College Station. The average price across the state is \$2.07, and the lowest average price in Texas, according to AAA Texas, is \$1.92 in Amarillo. Midland and Odessa are well behind other cities in the region as the following prices were reported: \$1.96 in Lubbock, \$2.02 in San Angelo and \$2.10 in El Paso and Abilene.

When it comes to the decline over the past seven weeks, there is still room for improvement in Midland — down 42 cents

Gas price report

Cheapest gas: \$2.47 (Sam's Club, Tradewinds/SH 191)
Cheapest gas (non-membership club): \$2.53 (H-E-B, Midriff/Wadley, Texaco, Midriff/Wadley, H-E-B, Andrews Highway/Loop 250)
Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock \$1.81, Amarillo \$1.82, El Paso \$1.89, San Angelo \$1.87, Abilene \$1.98, Odessa \$2.45, Midland \$2.47

	Midland-Odessa	Texas
Thursday	\$2.595	\$2.035
Last week	\$2.673	\$2.110
Last month	\$2.906	\$2.410
Last year	\$2.481	\$2.210

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

and Odessa down 43 cents. During that same period, the average price across the state fell 49 cents. Across the region the following price decreases have been reported: San Angelo, 47 cents; Amarillo, 54 cents; Lubbock, 60 cents; Abilene, 61 cents; and El Paso, 61 cents.

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 cheapest price in Lubbock, Amarillo, San Angelo and Abilene dropped by 4 to 7 cents this week. There was no change in the cheapest price of gas in Midland, and the cheapest price actually rose week-over-week in Odessa. An analysis of the cheap-

est price of gas in Midland over the past six months to a year shows Sam's Club on State Highway 191 and Tradewinds, Murphy USA on Midland Drive and Briarwood Avenue and both H-E-B locations create the floor when it comes to the price of gas. If that trend holds true, should the price floor drop, and therefore the average drop even more, (coming closer to other cities in the region and state), it will be those locations leading the way.

AAA Texas reports that the last time the national average was cheaper on the week, month and year was during July 2017. However, the organization also stated this week that pump prices this low may not last into 2019. It noted that the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries announced that the cartel and non-OPEC members, including Russia, will reduce production for the first six months of the year.

Gas prices are 5 to 7 cents cheaper on the week and as much as 17 cents less year-over-year across the south and southeast regions of the U.S., according to AAA Texas.

Serial killer pleads guilty in Odessa woman's 1994 death

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — A 78-year-old prisoner who says he killed about 90 people over nearly four decades as he moved around the country pleaded guilty to murder Thursday in the 1994 strangulation of a Texas woman.



Little

Samuel Little entered his plea in Odessa, where the body of Denise Christie Brothers was discovered in a vacant lot about a month after she disappeared. He received another life prison term, Ector County District Attorney Bobby Bland said in a statement.

"Due to the efforts of law enforcement agencies from around the country, dozens of victims' families now have answers," Bland said. "Although this is a conviction in Ector County, Texas, I hope it will serve as justice for all those atrocious murders committed across this nation in this unprecedented era of terror and mayhem caused by Samuel Little."

Little was convicted in 2014 of killing three Los Angeles-area women in separate attacks in the late 1980s and was serving life sentences when authorities say he confessed this year to killing dozens more people in 20 states since 1970.

Those confessions, which often included a level of detail and recall that authorities say was uncanny, spurred investigators from Florida to California to review old murder cases. An FBI spokesman said thus far, investigators have concluded that Little was the killer in 36 cases, including the killing of Brothers and the three in the Los Angeles-area that landed him in prison. But Bland said in his statement more than 40 cases have been confirmed. He later explained that he received that number from Texas Rangers, an elite investigative agency that has relayed details of Little's confessions to law officers in other states. Little detailed the killings in a series of conversations with Ranger James Holland.

Most recently, police in Tennessee linked Little to the death of Martha Cunningham, a Knoxville woman whose body was found in a wooded area by a road in 1975. Even though Cunningham was bruised and nude from the waist down when her body was found, detectives attributed her death to natural causes.

With at least three-dozen confirmed deaths, Little is already among the most prolific known serial killers in American history. Gary Ridgway, the so-called Green River killer who is serving life in prison, pleaded guilty to killing 49 women and girls, making him the deadliest serial killer in terms of confirmed kills, though he has said he likely killed more than 71 people. Ted Bundy confessed to 30 homicides from about 1974 to 1978 and John Wayne Gacy killed at least 33 young men and boys in the 1970s. Both of them were executed.

Little, who is in poor health and relies on a wheelchair, offered his confessions as a bargaining chip to be moved from the Los Angeles County prison where he was being held, the FBI said last month. But Bland said Thursday that Little will return to California to serve his life term.

Little, who also went by the name Samuel McDowell, targeted vulnerable women who were often involved in prostitution and addicted to drugs, authorities have said. Once a competitive boxer, he usually stunned or knocked out his victims with powerful punches before he strangled them while masturbating.

"With no stab marks or bullet wounds, many of these deaths were not classified as homicides but attributed to drug overdoses, accidents, or natural causes," the FBI said.

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noun

1. fervor for a person, cause, or object; eager desire or endeavor; enthusiastic diligence; ardor.

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Things to do

■ Christmas at the Mansion:
A White Christmas holiday tea party, 3-4:15 p.m., Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

■ Evening Storytime at the Library: 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years), Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

■ Parents' Night Out: There will be activities, a movie and dinner for children, 6 p.m., Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. midlandymca.org.

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

■ Youth and Wisdom, 6 p.m., Texas Sun Winery, 3415 N. Loop 250 W.

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

■ Adult's Cookie Decorating Class, 6:30 p.m., Kidd's and Carries Parties, 3300 N. Midkiff Road, \$45 half-dozen, \$20 add-on pack. kid-dsart.com.

■ Pint Night featuring XX Dos Equis Mexican Pale Ale, 7 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112 W. Highway 80.

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane, 682-5511.

■ Live Event Trivia, 7 p.m., Twist Restaurant and Bar, 5518 Starboard Drive.

■ Season Nine Finals by Lone-star Poker Tour, 7 p.m., Redneck's Draughthouse and Billiards, 3303 N. Midkiff Road.

■ Midland Community Band Christmas Concert, 7 p.m., Wagner Brown Auditorium at Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield St. Free.

■ 'Junie B. Jones Jingle Bells' Batman Smells, 7:30 p.m., Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa, \$10. permianplayhouse.com.

■ 'Eli', 7:30 p.m., Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28. midlandct.org.

■ Christmas with Wynlon McNary, 7:30 p.m., Brew St. Bakery, 4610 N. Garfield St.

■ Clubnights with DJ Bookie and DJ Danny G., 8 p.m., The Reserve in the DoubleTree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St.

■ Noche Caliente with DJ Sanchez Claus, 8 p.m., Club Ambra, 1006 S. Midkiff Road.

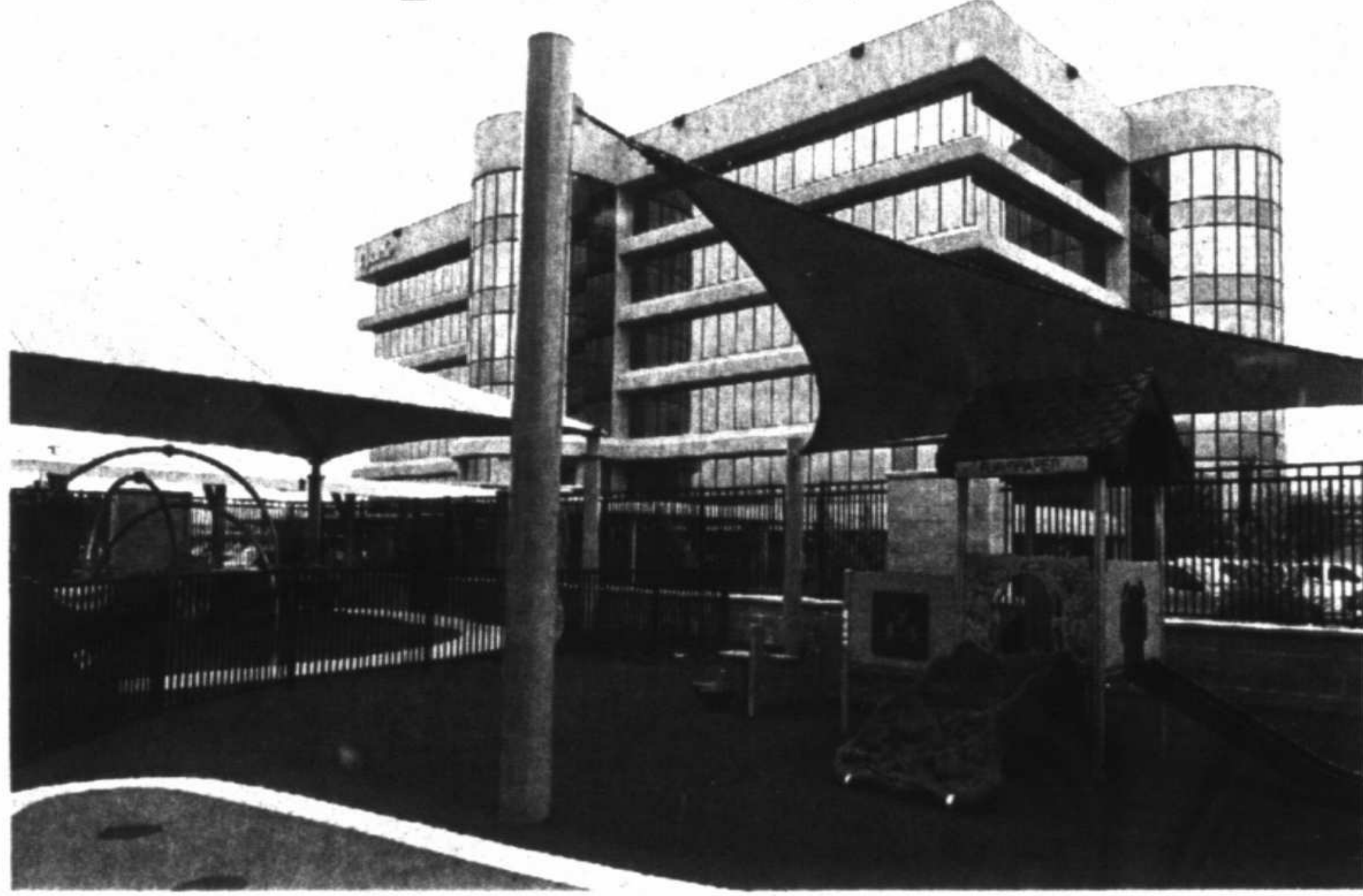
■ The Texicans, 9 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W. Wall St.

■ DJ Wildman, 9 p.m., Lift on 7th, 1401 E. 7th St. Odessa.

■ Karaoke, 9 p.m., Delour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway.

■ Karatun Karaoke with DJ Cisco, 9 p.m., Midland Beer Garden, 7112

New Apache amenities



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Day care facilities are among amenities at Apache Corp.'s new building adjacent to the main building at 303 Veterans Airpark Lane. The grand opening, which was Dec. 6, featured Faron Thibodeaux, senior vice president of Permian Region, and John Christmann, Apache president and CEO. Other amenities are a cafeteria, gym, medical exam rooms and meeting space.

W Highway 80

Christmas parade

The city's annual Christmas parade — which was rescheduled because of the weather — kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The route is along "A" Street from Ventura Avenue near Windlands Park to near Midland High School. This year's theme is Christmas in Boomtown.

To register a parade float or for more information, visit www.midland-texas.gov/christmas or call 685-7379.

Post office extends hours

The U.S. Postal Service's CityDesta Station will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Dec. 22. In addition, some local post offices may have extended hours through Dec. 22.

Also, residents should keep in mind the following USPS deadlines:

■ APO/FPO/DPO Priority and first-class mail: Tuesday

■ Retail ground: Friday

■ Priority and first-class: Dec. 20

■ Priority mail express: Dec. 22

Source: USPS

Today in history

Today is Friday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2018. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 14, 1916, a gunman with a semi-automatic rifle killed 20 first graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, then committed suicide as police arrived. The 20-year-old had also fatally shot his mother at their

home before carrying out the attack on the school.

On this date:

■ In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

■ In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson vetoed an immigration measure aimed at preventing "undesirables" and anyone born in the "Asiatic Barred Zone" from entering the U.S. (Congress overrode Wilson's veto in February 1917.)

Lottery

All or Nothing morning: 2-3

7-8-10-13-15-19-20-21-22-23

All or Nothing day: 1-2-3-5-6

7-8-12-14-15-19-20

All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4

5-10-11-12-16-17-18-19-20

Daily 4 morning: 4-3-5-9

Daily 4 day: 2-7-2-0

Daily 4 evening: 2-1-2-0

Pick 3 morning: 9-4-4

Pick 3 day: 4-2-1

Pick 3 evening: 2-5-3

Because of an earlier deadline, the night drawings were unavailable.

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Weather

Thursday's temperatures

High: 54

Low: 34

Normal high: 58

Normal low: 31

Dec. 13 records

High: 82, set in 1933,

repeated in 1995

Low: 14, set in 1985

Precipitation

Thursday: 0.30 inch

Wednesday: 0.00

Month total: 0.08 inch

Year total: 17.47 inches

Normal total (year to date): 14.26 inches

Winds

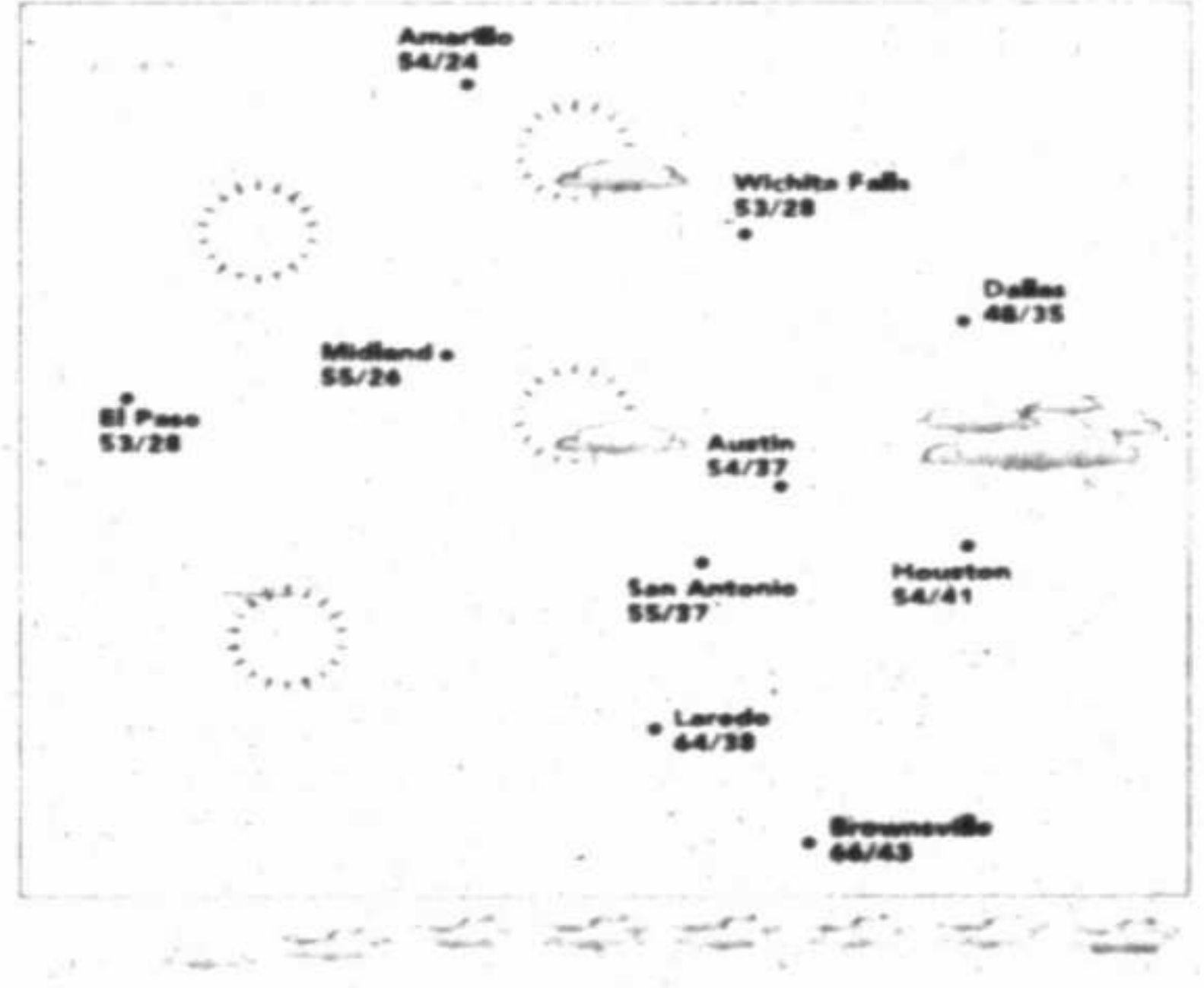
Wind speed: 38 mph

Gust speed: 48 mph

Today's forecast

High: 57

Forecast for Friday, December 14, 2018



Low: 30

Conditions: Sunny today

partly cloudy tonight

Winds: Northwest 10-20 mph today northwest 5-10

mph tonight

Chance of rain: None

Sunrise: 7:41 a.m.

Sunset: 5:46 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 Sagittarius and a Moon in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 14, 2018:

This year, you open up to others. Still, you could act in an unpredictable way that surprises those around you. You often think one thing, yet you do something completely different. You will get a handle on this behavior as you become more aware of this pattern. If you are single, you will meet someone who knocks your socks off. This person might be amused by your behavior and will accept you as you are. If you are attached, your sweetie probably likes the excitement of your diverse personality. Plan a long-desired trip together. PISCES helps you to be as clear as possible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your optimism and enjoyment of your personal life come out, even when dealing with a difficult associate. Questions might arise in a meeting or in a discussion involving a friend. Listen carefully and observe. Indulge an important child in your life. Tonight: In weekend mode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You will speak and be heard; the motivation of your voice says it all. You would prefer to indulge a loved one rather than have to put restrictions on him or her. You will hear positive news, but recognize that you might not have all the facts. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Before you go out to complete any holiday shopping or other matters related to the next few weeks, balance your checkbook and take a hard look at your finances. Everyone loves to give gifts, including you, but creating situations that will be damaging later should be avoided. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A gesture to those in your daily life will mean a lot, and it doesn't need to cost a lot. A loved one might feel a bit down, as you seem to be everywhere but with him or her. This person will understand your actions, but know that he or she misses you. Tonight: It is your call.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Know when to pull back and find out what is happening. You might not understand the whole story, so speak to a friend or loved one who could give you a different perspective. Have a difficult conversation, and figure out what you want. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A meeting will be more important than you realize. Push could come to shove, whether you like it or not. Your seriousness will help you communicate how important an appropriate response might be. Get as much information as possible. Tonight: Listen to your instincts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Step up to the plate.

Love Where You Live

The Village at Manor Park

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Tourism rocket reaches space in test

By John Antczak
Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — Virgin Galactic's tourism spaceship climbed more than 50 miles high above California's Mojave Desert on Thursday, reaching for the first time what the company considers the boundary of space.

The rocket ship hit an altitude of 51 miles before beginning its gliding descent, said mission official Enrico Palermo. It landed on a runway minutes later.

"We made it to space!"

Palermo said.

Thursday's supersonic flight takes Virgin Galactic closer to turning the long-delayed dream of commercial space tourism into reality. The company aims to take paying customers on the six-passenger rocket, which is about the size of an executive jet.

Virgin Galactic founder Richard Branson has said he wants to be one of the first on board.

Branson greeted the two pilots after the test, declaring "Space is Virgin territory!"

Virgin Galactic considers 50 miles the boundary of space because that is the distance used by the U.S. Air Force and other U.S. agencies. That's different from a long-held view that the boundary is at 62 miles.

Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides noted that recent research favors the lower altitude.

Whitesides said a review of the flight's data will last into the new year, and there will be more test flights, some with company employees as passengers.

He wouldn't estimate when commercial passenger trips might begin.

"This is a huge step forward and once we look at the data we'll see what that pathway is," he said.

At the start of the test flight, a special jet carrying the Virgin Space Ship Unity flew to an altitude near 43,000 feet before releasing the craft. The spaceship ignited its rocket engine and it quickly hurtled upward and out of sight of viewers on the ground. The spaceship reached Mach 2.9, nearly three times the speed of sound.

The two test pilots — Mark "Forger" Stucky and former NASA astronaut Rick "CJ" Sturckow — will be awarded commercial astronaut wings, said Federal Aviation Administration official Bailey Edwards.

"It was a great flight and I can't wait to do it again," said Sturckow, who flew on the space shuttle four times.

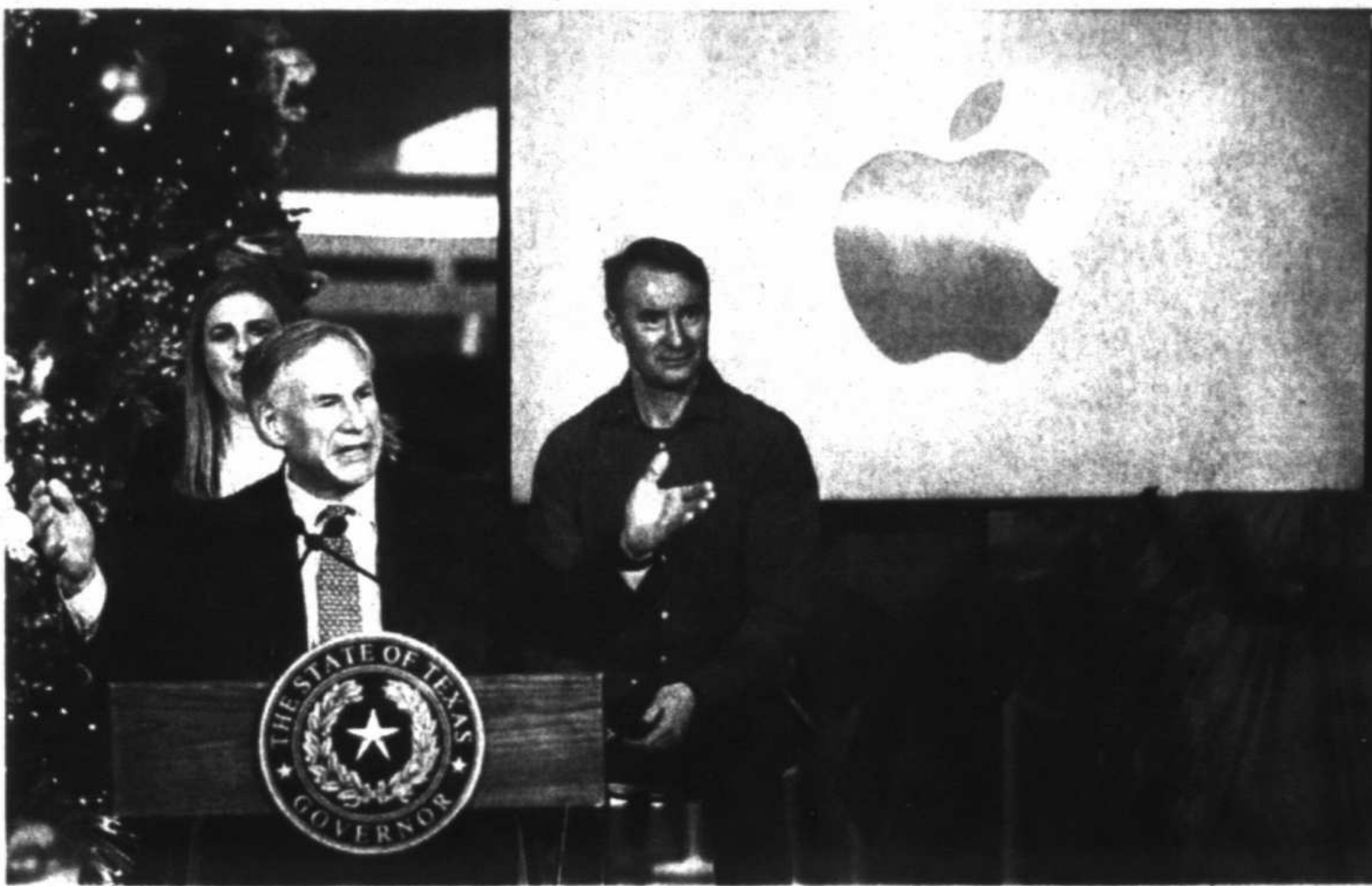
Virgin Galactic's development of its spaceship took far longer than expected and endured a setback when the first experimental craft broke apart during a 2014 test flight, killing the co-pilot.

"People have literally put their lives on the line to get us here," Branson said. "This day is much for them as it is for all of us."

More than 600 people have committed up to \$250,000 for rides that include several minutes of weightlessness and a view of the Earth far below. The spaceship will also be used for research: NASA had science experiment on the test flight.

The endeavor began in 2004 when Branson announced the founding of Virgin Galactic in the heady days after the flights of SpaceShipOne, the first privately financed manned spacecraft that made three flights into space.

Funded by the late billionaire Paul G. Allen and created by maverick aerospace designer Burt Rutan, SpaceShipOne won the \$10 million Ansari X Prize. The prize was created to kick-start private development of rocket ships that would make spaceflight available to the public.



Ricardo Brazziell/Austin American-Statesman via AP

Gov. Greg Abbott speaks about Apple's new campus announcement Thursday in Austin. Apple plans to build a \$1 billion campus in Austin, that will create at least 5,000 jobs ranging from engineers to call-center agents while adding more luster to a Southwestern city that has already become a bustling tech hub. The decision, announced Thursday, comes 11 months after Apple CEO Tim Cook disclosed plans to open a major office outside California on the heels of a massive tax break passed by Congress last year.

Apple to build new Austin hub, expand in other tech hotbeds

By Michael Liedtke,
Matt O'Brien and
Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Apple plans to build a \$1 billion campus in Austin that will create at least 5,000 jobs ranging from engineers to call-center agents while adding more luster to a Southwestern city that has already become a bustling tech hub.

The decision, announced Thursday, comes 11 months after Apple CEO Tim Cook disclosed plans to open a major office outside California on the heels of a massive tax cut on overseas profits, which prompted the company to bring about \$250 billion back to the U.S.

The company said it will also open offices in Seattle, San Diego and Culver City, California, each employing at least 1,000 workers over the next three years. Apple also pledged to add hundreds of jobs each in New York, Pittsburgh, Boston, Boulder, Colorado, and Portland, Oregon.

"They are just picking America's most established superstar cities and tech hubs," said Richard Florida, an urban development expert at the University of Toronto.

Apple's scattershot expansion reflects the increasing competition for engineers in Silicon Valley, which has long been the world's high-tech capital. The bidding for programmers is driving salaries higher, which in turn is catapulting the average prices of homes in many parts of the San Francisco Bay Area above \$1 million. Many high-tech workers are thus choosing to live elsewhere, causing major tech employers such as Apple, Amazon and Google to look in new places for the employees they need to pursue their future ambitions.

"Talent, creativity and tomorrow's breakthrough ideas aren't limited by region or ZIP code," Cook said in a statement.

Cities around the country offered financial incentives in an attempt to land Apple's new campus, but Cook avoided a high-profile competition that pitted them against one another, as Amazon had before deciding to build huge new offices in New York and Virginia.

Amazon could receive up to \$2.8 billion in incentives in New York, depending on how many it ultimately hires there, and up to \$750 million in Virginia. Apple will receive up to \$25 million from a jobs-creation fund in Texas in addition to property-tax rebates, which still need approval. The figure is expected to be a small fraction of what Amazon received.

The government incentives of-

ferred to Apple seem "more in the line of normal business site selection" compared with Amazon's public "shakedown," said Mark Muro, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Center.

"There's a growing backlash in the country against the entire process of subsidies and relocation inducements," Muro said. "That said, the Apple numbers for a very significant increase in jobs are much less eye-popping than the Amazon numbers."

The spots where Amazon and Apple decided to expand were obvious choices, based on an analysis released earlier this year by CBRE Research, Washington, D.C., ranked as the third best place in North America for tech talent, behind Silicon Valley and Seattle. New York ranked fifth and Austin sixth. No. 4 was outside the U.S. — Toronto.

The new Austin campus, with about 3 million square feet (nearly 280,000 square meters) of office space, will be about a mile from another large office that Apple opened five years ago. Apple currently employs about 6,200 workers in Austin, making it the company's largest hub outside Silicon Valley even before the expansion.

The new jobs are expected to mirror the same mix Apple already has at its Cupertino, California, headquarters, ranging from jobs in technology and research that pay well over \$100,000 to lower-paying positions in customer call centers. Austin Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Phil Wilson described jobs that Apple will be adding as "mid-skill" and "good-paying."

Virtually all of the jobs in Seattle and San Diego will be in technology — a field where six-figure paychecks plus stock options are standard. The jobs in Culver City, about eight miles from Hollywood, will also be in digital music and video, two areas Apple is expanding in to boost its subscription entertainment offerings.

While much of the \$250 billion overseas profits has been earmarked for buying back company stock and paying higher shareholder dividends, Apple pledged in January to finance more than \$30 billion in capital expenditures in the U.S. over the next five years. It also committed to creating more than 20,000 more U.S. jobs during that same time frame. After adding 6,000 jobs, Apple said it now has 90,000 U.S. workers and is on track to fulfill its expansion pledge on schedule.

Where U.S. companies open

new facilities or plants has had the potential for public and political backlash.

That potential intensified under the Trump administration, which has pushed companies to keep more of their operations in the U.S.

While Cook has steered mostly clear of President Donald Trump's ire, Apple received some pushback three months ago. Apple sent a letter to the U.S. trade representative warning that the burgeoning trade war with China and rising tariffs could force higher prices for U.S. consumers. Trump in a tweet told Apple to start making its products in the U.S., and not China. Apple uses plants in China and elsewhere to produce components and assemble its products.

Cities have been eager to bring in more tech employers because their hires often make six-figure salaries. That can ripple through the economy, with new employees filling restaurants and theaters, buying property and paying taxes.

But an influx of affluent tech workers can also drive up rent and home prices, making it more difficult for those in lower-paying jobs to make ends meet.

"When tech companies invest in a place and try to hire thousands of workers, it is of course good news for tech workers who are already there and want to be there," said Jed Kolko, chief economist for employment website Indeed.com. "But it can put a strain on the housing market and transportation."

Austin might not feel the stress as much as some other places, Kolko said, because it already has been building more housing in anticipation of more tech employment.

Austin's tech industries accounted for nearly 140,000 local jobs, or 14 percent of Austin's total employment, about twice the national average, according to the city's chamber of commerce.

Apple opened its first office in Austin a quarter century ago, and Dell's headquarters are in nearby Round Rock. Google, Facebook and IBM are among the other notable tech companies with satellite offices in Austin.

Austin landed another coup in July when the U.S. Army announced plans for a "Futures Command" center to train soldiers and develop technology to combat threats from places like China and Russia.

Gov. Greg Abbott hailed Apple's new campus as a milestone development that "truly elevates Austin as one of the premier technology hubs in the entire world."

Motorists nab cash spilled by armored vehicle

By Vanessa A.
Alvarez and
Mike Catalini
Associated Press

An armored truck spilled cash on a New Jersey highway Thursday, leading to two crashes as drivers "went a little bit crazy," stopping their cars and scrambling to grab the swirling money.

The frenzy happened during morning rush hour in East Rutherford, near MetLife Stadium, where the New York Giants and New York Jets play.

In online videos, a man in uniform is seen running through traffic trying to collect money, while others exited their cars to do the same.

"People went a little bit crazy when they saw the money," said Danielle Shah, 29, of Bloomfield, New Jersey, who witnessed the incident from a bus she was riding into New York. "I mean, it seemed like the people who got out of the car — they just didn't care. They parked their cars in the middle of the highway."

A Brink's truck idled in the right shoulder with its lights flashing as the bills blew around the highway. One video showed the bashed-in front end of a sedan as traffic crawled through the blizzard of bills.

Police said the chaos led to two crashes, though it's unclear whether anyone was injured.

Police Capt. Phil Taormina said it appeared that the armored vehicle had an issue with the lock on one of its doors.

In a statement, Brink's confirmed the truck belonged to the company and said an investigation is under way, but declined further comment.

Police said they don't know how much money spilled.

They later said that people could arrange to return any collected cash without facing charges. They said some people reached out to them about giving back the money and urged them to do so.

These kinds of spills have happened before.

In May, a Brink's truck spilled hundreds of thousands of dollars on an Indianapolis interstate when its back doors swung open. A similar incident unfolded in Maryland in 2012, though only about \$6,000 spilled out then.

Cleanup continues following oil spill in OK City

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The cleanup continues at a southwest Oklahoma City oil well where oil leaked on to property and roadways.

Oklahoma Corporation Commission spokesman Matt Skinner said Thursday crews worked around the clock to clean up Wednesday night's oil spill. Skinner says authorities mopped up 25 barrels of standing oil and spread biodegradable material to soak up the rest.

Skinner says the spill caused no danger to area drinking water. He says the cause of the spill was an open valve.

Lloyd White, president of the well's operator, White Operating Co. of Oklahoma City, says he suspects vandals are responsible for the spill. White says two valves were opened to cause the spill and that one was behind a locked fence. White also says there's evidence someone improperly entered the fenced-in area.

Authorities: Wave of hoax bomb threats made

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A wave of bomb threats emailed Thursday to hundreds of schools, businesses and government buildings across the U.S. triggered searches, evacuations and fear — but there were no signs of explosives, and authorities said the scare appeared to be a crude extortion attempt.

Law enforcement agencies across the country dismissed the threats, saying they were meant to cause disruption and compel recipients into sending money and were not considered credible.

Some of the emails had the subject line: "Think

Twice." They were sent from a spoofed email address. The sender claimed to have had an associate plant a small bomb in the recipient's building and that the only way to stop him from setting it off was by making an online payment of \$20,000 in Bitcoin.

"We are currently monitoring multiple bomb threats that have been sent electronically to various locations throughout the city," the New York City Police Department's counterterrorism unit tweeted. "These threats are also being reported to other locations nationwide & are NOT considered credible at this time."

Other law enforcement agencies also dismissed the

threats, which were written in a choppy style reminiscent of the Nigerian prince email scam.

The Palm Beach County, Florida, sheriff's office and the Boise, Idaho, police said they had no reason to believe that threats made to locations in those areas were credible. One of the emails wound up in a spam filter, Boise Police Chief William Bones said.

The FBI said it is assisting law enforcement agencies that are dealing with the threats.

"As always, we encourage the public to remain vigilant and to promptly report suspicious activities which could represent a threat to public safety," the

FBI said in a statement.

Thursday's scare came less than two months after prominent Democratic officials and CNN's Manhattan offices were targeted with package bombs. The suspect in that case, Cesar Sayoc, is in jail while awaiting trial.

In 2015, an emailed bomb threat prompted different reactions from the nation's two largest public school systems. The Los Angeles school system closed down under threat of a mass attack, but New York City officials quickly saw it as a hoax.

In the wake of Thursday's emails, some schools across the country closed early and others were evacuated.

Pelosi: 4 years as speaker is 'a long time'

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Nancy Pelosi shrugged off suggestions Thursday that she weakened herself by agreeing to limit her tenure as next House speaker to a four-year maximum, a deal that clears the way for her to be elected to the post for the new Congress.

"That's a long time," she said at a news conference a day after she and seven insurgents who'd been pushing for younger leadership announced their pact.

For weeks, the 78-year-old California Democrat had resisted opponents' demands that she step aside or restrict how long she'd serve, saying limits would make her a lame duck and sap her bargaining clout. But on Wednesday, she relented and struck a deal that all but guarantees she'll be elected when the House votes on its new speaker on Jan. 3.

"What, four years? No, I don't think that's a lame duck," she told a group of reporters afterward.

Democrats widely agreed that the pledge meant Pelosi had clinched a comeback to the post she held from 2007 until January 2011, the last time her party ran the House and the first time the speaker was a woman.

Wednesday's accord gives Pelosi a clear path to becoming the most powerful Democrat in government and a leading role in confronting President Donald Trump during the upcoming 2020 presidential and congressional campaigns. It moves her to the cusp of steering next year's diverse crop of House Democrats, with its large number of female, minority and younger members.

The agreement also ends what's been a distracting, harsh leadership fight among Democrats that has been waged since Election Day, when they gained at least 39 seats and grabbed House control for the next Congress. It was their biggest gain of House

seats since the 1974 post-Watergate election.

Democrats have been hoping to train public attention on their 2019 agenda focusing on health care, jobs and wages, and building infrastructure projects. They also envision investigations of Trump, his 2016 presidential campaign and his administration.

To line up support, Pelosi initially resorted to full-court lobbying by congressional allies, outside Democratic luminaries, and liberal and labor organizations. She cut deals with individual lawmakers for committee assignments and roles leading legislative efforts.

But in the end, she had to make concessions about her tenure to make sure she'll win a majority — likely 218 votes — when the new House votes. Democrats are likely to have 235 seats, meaning she could spare only 17 defections and still prevail if, as expected, Republicans all oppose her.

Pelosi had described herself as a transitional leader over the last several weeks and resisted defining how long she would serve as speaker. On Wednesday, she gave in to her opponents' demands that she limit her service.

Under the deal, House Democrats will vote by Feb. 15 to change party rules to limit their top three leaders to no more than four two-year terms, including time they've already spent in those jobs. There is no guarantee that Democrats will formally approve the plan, but Pelosi embraced it anyway.

"I am comfortable with the proposal and it is my intention to abide by it whether it passes or not," Pelosi said in her statement.

Pelosi's opponents have argued it was time for younger leaders to command the party. They also said her demonization as an out-of-touch radical in tens of millions of dollars' worth of Republican television ads was costing Democrats seats.

While some Democrats are still certain to vote against Pelosi — including incoming freshmen who promised to do so during their campaigns — most Democrats have remained solidly behind her. She's been a strong fundraiser and unrelenting liberal who doesn't shy from political combat, and her backers complained that her opponents were mostly white men who were largely more moderate than most House Democrats.

Pressure to back Pelosi seemed to grow after she calmly went toe-to-toe with Trump at a nationally televised verbal brawl in the Oval Office on Tuesday over his demands for congressional approval of \$5 billion for his proposed border wall with Mexico.

"We are proud that our agreement will make lasting institutional change that will strengthen our caucus and will help develop the next generation of Democratic leaders," the rebellious lawmakers said in a written statement.

To be nominated to a fourth term under the agreement, Pelosi would need to garner a two-thirds majority of House Democrats. Several aides said they believed restlessness by younger members to move up in leadership would make that difficult for her to achieve.

The limits would also apply to Pelosi's top lieutenants, No. 2 leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland and No. 3 leader James Clyburn of South Carolina. Both are also in their late 70s.

Rep. Ed Perlmutter, D-Colo., was among 16 Democrats who had signed a letter demanding new leadership but who ultimately helped negotiate the deal with Pelosi.

Joining Perlmutter in saying they would now back her were Democratic Reps. Seth Moulton of Massachusetts; Tim Ryan of Ohio; Bill Foster of Illinois; Linda Sanchez and Rep.-elect Gil Cisernos, both of California; and Filemon Vela of Texas.



Evan Vucci/AP

President Donald Trump listens during a meeting Tuesday with Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and House Minority Leader Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., in the Oval Office of the White House.

Trump statements evolve from denial to 'I did nothing wrong'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has offered shifting explanations about hush payments made by his former attorney Michael Cohen to two women who alleged they had affairs with the future president. First, he denied knowing about them. Later, he called them a perfectly legal "private transaction."

Cohen, who this week was sentenced to three years in prison, says he made the payments to help Trump's 2016 White House bid, a campaign finance violation. Federal prosecutors say the payments were made at Trump's direction.

A look at some of Trump's statements:

April 6
Trump issues a blanket denial that he knew anything about payments to adult film star Stormy Daniels, telling reporters they should "ask Michael Cohen."

April 9
After a FBI raid on Cohen's office and hotel room, Trump calls the action a "disgrace." He says the FBI "broke into" his lawyer's office and tweets that "Attorney-client privilege is dead!"

April 26
Trump acknowledges in a "Fox & Friends" interview that Cohen represented him in the "crazy Stormy Daniels deal."

May 3
Trump acknowledges the Daniels payment for the first time, tweeting: "Mr. Cohen, an attorney, received a monthly retainer, not from the campaign and having nothing to do with the campaign, from which he entered into, through reimbursement, a private contract between two parties, known as a non-disclosure agreement, or NDA."

Trump says the agreements are "very common among celebrities and people of wealth," and "this was a private agreement."

July 25
A recording surfaces of Cohen and Trump allegedly discussing a payment to Playboy Playmate Karen McDougal. Trump suggests, without evidence, that the tape may have been doctored, tweeting: "What kind of a lawyer would tape a client? So sad! Is this a first, never heard of it before? Why was the tape so abruptly terminated (cut) while I was presumably saying positive things? I hear there are other clients and many reporters that are taped — can this be so? Too bad!"

Aug. 22
Cohen pleads guilty to campaign finance violations and other charges, saying he and Trump arranged the payments of hush money to Daniels and McDougal to influence the election. That next day, Trump argues that making the payments wasn't a crime and that the matter was a civil dispute, then takes a swipe at his former employee. He tweets: "If anyone is looking for a good lawyer, I would strongly suggest that you don't retain the services of Michael Cohen!"

Dec. 10
Trump compares his situation to one involving President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign and the Federal Election Commission, which typically handles smaller campaign finance violations, where the actions aren't willful, with civil penalties that are typically fines. The agency docked the Obama campaign \$375,000 for regulatory civil violations stemming from the campaign's failure to report a batch of contributions, totaling nearly \$1.9 million, on time in the final days of the campaign.

The accusations against Trump, legal analysts say, could amount to a felony because they revolve around an alleged conspiracy to conceal payments from campaign contribution reports and from voters. It's unclear what federal prosecutors in New York will decide to do if they conclude that there is evidence that Trump himself committed a crime.

Dec. 13
A day after Cohen's sentencing, Trump declares on Twitter: "I never directed Michael Cohen to break the law" and argues that "many campaign finance lawyers have strongly stated that I did nothing wrong with respect to campaign finance laws, if they even apply, because this was not campaign finance." He adds, in an interview on Fox, regarding Cohen: "I never directed him to do anything wrong. Whatever he did, he did on his own."

Iran hackers hunt nuke workers, US officials

By Raphael Satter
Associated Press

LONDON — As President Donald Trump re-imposed harsh economic sanctions on Iran last month, hackers scrambled to break into personal emails of American officials tasked with enforcing them. The Associated Press has found another sign of how deeply cyberespionage is embedded into the fabric of U.S.-Iranian relations.

The AP drew on data gathered by the London-based cybersecurity group Certia to track how a hacking group often nicknamed Charming Kitten spent the past month trying to break into the private emails of more than a dozen U.S. Treasury officials. Also on the hackers' hit list: high-profile defenders, detractors and enforcers of the nuclear deal struck between Washington and Tehran, as well as Arab atomic scientists, Iranian civil society figures and D.C. think tank employees.

"Presumably, some of this is about figuring out what is going on with sanctions," said Frederick Kagan, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute who has written about Iranian cyberespionage and was among those targeted.

Kagan said he was alarmed by the targeting of foreign nuclear experts. "This is a little more worrisome than I would have expected," he said.

The hit list surfaced after Charming Kitten mistakenly left one of its servers open to the internet last month. Researchers at Certia found the server and extracted a list of 77 Gmail and Yahoo addresses targeted by the hackers that they handed to the AP for further analysis.

It's hard to know how many of the accounts were successfully compromised or how exactly they were targeted in each case. But even though the addresses likely represent only a fraction of the hackers' overall efforts, they still provide considerable insight into Tehran's espionage priorities.

"The targets are very specific," Certia researcher Nariman Gharib said.

In a report published Thursday, Certia tied the hackers to the Iranian government, a judgment drawn in part on operational blunders, including a couple of cases where the hackers appeared to have accidentally revealed that they were operating from computers inside Iran. The assessment was backed by

others who have tracked Charming Kitten. Allison Wilkoff, a researcher with Atlanta-based Secureworks, recognized some of the digital infrastructure in Certia's report and said the hackers' past operations left little doubt they were government-backed.

"It's fairly clear-cut," she said.

Calls to Iranian officials were not returned late Wednesday, the beginning of the weekend in the country.

Iran has previously denied responsibility for hacking operations, but an AP analysis of its targets suggests that Charming Kitten is working in close alignment with the Islamic Republic's interests. The most striking among them were the nuclear officials — a scientist working on a civilian nuclear project for the Pakistan's Ministry of Defense, a senior operator at the Research and Training Reactor in the Jordanian city of Ramtha, and a high-ranking researcher at the Atomic Energy Commission of Syria.

The trio suggested a general interest in nuclear technology and administration.

Others on the hit list such as Guy Roberts, the U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs — pointed to an eagerness to keep track of officials charged with overseeing America's nuclear arsenal.

"This is something I've been worried about," Roberts said when alerted to his presence on the list.

Still more targets are connected to the Iran deal — a 2015 pact negotiated by former U.S. President Barack Obama's administration and other world powers that called for Tehran to curb its uranium enrichment in exchange for the lifting of international sanctions. Trump tore

up the deal in May over the objections of most of America's allies and has since re-imposed a series of punishing restrictions on Iran.

One of Charming Kitten's targets was Andrew J. Grotto, whose tenure on the U.S. National Security Council straddled the Obama and Trump administrations and who has written about Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Jarrett Blanc, a U.S. State Department official involved in the implementation of the nuclear deal under Obama, was also on the list. He said news of his targeting was no shock.

"I've retained contact with Iranian counterparts since leaving government," he said. "I'd be very surprised if there were not Iranian groups trying to hack into my various email accounts."

Like the Russian hackers who have chased after America's drone, space and submarine secrets, the list indicates that Iranian spies were also interested in the world of U.S. defense companies. One of those targeted is a senior director of "breakthrough technology" at the aerospace arm of Honeywell International Inc., the New Jersey-based industrial conglomerate. Another is a vice president at Virginia-based Science Applications International Corp., a prominent Pentagon contractor.

Honeywell said it was aware that one of its employees had their personal account "exposed," adding there was no evidence the company's network itself was compromised. SAIC said it found no trace of any hacking attempt against its employee's account.

There were Iranian targets too, including media workers, an agronomist and a senior employee of the country's Department of Environment — a possible sign that Tehran's crack-

down on environmentalists, which began earlier this year, continues.

Hacking has long been a feature of the tense relationship between the United States and Iran, whose militant brand of Shia Islam has challenged American interests in the Middle East since 1979.

It was against Iran that U.S. and Israeli spies are said to have deployed the pioneering, centrifuge-rattling computer worm dubbed Stuxnet in a bid to sabotage the country's uranium enrichment capabilities. Iranian hackers in turn are blamed for denial of service assaults on American banks and computer-wrecking cyberattacks in Saudi Arabia, Iran's regional archrival.

The Charming Kitten campaign uncovered by Certia is far less sophisticated, generally relying on a password-stealing technique called phishing. Two Nov. 17 emails provided to the AP by Jim Sisco of Enodo Global Inc., a Virginia-based risk advisory firm targeted by Charming Kitten, mimic the look and feel of Gmail security alerts, a technique used by hackers across the globe.

An analysis of Certia's data shows the group targeted at least 13 U.S. Treasury employees' personal emails, including one belonging to a director at the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, which fights money laundering and terror financing, and one used by the Iran licensing chief at the Office of Foreign Asset Control, which is in charge of enforcing U.S. sanctions. But a few employees' LinkedIn profiles referenced back office jobs or routine tax work.

The U.S. Treasury, which did not comment directly on the hacking, said it went to "great lengths" to protect its employees.

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Law trumps morality in campaign-finance flap

Let's imagine that President Trump gave a White House news conference in the nude. "As you can see," he might say, paraphrasing the semi-apocryphal quip Winston Churchill made when FDR accidentally encountered him emerging from a hot bath in the White House, disrobed. "I have nothing to hide from the American people."

In the District of Columbia, public indecency of this sort is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$500 and up to 90 days in jail. Yet few people would immediately defend the president's behavior as nothing more than a minor legal faux pas. (Save, perhaps, the vice president, who might applaud such presidential transparency.)

This kind of violation of norms and decency would have the Cabinet scrambling to invoke the 25th Amendment. Even the Republican House Freedom Caucus would talk openly about impeachment, because the public would have lost faith and confidence in the president almost as quickly as it would if he had stood in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shot someone.

Meanwhile, in the real world, the president stands credibly accused of violating far more serious laws than misdemeanor public indecency. In filings last week, the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of

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New York told a judge that the president abetted campaign finance violations — felonies that come with a maximum prison sentence of five years.

But the reaction to these accusations, from both his defenders and his critics, is a fog of legalisms. The only difference between the two sides is whether or not the alleged illegalities are grave or trivial. The real issue should be whether or not the president has violated the public trust, a concept that covers far more than squabbling between lawyers.

In Alexander Solzhenitsyn's legendary 1978 commencement address at Harvard, he lamented how in the West, law had replaced higher notions of morality.

"Any conflict is solved according to the letter of the law and this is considered to be the supreme solution," he observed. "If one is right from a legal point of view, nothing more is required. Nobody will

mention that one could still not be entirely right, and urge self-restraint, a willingness to renounce such legal rights, sacrifice and selfless risk. It would sound simply absurd."

This is a point that conservatives once understood. Here is Franklin Graham, the son of Billy Graham, writing about Bill Clinton in the Wall Street Journal in 1998: "If he will lie to or mislead his wife and daughter, those with whom he is most intimate, what will prevent him from doing the same to the American public?"

Graham added: "The private acts of any person are never done in secret. God sees and judges all sin, and while He seeks to restore the offender with love and grace, He does not necessarily remove all the consequences of our sin."

In May, when weighing in on the allegations of infidelity against Trump, Graham completely reversed his stance on the topic of private versus public behavior. "That's for him and his wife to deal with," he told the Associated Press. "And I think this thing with Stormy Daniels and so forth is nobody's business."

The point here isn't hypocrisy, though there's plenty of that going around. Before the Monica Lewinsky scandal, Clinton's defenders considered his past sexual

behavior "old news." After the revelations, they insisted that perjury about sex was no big deal. Now, many of those same people are arguing that illegal cover-ups of affairs are grounds for impeachment.

It's not quite an apples-to-apples comparison, but that's irrelevant. The point is that we've lost the ability to speak clearly across partisan lines about basic notions of decency and morality.

The debate over impeachment highlights the problem. A president can be impeached for any reason Congress sees fit. It's a political tool for sanctioning a president who violates the public trust. The rules of criminal procedure are only relevant, if at all, procedurally. Instead, they are used as a substitute for moral or civic judgment.

I am not arguing for impeaching Trump based on what we know now. The precedent of Clinton's impeachment (but acquittal in the Senate) demonstrates, among other things, that politically you need more than this for a binding national consensus.

I am arguing that we've lost anything remotely like a moral consensus in this country because legalism has crowded out morality. That's the naked truth.

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OUR VIEW

Drivers must take responsibility for their actions on the road

Laurels

■ **For Midland ISD school board District 5.** The voters have spoken, and John Trischitti III will be their representative on the school board. There will be high expectations that Trischitti can back up his claims that he can help architect the same type of a turnaround in our schools that he did in the county's library system. This race was not just about the outcome but about the process, and we can't remember having three candidates as qualified for a school board seat as there were in District 5 with Trischitti, Heidi Kirk and Thomas Wolfmueller. Turnaround in our public schools will occur only when this community again becomes engaged in what is taking place inside the classrooms. We saw that for a few months this fall, and we need more of it moving forward.

■ **For Mike Conaway.** The Midland Republican made sure a farm bill got through Congress, and for that he deserves credit. In today's climate, farmers need certainty, and while there will be some people who are not satisfied that work requirements for SNAP recipients weren't increased, Conaway recognized the best bill possible had to move forward.

"Ultimately, I had to make a decision between making as many inroads on reform in these areas as I could or allow farmers and ranchers to be held hostage," Conaway said on the House floor as reported by the Texas Tribune. "Faced with that choice, I chose the route of getting this farm bill done."

We don't understand why more lawmakers don't want more stringent requirements when it comes to SNAP. Still, we credit Conaway for putting forward a bill that could still get such widespread support. Conaway's success reminded us that you don't always get what you want, but if you try, sometimes you get what you need.

■ **For Jeff Sparks.** Tuesday was the last Midland City Council meeting for the District 1 (generally north Midland) representative. He represented his district well — something we believe is the highest compliment one can pass on to a public servant. He asked tough questions, even if it was to make sure something was talked about on the record. The city council has quality representatives because of people like Sparks. Thank you again, councilman, for your efforts and giving nearly a decade of your life to representing the residents of Midland.

■ **For fewer failing campuses.** MISD got some good news this week as officials reported Washington STEM Academy was taken off the state's list of failing schools. We are happy anytime that number falls (as it did this week from five to four). We also know Washington has been on a downward slide in recent years, grading out to a 62 this year. That is not what Midlanders expect of the district's lone STEM academy. District officials have said they know there is work to be done, and we look forward to seeing Washington back among the top-performing campuses in Midland.

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Get therapist to survive White House job

So you are about to accept President Trump's offer to be White House chief of staff. On behalf of a grateful nation, thank you. We were worried nobody would take the job.

You say you have no experience in government or politics. Not a problem! Nobody else in the White House knows how to run a country, either. And don't be alarmed by those never-Trumpers who claim "Everything Trump Touches Dies." That's overstated. You will be ostracized, publicly humiliated and possibly imprisoned — but you won't literally die. At least not if you take the following precautions to maximize your job satisfaction and personal happiness.

Find a therapist. Working for Trump is bruising to self-esteem. Former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen, in receiving his three-year prison sentence Wednesday, tearfully described his "personal and mental incarceration" in Trump's employ. He surely felt the pain of going from being a "fine person" and a "great guy" in Trump's eyes to a "weak person" and not a very smart person.

But with cognitive-behavioral therapy, you may feel less hurt than those before you. Former secretary of state Rex Tillerson, who ran Exxon-Mobil, was reduced from being called a "world class player" by Trump and "one of the truly great business leaders" to being "dumb as a rock" and "lazy as hell." Jeff Sessions, who surrendered a Senate seat to become attorney general, went from an "honest man" to "Mr. Magoo." Stephen K. Bannon was "tough and smart" before "Sloppy Steve" "lost his mind." Omarosa Manigault Newman, a "loyal friend," turned into a "lowlife." "Wacky" "dog."

Don't quit your day job. Consider a leave of absence from your current job. Or maybe just call in sick. Anthony Scaramucci, one of several communications directors under Trump, lasted just 10 days. Even if you last longer, it won't be by much. Kathryn Dunn Tenpas of the Brookings Institution says turnover among the most senior White House staffers (that's you!) is 83 percent. And it happens suddenly. A deputy national security adviser was just ousted after the first lady's office requested it publicly.

Also, a former White House official complained to Buzzfeed, "no one is really hiring people with Trump White House experience." Possibly that's because so many depart under accusations of domestic abuse, white supremacy, drunkenness or, in the case of former Cabinet members Tom Price and David Shulkin, feasting at the taxpayer trough. Former EPA administrator Scott Pruitt is now associated primarily with Ritz-Carlton lotion.

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Get married, or join a celibate religious order. Trump once boasted that avoiding sexually transmitted diseases was his own "personal Vietnam," his aides now find that dating is their own personal Syria. People who work for Trump cannot get dates. Politico reported that "Trump supporters swipe left" could be "the single most common disclaimer on dating app profiles in Washington."

Open Uber Eats and Instacart accounts (under a pseudonym). Take sensible precautions to minimize the inevitable shunning that comes with the job. Embattled Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen, right after defending Trump's soon-to-be-abandoned family-separation policy, unwisely dined at a Mexican restaurant where she was heckled.

As Sarah Sanders found, even Virginia is unsafe for Trump people. And the chuckling (if not the heckling) will follow you after the job, as Washington paragons-cum-punchlines Reince Priebus and Sean Spicer know. You should feel free to blame George Soros if anybody is rude to you in public. But better to lie low, as Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin does. Booned at UCLA, he canceled an appearance at his alma mater, Yale.

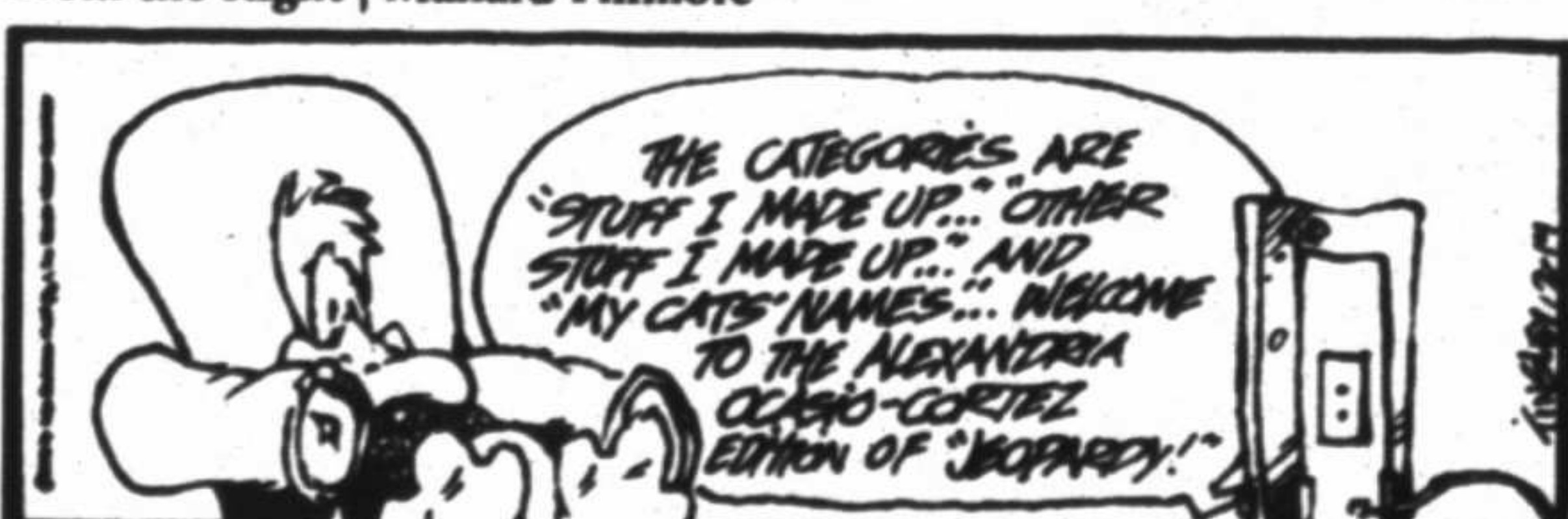
Get a lawyer. Very important! Do not wait until you've broken the law. Five former advisers to Trump — Cohen, Michael Flynn, Paul Manafort, Rick Gates and George Papadopoulos — have already accepted guilty pleas or been convicted, and several more — Roger Stone, Donald Trump Jr., Jared Kushner — could be in jeopardy, too. With so many scandals enveloping so many in Trump's orbit, the best criminal-defense lawyers are already spoken for.

Above all, Have fun! There are great names in the graveyard of former Trump officials. John F. Kelly, H.R. McMaster and Flynn were much-decorated generals before their humiliations, and Gary Cohn was a Wall Street titan before his. But you, Trump's third chief of staff in two years, are not burdened by a good reputation, so there's little to lose. Worst case, you wind up in jail, which isn't so bad. You wouldn't be able to get a date anyway.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Janet Jackson, Def Leppard, Nicks join Rock Hall of Fame

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Janet Jackson joins her brother Michael and the Jackson 5 as members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, earning induction on Thursday along with Stevie Nicks and the top fan vote-getter, Def Leppard.

Radiohead, the Cure, Roxy Music and the Zombies will also be ushered in next spring at the 34th induction ceremony. It will be held March 29 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

Jackson's induction comes after her third time as nominee and many saw it as overdue, given her prowess as a hitmaker with "All For You," "That's the Way Love Goes," "Nasty," "Together Again" and "What Have You Done For Me Lately."

Her career has suffered from the fallout after the infamous 2004 Super Bowl appearance where her bare breast was briefly exposed. Jackson became eligible for the rock hall in 2007 and wasn't nominated until 2016.

The Roots' Questlove, in a social media post earlier this year, said her exclusion had been "highly criminal." He cited the influence of her 1986 album "Control," which he said set off the New Jack Swing trend.

"This was no one's kid sister," he wrote.

Jackson said on Thursday: "Thank you Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. I am truly honored and I am happy to be in there with my brothers."

It will be Nicks' second

induction into the rock hall, since she's already there as a member of Fleetwood Mac. She launched a solo career in 1981 with her duet with the late Tom Petty, "Stop Draggin' My Heart Around." Other hits followed, including "Edge of Seventeen," "Stand Back" and "I Will Run to You."

Def Leppard earned more than half a million votes from fans, which are incorporated into more than 1,000 ballots from artists, historians, industry professionals and past winners in deciding who gets honored. The British heavy metal band with a pop sheen were huge sellers in the 1980s on the back of songs like "Photograph" and "Pour Some Sugar on Me."

Frontman Joe Elliott said he was initially ambivalent toward the honor until Jon Bon Jovi suggested it would change his life.

"When I look at the list of who's in, it's just obvious you'd want to be in that club, isn't it?" he told Billboard earlier this year. "When you think that every band that means anything in the world, starting from the Beatles and the Stones and any artist that influenced them — your Chuck Berries, your Little Richards, etc., etc. — then of course you want to be in. Why wouldn't you?"

Def Leppard, Nicks and Roxy Music were voted in during their first years as nominees. Other 2019 nominees who didn't make the cut included LL Cool J, Devo, Rage Against the Machine, M.C.S., John Prine, Todd Rundgren and Kraftwerk.

There's some question about whether Radiohead will shrug its collective shoulder as an inductee. The English band seemed like generic grunge rockers on their initial hit "Creep," but with the album "OK Computer" and beyond have become consistent sonic pioneers. Among its rock hall class, Radiohead has the most impact on the current music scene.

In an interview with Rolling Stone earlier this year, Radiohead's Jonny Greenwood said "I don't care" when asked about the rock hall. Bandmate Ed O'Brien said, "culturally, I don't understand it. I think it might be a quintessentially American thing."

The Cure and frontman Robert Smith resist their initial label as goth rockers, champions of fans who like black makeup, black clothes and darkly romantic songs. They have a durable catalog of hits, including "Friday I'm in Love," "Boys Don't Cry," "Pictures of You" and "Let's Go to Bed."

Roxy Music came out of the 1970s progressive rock scene and had hits with "Love is the Drug" and "More Than This." Dapper member Bryan Ferry had a successful solo career and Brian Eno has been an influential producer.

The heyday of British rockers the Zombies' career was the 1960s, with big sellers "She's Not There" and "Time of the Season."

The hall will announce ticket sales for March's ceremony next month. HBO and SiriusXM will carry the event.

Hours after Springsteen's Broadway show closes, film drops on Netflix

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — To director Thom Zimny, the key element in his filmed version of Bruce Springsteen's Broadway show was in the star's eyes.

The Netflix documentary makes its first appearance on the service early in the morning of Dec. 16, hours after the singer's 236th and last performance of "Springsteen on Broadway" at the Walter Kerr Theater. A soundtrack is being released Friday.

"I wanted to capture Bruce's eyes in a way that you don't get from being in the theater," he said. "It's another sense of intimacy, another sense of the performance."

That focus paid off when cameras caught Springsteen's emotion during an introduction to the song "Long Walk Home," telling of an unexpected visit by his father just before Springsteen's first child was born. His dad said he hadn't been the best of fathers and hoped his son would do better. Anyone familiar with Springsteen's music knows the import of that acknowledgment.

Those are the moments, subtle enough to be missed by most of the live audience, that Zimny feels makes the "Springsteen on Broadway" film unique from the "Springsteen on Broadway" show. Another was the look of loving remembrance on Springsteen's face when he played piano and talked about his late band member Clarence Clemons, one he didn't see until reviewing tape later.

Zimny wasn't simply called in to tape a show near the end of its run. The filmmaker has a history with Springsteen and manager Jon Landau that includes a 2001 documentary with the singer and his E Street Band performing in New York. He was brought

into the project while it was still in rehearsals.

"I've seen the show so many times I've lost count," he said. If not in the audience, he watched video and listened to audio tapes, to keep up with how the performance tightened and changed throughout the run.

At one point in the film, Springsteen confesses to the audience that "I've never worked five days a week until now." The weary observation meant more at the end of his Broadway run than the beginning.

The filmmaker continually discussed the process with Springsteen and Landau. Their advice: "Plan a lot, but also be open to whatever the film gods or the music gods throw at you in the moment."

Zimny needed to match the intensity of a noted perfectionist. To wit: he watched the evolution of

a small moment where Springsteen illustrates how little he knew about playing a guitar when he was young. He kept trying out different chords to get it just right in order to show his playing was just wrong.

The film opens with the first words Springsteen says onstage to open the performance, which is a mixture of storytelling and song that builds off the singer's autobiography, and credits roll with the final bows. Zimny wanted to recreate when the lights go down on a sparse stage and Springsteen simply appears, a moment "that puts you on edge," he said. "You have to listen."

There is no nervous backstage footage from before showtime, shots of Springsteen's hometown of Freehold, New Jersey, or artificial interludes, techniques Zimny dismissed as cliché.



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Obituaries



Bobbye Louise Williams Gilbert, Ph.D.

Bobbye Louise Williams Gilbert, Ph.D., loved the English language - literally. A distinguished college professor, celebrated author and sought-after presenter, she is fondly remembered for positively touching the lives of thousands of students and teachers, friends and family.

Bobbye was the second of two daughters born to Robert L. Williams and Mamie Louise (Henderson) Williams of Denton, Texas. Robert, Mamie and big sister Fannie Kate welcomed Bobbye into the family on January 21, 1929. As parents, Robert and Mamie both were exemplary examples of gentleness, humility, kindness, sincerity and generosity for their daughters, moral virtues that Bobbye and Fannie Kate would live daily.

To everyone's surprise, Bobbye started reading when she was three years old and enriched her childhood reading books on a wide variety of subjects. At four, she started first grade. Gifted academically and exceptionally bright, Bobbye advanced to the third grade at six and at 14, she graduated as valedictorian from Denton's Fred Moore High School.

With an unquenchable passion to learn, she enrolled at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, where she majored in English and Spanish. College enriched Bobbye's life academically and socially. There, she was inducted into the chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society. With Fannie Kate, together they joined the sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Two years later, Bobbye graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Huston-Tillotson.

Her undergraduate success earned her a scholarship to the University of Southern California. There, she earned her Master of Arts in English degree.

Bobbye's passion for languages led her to a career as an English teacher, with her expertise focusing on writing and grammar, composition, English as a Second Language, African-American literature and humanities, literary criticism, world literature and world mythologies.

Her first position as an educator was at Paul Quinn College in Waco, where for six years, she was head of the English Department. Her career later took her to a position as associate professor of English at the University of Pine Bluff, followed by assistant professor positions at Prairie View University and Huston-Tillotson College. She later worked at East Texas State University (now Texas A&M Commerce) as an English instructor.

While in Austin, she began work on her doctorate degree

in linguistics and English at The University of Texas. There, she received the Ford Foundation Faculty Fellowship and Southern Fellowships Fund.

Years later, she completed doctoral requirements to earn her Ph.D. in English with a concentration in Rhetoric from Texas Woman's University in Denton.

Dr. Gilbert had an intense enthusiasm for African-American language and literature with a focus on film, music, poetry, theatre and fiction. Her research and publications in that field included her Master's thesis, "The Negro Character in the American Short Story." Her essay, "A Psycholinguistic Reformulation of Black English Vernacular Verb Agreement/Verb Form Error Frequency" earned her the Sigma Tau Delta Eleanor James Award at Texas Woman's University.

One of her more memorable experiences was participating in the Consortium for Humanities in Boston, Massachusetts that brought teachers from historically black colleges and universities together to create programs and courses that reflected African-American experiences in literature and in the visual and performing arts.

While living in Roswell, New Mexico, Bobbye was the creator and director for an African-American film festival funded by the New Mexico Humanities Council that showcased eight decades of blacks in films, beginning with Thomas Edison's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" (1903) and concluding with the 1970s movie, "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman."

In 1978, Bobbye married Worthy T. Gilbert of Midland. There, for three years, Dr. Gilbert continued shaping young minds as an English teacher at Robert E. Lee High School. In addition, she was an adjunct instructor in the Division of Fine Arts and Communications Studies at Midland Community College.

Though Bobbye found career success as an educator, she would say her greatest accomplishment was committing her faith, time, talents, and gifts to help carry out God's commandment to help others.

Working beside Worthy, Bobbye was an active member of Greater St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church. As an active member of Greater St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bobbye worked with the Lay Organization, Sunday School, Missionary Society and was the director of Vacation Bible School. She held the office of Historiographer of the Austin Capitol District Lay Organization. More than anything, she served her church faithfully and was relentless in her desire to share her experiences and knowledge with all generations.

Bobbye was a classically trained pianist who loved music and writing her own piano arrangements. She passed along her love of music and the performing arts to her nieces and nephew by taking them to stage plays written by her colleagues, spoken word and poetry sessions, museums, art galleries, the symphony, opera and the ballet. Throughout their lives, Bobbye encouraged them to learn the piano and explore other instruments including the organ, guitar, flute, violin, harp and cello.

Bobbye Louise forever

will be our sister, aunt, friend, teacher, church worker - and God's faithful servant.

Celebrating her life are her sister, Fannie Kate Williams of Arlington; nieces, Deborah K. Huckaby of Arlington and Andrea Louise Hawkins (Rick) of Dallas; great-nephew, Vean Robert Lawrence Huckaby of Arlington; cousins, Rosemary Alexander of Arlington, LeRoy Henderson Jr. (Blanca) of Pasadena, California and Ella Harris of Washington, D.C.; and the Greater St. Luke AME Church family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 11:00am at Greater St. Luke African Methodist Episcopal Church, 401 S. Adams, Midland, Texas 79701 with Rev. James Greene, Pastor officiating.



Christine Holmes Jackson

The Celebration of Mrs. Christine Holmes Jackson "This is the day that the Lord Has made And we will rejoice and Be glad in it" Psalm 118:24. This is a Message to inform you that Mrs. Christine Holmes Jackson was born March 10, 1929 to Johnny Holmes and Meddie King-Holmes in Kaufman Texas. Christine was one of 12 siblings. She attended school in Terrell Texas at W.H. Burnett.

Christine accepted Jesus at an early age, and was united in Holy Matrimony on December 22, 1951 to J.B. Jackson. This union was blessed with 4 Children, 2 boys and 2 girls, and a grandson, which J.B. and Christine helped raised. The couple lived in Fort Stockton Texas, where Christine's husband J.B. worked in the School System until he retired. Christine moved to Midland in 1995 after the passing of her husband of 44 years.

Christine believed strongly in education, and attended Odessa College, Sul Ross and Midland College. She attended Midland College at the age of 68 where she obtained her degree, and was an inspiration to all on campus whom she encountered.

Mrs. Christine Jackson was a proud member of Midland First Assembly of God Church for 43 years where she loved the Lord and boldly proclaimed her Faith while living a life of ministry.

Loved ones Christine left to celebrate her memory are 2 Brothers, Joe C. Holmes of Austin, Texas and Billy Holmes of Terrell, Texas; 3 Children, Son Reverend Johnny Spencer of Dallas and 2 Daughters, Jamie Spencer-Patton and Jurline and husband Clarence Cockerham of Midland; 8 Grandchildren, Onetta Samuels-Norris of Dallas, Texas, Odell Samuels of Dallas, Texas, Joyce Edwards Cockerham and husband Preston of Midland, Texas, Julia Samuels-Davis and husband Johnny of Conroe, Texas, Clarence Cockerham II of New York, Jay Stylz Cockerham of Dal-

las, Texas, Nicole Spencer of Dallas, Texas, Ja'Quay Patton of Midland, Texas and Maurice Patton of Midland; And a Great Host of Family and Friends.

Christine was released from this Life to Eternal Glory Friday December 7, 2018, at the age of 89.

There will be a Visitation Wake Friday December 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home, 2508 N. Big Spring St. Midland, Texas 79705. The Services will be held on Saturday December 15th at 10:00 a.m. At First Assembly of God Church 100 W. Wadley St. Midland Texas 79705. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com

Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home
2508 N. Big Spring, Midland, TX 79705

Estelle Spencer

Estelle Spencer, 90 of Midland, Texas passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. She was born April 11, 1928 in Hubbard, TX to mother Annie B. Wiley. They later relocated to Midland, TX where she spent the majority of remaining years.

She was preceded in death by her mother, her only son James Earl Spencer, and her only sibling Anita Hooper. She is survived by her niece Frances Ratliff, her great nieces and nephews George D. Ratliff, Jacqueline Shelby, Victor Ratliff, Donna Berry and Courtney Ratliff plus eight great grand nieces and nephews and several great-grand nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank Terrace West Nursing and Rehabilitation Home and Hospice of Midland for caring for Estelle in her final days.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, December 15th at 1:00 p.m. at Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Avalos-Sanchez & Thomas Funeral Home in Midland.



Jerry Faye (Parr) Presley

Jerry Faye (Parr) Presley went to be with her Lord and Savior on December 9, 2018.

She was 79 years old. Jerry was the daughter of Clifford and Irene Parr of Midland, Texas and she lived in Midland for most of her life. She is survived by Herschel L. Presley, her husband and best friend of sixty years, and her sister, Betty Trauber. Jerry is also survived by her children: David and wife Annette, Chris and wife Deonne, Becky and husband Greg, and her "Little Girl", Melanie. She greatly loved

her twelve grandchildren: Sarah, Jamie, Emily, Hailey, Megan, Nicole, Mitchell, Austin, Justan, Carlos, Michaela, and Michelle, and her great grandchildren, Sebrina and Avery.

Jerry had a kind heart and compassionate nature. She will be sorely missed. Graveside services will be held at Resthaven North Cemetery located a few miles north of the main office in Midland, Texas on Saturday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to your favorite charity in Jerry's name.



Larry Stewart

Larry Stewart was born in Ada, Oklahoma April 19, 1947. He passed suddenly at his home in Gardendale, Texas December 8, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, December 14, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Larry lived his life to the fullest with integrity, strength and excellence. A diversified entrepreneur and respected servant in his community.

Preceded in death by his best friend and father-in-law Davy Nunley and his parents Luther and Winne Stewart.

Survived by his beautiful wife and soulmate Denise Stewart. A loving father of 6 children and proud Papa of 14 grandchildren. He will forever be admired by all of his family, friends, and colleagues. We take comfort knowing that he stepped bravely into the presence of his Lord and Savior. The footprints he left in the lives of all that knew him will forever be cherished.

"Let us be silent that we may hear the whisper of God." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

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Theola Fay Munson

Theola Fay Munson, 94 of San Angelo, Texas passed from this earthly world on December 10, 2018 to be reunited with the love of her life, Howard Lee "Barney" Munson who preceded her into their heavenly world on December 5, 2013 after being apart for five years and five days.

Theola was born on August 15, 1924 in Yale, Oklahoma to Donna Fay and Otto Carl Reuter. She was a loving and devoted care taker of her family through various moves with her and Barney's many years with Sun Oil Company. Their story began in New Orleans, La after their marriage on January 15, 1946. Their life together then took them to Sun Oil Camp in Delmita, TX, McAllen, Premont, Midland and finally to San Angelo, TX.

Theola loved to tour by motor home all over the United States with Barney. She was happiest when she was camping in the mountains or fishing in the rivers and streams of Colorado.

She was a life long Baptist most recently a member of Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo and was a proud member of the Friendship Sunday School class.

Theola is survived by her daughter Susan Jones, and her husband Richard, son Kyle Munson and his wife Kym.

Grandchildren: Christopher Riley and his wife Jessica, Megan McCarthy and her husband Michael, Samantha Munson, Brendan Munson, Colby Jones and Andrew Jones. Three great grandchildren, Ashton Riley, Lena and Ella McCarthy. Sister in law Bonnie Pence, nieces Sherry Furr, Gay Parker, nephews, Gary Martz and Jim Pence. Theola will also be remembered by the many life long friends she made over the years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Kathleen Martz, brother, Carl Reuter, mother and father-in-law, Ruth and Walter B. Nading. Theola spent the last 3 1/2 years of her life with the wonderful and compassionate care as a resident at Baptist Retirement Community.

Services are planned for a viewing and visitation at Johnson's Funeral Home on Thursday, December 13th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Graveside services will be held at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens on Friday, December 14th at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to "Water for All" program through Southland Baptist Church or Meals for the Elderly of San Angelo.

Honorary pall bearers will be her grandsons.

Death Notices

David Edwin Folger

David Edwin Folger, of Midland, Texas passed away on December 12, 2018. A rosary will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland and a Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Midland.

David is survived by his wife Renee Folger, his parents, Johanna Patterson Folger and Gregory and Shari Folger, his brothers, Kevin Folger, Stephen Folger, Ben Muzzles, Stuart Muzzles, sister, Haley Cobos, Nicole Balderrama, Lilly Wallas.

Troy D. Lesley

Troy D. Lesley, 73, of Midland passed away December 12, 2018 in Midland, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Lesley, a daughter, Tammie Lesley, a son, Anthony Lesley, 2 brothers, 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Services will be announced at a later date by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

CALENDAR

DEC. 14-20

TODAY

Senior Link of Midland's annual Warming Tree drive for area seniors is accepting donations of new heaters, blankets and socks. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Midland Soup Kitchen Toy Drive will accept new, unwrapped toys for ages 2 to 12 and \$25 gift cards for teens at 1401 Orchard Lane.

Christmas Pet Photos hosted by Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Dillard's, 4511 N. Midkiff Road. \$10.

Parents' Night Out. Ac-

tivities, a movie and dinner for children. 6 p.m. at Midland YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring St. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. midlandymca.org.

SATURDAY

Winter Market by the Midland Downtown Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Genealogy Bottle Cap Photo Magnets. Guest can bring family photos to turn into magnets. 10:30 a.m. at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Pancakes with Santa by

the Knights of Columbus. Listen to the story of St. Lucy, make an ornament for the church and have a picture taken with Santa. 6-8 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave.

SUNDAY

Lessons and Carols featuring the West Texas Winds. 10 a.m. at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N. stricksmt.org.

"Come to Bethlehem and See" with the Sanctuary Choir. 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave. focmidland.org.

WILLIAMS

From 1B

He keeps all his children's needs in mind.

However, when we think, "Rats! Foiled again!" as we watch our dreams flow down the tubes, God is smiling because He knows that everything is always redeemed.

Here's the way it works: We can control our hairstyle, until our hair falls out from chemotherapy.

We can control what career we choose, until we get laid off.

We can control whom we marry, until they leave us.

We can control how

many children we have, until we get pregnant in spite of birth control, or until one of our children dies.

We can control our lives, until we can't.

And then we are lost without help.

Fortunately, God the Trinity held a conference 2,000 years ago. God the Father said, "These people, my very own creations, are seriously doomed when left to themselves."

Jesus said to his Father, "You're right. I'll go."

The Holy Spirit added, "And I'll help."

So, God stepped into history, as He steps into

our lives whenever our well-laid plans run amok. Jesus says to us, "You lie down and rest. I'll take it from here."

The difference between heading into old age as fine wine or rancid grape juice is learning how to relinquish control to the only one who knows what we need in the first place.

Leslie Williams teaches English and humanities at Midland College. This article is adapted from her book "When Anything Goes: Being Christian in a Post-Christian World."

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Cowboys trace top-5 defense to draft

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

FRISCO — Dallas defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli remembers the night the Cowboys traded up in the second round of the 2014 draft to grab DeMarcus Lawrence because they thought he was the last pass rusher on the board with the skills to become elite.

Four years and several significant draft decisions later, Dallas is in line for its highest defensive ranking since 2003, and on the verge of joining that Bill Parcells-coached team as a defense-first playoff qualifier.

The Cowboys reversed the offense-dominated formula of quarterback Tony Romo's era without a sky-high draft pick such as star running back Ezekiel Elliott, the No. 4 overall choice two years ago.

Instead, they stuck with their plan in the middle and the end of the first round, and took a number of second-round gambles that are in various stages of paying off.

"I just think we've been diligent in the way we look at the people we've drafted, the movement, the skills, the attitude, the

character, hitting," Marinelli said. "Is it really important to them? We've just kind of stayed on course with that. You start seeing it."

The defense kept Dallas afloat in the playoff race while the offense struggled through the first half of the season. Then came a breakthrough performance against New Orleans that's part of a five-game winning streak. Dallas (8-5) can wrap up the division title with a win at Indianapolis (7-6) on Sunday.

Lawrence, the first pass rusher Dallas drafted after releasing franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware, was second in the NFL last season with 14 1/2 sacks. He's unlikely to reach that number again but gets praise across the board for how well he has played following his breakthrough season.

Randy Gregory is emerging opposite Lawrence after the Cowboys took a chance on him late in the second round in 2015 despite off-field concerns. He played just one of 32 games the past two seasons because of substance-abuse suspensions but has five sacks in seven games, offset



Ron Jenkins/AP

Dallas Cowboys defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence (90) is shown Nov. 22 during the first half of an NFL game against the Washington Redskins in Arlington. Dallas defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli remembers the night the Cowboys traded up in the second round of the 2014 draft to grab DeMarcus Lawrence because they thought he was the last pass rusher on the board with the skills to become elite. Four years and several significant draft decisions later, Dallas is in line for its highest defensive ranking since 2003.

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Bouncing back

Riley scores 30 as Greenwood splits at own tourney

By Oscar LeRoy
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Jordan Riley said the Greenwood boys basketball team had a little more focus in its game against Hondo than it did in a loss to Andrews at the inaugural Greenwood Tournament on Thursday night.

It also helped that Riley had a game-high 30 points to lead the Rangers to a 75-55 win over Hondo to bounce back from a 61-55 loss to Andrews earlier in the day.

"It felt good," said Riley about getting the bounce-back victory. "It was a tough loss earlier in the day. It felt good to be able to come out here and get the win. We were more focused in what we were trying to do."

It was a close game through the first half as the Rangers took a 34-31 lead at the intermission.

The Rangers then began to get some separation when they went on an 8-2 run to start the third quarter. Greenwood then took a 52-41 lead to start the fourth quarter.

"It was kind of a day when things didn't come easy for us," Greenwood coach Nate Bridges said. "A lot of that was because of the teams we were playing. But a lot of that was self-induced. Even through the third quarter, we still weren't where we needed to be. We liked it a little bit better but we weren't able to break it open until the fourth quarter. Then guys really started locking



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Greenwood's Jordan Riley (14) attempts to score against Andrews on Thursday at Greenwood High School

in and did what we needed to do."

A key to that separation was the Rangers' play on the defensive end with steals and rebounds, which led to transition baskets.

"We've kept most teams to around the 40s mark and close to 50," Bridges said. "We gave

up 31 in the first half and we just didn't have a lot of energy. You can blame it on a lot of things, but the main deal was getting dialed in, and the guys were real receptive to that and I

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Encarnacion, Santana go, 3-team trade wraps winter meetings

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Carlos Santana and Jeurys Familia found friendly landing spots, Edwin Encarnacion took off for a more uncertain future. Joe Kelly joined the team he helped beat in the World Series, the Milwaukee Brewers boosted their imposing bullpen.



Claudio

The winter meetings wrapped up Thursday with a three-team trade involving Cleveland, Seattle and Tampa Bay, plus a couple more relievers reached free-agent deals.

Even so, baseball fans might've felt a bit cheated this week. Because even after all clubs gathered along the Strip, no one went all in.

Hometown slugger Bryce Harper stayed put, Manny Machado didn't move. A lot of trade talk about Corey Kluber, Noah Syndergaard and J.T. Realmuto, but no deals.

Blame that, maybe, on a new way of doing business.

In older days, a general managers or agent would've met around the blackjack table or roulette wheel in the wee hours and hammered out a swap on a handshake. Now, with so many financial, medical and analytical components, that's virtually impossible.

"There's a lot of great agents who have done big high-profile deals that are involved with these guys, so contracts have gotten more complicated in recent years with the opt-outs and various deferrals and other mechanisms that it's very possible that in the end we see something that we haven't seen before in terms of deal structure," White Sox general manager Rick Hahn said.

Well said, actually.

In the biggest trade of the week, the Indians brought back Santana and sent the slugging Encarnacion to Seattle. The Rays got highly prized infielder Yandy Diaz in a swap that also included a couple more players, cash and a draft pick. The Rays also have a pending deal with All-Star pitcher Charlie Morton.

"Looking at history, I think to expect to come out of the winter meetings with as many things either completed or possible as we have is not something that you can expect," Rays senior vice president of baseball operations Chaim Bloom said.

"Here we were able to get something over the finish line before getting on the plane," he said.

Encarnacion drove in 107 runs and hit 32 homers, increasing his major league-best totals in both departments since 2012. He could provide the power lost when DH Nelson Cruz became a free agent — or not.

"We'll see how it goes with Edwin, whether he stays with us or he moves on to another destination," Seattle assistant general manager Justin Hollander said.

A month before he turns 36, Encarnacion is guaranteed \$25 million, \$20 million next season and a \$5 million buyout of a \$25 million club option for 2020.

The 32-year-old Santana spent the first eight seasons of his career in Cleveland and was a fan favorite. The first baseman/

Astros search for more offense at Winter Meetings

By Chandler Rome
Houston Chronicle

LAS VEGAS — Though considerable attention is focused on the Astros' starting rotation and how it will replace the 500 innings lost to free agency or injury, general manager Jeff Luhnow is still hunting for offense at the Winter Meetings.

Though no deal appears imminent before Houston's contingent departs Las Vegas on Thursday, Luhnow said the focus is unsurprisingly at designated hitter and left field.

Luhnow said Wednesday the club has had catcher conversations during their

three days at the Mandalay Bay, but the addition of Robinson Chirinos on a free-agent deal somewhat tempered the need.

Though he struggled during the postseason, Tyler White carried designated hitter duties for most of the second half of last season and represents a "bat who can slot right in" if no acquisition is made. Tony Kemp is a viable option, too.

"Where we can, if we can make a meaningful improvement, we're going to pursue it," Luhnow said.

The search for an outfielder does not signify any lost confidence in Kyle Tucker, the organization's No. 1 position player prospect who endured an unflattering major league debut last season.

Tucker told the Chronicle on Monday he was "in awe" of some aspects in the major leagues and didn't always adhere to the pregame preparation required to succeed.

Luhnow referenced those comments while meeting with reporters on Tuesday as a sign of growth for the 21-year-old left-handed hitter who could be the long-term answer in left field.

"What's more important is not we learned about Kyle Tucker, it's what he learned about what it takes to be successful in the big leagues," Luhnow said Tuesday. "I know his teammates were trying to really bring him along and

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DAILY RUNDOWN

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ON THE AIR

TV
Biathlon
 IBU World Cup, Men's 10km Sprint, 3:30 a.m., OLYHD
College Basketball
 UIC at DePaul, 6 p.m., FS1
 Mayville State at North Dakota, 7 p.m., FCS
 Green Bay at Creighton, 8 p.m., FS1
College Football
 D3 Championship, Mary Hardin-Baylor vs. Mount Union, 6 p.m., ESPN
 FCS Semifinal, South Dakota State at North Dakota State, 7 p.m., ESPN2
College Wrestling
 Arizona State at Penn State, 5 p.m., ESPN2
Freestyle Skiing
 World Cup, Moguls, 11:30 p.m., OLYHD
Golf
 Asian Tour: Indonesian Masters, 3rd Round, 9 p.m., GOLF
 PGA: Alfred Dunhill Championship, 3rd Round, 3:30

a.m. GOLF
Hockey
 AHL: Iowa at San Antonio, 7 p.m., FSSW
Judo
 World Tour Masters: Guangzhou, Day 1, 3 a.m., OLYHD
Mixed Martial Arts
 Bellator: Brent Primus vs. Michael Chandler, Frank Mir vs. Javy Ayala, 9 p.m., PARA
National Basketball Association
 Indiana at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDE
 Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDE
NEA G League
 Austin at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., FSSW
Rodeo
 National Finals, Day 9, 9 p.m., CBSN
RADIO
NAHL Hockey
 Corpus Christi at Odessa, 7 p.m., KFZX 102.1 FM

WHAT'S ON DECK

HS Boys Basketball
 Midland High at Sweetwater, 7:30 p.m.
 Greenwood Tournament
 Midland Christian vs. Aberrath, TBA
 MCA at Abilene Christian, 7:30 p.m.

HS Girls Basketball

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
DETROIT TIGERS — Manager Juan Nieves hitting coach and Mike Hestman hitting coach to Toledo (L). Mike Hestman manager, Brian Harper hitting coach and Mike Johnson hitting coach to Erie (L). Andrew Graham manager and Jorge Contreras hitting coach to Lakeland (FL). Willie Blair hitting coach and Eddie Dennis coach to West Michigan (MIL). Bryan Peña manager, Carlos Borroto hitting coach and Bill Sengman hitting coach to Connecticut (NY). Gary Cathcart manager and John Munar hitting coach to Tigers West (GCL). Jose Pizarro hitting coach to Tigers East (GCL). Luis Marte hitting coach to Williamsport (GCL). Sandy Acosta hitting coach to Tigers (DSL). Marcos Nolasco manager, Jose Cabrera hitting coach and Kelly Ramo hitting coach to Tigers (DSL). Jeff Branson minor league hitting coordinator and Alex Gonzalez and Austin Rios minor league video coordinators.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Acquired RF Yandy Diaz and RHP Cole Sulist from Cleveland for 1B Jake Bauers and cash considerations sent to Seattle. Traded DH Edwin Encarnacion and a 2019 Competitive Balance Round B draft pick to Seattle. Seattle sent 1B Carlos Santana and cash considerations to Cleveland.
TEXAS RANGERS — Acquired RHP Jordan Romano from the Chicago White Sox for cash considerations. Acquired the sixth overall selection

in the Competitive Balance Round A of the 2019 MLB draft from Milwaukee for LHP Alex Claudio.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Signed G Alton Turner to a guaranteed NBA contract. Waived G Ron Baker.
FOOTBALL
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Promoted LB Xavier Woods-Luster from the practice squad. Placed TE Omer Charles on injured reserve. Signed RB Antonio Lampkin to the practice squad. Placed DE Robert Jackson on the practice squad.
HOCKEY
American Hockey League
 SAN DIEGO GULLS — Reassigned G A.J. Redmond to South Carolina (ECHL).
OLYMPICS
INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION — Suspended Chinese women paddlers Shengling Tan and Yuan Yuan for two years after both tested positive for the banned diuretic furosemide while training in China in April.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
 PORTLAND TIMBERS — Named head coach Gabe Lerner.
United States League
 NASHVILLE — Signed F Khariel Benner

NFL GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE							Atlanta							4	9	0	.308	316	.367	
East							North													
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA							
New England	9	4	0	.692	364	293	Chicago	9	4	0	.692	358	247							
Miami	7	6	0	.538	278	331	Minnesota	6	6	1	.500	282	291							
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	201	320	Green Bay	5	7	0	.417	312	315							
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	270	330	Oakland	5	8	0	.385	271	307							
South							West													
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA							
Houston	9	4	0	.692	323	259	y.L.A. Rams	11	2	0	.846	425	313							
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	349	300	Seattle	8	5	0	.615	340	266							
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	251	254	Arizona	3	10	0	.231	278	307							
Jacksonville	4	9	0	.308	212	273	San Francisco	3	10	0	.231	275	350							
AFC							y clinched division													
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Thursday's Score													
Pittsburgh	7	5	1	.577	367	306	L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.													
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	321	241	San Francisco's games													
Cleveland	5	7	1	.423	292	332	Houston at N.Y. Jets, 3:30 p.m.													
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	307	367	Cleveland at Denver, 7:30 p.m.													
NATIONAL CONFERENCE							Sunday's games													
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, Noon													
San Francisco	11	2	0	.846	447	283	Green Bay at Chicago, Noon													
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	276	246	Dallas at Buffalo, Noon													
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	281	295	Tampa Bay at Baltimore, Noon													
Washington	6	7	0	.462	281	295	Arizona at Atlanta, Noon													
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	307	331	Oakland at Cincinnati, Noon													
East							Dallas at Indianapolis, Noon													
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Miami at Minnesota, Noon													
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	276	246	Washington at Jacksonville, Noon													
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	281	295	San Francisco at San Diego, Noon													
Washington	6	7	0	.462	281	295	New England at Pittsburgh, 3:25 p.m.													
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	307	331	Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 7:20 p.m.													
West							Sunday's results													
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	New Orleans at Carolina, 7:50 p.m.													
San Francisco	11	2	0	.846	447	283														
Carolina	6	7	0	.462	324	332														
Tampa Bay	5	8	0	.385	332	383														

NFL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE							WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division							Pacific Division						
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	32	24	7	.571	430	91	Arizona	32	18	11	.639	381	97
Boston	31	25	0	.552	413	85	San Jose	32	18	11	.639	381	97
Buffalo	31	25	0	.552	413	85	Vegas	33	18	14	.646	377	99
Florida	30	26	0	.530	400	88	Edmonton	33	17	12	.660	381	99
Ottawa	31	17	10	.646	385	79	Calgary	33	17	12	.660	381	99
Carolina	31	25	0	.552	413	85	Anaheim	30	13	15	.278	83	95
Montreal	29	27	0	.519	398	92	Los Angeles	33	11	20	.273	82	102
Detroit	32	14	4	.692	393	107							
Atlanta	32	13	15	.646	380	105							
Florida	29	25	12	.530	388	105							
NFC							AFC						
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	30	18	9	.619	387	112	Chicago & Pittsburgh	33	12	12	.636	387	112
Carolina	31	17	12	.646	387	112	San Francisco	33	12	12	.636	387	112
N.Y. Giants	30	14	12	.682	385	88	San Francisco	33	12	12	.636	387	112
Pittsburgh	30	13	11	.652	381	101	San Francisco	33	12	12	.636	387	112
Carolina	29	13	12	.682	381	101	San Francisco	33	12	12	.636	387	112
Philadelphia	29	13	12	.682	381	101	San Francisco	33	12	12	.636	387	112
New Jersey	28	12	13	.652	381	101	San Francisco	33	12	12	.636	387	112
AFC							NFC						
Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
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NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	T
Toronto	23	7	0	.767	—	Golden State	19	10	0
Philadelphia	19	10	0	.655	8	L.A. Clippers	17	10	0
Boston	17	10	0	.630	11	L.A. Lakers	17	10	0
Brooklyn	17	10	0	.630	11	Sacramento	15	12	0
New York	17	10	0	.630	11	Phoenix	6	24	0
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	T
Charlotte	14	13	0	.519	—	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Orlando	12	15	0	.444	2	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Miami	11	16	0	.407	3	Charlotte	13	15	0
Washington	11	17	0	.393	4	Charlotte	13	15	0
Atlanta	6	21	0	.222	9	Charlotte	13	15	0
NFC									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	T
Milwaukee	18	10	0	.643	—	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Indiana	13	15	0	.464	5	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Detroit	7	21	0	.250	11	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Cleveland	6	22	0	.214	12	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Chicago	6	22	0	.214	12	Brooklyn	13	15	0
AFC									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	T
Memphis	15	15	0	.500	—	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Dallas	15	15	0	.500	—	Brooklyn	13	15	0
San Antonio	12	14	0	.462	3	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Houston	12	14	0	.462	3	Brooklyn	13	15	0
NBA GLANCE									
Team	W	L	T	Pct	GB	Team	W	L	T
Denver	18	10	0	.643	—	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Oklahoma City	17	9	0	.655	—	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Portland	15	13	0	.538	3	Brooklyn	13	15	0
Utah	14	15	0	.481	4	Brooklyn	13	15	0

JUIL HS FOOTBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

From staff reports

CLASS 6A
Division I
 State semifinals
 Duncannon (13-0) vs. Allen (14-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, AT&T Stadium, Arlington
 Lake Travis (13-1) vs. Galena Park North Shore (14-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, NRG Stadium, Houston
Division II
 State semifinals
 Tascosa (11-3) vs. Longview (14-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, AT&T Stadium
 West Brook (12-2) vs. Austin Westlake (13-1), 4 p.m. Saturday, Legacy Stadium, Katy
CLASS 5A
Division I
 State semifinals
 Denton Ryan (14-0) vs. Highland Park (14-0), noon, Saturday, AT&T Stadium, Arlington
 Shadow Creek (14-0) vs. Wagner (13-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, NRG Stadium, Houston
Division II
 State semifinals
 Wichita Falls Rider (9-5) vs. Aledo (14-0), 8 p.m. Friday, AT&T Stadium, Arlington
 Fort Bend Marshall (14-0) vs. Calallen (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Fair FCU Stadium, Cypress
CLASS 4A
Division I
 State semifinals
 Decatur (8-6) vs. Waco La Vega (12-2), 4 p.m. Friday, AT&T Stadium, Arlington
 Atascadero (14-0) vs. Liberty Hill (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cy Fair FCU Stadium, Cypress
Division II
 State semifinals
 Iowa Park (9-5) vs. Pleasant Grove (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, The Star Frisco
 Salsberry (10-4) vs. Cuero (13-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Legacy Stadium, Katy
CLASS 3A Division I
 State semifinals
 Brock (13-1) vs. Malakoff (11-2), 4 p.m. Saturday, The Star Frisco
 Yoakum (13-2) vs. Grandview (12-2), 7 p.m. Friday, PField, Plugerville
Division II
 State semifinals
 Canadian (13-1) vs. Gunter (14-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Memorial Stadium, Wichita Falls
 Newton (13-0) vs. East Bernard (13-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Texan Drive Stadium, Porter
CLASS 2A
Division I
 State semifinals
 New Deal (14-0) vs. San Saba (14-0), 7 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
 Mason (14-0) vs. San Augustine (12-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Waco ISD Stadium
Division II
 State semifinals
 Gruver 30, Albany 17
 Mart 40, Falls City 13
CLASS 1A
Division I
 State championship
 McLean (14-0) winner vs. Milford (12-1), 2 p.m. Dec. 19, AT&T Stadium, Arlington
Division II
 State championship
 Follett (10-3) vs. Strawn (13-1), 11 a.m. Dec. 19, AT&T Stadium, Arlington

COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES & TOP 25 FARED

Associated press

MEN
COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES
EAST
 Dartmouth 78, Boston U. 68
 Quinnipiac 72, Mt. Eastern Shore 57
SOUTH
 Campbell 100, Central Penn College 53
 Fairleigh Dickinson 89, North Carolina 89
 Gardner Webb 81, Kentucky 77, 07
 Longwood 81, Wake Forest 77
 North Carolina 90, Huntington 58
MIDWEST
 Wright St. 91, Northwestern Ohio 52
SOUTHWEST
 Rice 78, St. Edwards 73
MEN'S TOP 25 FARED
 Thursday
 1. Kansas (8-0) did not play. Next vs. No. 17 Villanova, Saturday.
 2. Duke (9-1) did not play. Next vs. Princeton, Tuesday.
 3. Tennessee (7-1) did not play. Next at Memphis, Saturday.
 4. Gonzaga (9-1) did not play. Next at No. 12 North Carolina, Saturday.
 5. Michigan (10-0) did not play. Next vs. Western Michigan, Saturday.
 6. Virginia (8-0) did not play. Next at South Carolina, Wednesday.
 7. Nevada (8-0) did not play. Next vs. South Dakota State, Saturday.
 8. Auburn (8-1) did not play. Next vs. UAB, Saturday.
 9. Michigan State (8-2) did not play. Next vs. Green Bay, Sunday.
 10. Florida State (8-1) did not play. Next vs. Southeast Missouri State, Monday.
 11. Texas Tech (8-0) did not play. Next vs. Alabama Christian, Saturday.
 12. North Carolina (7-2) did not play. Next vs. No. 4 Georgia, Saturday.
 13. Virginia Tech (8-1) did not play. Next vs. Washington, Saturday.
 14. Butler (9-0) did not play. Next vs. Southern Illinois, Saturday.
 15. Ohio State (8-1) did not play. Next vs. Butler, Saturday.
 16. Wake Forest (9-2) beat Savannah State 101-60. Next vs. Grambling State, Saturday, Dec. 22.
 17. Villanova (8-3) did not play. Next at No. 1 Kansas, Saturday.
 18. Mississippi State (8-1) did not play. Next vs. Cincinnati, Saturday.
 19. Kentucky (7-2) did not play. Next vs. Utah, Saturday.
 20. Arizona State (7-1) did not play. Next at Georgia, Saturday.
 21. Marquette (8-2) did not play. Next vs. North Carolina, Tuesday.
 22. Iowa (7-2) did not play. Next vs. Northern Iowa, Saturday.
 23. Furman (11-0) did not play. Next vs. UNC Wilmington, Saturday.
 24. Houston (9-0) did not play. Next vs. Saint Louis, Sunday.
 25. Indiana (8-2) did not play. Next vs. Butler, Saturday.
 26. Kansas State (6-2) did not play. Next vs. Georgia State, Saturday.
 27. Syracuse (7-2) did not play. Next vs. Old Dominion, Saturday.
WOMEN
COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES
SOUTH
 East Carolina 66, Liberty 63
 Georgia St. 79, Tennessee St. 73
 Howard 69, Campbell 64
 Murray St. 86, Belmont 70, 50
MIDWEST
 Wright St. 83, Kentucky State 53
SOUTHWEST
 Arkansas St. 80, MVSU 57
WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED
 Wednesday
 1. UConn (9-0) did not play. Next at Oklahoma, Wednesday.
 2. Notre Dame (8-1) did not play. Next vs. Brigham Young, Saturday.
 3. Baylor (8-0) beat Morehead State 96-58. Next at No. 11 Stanford, Saturday.
 4. Louisville (10-0) did not play. Next vs. Northern Kentucky, Saturday.
 5. Mississippi State (9-0) did not play. Next at Southern Mississippi, Friday.
 6. Maryland (10-0) did not play. Next at Delaware, Thursday, Dec. 20.
 7. Oregon (8-1) beat South Dakota State 87-79. Next vs. No. 5 Mississippi State, Tuesday.
 8. Oregon State (7-1) did not play. Next vs. Eastern Washington, Friday.
 9. Tennessee (8-0) did not play. Next vs. No. 11 Stanford, Tuesday.
 10. N.C. State (10-0) did not play. Next vs. Miami, Saturday.
 11. Stanford (6-1) did not play. Next vs. No. 3 Baylor, Saturday.
 12. Texas (7-2) did not play. Next vs. Seton Hall, Sunday.
 13. California (8-0) did not play. Next vs. UC Santa Barbara, Sunday.
 14. Minnesota (10-0) beat Coppin State 84-52. Next vs. Rhode Island, Saturday, Dec. 22.
 15. Syracuse (8-2) did not play. Next vs. Niagara, Monday.
 16. Iowa (8-2) did not play. Next vs. Northern Iowa, Sunday.
 17. Arizona State (7-2) did not play. Next vs. Kansas State, Sunday.
 18. Kentucky (9-1) did not play. Next vs. Middle Tennessee, Saturday.
 19. Massachusetts (7-2) did not play. Next vs. Green Bay, Saturday.
 20. DePaul (7-3) did not play. Next vs. Tennessee State, Sunday.
 21. Gonzaga (9-1) did not play. Next at Missouri State, Sunday.
 22. Michigan State (8-1) did not play. Next at Hartford, Sunday.
 23. Missouri (8-2) did not play. Next vs. South Dakota, Saturday.
 24. Miami (8-2) did not play. Next vs. Marquette, Saturday.
 25. South Carolina (5-4) did not play. Next at Purdue, Sunday.

Home player Oliver Bekker leads Alfred Dunhill in S. Africa

Associated Press



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Greenwood's Ryan Snodgrass (10) guards Andrews' Brett Leach (12) on Thursday at Greenwood High School.

GREENWOOD

From 1C

thought they had an excellent response to come back and finish."

Added Riley: "I think we picked up our energy. Finishing in the paint and crashing the offensive boards really helped out a lot."

Riley was also big in the fourth quarter as he scored nine of the team's 23 points in the period.

"He's a great player for us, he's unselfish and understands his role on the team," Bridges said. "One of the things I like best about him is that he's a team-first guy."

Brody Ray added 14 points for Greenwood. Logan Jarvis had 11 and Omarion Jameson chipped in with 10.

Phillip Trevino led Hondo with 13 points, Aaron San Miguel and Cesar Reyes had 11, and Ryan Schulte added 10.

Earlier Thursday, Andrews used a 17-7 run in the third quarter to spark a win over the Rangers.

Brett Leach led the Mustangs with a game-high 23 points, while Markeese Lawrence added 13 in the win.

Riley had 19 to lead Greenwood and Max Montes added 10 points.

The tournament will continue today as Greenwood is scheduled to play Glen Rose at noon and then El Paso Cathedral at 4:30 p.m.

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GREENWOOD 75, HONDO 55
Hondo: Sean Constantine 2, Aaron San Miguel 11, Cesar Reyes 11, Aaron Harris 3, Phillip Trevino 13, Will Gardener 5, Ryan Schulte 10. Greenwood (11-3): Brody Ray 14, Max Montes 5, Cade Luttles 3, Ryan Snodgrass 3, Jordan

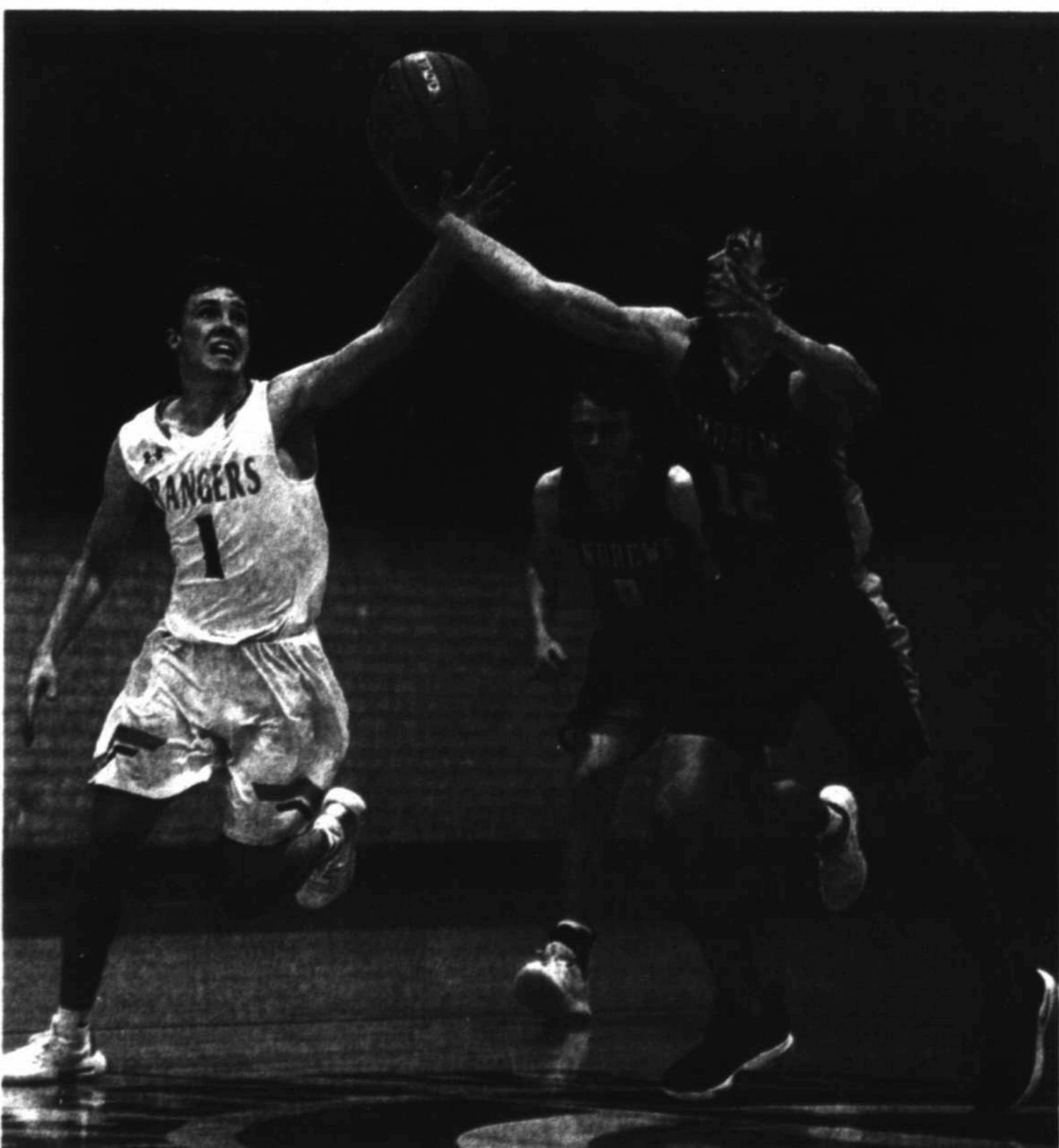


Greenwood's Max Montes (4) dribbles against Andrews' Brock Tijerina (3) on Thursday at Greenwood High School.

Riley 30, Omarion Jameson 10, Logan Jarvis 11. Hondo: Sean Constantine 2, Aaron San Miguel 11, Cesar Reyes 11, Aaron Harris 3, Phillip Trevino 13, Will Gardener 5, Ryan Schulte 10. Greenwood (11-3): Brody Ray 14, Max Montes 5, Cade Luttles 3, Ryan Snodgrass 3, Jordan

ANDREWS 81, GREENWOOD 56
Andrews (15-7): Bryce Mayfield 2, Brock Tijerina 7, Brett Leach 23, Markeese Lawrence 13, Bryant Adams 8, AJ Brillon 8, John Mosier 2. Greenwood (10-3): Brody Ray 8, Cameron Jones 2, Max Montes 10, Ryan Snodgrass 8, Jase Semmes 1. San Ray 19, Omarion Jameson 4.

Logan Jarvis 3, Jacob Maxwell 2. Andrews: 10 17 12 18 -41. Greenwood: 12 7 18 18 -56. Free throws: Andrews 15-25, GHHS 11-15. 3-point goals: Andrews 4 (Tijerina 2, Leach, Lawrence), GHHS 4 (Montes 2, Ray, Jarvis). Total fouls: Andrews 17, GHHS 24. Fouled out: Ray.



Greenwood's Brady Ray (1) reaches for the ball after knocking it away from Andrews' Brett Leach (12) on Thursday at Greenwood High School.

Trinity gets blowout win over Iraan in Imperial

From staff reports

Chambers added 19 for the Chargers (6-0).

IMPERIAL — Trinity took a 45-13 lead at the half against Iraan as part of a 58-29 blowout win at the Buena Vista Tournament on Thursday.

Ciro Baeza scored a game-high 21 points, Evan Witt had 20 and Rayshan

TRINITY 58, IRAAN 29
Trinity 45-13 at half; Rayshan Chambers 19, Shonty Enriquez 7, Brett Camargo 4, Cory Baker 21. Philip Norwood 3, Ben Shively 7, Evan Witt 20. Iraan — J. Bernal 12, R. Bernal 3, J. Lee 4, N. Wright 4, K. Miller 2, G. Monro 1. Trinity: 18 29 22 9 -58. Iraan: 5 8 12 4 -29. Free throws: Trinity 5-12, Iraan 6-10. 3-point goals: Trinity 6 (Enriquez, Baker 3, Norwood). Shots: Iraan 3 (Bernal 2, Bernal).

Blue Jays are leaving Las Vegas with Elvis

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Toronto Blue Jays are leaving Las Vegas with Elvis.

Right-hander Elvis Luciano was selected by the Blue Jays from the Kansas City Royals on Thursday with the ninth pick of the winter meeting draft of unprotected players.

An 18-year-old Dominican, Luciano signed with Arizona in October 2016 for an \$85,000 bonus. He was traded with left-hander Gabe Speier to Kansas City last June for left fielder Jon Jay. Luciano was 5-5 with a 3.90 ERA in 12 starts and one relief appearance this year for a pair of rookie-level teams. He struck out 70 and walked 23 in 67 innings.

Luciano was among 14 players picked in the major league phase of the Rule 5 draft. The cost of each player selected is \$100,000, and a player must remain in the major leagues for all of next season or be offered back to his former team for \$50,000.

Baltimore selected

shortstop Richie Martin from Oakland with the first pick. The 23-year-old Martin hit .300 with six homers, 42 RBIs and 25 stolen bases this year for Double-A Midland of the Texas League.

Also picked were right-hander Sam McWilliams (Kansas City from Tampa Bay), right-hander Jordan Romano (Chicago White Sox from Toronto, then traded to Texas), right-hander Riley Ferrell (Miami from Houston), right-hander Reed Garrett (Detroit from Texas), catcher Connor Joe (Cincinnati from Los Angeles Dodgers), right-hander Chris Ellis (Texas from St. Louis), left-hander Travis Bergen (San Francisco from Toronto), right-hander Kyle Dowdy (New York Mets from Cleveland), shortstop Drew Jackson (Philadelphia from Dodgers), right-hander Nick Green (Arizona from New York Yankees), right-hander Brandon Brennan (Seattle from Colorado) and center fielder Andrew Ferguson (San Francisco from Houston).



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Former RockHounds shortstop Richie Martin retrieves a base hit before getting an easy force out at second to close the inning against Tulsa on June 28 at Security Bank Ballpark.

ASTROS

From 1C

show him the routines and show him what it takes to succeed up here. I hope he models his work after the way they do it because they're all talented, but they have to work really hard to stay at their levels."

Still, Luhnow acknowledged a desire for a veteran bat to provide depth or a proven fallback. The Astros have been linked to free agent Michael Brantley, who would command a multi-year deal.

"If you end up with an

extra outfielder and they're all playing well that's actually a good position to be in," Luhnow said. "There is a market for outfielders, so I'd rather just make sure we have enough high-quality bats and then figure out if we have an excess, how to deal with it."

"At this point, if we have expectations of repeating as division champions and hopefully doing damage in the postseason, we don't want to necessarily count on a rookie to produce at the level we're going to need."

TRADE

From 1C

DH signed a \$60 million, three-year deal with Philadelphia last offseason, was traded to Seattle earlier this month and moved again this week.

"We know what makes him tick. We know all of the things that he brings to a team into a clubhouse, so that does help," Indians GM Chris Antonetti said.

Kelly cashed in, reaching agreement with the Los Angeles Dodgers on a \$25 million, three-year deal, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been announced.

The 30-year-old righty was 4-2 with a 4.39 ERA and two saves in 73 games this year for Boston, then excelled in October. He pitched in all five World Series games against the Dodgers and didn't allow

a run, striking out 10 in six innings.

The revamped New York Mets bullpen will include a very familiar face in Familia. He needs a physical to complete a \$30 million, three-year deal.

Familia had spent his entire career with New York before being traded to Oakland last July. He'll return to the Mets as a setup man after they recently acquired big league saves leader Edwin Diaz from Seattle.

New Mets GM Brodie Van Wagenen said the Mets liked Familia because of his "age, performance, repertoire and comfort being able to handle our market."

The NL Central Brewers added another reliever, getting left-hander Alex Claudio from the Texas Rangers for a draft pick. Claudio was 4-2 with a 4.48 ERA and one save in 65 relief appearances and one start this year.

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KMD ABC	3	3	4	3	2							
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7							
KWWT CW	5	14	5	14	5							
KPEI FOX	8	5	8	5	8							
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11							
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9							
KPBT PBS	13	13	13	8								
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KOSA MNT	16	16	16									
FLIX	340	375	105									
HBO	300	390	14	14								
HBO2	302	391	15	101	23							
HBO5	304	392	16	102								
MAX	300	397	17	120	24							
MAX2	302	398	18	122								
PLEX		96										
SHOW	320	380	19	140	25							
TMC	336	379	22	195	26							
ABE	27	58	28	35	47							
AMC	40	74	23	42	51							
BET	58	-	-	40								
BRAVO	65	76	41									
CBBC	46	52	39	72								
CMN	43	50	51	30	56							
DISC	50	60	31	24	42							
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36							
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30							
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31							
FNC	45	48	53	23	55							
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54							
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33							
PSSW	37	38	50	45	29							
FX	31	56	59	64	69							
HALLMARK	54	71	58	34								
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44							
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43							
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48							
MSNBC	47	53	49	73								
NBCSN	38	43										
NICK	55	-	39	34	37							
SPK	30	-	55	53	58							
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67							
TBS	25	33	44	66	41							
TCM	41	75	24	63	66							
TELE	20	-	10	20								
TLC	51	61	32	38	52							
TNT	24	34	40	26	50							
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35							
USA	26	55	42	27	49							
WGN	19	85										



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Divorcing mom is grateful for new man's friendship

DEAR ABBY: A year ago, my 13-year marriage fell apart. My husband, "Rick," will be spending the next six years in prison. I am 32 and have two boys, ages 13 and 15.

The last year has been pretty tough for all of us. I've been learning how to be both mother and father to them. I am also heartbroken by what he did that landed him in prison. I have filed for divorce, and there will be no reconciliation.

I never thought I would be with another man. Rick is the only man I have ever been with. But over the last couple of months, I have begun developing feelings for someone, or at least I think I have.

"Jason" is a great man. We attend the same church, and it's very important to me and my family that he's devoted to God like we are. Jason loves my kids, and my kids like him a lot, too. He has also taken the time to mentor my oldest son. Every time I see Jason I feel happier than I've been in a very long time. He is the polar opposite of Rick, and he has no idea of how strong my feelings are toward him.

Should I let Jason know what my feelings are? I'm confused. Could this just be me wanting companionship? I love being his

DEAR ABBY

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friend and would like to continue to be. I don't want to ruin it by revealing my feelings if he doesn't feel the same. Also, I don't want to rush into anything. Please advise me. — LONELY AND CONFUSED OUT WEST

DEAR LONELY AND CONFUSED: There is nothing wrong with wanting companionship, but the last thing you and your children need is for you to jump from the frying pan into the fire. You are still a married woman. Jason may be terrific — Heaven sent, even — but it's too soon to "declare" anything. The two of you are still getting to know each other, and love needs time to develop. Be patient and allow the relationship to evolve gradually in its own time.

DEAR ABBY: This is for delivery drivers or anyone making a delivery to your house that requires a signature or a real person to receive the item (i.e., an Uber driver with food). I'm 61 and have very bad knees. I can't

just jump up and run to the door. Today a driver knocked on my door and then, as I was trying to get out of my chair and walk to the door, he started punching the doorbell repeatedly.

People with arthritis, bad knees or many other conditions can't get there in an instant. Please give folks like us a minute to get to the door. Someone could fall while trying to rush and get hurt. — NOT FAST ENOUGH IN FLORIDA

DEAR N.E.E.: You make a good point. Delivery people sometimes become frustrated because they have many deliveries to make. A solution to your problem might be to post a small sign next to your doorbell that reads: Please be patient. I'll open the door in a minute!

P.S. For those who are inclined, "smart" doorbells are available for use with a cellphone that enable you to communicate with a delivery person at the door before you get there. Consider getting one.

GOREN BRIDGE

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Opening leads

North-South vulnerable, East deals

NORTH
♠ 74
♥ A Q 7 2
♦ K 7
♣ A Q J 8 6

WEST
♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ 9 8 5
♦ 10 6 5
♣ A 9 4

EAST
♠ A K J 3 2
♥ K 10 6 3
♦ J
♣ 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 10 8
♥ J 4
♦ A Q 9 8 4 3 2
♣ 10 3

The bidding:
EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH
1♠ 3♠ 3♠ 4♠
All pass

Opening lead: Six of ♣

Many of today's tournament players use a lead agreement known as "third and fifth." They lead the third highest card from an even number of cards in the suit and the lowest card from an odd number. This helps them get a quick count on the hand but can cause problems when they need information about the location of high cards. Other

players use "second and fourth." They lead their second highest card from a worthless suit, defined as holding no jack or higher, and their fourth highest card from an honor, giving their count on the second play in the suit. "Third and fifth" players claim they can often work out where the high cards are, and indeed they can — sometimes.

"Second and fourth" players wouldn't even consider today's deal as a problem. West's lead of the spade five would promise an honor, on this deal the queen, and East would routinely return a low spade at trick two to partner's queen for a heart shift to defeat the contract.

"Third and fifth" players would have a problem. They would solve it correctly on this deal, as they can see that partner must be put on play for a heart lead through the dummy before the ace of clubs is knocked out. They would win the king of spades at trick one, take a deep breath, and return the jack of spades, hoping partner had the queen. West would know what to do — overtake the jack with the queen and shift to a heart. Problem solved on this deal.

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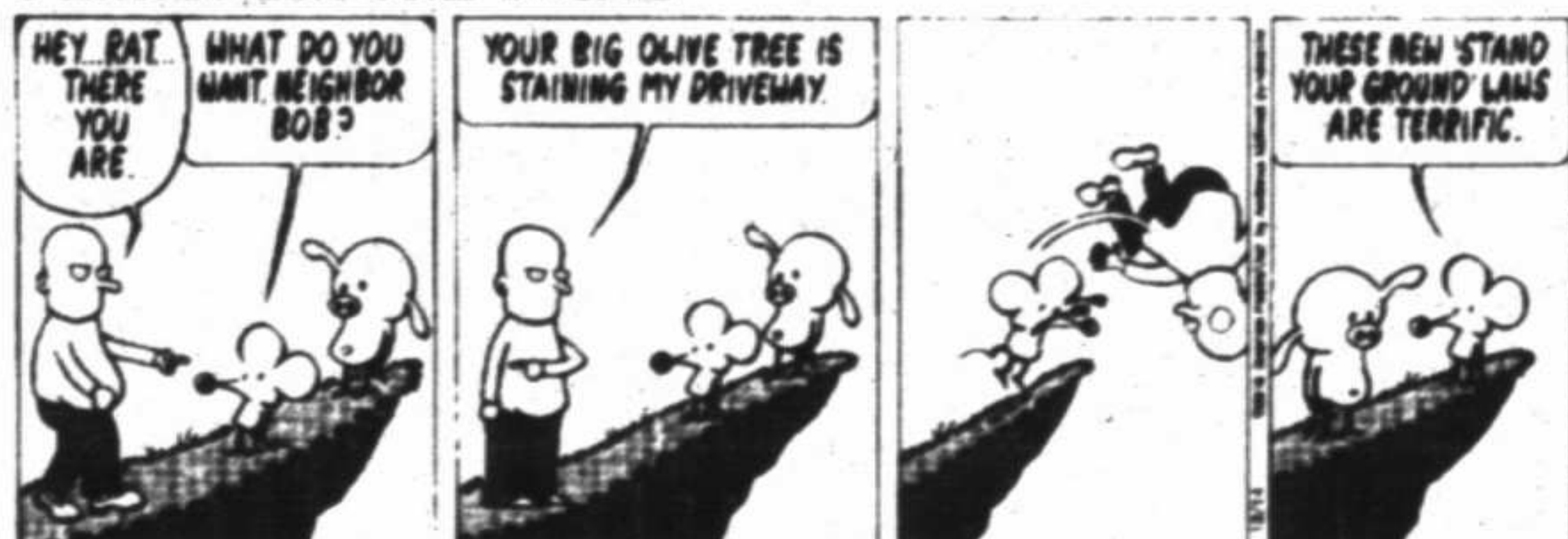
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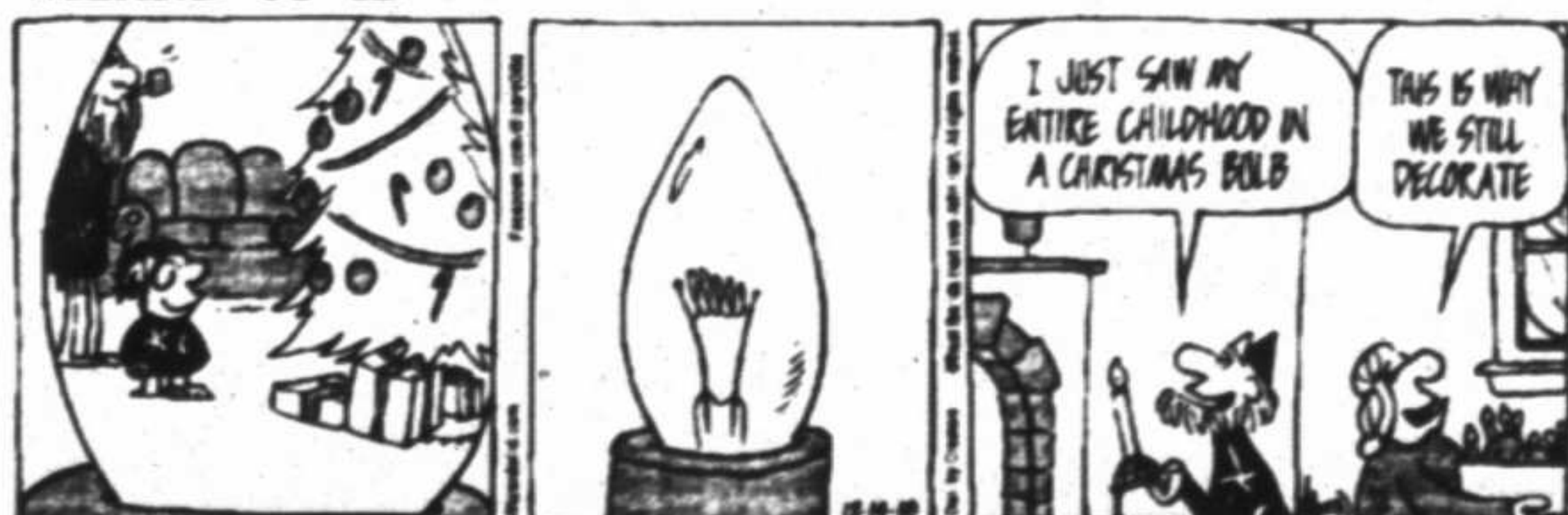
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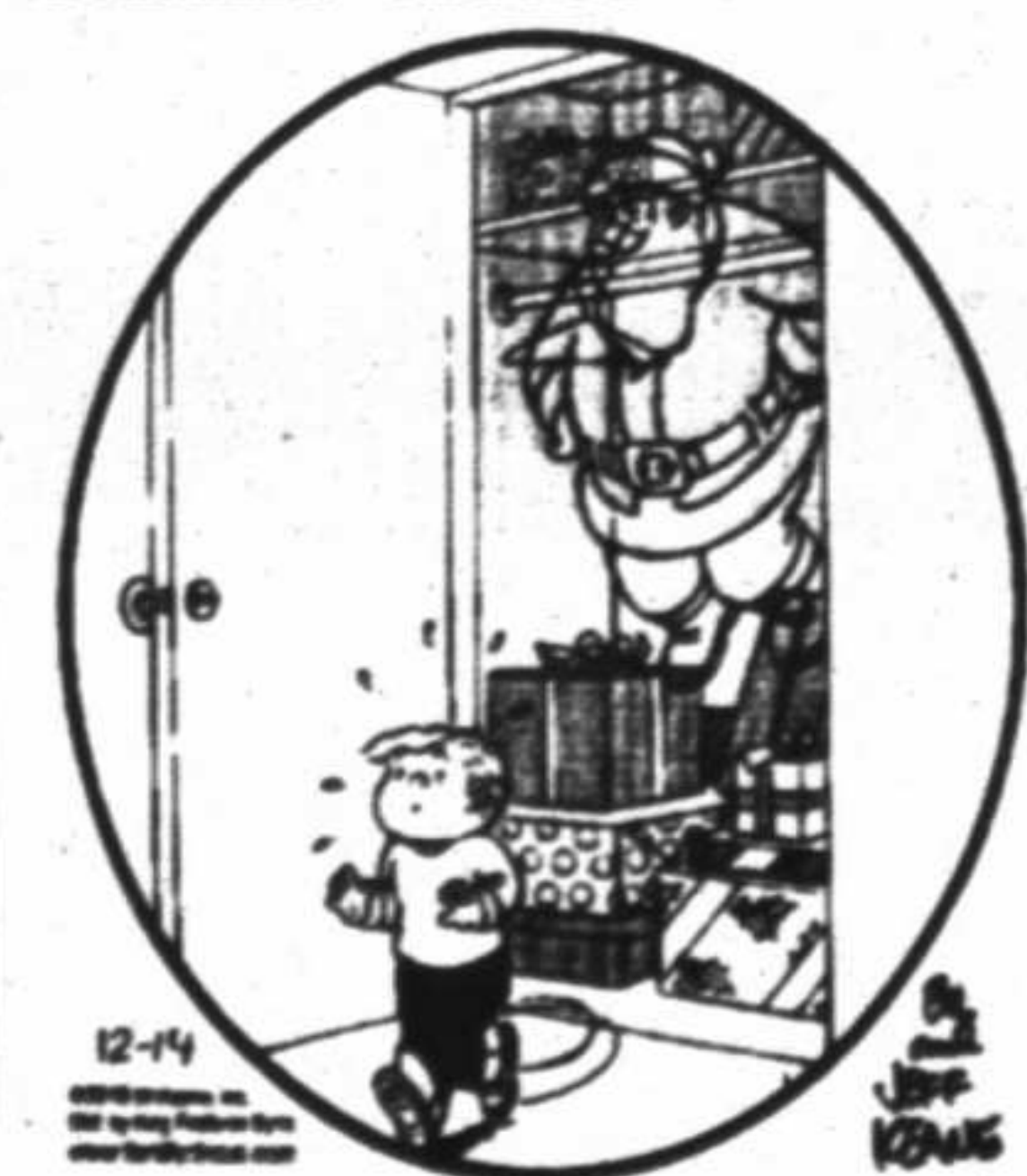
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College degree or equivalent years of experience in office management or related areas required.

Proficient computer skills including Microsoft Office package (Excel, Word, PowerPoint and Access), experience in data entry and typing speed minimum 35wpm required.

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ORDINANCE NO. 9855

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 1A, BLOCK 3, COUNTRY SKY ADDITION, SECTION 24, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED CE, COUNTRY ESTATE DISTRICT, TO BE USED AS AN O-1, OFFICE DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF BRIARWOOD AVENUE AND ROADRUNNER TRAIL), CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE, CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) AND ORDERING PUBLICATION.

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City Secretary

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ORDINANCE NO. 9850

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE AREA INDICATED AS BEING A 9.75-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 48, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, AS AN MF-2, MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, SAID TRACT BEING GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF TRADEWINDS BOULEVARD AND THOMASSON DRIVE, CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE, CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) AND ORDERING PUBLICATION.

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ORDINANCE NO. 9856

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VI, "POLICE REGULATIONS", CHAPTER 10, "DANGEROUS DOGS", OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00), CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE, CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, ORDERING PUBLICATION, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2019.

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ORDINANCE NO. 9849

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE X, "TRAFFIC REGULATIONS", CHAPTER 9, "MISCELLANEOUS DRIVING RULES", OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING SECTION 16, "VULNERABLE ROAD USERS", SO AS TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE NEAR VULNERABLE ROAD USERS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, NEGATING AND DISPENSING WITH THE CULPABLE MENTAL STATE REQUIREMENT, PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00), CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE, CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, ORDERING PUBLICATION, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2019.

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ORDINANCE NO. 9853

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING LOT 1A, BLOCK 1, MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, SECTION 2, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A MEDICAL CENTER, TO BE USED AS AN AMENDED PLANNED DISTRICT (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE AND NORTH N STREET), CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE, CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) AND ORDERING PUBLICATION.

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ORDINANCE NO. 9851

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING A 26.15-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, BLOCK 38, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH IS PRESENTLY ZONED LR-1, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT IN PART, AND AGRICULTURE ESTATE DISTRICT IN PART, TO BE USED AS A PD, PLANNED DISTRICT FOR A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF NORTH FAIRGROUNDS ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 715 FEET SOUTH OF EAST PECAN AVENUE), CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE, CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) AND ORDERING PUBLICATION.

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OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 08-0316595
APPLICATION OF PERMIAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE REBEL 145 UNIT, WELL NO. H145WA, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.
OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 08-0316598
APPLICATION OF PERMIAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE REBEL 140 UNIT, WELL NO. H140WB, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.
OIL & GAS DOCKET NO. 08-0316603
APPLICATION OF PERMIAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE CHARGER 150 UNIT, WELL NO. H150WB, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.
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APPLICATION OF PERMIAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE REBEL 150 UNIT, WELL NO. H150WB, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.
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APPLICATION OF PERMIAN DEEP ROCK OIL COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE MINERAL INTEREST POOLING ACT FOR THE CHARGER 145 UNIT, WELL NO. H145WA, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) FIELD, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.
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JOINT NOTICE OF HEARING

Date, Location, and Place of Hearing: Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**, at the offices of the Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) located in the William B. Travis State Office Building, at 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, in a room number to be posted on the bulletin board in the first-floor lobby if the hearing is not completed on the day it commences; it will continue from day to day until concluded.

Purpose of Hearing: The purpose of the hearing is to allow the parties to present evidence and consider all issues of fact and law raised in or relevant to the above-described Applications. The issues that may be addressed at the hearing include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. A statement of the matters asserted and the nature of the Applicant's hearing request is in the attached Appendix A.
2. Any other issues raised in the pleadings, evidence, or argument that are necessary for the Commission to render a final decision on the merits of this case.

Failure to Appear: All parties, applicants or persons intending to participate at the hearing must attend the hearing. Failure to appear at any prehearing conference or the hearing in this case may result in dismissal of the party's claim or request, or default against that party/protestant and claims. See, e.g., TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056, 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.107.

Appearance at Hearing: All persons or parties supporting, opposing or protesting this Application and intending to participate in the hearing must comply with the following: (1) all parties must appear in person or by a duly authorized representative; (2) all parties must appear at least five business days prior to the hearing date in this Notice of Hearing. A copy of the form should be served on the Applicant and any other parties of record.

Legal Authority and Jurisdiction: The Commission has jurisdiction over Applicant and over the matters at issue in this proceeding pursuant to TEX. NAT. RES. CODE title 3, subtitles A, B and C, TEX. WATER CODE chapters 26, 27 and 29, and TEX. GOV'T CODE chapter 2001.

Particular Statutes and Rules Involved: The statutes and rules applicable to this proceeding include but are not limited to the following:

- TEX. NAT. RES. CODE title 3, subtitles A, B and C.
- Commission rules in 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE chapters 1 and 3.
- TEX. WATER CODE chapters 26, 27 and 29, and
- Statutes and rules referenced in Appendix A, if any of this Notice of Hearing.

Continuance of Hearing: Any request for continuance of this hearing must be filed in Docket Services **no later than five business days prior to the hearing date**. Copies of such request must be served to all parties shown on the service list 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.45(a)(1).

Ex parte Communications Prohibited: Ex parte communications (e.g. phone calls and emails) with the examiners and Commissioners are prohibited. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.061, 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.7.

Written Transcript of the Hearing: If a case is protested or becomes protested, the party requesting commission action in this case will need to obtain a court reporter no later than 21 days before the hearing. Typically, this would include the applicant, complainant, and similarly situated parties in other types of cases. See 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.111. Otherwise, if any party desires a written transcript of the hearing by a court reporter, that party shall notify Docket Services at least five business days prior to the hearing date. If an examiner or party requests a written transcript, the Commission may assess the cost to one or more parties. This includes paying the court reporter's fees for the preparation of the transcript for the Commission's official records and one copy for use by the examiners in preparing their written recommendation. To obtain a court reporter, contact Dave Howard & Associates Court Reporters at 512-282-0313 or dave@howardreporters.com.

Hearing Exhibits: All exhibits must be clearly marked and submitted in duplicate. If a party wants to offer an exhibit admitted in a prior proceeding, the party must provide a properly identified copy as an exhibit for the record in this proceeding. Additionally, if a court reporter is used, a copy of all exhibits must be given to the court reporter at the time of the hearing.

Auxiliary Aids or Services for Persons with a Disability: Any individual with a disability who needs auxiliary aids and services to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in the hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the hearing by notifying the Commission's Human Resources Department by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 or by telephone at (512) 463-6981 or TDD No. (800) 735-2989.

Audio/Visual Computer Presentations: All requests for setting up a presentation need to be made in writing no less than three business days prior to the hearing date. Please contact Docket Services to complete a Presentation Setup Help Desk Questionnaire Form.

Service List: Service List for this Application is available for inspection at the Railroad Commission's offices in the William B. Travis State Office Building, Hearing Division, Docket Services, Room 12-123, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

APPENDIX A

OAG Docket No. 08-0316606, REBEL 145 UNIT H145WA
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Permian Deep Rock Oil Company, LLC (Operator No. 655805) ("Permian") pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act ("MIPA") (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). Permian requests that the Commission enter an order creating an approximately 100.33-acre pooled unit known as the Rebel 145 Unit ("Rebel 145 Unit") around the proposed Rebel H145WA Well ("Rebel H145WA Well"), to be drilled in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The proposed Rebel 145 Unit is located in Sections 26 and 35, Block 39, Township 1 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-438, A-46, A-1, and Section 2, Block 39, Township 2 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-180, A-688, Midland County, Texas.

Permian proposes to be the operator of the Rebel H145WA Well. Permian proposes that production from the Rebel H145WA Well be allocated between the Rebel Unit (recorded as instrument number 2018-880 in the Official Public Records of Midland County, Texas, and any subsequent corrections or amendments thereto), the "Rebel Unit", and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Rebel 145 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Rebel 145 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres in the Rebel 145 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Rebel 145 Unit and the path of the proposed Rebel H145WA Well is attached to this notice.

OAG Docket No. 08-0316606, REBEL 140 UNIT H140WB
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Permian Deep Rock Oil Company, LLC (Operator No. 655805) ("Permian") pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act ("MIPA") (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). Permian requests that the Commission enter an order creating an approximately 99.93-acre pooled unit known as the Charger 140 Unit ("Charger 140 Unit") around the proposed Rebel H140WB Well ("Rebel H140WB Well"), to be drilled in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The proposed Rebel 140 Unit is located in Sections 26 and 35, Block 39, Township 1 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-438, A-46, A-1, and Section 2, Block 39, Township 2 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-180, A-688, Midland County, Texas.

Permian proposes to be the operator of the Rebel H140WB Well. Permian proposes that production from the Rebel H140WB Well be allocated between the Rebel Unit, and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Rebel 140 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Rebel 140 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres in the Rebel 140 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Rebel 140 Unit and the path of the proposed Rebel H140WB Well is attached to this notice.

OAG Docket No. 08-0316606, CHARGER 150 UNIT H150WB
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Permian Deep Rock Oil Company, LLC (Operator No. 655805) ("Permian") pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act ("MIPA") (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). Permian requests that the Commission enter an order creating an approximately 99.93-acre pooled unit known as the Charger 150 Unit ("Charger 150 Unit") around the proposed Rebel H150WB Well ("Rebel H150WB Well"), to be drilled in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The proposed Rebel 150 Unit is located in Sections 26 and 35, Block 39, Township 1 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-438, A-46, A-1, and Section 2, Block 39, Township 2 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-180, A-688, Midland County, Texas.

Permian proposes to be the operator of the Charger H150WB Well. Permian proposes that production from the Rebel H150WB Well be allocated between the Charger Unit (recorded as instrument number 2018-15404 in the Official Public Records of Midland County, Texas, and any subsequent corrections or amendments thereto), the "Charger Unit", and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Charger 150 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Charger 150 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres in the Charger 150 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Charger 150 Unit and the path of the proposed Charger H150WB Well is attached to this notice.

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OAG Docket No. 08-0316606, REBEL 150 UNIT H150WB
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Permian Deep Rock Oil Company, LLC (Operator No. 655805) ("Permian") pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act ("MIPA") (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). Permian requests that the Commission enter an order creating an approximately 100.34-acre pooled unit known as the Rebel 150 Unit ("Rebel 150 Unit") around the proposed Rebel H150WB Well ("Rebel H150WB Well"), to be drilled in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The proposed Rebel 150 Unit is located in Sections 26 and 35, Block 39, Township 1 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-438, A-46, A-1, and Section 2, Block 39, Township 2 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-180, A-688, Midland County, Texas.

Permian proposes to be the operator of the Rebel H150WB Well. Permian proposes that production from the Rebel H150WB Well be allocated between the Rebel Unit, and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Rebel 150 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Rebel 150 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres in the Rebel 150 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Rebel 150 Unit and the path of the proposed Rebel H150WB Well is attached to this notice.

OAG Docket No. 08-0316612, CHARGER 145 UNIT H145WA
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Permian Deep Rock Oil Company, LLC (Operator No. 655805) ("Permian") pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act ("MIPA") (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). Permian requests that the Commission enter an order creating an approximately 99.03-acre pooled unit known as the Charger 145 Unit ("Charger 145 Unit") around the proposed Charger H145WA Well ("Charger H145WA Well"), to be drilled in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The proposed Charger 145 Unit is located in Sections 27 and 34, Block 39, Township 1 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-42, A-520, A-1167, Section 3, Block 39, Township 2 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-181, A-670, Midland County, Texas.

Permian proposes to be the operator of the Charger H145WA Well. Permian proposes that production from the Charger H145WA Well be allocated between the Charger Unit, and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Charger 145 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Charger 145 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres in the Charger 145 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Charger 145 Unit and the path of the proposed Charger H145WA Well is attached to this notice.

OAG Docket No. 08-0316606, CHARGER 140 UNIT H140WB
This hearing will be held to consider the application of Permian Deep Rock Oil Company, LLC (Operator No. 655805) ("Permian") pursuant to the Mineral Interest Pooling Act ("MIPA") (Chapter 102 of the Texas Natural Resources Code). Permian requests that the Commission enter an order creating an approximately 99.57-acre pooled unit known as the Charger 140 Unit ("Charger 140 Unit") around the proposed Charger H140WB Well ("Charger H140WB Well"), to be drilled in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The proposed Charger 140 Unit is located in Sections 27 and 34, Block 39, Township 1 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-42, A-520, A-1167, Section 3, Block 39, Township 2 South T & P RR Co. Survey, A-181, A-670, Midland County, Texas.

Permian proposes to be the operator of the Charger H140WB Well. Permian proposes that production from the Charger H140WB Well be allocated between the Charger Unit, and the unleased tracts with acreage in the proposed Charger 140 Unit, in the proportion that the number of surface acres of each tract within the Charger 140 Unit bears to the total number of surface acres in the Charger 140 Unit. Permian proposes the Commission provide for reimbursement of drilling and completion costs solely out of production with a charge for risk of 100 percent of the drilling and completion costs. A plat showing the boundary of the proposed Charger 140 Unit and the path of the proposed Charger H140WB Well is attached to this notice.

If you have questions regarding this Application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Wayne Bailey, at (432) 262-7342. Applicant is represented by counsel, so attorneys should instead contact Applicant's counsel, Mark Hanna, at (512) 495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact Docket Services at (512) 463-6948 or at Room 12-123. Additional information about the hearing process can be found at www.rtc.texas.gov/hearing.

To access the Commission's Statute Rules, start from the Commission's Home Page, click on "General Counsel" (upper right side of page) and follow the path: Rules, Current Rules, T.A.C. Chapter 3, Rule Number.

Check the Weekly Hearing Schedule on the Commission website at: <http://www.rtc.texas.gov/hearing/hearing-schedule>. The day prior to the hearing to confirm that it will go forward as scheduled.

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

CHARGER & REBEL MIPA MAPS

PERMIAN DEEP ROCK OIL CO. LLC

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ORDINANCE NO. 9861

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN AREAS ADJOINING THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS, BEING A 123.28-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTIONS 37 AND 48, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 703 FEET WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF TRADEWINDS BOULEVARD AND THOMASON DRIVE); APPROVING A PUBLIC SERVICE PLAN; ORDERING PUBLICATION; AND ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY.

WHEREAS, public hearings before the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, a home rule municipal corporation, where all interested persons were provided an opportunity to be heard on the proposed annexation of the hereinafter described territory, were held in the City Council Chambers on November 6, 2018, and November 20, 2018, and

WHEREAS, notices of such public hearings were published on the City of Midland, Texas' Internet website on October 19, 2018, and November 2, 2018, and each notice remained posted until the date of the associated public hearing;

WHEREAS, notices of such public hearings were published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Midland, Texas, and in the below described territory, on October 19, 2018, and November 2, 2018, and

WHEREAS, all required notices of such public hearings were given in accordance with applicable laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. That the following described property adjoining the present boundary lines of the City of Midland, Texas, be and the same is hereby annexed to and incorporated within the boundary of the City of Midland, Texas:

Being a 123.28-acre tract of land out of Sections 37 and 48, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, and being more fully described by metes and bounds in the petition for annexation attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference for all legal purposes.

SECTION TWO. That the service plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and provides for the extension of municipal services into the area described above in Section One, is hereby approved.

SECTION THREE. That this ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper in the City of Midland, Texas, and the same shall not be effective until after the publication thereof.

SECTION FOUR. That the City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas, for purposes of recording in the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas.

The above and foregoing ordinance was duly proposed, read in full and adopted on first reading, the 11th day of December, A.D., 2018, and passed to second reading on motion of Council member Love, seconded by Council member Hotchkiss, by the following vote:

Council members voting "AYE": Hotchkiss, Love, Sparks, Morales, Dufford, Lacy, Robnett

Council members voting "NAY": None

The above and foregoing ordinance was read in full and finally adopted by the following vote upon motion of Council member _____, seconded by Council member _____, on the _____ day of _____, A.D., 2019, at a regular meeting of the City Council.

Council members voting "AYE": _____

Council members voting "NAY": _____

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, A.D., 2018

Jerry F. Morales, Mayor

ATTEST

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT AND COMPLETENESS

Frank Salvato, Assistant City Manager

Charles Harrington, Director of Development Services

APPROVED ONLY AS TO FORM

John Ohnemiller, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. 9862

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN AREAS ADJOINING THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS, BEING A 25.418-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 38, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 896 FEET SOUTH OF STATE HIGHWAY 191 AND APPROXIMATELY 1,020 FEET WEST OF AVALON DRIVE); APPROVING A PUBLIC SERVICE PLAN; ORDERING PUBLICATION; AND ORDERING RECORDATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY.

WHEREAS, public hearings before the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, a home rule municipal corporation, where all interested persons were provided an opportunity to be heard on the proposed annexation of the hereinafter described territory, were held in the City Council Chambers on November 6, 2018, and November 20, 2018, and

WHEREAS, notices of such public hearings were published on the City of Midland, Texas' Internet website on October 19, 2018, and November 2, 2018, and each notice remained posted until the date of the associated public hearing;

WHEREAS, notices of such public hearings were published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Midland, Texas, and in the below described territory, on October 19, 2018, and November 2, 2018, and

WHEREAS, all required notices of such public hearings were given in accordance with applicable laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. That the following described property adjoining the present boundary lines of the City of Midland, Texas, be and the same is hereby annexed to and incorporated within the boundary of the City of Midland, Texas:

Being a 25.418-acre tract of land out of Section 38, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, and being more fully described by metes and bounds in the petition for annexation attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference for all legal purposes.

SECTION TWO. That the service plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and provides for the extension of municipal services into the area described above in Section One, is hereby approved.

SECTION THREE. That this ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper in the City of Midland, Texas, and the same shall not be effective until after the publication thereof.

SECTION FOUR. That the City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the County Clerk of Midland County, Texas, for purposes of recording in the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas.

The above and foregoing ordinance was duly proposed, read in full and adopted on first reading, the 11th day of December, A.D., 2018, and passed to second reading on motion of Council member Lacy, seconded by Council member Dufford, by the following vote:

Council members voting "AYE": Hotchkiss, Love, Sparks, Morales, Dufford, Lacy, Robnett

Council members voting "NAY": None

The above and foregoing ordinance was read in full and finally adopted by the following vote upon motion of Council member _____, seconded by Council member _____, on the _____ day of _____, A.D., 2019, at a regular meeting of the City Council.

Council members voting "AYE": _____

Council members voting "NAY": _____

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, A.D., 2018

Jerry F. Morales, Mayor

ATTEST

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT AND COMPLETENESS

Frank Salvato, Assistant City Manager

Charles Harrington, Director of Development Services

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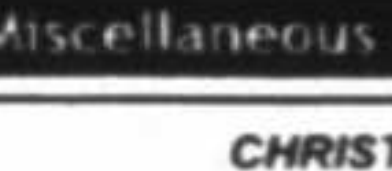
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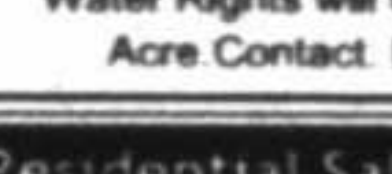
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ORDINANCE NO. 9854

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION BY AMENDING CHAPTER ONE, TITLE XI, OF THE CITY CODE OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY PERMITTING A 14.00-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, A 2.497-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, AND A 1.937-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 23, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, CITY AND COUNTY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY ZONED FD, FUTURE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, TO BE USED AS AN MF-1, MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT, IN PART, AND AS AN LR-2, LOCAL RETAIL DISTRICT, IN PART, (GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF BRIARWOOD AVENUE AND NORTH COUNTY ROAD 1250); CONTAINING A CUMULATIVE CLAUSE, CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR A MAXIMUM PENALTY OR FINE OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); AND ORDERING PUBLICATION.

City of Midland

Amy M. Turner, City Secretary

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