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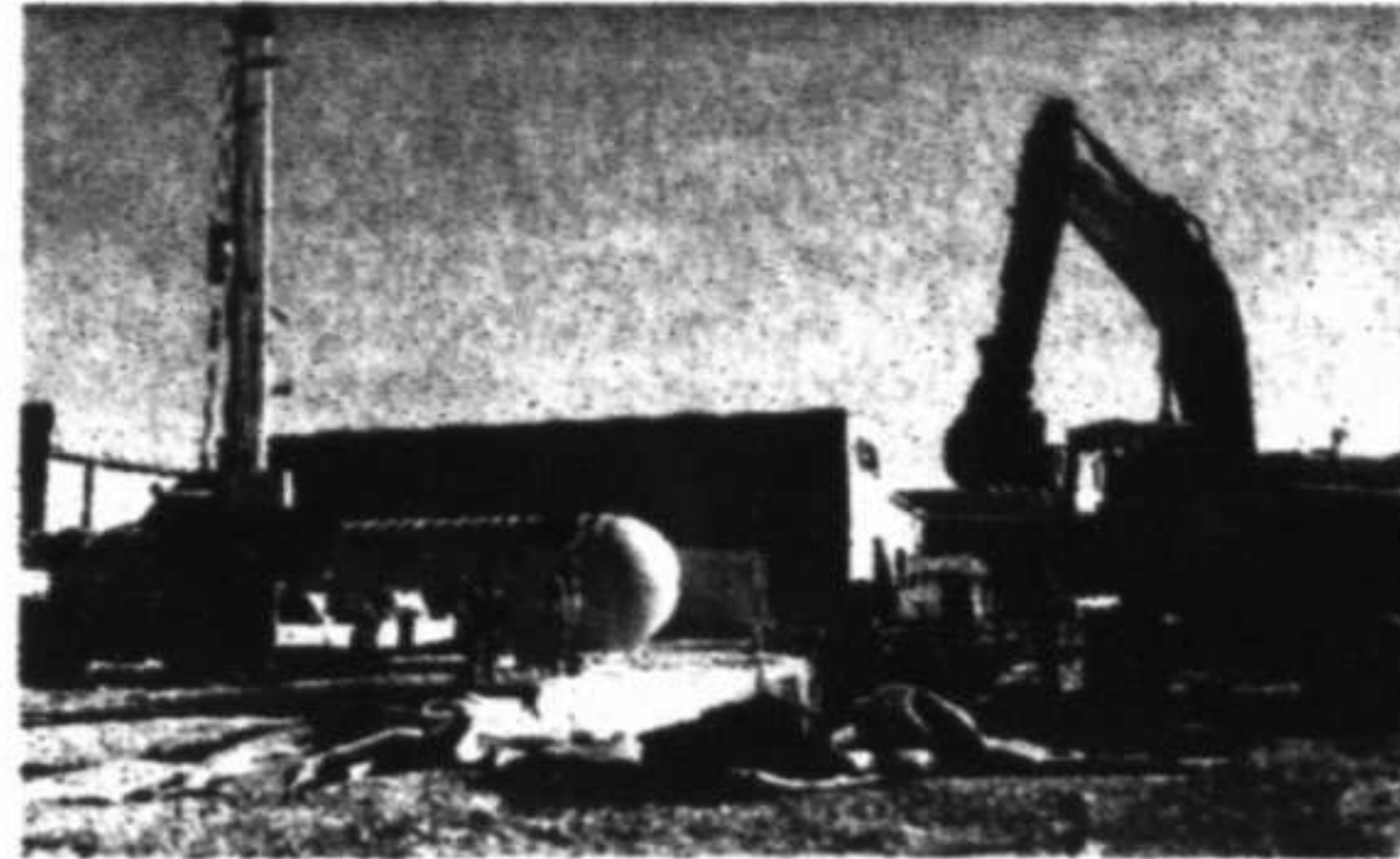
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LOCAL POLITICS

Check out Sunday's paper to see who announced city council bids.



JOBS IN MIDLAND

The unemployment rate rose from 2.1 to 2.4 percent in June in Midland. What's going on with that? Mella McEwen reports on it in Sunday's edition.

Permian counties see sharp shifts in rig count

■ Basin's count is 476, unchanged; Midland County loses 1 for a total of 50

By Trevor Hawes
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The Permian Basin rig count was unchanged at 476 overall, but there were several large shifts at the county level. Lea County, New Mexico, swung five rigs higher to 51, and Upton County saw

its count rise by four. Ward County, however, saw its tally drop by five to 18, and Gaines County, which nine weeks ago had six rigs, lost its pair of rigs this week.

Reeves County leads the Permian with 73 rigs, up three. Midland County idled one rig, leaving 50.

Other counties with double-digit rig counts this week were Eddy, New Mexico (48); Martin (35); Loving (32); Howard (21); Pecos (21); Reagan (20); Winkler (18); Culberson (17); Glasscock (13); and Andrews (12).

Railroad Commission District 8, which includes most of the Permian's most active counties, fell by two rigs to 314. District 7B saw renewed activity after Fisher County recorded one rig. District 7C added one rig for a total of 48. District 8A fell by four to 13. New Mexico's portion of the Permian rose by four to 100. The Permian had 374 rigs a year ago.

TEXAS & NEW MEXICO

Texas' rig count fell by five, leaving

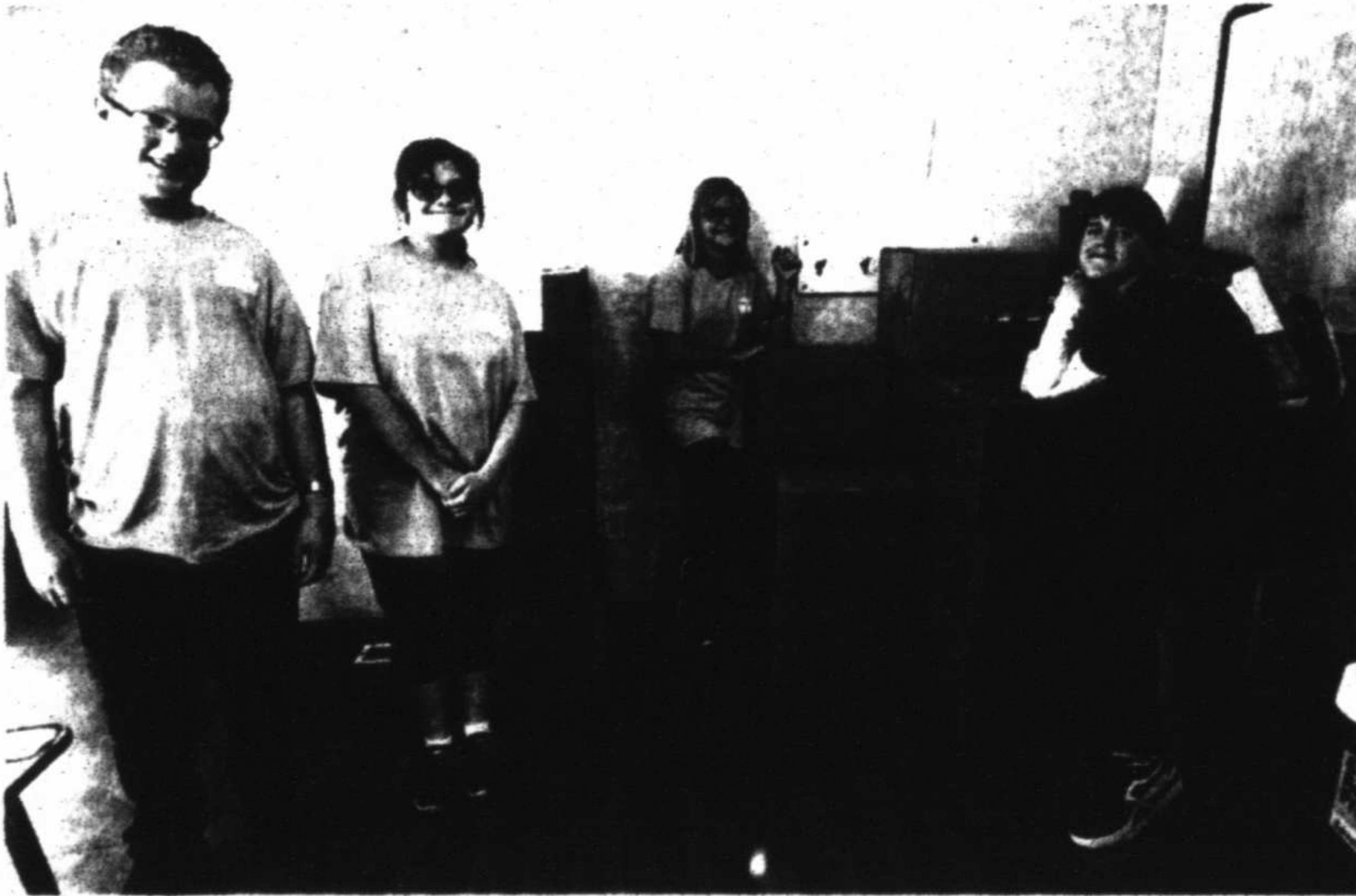
523 rigs statewide; of that tally, 376 were in the Permian. The Eagle Ford in South Texas was unchanged at 81. The Barnett in North Texas fell by one to three.

Nineteen of the Haynesville's 49 rigs were in East Texas; four of the Granite Wash's 12 rigs were in the Panhandle.

Texas had two rigs offshore. New Mexico's rig count rose by four to 103 on its Permian gains. The state had one non-Permian rig in Curry County and

Please see RIG COUNT/2A

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Bynum high school students pose with moving boxes during the last day of summer school Friday, the last day the students will attend classes at the facility on West County Road 60. Bynum will move into its new location on Avalon Drive later this summer. A story on the new school will appear in a future edition.

Analyst: Saudis 'worried about downward pressure on prices'

By Grant Smith and Javier Blas
Bloomberg

Under pressure from President Donald Trump, Saudi Arabia has rushed to boost oil production — only to discover that global markets might not yet need it.

The kingdom's crude output surged the most in three years last month, as Trump demanded his ally's help in cooling gasoline prices and filling in the supply gap that will be created by his sanctions on Iran. Yet the Saudis are struggling to sell as much extra oil as they'd hoped, and are privately fretting that they may have opened the taps too quickly, according to people briefed by Riyadh in the last few days.

"Saudi Arabia and several other OPEC members have increased exports sharply ahead of sanctions on Iran, and the timing mismatch between these effects is pressuring oil prices," said Martijn Rats, managing director at Morgan Stanley in London.

A rare public statement from the Saudi Energy Ministry on Thursday could be taken as an illustration of their unease. It rejected as "without basis" any concerns that the kingdom was moving to oversupply world markets. Exports would be stable this month and fall in August, it said.

The Saudis and their allies — which include several neighbors from the Gulf Cooperation Council and also non-OPEC producer Russia — promised at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' last meeting in late June to boost output by about 1 million barrels a day to offset disruptions in Venezuela and Libya, plus the looming losses in Iran.

They were reacting to pressure from Trump, who was bashing the cartel on Twitter after London crude price hit a three-year high of more than \$80 a barrel in May. Prices have since retreated to about \$73 as Libya restored some halted output

Please see SAUDIS/5A

Painter: Some dogs taken for autopsies after 16 found dead

From staff reports

The Midland County Sheriff's Office

is awaiting autopsy results after the deaths of multiple dogs were reported to the department Thursday, according to Sheriff Gary Painter.

The sheriff's office received a call Thursday morning in reference to 13 dogs that were found dead and had been dumped on a property in the 3000 block of South County Road 1218, Painter told the Reporter-Telegram via email.

He said a resident suspected the animals had been poisoned because of the absence of gunshot wounds and visible blood.

The landowners buried the dogs and later decided to alert law enforcement,

according to Painter.

Later on Thursday, the sheriff's department received a call in reference to three more dogs on a property in the 4000 block of West County Road 114. Deputies took the three dogs to a veterinarian to have autopsies, according to the sheriff.

He said the contents of two of the animals' stomachs were sent for examination.

The sheriff's office expects to have results next week and plans to report the findings when notified. There didn't appear to be any trauma to the dogs, according to Painter.

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Did you know? Bush's former doctor was fatally shot while hiking near a hospital. Page 4A

The big number

Almost 100 thousand dollars was in the possession of a passenger involved in a bus crash in New Mexico. Page 2A

Word of the Day:

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Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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Oil down for 3rd straight week

By Trevor Hawes
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The price of oil fell for the third consecutive week despite rising every day since Monday's slump.

West Texas Intermediate contracts for August delivery settled Friday at \$70.46 per barrel, up \$1 (1.44 percent) on the day but down 55 cents (0.77 percent) for the week.

U.S.-China trade tensions, as well as concerns OPEC and Russia would increase oil output, sent the price tumbling nearly 5 percent on Monday. A weaker dollar sent the price higher Friday, according to Reuters.

The markets still have concerns over crude supplies. The Energy Information Administration on Wednesday reported commercial crude inventories jumped by 5.8

million barrels to 411.1 million barrels. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve was unchanged at 660 million barrels. The report was for the week ending July 13.

Domestic crude production rose by 100,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 11 million bpd.

Imports rose 1.6 million bpd to 9 million bpd. Exports fell 566,000 bpd to about 1.5 million bpd.

Crude refinery inputs averaged 17.2 million bpd, the EIA reported, a decrease of 413,000 bpd.

Refineries operated at 94.3 percent capacity. Gasoline production fell to 10.3 million bpd. Distillates production also was lower at 5.2 million bpd.

WTI is up \$10.09 (16.71 percent) this year. The 2018 average price is \$66.06.

It reached its year high of \$74.15 on June 29; its low of \$59.19 was recorded Feb. 13.

Friday was the final settlement for August contracts.

Plains Marketing posted prices were lower by 50 cents this week. The Reporter-Telegram tracks WTI "all other areas" and West Texas sour. On Friday, WTI was priced at \$67 per barrel and sour fetched \$56.55, both up \$1. The \$10.45 spread has held for the past 13 trading days.

The average price this year for a barrel of sour is \$56.77; for WTI, the average is \$62.54.

In other futures trading Friday, September contracts rose 2 cents to \$68.29 per barrel, October was up 11 cents to \$66.64 and November jumped 19 cents to \$66.18.

Authorities: Close to \$100K found after deadly bus crash in New Mexico

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Authorities investigating a deadly commercial passenger bus crash along a New Mexico highway said Friday that one of the passengers was carrying a backpack filled with almost \$100,000 in cash.

Sandoval County Sheriff's Lt. Keith Elder confirmed during a news conference that the money was discovered after the passenger was transported to an Albuquerque hospital, where numerous other people and their belongings were taken following the crash.

The discovery has prompted a separate investigation, Elder said. He had no other information about the passenger or the money.

The passenger was among close to 30 people who were injured when the bus rolled and was hit by another vehicle and then sideswiped by a semi-truck along Interstate 25 early Sunday. The bus driver lost control while trying to avoid another crash that happened moments earlier on the dark highway.

The three bus passengers who were killed were all women from Mexico who lived in Colorado.

Authorities said it took some time to identify the victims as none of the women had personal identification on them and the passengers' personal effects had been strewn throughout the bus and



Greg Barber/The Albuquerque Journal via AP File

Emergency personnel work at the scene of a multi-vehicle crash that occurred July 15 on Interstate 25 north of Bernalillo, N.M. Authorities investigating the fatal crash that involved a commercial passenger bus said Friday that one of the passengers was carrying a backpack filled with almost \$100,000 in cash.

along the roadway. Some of the names given by family members also did not match the names associated with the ticket purchases, Elder said.

Authorities said the identification process was further complicated since the bus company tracked only those passengers who boarded at various stops before the crash, not those who got off the bus.

The bus was headed from Denver to El Paso. Authorities said it also made stops in other Colorado and New Mexico cities.

The wreckage from the bus, semi-truck and other vehicles was scattered across both sides of the interstate, forcing the roadway's closure for several hours.

The Sandoval County Sheriff's Office also released video Friday from an officer's body camera that showed the frantic and chaotic crash scene. The footage shows several people, some holding small children, walking near the overturned bus in a daze.

First responders, speaking in English and Spanish, try to get the less critically injured to sit on the ground. Among them is a man holding a girl crying for her mother.

"That's OK. If she's crying, she's OK," a firefighter says.

State police investigators are working on reconstructing the accident scene as federal authorities are collecting data from the commercial vehicles

involved.

Elder said the investigation could take several weeks.

Authorities on Friday released the name of the driver who rear-ended a pickup truck, triggering the five-vehicle chain reaction crash. That driver — Phuong Truong, 26, of Albuquerque — was ejected from the car after it was struck by the bus. Truong remains hospitalized.

It remains unclear what caused Truong to slam into the back of the pickup truck.

Elder said the case will be forwarded to the district attorney's office once the investigation is complete and it will be up to prosecutors to determine if any charges will be filed.

Obituaries



Alan Dale Warford

Alan went home to be with his heavenly father Saturday July 14, 2018. Alan was born June 27, 1957. He was known as Uncle Point, Ol' Skol & Paw Paw. He was Paw Paw to the kids in BACA. He loved to see them laughing and having fun. Alan loved his brothers and sisters in BACA.

He is survived by his niece Jimmie Flores & husband Pete, great niece and family Dusty, Nick, Aly & Kaden, great niece Brooke.

His family was important to him and he loved them so much. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Memorial services will be Sunday August 5, 2018 2pm at Kentucky Street Baptist Church, 1507 W. Kentucky Ave. Midland, TX.



Megan Michelle Russell

Megan Michelle Russell, 26, passed into the arms of Jesus on July 17, 2018.

She was born on July 6, 1992 in Midland, Texas to her loving parents, Scott and Kathy Russell. She is preceded in death by grandparents, J. R. and Linda Morgan of Mason, Texas, and Dan Russell of Greenwood, Texas.

She is survived by her parents, Scott and Kathy Russell of Midland, Texas; brothers, Josh Russell of Midland, Texas and Jared Green of Kingsland, Texas; grandmother, Pam Russell of Greenwood, Texas; Uncle Steve Calley of Midland, Texas; Aunt Jackie Calley of Midland, Texas; Uncle David and Aunt Dannie of Aransas Pass, Texas; nephews, Brannen and Logan Green of Kingsland, Texas; niece, Casey Hedgecock of San Antonio, Texas; boyfriend, Chad Farrington of Midland, Texas; many cousins and

many, many friends. Everyone that knew Megan knew she loved life and horses. She started riding with Stan and Lorilee McNeerlin when she was 5 years old and never looked back. Her Papa J.R. was also very instrumental in introducing his "little M & M" to the horse world. She was a bright and shining light in all of our lives and is now a bright and shining light in Heaven. We all miss you, baby girl.

The family will accept guests from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 23, 2018 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland with interment to follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers are Josh Russell, Jeremy Calley, Josh Tuala, Chad McNeerlin, Cole McNeerlin and Dustin Droul. Honorary Pallbearers are Jared Green, Stan McNeerlin, Sal Tuala, Jason Haislip and Steve Cunningham.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Renew Life Church, "Next is Near" Project, 410 S. Pecos St., Midland, Texas 79701.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory (432) 568-5800

Death Notices

Bella Medrano Garcia

Bella Medrano Garcia, 43 of Midland, passed away Thursday, July 19, 2018.

Viewing will be Sunday, July 22nd from 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. with a prayer service starting at 5:00 p.m. both at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral service is set for Monday, July 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her husband, Juan Garcia; sons, Alan Garcia and Alex Garcia; parents, Roman Medrano and Maria Trinidad Medrano, 4 brothers and 1 sister.

Dorothy Hill Lloyd

Dorothy Hill Lloyd, 89, of Midland, Texas passed away Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, July 23, 2018 at Fairview Cemetery in Midland. All floral arrangements may be taken to Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Survivors include her children, Nancy Maples, Tom Hill and Will Hill.

STATE®IONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN ANTONIO Woman gives birth in Chick-fil-A bathroom; baby gets perks

A baby girl is guaranteed food for life — and a job — after her mother gave birth in a Chick-fil-A bathroom.

Falon Griffin was having contractions when she and her husband stopped at the fast-food restaurant in San Antonio to drop off their daughter with a family friend.

She had to use the bathroom, but the restaurant was closed.

The couple banged on the door. Store director Brenda Enriquez tells KSAF-TV she opened the door and Griffin was screaming. Enriquez grabbed some towels.

Husband Robert Griffin says he managed to unwrap the umbilical cord from the baby's neck and deliver Gracelyn Griffin.

Mom and baby are doing fine. The company says Gracelyn will have free Chick-fil-A for life and a job when she turns 14.

NEW MEXICO State to explore reuse of oil and gas wastewater

SANTA FE — New Mexico is teaming up with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to explore ways the wastewater that results from oil and gas operations can be reused or recycled.

The state and the federal agency announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding Thursday.

Ken McQueen, who oversees New Mexico's Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, says the state is one of the largest oil producers in the U.S. and that production is accompanied by even



Teresa Danks parades for teaching supplies Friday at the border of Tulsa, Okla., and Colorado, in an effort to raise and maintain awareness that teachers frequently pay for their own supplies while on the wage.

more wastewater. He says clarifying the state and federal regulatory frameworks associated with its recycling and reuse is important, especially as New Mexico follows up year in which it produced a record 470,000 barrels of oil a day.

As part of the agreement, a workgroup will outline existing state and federal regulations and identify treatment and reuse opportunities.

OKLAHOMA Parhanding teacher returns 1 year later

TULSA — A Tulsa teacher who was launched into the spotlight last year after parhanding for money to buy school supplies is back on the streets to advocate for teachers and

collect supplies.

The Tulsa World reports that Teresa Danks began parhanding by Interstate 44 on the one-year mark from the first time she hit the streets July 19, 2017.

She has since left her position teaching third grade at Grimes Elementary School because she felt uncertain the teacher pay raises would stick.

Danks said last year that she sought donations after dumping state revenue led to less education funding. She estimated she'd spend more than \$2,000 out of pocket a year on supplies for her students.

Danks says she raised about \$40,000 in the past year for teaching supplies and hopes to raise more this year.

Rig count

The following are county-by-county rig counts, with changes in parentheses, for the week ending July 20.

DISTRICT 7B
Fisher 1 (+1)
Total 1 (+1)

DISTRICT 7C
Holt 4
Reagan 20 (-3)
Tom Green 1
Upson 23 (+4)
Total 48 (+1)

DISTRICT 8
Andrews 12
Crawford 2
Cotton 17
Haskell 2
Cleveland 13 (+1)

Howard 21 (+1)
Loving 22 (-2)
Marble 25
Midland 60 (-1)
Pecos 21 (+2)
Reeves 73 (+5)
Ward 16 (-6)
Total 314 (-2)

DISTRICT 9A
Borden 2 (-1)
Garza 0 (-2)
Sutton 3
Yadum 5 (-1)
Total 13 (-4)

NEW MEXICO
Chaves 1
Brewster 48 (-1)
Lef 51 (+5)
Total 100 (+4)

Rig count

FROM 1A

two in San Juan County. At this time last year, Texas had 463 rigs and New Mexico counted 57.

US & Canada

The rig count across the U.S. slipped by eight to 1,046. Oil rigs fell by five to 858; natural gas rigs dropped by two to 187. The miscellaneous rig count was halved to one. All offshore rigs were in the Gulf of Mexico, which fell by two to 17. Inland water rigs were unchanged at five. By drilling trajectory,

there were 922 horizontal rigs, down eight; 57 vertical rigs, up one; and 67 directional rigs, down one.

States with the highest counts were the Permian, the Eagle Ford, the Carr Woodford (71), the Williston (56) and the Marcellus (51). States with the most rig activity were Texas, Oklahoma (138), New Mexico, Louisiana (56) and North Dakota (56).

The U.S. had 950 rigs last year. Canada added 14 rigs for a total of 211, a tally five higher than the year-ago count. Gas rigs kept by 11 to 49; oil rigs rose by three to 142.

WORD OF THE DAY

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verb
1: to strike hard at
2: to beat or defeat
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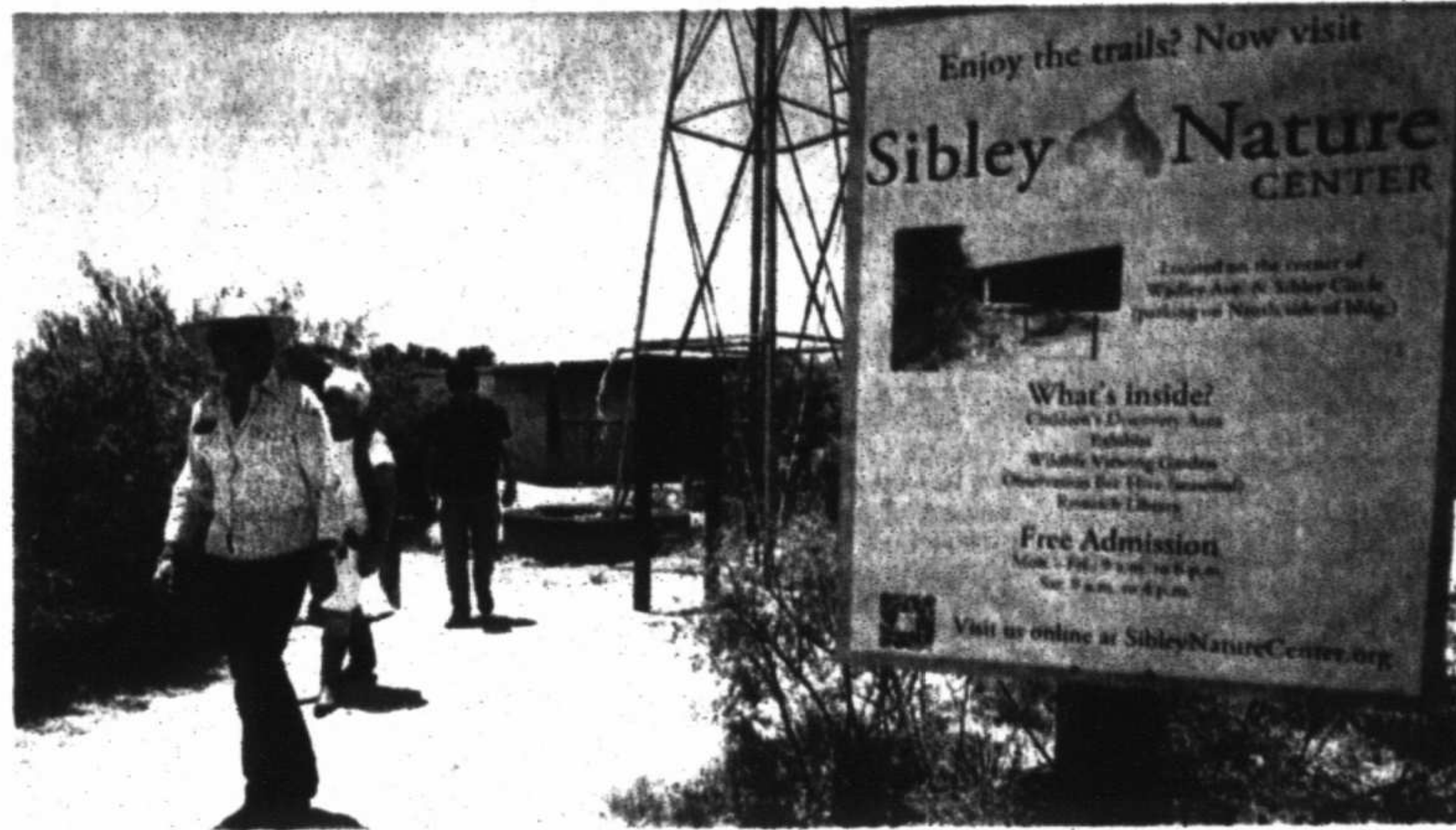
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Things to do

Breakfast on the Bus, 8 a.m.,
Urban Market, 312 N. Colorado St.
The 24th annual Oil Patch Kids
Invitational Golf Tournament, 8 a.m.,
Hogan Park Golf Course, 3800 N.
Fairgrounds Road, oilpatchkids.org.
Midland Downtown Farmers
Market celebrates its 11th season,
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Museum of the
Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.
midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.
Great American Road Read-in
event will screen the film "The
Chronicles of Narnia," 10 a.m., Midland
County Public Library Centennial
branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. bea-
npls.org.
Bridge lessons, 10 a.m., Allison
Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. \$3.
Permiabridgeclub.com.
Bridge game play, 10:30 a.m.,
Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley
Ave. \$6. For more information call
682-8595.
Lower Back Pain and Sciatica
Workshop will show how to manage
pain without medication, injections
or surgery, 10:30 a.m., Midland
Physical Therapy, 301 Dobson Road.
Reservations can be made by calling
432-687-0235.
Cinema Under the Stars: "Back
to the Future I, II, III," noon, 3:30 p.m.,
7 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts
Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road
1788. Free. wagnernoel.com.
Pool Party 2018 featuring live
DJ, pool games and more with the
Sound Foundation, 2-6 p.m., Double-
Tree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. \$10.21
and older.
Delux Yoga, 2:15 p.m., My
Dharma Art, 2034 W. Culbert Ave.
\$25. mydharmaart.com.
Stargazing, 8 p.m., Ranchland
Hills Golf Club, 1800 E. Wadley Ave.
ranchlandhills.com.
Yugoslav tournaments, 8-10 p.m.,
Entertainment, 3111 W. Culbert
Ave. \$5.
Sam Chaste, 7 p.m., Saltgrass
Steakhouse, 4511 W. Loop 250 N.
Masquerade Second Chance
From hosted by the Permian Basin
LGBTQ+ plus center, 7 p.m., Double-
Tree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. \$40 per



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Kim Olson, front, Texas agriculture commissioner candidate, toured Sibley Nature Center on Friday during her campaign stop in Midland. She also visited Midland Memorial Hospital main campus to learn about the hospital's xeriscape landscape and visited the west campus to view the community garden. Olson, a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, farms with her husband in North Texas.

person, \$75 per couple, phtgts.org.
"On the Town" by the Pickwick
Players, 7:30 p.m., Midland Commu-
nity Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. \$28.
midland.org.
The 70th Season of Summer
Mummers: "Diabolical Deeds on the
Diamond or Wall - Was that a
Squirrel in the Infield?" 8 p.m., Yucca
Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. \$12-\$25.
MCTmidland.org.
Red Hot and Wild Comedy: Den-
nis Garcia, Kayla Wade, Danny Ingle
with host Mikey Mike, 8 p.m., Double-
Tree by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. \$15.

schedule

The Doug Russell Aquatic
Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon
to 7 p.m.
Washington Aquatic Center,
1801 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 7 p.m.
The entry fee for both pools is \$3
per person. Children under 2 are free.

Open today

Midland County Public Library
(Centennial and downtown branches),
10 a.m.-7 p.m.

U.S. Post Office, Graves Station,
3304 W. Wadley Ave., 10 a.m. to 2
p.m.

This date in Texas

On July 21, 2008, Special
Counsel John C. Danforth concluded
with 100 percent certainty that the
federal government was innocent of
wrongdoing in the siege that killed
80 members of the Branch Davidian
compound near Waco in 1993.

Source: Associated Press

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 1-9-3
Pick 3 day: 7-2-5
Pick 3 evening: 3-3-0
Pick 3 night: 4-0-5
Daily 4 morning: 5-0-4-7
Daily 4 day: 7-7-2-5
Daily 4 evening: 9-4-4-8
Daily 4 night: 9-8-7-4
Cash Five: 4-10-15-16-36
Triple Chance: 4-5-11-15-25
31-38-43-49-54

Mega Millions: 1-14-30-44-62
DB: 1-MP: 2
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-
4-7-11-12-13-17-20-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-5-6-7-
11-12-15-16-19-20-21
All or Nothing evening: 2-6-7-
8-11-14-17-18-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing night: 2-4-7-8-
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Weather

Friday's temperatures
High: 104R
Low: 79
Normal high: 95
Normal low: 70

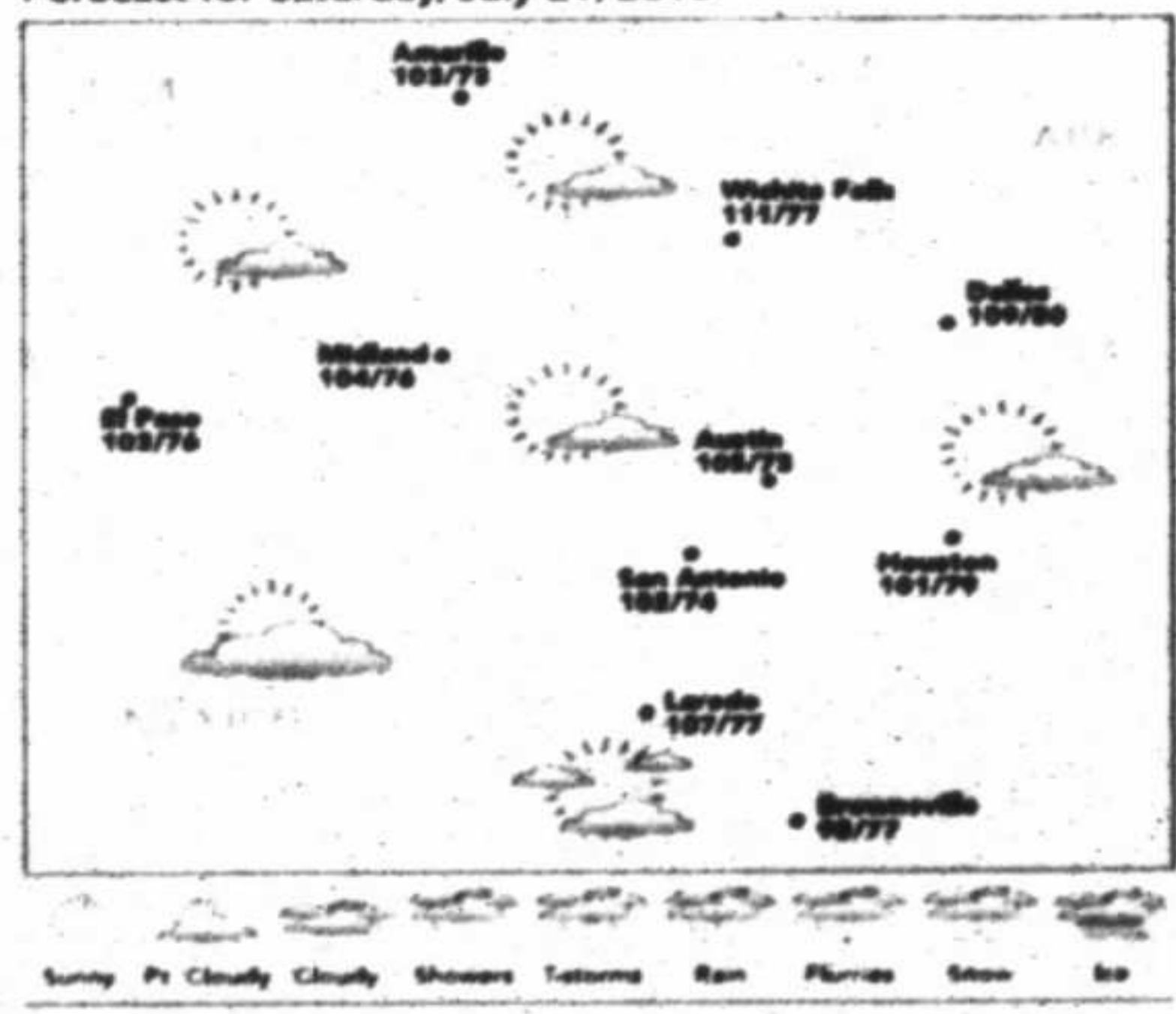
July 20's records
Record high: 104, set in
1936, repeated on Friday
Record low: 60, set in
1959, repeated in 1988

Precipitation
Friday: 0.00 in.
Thursday: 0.00 in.
Month total: 1.33 in.
Year total: 4.73 in.
Normal total
(year to date): 7.24 in.

Winds
Wind speed: 20 mph
Gust speed: 25 mph

Today's forecast

Forecast for Saturday, July 21, 2018



High: 104
Low: 78
Conditions: Sunny today/
mostly clear tonight
Winds: Southeast 5-10
mph today/south 5-10 mph

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

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

Note: Bigar's Stars is
based on the degree of your
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A baby born today has a
Sun in Cancer and a Moon
in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

for Saturday, July 21, 2018:
This year you express
your desires in a way
makes them become real-
ized more easily. Just the
same, you might feel as if
you don't have very much
support from a partner or
associate. You are learning
to become more indepen-
dent. Follow a long-term
dream. If you are single,
you could meet someone at
any time. This person could
give you a case of the but-
terflies. If you are attached,
the two of you might want
to try a different lifestyle,
which you will. Your
significant other will go
along with your wishes.
SCORPIO could trigger
you without even trying.

ARIES

(March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your imagi-
nation seems to be domi-
nating the moment. You
are likely to wake up in
the midst of a wonderful
dream. When challenged,
you could become down-
right feisty. Let the moment
go, and connect deeply
with loved ones. Tonight:
A partner could be very
strong-willed.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your dreams
have given you some in-
sight into what you desire.
Write down what you
remember so that you don't

forget. A friend or group of
friends extends a fun and
wonderful invitation that
you should not say "no" to.
Tonight: Throw yourself
into the moment.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could be
expecting too much from
yourself or from someone
else who might be pitching
in on a project. Relax, and
do not allow others to dis-
tract you. A serious con-
versation cannot be postponed,
but once it is over, you'll
feel carefree. Tonight: Do
not push yourself.

CANCER

(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A key person
might try to shut down
your plans, but do not al-
low him or her to stop you.
You will flourish with a
change of environment. As
you unwind, your attitude
about certain situation
loosens up. Remember that
you know yourself best!
Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Whatever is going
on around your home keeps
you occupied. A partner
might judge you and try
to get you to join him or
her. Be willing to say "no,"
as you need some time to
yourself. You also might
need to speak in a snap or
two. Tonight: Remember
to take care of yourself
first!

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Differ all you
want to someone else.
This person might not
know what to do when the
decisions are up to him
or her. A loved one seems
withdrawn. Offer words
of encouragement, but
know that he or she needs

to make the effort to reach
out. Tonight: Join pals at a
favorite place.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You suddenly
might become more aware
of your expenses and what
you are doing to your
budget. You could feel as
if you need to tighten the
purse strings a bit. A room-
mate or family member
could be quite distraught
by this change. Do what
you must. Tonight: Off to
the movies.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ The planets
make you the star of the
day. You might not be
aware of how many people
admire you. Just look
around. Try not to obsess
over a difficult conversa-
tion with a neighbor or
sibling. Allow yourself to
go off and be more child-
like. Tonight: Be discreet.

and stealthy.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Don't be so up-
tight about the tension and
stress that are surrounding
your home. If you asked,
you might find out that no
one knows or understands
what is off. Relax more,
and remain sensitive to oth-
ers. A skeleton in some-
one's closet could pop out.
Tonight: Happy at home.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might not
be aware that you are pro-
jecting negativity, which
could make others uncom-
fortable. Ask yourself what
is bothering you. You will
know what to do when you
unearth the source. Mean-
while, make an effort to be
more positive. Tonight:
Let the party begin!

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keep reaching
out to someone you care
a lot about. You want this
person to know how much
you care about him or her,
especially as you rarely
talk or share news. An old-
er person in your life might
demand your time. Make
it your pleasure. Tonight:
Out till the wee hours.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ If you're feeling
conflicted, detach and get a
glimpse of the big picture.
You could be surprised by
what you see. You know
where you want to be, so
what is stopping you from
following your heart?
You might have difficulty
breaking out of the mold.
Tonight: Be near music.

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Robin Williams (1951), ac-
tor Don Knotts (1924)

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People pray outside Ride the Ducks, an amphibious tour operator involved in a boating accident on Table Rock Lake on Friday in Branson, Mo.

Branson mourns for 17 killed in sinking of packed duck boat

By Margaret Stafford
Associated Press

BRANSON, Mo. — The country- and-western tourist town of Branson, Missouri, mourned Friday for more than a dozen sightseers who were killed when a duck boat capsized and sank in stormy weather in the deadliest such accident in almost two decades.

Divers found four more bodies in Table Rock Lake, bringing the death toll to 17, including nine people from the same family and the crew member who was driving the amphibious boat. In their initial assessment, authorities blamed thunderstorms and winds that approached hurricane strength. A full investigation was underway.

"Branson is a city full of smiles," Mayor Karen Best said. "We have so much fun here. But today we are grieving and crying."

Trisha Ayers was among the mourners who stopped to pay their respects at a parked car that was covered with flowers because it was believed to belong to a dead tourist.

Ayers said she understood how the boat got caught on the lake because the weather on Thursday changed in 10 minutes from sunshine to gale-force winds that bent traffic signs.

"I hope it won't tarnish Branson," she said with tears in her eyes. "About 80 percent of our income comes from tourists. We love them."

The risk of heavy weather was apparent hours before the boat left shore.

The weather service station in Springfield, about 40 miles north of Branson, issued a severe thunderstorm watch for its immediate area Thursday, saying conditions were ripe for winds of 70 mph. It followed up at 6:32 p.m. with a severe thunderstorm warning for three counties that included Branson and the lake. The warning mentioned both locations. The boat went down about 40 minutes later, shortly after 7 p.m.

"When we issue a warning, it means take action," meteorologist Kelsey

Angle said.

Suzanne Smagala with Ripley Entertainment, which owns Ride the Ducks in Branson, said the company was assisting authorities. She said this was the company's only accident in more than 40 years of operation.

The boat was carrying 29 passengers and two crew members on a pleasure cruise, and everyone aboard had been accounted for by midday Friday. Seven of the 14 survivors were hurt when the vessel went down. At least two were hospitalized in critical condition. The captain survived, authorities said.

Hrayden Malaske, of Harrah, Oklahoma, was on vacation with family when he boarded a replica 19th-century paddle wheeler known as the Branson Belle on the same lake just before the storm hit.

At the time, he said, the lake seemed calm, and no one was worried about the weather.

"But it suddenly got very dark," he recalled.

In a short video taken by Malaske from a dock, the duck boat can be seen wallowing through the choppy, wind-whipped lake, with water only inches from its windows. Dark, rolling waves crash over its front end. The footage ends before the boat capsizes.

Later, people on Malaske's boat saw a duck boat passenger "hanging on for dear life" to the paddle wheel of the Belle, he said.

The mayor identified the crew member driving the boat as Bob Williams, known informally as "Captain Bob." "He was at a great ambassador for Branson," Best said. "He was at every event. He knew everyone. He was always promoting Branson."

Authorities had not publicly identified the dead but said they included a 1-year-old child.

Named for their ability to travel on land and in water, duck boats have been involved in other serious accidents in the past, including the deaths of more than 40 people since 1999. Five college students were killed in

2015 in Seattle when a duck boat collided with a bus. Thirteen people died in 1999 when a boat sank near Hot Springs, Arkansas.

"Duck boats are death traps," said Andrew Duffy, an attorney whose Philadelphia law firm handled litigation related to two fatal duck boat accidents there. "They're not fit for water or land because they are half car and half boat."

Safety advocates have sought improvements and complained that too many agencies regulate the boats with varying safety requirements.

The boats were originally designed for the military, specifically to transport troops and supplies in World War II. They were later modified for use as sightseeing vehicles.

Passengers on a nearby boat described the chaos on the lake as the winds picked up and the water turned rough.

"Debris was flying everywhere," Alison Lester said in an interview Friday with ABC's "Good Morning America." Lester's boyfriend, Trent Behr, said they saw a woman in the water and helped to pull her into the boat. He said he was about to start CPR when an EMT arrived and took over.

Stone County Sheriff Doug Rader urged anyone with video or photos of the accident to contact authorities.

Divers quickly located the vessel, which came to rest on its wheels on the lakebed, and authorities planned to recover it later Friday.

The boat sank in 40 feet of water and then rolled on its wheels into a deeper area with 80 feet of water. Investigators had no information about whether passengers were wearing life jackets or whether they were stowed onboard, the sheriff said.

The Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board planned to help with the investigation.

Branson, about 200 miles southeast of Kansas City, is a country-themed tourist mecca built on a reputation for patriotic and religious-themed shows in numerous theaters.

Table Rock Lake, east of Branson, was created in the late 1950s when the Corps of Army Engineers built a dam across the White River to provide hydroelectric power to the Ozarks.

Bush's former doctor fatally shot while biking near hospital

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A cardiologist who once treated former President George H.W. Bush was fatally shot by a fellow bicyclist Friday while riding through a Houston medical complex, and police were trying to determine if the shooting was random or a targeted act.

The shooting happened around 9 a.m. as Dr. Mark Hausknecht was going northbound through the Texas Medical Center, said Houston Police Executive Assistant Chief Troy Finner. "The suspect was on a bicycle as well. Rode past the doctor, turned and fired two shots. The doctor immediately went down," Finner said.

Hausknecht, 65, hit at least once, was taken to a nearby hospital, where he died.

Hausknecht was going in to work at Houston Methodist Hospital when he was shot, the hospital's CEO said in an email to staff.

The area where the shooting took place is part of a 1,345-acre complex of hospitals and medical institutions, including the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, and is busy with traffic and pedestrians during the day.

Authorities late Friday

continued searching for the suspect, who was wearing a gray warmup jacket, khaki shorts and a tan baseball cap.

Hausknecht treated Bush in February 2000 for an irregular heartbeat after the ex-president complained about lightheadedness while visiting Florida.

The cardiologist appeared with Bush at a news conference after his treatment.

Bush on Friday offered his condolences to Hausknecht's family.

"Mark was a fantastic cardiologist and a good man," Bush said in a statement. "I will always be grateful for his exceptional, compassionate care."

Hausknecht had been in medical practice for almost 40 years and specialized in cardiovascular disease, said Marc Boom, president and CEO of Houston Methodist Hospital.

Hausknecht was part of the hospital's medical staff as well as its DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center.

"His patients appreciated his kind bedside manner and the extra time he took to answer their questions and fully explain their condition and treatment," Boom said in an email to employees on Friday. "Our employees who worked with him said patients were so proud to call him their doctor."

Jury convicts man in slaying of University of Texas student

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A jury on Friday convicted a 20-year-old man in the 2016 slaying of a University of Texas freshman on campus.

Meechael Criner was found guilty of capital murder in the death of 18-year-old Haruka Weiser. Criner, a foster care runaway at the time of the killing, received an automatic life sentence. Because he was 17 at the time of the incident, he was ineligible for the death penalty.

He will be eligible for parole after 40 years.

Weiser, a dance major from Portland, Oregon, was walking to her dormitory after a rehearsal when she was strangled and sexually assaulted.

In a victim's impact statement Weiser's father, Dr. Thomas Weiser, said he believed that Weiser would have killed others had he not been arrested and charged in his daughter's death.

"She was the first victim in what you hoped to be a long run of unsolved murders," he said.

Weiser said the clues Criner left behind about the killing kept that from happening.

"I think you messed with the wrong girl that night," Weiser said.

Shortly before Weiser's death, a man wearing a bandanna around his neck is seen on surveillance video following her on a bicycle. The next morning, detectives found an orange bandanna and Weiser's belongings in a trash can at the vacant building. Prosecutors also showed the jury a selfie of Criner wearing an orange bandanna.

Eyeglasses found at the crime scene match the model, style and prescription of glasses worn by Criner, according to testimony from two eye experts.

In his own testimony, Criner denied killing the woman, further denying that he had ever seen her. He said the night Weiser died, he'd gone to a hospital to charge his cellphone and tablet and then slept in a vacant building.

Criner admitted it looked bad that police found him at the vacant building with items belonging to Weiser, including a boot he was wearing in a makeshift fire pit. He also had her schoolwork and phone, prosecutors said. Criner said he found the items at a trash bin.

Soaring temperatures, humidity bring dangerous heat in South

By Kevin McGill,
Diana Heldgerd and
Jeff Martin
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

Scorching heat was spreading Friday across much of the South, where temperatures are expected to soar over 100 degrees and persist into next week.

The National Weather Service posted heat advisories and warnings from the New Mexico-Texas border eastward to parts of Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, west Tennessee and parts of Kansas, Missouri and Kentucky were all under heat advisories or warnings Friday. In Texas, the nation's largest prison system took the unprecedented step of allowing all inmates and staff unlimited access to cold water and opportunities to cool off in air-conditioned spaces.

"This one will be rather long-lasting in the areas it affects," said David Hamrick, a forecaster at the Weather Prediction Center in College Park, Maryland.

The hot temperatures will combine with high humidity, which could be lethal to some people, forecasters said. They were warning that children, older people, those without air conditioning and outdoor workers will be particularly at risk.

Highs Friday were expected to be 109 degrees in the Dallas and Oklahoma City metro areas; 111 degrees in parts of western Oklahoma; and 109 degrees in Shreveport, Louisiana.

With highs that hot,

temperatures in many places were in the 80s during the pre-dawn hours Friday. In Dallas, for instance, the low temperature early Friday was 85 degrees, Hamrick said.

The heat wave has already broken records in Texas set more than 90 years ago.

"I have records all over the place," said Blanca Villanueva, a National Weather Service forecaster in north Texas. "It looks like we'll probably break most of the records that we have through the week-end."

The high temperature in Texas on Thursday was 112 degrees in Wichita Falls, breaking a previous 111-degree mark set in 1925 and also 1936.

Villanueva says Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport hit 108 degrees Thursday, breaking a previous record set in 1925. In central Texas, Waco also reached 108 degrees on Thursday, breaking the previous record set in 1951.

The heat wave prompted a federal agency to warn residents who were displaced by Hurricane Harvey and still living in government-provided mobile homes to make sure their air conditioning was working. More than 2,300 families displaced by Harvey were still living in mobile homes and travel trailers provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, spokeswoman Lauren Horst said Friday.

Harvey made landfall in South Texas last Aug. 25, leading to torrential rain that swamped parts of Houston and the

Beaumont-Port Arthur area of south Texas.

Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Jeremy Desel said that for the first time ever Friday, all of the more than 145,000 inmates at Texas prisons — most of which are housed in units without central air conditioning — were offered unlimited access to cold water and

cold showers, and opportunities to cool down in air-conditioned spaces including prison chapels and clinics.

The policy came after a federal judge ruled last summer in favor of inmates at a southeast Texas unit who complained that the sweltering heat amounted to unconstitutionally cruel punishment.

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Woman seeks reconciliation after betrayal ends friendship

DEAR ABBY: Five years ago, someone who I thought was my best friend betrayed me. I had developed a relationship with a married, mutual friend. My best friend felt it was her "right and duty" to out us to our spouses. The affair ended and both of our marriages survived, but our friendship did not.

She has now tried to contact me wanting to be friends again. While I do miss her friendship, she did not have the right to do what she did, and she has never acknowledged that what she did was wrong. Should I step up and be the bigger person and accept her friend request or ignore it? — **AT A LOSS IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR AT A LOSS: Being self-protective won't make you a smaller person, only a safer one. If you would like to welcome back into your life a person who betrayed your confidence — by all means open the door. I sure wouldn't, but then again, I'm not you.

DEAR ABBY: I have a boyfriend (18) who is a dreamer. He doesn't really consider reality. At 16, I am a realist. I love him to death, and we are very happy, but I often come off rude when I give him reality checks when he's trying

to be romantic and sweet.

I love that he's romantic, but I'm afraid of his romantic ideas because I know they are too good to be true. Then again, I'm afraid of him not being romantic and losing himself. How do I learn to accept his love as love and not as a threat? How do I not come off rude when I feel he's not being realistic? Please help me, because I don't want to lose him. — **ROMANCE DILEMMA**

DEAR DILEMMA: Because you're a realist, allow me to point something out. There's a saying, "A fish and a zebra may fall in love, but they can't live together." You may not want to lose your boyfriend, but the odds of this romance becoming something permanent aren't great because you think so differently. For the time being, when he's waxing poetic about his dreams for the future, keep your lips firmly sealed instead of shooting him down.

DEAR ABBY: I work

in an expensive store that closes at 9 p.m. Clients often walk in here two minutes before we shut the door and spend 20 to 30 minutes inside before leaving. We employees still have to clean after they leave and, after eight hours of working, we just want to get home to our families. Shouldn't shoppers be considerate and refrain from coming in if they know they will be here past closing, or does it not matter? — **JUST WANTS TO GO HOME IN DELAWARE**

DEAR JUST: It would be nice if shoppers were more considerate, but part of being in high-end sales is customer service, even though not all of the patrons are as thoughtful as you would like them to be. I'm sure your employer feels these individuals should be catered to, and part of your job is to make them feel welcome regardless of the time. It may not seem fair, but business is business.

DEAR ABBY

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

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|---|--|
| Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold: | What call would you make? |
| ♠ J 10 7 5 ♥ K J 10 8 3 ♦ 9 8 ♣ A Q | Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold: |
| Partner opens 3NT, Gambling, showing a solid minor suit at least seven cards long and no outside ace or king. What call would you make? | ♠ 7 5 2 ♥ J 10 ♦ 9 8 ♣ K Q J 7 3 2 |
| Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold: | Partner opens one heart and right-hand opponent doubles. What call would you make? |
| ♠ J 8 7 6 3 ♥ A 10 7 5 3 2 ♦ J ♣ J | Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold: |
| WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH | ♠ A K 9 8 ♥ A K ♦ Q 9 8 5 4 ♣ 7 3 |
| 1♣ Pass 1♦ ? | Right-hand opponent opens one club. What call would you make? |

SAUDIS

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and the escalating U.S.-China trade war stoked fears about the strength of demand.

"They're pushing out a heck of a lot of crude right now, and they're worried about the downward pressure on prices," said Mike Wittner, head of oil market research at Societe Generale SA in New York. "The Saudis are trying to thread a needle right now, and the width of that needle is \$70 to \$80."

Oil rose in response to the ministry's statement and Brent crude, the international benchmark, was 0.5 percent higher at \$72.92 a barrel in London as of 8:13 a.m. on Friday.

Saudi Arabia initially planned to reach record output of 10.8 million barrels a day this month, people briefed on production policy said late last month. That level was always dependent on the strength of domestic and international demand, so could end up ranging from 10.6 million to 11 million, they said.

The kingdom told fellow producers on Wednesday that output in July will be in line with June's level of just below 10.5 million barrels a day, people familiar with the matter said.

The impact of U.S. sanctions on Iran's oil shipments, which remains highly uncertain, will play a big part in determining the final outcome.

Since quitting the international nuclear agreement with Iran, the Trump administration has sent conflicting signals, indicating last month that it intended to choke off Iranian crude exports entirely. More recently, however, officials such as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin have suggested a more flexible approach could be taken.

Iranian exports are already starting to fall, with shipments to Europe slumping

by about 50 percent in June, according to estimates from the International Energy Agency. A more significant supply gap won't emerge until sanctions enter full force in November, according to the people who spoke with the Saudis, who asked not to be identified as the talks were private.

As a result, the kingdom seems to be having difficulty right now placing all the barrels it wanted to. The problem is being compounded by weak appetite for crude in Asia, where concerns are building about the strength of demand, consultant Energy Aspects Ltd. said.

"This is a market where the increase in GCC and Russian supplies has come at a time when the refinery bid is lacking," said Amrita Sen, Energy Aspects' chief oil analyst.

Saudi crude exports fell by about 500,000 barrels a day to 6.7 million in the first half of July compared with the same period in June, tanker tracking by Bloomberg shows.

According to the statement on Thursday from the Energy Ministry, which cited Saudi Arabia's liaison to OPEC Adnan Al-Azma, exports for this month as a whole will be in line with June's levels, and will decline by 100,000 barrels a day in August.

With so many factors shifting the balance between global supply and demand, the appetite for additional Saudi crude may change, especially as the extent of Iran's losses becomes clearer. Market sentiment could flip again to focus on worries over whether the kingdom has enough idle production capacity to prevent a shortage emerging on the global market.

"We have hardly started to see a reduction in flows from Iran," said Societe Generale's Wittner. "Though there's a lot of crude coming out from Saudi Arabia now, spare capacity is really going to be the big issue going forward. And spare capacity is getting very tight very quickly."

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LEFT: Mexican-American artist Ken Gonzales-Day, left, speaks to a group of Hispanic recent high school graduates. He is currently exhibiting his 2008 series "Erased Lynchings" at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery in Washington a series of photographs of lynchings in which the victim has been digitally removed from the image. The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery is examining how people of color have been missing in historical portraiture. A new exhibit explores the diversity of victims of lynchings. RIGHT: A visitor looks at prints by Gonzales-Day at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery.

Smithsonian gallery explores diversity in US lynchings

By Luis Alonso Lugo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery acknowledges that people of color have long been missing in the works it exhibits.

Now the museum is tackling the issue in an unusual way. The Portrait Gallery is currently showing about 20 works by Los Angeles-based artist Ken Gonzales-Day that examine lynchings, mostly in the American West, and probe the history of racial violence in the United States.

"Latinos were a very small

number" of those lynched in the U.S., Gonzales-Day told The Associated Press during a recent interview at the Portrait Gallery. "Native Americans, Chinese, even smaller numbers."

"But when you think of it as a spectrum of racialized violence, then we can see it is part of a continuing (history) in the United States that dates back to its founding," he said.

Equal Justice Initiative, an Alabama-based non-profit, documented more than 4,400 lynchings of black people in the United States between 1877 and 1950.

Gonzales-Day published a

book in 2006 in which he verified 354 cases of lynchings in California between 1850 and 1935. Of those, 140 were Latinos — the largest group — while minorities made up two-thirds of the total.

To avoid re-victimizing those who were killed or causing pain to their families, Gonzales-Day's works remove the body and the rope from each image. His ultimate goal is to spotlight racial violence in the U.S. in a broad sense.

"Traditionally, when people talk about the Wild West, they say, 'Yes, there were some instances of Latinos being lynched, but they were all bad guys.' My

project was (to) prove that race was a factor," he said.

Gonzales-Day sees a continuation of racially motivated violence today, citing the recent separations of migrant children from their parents at the southern U.S. border as an example. He hopes his audience thinks of current issues when looking at his work.

"The question is empathy. Can you empathize with another person who is not like yourself, with a different cultural background, with a different language?" he asked. "This challenge of empathy is our nation's challenge."

"UnSeen: Our Past in a New

Light" also includes 17 paintings and one sculpture by artist Titus Kaphar, who recreates well-known paintings to include those traditionally left out by smearing tar, erasing with white paint and shredding canvas into strips.

"This exhibition talks about those absent histories, and about the many ways in which systems have been set in society to say the white Anglo person is worth more than the African-American, or the Native American or the Latino," the museum's Curator of Latino Art and History, Taina Caragol, told the AP.

The exhibition runs through January.

Thailand seeks control over movies about cave ordeal

By Kawewit Kaewjinda
Associated Press

BANGKOK — Thailand's military government wants to control how movies portray the ordeal of the young soccer players and their heroic rescue from a flooded cave that drew worldwide interest and the attention of foreign filmmakers.

Culture Minister Vira Rojjanarat said he will propose at next week's Cabinet meeting that a special committee be established to oversee the production of films, documentaries and videos related to the experiences of the 12 boys and their coach who were trapped in a cave for almost three weeks before being rescued.

With the boys returned home, attention has turned to how the media is handling the post-rescue story.

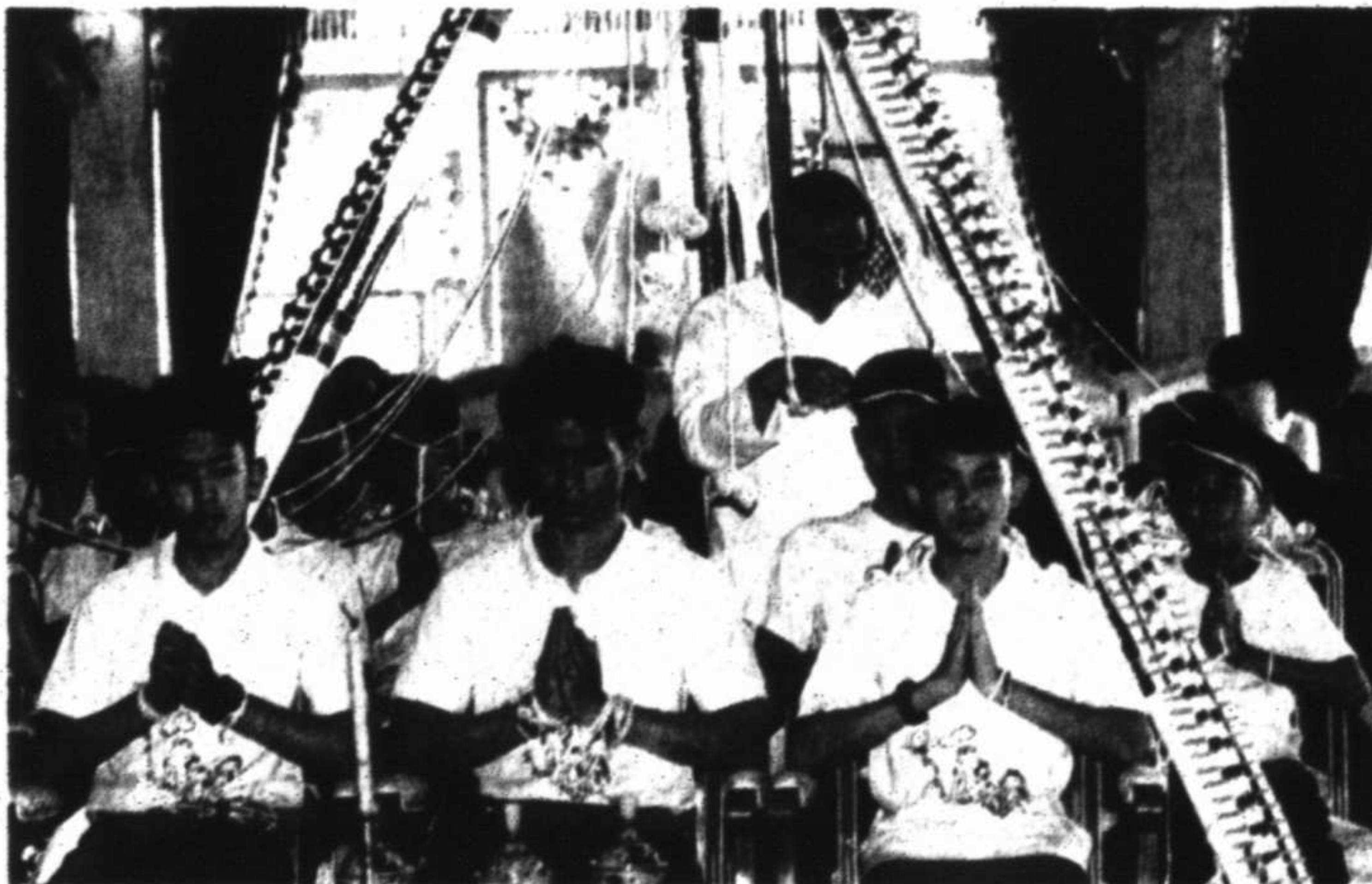
There has been criticism of several news outlets, mostly foreign, who are considered to have ignored official advice to leave the boys alone for at least a month to try to avoid psychological stress that recounting their ordeal might trigger.

Deputy Prime Minister Wisanu Krea-ngam said Friday he had instructed officials from the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security to make sure the young soccer players and those associated with them are not bothered while they are going through a period of mental rehabilitation.

He said the foreign media "may not know the consequences of our child protection laws. Even if unintentional, but if guilty, we can conduct legal proceedings against foreigners." Wisanu, who is considered the top legal expert for Thailand's ruling junta, said the boys are protected by child protection laws and information protection laws.

The rescue, carried out successfully against high odds, was a rare bit of feel-good news from Thailand, which has been mired in political conflict and heavy-handed military rule for more than a decade.

Even as the world watched the cave saga, a boat sinking off a



Sakchai Lait/Associated Press

Soccer coach Ekkapol Jitwong, second from left, and members of the rescued soccer team attend a Buddhist ceremony that is believed to extend the lives of its attendees as well as ridding them of dangers and misfortunes Thursday in Mae Sai district, Chiang Rai province, northern Thailand. The 12 boys and their soccer coach rescued from a cave in northern Thailand left the hospital where they had been recuperating and appeared at a news conference Wednesday, saying the ordeal made them stronger and taught them not to live carelessly.

southern resort island claimed almost 50 Chinese tourists, an event that normally would have registered as a high-profile debacle.

The cave rescue also allowed the government of Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, who has been criticized for political maneuvering to stay in power after elections planned for next year, to share in some glory.

The government's Thailand Film Office already regulates the production of films shot in Thailand by foreign companies, including vetting scripts and issuing filming permits, but Vira said the committee would oversee content, licensing and the protection of privacy of the rescued team and their families.

Vira, speaking after a film board meeting Thursday chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Wisanu, said five foreign film production companies have shown interest in making a movie or documentary

about the cave rescue and some had already been on location to collect information.

Thai film producers have also shown interest but have not yet contacted the government, Vira said.

The boys and coach of the Wild Boars soccer team were released from the hospital on Wednesday and at a news conference described how they got trapped in the cave, and after 10 days cut off from the outside world, were astonished to see two British divers rising from muddy waters and assuring them work was underway to rescue them.

"This (story) has all the right elements," Vira said. "If you talk about drama associated with filmmaking, it has everything. The content and story it has for filmmaking is very complete. Even if you don't create additional drama, these events had every flavor."

Wisanu said that it is the boys' right to sign contracts for their own benefit, but added that the government committee would provide advice "like a manager," but without seeking any profit for itself.

He said the government was "very afraid" that some of those close to the ordeal could be coerced to sign contracts "because once a contract is signed, that person can't do anything else, which is why someone with legal knowledge needs to step in and help."

Several murals and sculptures have already been commissioned to mark the epic cave adventure. Many focus on Saman Gunan, a former Thai navy SEAL who volunteered to help with the rescue effort and died while diving on a mission to supply the cave with oxygen tanks essential to helping the boys escape. Saman is being treated as a national hero.

COMIC-CON BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN DIEGO

M. Night

Shyamalan debuts 'Glass' trailer at Comic-Con

Director M. Night Shyamalan says he could have launched the trailer for "Glass" in front of the summer's biggest movies, but that he wanted to hold it for Comic-Con.

The filmmaker said Friday at the annual comic book convention that he felt strongly that the Hall H audience should be the first to see it.

"Glass" melds the worlds of the director's previous films "Unbreakable" and "Split" and stars Samuel L. Jackson, Bruce Willis and James McAvoy as the superhumans they originated in the previous films.

All but McAvoy, who was sick, made an appearance on stage to promote the film.

Shyamalan says his film will likely be on the edge of a PG-13 and R-rating. It will be released in North American theaters in January.

SAN DIEGO

Jamie Lee Curtis hugs an emotional 'Halloween' fan

Jamie Lee Curtis walked off-stage during a massive Comic-Con presentation for the new "Halloween" movie Friday to embrace an emotional fan who said that her character saved his life years ago.

Wiping tears away, the man told a story about a home invasion he experienced and said he was a victor not a victim because of her.

It echoed what Curtis had said just moments earlier about how this new iteration of "Halloween" is so important because it allows her character to reclaim her narrative 40 years after the traumatic events in John Carpenter's movie.

Curtis got a wildly enthusiastic reception from the crowd in the 6,500-seat Hall H throughout the presentation, which also featured some horrifying and bloody footage. "Halloween" hits theaters on Oct. 19.

North Dakota seeks federal money for pipeline protest costs

By Blake Nicholson
Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota on Friday demanded \$38 million from the federal government to reimburse the state for costs associated with policing large-scale and prolonged protests against the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem filed an administrative claim against the Army Corps of Engineers, contending the federal agency allowed protesters to illegally camp without a permit between Aug. 10, 2016, and March 31, 2017, on federal land along the Missouri River in southern

North Dakota and failed to maintain law and order.

The Corps' inaction "required North Dakota to provide a sustained, large-scale public safety response to prevent deaths, and protect property and public safety, including that of the protesters," Stenehjem wrote.

If the claim isn't paid or settled in six months, the state can sue in federal court, the attorney general said in a statement. The federal Justice Department declined comment. Corps officials have said previously that the protesters weren't evicted due to free speech reasons.

North Dakota's case "is

a long shot," according to University of St. Thomas law professor Gregory Sisk, an expert on civil litigation with the federal government. He said typical claims involve such things as a government employee causing damage or injury.

"When you get beyond those ordinary or garden-variety (claims) to alleging the government effectively failed to do a good job as the government, those types of suits don't succeed," he said.

The \$3.8 billion pipeline was built by Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners to move North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to a shipping point in

Illinois. It began operating a year ago, though four American Indian tribes in the Dakotas are still fighting it in court.

During construction, opponents who feared environmental damage gathered in the thousands in southern North Dakota, setting up camps on federal land that morphed into small cities.

Protesters often clashed with law enforcement who established their own operations center a short distance away, resulting in 761 arrests from August 2016 to February 2017.

"The protesters' sprawling encampments, with virtually no sanitation

facilities, and their contamination of the land and water during their 'occupation,' were all in violation of federal law," Stenehjem said.

The pipeline construction spanned two presidential administrations, with the protests beginning while Barack Obama was in the White House. President Donald Trump just days after taking office in January 2017 pushed through completion of the stalled project.

Gov. Doug Burgum last year asked Trump for a disaster declaration to cover the costs of the protest, but the request was denied. State plans for the federal government to send law officers during the protests also were rejected.

White House walks-back several Trump comments

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This was the week when "would" turned into "wouldn't" and "no" meant "yes," as President Donald Trump and his top aides tried to walk back several of his comments on Russia and the Federal Reserve.

At one point, the rhetorical zigzags left one senator lamenting a "walk-back of the walk-back" that was, she said, "dizzying."

A look at a week of walk-backs:

'WOULD' VS. 'WOULDN'T'

Trump was asked at the end of Monday's summit in Helsinki with Russian President Vladimir Putin: "Who do you believe?" — U.S. intelligence, which accuses Russia of election meddling, or Putin, who denies it?

With Putin at his side, Trump said of American intelligence officials: "They said they think it's Russia. I have President Putin. He just said it's not Russia. I will say this — I don't see any reason why it would be."

Facing intense blowback for siding with Russia, Trump dug in and tweeted that "Fake News" was to blame for mischaracterizing the summit.

It wasn't until more than 24 hours after the press conference that Trump took back his initial remarks, blaming a grammatical glitch as he read from a prepared statement: "The sentence should have been: I don't see any reason why it wouldn't be Russia. Sort of a double negative."

This "clarification" didn't address other remarks in which Trump criticized the U.S. as "foolish" for its approach to Russia and said "I have confidence in both parties."

Trump also injected some uncertainty into his walk-back



President Donald Trump, center, takes his seat before the start of his meeting with members of his Cabinet in the Cabinet Room of the White House on Wednesday in Washington. Also taking their seats are from left, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Deputy Secretary of Defense Patrick Shanahan, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, White House deputy chief of staff for communications Bill Shine, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders and Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao.

by tacking a qualifier on to his statement that he accepts the intelligence community's conclusion that Russian meddling in the 2016 election took place. He added: "Could be other people also; there's a lot of people out there."

'INCREDIBLE' TURNS REGRETTABLE

During the same press conference, Trump praised Putin's "incredible offer" of a deal to swap interrogations.

Putin pitched the idea that the U.S. could question the 12 Russian military officials indicted for hacking into the Democratic presidential campaign. In exchange, he said, Russian authorities could interview several Americans the Kremlin accuses of unspecified crimes.

"I think that's an incredible offer. OK?" Trump said. The

idea landed with a thud among officials back in the U.S.

By Thursday, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders issued a clarifying statement: "It is a proposal that was made in sincerity by President Putin, but President Trump disagrees with it."

"Hopefully President Putin will have the 12 identified Russians come to the United States to prove their innocence or guilt," she added.

NO MEANS YES?

There was more verbal drama at Wednesday's Cabinet meeting, when Trump was asked by a reporter if Russia was still targeting the U.S.

(The U.S. national intelligence director had recently warned that the nation's "warning lights are blinking red" because countries like Russia and China are trying

to attack U.S. digital infrastructure.)

"Thank you very much, no," Trump said.

The reporter asked again, and Trump said "no" again.

"But can you just clarify, you don't believe that to be the case?" the reporter asked a third time.

Another reporter shouts a question, and Trump says "thank you very much everybody." But then he appears to change his mind, telling reporters "we're doing very well" and that "there's been no president ever as tough as I have been on Russia."

Sanders later said his comment was misinterpreted. She said Trump was saying "no" to answering additional questions — although that didn't appear to be the case because he elaborated on Russia.

"The president is wrong," GOP Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said

of Trump's one-word response. Told that Sanders had since clarified, she responded: "There's a walk-back of the walk-back of the walk-back of the walk-back? This is dizzying."

RESPECTFUL CRITICISM?

On Thursday, Trump said he was "not happy" that the Federal Reserve was raising interest rates, breaking with long-standing tradition at the White House of avoiding any influence on the U.S. central bank.

A White House spokeswoman, Lindsay Walters, wanted to make clear that the president "respects the independence of the Fed."

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

But that clarifying remark was washed away Friday when the president took to Twitter to press the Fed to change course.

"The United States should not be penalized because we are doing so well. Tightening now hurts all that we have done," Trump tweeted.

PUTIN'S WALK-BACK

Putin had his own walk-back. During the Monday press conference, he alleged that Bill Browder, an investor and Putin critic accused of financial crimes in Russia, contributed \$400 million to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.

The notion of a \$400 million donation to the Democrat's campaign would be out of the question.

On Tuesday, the Russian general prosecutor's office said to little fanfare that Putin misspoke and meant \$400,000.

Republicans pick Charlotte to host 2020 convention

By Steve Peoples and Tom Foreman Jr.
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

As Charlotte, North Carolina, celebrates being chosen Friday to host the 2020 Republican National Convention, an undercurrent of concern about the potential for violence runs through the Democratic-leaning city.

The GOP's national committee selected North Carolina's largest city over Las Vegas as hundreds of party activists gathered in Austin for the committee's summer meeting.

"The city that I represent has truly established its place on the national stage, and I want to thank you again for the opportunity to showcase our city and showing the world how special we are," said Mayor Vi Lyles, Charlotte's first black female mayor. "We're a growing center of diversity and inclusiveness in the New South, and we're going to show you the true meaning of Southern hospitality."

Under Lyles' predecessor, Jennifer Roberts, Charlotte passed an LGBTQ nondiscrimination ordinance in 2016 that included allowing people to choose whichever bathroom corresponds to their gender identity. The Republican-led General Assembly responded with House Bill 2, which prevented other local governments from passing similar laws and directed transgender people in schools and government buildings to use restrooms and locker rooms that correspond to the sex on their birth certificates.

A protracted battle marked by corporate pull-outs and sports boycotts ended when state lawmakers rolled back the restrictions, but not enough to satisfy LGBTQ advocates.

Lyles led the campaign to bring the convention to Charlotte and said in a newspaper column that it would be a chance for the city to show its inclusiveness. At a public hearing Monday, more than 100 residents spoke for and against the proposed bid. The City Council voted 6-5 to extend the bid, and Lyles emphasized that the vote wasn't an endorsement of President Donald Trump.



Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles speaks to a packed chamber during a public forum on Monday before the Charlotte City Council votes whether to host the 2020 Republican National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. As Charlotte, North Carolina, celebrates being chosen Friday to host the 2020 Republican National Convention, an undercurrent of concern about the potential for violence runs through the Democratic-leaning city. Lyles led the campaign to bring the convention to Charlotte and said in a newspaper column that it would be a chance for the city to show its inclusiveness.

"I'm going to call for unity," Lyles said after Monday's vote. "Unity doesn't come easily. It comes with hard work, and we're trying our best to make that happen."

Throughout the city council meeting, opponents of the bid said the convention would put Charlotte residents at risk.

Tens of thousands of political activists, protesters and journalists are expected to converge on Charlotte in two years. "I do not believe that something like '68 is going to happen in Charlotte," said Larry Shashen, a Charlotte-based Republican consultant, referring to the violence at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago, where Vietnam War protesters fought police in the streets.

Given recent events in the city, he said, it would be wise for Charlotte convention organizers to begin building civic unity now for the event despite political divisions to avoid a spark "fanning into the flame."

The Rev. Amantha Barbee, one of speakers at Monday's meeting, cast a dire view of what lies ahead. Part of her prediction stems from two nights of violent protests in downtown Charlotte after the shooting of a black man by a police officer in 2016.

"You can look at what happened in Charlottesville. You can look at what happened here in Charlotte. You can look at Ferguson," Barbee said. "And you can go overseas and see what happened when the president was visiting. I am afraid that people will be hurt or killed, and there's not enough money on the planet to replace someone's life."

Barbee also chastised city leaders, saying the bid was "more of a financial concern versus a community concern."

In North Carolina, Republicans will lavish money and attention on a swing state that backed President Barack Obama in 2008 and Trump in 2016.

Trump was taped talking of paying for Playboy model's story

By Eric Tucker and Jennifer Peltz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's former personal lawyer secretly recorded Trump discussing a potential payment for a former Playboy model's account of having an affair with him, people familiar with an investigation into the attorney said Friday.

While they said the payment was never made, the recording by attorney Michael Cohen adds to questions about whether Trump tried to quash damaging stories in the run-up to his 2016 election. Trump's campaign had said it knew nothing about any payment to ex-centerfold Karen McDougal.

Current Trump attorney Rudy Giuliani said the brief recording shows Trump did nothing wrong.

"The transaction that Michael is talking about on the tape never took place, but what's important is: If it did take place, the president said it has to be done correctly and it has to be done by check" to keep a proper record of it, Giuliani said.

One of Cohen's lawyers, Larry Davis, said "any attempt at spin cannot change what is on the tape."

"When the recording is heard, it will not hurt Mr. Cohen," Davis said in a statement.

Cohen surreptitiously made the recording two months before the election, according to a person familiar with a federal investigation into Cohen. The person spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing inquiry.

The conversation between Trump and Cohen came weeks after the National Enquirer's parent company reached a \$150,000 deal to pay McDougal for her story of a 2006 affair, which it never published, a tabloid

practice known as catch and kill. Trump denies the affair ever happened.

The company, American Media Inc., is run by Trump friend and supporter David Pecker.

The company's payment effectively silenced McDougal through the election, though days beforehand news of the deal emerged in The Wall Street Journal. At the time, a Trump spokeswoman said his campaign had "no knowledge of any of this."

But in the recorded conversation, Trump and Cohen appear to be discussing buying the rights to McDougal's story from the Enquirer's parent company, according to the person familiar with the investigation.

McDougal's lawyer and an American Media spokesman didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment Friday.

The recording, first reported by The New York Times, likely will revive questions about what other recordings of Trump's conversations might exist. As a businessman, Trump occasionally recorded his phone calls, a former Trump Organization executive told the AP last year, although Trump once denied doing so.

The FBI, which raided

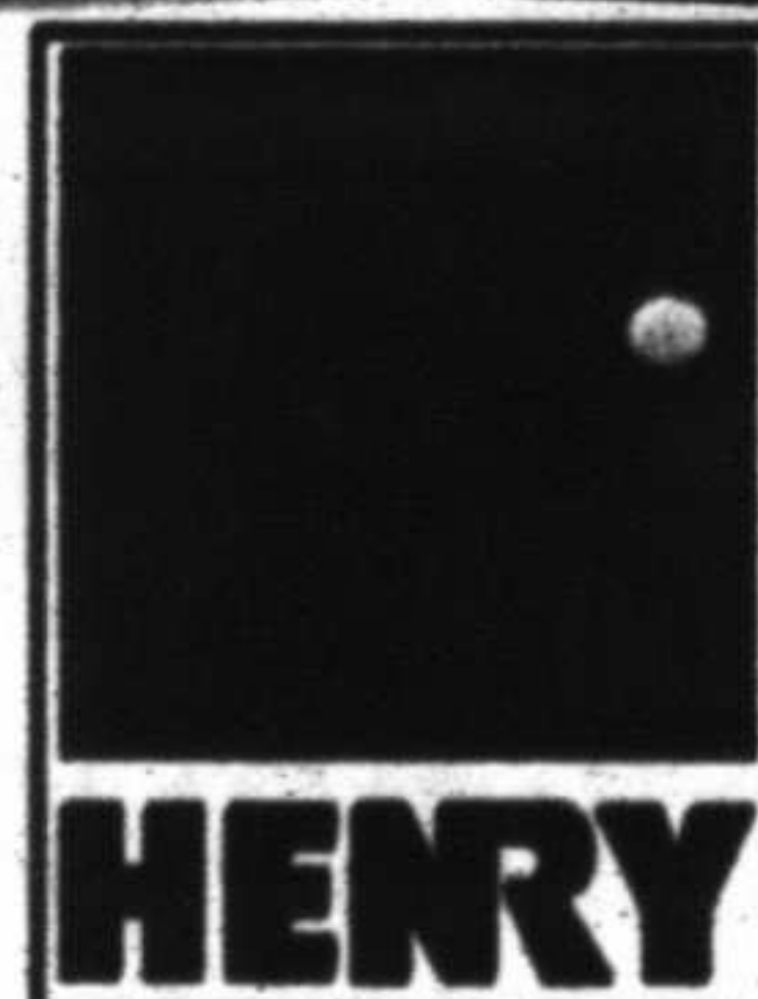
Cohen's office, home and hotel room in April, has the tape, according to the person familiar with the investigation into his business dealings, including any information on payments to McDougal. Meanwhile, a government watchdog group has asked the Department of Justice and the Federal Election Commission to investigate whether American Media's payment to the former centerfold amounted to an unreported and illegal corporate campaign contribution.

The Cohen investigation, by federal prosecutors in New York, is separate from an ongoing inquiry by special counsel Robert Mueller into potential coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia.

Cohen hasn't been charged with any crime.

A self-described fixer for Trump for more than a decade, he said last year he would "take a bullet" for Trump. But he told an interviewer this month that he now puts "family and country first" and won't let anyone paint him as "a villain of this story." On Twitter, he scrubbed mentions and photos of Trump from a profile that previously identified him as "Personal attorney to President Donald J. Trump."

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Few good options on protests for NFL owners

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

The controversy over NFL players protesting during the national anthem isn't going away, despite — or perhaps because of — team owners' efforts to stop players from using the forum to speak out on political causes.

The league's attempt to turn responsibility for disciplining protesters over to individual teams backfired on Thursday when the Miami Dolphins tried to categorize raising a fist or kneeling during the anthem as "conduct detrimental to the club." That gave them the right to punish a player with a fine or up to a four-game suspension — one game more than Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston got when he was accused of groping an Uber driver.

■ ANALYSIS

Hours after The Associated Press reported on Miami's rules, the NFL and the players union issued a joint statement saying they were putting any anthem conduct policy on hold to see if they could come up with a compromise. But the owners aren't left with many good options to diffuse the controversy, especially with President Donald Trump eager to fan the flames.

Here's a look at some of them:

Leave it to the teams

The Plan: The league's solution, which the NFL Players Association challenged, was to allow each team to determine

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AP file photo

Miami Dolphins wide receiver Kenny Stills (10), free safety Michael Thomas (31) and defensive back Chris Culliver (29) kneel Oct. 23, 2016, during the National Anthem before the first half of an NFL game against the Buffalo Bills in Miami Gardens, Fla. Miami Dolphins players who protest on the field during the national anthem this season could be suspended for up to four games under a new team policy issued to players this week.

CRAZY FINISHES



Alastair Grant/AP

Zach Johnson celebrates after putting on the 18th green during the second round of the British Open Golf Championship on Friday in Carnoustie, Scotland.

Johnson and Kisner, housemates and British Open leaders

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — A light rain in the morning that gave way to soft sunlight in the afternoon took some of the sting out of Carnoustie.

Just not all of it.

Kevin Kisner found that out with one swing that erased his two-shot lead Friday in the British Open and left him tied with housemate Zach Johnson. He hit an 8-iron that only needed to go 150 yards to clear the Barry Burn in front of the 18th green. Instead, it floated out of the yellow grass to the right, bounced off the base of the rock wall that frames

the winding stream and led to a double bogey.

Disappointed but not down, Kisner removed his cap behind the green and scratched his head as if he wondered what hit him.

"They call it 'Car-nasty' for a reason," he said after signing for his 1-under 70. "Even when you think you've got it, it will jump up and bite you."

It took a chunk out of Dustin Johnson and Justin Thomas, the Nos. 1 and 2 players in the world who won't be around for the weekend. Johnson finished with a double bogey to miss the cut by one. Thomas made three straight double bogeys on the front nine and missed by one.

And it left a wide-open weekend on a course with a history of crazy finishes.

Zach Johnson, whose name already is on the claret jug from his playoff victory at St. Andrews three years ago, played in the morning under an umbrella and finished with a 30-foot birdie putt for a 67.

Johnson and Kisner are staying in a house of seven players — five of them major champions — and share the lead at 6-under 136.

They played on different ends of a day that started gray and ended with shadows. Scotland's unusually dry summer finally got a reprieve. There wasn't enough rain to turn brown fairways

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Woods has mixed bag at British Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Tiger Woods didn't entirely hurt his chances in the British Open.

Better yet, he didn't hurt anyone in the gallery.

Woods still walked away Friday realizing he made it a little tougher on the weekend at Carnoustie if he wants to end a decade without winning a major. A rugged start, a strong recovery, a few putts for birdie, a few he missed for par, and it added to an even-par 71.

"I could have cleaned up the round a little bit," he said.

He was tied for 29th, six strokes behind leaders Zach Johnson and Kevin Kisner.

The wildest moment on a wet day in Scotland came on the second hole, when Woods hit his drive well to the right on the side of a dune. The grass was deep enough that it was certain to twist the club on impact. Woods asked the gallery to move back because he would have to start it to the right with the golf ball well above his feet.

The shot came out hot and right at them. There was no evidence it hit anyone — no one was hurt, anyway — because the ball at least kept going in the rough.

Woods was thankful.

"I was trying to play for the grass to wrap the shaft around there and hit it left, and I was just trying to hold the face open as much as I possibly could. It grabbed the shaft and smothered it," he said. "I was very, very fortunate that it got far enough down there where I had a full wedge into the green."

He still made bogey. He made another bogey on the next hole, and just like that he was on the cut line.

Woods answered with a pair of birdies, and it was give-and-take the rest of the way.

The only time he was under par for his round was after a 5-iron easily cleared the Spectacle bunkers on the par-5 14th and rolled onto the green to a front pin, leaving him an 18-foot eagle putt. He missed and made birdie.

Two holes later, he found a pot bunker right of the par-3 16th and made bogey.

And on the final hole, he hit an approach he judged perfectly to about 10 feet pin-high. He missed.

"I played a little bit better yesterday," Woods said of his matching scores for the opening two rounds. "Today wasn't quite as good, but I finally birdied the par 5."

He was six shots behind when he finished and figured the margin would be a little wider, which it was. Woods and the rest of the early starters faced an entire round of light rain, while it cleared out for the afternoon.

"It will be a pretty packed leaderboard,

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Alabama is media choice to win SEC championship

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Reigning national champion Alabama has been picked to win the Southeastern Conference championship in a preseason media poll.

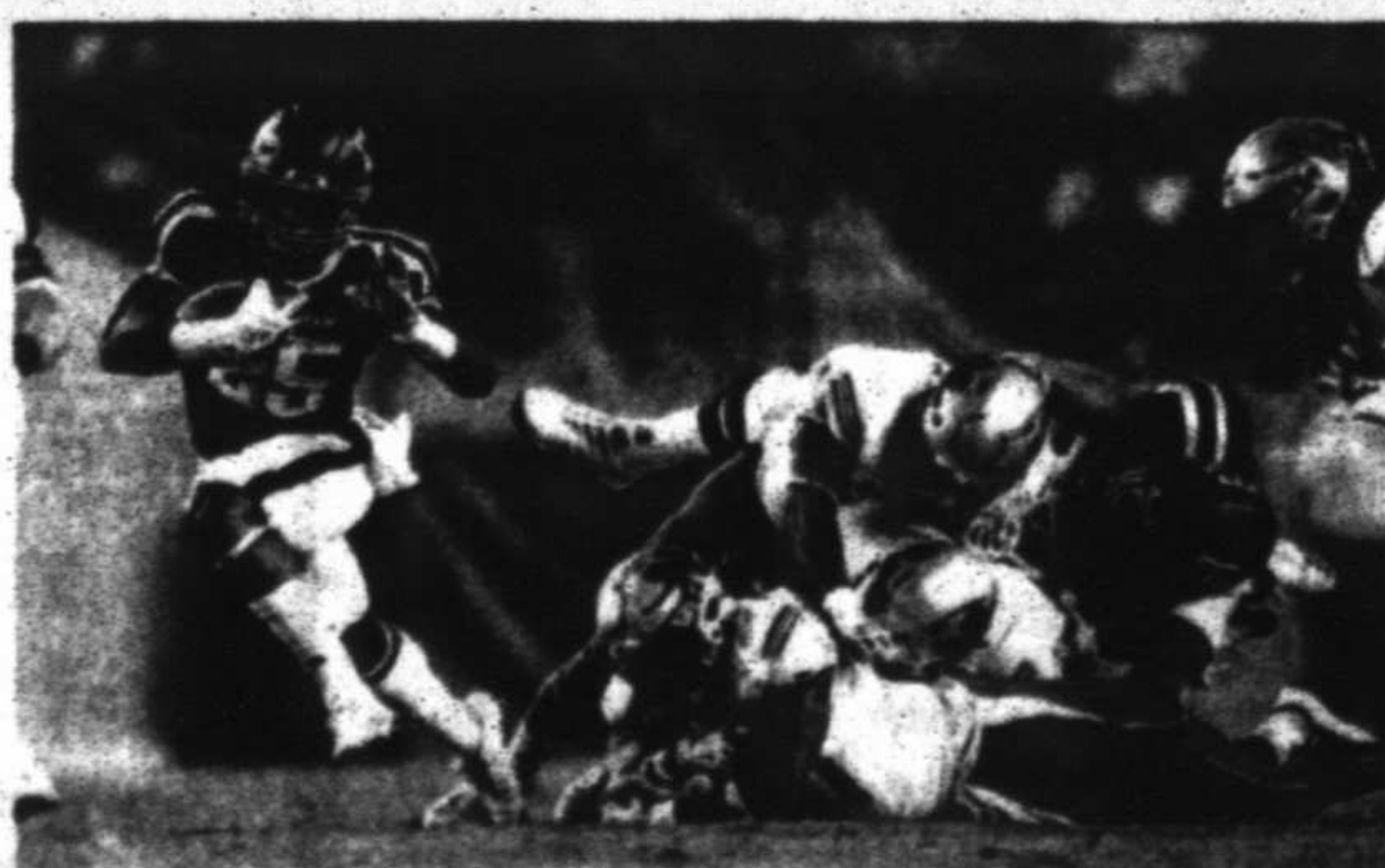
Alabama was selected by 193 of the 284 voters this week at SEC media days. Georgia, last year's SEC champion which lost to Alabama in the national championship game, was second with 69 votes.

Auburn received 14 votes. South Carolina, the choice of four voters, and Florida, with two, were the only other teams named on more than one ballot.

The predicted order of finish in the SEC West was Alabama, Auburn, Mississippi State, Texas A&M, LSU, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Georgia was picked first in the East, followed by South Carolina, Florida, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

Alabama had seven first-team picks on the media's preseason all-SEC team.



Sam Crawford

Texas A&M running back Kendall Bunny (25) heads upfield for a first down against Mississippi State during the fourth quarter of an NCAA football game Sept. 5, 2017, in College Station.



Joe Rapaport

Tiger Woods takes off his glove after playing out of the rough on the 7th hole Friday during the second round of the British Open Golf Championship in Carnoustie, Scotland.



Storms suspend Lincicome's bid to make PGA Tour cut

Associated Press

Hall of Famer Davis Love III posted his second consecutive 68 after previously shooting just three rounds in the 60s all

Associated Press

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Typical of his first full season since 2015 because of back surgeries, the challenge is more the number of players in front of him than the deficit he faces. This is his 12th tournament

From 19

"We've been fortunate with the conditions. It hasn't blown yet," Kisner said. "I think it will blow this weekend and make it even more difficult. Who knows what's going to

The one shot Woods would like to have back was the 13th, where he made a 15-foot putt for par. He left it well short, behind a bunker, and had to play

"There were a few shots I hit poorly out there. That was one of them," Woods said. "I didn't really draw a bad lie on the tee box."

Thomas will have one of the horror stories

after each of three rounds at the PGA Championship last summer until a bogey on the 70th hole ruined his

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Raptors president apologizes to departed DeRozan

By Ian Harrison
Associated Press



DeRozan

TORONTO — Raptors president Masai Ujiri apologized Friday for a "miscommunication" with four-time All-Star and franchise icon DeMar DeRozan, but Toronto's traded All-Star guard didn't seem quite ready to make amends.

Speaking for the first time since sending DeRozan to San Antonio for Kawhi Leonard, Ujiri began by saying sorry to DeRozan. The career Raptor had expressed anger and frustration in an Instagram post after learning of the deal, indicating he'd been told he would not be traded.

Shortly after Ujiri apologized Friday, DeRozan added a new post to his Instagram feed: a facepalm emoji, a symbol of frustration and exasperation.

Reflecting on a conversation he'd had with DeRozan at Summer League earlier this month, Ujiri said he "should have handled it better" when discussing future plans.

"Maybe my mistake was talking about what we expected going forward from him," Ujiri said. "I think that's where the gap was, because in my job I always have to assume that I'm going forward with the team that I have. If there was a miscommunication there, I do apologize to DeMar."

Still, after three straight disappointing playoff exits, Ujiri felt something needed to change with the Raptors. He acknowledged struggling with the "human side" of the trade, but decided Leonard was too good a prize to pass up.

Now, Ujiri says, the Raptors "are stepping on territory that we never have."

"I think if we look at ourselves honestly, everybody knows that we had to do something different, even if it wasn't this," Ujiri said. "We had to figure out something different. I take responsibility for that."

Options

From 1B

whether to punish its own players for protesting during the anthem. The policy adopted in May by team owners subjected clubs to fines and required players to stand if they are on the field during "The Star-Spangled Banner," though it allowed players to stay in the locker room if they wished.

This would have given hard-line owners in conservative regions a chance to clamp down while allowing teams in more liberal areas to let their players have their say.

As it turned out, all it did was punt the ball down the road.

The Winners: None. With players punished in some cities and protesting freely in others, there would always be plenty to complain about for those inclined to do so. And everyone seems inclined to do so these days.

The Losers: NFL owners. Any punishment is destined to divide the locker room and the fandom; should a team actually suspend a significant contributor, it would only be hurting itself. And the guarantee of unequal treatment between and within teams would surely keep the issue in the news for yet another season.

Go back to the old way

The Plan: Ask players to stand at attention during the national anthem, and hope that they do.

The Winners: Players, who would retain the ability to call attention to causes they believe in, namely racial inequality and police brutality.

And President Trump, who gets applause any time he attacks the protesting players as he stumps for Republicans in the November midterm elections.

The Losers: NFL owners, or at least those like Houston's Bob McNair who have chafed at the notion of the "inmates running the prison." They lose control and remain a subject of Trump's ridicule.

Keep players in the locker room during the anthem

The Plan: Players can't protest during the anthem if they aren't on the field during the anthem. Or so the theory goes. But the demonstrations were never about the anthem itself; it started as a way for 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick to protest racial inequality and

expanded into a league-wide us-vs.-them after Trump's hollered at one rally: "Get that son of a bitch off the field."

The Winners: Fans who were triggered by the sight of players kneeling during the song. And players, who could surely find another forum for their protests.

The Losers: NFL owners. The president has already said this isn't patriotic enough for him, so there's little hope of him easing up on his criticism. And it would cost them the connection to the flag and country they have worked hard to cultivate.

Compromise

The Plan: Other sports worked with their players so that they didn't have to protest to be heard. Maybe the owners make a donation to the players' pet projects, play a video on the scoreboard, or otherwise give them a forum for their concerns.

The Winners: Players. It's not about the protest, it's about the cause.

The Losers: NFL owners. Even if they could stomach the loss of control, the political intrusion on the sport is bound to alienate some fans.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

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For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons \$65 an hour or \$40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.

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Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

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For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at 817-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtbaseballmidland; 413-0329

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Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

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For more info: 682-2551

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Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McIlwain Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Reeds Super Bowl
What: Fall/winter leagues registration is currently ongoing.
For more info: Call 704-5366

Rock n' Bowl
When: 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Reeds Super Bowl, 3920 W. Wall St.
Cost: \$10-25
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Cater Pin Bowling
When: 7:30 p.m. Fridays
Where: Reeds Super Bowl
Cost: \$18 for three games. Cash prize awarded.
For more info: Call Zoe Reed at 575-399-5241 or Kevin Reed at 575-441-6646

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-16
For more info: Call 704-373-0673 for a brochure

CCM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Larter for clinics and lessons at jmlartermidlandhighterschool.org
Zane's Elite Volleyball Camp

When: July 23-July 28
Where: First Presbyterian Church
Ages: 10th-12th grade, 9 a.m.-10 a.m.; Eighth-ninth grade, 10 a.m.-noon; Sixth-seventh grade, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
Cost: \$75
For more info: Please contact Heidi Zane at haidzane@aol.com

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., first Monday of every month
Where: MCH Mission Fitness, corner of Highway 101 and Pauline Road, Odessa
Cost: \$25/200 for a family
For more info: Paytors Blues 689-1716 or go to

www.pbbtc.com

Dodgeball
Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: \$35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-0633

Flag Football
YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Jesse Mendoza at 254-9214

Golf
Hogan Park Women's Golf Association
What: Membership open to any woman over 18 who is interested in golf. All skill levels welcome.
When: Playdays are 9 a.m. Thursdays, business meetings held before play the first Thursday of the month.
Dues: \$35
Handicap fee: \$25
For more info: Call Mary Jane Belden at 638-1654 or Debbie Bounds at 413-6040

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
For: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available.
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 559-5009, ojimenez3@aol.net

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-JuJitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Culbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at 915-240-1030

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/Where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woodlawn & Twisters; 8:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse.
Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokerleague.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 51st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; 2-6 p.m. Sundays
Cost: \$50 down; \$35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 346-3555

Rugby

Mid Dog Rugby Football Club
Practice: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Royce-Mathison Park (north field)
For more info: call: 697-6416

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: \$20 per year for individual membership; \$30 for per year for family membership.
For more info: Go to www.permianrunningclub.com or email Shawn Haley, president at haleyshawn@permianrunningclub.com

Golfing Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 685-0086

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shooters
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland.
When: Monday shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on first Sunday on months that have them begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter; mandatory safety

meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshooters.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bullseye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 state and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunsen Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midland-soccer.com or call 684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association
Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyolastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

CCM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabon Aquatic Center
Cost: \$40 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards of freestyle or backstroke
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

CCM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available.
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-8 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: \$40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasizes skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets.
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of CCM Dive Team.
When: Emphasis is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets.
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of CCM diving. Concentrates on participating Olympic level skills, national and international level.
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for CCM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment.
What: Emphasis on stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets.
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours.
For more info: Call 684-7755

CCM Water Walking Class
What: Underwater, self-paced class.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

CCM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with

physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercises Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call Heidi Winkler at 972-955-8080, e-mail WestTexasTennis@gmail.com or visit www.westtexasennis.com

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Red-bell 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (8th-8th grade, freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults; 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open.
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com or call, 620-8160.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email midlandtennis@aol.com
Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults \$65, youths \$30, families \$140
For more info: Call 963-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
Social women's doubles tennis, all levels
When: 9 a.m. Tuesdays
Where: Midland College
For more info: Call 954-707-0622 or email jnelco@midwesta.com. Or go to the Midland Women's Tennis Association Facebook page

USTA Smash and Splash league
What: The "Smash and Splash" team for 18-39 mixed doubles includes tennis play followed by a splash in a pool, drinks, prizes and team activities at Green Tree Country Club on Thursdays.
Registration dates: June 26-Aug. 2
Season begins: Aug. 2
For more info or to register: Contact Amanda Friday at afriday@texas.usta.com or call 506-224-3921.

Track

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Program
When: 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from May 14-Aug. 4
Where: Lee High School football field and track, 3600 Neely Ave.
For: Ages 7-19
For more info: Contact Tony Goyang at 346-1125 or crusadestechclub@gmail.com

Panther City Christian Track Club
When: 5:30-8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays from May 21-Aug. 4
Where: Midland's Memorial Stadium
For: Ages 6-18, 3-5 year-olds welcome (2-3 meets maximum)
For more info: Call Taina Strambler at 413-0803 or email at tastambler@gmail.com

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Monday (from 7 p.m. to dark) and Saturday mornings (from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and offer occasional opportunities for tournament travel.
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult.
For more info: Go to www.midlanddroughtfrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 286-5159

Walking

Midland Walkabout AKA Club
For: All Ages
Annual dues: \$15 per family
Meets: One Saturday morning per month
Where: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wesley at 6 p.m.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call 687-4316, email garypeppers@midlandwalkabout.com or visit midlandwalkabout.wordpress.com

TOUR DE FRANCE STANDINGS

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At Valencia, France
18th Stage

A 105-mile leg from Bourg d'Oisans to Valencia

1 Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Bora-Hansgrohe, 3:45:55.

2 Alexander Kristoff, Norway, UAE Team Emirates, same time.

3 Arnaud Denzire, France, Groupama-FDI, same time.

4 John Degenkolb, Germany, Trek Segafredo, same time.

5 Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing Team, same time.

6 Yves Lampiet, Belgium, Quick-Step Floors, same time.

7 Magnus Cort, Denmark, Astana Pro Team, same time.

8 Andreas Pasaquon, Italy, Wanty-Groupe Gobert, same time.

9 Sonny Colbrelli, Italy, Bahrain-Merida, same time.

10 Taylor Phinney, United States, EF Education First-Drapac, same time.

11 Remco Evenepoel, Belgium, Soudal, same time.

12 Don Smith, New Zealand, Wanty-Groupe Gobert, same time.

13 Jasper De Buyl, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, same time.

14 Timothy Dupont, Belgium, Wanty-Groupe Gobert, same time.

15 Pierre Lator, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.

16 Niklas Arndt, Germany, Team Sunweb, same time.

17 Edward Brasseur, Norway, Dimension Data, same time.

18 Jasper De Buyl, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, same time.

19 Christophe Laporte, France, Cofidis, same time.

20 Michael Hepburn, Australia, Mitchelton-Scott, same time.

Also

22 Roman Barakat, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.

24 Mikel Landa, Spain, Movistar Team, same time.

25 Gerard Thomas, Britain, Team Sky, same time.

27 Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar Team, same time.

29 Dan Martin, Ireland, UAE Team Emirates, same time.

30 Steven Kruijsen, Netherlands, LottoL, same time.

37 Tom Dumoulin, Netherlands, Team Sunweb, same time.

40 Tejay van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, 1:23.

113 Chad Haga, United States, Sunweb, 2:02.

124 Ian Boswell, United States, Katusha Alpecin, 2:08.

150 Lawson Craddock, United States, EF Education First-Drapac, 2:45.

DNS, Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Bahrain-Merida.

Overall Standings (After 18 stages)

1. Gerard Thomas, Britain, Sky, 53:10:38.

2. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, 1:38.

3. Tom Dumoulin, Netherlands, Sunweb, 1:50.

4. Primoz Rogic, Slovenia, LottoL, Jumbo, 2:46.

5. Roman Barakat, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 3:07.

6. Mikel Landa, Spain, Movistar, 3:13.

7. Steven Kruijsen, Netherlands, LottoL, Jumbo, 3:43.

8. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, 4:13.

9. Dan Martin, Ireland, UAE Team Emirates, 5:11.

10. Jakob Fuglstang, Denmark, Astana, 5:45.

11. Alejandro Hernandez, Spain, Movistar, 9:07.

12. Ben Jorgels, Luxembourg, Quick-Step Floors, 9:09.

13. Ilya Zakharov, Russia, Katusha Alpecin, 9:37.

14. Mikel Landa, Spain, Movistar, 15:08.

15. Pierre Lator, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 16:41.

16. Guillaume Martin, France, Wanty-Groupe Gobert, 18:38.

17. Daniel Kargar, Estonia, Astana Pro Team, 20:41.

18. Egon Bernard, Colombia, Team Sky, 23:30.

19. Warren Barguil, France, Fortuno-Sarmac, 23:55.

20. Ruler Mijals, Poland, Bora-Hansgrohe, 30:46.

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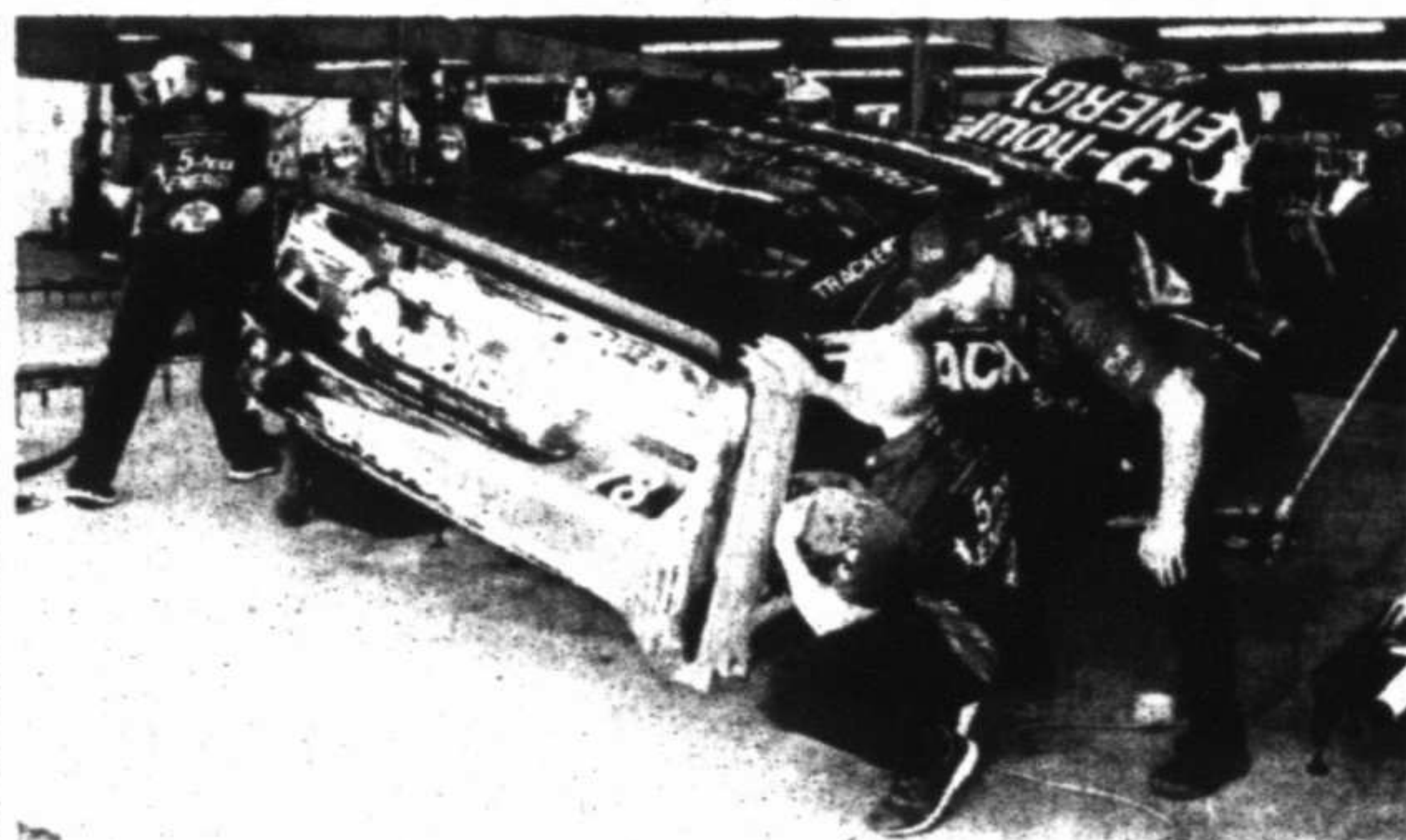
32. Tejay van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, 52:26.

64. Chad Haga, United States, Sunweb, 1:25:51.

84. Ian Boswell, United States, Katusha Alpecin, 1:57:11.

130. Taylor Phinney, United States, EF Education First-Drapac, 2:03:18.

152. Lawson Craddock, United States, EF Education First-Drapac, 2:38:28.



Mary Schwalm/AP

The crew for NASCAR Cup Series driver Martin Truex Jr. work on the race car before auto racing practice Friday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, N.H.

Dash for cash: Cup champ Truex in the market for '19 sponsor

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Martin Truex Jr. has a sudden thirst for sponsorship cash.

Truex and his Furniture Row Racing team had about three weeks' notice that 5-hour Energy was set to leave the defending NASCAR champion as a primary sponsor at the end of the season.

After a 10-year relationship, the NASCAR buzz wore off for the energy brand, the latest big-bucks corporate defector from the sport. 5-hour's departure leaves Furniture Row scrambling for coveted sponsorship dollars for the No. 78 Toyota and one of the top drivers in the Cup Series.

"I wish it didn't take quite as long as it did," Truex said Friday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. "It kind of puts us in a tough spot now. But I'm not really, really worried. I think something good can come out of this."

Furniture Row should be able to attract a top sponsor: Truex has 16 wins since 2016 and FRR has sponsorship funding from Bass Pro Shops and Auto-Owners Insurance, and is locked in with Toyota, the class of the manufacturers.

"I just can't imagine there isn't some partner out there that wouldn't want to be partnered with this whole group," FRR President Joe Garone said. "We've gotten a lot of interest just in the days since we've announced it."

But Truex's success wasn't enough for 5-hour to keep pumping the millions of dollars needed to help fund the 78 and the car isn't the only one on the market. Lowe's decided to cease its relationship with Hendrick Motorsports and Jimmie Johnson at the end of the season after

winning seven NASCAR titles.

It's emblematic of the overall sponsor woes when the last two series champions, like other big names, can't even keep a long-term backer.

"A lot of things go into those decisions," Truex said. "I don't know a ton about their business and how it's doing or anything like that. Obviously, you'd think that with the success we've had and kind of how the last two years for us have went that, it's certain we delivered on our end of the deal."

Rise Meguiar, president of sales for Living Essentials, parent company of 5-hour Energy, said this week the choice to leave the sport was a "business decision." The company declined further comment Friday.

5-hour was the primary sponsor for 14 races this season, Bass Pro was scheduled for 16 and Auto-Owners for six. Team owner Barney Visser had used his Furniture Row company as a sponsor in the past — Truex wears an FRR firesuit next to Johnson in his Lowe's suit on the New Hampshire race program cover — but it would be a last-gasp move to put FRR back on the hood. Garone said the primary goal was to get the Toyota fully funded with outside partners.

5-hour had been a NASCAR primary sponsor for nearly a decade, including the last seven at the Cup Series level. The company joined Furniture Row Racing in 2017 as majority primary sponsor on the No. 77 Toyota and Rookie of the Year winner Erik Jones, as well as a season-long associate and two primaries on the No. 78 with Truex. It became a primary for Truex this season when Jones, who won two weeks ago at Daytona, went to Joe Gibbs Racing.

Kurt Busch wins pole at New Hampshire Motor Speedway

By Dan Gelston
Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Kurt Busch is set to crank up contract talks with Stewart Haas-Racing.

With his deal expiring at the end of the season, the 2004 NASCAR Cup champion is on the hunt for a new agreement that would keep him in the SHR fold and with Monster Energy again on board as a primary sponsor.

"I don't know many drivers that have a primary sponsor with them," Busch said. "Monster Energy has been very loyal to me. That's what they've told me. It's just a matter of when is the time to start talking contract. Last year, it went long just because I felt I deserved more."

Busch didn't sign a contract for this season until last December — though it seemed a formality he would re-sign, his status was in limbo once SHR declined a contract option in August.

The 39-year old Busch is in his fifth full season with SHR and has five of his career 29 wins with the team.

"There's a lot of things that move, so we'll see how it all comes together," Busch said.

Busch has crafted a reputation as one of the best wheelmen in the game, and he added to it Friday when he turned a lap of 133.591 mph in the No. 41 Ford to win the pole for the NASCAR race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Busch, who won his third pole of the season, was the only one of the four SHR drivers to reach the final round of qualifying. He needs the boost from starting out front — Busch hasn't won a race since the 2017 Daytona 500 and has just three top-

five finishes this season.

Busch is far from the only series champion who has failed to win a race this season. Jimmie Johnson and Brad Keselowski are also looking for their first wins (so is Matt Kenseth in limited action) as this season has turned into the year of the Big Three.

Martin Truex Jr., Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick have 14 of this season's 19 victories. Harvick and Busch each have five, Truex has four and the 16-spot playoff field is set to have more drivers qualify on points than through the automatic berths that come with a win.

Denny Hamlin, who won this race last season, is also looking for his first victory of 2018 and said his No. 11 Toyota is capable of joining the Big Three on a similar run.

"I don't think we've been at that level to even be talked about at this point," Hamlin said.

NASCAR-Monster Energy-Ford
Report Card: 2018
After Friday qualifying, new Sunday
at New Hampshire Motor Speedway
Loudon, N.H.

Lap length: 1.60 miles
(For number in parentheses)

1. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 133.591 mph.

2. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 133.582.

3. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 133.437.

4. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 133.301.

5. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 132.793.

6. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 132.715.

7. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 132.674.

8. (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 132.618.

9. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 132.591.

10. (6) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 132.482.

11. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 132.383.

12. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 132.190.

13. (10) Aric Almirola, Chevrolet, 132.186.

14. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 132.184.

15. (14) Carl Edwards, Ford, 132.102.

16. (77) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 132.079.

17. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 132.059.

18. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 132.050.

19. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 132.044.

20. (40) Ryan Lamm, Chevrolet, 132.039.

21. (48) James Johnson, Chevrolet, 131.985.

22. (1) Jamar McMurray, Chevrolet, 131.738.

23. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 131.647.

24. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 131.238.

25. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 131.247.

26. (95) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 130.954.

27. (45) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 130.880.

28. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 130.783.

29. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 130.588.

30. (28) David Ragan, Ford, 130.532.

31. (8) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 130.483.

32. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 129.213.

33. (72) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 129.151.

34. (26) Landon Cassel, Chevrolet, 129.134.

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HIGH FLIERS

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Outcast BMX riders put on a show for community members Thursday at First United Methodist Church. ABOVE: Outcast BMX rider Drake Taylor does a trick.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: Flynn Byers does a trick. Ricky Rogers jumps over three volunteers from the crowd. Taylor does a trick. Taylor jumps over two fans. Cousins, from left, Ryland Reese and Sawyer Sandberg, enjoy popsicles before the start of an Outcast BMX demonstration.

At Cozumel, you'll feel like you have the beach all to yourself

By Patti Nickell
Lexington (Kentucky)
Herald-Leader

COZUMEL, Mexico — This lovely, laid-back island off the coast of Cancun and Playa del Carmen, which provides the easy-going yin to those cities' pulsating yang, holds a special place among my travels.

My first visit here came for the express purpose of getting certified as a scuba diver. After an entire week of exploring nothing more exciting than the bottom of the YMCA pool in New Orleans, I was at last getting ready for my check-out dive at Cozumel's beautiful Palancar Reef.

Gradually descending to a depth of 75 feet, I would have gasped at the marine life around me if I hadn't had a regulator clamped firmly in my mouth. Aside from multi-colored corals, I observed sea life ranging from gorgeous sunfish, parrotfish and sea turtles — to gruesome — barracuda, moray eels and nurse sharks.

I was so entranced with this alternate universe that I was saved from running out of air only by the gentle tug of the dive master motioning me toward the surface. I got my PADI certification, but sadly, never returned to Palancar, instead opting for far-off reefs in Australia, Palau and the Red Sea.

I did return to Cozumel twice, but only as day stops on cruise ships doing a western Caribbean route. Thus, I was thrilled when the chance came to spend a bit more time on the island — this time on the ground instead of under the water.

Cozumel is a great place to spend time on land as 80 percent of it is federally protected. Swaying palms, sandy beaches and dense jungle-like thickets make the island seem farther away from the over-built tourist destinations of the Yucatan than the 45-minute ferry ride from the mainland.

While the cruise ship activity makes it virtually impossible to remain totally unspoiled, most of the day-trippers confine themselves to the main street on the harbor or to pre-booked activities such as dolphin and whale watching, submarine excursions, tequila tours and beach bar-hopping.

That leaves the leisurely exploration to the rest of us. My friend and I booked a driver for a day to take us to two of Cozumel's most interesting spots — Parque Punta Sur and Pueblo del Maiz (Mayan Village).

Parque Punta Sur is on the undeveloped east side of the island and marks the southernmost point of Cozumel. It is the largest ecological reserve on the island (247 acres) with a number of different ecosystems — lagoons, forests and reefs, which are part of the Arrecifes de Cozumel National Park. You can often find yourself the only person on a stretch of beach that meanders for seven miles.

The park itself has given the barest of nods to tourism. There is a buzzy beach bar, Pelicano's Beach Club, where you can stake out a chair or a low-slung hammock and kick back over a Corona. There is snorkel equipment you can rent to explore the shallow reef, and a lunch buffet to enjoy between dips in turquoise waters. You may even be tempted to share your taco with the opportunistic raccoon who serves as the bar's masked mascot.

There is also a lighthouse with stunning views, a marine museum at its base and a small market where you can purchase colorful crafts. But the area's biggest draw — in more ways than one — is the Laguna de Colombia, a trio of lagoons that weave in between mangrove swamps where astonishingly large crocodiles bask in the sun.

If Punta Sur is a good way to spend a morning, then Pueblo del Maiz makes for a fascinating afternoon. This re-creation of a Mayan village is a bit of a find as it seems to be mostly ignored by the large cruise ships.

I was greeted at the entrance by my guide, appropriately bejeweled, befeathered and bedecked, and sporting stripes of face paint in various hues. While he looked as if he might have just come from a Mayan war council, he was most amiable and told me he was studying communications in the hopes of becoming a writer.

I got my own face painted in preparation for the journey back through Mayan history, where first up was a blessing by a shaman and an offering to Hnal-ye, the God of Corn.

The village consists of seven palapas — traditional thatched huts dedicated to a specific aspect of Mayan life. In one I was shown how to make a corn tortilla using a traditional oven; in another I tasted honey as a swarm of bees buzzed nearby. I eyed them warily but my guide, the future communicator, assured me I had nothing to worry about — the bees were stingless.

There was an opportunity to sample chocolate (the Mayans are credited with discovering it),



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Villas at the Occidental Cozumel are designed to mimic Mexican haciendas.

and test my skill playing a Mayan game similar to bocce ball. The most popular demonstration, however, got no takers. All of us were content to let the fire dancer bust out his moves without assistance.

OCCIDENTAL COZUMEL, A REGAL RESORT

A special island requires a special resort, and the Occidental Cozumel more than fills the requirement. Colorful villas with red-tiled roofs and hidden courtyards are designed to mimic Mexican haciendas, and are a far cry from the beachside towers found in many resorts. In fact, the beach wasn't to be seen from my accommodation, which was a five-minute walk away, over a bridge and through a mangrove swamp.

Instead, I was surrounded by lush vegetation and landscaping complete with tinkling fountains, lagoons and tropical foliage. Interspersed throughout are vivid pieces of pottery used as art. The entire setting was that of a tranquil oasis.

That sense of tranquility continued over the next few days when I often felt as if I had a little corner of the resort all to myself. While this may have had something to do with an unexpected cool snap and higher than average winds that kept many people off the beaches, I think it was also the result of the spread-out grounds where finding a secluded nook is easy to do.

The Occidental Cozumel is an all-inclusive property featuring 247 rooms, six restaurants, three pools (one for adults only) and a full-service spa.

Restaurant options range from La Carreta, specializing in Mexican dishes, to Los Olivos for Mediterranean fare, to Coral, a seafood restaurant with outdoor dining overlooking the beach. If you are one of those who craves a late-night snack, you can get a made-to-order pizza at La Piazza, which is open 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. daily.

The resort's engaging staff can arrange a number of special activities upon request. My friend and I experienced two of them — a private cooking class with the hotel chef and a tequila tasting. At the cooking class, I watched my friend whip up a ceviche, while I offered encouragement, sipping on a couple of margaritas with somewhat unusual ingredients — one with cucumber and habanero peppers and the other with lettuce. While you won't see those on many stateside cocktail menus, they were surprisingly good.

The cooking class was followed by a full-blown tequila tasting in the lobby bar, where we had a chance to try many of the resort's specially infused tequilas — strawberry, cherry, pineapple and habanero.

We ended the tasting with a Mexican flag shooter, in which the colors of the national flag — red, white and green — were represented respectively by grenadine, white tequila and creme de menthe.

Sipping the Mexican flag brought me full circle as it was the very same beverage offered all those years ago when I successfully completed my scuba certification dive. This time, however, I was savoring something else — how special Cozumel is as a travel destination.

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Mexican pottery adds a colorful touch to the landscaped grounds of the Occidental Cozumel Resort.



A sculpture depicting scuba divers illustrates the island's importance as a diving mecca.

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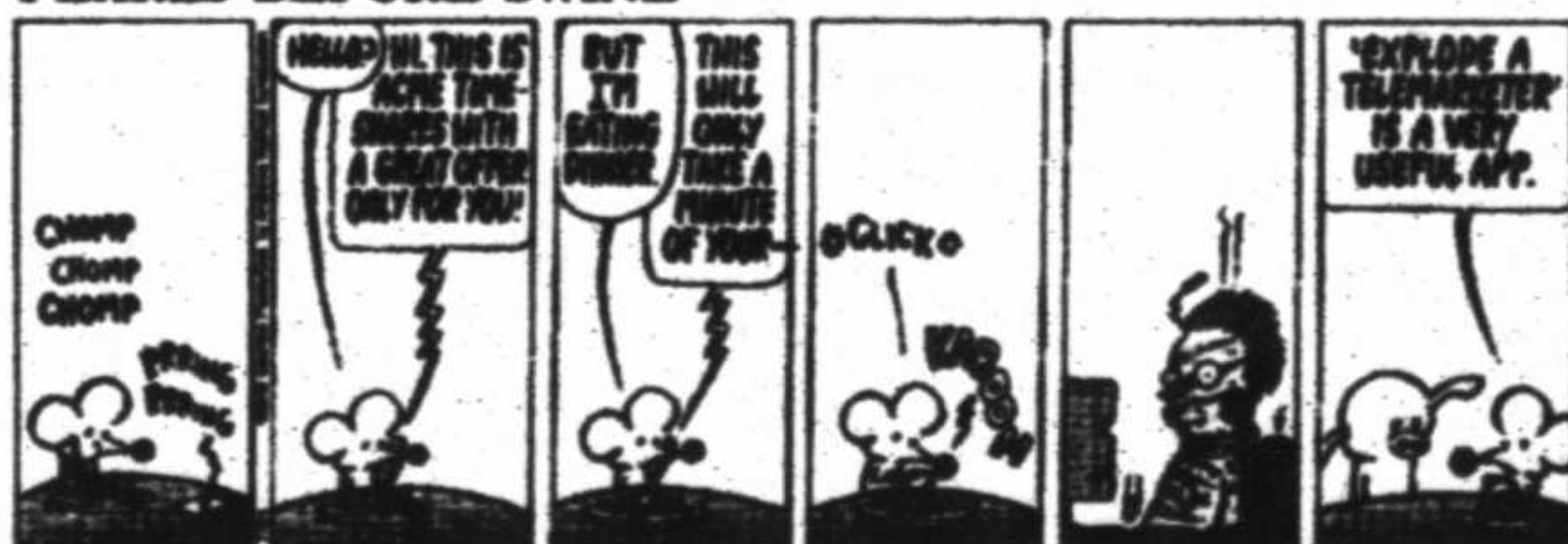
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OB/GYN Clinic in Midland, TX looking for an energetic Registered Nurse. If you are seeking a rewarding career and want to be a part of a team of professionals who touch lives, come join our team. M-F 8-5pm. Experienced preferred. Email resume to jodycnic@gmail.com

Registered Nurse (RN)

Permian Basin Pain Management - Midland, TX. Experienced Full-time Registered Nurse needed for medical office in Midland. Hours: M-F 8am - 5pm. Send resumes to PBM@pb-pain.com

HOSPITALITY/TRAVEL

HOME CENTER MERCHANDISING/STOCKING REPRESENTATIVE

Midland Texas area. Daily, in-territory travel in an assigned company vehicle for business-related travel, service (i.e. inventory, order, stock, etc.) millwork products in assigned customer locations in a defined geographic region. Requirements include a valid driver's license with a proven safety record, computer skills and ability to lift 75 lbs. Excellent benefits provided. Drug screening and background checks are prerequisites to employment. Promptly apply online via <http://www.ecmdjobs.com>. Job Title: Territory Service Rep (Requisition # 1825)

OTHER JOBS

3 Large Animal Technicians/ Vet Tech Assistants & Receptionist

Brock Veterinary Clinic looking for 3 large animal Technicians. Willing to train the right people. Positions also available for Vet Tech Assistants & Receptionist. Great advancement opportunities. Apply in person at 1204 S. Dallas Ave., Lamesa, Texas or call 806-872-3183.



Care Givers

Paragon Learning Center now hiring care givers. May pick up applications at 4818 Billingsley Blvd., Midland, Texas 79705

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Looking to hire experienced fence builder or people who are willing to learn. Call 432-461-7627. Leave message if no answer.



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Overnight Stocker - Seasonal

Position Description

Responsible for distributing and stocking merchandise throughout the store including caring for store equipment and cleaning hazardous materials spills. Also responsible for providing excellent customer service by greeting customers and assisting customers in locating, selecting, demonstrating, and loading of merchandise.

Job Requirements

- Requires late evening, night-time, and early morning availability any day of the week.
- Physical ability to move large, bulky and/or heavy merchandise.
- Physical ability to perform tasks that may require prolonged standing, sitting, and other activities necessary to perform job duties.

Minimum Qualifications

- Ability to read, write, and perform basic arithmetic (addition, subtraction).

To Apply

- Please visit <https://jobs.loves.com/>

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RESTAURANT POSITIONS

Strawberry Fields Cafe has openings for motivated individuals with a great attitude and self starters. Great work environment, great management, pleasant customers. Part time and full time positions are available. Apply in person at 2311 W. Westley Ave., Midland. Hours of operation are 7:00 am to 7:00 pm Monday thru Friday / 7:30 am to 7:00 pm on Saturday. We are closed on Sunday!

Part Time Cashier

Health Food Store is taking applications for energetic and friendly part-time cashiers. Pleasant work environment, friendly customers, caring management, generous employee discount and paid vacations. Apply in person Monday through Friday only from 9am to 5pm at Natural Foods Market, 2311 W. Westley, Midland.

SALES JOBS

HILLIARD

Account Executive

As an Account Executive, you will be responsible for achieving individual sales goals. You will manage assigned resources and territory to ensure long-term business development and sales growth. Your mission will be to develop accounts via prospecting and strategic marketing. This is an outside sales position; past sales experience is required.

Qualifications:

- Must be aggressive and hardworking
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Self-starter, ability to plan and implement territory sales strategy with limited supervision
- Ability to thrive in a competitive, goal-driven environment
- Ability to cold call and prospect for sales leads
- Must have a proven track record in this industry

Job Benefits:

- Matching 401k
- Company paid Health Insurance
- Dental and Vision
- Phone Provided
- Company Van Provided
- Training Provided

Please email resumes to troutbeck@hilliard.com

Outside Salesman

We are seeking a Full Time, Outside Salesman to work in the Midland/Odessa area. Must have previous sales experience and be knowledgeable of the Oil & Gas Industry. Candidate must have a good driving record and be willing and able to travel. Interested candidates need to contact the Elite Tank, Inc. corporate office at 580-332-3325.



SCIENCE RESEARCH

DENTAL ASSISTANT - ODESSA, TX

Seeking a personable, highly motivated dental assistant committed to comprehensive dental care resulting in a beautiful smile. Requirements: minimum 3 years experience, fluent in English, willing to provide background check. Fax your resume to 432 550-4774 or email to resumes@sternwcoobdds.com

TRUCKING

Supreme Services & Specialty Company



Supreme Services is currently seeking a Full Time CDL class "A" driver needed for tractor trailer combination, or other commercial vehicles. Hazmat endorsement would be helpful. Inspects vehicles, equipment, and performs general trouble shooting and maintenance as required. Must be proficient in securing the equipment for transport. Assists workers in loading, and unloading trucks. Obeys all laws applicable to commercial vehicle operation as regulated by Federal, State, and local authorities. Minimum 10 years experience. Email resume to: hr@supremeservices.com or complete application at www.supremeservices.com

CNC Machinists, Machine Operators & Shop Hands

Machine Shop Openings: Peak Completions Technologies, a Midland based tool company, is seeking experienced CNC machinists and machine operators. Peak offers modern equipment, an excellent benefits package and competitive pay in a drug free workplace.

We also have openings for experienced Shop Hands to assemble/re-drive packers and other downhole tools in our Midland facility. Mechanical aptitude, a good work ethic, and attention to detail are critical in this position. These are full time positions, with overtime as required. Pay is based on experience.

Apply in person between 8 AM and 5 PM on weekdays at 7710 W. Hwy 80, Midland, or submit a resume to careers@peakcompletions.com. EOE



Coopers Construction

Coopers Construction now looking for Commercial Carpenters and Laborers. NO CALLS after 4:00 p.m. Call (432)-864-4111

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Coopers Construction now looking for Experienced Carpenters. \$25.00 per hour. Call (432)-864-8400

HL ELECTRIC



HL Electric is for electrical apprentice. Immediate Opening for Electrical Apprentices with sign on BONUS. Please Call 432-687-1888

Supreme Services & Specialty Company



Supreme Services is currently seeking a Full Time Shop Technician to work from checking in through loading out equipment which consist of the following: maintenance, repair, and testing of equipment and materials. We offer a competitive pay package, as well as a generous group health plan. Email resume to: hr@supremeservices.com or complete application at www.supremeservices.com

TECHNOLOGY

HILLIARD

Systems Administrator - Midland location:

Design, implement, troubleshoot, analyze and maintain the IT infrastructure our customer environments, including network connectivity and utilization. Windows server administration, virtualization, performance tuning, backup and restore. Identifies, researches, and resolves technical problems. Familiar with a variety of the field's concepts, practices, and procedures. Relies on training, experience, and judgment to plan and budget time to accomplish goals. Performs a variety of complicated tasks, and provide support for escalated trouble tickets.

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

Systems Administrator Responsibilities:

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

Requirements:

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

Skills:

- Effectively communicate by phone or in person
- Strong written communication skills
- Establish successful outcomes in handling difficult situations and work with various customers and management levels
- Demonstrated ability to identify and troubleshoot critical issues
- Ability to work in a high-performance culture
- Manage multiple priorities and follow through on projects to completion
- Works effectively both as a team member and independently to resolve problems
- Effectively utilizes tools to resolve issues and escalate appropriately
- Network configuration, monitoring, and troubleshooting experience are a must
- Proven background in providing great customer service
- Ability to work independently, prioritizes existing projects, and proactively determines areas requiring additional attention, monitoring, or maintenance
- Strong documentation skills

Please email resumes to troutbeck@hilliard.com

TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

DELIVERY DRIVER

Holmes Auto Supply is seeking applicants for delivery drivers. Full time position available. Apply in person at Holmes Auto Supply, 3301 Barkhead Hwy Midland, TX 79701.

Delivery Driver

Local rental company looking for delivery driver, must be able to lift 100 lbs. be mature, dependable and have clean driving record. Pay starts at \$18 per hour. Call 432-254-4794 for interview.

Water Truck Drivers

We need water truck drivers in our Odessa yard! Acceptable background, Class A CDL with Tanker endorsement, CLEAN MVR, and ability to pass a drug test! Call Aaron at 817-240-8001.



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ORDINANCE NO. 9789

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN AREAS ADJOINING THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS, BEING A 3.31-ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF SECTION 24, BLOCK 40, T-1-S, T&P RR CO. SURVEY, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS (GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BRIARWOOD AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 2,460 FEET WEST OF HOLLAND ROAD); 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 June 12, 2018, and June 19, 2018, and WHEREAS, notices of such public hearings were published on the City of Midland, Texas' Internet website on May 25, 2018, and June 1, 2018, and each notice remained posted until the date of the associated public hearing; and

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 May 25, 2018, and June 1, 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 3.31-acre tract of land out of Section 24, 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 in 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 of 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 10th day of July, A.D., 2018, and passed to second reading on motion of Council member Love, seconded by Council member Robnett, 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 24th day of July, A.D., 2018, at a regular meeting of the City Council:

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

Council members voting "NAY": NONE

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24th day of July, 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 Ohmiller, City Attorney

Legal and Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

OR, AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0308617
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jul 13, 2018 Status/Permit No. 830368
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug 17, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRCT.TX.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC, (RRC Operator No. 842652) has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL PERMIT in Sec. 1, Bl. X, HILLIARD, H P. Survey, A-11, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 3.6 miles SW direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessee of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearest to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and present the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's District Services Department at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 (512) 463-6781.

IF YOU WANT TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY **Aug 17, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: HOGAN 1-25B
Lease/Unit Well No.: 4303H
Lease/Unit Acres: 1263.77
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 1.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 651.0

Lease Lines: 1849.0 F N L, 541.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines: 795.0 F South L, 541.0 F WEST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Latent: T7H1

Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1849.0 F N L, 541.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
SW County: MIDLAND
Section: 20
Survey: T&P RR CO
Lease Lines: 15.0 F SOUTH L, 385.0 F EAST L, 62.0 F SOUTH L, 969.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines:

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

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 3500, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10311 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Morris Coleman, at (737) 7042339.

General Announcement

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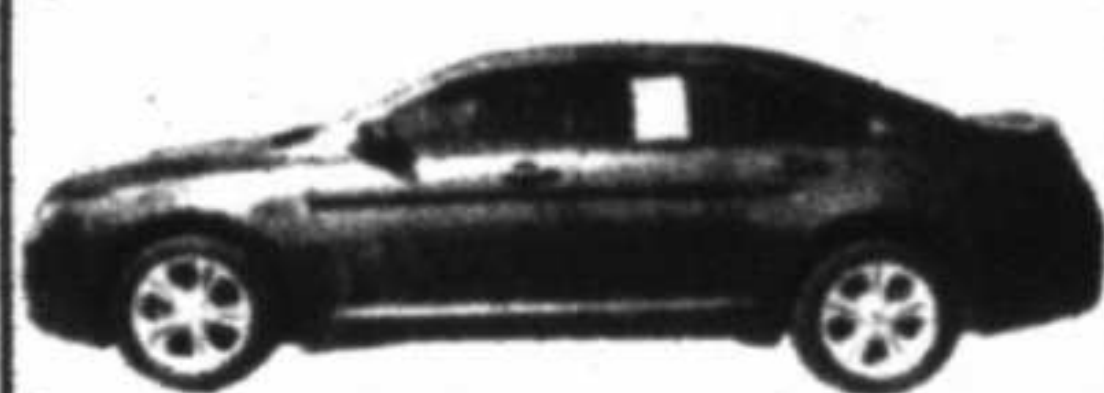
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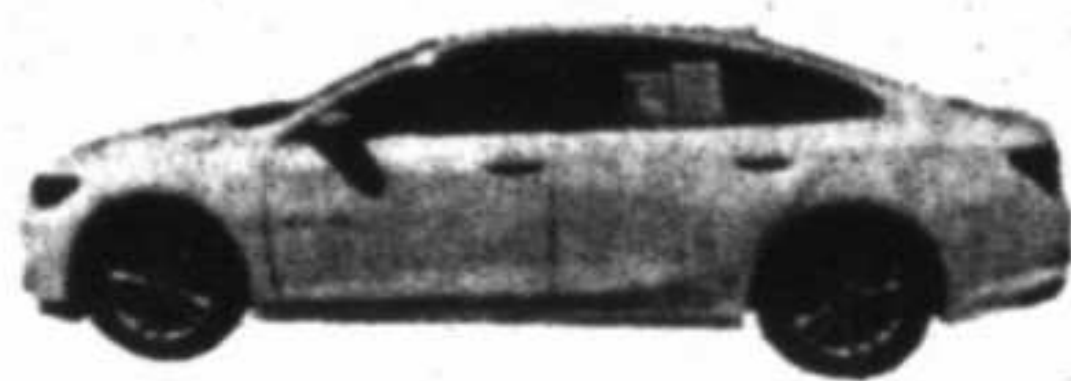
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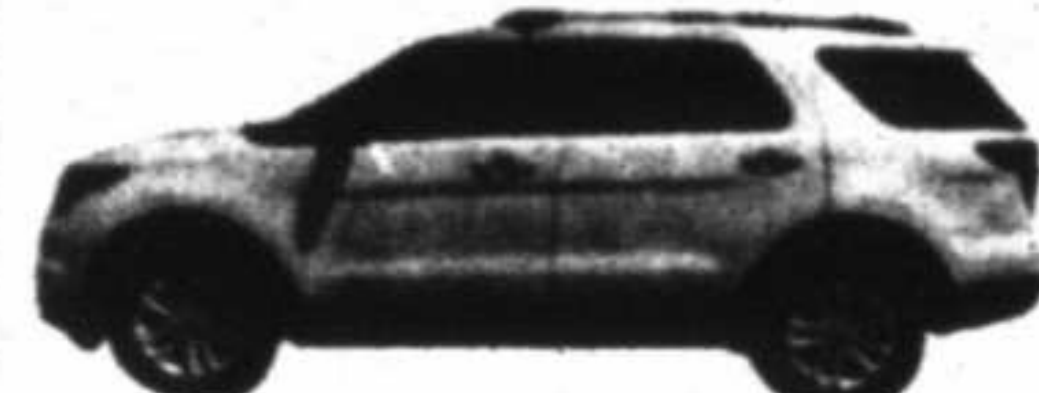
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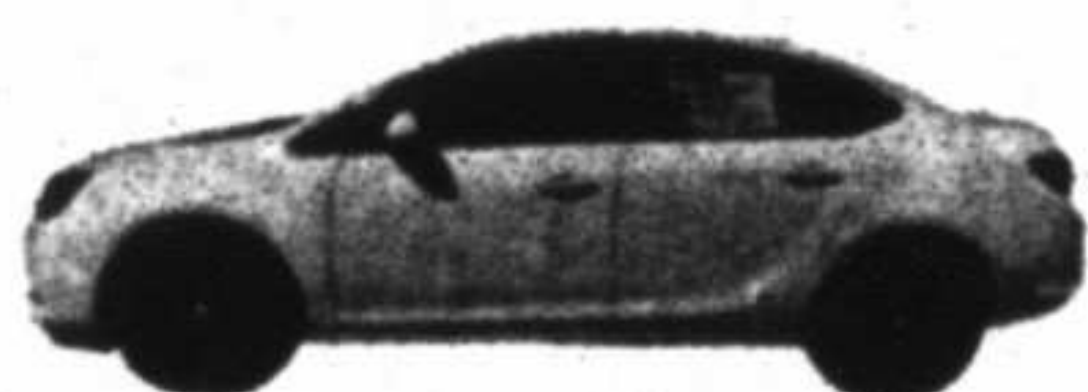
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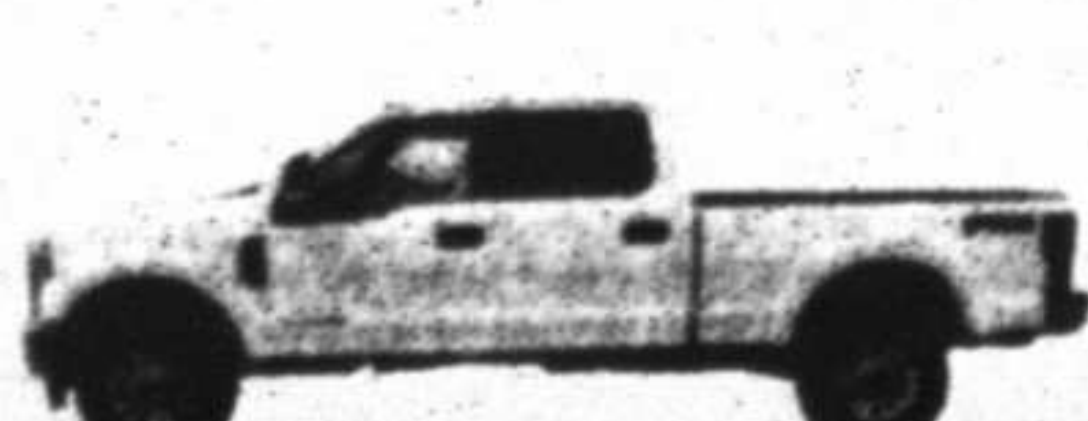
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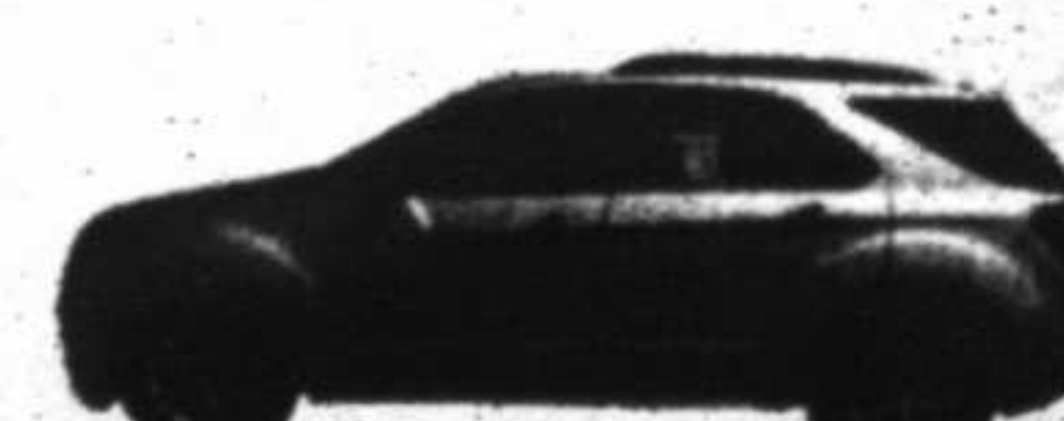
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